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Artwork fills every corner of Steve and Robin Greenstreet's Lake Newport home, one of several stops on Saturday's Reston Home Tour. Even much of the lighting and furniture is art in its own right.

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Suntum's balcony looks down on Washington Plaza and Lake Anne.

## Making a Home in Reston

On home tour, visitors see how residents have made their houses their own.

BY MIKE DICICCO  
THE CONNECTION

After Judy and Stephen Over bought their townhouse in the Waterview Cluster four years ago, they decided the bedrooms needed to be rearranged. "The old master bedroom looked out on the carport, and I said, 'That's silly. I want to look out on the lake,'" Judy Over said.

They rebuilt all the middle of the upstairs, turning two bedrooms into the master bedroom, relocating the bathrooms and creating an art studio, where Judy Over creates some of the abstract artwork that decorates the house. The studio also includes a Murphy bed, making it a second guest room, and they installed a laundry sink in the guest bathroom to allow for art project cleanup.

The Overs' house was one of eight stops on the eighth annual Reston Home Tour on Saturday, Oct. 17. In spite of the cold rain, steady streams of visitors poured through the houses throughout the day, admiring renovations and décor and picking up ideas.

On the lower level of their house, the Overs opened up the doorways leading to the kitchen and turned a closet between the



Judy Over poses next to her fireplace where she hid the original white-painted bricks behind porcelain tiles with a metallic finish.

kitchen and dining area into extra countertop and cupboard space. Their most recent project was expanding the deck, which backs up on Lake Anne.

The house is one of the oldest in Reston, in the model row of the community's first cluster. The Overs, who have lived in Colorado for 25 years, bought it as a second home to put them near their grandchildren.

Also overlooking Lake Anne was Peggy Suntum's condominium on the eighth floor of the Heron House. A balcony that extends the length of her unit outside a wall of glass doors looks down on Washington Plaza and the lake.

**THE CONDO** includes two full bathrooms and only one bedroom, because Suntum turned one of the bedrooms into part of the living area. She also opened up what had



Robin and Steve Greenstreet replaced the kitchen in their Lake Newport home, among other 'updates' they made to the house.

been a small galley kitchen to the rest of the house and the view of the lake. And she painted the entire condo herself.

Having worked for and traveled with every president since Ronald Reagan, she has incorporated items from around the world into her home, from Africa to India, to the Middle East and Europe, although she has a special fondness for Italian style. Nowhere is this more evident than in the bathrooms, one of which has an ornately tiled shower and a chandelier, while the other contains an old-style, claw-footed bathtub.

Suntum's was the first unit in the historic Heron House to be included in the annual tour.

Steve and Robin Greenstreet have only been in their home on Lake Newport for a little over two years, but they have completely refashioned the house according to their tastes. "We didn't remodel the house, we just updated the house," Steve Greenstreet said, noting that they had replaced the kitchen, put in new flooring, ex-

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PHOTO BY CHRISTY STEELE/THE CONNECTION

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

## Keeping Area Clean

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/>.

— CHRISTY STEELE



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

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## COMMENTARY

# Sincerity as a Liability

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

Creigh Deeds, the Democratic candidate for governor, is not your usual politician. That is part of his charm. That is why people who really know him support him so strongly. Unfortunately, some of his endearing qualities may be proving to be a disadvantage in his race for governor. For example, Creigh has vast experience in state government having served in the House of Delegates and the State Senate where he continues to be a member. He knows the issues in all their complexities. When asked about issues, Creigh can discuss them in detail outlining the options and the process that would need to be followed to resolve them. For those who also know the issues and the challenges facing the Commonwealth, Creigh's answers reflect his broad experience, his maturity as a legislator and his problem solving skills in working with diverse interests. For those who may not know him as well and for those who are working hard to develop a negative image

of him, his answers may be made to sound unclear and indecisive. Some people seem to be swayed by simple answers even if they come from a strict, ideological framework.

Creigh understands the complexities of dealing with the transportation challenges facing the state. He knows that regional needs and interests are different. He knows that traditional funding sources are no longer adequate. He knows that delay is no longer an option. His response is mature, reasonable and workable. He would follow the same process that the state followed in the mid-1980s when it faced a similar challenge and when it put together the most successful transportation program ever. That process can work again to get a bipartisan program in place.

In contrast, his opponent has some simple solutions that do not come close to addressing the problem. Taking money from an already underfunded educational system is totally unacceptable to



me and most Virginians. Selling off the liquor stores may produce a one-time gain of a couple hundred million dollars but would cost localities hundreds of millions of dollars each year in future revenue that

goes to local governments. Creigh is too honest a person to give a simple answer to a complex question. His attempt to explain the considerations involved in meeting a challenge should be viewed for the sincerity, honesty and experience it displays. It reflects the qualities we can hope to have in our next governor. He can be a governor for all regions of the Commonwealth and for all the people of the state. His approach will move Virginia forward. He is not slick, and that is his strength. He has not memorized some lines that might get him elected but might not reflect him as a person. What you see is what you get with Creigh Deeds. I see a person who is ideal to lead Virginia in these tough times. I hope you will join me in voting for him on Nov. 3.



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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:

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- Military Identification card
- Any Federal, state, or local government-issued identification card
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- Original Social Security card

If you do not have an acceptable form of identification, you must complete, under oath, an Affirmation of Identity **BEFORE** you can vote.

## 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).

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

#### 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.

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

## 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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## 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 – 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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### 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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**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2009**

## 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

Mary Leadership Award are:

❖ 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 Glendenning 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

or her high school receives the William and Mary Leadership Award and is invited to come to campus for one weekend the following fall during the senior year to attend the William and Mary Leadership Conference.

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

**T**urn to pages 5-7 in this week's Reston 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.

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Do your part for public service by turning out to vote on Nov. 3. To find your polling place and find information on what exactly will be on your ballot, see [www.sbe.virginia.gov](http://www.sbe.virginia.gov) and click on "voter information."

## 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.soberride.com](http://www.soberride.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.

Or you can vote early in person at the local elections office and some satellite locations. Call the registrar or check the Web site for hours.

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## Offering 'Different Outcome'

### Candidate in 36th District presents his transportation plan.

BY HUGH "MAC" CANNON

**T**he economic health of Northern Virginia in general, and Greater Reston in particular, rests in our ability to relieve the region from the stranglehold of congestion. Being stuck in traffic not only affects the productivity of workers but the quality of life of families. If we don't begin to solve our transportation crisis soon, companies will begin leaving the Dulles Corridor for more mobile locations.

As a candidate for the House of Delegates from the 36th District, and one who commutes daily from Reston to Tysons Corner, I not only live the burden of our deficient transportation system on a daily basis, but I'd given a lot of thought to the problem before entering the race.

Northern Virginia is the economic engine of the Commonwealth. But how is it that we got into our mobility problem? Fairfax

alone has 14 percent of Virginia's population but pays 28 percent of the state's income tax. Yet we get back only 25 cents on every dollar we send to Richmond. Let me put it this way: would you deposit money in a savings account at a bank if that bank was only going to give you 25 cents back for each dollar you deposit? Of course not. But that is what the 36th District has done each time it has re-elected Ken Plum (D) for some 30 years.

Albert Einstein once said "The definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results." We've got to stop the insanity of electing Ken Plum, getting 25 cents back for every dollar we send to Richmond, and then being shocked when nothing changes.

Ken has constantly said taxes need to be raised to fix the transportation problem. The issue, however, is not some right wing "I



won't raise taxes" pledge. The issue is throwing good money after bad. If raising taxes results in better transportation, I think a lot of people would support it. But there is no confidence that raising taxes will solve anything. I will

work to make certain we don't do the same thing over and over and then expect a different outcome. If you want a different outcome, you need change. Ken Plum represents 30 years of the status quo. I represent change and something different.

The first thing I will do in the General Assembly is create an Urban-Suburban Coalition, a bipartisan Coalition of Republicans and Democrats, delegates and senators, from Northern Virginia, the Richmond Interstate 95 corridor and the Tidewater region to develop proposals to change the funding formulas in Virginia. I will bring together a coalition of legislators from the parts of Virginia that have the greatest transportation needs, and gather the votes to change the formula. This coali-

tion will also work to find new revenue sources for transportation, like offshore oil and gas royalties, fees and receipts; like privatizing the ABC (Why is state government in the liquor store business? Is selling booze really a top priority of state government services?) and putting liquor store sales tax revenues and fees into transportation; and doing an inventory of surplus state owned land and putting the revenues into transportation for Northern Virginia.

And I wouldn't put all the new money into one project, Rail to Dulles. That is an important project, and we must complete it and do it the right way, but I don't think anyone is going to take the train to the grocery store or to the cleaners on Saturday morning. We're not going to take the kids to soccer games on rail. We've got to widen Reston Parkway. We need to fix the intersection of Hunter Mill Road and Sunset Hills and the Toll Road. We need to widen Route 7 all the way from Loudoun County to Tysons Corner. We need

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## THURSDAY/OCT. 22

**Chantilly-Centreville Chamber of Commerce Monthly Power Networking Breakfast.** 7:45-9:30 a.m. at the Holiday Inn Select, Expo Center, Chantilly. Network, exchange business cards, develop prospects and introduce your company to other attendees. Those who register prior to the event will have their contact information provided to all attendees at registration. \$30 dollars for members. 703-815-6060 or

[dullesherndonregionalchamber.org](http://dullesherndonregionalchamber.org).  
**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)



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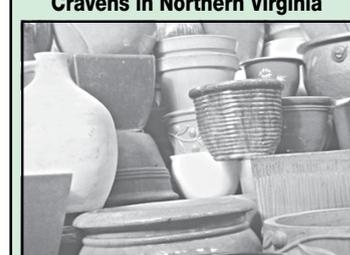
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## Great Pumpkin 5K, Children Pumpkin Dash Attract 1,600 Runners

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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### 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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**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 Rigby (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. [ghitexasholdem.eventbrite.com/](http://ghitexasholdem.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).  
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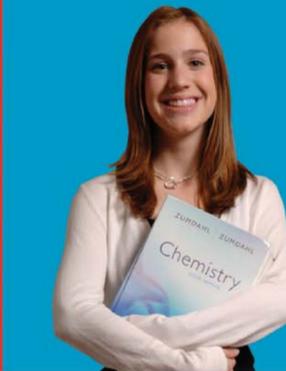
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# WEEK IN RESTON

## Fall Showcases and Exhibitions at CenterStage

The 2009 Creative Art Program (CAP) Fall Showcases and Exhibitions will take place at the CenterStage of Reston Community Center on Tuesday and Wednesday, Oct. 27 and 28. Representatives of registered schools and other organizations can enjoy performances and exhibits by CAPs artists. Artist displays will be in the lobby during check-in time from 9:30 - 10 a.m. each

morning. Performances begin at 10 a.m. and go to about 12:30 p.m. each day. This is a prime opportunity for organizations to review potential programs for schools, family events, and corporate events.

## UCP to Host Charitable Music Festival

Regional gospel favorites Earnest Pugh and Kim & Kelly Butler will per-

form as headliners in Music Explosion '09, a new music festival produced and hosted by Reston's United Christian Parish (UCP).

The Oct. 24 festival — which includes afternoon (3 p.m.) and evening (7 p.m.) performances — features a mix of local Christian music groups and will benefit two local charities.

"At a time when so many people around the world are in a state of social and spiritual discord, we're thrilled to be hosting an ecumenical music event that celebrates the human family and brings the Reston/Herndon faith communities together for a great cause," said UCP pastor Joan Bell-Haynes.

Proceeds from the festival 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, which provides homeless people with nightly indoor sleeping accommodations and hot meals during the winter months.

In addition to the headliners, other performers will include: the UCP Adult Choir, Praise Dancers and Bell Choir; the Teen Choir of Reston's Heritage Fellowship; the Washington Plaza Baptist Church choir; Voices of Worship (a Sterling Community Choir); the choir of

Herndon's Iglesia Bautista Shalom; and the choir of Martin Luther King Church of Reston. "We fully expect the festival to grow into one of Reston's most acclaimed community events," said Jack Moore, festival committee chair and a long-time Reston resident.

Music Explosion tickets are \$20 for the matinee and \$30 for the evening show. Visit [www.UCP-MusicExplosion.org](http://www.UCP-MusicExplosion.org)

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# Touring Reston Homes

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changed the old fireplace for a high-tech gas model and installed display cases and numerous niches in the walls to house their vast art collection.

Artwork fills every corner of the house, and much of the furniture and lighting, from the tubular, New Mexican-styled chandelier over the foyer to the coffee table made from driftwood in the TV room, is art in its own right. Most of the work is sculpture and pottery, although the walls are not without paintings.

"We spend a lot of time in New Mexico, in and around Santa Fe, Taos, the pueblos," said Robin Greenstreet, noting that much of their art comes from that area, although she said they also collect from local artists.

"Her sister is an artist, and that's how we got started collecting art," her husband said.

The house is modern and angular, and the lower level is broken up into different elevations. Upstairs, a loft office juts out over the foyer, giving a view of the rooms below. And numerous skylights and windows — both rectangular and round — let in an abundance of natural light and afford views of the lake.

The view from Esin and Elmer Reinhardt's townhouse in the Golf Course Cluster is of the third green on the Reston National Golf Course and the fairway beyond.

Across the master bedroom from the golf course view, the couple turned another bedroom into a huge walk-in closet, with dressers and cabinets, beyond which the master bathroom is situated. Nonetheless, Elmer Reinhardt has his own separate closet in a guest bedroom.

**EIGHTEENTH CENTURY ARTWORK**, Turkish ceramics and other art adorns the house, along with numerous handmade rugs. And the basement is finished, polished, fully furnished and decorated to create one of the most welcoming spaces in the house.

Also abundant in the Reinhardt's home are mirrors. Throughout most of the house, the mirrors create a feeling of spaciousness. But in the master bedroom, mirrors from Turkey, where the couple met, hang facing the wall, in accordance with the Turkish belief that vanity should not be encouraged by mirrors in private places. They can be turned around but normally show only the ornate metalwork on the back.

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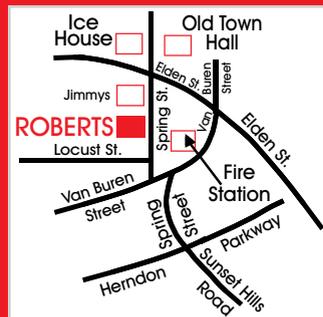
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# Proposal For Day One

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to start using technology to synchronize our traffic lights. That's where I'll put the money.

The last tax increase Ken Plum voted for resulted in no money going to transportation and only 30 cents on the dollar coming back to Northern Virginia. And the last time a comprehensive plan to pro-

vide funds for transportation was considered in the General Assembly, Ken Plum voted "no" twice, first when the bill passed the House of Delegates and then a second time when the House-Senate conference bill came back to the House. That kind of thinking has to be replaced.

I won't be a partisan party Caucus Chair. That would not be in the

best interests of the people of the greater Reston area. Rather than being a partisan, I'll work across party lines, with Republicans and Democrats to change the formula and get our fair share back to Northern Virginia.

Reapportionment after next year's census will give my coalition the votes needed to change the formula and get Northern Virginia's fair share, something Ken Plum has failed to do in 30 years. It's the first thing I will do

as your delegate. I'll take action on day one. We need solutions now.

That's my transportation plan. You can debate it, even disagree with it. But you cannot deny one fact. I am the only candidate for the House of Delegates from the 36th District who has a transportation plan.

*The writer is the Republican candidate for the House of Delegates from the 36th District.*

## Call for Change

To the Editor:

There has been much talk of "change" as of late, but there is one local change from which long-suffering Reston-area commuters would clearly benefit: the replacement of our 30-year incumbent Del. Ken Plum (D-36).

On an issue of overriding concern to Reston commuters, trans

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portation funding and attendant matters, Del. Plum's fudge is a "commission to come up with viable sources of revenue." Yet another vote for a tax hike, Ken?

He opines that the "biggest task facing the legislature will be dealing with continued shortfalls in tax revenue." Hmm. Those pesky tax shortfalls.

He prides himself on "staying in touch with people." But not necessarily listening to them. HB2021 called, as a highway safety measure, for the temporary impoundment of the vehicles of persons with previous convictions caught driving without a valid license. Eighty-eight delegates clearly considered this bill eminently sensible and voted in favor of it. Who could be opposed? Del. Plum, with just eight others, voted against. Staying in touch?

The pragmatic, problem-solving business executive Hugh "Mac" Cannon (R) has a workable plan to build roads and improve mass transit and, what is most important, a way of paying for it without the emphasis on raising taxes.

Out with the old, in with the new. "Mac" Cannon for delegate and Reston's commuters!

**Harry Locoek**  
Reston

## Signs of Time

To the Editor:

I'd like to rebut Del. Ken Plum's (D-36) recent commentary in the Reston Connection [Reston Connection, Oct. 7-13, 2009.] Mr. Plum identified political signs not only as "litter," but also illegal. This is wrong on several levels.

Mr. Plum identified the wrong Virginia Code in his article (33.1-378). This code mentions nothing about where or whether political signs may be placed. Those codes are identified elsewhere. In fact, Virginia Code seems to contradict Mr. Plum's assertion about signs placed on state-maintained medians within our municipality (33.1-353).

His error notwithstanding, where were Mr. Plum's protestations just this past June, when signs for the Democrat Primary challengers — Deeds, McAuliffe and Moran — "littered" the Reston landscape? Only now that he is being challenged for his seat has this become the "cause du jour" for Mr. Plum.

Why is Mr. Plum, rather than discussing his stand on the issues, focusing instead on a non-issue like political signs? He has not of

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# SPORTS

## Winning Seahawks In Search of Victories

Hostetler's girls hopeful of a few wins in the Liberty.

BY RICH SANDERS  
THE CONNECTION

**K**elly Kolb is the kind of energetic spark every coach loves to have on their roster.

Kolb, the libero (defensive specialist) for the South Lakes High girls' volleyball team, brings her all-out style of play every time she takes the floor for the 8-6 Seahawks.

"She's a great defensive player, she hustles and she's not afraid to dive on the floor," said Cheri Hostetler, the South Lakes head coach, of the scrappy, 5-foot-5 inch junior. "She's very motivated."

Last year on the South Lakes JV team, Kolb played a setter position. But Hostetler, the more she saw Kolb play, recognized the traits that would make a good libero player. Kolb, to her credit, has made the successful position transition this fall season, her first as a varsity player. Kolb's athleticism is one of the best attributes of her game.

"She's a basketball player [in the winter] and a soccer player [in the spring]," said Hostetler. "[At libero] you're looking for a really good athlete. She's great at hustling and is a great passer. She's a natural leader. We barely ever take her off the court."

Kolb and her teammates played a solid all-around match early last

week when South Lakes defeated non-district opponent Washington-Lee, three games to two, on Oct. 13. The match took place at Washington-Lee's home court in Arlington. The victory snapped a four-match losing streak for South Lakes.

"We had lost to some pretty tough teams," said Hostetler, of the Seahawks' prior losing spell going into the Washington-Lee match. "They really fought hard in that match against a [Washington-Lee] team that was pretty equal with us."

South Lakes received a particularly good match from junior middle hitter Bethany Lowe.

"She just did a great job and held her own," said Hostetler, of the 6-2 Lowe. She and [senior team co-captain] Stephanie Heimburg are both middle hitters."

South Lakes carried a 7-2 record following a three games to two match win at non-district opponent Lee (Springfield) on Sept. 16. But Hostetler's squad lost its next four matches — setbacks to Jefferson, Stone Bridge, Hayfield and Langley — before getting back on track with the victory over the Generals. During the four-match skid, all of the losses came at home with the exception of the Langley match on Oct. 8.

**WHILE SOUTH LAKES** was 8-6 overall going into this week, it was 0-4 in Liberty District play. The

Seahawks were scheduled to play district matches this week against host team Madison on Monday (Oct. 19) and at McLean on Wednesday. Next week, the Seahawks will wrap up the regular season with home matches versus non-district foe Lake Braddock on Oct. 26 and district opponent McLean on Oct. 29. The match against the Highlanders will be South Lakes' Senior Night. The team's three seniors who will be honored in pre-match ceremonies that night are co-captain Jordan Hostetler, the daughter of coach Hostetler, Daria Victorov, and Stephanie Heimburg. Team manager Ben King will also be recognized.

Coach Hostetler believes her team has the ability to qualify for the upcoming Northern Region tournament. In order to do so, the Seahawks must win at least one match at the Liberty District tournament in two weeks. The team needs to prove to itself it can win a few regular season district matches against district opponents before the start of postseason play.

The coach believes the Seahawks have progressively improved over the course of the season. South Lakes will not be denied a regional berth for lack of effort. Already this season has been a success compared to two years ago when the Seahawks were 2-15 and last year when they went 5-12.

"They just need to keep up the good work," said Hostetler, of her team. "I know they can win and they know they can win. They're excited."



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**South Lakes' Seth Hauter, a junior wide receiver, looks for running room in a recent Seahawks' win over McLean. South Lakes plays a non-region game at Dominion in Sterling this Friday night.**

### 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).

## Branch Dismissed as SLHS Boys' Basketball Coach

BY RICH SANDERS  
THE CONNECTION

**D**arryl Branch, the boys' head basketball coach at South Lakes High School for the past two years, will not be with the program this upcoming winter season.

Branch was let go as head coach early last week. South Lakes Principal Bruce Butler would not say why Branch, a longtime assistant coach with the Seahawks prior to becoming head coach in 2007, was released.

"Darryl served us well and did a very good job with the program for a long time," said Butler on Monday, Oct. 19 "He put his heart into it. We thought it was a good time to take a step in this direction."

Practices for the upcoming season are set to start up in November. Butler said an interim head coach for the 2009-10 season would likely be named this week. The interim head coach selection would probably be someone who has been a part of and is familiar with the South Lakes' program. Butler said Linda Jones, the school's director of student activi-

ties, was overseeing the process of bringing in an interim head coach.

"We have a large group of experienced coaches that have been with the program a long time," said Butler. "The time isn't there to go into a lengthy interview process." Following the season, Butler said an extensive job search to find a long term head coach will take place

**BRANCH**, a 1989 South Lakes graduate, joined the Seahawks' basketball program as a part of Wendell Byrd's staff in 1993. He remained an assistant with Byrd for

14 years before being named head coach in May 2007 at the age of 36.

Branch, in his first season as head coach during the 2007-08 season, led South Lakes to a 17-6 record. The Seahawks, however, lost to McLean in a first round Liberty District playoff game, and did not qualify for the 16-team region tournament.

Last season, South Lakes finished 14-9 overall and was second in the regular season district standings. Once again, however, the Seahawks lost to McLean in the first round at districts and did not make regionals.

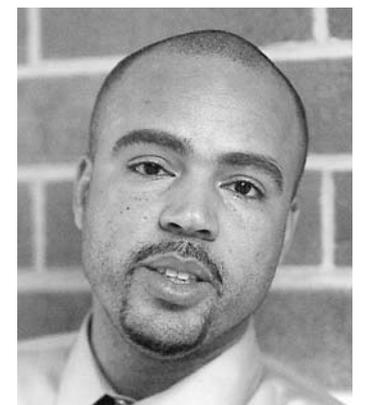


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**Darryl Branch coached the South Lakes boys' basketball team the past two years.**

# 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.
- 1400 block of North Point Village Center.** Laptop computers stolen from business.
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## Ready, Willing, and Hopefully Able



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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## Standing Up for Community

By JOHN LOVAAS  
CIVIC LEADER AND RESTON  
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Developer JBG is at it again. After steamrolling the huge (1 million square foot plus) Reston Heights project on Sunrise Valley Drive through the county based on a disputed 1985 zoning map, they have turned their attention to a nice apartment community half way between Lake Anne and Town Center, the Fairway Apartments, where traffic congestion is not yet stifling.

On Oct. 5, JBG operatives appeared before the Reston Planning and Zoning (P & Z) Committee to press their proposal for "Fairway Revitalization." Citing a blob labeled high density on the 45-year old Reston Master Plan, JBG means to tear down all 371 affordable apartments and replace them with 910 high-end condos and 29 townhouses. Yep, scratch 371 more affordable homes in Reston, where once upon a time we promised housing for all income strata.

When JBG first presented condolandia a few months ago, the sometimes reticent P&Z was uncharacteristically critical of the whole concept, noting that it was far too intense for a stable neighborhood halfway between two high density development nodes. Never mind, said the slick guys, we found a high density blob on the old plan which makes it's OK. Furthermore, their leader said that since the last meeting with P&Z, JBG had had private meetings with the people who count — Supervisor Catherine Hudgins (D-Hunter Mill), her appointed Planning Commissioner Frank de la Fe and Robert Simon. Between the blob

and the private meetings, the JBG guys felt they had all the OKs needed to go full speed ahead with 50 units per acre, impacts be damned. Furthermore, they said they would guarantee no affordable housing on the site — none! They offered only cosmetic changes to the original 940-unit project. As to tripling traffic generated, not to worry, a traffic light at Temporary and North Shore would totally solve that. Then, they stopped and waited for applause from P&Z and the community.

None was forthcoming. The P & Z chair asked for comments from Design Review Board Chair Richard Newlon and St. Clair Williams of the county planning staff. The DRB chair carefully read a letter shredding the proposal on grounds of inappropriateness to the setting. Fundamental changes were needed, including reducing the density. Mr. Williams said that, based on JBG's original proposal (before cosmetic changes), county planning staff would recommend denial. When P&Z members then spoke, most were broadly negative, including one expression of outrage about the private meetings with folks JBG regarded as above the community processes.

This was not their night, so JBG did not ask for a vote or formal action by P&Z. They said they would return, possibly Nov. 2, with a modified proposal for action and would meet in the interim with the DRB as requested. Chutzpah not exhausted, the JBG chief closed by noting that JBG was happy to talk about many things, but high density was a given and not on the table. The P&Z chair quietly corrected him — "everything is on the table." Nov. 2!

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financially campaigned in years. Does he view this seat as an entitlement? Why isn't he devoting all of his efforts explaining to us, his constituents, about the real issues we face in Reston, such as transportation and crime? Should Mr. Plum choose to rebut my letter, it only proves that he is not dedicating his time to the issues at hand.

To Mr. Plum, these political signs may represent litter. But to me, a relative newcomer to the political landscape, these signs represent fervor for the political process and a hope for new leadership and fresh ideas.

With all due respect, Mr. Plum's attitude

smacks of an entitlement mentality toward a delegate seat he's held for almost 30 years — he's run unopposed much of that time. Rather than view them in a negative, partisan way, I choose to see these signs as inspiration, as an emblem of the democratic process. Unfortunately, I'm afraid Mr. Plum sees these signs as an impediment to what he views as his birthright, that he is a member of the nobility. I wonder if he views campaigning for his seat as an "inconvenience." Maybe we should begin to address him as "Master Plum."

Paige Roberts  
Reston

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### Obituary Mr. Talbot Millard Walls, Jr.

Mr. Talbot Millard Walls, Jr., 67 of Waterford, VA passed away October 9, 2009. Tal Walls worked for NACI, Systemhouse, US Air, and George Washington University before opening Walls Lithographics (Chantilly, VA) with his son Martin. He was also active in his son Jerald's business, Walls Nursery, Kearneysville, WV. He was a member of Benjamin B. French Lodge # 1, in Washington, DC and was a 32nd Degree Mason with Alexandria Consistory Scottish Rite. Mr. Walls is survived by his wife Suzanne, two sons: Jerald of Kearneysville, WV, and Martin of Leesburg, VA; one sister, Mrs. Aileen Cole of Sherman Oaks, CA, and five grandchildren: Victoria, Lauren, Logan, Allison and Marylynn. Funeral services were held on Monday, October 12 2009 at National Funeral Home, Falls Church, VA Interment in National Memorial Park, Falls Church, VA. The Family requests donations be made to the American Diabetes Association in Mr. Walls memory.

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### Walter Althausen Architect

Walter Althausen, 83, who retired from the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System in 1986, died October 8, 2009. He died from mesothelioma, a cancer caused by exposure to asbestos. Mr. Althausen, an architect, was also employed by the U.S. Department of State, and worked overseas in Vienna, Austria, Singapore, and Paris, France.

Walter Althausen served in the U.S. Navy during WWII. He was a native of San Francisco, CA, and a graduate of the University of California, Berkeley. In 1966 he moved with his wife and family to Reston and has remained one of Reston's long standing residents. He enjoyed photography and woodworking. Survivors include his wife of 50 years, Eleonore, daughter Lisa DiNunzio, of Burke, and two grandchildren, Alexa and Christian.

The memorial service will take place at 2:00 pm, Friday, November 6, at the ADAMS-GREEN Funeral Home 721 Elden St. Herndon, VA. The inurnment is private. The family requests that in lieu of flowers memorials be made to Mesothelioma Applied Research Foundation, P.O. Box 91840, Santa Barbara, CA 93190-1840 in the name of Walter Althausen or to Capital Hospice; Attn: Philanthropy Office 2900 Telestar Ct. Falls Church, VA 22042 www.capitalhospice.org

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