



Joan Shelton and Janice Shanks, two of the Closet's founders, were honored at the 35-year-old nonprofit's Founders Dinner Saturday evening.



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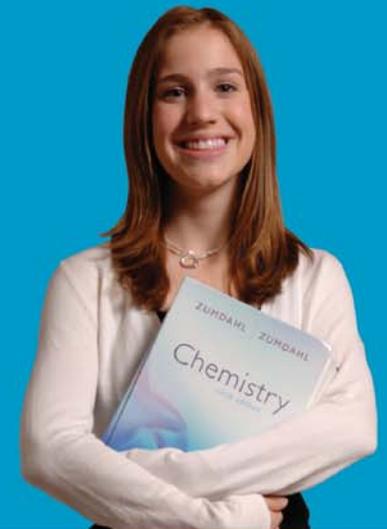
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The meeting hall at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church was packed for the event.



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Sheila Barrett, left, and Jenny Garfinkle, right, present Closet President Laura Greenspan with roses and a vase, in appreciation for her service.

## Closet Founders Return to Their Creation

**At 35, nonprofit thrift store honors its originators and humble beginnings.**

BY MIKE DICICCO  
THE CONNECTION

**W**hen Janice Shanks came up with the idea of an ecumenical, nonprofit thrift store to serve Herndon, Reston and Sterling, there was only one store in the area where workers at the fledgling second-hand shop could send clients to get clothing items they didn't have in stock. Having moved away 20 years ago, Shanks returned to Herndon on Saturday to find that the organization she had helped create had mushroomed with the town. As of 2008, the Closet, which turns 35 this year, had raised and given away about \$2.4 million since its inception, not including the \$60,000 worth of goods it gives away to needy families each year.

"My God, look at it. I can't believe it," Shanks said. "You know how Edison must have felt when he pressed the button and the light bulb worked? That's how I feel."

The occasion Saturday was the Closet Founders Dinner at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, where the idea for the thrift store was conceived. The meeting hall was packed with guests, including a number of local politicians.

"All year long we've been doing certain things to celebrate 35 years," said Aaron Sawyer, manager of the Closet. A formal ceremony was held in April, and last month there was a picnic. Now, the organization was celebrating the people who started it.

In the early 1970s, Shanks was serving a three-year term on St. Timothy's vestry and was in charge of community outreach, she said. She figured that the poor in the community had three basic needs — food, shelter and clothing. There were already two

strong food pantries in the area, "and I couldn't do shelter. That was beyond me," she said. But there was little source for low-priced clothing. She talked her idea over with church members, and they decided to start a thrift store.

"So I wrote to every church in the phone book. If you were in the phone book, you got a letter," Shanks said. She asked each of them for volunteers and \$100 for seed money. That was in April of 1973. The first board meeting was held that December.

The churches secured a space above the farm supply store known as Mrs. Dudding's Hardware, located where there is now a parking lot across from the Herndon Depot. "The stairs were killers, though. They were very, very steep," Shanks said.

Joan Shelton, another founder in attendance at the dinner, speculated that years of carrying boxes up and down those stairs were the reason she had a bad back today. Shelton had belonged to First Baptist Church of Herndon until she, too, moved away 14 years ago.

The shop moved out of the hardware store and into a former bank, now the Great Harvest Bread Co., shortly before the first location ended up burning down, and it later relocated to the former home of a lumber company on Van Buren Street, which has

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— Janice Shanks, Closet founder

**"The Closet is the epitome of what Herndon really stands for."**

— Dave Kirby,  
Herndon Town Council member

since been demolished.

"It was to be nonprofit all along. We never dreamed it would be like this," Shelton said, noting that the founders had been surprised early on when the store started making money. "It was all to be under \$1, and twice a year we were going to have a nickel sale and get rid of everything."

When money started coming in, Shanks said, organizers decided it should go back out to the community.

The organization now provides \$15,000 to \$20,000 in scholarships each to Herndon and South Lakes high schools and gives grants to local social service organizations, such as Kids R First, Jeanie Schmidt Free Clinic, Herndon-Reston FISH and others, Sawyer said. He noted that 90 percent of proceeds after expenses were given away.

The founders had also decided early on that anyone who couldn't afford to shop at the store could bring a chip from a local social services organization and pick up items for free, a practice that carries over in the current voucher program. Shelton recalled sending children to Nachman's Department Store, with whom the Closet cooperated. "From the get-go, it was such a big deal," she said.

Leomia Brunson, who has worked with the Closet for 27 years, 17 of them as the manager, said the places of worship in-

**"It was to be nonprofit all along. We never dreamed it would be like this."**

— Joan Shelton, Closet founder

involved — 16 churches and a synagogue — had not changed much over the years. What had changed was that more people were being sent to the store by social services. She said the organization had grown considerably over the last three or four years. Meanwhile, she said, the children of the store's original shoppers were now shopping there, realizing that they could find fashionable clothing at low prices.

Brunson said the supply of donated goods had never been a problem. "As long as I've been there, we've never wanted for anything because it's always been there."

Sawyer said the organization had not experienced massive increases in clientele as a result of the recession, but he predicted that the number of people trading vouchers for free goods would be up this year. "We're not getting bombarded, but yes, our customer base is growing," he said. Sawyer said clients came from as far away as Washington, D.C. and Silver Spring, Md. Meeting any increase in demand, he said, would depend on donations.

Closet President Laura Greenspan said the Closet was now taking donations from 500 people every six weeks and taking in \$500,000 a year in gross profit.

County Board of Supervisors Chairwoman Sharon Bulova (D-at large), who was in attendance, said she thought the charity had outlived the normal life expectancy for such a group. "They do a fantastic job, and the fact that so many volunteers have been doing this work for so long is really exceptional," she said.

"It's a very, very loving, caring organization started by ladies in this church," said Del. Tom Rust (R-86), noting that he had been an avid donor to the Closet. "In these difficult economic times, they really do fill a need."

"We're very charmed to have the Closet within the town limits," said Herndon Town Council member Dave Kirby. "The Closet is

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## Find Voters Guide Inside

Voters guide by League of Women Voters inside this week's Connection.

**T**urn to pages 5-8 in this week's Oak Hill and Herndon Connection to see the League of Women Voters guide to the upcoming elections. Here you'll find information on all the candidates who will appear on your ballot, including Governor, Lt. Governor, Attorney General, Delegate and in some cases, local races.

The guide is produced independently by the League of Women Voters and printed in the Connection as a public service.

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## Really Scary

With Halloween falling on a Saturday night this year, and Halloween being the sort of holiday that young adults and others can embrace in the midst of a recession, it could more than

live up to its reputation as a holiday associated with drinking and driving.

More than half the fatal car accidents over Halloween weekends are caused by drunk drivers, according to the Washington Regional Alcohol Program.

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As a means of making the Washington-metropolitan area's roadways a little less frightening this Halloween, the local organization will sponsor free cab rides to would-be drunk drivers throughout Northern Virginia and Suburban Maryland on Saturday, Oct. 31.

We encourage Halloween celebrants to plan ahead, party near public transportation, bring a designated driver, or make other arrangements to stay off the roads after drinking. But if all of that fails, you can call for a free cab ride home.

Offered by the nonprofit Washington Regional Alcohol Program (WRAP), the Halloween SoberRide program will be in operation beginning Halloween at 10 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 31, and operate until 6 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 1 to keep impaired drivers off the road during this traditionally high-risk holiday period.

During this eight-hour period, area residents ages 21 and older and celebrating with alcohol may call the toll-free SoberRide phone number 1-800-200-TAXI for a no-cost (up to a \$50 fare), safe way home.

Since 1993, WRAP's SoberRide program has provided 44,120 free cab rides home to would-be impaired drivers on specific holidays in the Greater Washington area. See [www.soberide.com](http://www.soberide.com).

## Absentee Voting

Virtually any Virginia voter can vote ahead of time in person or by mail if for any reason you expect to be away from home, including commuting to your job, on election day. You can mail in an application for an absentee ballot by downloading it at [www.sbe.virginia.gov/cms/Forms\\_Publications/Index.html](http://www.sbe.virginia.gov/cms/Forms_Publications/Index.html). A ballot will be mailed to you for you to fill out and mail back.

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Conduct That Can Hurt the Town

To the Editor:

I have sat silently while Councilman Husch continues to make public remarks about how Ruth Tatlock and I made "personal attacks" and how we were "out of order" at a public council meeting, ["Council Debate Spills In Public," Oak Hill and Herndon Connection, Oct. 14-20]. Nothing could be further from the truth, and anyone who chooses to view the video of the public hearing on YouTube can make their own judgment.

In our remarks, Ms. Tatlock and

I both acknowledged several council members' right to protest on the evening that our governor and other county and state officials were at Jimmy's Tavern. We then very politely and calmly stated our opinions on how we were disappointed in their decision to do so, as we thought it might negatively affect their ability to cooperatively deal with the very people they protested, which could possibly hurt the town.

Mr. Husch may try to play the victim and spin what occurred at the public meeting as an issue about immigration and Roberts Rules of order, but the real issue is this: Mr. Husch mistreats members of the public who express opinions that he doesn't agree with, and the mayor fails to exert his leadership authority to control him.

If Mr. Husch had any confidence about the arguments he tries to make about the conduct of the meeting, then he would ask the mayor to release the Town Attorney's memo on free speech rights, instead of hiding behind the excuse of "attorney-client privilege."

**Barbara Glakas**  
Herndon

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**Free support group for lupus patients.** The Lupus Foundation of America Greater Washington Chapter (LFAGW) offers a free support group for lupus patients on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month 12 p.m. at the Reston Hospital Center, West Wing Conference Room A, 1850 Town Center Parkway, Reston. Contact Cyndee Hochstrasser before attending in case of a schedule change. 703-689-9240 or [www.lupusgw.org](http://www.lupusgw.org).

#### MONDAY/OCT. 26

**National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association (NARFE) Meeting: Virginia House of Delegates Districts 67 and 86 Candidates to Speak.** 11:30 a.m. at Amphora's Diner Deluxe, 1151 Elden Street, Herndon.

Candidate Jim LeMunyon (R), District 67, and Delegate Thomas Davis Rust (R), District 86, will speak. \$16 includes lunch. 703-435-3523.

#### TUESDAY/OCT. 27

**Soapstone Drive Walkway Project Community Meeting,** 7-9 p.m. at Langston Hughes Middle School. County staff will present the approved project. [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/huntermill/transportation.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/huntermill/transportation.htm)

#### FRIDAY/NOV. 6

**Committee for Dulles 43rd Anniversary Gala.** Reception 7 p.m., dinner and program 8 p.m. at Lansdowne Resort. Speaker and Tower of Dulles Honoree will be the Honorable Timothy M. Kaine, Governor of Virginia. Contact Mary Waters, 703-581-1700 or Susan Davis, 703-430-8749.

#### THURSDAY/NOV. 19

**Dulles Regional Chamber of Commerce new and prospective members lunch,** 11:45 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at the Dulles Regional Chamber's Chantilly Office, 3901 Centerview Drive, Suite R, Chantilly. Learn about the impact of this regional chamber and avenues for promoting a business. Extensive networking on site; attendees are asked to bring business cards. Lunch will be provided. Pre-registration is required at 571-323-5300 or [dullesherndonregionalchamber.org](http://dullesherndonregionalchamber.org).

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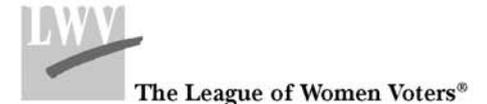
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# LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

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## 2009 FALL VOTERS' GUIDE

### GENERAL AND SPECIAL ELECTIONS ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2009 POLLS OPEN 6:00 A.M. TO 7:00 P.M.

#### ABOUT THIS GUIDE

The Leagues of Women Voters of Alexandria, Arlington, the Fairfax Area, Falls Church, Loudoun County, and the Prince William County Member-At-Large Unit, are cooperating with The Connection Newspapers to produce this Voters' Guide to assist citizens in choosing candidates for election to public office.

The League of Women Voters of Virginia sent questionnaires to candidates for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Attorney General, and the above-mentioned Northern Virginia Leagues sent questionnaires to all candidates for the Virginia House of Delegates, as well as local candidates, whose names were qualified to appear on the November 3, 2009 ballot. Biographies and responses to the questions appear as written by the candidates and are not edited except to comply with Voters' Guide style and stipulated word limitations. A "/" at the end of the biography and/or responses indicates the word limit was exceeded. The candidates' original responses are on file with the Northern Virginia Leagues of Women Voters. Candidates are listed in the order in which they will appear on the ballot, as determined by lot by the Virginia State Board of Elections.

A nonpartisan political membership organization, the League

of Women Voters encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy. The League of Women Voters does not support any political party or candidate.

To view the submissions of all Northern Virginia candidates, or for additional information on the Fall 2009 Voters' Guide or the League of Women Voters, please visit the League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area (LWVFA) at [www.lwv-fairfax.org](http://www.lwv-fairfax.org) or call 703-658-9150. Funding for the Fall 2009 Voters' Guide provided through the LWVFA Education Fund and contributions in memory of Sally B. Ormsby.

For additional information on the November 3, 2009 General and Special Elections, voter registration, the district in which you are eligible to vote, where to vote, or absentee voting, contact the Fairfax County Office of Elections at 703-222-0776 or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/eb](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/eb). For information in the City of Fairfax, contact the General Registrar at 703-385-7890 or visit [www.fairfaxva.gov/Registrar/GeneralRegistrar.asp](http://www.fairfaxva.gov/Registrar/GeneralRegistrar.asp). You can also contact the Virginia State Board of Elections at 800-552-9745 or visit [www.sbe.virginia.gov](http://www.sbe.virginia.gov).

You may also find comprehensive, nonpartisan information on the

November 3, 2009 elections on the League of Women Voters' website, [www.VOTE411.org](http://www.VOTE411.org), sponsored by the LWV Education Fund.

#### IDENTIFICATION REQUIRED TO VOTE

All voters are required to present identification at the polls in order to vote. **PLEASE BRING IDENTIFICATION WHEN YOU COME TO VOTE ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2009.**

Acceptable forms of identification can be any **ONE** of the following:

- Virginia Voter Information Card
- Virginia driver's license, or special identification card issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles
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## GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

#### THE OFFICE

**TERM:** Four years (prohibited from serving successive terms)

**SALARY:** \$175,000

**DUTIES:** Authority over the day-to-day operations of state government. Commander-in-Chief of the state's armed forces; advises the General Assembly on the condition of the commonwealth by making specific legislative recommendations, including the state budget. Makes ap-

pointments touching every level of government. Signs enacted bills to become laws.

#### BIOGRAPHY AND QUESTIONS

**BIOGRAPHY:** Background provided by each candidate.

#### THE QUESTIONS

What will your top legislative **PRIORITY** be, if elected?

Do you believe that any changes are needed in the way the Commonwealth conducts its decennial **REDISTRICTING**? If so, please explain your proposals.

What will be your major emphasis, for both resources and spending, in developing the next state **BUDGET**?

How do you propose to **BALANCE** economic interests with environmental concerns?

## CANDIDATES FOR GOVERNOR - VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE

### Robert F. "Bob" McDonnell Republican - Challenger



**BIOGRAPHY:** Maureen and I have been married for 32 years and we have 5 children. I served for 21 years in the U.S. Army. I've been a business manager for a Fortune 500 company, a Virginia Beach Prosecutor, a member of the House of Delegates for 14 years, and Attorney General.

**PRIORITY:** I will be a jobs Governor! I will focus on growing Virginia's economy, creating new jobs, and re-training our workforce for 21st century jobs. Everyone will benefit from my vision of a reinvigorated private sector, more incentives for businesses locating and expanding in Virginia, and a government that lives within its means, allowing citizens to keep more of what they earn to invest and spend.

**REDISTRICTING:** I will ensure bipartisan citizen involvement in the redistricting process. Legislative districts must be drawn to maximize voter participation and reflect commonsense geographic boundaries and a strong community of

interests. My bipartisan commission, comprised of citizens who haven't held elected office for at least 10 years, will provide citizens with access through public meetings, proposed maps online, and a website accepting public comment.

**BUDGET:** As Attorney General I cut my office's budget by 14%, took a pay cut and gave back my state car. Those are the kinds of tough decisions Virginians expect to see from their Governor. We must look for every opportunity to be creative in our budgeting, consolidate state functions, and implement innovation and budget prioritization in Richmond. We must focus on supporting policies that facilitate growth in the private sector, encourage entrepreneurship, allow Virginians to achieve their dreams, and expand our economy.

**BALANCE:** I championed legislation to ban the use of phosphorus in household detergents and successfully filed suit to stop a wastewater treatment operator from polluting the

Shenandoah River. I helped establish an income tax refund for contributions made to restore the Bay and supported the Virginia Water Quality Improvement Act and the Open-Space Lands Preservation Trust Fund. As Governor, I am committed to protecting our environment using innovative technology, pollution prevention programs and holding polluters accountable. I will also establish "Green Jobs Zones" to incentivize companies to create quality green jobs.

**CONTACT:** [www.bobmcdonnell.com](http://www.bobmcdonnell.com)

### R. Creigh Deeds Democrat - Challenger



**BIOGRAPHY:** State Senator Creigh Deeds is an accomplished legislator, having served eighteen years in the General Assembly. He lives in Bath County with his wife Pam, and their four children: Amanda, Rebecca, Gus, and Susannah. He graduated from Wake Forest Law School and Concord College.

**PRIORITY:** As governor, I will restore confidence in Virginia's economy by fixing transportation, investing in education, and giving a tax credit to any business that creates a job. I also have a plan to cut spending through aggressive performance reviews that reduce government waste and improve efficiency. And I will put Virginia on a path to be a global leader in clean energy, medical research, and cutting edge technology.

**REDISTRICTING:** Public policy in my administration will be based on science, not on ideology or partisan politics. For the

past seven years I have proposed bipartisan redistricting legislation. As governor, I will sign such a bill into law. Transparency and honesty are my guiding principles.

**BUDGET:** I believe we must invest in education even in tough times and my budget will reflect that. I will create an additional 70,000 degrees over the next ten years and commit an additional \$40 million per year to financial aid and guarantee student loans up to \$15,000. Under a Deeds administration, all Virginians will have access to an affordable higher education.

To fix transportation I will bring Republicans and Democrats together and pass a plan that connects every part of Virginia. I will consider all options so we can reach a bipartisan consensus on dedicated, long-term funding that does not drain funding from education and other core priorities.

**BALANCE:** I have a strong record of protecting the environment and balancing environmental and economic interests. In 1996, I authored the landmark Agricultural Stewardship Act, a bipartisan approach to reduce pollution that was supported by both farmers and environmental advocates. And in 1999, I sponsored a land preservation tax credit program that has helped Virginia conserve 500,000 acres.

**CONTACT:** <http://deedsforvirginia.com>

## LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

### CANDIDATES FOR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR – VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE

#### THE OFFICE

**TERM:** Four years

**SALARY:** \$36,321

**DUTIES:** Presides over the State Senate and casts a vote in case of a tie. Fills the office of Governor should the office become vacant by reason of death, resignation or disability.

#### BIOGRAPHY AND QUESTIONS

**BIOGRAPHY:** Background provided by each candidate.

#### THE QUESTIONS

How do you envision your **ROLE**, if elected?

How would you influence the dynamics of the legislative **PROCESS**?

What do you see as Virginia's most urgent **PROBLEM** over the next two years?

#### William T. "Bill" Bolling

*Republican – Incumbent*



**BIOGRAPHY:** Lieutenant Governor Bill Bolling is the son of a coal miner and first in his family to graduate college. He and his wife Jean Ann live in Hanover and have two sons. He has 18 years of public service as Lieutenant Governor, State Senator, and in local government in Hanover.

**ROLE:** In a McDonnell/Bolling administration, I'll serve as Virginia's first Economic Development and Chief Jobs Creation Officer.

As Virginia's Chief Jobs Creation Officer, I'll help coordinate all economic development and job creation initiatives across the various agencies of state government. Having the states second highest elected officer actively involved in recruiting new industries signals the importance of bringing new jobs to our state.

In addition, I'll work to find solutions to our

current energy, education, and transportation challenges.

**PROCESS:** Over the past four years serving as Virginia's Lieutenant Governor, I've promoted an aggressive legislative agenda, which I'll continue.

In order to bring more jobs to our state, I co-sponsored legislation allowing more businesses to qualify for Economic Opportunity Fund money, which has brought \$125 million in new capital investments into Virginia.

I have also worked to strengthen our education system by forcing the Senate to direct lottery proceeds towards education, and by seeking to pass legislation that requires that at least 65% of our education dollars be spent in the classroom.

Finally, I'm very proud that during my time in the Senate, I was able to pass legislation pro-

viding health insurance for children in low-income families.

**PROBLEM:** The most urgent problem today and in the near future is the need to bring new quality jobs to our state. Current unemployment rates are the highest in 20 years, and all regions of the state have been impacted by the recent economic downturn. In a McDonnell/Bolling administration, I will serve as Virginia's first Economic Development and Chief Jobs Creation Officer, and my number one focus will be on growing our workforce.

Additionally, our state faces numerous challenges to our education and transportation systems. I've proposed detailed plans to confront these challenges, which you can find on my website, [www.billbolling.com](http://www.billbolling.com).

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#### Jody M. Wagner

*Democrat – Challenger*



**BIOGRAPHY:** I'm the proud mother of four wonderful children. For 16 years, I was a practicing attorney in Norfolk. From 2002-2005, I served as Treasurer of the Commonwealth, and from 2006-2008, as the Secretary of Finance. In addition, I'm the owner of Jody's, a small popcorn business in Virginia Beach.

**ROLE:** I will serve as a key member of the state's leadership team, and a partner of the next Governor. I'll use my experience working across party lines to help reach commonsense, bipartisan solutions that improve the lives of Virginia's families. The most important role I can have is to help create new jobs and grow Virginia's economy. In addition, I would spend much of my time advocating for improvements in public education, such

as raising the graduation rate, expanding funding for pre-Kindergarten programs and promoting mentorship and internship programs for at risk students. Finally, I would be a member of five important boards and commissions.

**PROCESS:** In addition to presiding over the Senate, I would be active in the legislative process by helping to advance the goals of the next Governor, as well as priorities I consider to be important, like creating new jobs and improving education. I have a record of working across party lines to get things done as evidenced by the 2008 Education Bond Package that I negotiated (which passed unanimously) and I would continue to negotiate compromise in order to get things done.

**PROBLEM:** Virginia's biggest problem is the

global economic decline, and creating new jobs is the only way to confront the issue. We need to take a multi-faceted approach, which involves attracting new industries; helping small businesses start and grow; improving education to ensure our students have the skills necessary to compete in the 21st Century economy; and solving the transportation mess that is threatening our economic viability. Virginians have suffered as a result of the recession, and while we have weathered the storm better than most other states, the top priority of the next Lt. Governor must be to lead Virginia out of the national downturn, and help direct the Commonwealth towards future prosperity.

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## ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

### CANDIDATES FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL – VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE

#### THE OFFICE

**TERM:** Four years

**SALARY:** \$150,000

**DUTIES:** Chief legal officer of the Commonwealth, serves as counsel to the Governor and to all state departments, agencies, boards and commissions.

#### BIOGRAPHY AND QUESTIONS

**BIOGRAPHY:** Background provided by each candidate.

#### THE QUESTIONS

What do you think will be the major **ISSUE** facing the Attorney General's office in the next two years?

As Attorney General, what would be your major legislative **PROPOSAL**?

How do you envision **BALANCING** economic concerns with the enforcement of environmental regulations?

#### Ken T. Cuccinelli II

*Republican – Challenger*



**BIOGRAPHY:** An attorney and small business owner, Senator Cuccinelli grew up in Northern Virginia. He graduated from UVa. as a Mechanical Engineer, then received his J.D. and Masters degrees from GMU. Ken married his high school sweetheart, Teiro, and they live with their seven children (and many pets) in Centreville.

**ISSUE:** Given current circumstances, the major issue for the next Attorney General will be helping to get Virginia's economy growing again in order to support job creation. In addition, the AG will also be looked to for leadership on public safety issues such as fighting gangs, sexual predators, drunk driving and mental health. These are all issues that I will continue to aggressively address, as I have in my 3 terms in the State Senate.

I would also bring 5 years of juvenile delinquency prevention work and over a decade of working with mental health professionals and patients to the AG's office.

**PROPOSAL:** Among my major legislative proposals as Virginia's next AG would be proposals to continue to improve our mental health system. Since the Virginia Tech tragedy, Virginians have awoken to how much more we need to do to improve our mental health system, and I will continue my leadership on this issue. Additionally, I will continue the work I've been doing in the Senate Courts Committee to toughen our laws addressing gangs, sexual predators and repeat drug dealers. Finally, I will continue my efforts to get property rights protected in Virginia's Constitution.

**BALANCING:** The balancing of economic concerns with the enforcement of environmental regulations is similar to the balancing in any regulatory decision. First, an AG has to enforce the law, but may exercise such discretion as the law allows to factor in circumstances such as first offenses, technical (e.g., paperwork) violations vs. substantive violations, in coming to conclusions about appropriate responses. We want our environmental regulations to be part of our stewardship of the environment, and like other Virginians, I want to preserve a clean and healthy environment for my children. I also want to undertake reasonable steps to preserve economic opportunities and jobs for Virginians.

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#### Stephen C. Shannon

*Democrat – Challenger*



**BIOGRAPHY:** Occupation: Attorney; Odin, Feldman & Pittleman, PC – Fairfax, VA Education: Bachelors Degree, Fairfield University; Masters of Public Policy, Georgetown University; and J.D., University of Virginia Experience: Steve Shannon is a former Fairfax County Prosecutor who has a strong record on Public Safety. He and his wife Abby co-founded Virginia's first AMBER-Alert // **ISSUE:** In the next two years, the Attorney General's office must be focused on public safety. As the economy gets back on track, we need to be sure that Virginia creates an environment that is attractive for people and businesses so that they want to come here and flourish here. By keeping Virginians safe, I will work to create that type of environment.

**PROPOSAL:** My top priority as Attorney General is going to be keeping Virginians safe. I have outlined a number of policy proposals – available on my website at [www.shannon2009.com](http://www.shannon2009.com) – that will help protect Virginians from drunk drivers, gangs, drug dealers, and other public safety threats. As a father of three and helped found (with my wife, Abby) of Virginia's AMBER Alert system, I am particularly committed to protecting Virginia's children. Specifically, I am committed to keeping Virginia children safe from Internet predators. We know that there are at least 20,000 unique computers trafficking child pornography in Virginia. Law enforcement officials do not have the tools and resources they need to track these online offenders down and put them in jail. I will work

with the Governor and General Assembly to find these resources.

**BALANCING:** As Attorney General, my job will be enforcing Virginia's law. I believe we need to move towards things like energy efficiency and greater use of renewable energy in order to protect our environment. I also believe we must understand our current economic climate and make sure that as we make the move toward the use of efficiency and renewables, we are balancing the needs and economic constraints of citizens and businesses in Virginia.

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**GENERAL AND SPECIAL ELECTIONS ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2009  
POLLS OPEN 6:00 A.M. TO 7:00 P.M.**

## VIRGINIA HOUSE OF DELEGATES

### THE OFFICE

**TERM:** Two years  
**SALARY:** \$17,640  
**DUTIES:** Legislative power in the

Commonwealth of Virginia is vested in a General Assembly consisting of a Senate and a House of Delegates. Chief responsibilities are to make laws, levy taxes, and adopt the state budget.

### BIOGRAPHY AND QUESTIONS

**BIOGRAPHY:** Background provided by each candidate.

### THE QUESTIONS

What measures would you support to make the **REDISTRICTING** process less partisan?  
 Should the allocation of public

**EDUCATION** funds throughout the Commonwealth be revised? If so, what would you propose?  
 What other state **ISSUE** would you like to discuss?

## CANDIDATES FOR THE VIRGINIA HOUSE OF DELEGATES – 34<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT (Voters in This District Vote for Not More Than One)



### Barbara J. Comstock Republican - Challenger

**BIOGRAPHY:** Barbara Comstock, a 25+ year McLean resident, is a small businesswoman and attorney. Barbara worked as a senior aide to Rep. Frank Wolf, a Congressional Chief Counsel, a senior Justice Department official and senior partner in a law firm. She is a graduate of Middlebury College and Georgetown Law School.  
**REDISTRICTING:** I support a process that is transparent and bipartisan with citizen involvement and input through legislation or a Blue Ribbon commission. Legislative districts should reflect commonsense geographic boundaries and communities of interest. I support public meetings, putting pro-

posed new district maps online, and a website that will allow public comment and interaction.  
**EDUCATION:** Yes. As with our transportation dollars, Northern Virginians are shortchanged on our education dollars. We have 25% of the population but provide 40% of the state revenue. We need Northern Virginia representatives who will fight for our fair share of education and transportation dollars and who understand that shortchanging Northern Virginia – the economic engine of the state – hurts all of Virginia.  
**ISSUE:** Improving our economy is my top priority. I will protect and promote Virginia's right-to-work, job friendly environment. In deciding whether a policy is good for Virginians, my test will be: "Does it help retain, create, and grow jobs?" Raising taxes in a recession fails that test. The policies I will promote for strengthening our economy will include

a 10% small business tax cut to stimulate job growth, and a bipartisan commission to address our transportation funding crisis and focus our transportation dollars on easing congestion and economic growth. Supporting our transportation and education infrastructure is critical for economic growth. That is why I also will work to create a "Virginia Scholars Program," for our top 100 math and science students, which will fully fund their undergraduate and graduate studies so that we provide our kids with the education they need for our future jobs. Finally, I will support legislation to provide more in-state student slots at Virginia state colleges and universities.  
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### Margaret G. Vanderhye Democrat - Incumbent

**BIOGRAPHY:** Member, Virginia House of Delegates. Government relations specialist and previous appointee of three governors and U.S. president on transportation, environment, and planning. Graduate of Sorensen Institute for Political Leadership at U. VA; Northwestern University, and the Johns Hopkins School of Advance International Studies.  
**REDISTRICTING:** I support the appointment of a state level, non-partisan redistricting commission to draw district lines along natural geographical, infrastructure, and population lines to make sure elections were about real choices within communities.  
**EDUCATION:** Yes, the allocation of public education funds

should be revised to give Fairfax County K-12 students a fair share that reflects our highly diverse population with respect to income, international background and wide spectrum of educational requirements. Currently the state provides less than 20% of our county education funding, leaving us to carry the burden at the local level with our main source of revenue being the property tax. At the college level, we should adhere to the 25-30% level for out of state acceptances, and we should fund our higher education programs so our Virginia students receive the acceptances and the financial aid they deserve.  
**ISSUE:** I want to discuss transportation and its relationship to our economy and quality of life in northern Virginia and throughout the state.  
 We are in a transportation crisis with dwindling funds necessary to receive matching federal dollars for our most

crucial projects. We need dedicated, sufficient, and sustainable transportation funding, and we need to make sure that everyone who uses our infrastructure pays for it – not just Virginians.  
 Dulles Airport and the Virginia Port both require additional capacity to handle the growing statewide demands of our global economy, and we are not providing the necessary funds. Once the economy rebounds, we need new resources at the state, regional, and local levels to address already identified road, rail, and transit projects, and we need to make sure that the Dulles Rail project through Tysons Corner helps create a walkable urban center.  
 We have studied VDOT; we have studied options; we have tried gimmicks. It is time for bi-partisan action.  
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## CANDIDATES FOR THE VIRGINIA HOUSE OF DELEGATES – 36<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT (Voters in This District Vote for Not More Than One)



### Hugh M. "Mac" Cannon Republican - Challenger

**BIOGRAPHY:** Mac is a life long resident of Northern Virginia, a Business degree graduate of Virginia Tech. He brings exceptional experience from the non-profit and for-profit business arena. ACEC/MW Executive Director since 2006. Stressing fiscal responsibility, commonsense leadership, a strong work ethic and fresh perspective.  
**REDISTRICTING:** In my opinion, re-districting needs to be fair and open. We can all understand why political parties and individuals are interested in the process – to hopefully give themselves and advantage and protect their interests in their

current districts. That motive is not uncommon and not underhanded – what I believe is that we need to be as mindful as possible to give districts a relative balance so that representatives running for election in those districts from opposing parties do not have an insurmountable block of voters to overcome to bring a new perspective to representing those constituents.  
 I would be in favor of a bi-partisan task force to work on re-districting with a focus on benefiting the people and giving the representative an opportunity to earn the right to represent their district in each election.  
**EDUCATION:** Yes it should be revised so that a certain percentage, say 65% should go directly into the classroom for the students and teachers instead of going to overhead and administrators. Our students and teachers deserve more of the resources

allocated to education to be directed toward them and we need to control the extent of funding available for bureaucrats.  
 Public Education is an important cost in our state budget and it should be used to attain the best results possible for our students and teachers by being efficient and effective with our spending of those funds.  
**ISSUE:** Transportation funding is a very important issue for the state and for my constituents in the Reston area of Northern Virginia. Northern Virginia represents 25% of the states' population and well over 40% of its economic wealth, yet we only get back 18-25 cents on every tax dollar that goes to Richmond – that needs to be addressed.  
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### Kenneth R. "Ken" Plum Democrat - Incumbent

**BIOGRAPHY:** Ken Plum, member of the House from 1978-80 and 1982 to the present, chairs Democratic Caucus and is member of the Commerce & Labor and Agriculture, Chesapeake & Natural Resources Committees and the Joint Commission on Technology and Science. B.A., Old Dominion University; M.Ed., University of Virginia. Married. Four children, four grandchildren.  
**REDISTRICTING:** I introduced the first bill in Virginia to establish an independent, non-partisan redistricting commission in 1982 and many times since. I will continue to introduce legislation to assign the task of drawing district lines to an

independent group that can take into account communities of interest as well as equal size districts. Politics needs to be taken out of redistricting.  
**EDUCATION:** The present Standards of Quality that serve as a basis for funding do not accurately reflect the realities of the needs in the schools. The Standards need to be upgraded and expanded to more appropriately reflect the need for career and vocational education and for programs to meet special needs including autism. Average teacher salaries in Virginia should move to at least the national average. The excessive amount of testing in the schools needs to be reviewed and reduced.  
**ISSUE:** Virginia must put an emphasis on jump-starting the economy and creating more jobs. Until the economy rebounds many state services will need to be reduced. Job creation should include green jobs in sustainable and renew-

able energy resources with mandatory requirements to reach meaningful goals. A comprehensive energy efficiency program must be put into place such as my bill this year would have done. A sustainable and reliable mechanism for funding transportation projects must be found, and legislators must show the political courage to enact it. Transportation solutions must be balanced across all modes with additional state support given to rail in the Dulles Corridor. Our anti-discrimination laws need to be strengthened to protect against discrimination in the workplace or in the community based on sex, age, race, ethnic origin, religion, or sexual orientation. Visit my website at [www.kenplum.com](http://www.kenplum.com) and subscribe to my weekly Virginia E-News.  
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CANDIDATES FOR THE VIRGINIA HOUSE OF DELEGATES CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE

**CANDIDATES FOR THE VIRGINIA HOUSE OF DELEGATES – 86<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT**  
(Voters in This District Vote for Not More Than One)



**Thomas Davis Rust**  
*Republican – Incumbent*

**BIOGRAPHY:** Delegate Rust is Chairman of Patton Harris Rust & Associates. He has a Bachelor's in Civil Engineering, a Masters in Public Works Engineering and a Masters in Urban and Environmental Planning. Rust's experience includes Mayor of Herndon. He is recognized as one of the most effective members of the House.

**REDISTRICTING:** The redistricting process needs to be based on communities of interest, municipal jurisdictions, natural boundaries, contiguous in shape, providing every Virginian a voice, and compactness. The districts must meet the Civil Rights Act and the Voting Rights Act as authorized by

the Congress. The redistricting process needs to be open and transparent with input from the public. It should be noted not a single court case challenging the current House, Senate, or Congressional districts has had any success. One should understand that every bill introduced to create some type of redistricting commission leaves the final authority in the purview of the General Assembly so partisanship will, in the end, play some part, regardless of everyone's best efforts.

**EDUCATION:** Public education is a joint responsibility of the Commonwealth and local government. The constitution requires, in essence, an equal quality education for all which, requires the wealthier areas to subsidize the less wealthy areas. Funds are distributed thru a complex formula (the Local Composite Index or LCI) which is unfairly weighed against areas like NOVA. As a result Fairfax pays 76% of their school

costs and Loudoun pays 67% of their school costs. The formula needs to be revised to be more equitable towards wealthier areas. I and the NOVA delegation have tried to revise the formula and will continue to do so.

**ISSUE:** The biggest issue facing the Commonwealth is the economy and its negative impact on the budget. This will cause the General Assembly to review every program and reduce/eliminate those that are not accomplishing their mission. We must protect the core responsibilities of government; public safety, education, health and human resources, and transportation. General tax increases should not be considered in this economy but every function of government must be critically reviewed with a goal of increased effectiveness, efficiency and service.

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**Stevens R. Miller**  
*Democrat – Challenger*

**BIOGRAPHY:** Loudoun County Supervisor (Dulles). Attorney specializing in computer forensics work. Graduated from Langley High, McLean (1976), Amherst College (BA Physics, 1980), Stevens Tech (MS Computer Science, 1988), New York Law School (JD 1992). Zoning Ordinance Review Committee, Economic Development Commissioner. Live with my wife, Liz, and son, Fordon, in Sterling.

**REDISTRICTING:** I would support an approach like HB 836 by former delegate Moran, creating a transparent process with public participation and non-partisan advice from retired members of the judiciary. I would also invite the participation

of scholars from the fields of public policy and sociology, to add awareness of demographic implications and help avoid unintended consequences. The entire process must be open to continuous public scrutiny and media coverage. I would favor an all-or-nothing requirement that the proposed district lines be approved by a majority of the General Assembly in each house, with no "editorial" changes.

**EDUCATION:** Revision of the composite index formula is an urgent issue if Virginia's prosperous areas are to remain so, while not becoming exclusive enclaves for only the wealthiest residents. Equally pressing is a need to revise our tax code so that what money we do need at both the state and local levels for our schools is obtained at the least possible imposition on our senior, disabled, and lower-income payers.

**ISSUE:** The ability to work, save, invest, and retire is the

central pillar of our social structure. Rising costs of living, accompanied by spreading financial crises and inherently unfair tax systems, threaten to deprive the state of Northern Virginia's economic engine that does so much for all Virginians. Virginia as a whole is being put at risk by a party willing to treat its only prosperous area as a kind of oil field, drilling and pumping and hauling away our taxes until there's nothing left. A new majority, with members from our region who cannot be dismissed, will have the power and the moral duty to reinvest our residents' taxes, to grow our local economy, expand our commercial tax-base, and create a lasting, self-sustaining source of revenue to maintain our area's roads, schools, police, and rescue services.

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**FAIRFAX COUNTY SCHOOL BOND**  
**VOTE YES OR NO**

**QUESTION:** Shall the Board of Supervisors of Fairfax County, Virginia, contract a debt, borrow money, and issue capital improvement bonds in the maximum aggregate principal amount of \$232,580,000 for the purposes of providing funds, in addition to funds from school bonds previously authorized and any other available funds, to finance, including reimbursement

to the County for temporary financing for, the costs of school improvements, including acquiring, building, expanding and renovating properties, including new sites, new buildings or additions, renovations and improvements to existing buildings, and furnishings and equipment, for the Fairfax County public school system?

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**VOTE**

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2009**

**COMMUNITY**

**Herndon finished third overall in a competition against 14 other schools.**



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**HHS NJROTC Third Overall in Athletic, Academic Meet**

The Herndon High School Navy Junior ROTC unit hosted the George Washington University Field and Academic meet at Herndon High School on Saturday, Oct. 17. Herndon finished third overall in a competition against 14 other schools. Fairfax County Public Schools teams participating, in addition to Herndon, were Hayfield, South Lakes and Chantilly. The Herndon athletic team placed third in the Australia

Trolley and team curl-up competitions and second in the Team push-up competition. Strong individual performances came in the push-up competition with cadets Richard Fronczak and Gonzalo Pinillos placing first and second respectively and cadet Kevin Truong tying for third and losing the coin-toss tie-breaker. In the curl-up competition, cadets Brianna Lowry and Carolena Garrison placed first and second re-

spectively. The Herndon academic team placed fifth overall. NJROTC instructors Cmdr. Richard Cassara and MSCS John Maness were pleased with the performances of the teams, which were missing several cadets due to the flu. Cadet Officer-in-Charge Arjun Singh received a well done from Cassara for leading the cadets in hosting the event, which had to be moved in-doors and competitions changed due to the weather.

**WEEK IN HERNDON**

**Herndon Spooktacular Promises Family Fun**

The Town of Herndon's Spooktacular on Friday, Oct. 23, 6:30-8:30 p.m. features magic show, games and lots of free fun. The event takes place at the Herndon Community Center, 814 Ferndale Ave. in Herndon and is open to the public. The cost is \$8 per child in advance and \$11 per child at the event.

It's a spooky Friday night in honor of Halloween. Residents are encouraged to bring their little goblin or princess to celebrate in their Spooktacular costume and have some Halloween fun. Each participant will receive a Halloween treat bag, slice of pizza, chips, and a drink. Activities include a costume parade, arts and crafts, and some spooky magic entertainment. Parents must accompany children at the event.

For more information, visit the Town's Web site at [www.herndon-va.gov](http://www.herndon-va.gov), town services, parks and recreation, or call 703-787-7300.

**Faster Response to Excessive Occupancy**

During the first quarter of FY 2010 (July 1 through Sept. 30, 2009) 23 new complaints regarding excessive occupancy of residences were received by the Town of Herndon's zoning inspections team. Forty-five cases were closed during the quarter, with violations abated in 23 cases and no violations found in the remaining cases.

This compares to 29 new complaints received during the first quarter of FY 2009 and 49 new complaints received during the first quarter of FY 2008.

On average, the length of time needed to resolve a case during the first quarter of FY 2010 was 34.2 days, a significant decrease from the FY 2009 average of 62.4 days — due, in large part, to improved staff proficiency and case management as well as aggressive prosecution of violations. The length of time between receipt of a complaint and an initial visit by the zoning inspections team has remained consistently low, at less than one day.

During the first quarter of FY 2010, two individuals were successfully prosecuted for overcrowding violations, bringing the town's total number of successful prosecutions to 49.

For more information on excessive occupancy enforcement or to file a complaint, contact the Department of Community Development, Zoning Inspections, at 703-707-2666 or [community.violations@herndon-va.gov](mailto:community.violations@herndon-va.gov). Information is also available on the enforcement page under Planning/Zoning at [www.herndon-va.gov](http://www.herndon-va.gov).

# CRIME

Activities reported by the Herndon police department through Oct. 18.

## BRUIN DISTRICT

### ASSAULT 400 Block Virginia Avenue

The victim reported being assaulted by an acquaintance

### LARCENY

#### 500 Block Florida Avenue

Pizzas were stolen from a delivery person

### DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY

#### 400 Block Magnolia Court

A parked vehicles tires were damaged between 11 p.m. Oct. 11 and 06:30 a.m. Oct. 12

### OTHER VIOLATIONS

#### 500 Block Florida Avenue

The victim reported unauthorized charges on credit card

## GOLF COURSE DISTRICT

### LARCENY

#### 1100 Block Crestview Drive

A 32-year-old male of no fixed address, was arrested for larceny and drunk in public

### DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY

#### Herndon Parkway/Bayshire Lane

Graffiti was found in the area

#### 500 Block Early Fall Court

Graffiti was found in the area

### OTHER VIOLATIONS

#### 1000 Block Crestview Drive

A 31-year-old male of Herndon, was issued a summons for trespassing

## HALEY SMITH DISTRICT

### LARCENY

#### 600 Block Post Drive

A bottle of long island ice tea was

stolen from a business

#### 400 Block Elden Street

Two subjects attempted to shoplift numerous items from a business

### DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY

#### 100 Block Laurel Way

A parked vehicles tires, hood and battery cables were damaged between 6 p.m. Oct. 11 and 9 a.m. Oct. 12

#### 100 Block Elden Street

Four parked vehicles tires were damaged

### OTHER VIOLATIONS

#### 300 Block Elden Street

A 40-year-old female of Sterling was issued a summons for selling alcohol to an individual under the age of 21

#### 400 Block Elden Street

A 34-year-old male of Herndon, was issued a summons for selling alcohol to an individual under the age of 21

#### 600 Block Elden Street

A 26-year-old female of Herndon, was issued a summons for selling alcohol to an individual under the age of 21

## RUNNYMEDE DISTRICT

### ASSAULT

#### 900 Block Branch Drive

The victim reported being assaulted by an acquaintance

### DRUNKENNESS

#### 200 Block Herndon Station Square

A 21-year-old female of Falls Church, was arrested for drunk in public

### LARCENY

#### 1000 Block Saber Lane

A vehicles license plate was stolen

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From left are Reston Interfaith members and Walk to End Homelessness organizers Cathy Hoskinson, Amy McDowell, Theresa Rupp, Tim McMahon, Christine Connors and Emily Dahlkamp.



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Pat Anderson and his wife, Bridget, who organized the festival, get bratwurst from Manuel Vargas of Vinifera Wine Bar and Bistro.

## CALENDAR

Send announcements to [reston@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:reston@connectionnewspapers.com). Deadline is Thursday for the following week's paper. Photos/artwork encouraged. For additional listings, visit [www.connectionnewspapers.com](http://www.connectionnewspapers.com).

### THURSDAY/OCT. 22

**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.

**Book Buddy Reading Reinforcement Program.** 4:30 p.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Sign up to read to a Big Buddy for 30 minutes every Thursday through Nov. 19. 703-242-4020.

**Baby Steps Storytime.** 10:30 a.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Interactive storytime. Age 13-23 months with adult. 703-689-2700.

### FRIDAY/OCT. 23

**Reston Community Players Present Curtains.** 8 p.m. CenterStage Theater at the Reston Community Center, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. \$20 adults, \$17 seniors and students. 703-476-4500 or [www.restonplayers.org](http://www.restonplayers.org).

### SATURDAY/OCT. 24

**Fright Night.** 7-10 p.m. at Frying Pan Farm Park, 2709 West Ox Road, Herndon. Scare yourself silly on a 'spooktacular' wagon ride. \$8 per person. (Hardly Haunted Hayrides available for younger riders.) Reservations recommended; call 703-437-9101. [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/fpp](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/fpp).

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**The 15th annual VolunteerFest,** a community-wide day of service, offers 35 volunteer projects, such as building outdoor classrooms, assembling care packages for troops overseas, creating a wildlife habitat and assisting with community events. There are 33 projects throughout Fairfax County at schools, libraries, parks and nonprofit organizations. For specific project descriptions and locations, visit [www.volunteerfairfax.org](http://www.volunteerfairfax.org).

**St. Joseph Parish Craft Fair.** 9-30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at 700 Peachtree St., Herndon. A juried show, limited to hand-crafted items only.

**Weekend Blugrass Concert Series**

**with Summertown Road.** 6:30 p.m. at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 1090 Sterling Road, Herndon. Jack Hicks (banjo), Bo Isaac (guitar), John Rigsby (mandolin, fiddle), Randy Thomas (bass). \$12. [www.holycrosslutheranchurch.net](http://www.holycrosslutheranchurch.net).

**Fraser Preserve Walk.** Meet at the Reston Museum at 1:30 p.m. to walk downhill and along the river. Wear sturdy shoes. [www.restonmuseum.org](http://www.restonmuseum.org).

**Afternoon of Chamber Music: All Beethoven Program.** 2 p.m. at Washington Plaza Baptist Church, 1615 Washington Plaza, Reston. Cello Sonata Op. 102 No. 1 in C major, Piano Trio No. 1 Opus 1 in Eb major and Septet Opus 20 in E-flat major. The concert is free; donations of

canned goods to support Reston Interfaith's Food Pantry welcome. 703-471-5225 or [www.washingtonplazachurch.com](http://www.washingtonplazachurch.com).

**FY 2011 Budget Community Dialogue.** 10 a.m. Presentations by county and school budget staff followed by facilitated small group discussions. Registration required. 703-324-2391 or [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/budget](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/budget).

**Harpers Ferry in Photographs.** 2 p.m. Barnes and Nobel, Spectrum Center, 1851 Fountain Drive, Reston. In time for the 150th anniversary of John Brown's raid on Harpers Ferry, local photographer Jim Kirby brings his book of photographs exploring the cultural and natural history of Harpers Ferry. 703-437-9490.

**Gabriel Homes' Texas Hold 'em Tournament.** 6:45 p.m. at the Herndon Community Center, 814 Ferndale Ave., Herndon. Limited seating. Entry is free but registration is required. [gthtexasholdem.eventbrite.com/](http://gthtexasholdem.eventbrite.com/)

**Moonlight Cabaret Singers/Dancing.** 7:30-11 p.m. Café Montmartre, 1625 Washington Plaza North, Lake Anne, Reston. Music from the 1930s to the 1980s. Dancing—Latin, ballroom, swing, disco. 703-904-8080.

### MONDAY/OCT. 26

**PJs and Teddy Bears Storytime.** 6:30 p.m. Herndon Fortnightly Library, 768 Center St., Herndon.

Bedtime stories and activities. Age 2-5 with adult. 703-437-8855.

**Outlands Paranormal Tours.** 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. at Outlands Historic House and Gardens, 20850 Outlands Plantation Lane, Leesburg. Take an evening tour through Outlands mansion to hear about ghostly legends and paranormal investigations and maybe experience something of your own. Adults \$12, under age 12 \$5. Space is limited, call 703-777-3174 for reservations.

### TUESDAY/OCT. 27

**Colvin Run Community Center Weekly Dance.** 7 p.m. at Colvin Run Schoolhouse, 10201 Colvin Run Road, Great Falls. \$10. [www.colvinrun.org](http://www.colvinrun.org).

**Book Buddy Reading Reinforcement Program.** 4:30 p.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Sign up to read to a Big Buddy for 30 minutes every Thursday through Nov. 19. 703-242-4020.

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**Creative Arts Programs Fall Showcases and Exhibitions,** at the CenterStage of Reston Community Center. Artist displays will be in the lobby during check-in time from 9:30-10 a.m. Performances are from 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. [www.restoncommunitycenter.com](http://www.restoncommunitycenter.com). SEE CALENDAR. PAGE 19

# Rain, Cold Dampen Festival on the Square

Walk to End Homelessness still draws 50 participants

The tradition of the Festival on the Square at Reston Heights got off to a difficult start Saturday, hampered by the coldest Oct. 17 since the 1930s and the constant rain that accompanied the unseasonable temperatures. It was the first of what is planned to become an annual event.

"Hopefully, this is the first of many, and hopefully, they're dryer in the future," said Michael Quinn, spokesman for the Sheraton and Westin hotels that were the main sponsors for the event. Aside from the Sheraton, most of the development is new. Among the other sponsors were JBG Companies, the Reston Association and the Reston Community Center. "We really wanted to bring the community together as a family," Quinn said, adding that the sponsors had also been eager to bring Reston Interfaith into the affair.

The charitable organization was



Kashaun Cooper pays the registration fee for the Walk to End Homelessness, although he opted out of actually walking in the cold, wet weather.

the lead exhibitor at the event, where it conducted a walk as part of its sixth annual Walk to End Homelessness. Reston Interfaith spokesman Amy McDowell said about 50 people registered for the 2-mile walk in spite of the weather. It was one of several such events the organization is staging during the run-up to Fannie Mae's national Help the Homeless Walkathon on Nov. 21. The federal mortgage association selects beneficiaries from the area, "so this is the sixth year



Tom Parker and Tom Lilly admire the automated setup displayed by the Washington, D.C. Metropolitan Area LEGO Train Club.

Reston Interfaith has been selected as a beneficiary," McDowell said. Fannie Mae gives matching gifts, depending on how many people Reston Interfaith gets to register for its walks, she said. "If we get 3,000 walkers this year, we get an extra gift of \$50,000, which would be incredible in this economy." She said last year's event raised a total of \$70,000.

The next walk will be Saturday, Oct. 24 at the Cedar Ridge Community Center. Rain is again pre-

dicted, although temperatures should be a bit warmer.

Also at the festival were the Greater Reston Arts Center (GRACE), the Metropolitan Area LEGO Train Club, the Italian Government Tourist Board of North America and others. The South Lakes High School choir and Reston Community Players were slated to perform, and there was a car show, a hay maze and other attractions.

— MIKE DiCICCO



## Great Pumpkin 5K, Children Pumpkin Dash Attract 1,600 Runners

Some 1,600 runners — 1,400 registered runners and 200 children — participated in the Inaugural Anthem Great Pumpkin 5K and Children Pumpkin Dash on Saturday, Oct. 10 at the Reston Town Center. Pictured are the young runners participating in the Children Pumpkin Dash (left) and the great pumpkin, weighing 1,057 pounds (right), produced by 10-year-old Matthew Morris of Burkeville, Va. The beneficiary of the race was Inova Heart and Vascular Institute.



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OCT. 29 - 7pm Thursday	Corey Wallach, MD Inova Mt. Vernon Hospital 2501 Parker's Lane, Alexandria, VA	703-750-8800 <a href="http://inova.org/asktheexpert">inova.org/asktheexpert</a>
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# SCHOOLS

## Twenty-One Students Nominated for Leadership Award

**T**wenty-one students from Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) were nominated for the College of William and Mary Leadership Award, which recognizes students who demonstrate leadership both in the classroom and in their communities.

Recipients of the William and

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❖ Desmond Lee of Annandale High School; Bennett Salmon of Centreville High School; Christina Dang of Chantilly High School; Kelly Flanigan of Edison High School; Jack Becket of Fairfax High School; Excy Guardado of Falls Church High School; Nikita Dodbele of Hayfield Secondary

School; Kelsey DeFord of Herndon High School; Adrienne Engel of Langley High School; Brian Head of Madison High School; Delanyo Kpo of Marshall High School; Anna Glendening of McLean High School; Corinthia Evans of Mount Vernon High School; Jay Tucker of Oakton High School; Rachel Moody of Robinson Secondary

School; James Armstrong of South Lakes High School; Rachel Boots of Stuart High School; Lisa Nam of Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology; Gwen Fishel of West Potomac High School; Molly Gift of Westfield High School; and Alexander Willard of Woodson High School.

Every student nominated by his

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## Store at Town's Heart

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the epitome of what Herndon really stands for. The residents are very charitable." He said he was also amazed by what could be found in the thrift shop, noting that he had recently stumbled on a nice shirt with the original price tag still attached.

Supervisor John Foust (D-Dranesville) said people needed to know that the Closet was not just a charity and a "real asset to the community" but also a successful store with a solid product and strong customer service. And, he said, "It's such a good organi-

zation and supports so many human services programs that it's important for us to support the Closet."

"The Closet has been a very integral part of our community and I think support from the faith community and the volunteers that make it happen fills a void that the government can't," said Supervisor Cathy Hudgins (D-Hunter Mill).

Del. Ken Plum (D-36) called the thrift store "a longstanding, important institution in the fabric of our community. They represent the heart of our community. We need them now more than ever."

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## COMMUNITY

# SYA Storm U11 Girls Soccer Team Participates in Walk for Homeless

The SYA Storm U11 Girls soccer team and Keller Williams Fairfax Gateway Realtor Group hit the street in September to participate in the annual Katherine K. Hanley Family Shelter Homeless Mini-Walk to raise funds to prevent and end homelessness. The Katherine K. Hanley Family Shelter is operated by Shelter House and is named for former Fairfax County Board Chairman and current Secretary of the Commonwealth Katherine K. Hanley. The Community Open House followed the walk and included shelter tours, moon bounces, magic shows, a scavenger hunt and much more. Shelter House is dedicated to breaking the cycle of homelessness by providing families with crisis intervention, temporary housing, training, counseling, and programs to promote self-sufficiency. All of the walker registration fees collected from this Mini-Walk will go toward Shelter House's programs and services for homeless families in Fairfax County.

The Mini-Walk hosted by the



**SYA Storm Players and Coach, with Keller Williams Realtors and Katherine K. Hanley in the center.**

Katherine K. Hanley Family Shelter is one of hundreds of Mini-Walks being hosted across the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area as part of the Fannie Mae Help the Homeless Program. The Program culminates with the 22nd Annual Fannie Mae Help the Homeless Walkathon on Saturday, Nov. 21, on the National Mall.

The SYA Storm participated in the Shelter Walk a few days after capturing the Championship in the FPYC Patriot Cup over Labor Day Weekend. The SYA Storm went

undefeated with four wins and no losses during the tournament. Stellar play and good ball possession anchored the team's strong finish throughout the tournament. The SYA Storm is a Keller Williams Fairfax Gateway Realtor Group sponsored team and the players come from Clifton, Fairfax Station, Centreville, Chantilly, Reston and Herndon neighborhoods.

The SYA Storm now will prepare for their trip to North Carolina to represent Fairfax County in the CASL tournament in Raleigh.

## FAITH

Faith Notes are for announcements and events in the faith community, including special holiday services. Send to [herndon@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:herndon@connectionnewspapers.com). Deadline is Thursday.

**Earnest Pugh and Kim and Kelly Butler** will perform in Music Explosion '09, the Reston United Christian Parish music festival on Oct. 24. Proceeds will benefit Graceful Spaces, a nonprofit that provides household furnishings and supplies to clients of Reston Interfaith transitioning from homelessness to housing; and the North County Hypothermia Prevention Program, providing homeless people with indoor sleeping accommodations and hot meals. Also performing: the UCP Adult Choir, Praise Dancers and Bell Choir; Heritage Fellowship Teen Choir; the Washington Plaza Baptist Church choir; Sterling Community Choir Voices of Worship; the choir of Iglesia Bautista Shalom; and the choir of Martin Luther King Church of Reston. \$20 for the 3 p.m. show, \$30 for the 7 p.m. show. [www.unitedchristianparish.org](http://www.unitedchristianparish.org)

**St. Timothy's Episcopal Church Youth Group Halloween Party**, 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 24 in St. Timothy's Parish Hall, 432 Van Buren St, Herndon. All children up to 11 years old are welcome to participate. Wear a costume and enjoy food, fun, games, and haunted house (for older children). [lesliec@Saint-Timothys.org](mailto:lesliec@Saint-Timothys.org).

**Rohr Jewish Learning Institute** presents SoulQuest: The Journey Through Life, Death, and Beyond. Lessons will examine a range of classic Jewish sources, drawing extensively from the Talmud and Kabbalah. Rabbi Fajmland of Chabad will be teaching this

course at Chabad of Reston-Herndon for six Tuesdays, starting Nov. 3, 7:30 p.m. 703-476-1829.

**St. Timothy's Episcopal Church Taizé Service**, 5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 25 in the church sanctuary, 432 Van Buren St., Herndon. Taizé music has short, reflective phrases, usually lines from Psalms or other pieces of Scripture, and simple melodies that are repeated numerous times as an aid to meditation and prayer. Free. 703-437-3790 or [www.saint-timothys.org](http://www.saint-timothys.org).

**Floris United Methodist Church**, 13600 Frying Pan Road, Herndon, is looking for people to sing in a choir. Floris UMC has a season of music including concerts featuring Schubert's "Mass in G Major", Handel's "Messiah" and more.

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**Congregation Beth Emeth**, 12523 Lawyers Road, Herndon, will host a **Yiddish Club on the first Tuesday of each month**. Members will engage in a variety of activities that utilize the Yiddish language, including reading stories, listening to music and radio broadcasts, reading Yiddish newspapers and more. Free. Call 703-860-4515, ext. 127.

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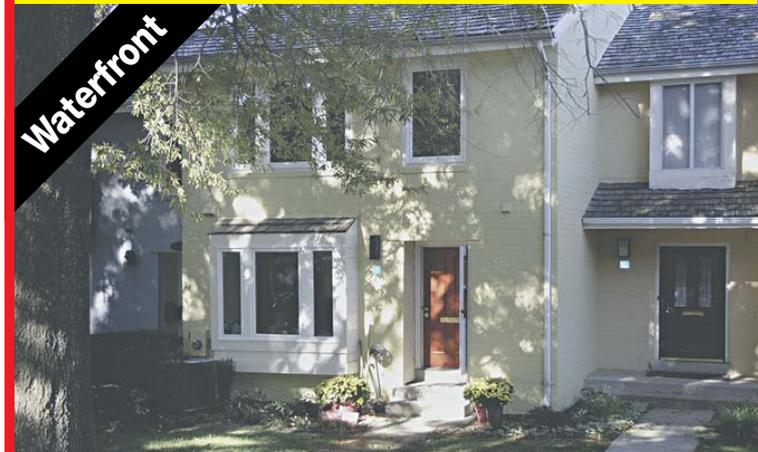
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**SCHOOLS**

**Herndon High Talent on Display**

**Drama Department presents Creative Coffeehouse.**

**H**erndon High School Drama Department presented its biannual Creative Coffeehouse Friday, Oct. 23. Students work on honing their talents all year for use in the school sponsored plays. "Oklahoma" is their next upcoming production, but at the Coffeehouse they get to show a side of them rarely seen outside of this setting. Matthew Weaver's juggling skills almost defied the laws of gravity. Christopher George displayed his talent on the piano. Comedian James Snow, after making the whole auditorium laugh with his rants and raves about mountains and watermelon soup, had this to say about performing, "It was a lot of fun performing at Coffee House. I really enjoyed all the other talents that were displayed tonight."

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— James Snow

Zoe Dillard, the teacher in charge of putting this together, said she has nothing but respect for the talent the students bring to the Herndon High Drama Department and hopes they will be able to use those talents in the Virginia Theater Association Conference on Oct. 30 at the Reston Hyatt. The next installment of the Creative Coffeehouse is scheduled for the spring 2010.

— BRANDON MENDONCA



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**Ian Gildea (guitar and vocals) and Clair Vogel (vocals) perform Simon and Garfunkel's 'The Sounds of Silence.'**



**Stand up Comedian Zack Gross talks about shopping for babies and getting bitten by cats.**



**Comedian James Snow**



**Juggler Matthew Weaver**



**Emcee and singer Dimitri Gann**

# COMMUNITY



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## Pack 913 Joins Homecoming Parade

Cub Scouts from St. Joseph School Pack 913 in Herndon displayed their favorite spaces on the Monopoly game board while marching in the 2009 Herndon High School Homecoming Parade down Elden Street in Herndon on Saturday, Oct. 3. A total of 35 scouts from the pack participated in this year's parade, which carried the theme, 'Childhood Games.'



Nicki Foremsky, Reston Association watershed manager, holds her trash picker upper and a green bag for non-recyclable trash.



Eric Johnson from Washington, D.C. celebrates with Kirstin Dolan from Reston over completing a morning of successful community service.

## Keeping Area Clean

### Reston volunteers help in Chesapeake Bay Watershed clean-up.

The torrential rainfall and cold temperatures on Saturday, Oct. 17 did not deter 10 dedicated area volunteers from devoting their morning to keeping the Chesapeake Bay Watershed clean. The volunteers met at the Northern end of Hunters Woods Village Center in Reston, donning head-to-toe rain gear, and their site leaders, Nicki Foremsky and Jennifer

Koberstein, coordinated the three hour volunteer effort. The team spread out to gather as much trash as possible in just three hours.

Covering a large area, volunteers filled nearly 20 large bags with bottles, cans, plastic bags, a basketball and discarded items of clothing. They also removed a shopping cart from the stream. Removing litter from even the smallest of streams in this area is

an important part of the larger effort to keep the Chesapeake Bay watershed clean and healthy. The water in the Snakeden Branch stream will eventually end up in the Potomac River and then the Chesapeake Bay. This annual stream cleanup event is just one of many volunteer opportunities that aids in the effort to prevent further pollution of the bay.

For more information about similar events go to the Reston Association Web site at <http://www.reston.org/>.

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# SPORTS

The Herndon High football team will travel to Loudoun Valley Friday night.

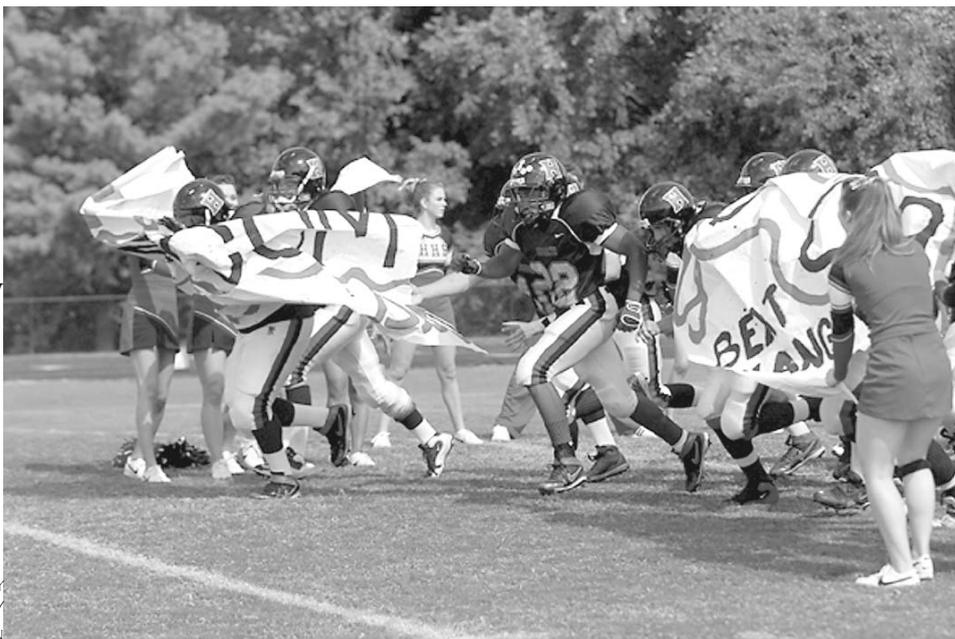


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The Reston Youth Association football season is in midseason form with the local teams putting together solid seasons within the Fairfax County Youth Football League. Check for last week's results and write-ups at [connectionnewspapers.com](http://connectionnewspapers.com).

## Turnovers, Big Plays Allow Hinderling Hornets

But Herndon is still right in the football playoff mix.

BY RICH SANDERS  
THE CONNECTION

Joe Sheaffer thinks his Herndon High football team is capable of earning its second consecutive Division 6 Northern Region playoff appearance next month. But if the Hornets, who were 4-2 following a 35-30 Concorde District win at Centreville on Oct. 9, are to do so, they must tighten their defense and cut down on their offensive turnovers.

"It's still going to be tough if we don't make better strides on defense," said Sheaffer, of qualifying for the playoffs. "We have to be more consistent and stop allowing the big plays. And [on offense] our turnovers have hurt us. We're stopping ourselves."

In the win over Centreville, Herndon allowed three pass plays of 38 yards or more. On offense, Herndon, which has averaged close to three turnovers per game this season, cut that number to just one against the Wildcats.

Herndon quarterback Zack Ozycz (7-of-13, 117 yards) led the offense with two touchdown passes, a 10-yard scoring toss to junior tightend Matt Fehr and a 30-yard strike to senior running back Randoll Anane. He also scored on a one-yard quarterback sneak run. Other rushing scores for the Hornets came from junior fullback Ronnie Cooke, who ran the ball into the end zone from 27 yards out, and senior back Devon Thompson, with a two-yard run.

Herndon, which led 28-14 at halftime, had success running the football with Austin Moore (89 yards rushing) and QB Ozycz (69) having big games. Thompson (56 yards rushing) and Cooke (34) also contributed to the ground attack.

The running game was effective to the outside, which helped open up the inside rushing attack as well as the aerial game.

"Zach was throwing the ball real well," said Sheaffer.

While the coach was disappointed that his team's defense struggled against the Wildcats, he said his players are working hard and trying to improve in that area.

"The effort was there, and that's really where it starts," he said. "We had issues with the big play, but our run defense was better."

Herndon was scheduled to host Oakton in a district meeting on Monday night of this week. The game was originally scheduled for Friday night, Oct. 16, but area rains forced the postponement.

On Friday night, Oct. 23, Herndon will play a road game at non-region opponent Loudoun Valley.

**HERNDON**, with the win over Centreville, snapped a two-game losing streak. The Hornets had opened the season with three straight wins over Jefferson, McLean and cross-town rival South Lakes. But then the Hornets stumbled with consecutive home losses to Robinson, 35-14, and Langley, 28-13, to put them at 3-2. Three turnovers hurt Herndon's cause in the non-district game against the Saxons.

Sheaffer said his team, going into the Langley game, experienced a solid practice week. Therefore, the coach was surprised his team played poorly that Friday night against a team that entered the contest with a 0-4 record.

"I've been coaching a long time and we had a great week of practice," said Sheaffer. "I was disappointed and know the kids were down [following the loss]. I don't know why we laid an egg. Of course, Langley played well. But we came back and tried to be positive [preparing for Centreville]."

The large number of Herndon turnovers has mystified Sheaffer. He said it has not been one area of the offense that has struggled, but rather a problem across the board. The team has diligently worked on improving on its offensive turnovers' problem. The coach said turnovers even hurt his team during its 3-0 start.

"I just never thought we were playing [particularly] well even though we were winning," he said. "We're working on getting better each week and playing better football. [The turnovers] are very frustrating. We work on it and talk about it."

### SPORTS NOTES

The annual Northern Virginia Senior Olympics (NVSO) wrapped up on Sept. 23. Six hundred and eighteen seniors participated in the 12-day Olympics, including 265 new participants.

"This is a record breaking year for us," said Alexandria's Jack Hobbs, Chairman of the Northern Virginia Senior Olympics. "Registration was up in nearly all the events and our two new events, Wii bowling and mini javelin throw, proved successful."

Participants ranged from 50-years old and older. At least 10 of the athletes were 90 or over, including Ray Kaminski, of Springfield. Kaminski, age 93, competed in bowling, tennis, softball hit and throw, mini javelin throw, Frisbee throw and horseshoes. Mary Latham of Falls Church, 94, competed as a swimmer in the backstroke and half mile events, as well as in track in the 800 and 1,600-meter walks.

Hobbs said over 25 events took place in nine different venues throughout Northern Virginia.

"We are extremely grateful to the sponsoring jurisdictions for providing the venues for these events, particularly Thomas Jefferson Community Center and Wakefield High School in Arlington and Wakefield District Park in Annandale," said Hobbs.

"It is also important to recognize NVSO's Gold, Silver and Bronze Patrons, whose support is essential in the administration and promotion of NVSO each year," he said.

Gold Patrons included Greenspring Retirement Community, Goodwin House Incorporated, Sunrise Senior Living, Verizon Wireless and the Senior

Advantage Program at George Washington University Hospital. Silver Patrons were Realtor Debbie Miller, McEneaney Associates, and Bronze Patrons were Envoy Health Care of Alexandria and The McDonald's Family Restaurants of Greater Washington, D.C.

For more information about NVSO, call 703-228-4721 or check the Web site at [www.nvaseniorolympics.com](http://www.nvaseniorolympics.com).

**The Fairfax County Athletic Council and the Department of Community and Recreation Services** have announced this year's winners of the Champions of Character Awards. Winners are selected based on their contributions to youth sports in Fairfax County and their service in pursuing victory with honor. A coach, parent and two athletes were chosen from each magisterial district. Awards ceremonies took place on Oct. 6 at the Fairfax County Government Center. Members of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors and the Athletic Council presented the awards. Locals to earn honors included: Dranesville District - Maggie Natal, Female Athlete (Great Falls Little League Softball); Nick Fouty, Male Athlete (Great Falls Lacrosse Association); Mario Guillen, Coach (McLean Youth Soccer); and Jim Long, Coach (Great Falls Lacrosse Association).

Providence District - Corey Hall, Male Athlete (Vienna Youth Football); Nicholle Harris-Depaz, Coach (Marshall High lacrosse); and Richard Montano, Parent (Vienna Youth Soccer). Hunter Mill District - Emma Evans, Female Athlete (Reston Youth Basketball League) and Todd Casey, Coach (Vienna Youth Incorporated).

# CRIME

Activities reported by the Reston District of the Fairfax County Police Department through Oct. 16.

## UPDATE: SEXUAL ASSAULT/ ARREST

**12500 block of Sunrise Valley Drive.** A man was arrested for sexually assaulting a 19-year-old female near 12530 Sunrise Valley Drive on Monday, Oct. 5. Around 4 p.m., the victim was with a man she met through an acquaintance. Near the commuter lot, the man convinced her to enter some nearby woods. Once inside the woods, the man sexually assaulted the victim. The suspect fled and the victim summoned police. The victim was transported to Inova Fairfax Hospital with minor injuries. Neither victim nor suspect were commuters. During the early morning of Oct. 7, police arrested a 28 year old male of the 1600 block of Beacon Tree Lane. He turned himself in at the Reston District Station after learning police were looking for him. He was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center and charged with Abduction with the intent to defile, and Rape.

## UNLAWFUL ENTRY/ DRUNK IN PUBLIC/ ARREST

**12700 block of Thunder Chase Drive.** Police arrested a man who walked into a 39-year-old woman's home on Saturday, Oct. 10. The victim was inside her home around 8:40 a.m. when her son told her that a man had walked into the living room. She went to the room and confronted the suspect, who fled on foot. Officers located the suspect nearby and an investigation determined the man entered through an unlocked door. The 21 year old male, of the 600 block of Tapawingo Road in Vienna, was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center and charged with drunk in public and unlawful entry.

## GRAND LARCENY

**11900 block of Market St.** Four men walked into an Apple computer store, located at 11949 Market St., and stole several laptop computers and cellular phones on Tuesday, Oct. 13. They entered the store around 10:30 a.m., approached an area containing the electronic items, grabbed them and fled the store on foot. The suspects were described as black, in their early 20s, with a thin to average build. Two of them had black cornrows and the other two had short, black hair.

## ATTEMPTED BURGLARY/ ARREST

**1600 block of Bennington Hollow Lane.** Two 14-year-old boys were arrested after allegedly attempting to get into a home in the 1600 block of Bennington Hollow Lane on Wednesday, Oct. 14. A 70-year-old man was inside his home around 1:15 p.m. and heard a noise coming from the backyard. He looked out the window and saw two teenagers standing on his deck and in the yard. Police responded and apprehended the suspects nearby. They were released to their parents and charges are pending further investigation.

## LARCENIES

- 1700 block of Ascot Way.** Bicycle stolen from residence.
- 12000 block of Bowman Towne Drive.** License plate stolen from vehicle.
- 11900 block of Fieldthorn Court.** Wheel stolen from vehicle.
- 2100 block of Greenkeepers Court.** Backpack stolen from vehicle.
- 2300 block of Hunters Woods Plaza.** Donation bottle stolen from business.
- 10900 block of Lake Windermere Drive.** License plate stolen from vehicle.
- 900 block of Locust St.** iPod stolen from school.
- 11900 block of Market St.** Merchandise stolen from business.
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By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Throughout my "consuming" life, I have often expressed a desire to be the consumer who appears in a commercial testifying, sincerely, as to the one-of-a-kind price and/or above-and-beyond-the-call service/benefit he or she received while using/buying product "A", "B" or "C." Most recently, I have been reminded of this desire while listening to the radio; specifically the radio spots for Novartis, a pharmaceutical company. The spots feature real people (as opposed to fake people, like the ones in those Charles Schwab television commercials) discussing their cancer diagnosis and the helplessness – and disappointment (to put it mildly) – they felt when they realized they couldn't afford the medication that could possibly save their cancer-affected lives.

On one level, the commercials are image-branding Novartis as a pharmaceutical company that cares, one that doesn't necessarily let the cost of the medication/inability of a patient to pay, prevent that patient from receiving potentially life-saving medication. Their sensitivity – and generosity – knows no bounds, or at least that's part of the message.

The other part of the message, which most resonates with me (a currently-under-treatment cancer patient), is that the "experimental" medication (cost issues aside), at least as they relate to the radio spots I've heard: the grandmother who, due to the medication Novartis has generously provided has now lived six or seven years to see two new grandchildren (after receiving a grim prognosis initially); and the college student who, a few hours after attending a class, is told by his doctors that he has cancer and approximately two and a half years to live, a revelation he characterizes as "surreal," a description with which I'm intimately familiar and in total agreement (although, if truth be told, as accurate a description as "surreal" is to describe one's feelings after receiving a diagnosis of this severity/seriousness, it really doesn't begin to detail the layers of emotional bedrock that are torn apart when receiving this kind of news) saved their lives and/or at a minimum, gave them years and quality of life they had not anticipated. They lived, and are alive to share their, I-survived-cancer success stories.

And who doesn't want to hear success stories, especially anyone battling to overcome major health problems. If nothing else, hope always lives. Now whether it's realistic for cancer patients to damn the torpedoes and go full speed ahead; for my money/attitude/perspective, it sure beats the alternative. So yes, I'm hopeful. One day, I want to be on a radio/television commercial testifying to the unexpected success of a medication that shrunk my tumors and/or prevented their movement/metastasis and then there I am, 10 years later, alive and well, and living the dream: cancer free and healthy – and fortunate – enough to have seen the Boston Red Sox win two more World Series Championships; (totaling four so far in this century), one each for my father, mother, brother and myself. Is that too much to ask? Hopefully not.

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# CRIME

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## CENTER DISTRICT

### ASSAULT

#### 1100 Block Elden Street

The victim reported being assaulted by an acquaintance

### DRUNKENNESS

#### 1100 Block Elden Street

A 52-year-old male of Herndon, was arrested for drunk in public

#### 1100 Block Elden Street

A 31-year-old male of Herndon was arrested for drunk in public

### OTHER VIOLATIONS

#### 600 Block Dulles Park Court

An 18-year-old male of Ashburn was arrested for providing false ID to law enforcement

#### 1200 Block Elden Street

A subject attempted to purchase a money order with counterfeit money

#### 600 Block Dulles Park Court

Trespassing reported

### SERIOUS TRAFFIC RELATED INCIDENTS

#### 200 Block Elden Street

A 28-year-old male of Herndon was arrested for driving while intoxicated

## CALENDAR

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### Oatlands Paranormal Tours. 6 p.m. and 7 p.m.

at Oatlands Historic House and Gardens, 20850 Oatlands Plantation Lane, Leesburg. Take an evening tour through Oatlands mansion to hear about ghostly legends and paranormal investigations and maybe experience something of your own. Adults \$12, under age 12 \$5. Space is limited, call 703-777-3174 for reservations.

### WEDNESDAY/OCT. 28

#### English Conversation Group. 10 a.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton.

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#### Caregiving: Managing the Emotions. 7 p.m.

Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Learn how to manage anxiety, exhaustion, anger, depression and guilt to avoid becoming overwhelmed while caring for a loved one. 703-242-4020.

#### Seriously Scary Tales at The Night. 7 p.m.

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11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. This is not a critiquing group or writing workshop. It is meant as a place for discussion, sharing ideas and supporting creative colleagues in their writing. 703-689-2700.

### Creative Arts Programs Fall Showcases and Exhibitions, at the CenterStage of Reston Community Center.

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### THURSDAY/OCT. 29

#### 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.

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