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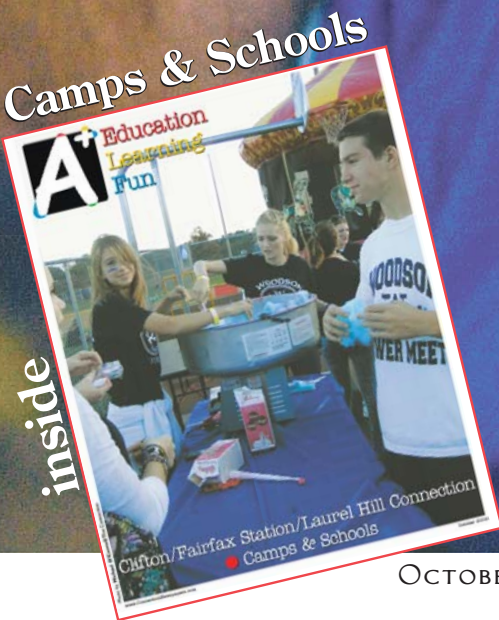
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## 42nd Delegate Race: War of the Words

Accusations fly in most expensive state house race ever.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE  
THE CONNECTION

**M**ike DeLoose is chair of the Springfield District Council, a collective of community associations and homeowners groups across southern Fairfax County from Centreville to Lorton.

Several local elected officials rely on the council, particularly DeLoose, to serve as the citizens' voice in on issues as varied as West Springfield High School's facility shortfalls to the completion of the Fairfax County Parkway.

But DeLoose might never have gotten as heavily involved in civic engagement or citizen advocacy had it not been for a knock at his door from Del. Dave Albo (R-42), who has represented the 42nd District in the Virginia House of Delegates since 1994.

"About 15 years ago, Dave came knocking at my door, telling me I ought to join the West Springfield Civic Association. I said 'Fine, I will. But who are you?' Then, he told me he was president of the organization," said DeLoose.

DeLoose eventually took over as president of the West Springfield Civic Association and has gotten to work with the delegate, who now lives in Fairfax Station, on many community problems. DeLoose called Albo, who grew up in the area and graduated from West Springfield High School, a pragmatic and effective politician, who wants to get things accomplished for the local community.

"I've known Dave Albo a long time and he has been in this community for decades. When you talk to him about school facilities or roads, he gets it because he knows what you are talking about immediately," said DeLoose, who typically votes in Repub-



**Del. Dave Albo (R-42), pictured with his son Ben, is running for re-election in the Virginia House of Delegates 42nd District.**



**Democrat Greg Werkheiser is running for the Virginia House of Delegates seat in the 42nd District.**

lican primary elections but also works with several Democratic elected officials, he said.

With the exception of Albo's time as an

**"We pay more than enough in taxes. We need to recover a fairer portion of what we pay."**

— Greg Werkheiser (D)

undergraduate at the University of Virginia and year in law school at the University of Richmond, the Republican has lived and worked in the Springfield and Fairfax Station area his whole life.

"It is not that Dave is a Republican delegate. It is that he is an effective guy. I put him in the same class of public servant as [Democratic state Sen.] George Barker and [Democratic Fairfax County chairman]

Sharon Bulova. They are obviously partisan, but they regularly reach across party lines. They are interested in getting things done," said DeLoose.

**A SIMILAR LEVEL** of praise has been heaped on Democrat Greg Werkheiser, Albo's challenger in the upcoming delegate election Nov. 3. Werkheiser, who ran against Albo in 2005, is hoping to unseat the incumbent in the 42nd Delegate seat, which spans parts of Burke, Fairfax Station, Lorton and Springfield.

The Democrat has a compelling life story. Born and raised in rural Pennsylvania, Werkheiser's parents worked multiple jobs, including custodial and domestic positions, to make ends meet.

The candidate first came to the Commonwealth to attend the College of William & Mary, his "dream school," as an undergraduate student.

But Werkheiser almost did not make it to Virginia, since former Republican Gov. George Allen, in the midst of a budget deficit, cut funding to higher education in the early 1990s, resulting in the elimination of the financial assistance Werkheiser was supposed to receive for college tuition, said the candidate.

Luckily, a man overheard the candidate's grandmother complaining about the tuition situation over breakfast in a local Pennsylv

### Money Race: 42nd District

**W**ith two weeks to go until the Nov. 3 Election Day, the 2009 race for the 42nd District seat in the House of Delegates is shaping up to be the most expensive race of its kind in the history of Virginia. It is likely to get even pricier, since the last few weeks of the election are typically the most expensive of the entire campaign cycle.

Together, Del. Dave Albo (R-42) and Democratic challenger Greg Werkheiser spent a total of approximately \$1.46 million by Oct. 21 fighting over a part-time job that pays less than \$20,000 per year.

According to the Virginia Public Access Project, approximately 55,000 potential voters live in the 42nd District, meaning that the campaigns combined have already spent about \$26.50 on each person who could cast a ballot in their favor.

In reality, less than half of the people who can vote actually turn up at the polls. When Albo and Werkheiser ran against each other for the first time four years ago, only about 20,000 voters showed up to vote in that delegate race. If the same voter turn out occurs this year, the two campaigns will have already spent approximately \$73 on each vote cast in the race.

Incumbents typically have an easier time raising money and Albo, who has been in the legislature since 1994, is ahead of Werkheiser in terms of campaign income.

From 2008 through Oct. 21 of this year, Albo received \$776,896.62 in campaign donations. He was also able to carry over previous funds from his 2006 and 2007 fund-raising efforts, for a total of \$843,890.75 overall.

Werkheiser raised \$685,385.73 during the 2008 and 2009 time period and had no money to carry over from a previous election cycle.

Albo is the fifth most successful fund raiser and Werkheiser is the sixth most successful fund raiser of all the candidates running for the 100 seats up for re-election in the Virginia House of Delegates this year.

Of the few people ahead of 42nd District candidates in the money race, most are members of the Democratic or Republican leadership, such as House Speaker William Howell (R-28) and Democratic House minority

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### Top Donors in 42nd District Race

According to the Virginia Public Access Project, the following are the largest donors for each campaign as of Sept. 30. For more up to date information, visit [www.vpap.org](http://www.vpap.org).

Del. Dave Albo (R-42)			
Donor	Location	Occupation	Donation
Virginia Trial Lawyers Association	Richmond	Litigation	\$21,500
Medical Society of Virginia	Henrico	Physicians	\$17,500
Virginia Bankers Association	Glen Allen	Banks	\$15,000
Chris Jones for Delegate	Suffolk	GOP House Leadership	\$13,700
Service Distributing Inc.	Lorton	Alcohol Distributors	\$10,500

Greg Werkheiser (D)			
Donor	Location	Occupation	Donation
Democratic House Caucus	Richmond	Democratic House Leadership	\$141,448
Democratic Party of Virginia	Richmond	State Political Party	\$110,806
Suzann W. Matthews	McLean	Retired Commodities Trader	\$42,400
Edward Hart Rice	Vienna	Financial Advisor	\$22,100
Fairfax Co. Democratic Cmte.	Falls Church	County Political Party	\$13,356





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**Farm Fresh** First grade students at Clifton Elementary 'churned' their own butter to the aroma of freshly baked bread during the annual Bread Day Feast. Students learned what ingredients go into making various types of bread and then enjoyed sampling their efforts. Here, Jenna Gibson and Sean Cunningham take turns shaking a jar full of cream to make it turn into butter.

## Arrest in Lorton Abduction/Malicious Wounding

A 40-year-old Springfield man was arrested and charged for the abduction and malicious wounding of a 52-year-old woman in Lorton on Monday, Oct. 26.



POLICE PHOTO

**Boda**

According to the Fairfax County Police, the victim was walking on a trail behind the former Lorton Prison shortly after 11 a.m. when a man approached her from behind. He forced her to the ground and then punched her numerous times in the head and face. The victim struggled and eventually fended off her attacker. She sustained non life-threatening injuries.

The subsequent investigation led to the identification and arrest of Milan Boda, of the 8200 block of Burning Forest Court in Springfield. He was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center and charged with abduction and malicious wounding. Police declined to say how the investigation led to Boda due to the ongoing nature of the investigation.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Crime Solvers by phone at 1-866-411-TIPS/8477, e-mail at [www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org](http://www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org) or text "TIP187" plus a message to CRIMES/274637 or call Fairfax County Police at 703-691-2131.

## Fairfax Asks Voters To Back School Construction on Ballot

In addition to choosing elected officials, voters will be asked to sign off on new debt in the amount of \$232,580,000 for Fairfax County Public Schools' construction projects Nov 3.

Residents are able to check "yes" or "no" on the election ballot regarding whether the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors should borrow money and issue capital improvement bonds to pay for school building projects.

Should the bond measure pass, the school system is not

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# Parkway Crash Kills Two

**Mother, father dead at scene, leave four children.**

**A** four-car crash in the Pohick area claimed the lives of the parents of four girls Saturday, Oct. 24.

According to Fairfax County Police, Michael K. Merrill, 47, and Jeanne M. Merrill, 42, of Fairfax Station, were driving north on the Fairfax County Parkway with three of their four daughters around 5 p.m. when their Honda Pilot was struck by a Toyota Corolla near the Rolling Road exit. The Pilot and the Corolla, which was also traveling north, crossed over the median into the southbound lanes, where an oncoming car hit the Pilot.

The parents were pronounced dead at the scene and their three daughters, ages 13, 3 and 1, were transported to Inova Fairfax Hospital. The girls were treated for non-life threatening injuries and were later released to family members. The driver of one of the southbound-traveling car was also transported to Inova Fairfax with non life-threatening injuries. No one else involved in the crash required medical

attention. Family friend Kimber Williams said that the family was returning home after picking up food from Bertucci's, an Italian Restaurant.

"They were the best parents ever," Williams said. "They did everything for their children. Anything the children wanted to go out and try, they'd find a way to do it. It's a huge loss."

According to Officer Tawny Wright of the Fairfax County Police, no one involved was speeding, and alcohol was not a factor in the crash. She said that police are still investigating whether wet road conditions played a role in the crash.

"Nobody has been charged with anything at this time," Wright said. "Speed and alcohol do not appear to be factors, but the weather was likely a contributing factor. It wasn't raining at the time of the crash, but it had just rained so the road may have been wet."

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— JUSTIN FANIZZI

**"They were the best parents ever."**

— Kimber Williams, family friend



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## Fall Picnic

Clifton Elementary School teachers and families took advantage of a beautiful autumn evening to re-connect at the Annual Fall Picnic. Here, Alyssa Scott, Julia Missar and Miranda Mangahas check out the selections on the dessert table.

## COLLEGE NOTES

**Daniel Steven Mannino** of Fairfax Station graduated from Radford University at the end of the summer session. Mannino, son of Philip Mannino of Clara Barton Drive, earned a bachelor of science degree in physics.

The following Virginia Tech students from Fairfax Station have gained membership to the Marching Virginians at

Virginia Tech:

❖ **Jacquelyn Bruhn** is a freshman majoring in biochemistry in the college of science.

❖ **Sarah Edwards** is a freshman majoring in music in the college of liberal arts and human sciences.

❖ **David Peterson** is a sophomore majoring in civil engineering and environmental engineering in the college of

engineering. To qualify for the marching band students must audition one week before the beginning of classes each fall.

**Claire Helmke** of Lorton, a freshman majoring in university studies at Virginia Tech, gained membership to the Marching Virginians at Virginia Tech. To join, Helmke auditioned one week before the start of fall classes.



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## THURSDAY/OCT. 29

**Family Learning Center Grand Opening.** Lynbrook Elementary will be having a Grand Opening to celebrate the newest addition to the school and the community. Families are invited from 5-6:30 p.m., to come out and explore the available programs that will be at Lynbrook's Family Learning Center, 5801 Backlick Road, Springfield. 703-866-2954.

## THURSDAY/NOV. 5

**Clifton Community Woman's Club Meeting** 9 a.m. at the Fairfax Station Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station. Malou Innocent, a foreign policy analyst with the Cato Institute will be speaking about her experiences and the situation in Afghanistan and Pakistan.

**Clifton Community Woman's Club Night Unit Meeting** is 7:30 p.m. and will feature Lynn Garvey Hodge on the woman's suffragist movement. She will be dressed in complete time period costume. The meeting will be at a member's home. Those interested in attending any CCWC meeting may contact Membership

Chair Linda Beckman at 703-266-0213.

## FRIDAY/NOV. 6

**Seventh Annual Caregiver Luncheon and Resource Fair.** Fairfax County invites family caregivers of older adults to a luncheon and resource fair in celebration of National Family Caregiver's Month from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., at the Springfield Golf and Country Club, 8301 Old Keene Mill Road, Springfield. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. The luncheon costs \$10 and registration is required. Register at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/aaa.

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# Dave Albo from our Community



Dave grew up in West Springfield and now lives in South County with his wife, Rita, and their son, Ben.

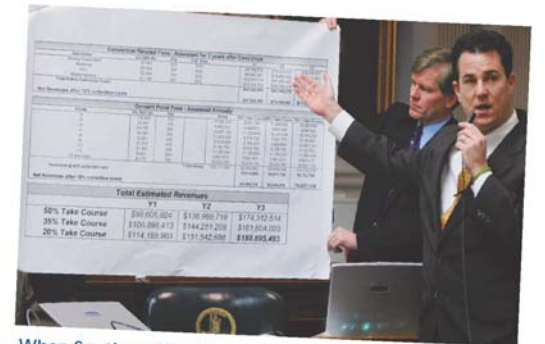
As a member of our community, Dave Albo:

- Donates half of his own House of Delegates salary to local charities, youth sports programs, conservation projects, scouts, and schools (eg: PTA, sports, band).
- Served as Prosecutor for Fairfax City, Guardian for abused children and President of the West Springfield Civic Association prior to his 16 years of service as your Delegate.

# Dave Albo Standing up for Fairfax

As our representative in the Virginia General Assembly, Dave Albo:

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- Developed the financing mechanism that built SCSS and delivered state funding for our new South County Middle School.
- Is working to create more slots at Virginia public universities for in-state, and especially Fairfax Co., students.



# Albo, Werkheiser Run in 42nd District

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vania diner at the time and he offered to put up the money for Werkheiser's college tuition, according to the candidate.

As a result of his good fortune, Werkheiser has spent a significant amount of his time and resources trying to give back to the community.

In 2006, Werkheiser and his wife Marion left their jobs at law firms behind and founded The Phoenix Project, which, in part, seeks to pair high-achieving undergraduate and graduate students in Virginia with organizations and groups that work in areas of the Commonwealth with low-income populations for community improvement projects.

By bringing students and at-risk populations together in Virginia, The Phoenix Project has taken on local issues including developing a marketing strategy for a local non-profit organization that promotes literacy, performing an architectural survey in a low-income neighborhood seeking a historic designation and providing information on best practices for combating lead poisoning to an underserved community in Virginia, according to the organization's Web site.

"What he has done with his time, I have been very impressed with that. His organi-

zation ... has helped people living along the Route 1 corridor. Greg has lived in this area long enough to know that no everyone in Northern Virginia is wealthy," said Sheena Forester, who lives in West Springfield and considers herself a Democrat.

**LOCAL RESIDENTS** are getting their fill of Albo and Werkheiser through their television sets, over their radios and especially in their mailboxes.

This year's contest in the 42nd District is the most expensive delegate race in the history of Virginia, with the campaigns spending a total \$1.46 million combined as of Oct. 21 to woo supporters. The final dollar figure spent on the district with approximately 55,000 potential voters is likely to significantly higher, since campaigns tend to spend the most money in the final two weeks of the election, according to several political party leaders.

In 2005, Albo beat Werkheiser in a fairly close election, winning 51.2 percent of the vote to Werkheiser's 47.7 percent of the vote. The Republican won by considerably

larger margins in 2001 (61 percent) and 1996 (76 percent), the only other competitive elections he has participated in over the past decade.

**WHAT THE CAMPAIGNS** are choosing to highlight is not always as positive as Albo's deep roots in the community or Werkheiser's dedication to public service. Both campaigns are engaging in a significant amount of negative campaigning in an effort to distinguish themselves from each other.

Far from talking about his deep roots in West Springfield or DeLoose's depiction of a pragmatic legislator, the Werkheiser campaign has accused Albo of siding with the House Republican leadership and against the interest of his constituents.

Albo is the chair of the Judiciary Committee, a powerful position awarded to him by the Republican leadership in the House of Delegates. He is also the most senior Republican representing Fairfax County in the Virginia General Assembly but Werkheiser said the 42nd District does not

seem to have benefited from Albo's influence.

"The Republicans are now in control [in the House of Delegates] and what has that gotten Dave Albo's constituents? We haven't gotten a single penny more for transportation and schools. People want results and if that seniority doesn't translate to results, then they should elect someone else," said Werkheiser.

**WERKHEISER** does not support a statewide tax increase, as has been advocated by several members of his own political party and local business groups, to help relieve traffic congestion and help funding transportation adequately.

Instead, the Democrat said the state transportation funding formula, along with Virginia's education funding formula, need to be reconfigured so that Northern Virginia receives a larger share of entire package of funding in both cases.

"We pay enough in taxes. We pay more than enough in taxes. We need to recover a fairer portion of what we pay," said the Democrat.

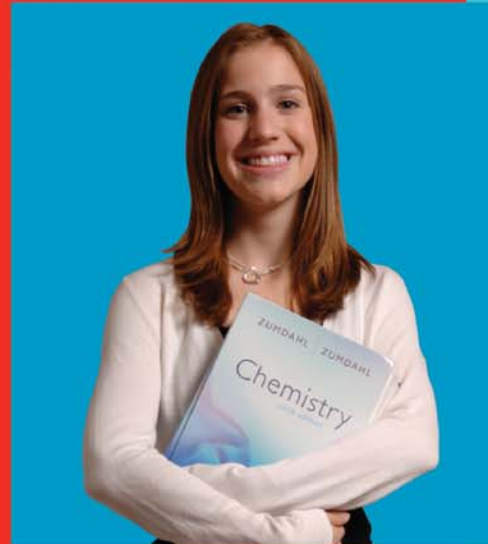
Currently, the state transportation funding formula disproportionately favors rural districts and the state education funding

**"I agree we need to raise revenue but we need to agree not to send more of our money down state."**

— Del. Dave Albo (R-42)

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## POLITICS

# Most Expensive Race

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leader Ward Armstrong (D-10). People in such political leadership positions typically have to raise more money than candidates like Albo and Werkheiser because they are responsible for contributing to several delegate campaigns, in addition to funding their own races.

Both candidates have spent most of what they had raised by the middle of October, according to most recent campaign finance reports. Albo had spent \$754,292.28 and Werkheiser had spent \$641,410.73 by Oct. 21.

This is far more than either 42nd District candidate spent during the entire election cycle in 2005, when Albo spent about \$540,624 and Werkheiser spent \$460,195.

In 2009, the two campaigns appear to be spending most of their money on staff, television and radio advertisements and direct mail pieces. Before Sept. 30, Albo has spent more than \$200,000 on television, radio and direct mail pieces alone. Werkheiser had spent a little more than \$110,000 on the same items in that time period, according to the Virginia Public Access Project.

In the last month of the campaign, both Albo and Werkheiser have received large donations from their respective political parties, indicating that leadership in the both the Virginia Republican and Democratic camps considers the race to be close between the two candidates.

Dominion Leadership Trust, a campaign committee run the Republican House Speaker, contributed \$50,000 to Albo's campaign on Oct. 13 and an additional \$42,000 on Oct. 20.

Albo also made two individual \$20,000 contributions to his election efforts on Oct. 9 and Oct. 14, according to the Virginia Public Access Project.

On Werkheiser's side, the Democratic House Caucus donated \$30,000 on both Oct. 1 and Oct. 15 and \$25,000 on Oct. 8. Over the past month, the Democratic Party of Virginia has also made eight individual contributions hovering around \$8,000 each to the Werkheiser campaign.

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## Vote Nov. 3

### Outcome of governor's race depends on who in Northern Virginia turns out to vote.

It's all about turnout. Statewide, voters in Virginia will pick a new governor and attorney general, vote for lieutenant governor, plus one House of Delegates seat. Turnout for these "off year" elections is notoriously low, meaning every vote will count.

The outcome will also count. Both statewide and in delegate races, there are stark differences between candidates. In a very tough economic environment, those who are elected will have tremendous influence on some very important details of living and working in Virginia.

You can find a link to all of the Connection's election coverage, plus to the Voters Guide of the League of Women Voters, which was published last week in the Connection, at [www.ConnectionNewspapers.com](http://www.ConnectionNewspapers.com).

**VOTERS' RIGHTS**, excerpts from the State Board of Elections:

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❖ To bring your child age 15 or younger into the voting booth with you to observe you vote.

❖ To vote if you are in line by 7 p.m. when the polls close.

**IF YOU FEEL** your voting rights have been violated or that you may have witnessed an election law being broken, it is important to report the incident before the polls have closed, preferably while you are still there. Contact the State Board of Elections at 1-800-552-9745, or via email at [info@sbe.virginia.gov](mailto:info@sbe.virginia.gov).

If you still believe your voting rights may have been violated, you have 10 days to file a formal complaint with the State Board of Elections.

For more information and to find your polling place, go to [www.sbe.virginia.gov](http://www.sbe.virginia.gov) and click on "voter information." Polling places will be open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Election Day, or consult the local office of elections.

For more, go to Fairfax County Office of Elections, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Suite 323, Fairfax, VA 22035-0081; <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/eb/>; 703-222-0776 phone; and 703-324-4700 for 24-hour recorded 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.

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).

— MARY KIMM

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## Brief Sentiment

To the Editor:

Corporate greed is taking us all to hell.

**Manuel Pais**  
Fairfax

## Unfair Article

To the Editor:

The Connection's ["Virginia Says School Failed Student with Disabilities," Fairfax Station/Laurel Hill Connection, Oct. 15-21, 2009] recent lengthy article about a legal complaint involving a former Fairfax County high school student is unfairly and seriously unbalanced. The article is based almost entirely on legal filings and comments from the complainants' lawyer and the complainants themselves. As astute readers know, Fairfax County Public Schools employees are forbidden by federal law from discussing the individual facts in such cases. Writing a long article based on one side's

views, without noting that the other side is legally forbidden to discuss the specifics of the case, is not objective. An especially obvious example of lack of objectivity occurs in the middle of the article.

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After reiterating a series of claims made by the parents and their lawyer, the reporter begins a paragraph, "Yet..." followed by what is described as FCPS' position. The clear implication is that only the complainants' claims are accurate. This has the appearance of bias.

It is important to note that the findings forming the basis for this article were not made by any court. Instead, they were made by an employee of an administrative agency who, despite having the opportunity to do so, declined to actually interview anyone involved in the matter. It is for this reason that both state and federal courts have consistently described the procedures employed as ones which, "do not afford due process."

For the record, we would like to note that FCPS respectfully, but vigorously, disagrees with the administrative decision.

Furthermore, that decision itself is not necessarily the last word, since it remains subject to review by an actual court.

**Paul Regnier**

Spokesman  
Fairfax County Public Schools

## Revising History

To the Editor:

The other day, one of my professors could not help himself and decided to push his ideological beliefs on class just as we were leaving. As he mentioned that next week there would be no class due to Columbus Day he remarked, "It's a shame we have to celebrate a day for a man who murdered and oppressed Native Americans." There were mixed reactions from the students but mostly a sense of disbelief and disdain crept over those in attendance. Columbus

Day is one of the most revered celebrations of Anti-Americanism for the Left in our society, but why?

Columbus represents ideals that this country has embodied ever since. Americans are free to pursue their dreams, take chances and try to change the world. He founded a land that is not ethnocentric, but open to all people. We are a nation of immigrants because of that fateful voyage in 1492. The country that occupies the land that Columbus discovered is now the most influential, humanitarian and free nation that the world has ever known. Why would anyone want to attack this?

To address these questions look no further than the liberal bible, "A People's History of the United States," by Howard Zinn. A tale of fiction by all accounts, the Left has championed this tripe as reasons to why we should all feel guilty for being Americans. In it you will find the most vicious deeds supposedly portrayed as examples of the ide

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als of America.  
 The truth is that the Left does not care about humanity; they don't care about a free society. They want to control society by first breaking down our people and then rebuilding them in their own image. Another must-read for liberals is George Orwell's "1984," where a socialist society implements, among other things, a whole department to rewriting history to prove that the government is always right.  
 Most people read this book and better understand the dangers of Collectivism and Marxism, the Left look at it as a training manual.  
 If you are unable to convince people in the real world that your ideological beliefs should be adopted, then the logical place to go is the academic community. Personally, I think it's pathetic that some professors feel that the only way anyone would support their point of view is to force students to listen to their ravings by holding over their heads the threat of a bad grade.

**Alan Moore**  
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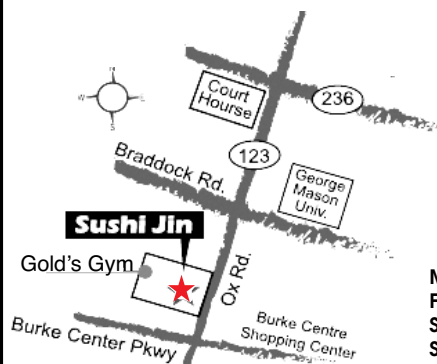
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# CALENDAR

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## THURSDAY/OCT. 29

**Mainstage #1: "Ah, Wilderness."** 8 p.m., at GMU TheaterSpace. \$12 adult, \$8 student/senior. TheaterSpace is on the Fairfax campus of George Mason University at the intersection of Braddock Road and Route 123.

**Bingo.** 7-11 p.m., at the Springfield Volunteer Fire Company Event Hall, 7011 Backlick Road, Springfield. Come out and have an evening of fun playing bingo, sponsored by the Veteran's of Foreign Wars. Proceeds support our work in the community, with Veterans and active duty families in need.

**An Evening with Melissa Manchester.** 8 p.m. at the Barns at Wolftrap Park for the Performing Arts. \$35. 703-938-2404 or Wolftrap.org.

**Freedom Without Walls: A Gala Commemoration.** 8 p.m. at George Mason University's Center for the Arts Concert Hall. A gala concert commemorating the 20th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall, featuring an original movement piece by Artists in Action, readings, songs and a chorale movement from Beethoven's majestic "Ninth Symphony." Light refreshments will be served following the reception. Free admission. chnm.gmu.edu/freedomwithoutwalls.

## FRIDAY/OCT. 30

**Halloween Lunch Bunch.** 12 p.m. John Marshall Library, 6209 Rose

Hill Drive, Alexandria. Bring lunch and join us for Halloween stories. Costumes encouraged. Age birth-5 with adult. 703-971-0010.

**Vains of Jenna, Dirty Penny, Seventh Veil, Latent Remedy, Shokkher and Final Retribution.** 6:30 p.m. Jaxx Night Club, 6355 Rolling Road, Springfield. \$11 in advance, \$13 at the door. 703-569-5940 or jaxxroxx.com.

**Mainstage #1: "Ah, Wilderness."** 8 p.m., at GMU TheaterSpace. \$12 adult, \$8 student/senior. TheaterSpace is on the Fairfax campus of George Mason University at the intersection of Braddock Road and Route 123.

**Haunted Pond at Hidden Pond Nature Center.** From 7-9 p.m. hear scary stories by the campfire and take a night-time walk into the forest in search of fox, deer and owls. This nighttime program is for children ages 6 and up. Bring a flashlight. S'mores provided, reservations are required. The activity is canceled if it rains. \$6 per person. Call 703-451-9588 to reserve. Hidden Pond, 8511 Greeley Blvd., Springfield.

**Fall Festival.** 6-8 p.m. at Franconia United Methodist Church, 6037 Franconia Road, Alexandria. For children up through sixth grade, to come in their costumes and join other kids in games, prizes, crafts, food, and a Haunted Hall Way. Free. 703 971-5151 or www.franconiaumc.org.

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## SATURDAY/OCT. 31

**Apex and Outerloop Present Halloween Havoc, This Time It's War and more.** 2 p.m. Jaxx Night Club, 6355 Rolling Road, Springfield. \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door. 703-569-5940 or jaxxroxx.com.

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**Mainstage #1: "Ah, Wilderness."** 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., at GMU TheaterSpace. \$12 adult, \$8 student/senior.

**MOMIX: Best of MOMIX. 8 p.m., at the GMU Concert Hall.** Youth through grade 12 half price Pre-Performance Discussion 45 minutes prior to the performance. The Concert Hall is on the Fairfax campus of George Mason University at the intersection of Braddock Road and Route 123.

**Ghost Train Rides at Burke Lake Park.** 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Be there when the Great Pumpkin arrives to hand out treats. Thrills and chills appropriate for children are provided by students from Northern Virginia Community College. Costumes encouraged. Children under age 6 need adult supervision. No pets. \$4 per person, under age 2 ride free. Ticket sales stop at 4:30 p.m., and the last train departs at 5:15 p.m. 703-323-6600. Burke Lake Park, 7315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station.

**Third Annual Costume Halloween Run at Burke Lake.** Don a costume and join the crowd. Meet at Shelter A, starting at 9 a.m. for the costumed fun run. Enjoy a costume parade, face painting, arts and crafts,

goodie bags, refreshments and more. \$10 for ages 12 and under and \$15 for ages 13 and up. To register, call 703-866-0566. Burke Lake Park is at 7315 Ox Road in Fairfax Station.

**22nd Annual Mall-O-Ween.** 5:30-7:30 p.m., Fair Oaks Mall, 11750 Fair Oaks Mall, Fairfax. Free. For more information, visit www.ShopFairOaksMall.com or call 703-359-8302.

**Author Signing/Lecture.** George J. Haas, author of "The Martian Codex: More Reflections from Mars," will conduct a lecture and presentation featuring NASA photographs of aesthetically designed structures found on the surface of Mars. 1 p.m., at the Borders Express, 6725 Springfield Mall, Springfield. 703-971-9443.

**New Hope Church Trunk or Treat.** 6:30 p.m. at New Hope, 8905 Ox Road, Lorton. Trick or treat, food, games, a bonfire, and a movie on the lawn. Children can dress in costume and bring treat bags. Scare-Your-Socks-Off haunted walk for older children. www.newhope.org.

**Computer Mania Day.** 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at the Northern Virginia Community College, 8333 Little River Turnpike, Annandale. Students will experience hands-on workshops led by positive female role models from academia, industry, and government sectors. Workshops include how to prepare students for college, getting girls interested in tech careers, and keeping children safe online. Free. www.computer-mania.info.

## SUNDAY/NOV. 1

**The 69 Eyes, Dommin, The Becoming and more.** 5 p.m. Jaxx Night Club, 6355 Rolling Road, Springfield. \$18 in advance, \$20 at

the door. 703-569-5940 or jaxxroxx.com.

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## TUESDAY/NOV. 3

**Acoustic Open Mic with Bob Gaynor of The Roadducks.** 7 p.m. Jaxx Night Club, 6355 Rolling Road, Springfield. Age 21 and up. 703-569-5940 or jaxxroxx.com.

## WEDNESDAY/NOV. 4

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## THURSDAY/NOV. 5

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## FRIDAY/NOV. 6

**Ensiferum, Hypocrisy, Ex-Deo, Blackguard, Swashbuckle, Apothys and Radamanthys.** 7 p.m. Jaxx Night Club, 6355 Rolling Road, Springfield. \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door. 703-569-5940.

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# NEWS

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bound to use the financing for any specific projects it mentions in conjunction with the funding. Nevertheless, the school board has laid out the capital improvements on which they intend to spend the extra cash.

At \$101.8 million, the Marshall High School renovation is the largest, most expensive item on the list of projects the new money would cover. The school system is also asking for \$50 million to cover the cost of a new middle school in the South County area, which Lorton area residents have been

lobbying for over the past few years.

The next largest item on the list is "roof replacement" at \$11.25 million, though a school system press release does not indicate where these services are needed. There

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is also \$9.75 million requested for modular units, otherwise known as classroom trailers.

Several schools are also on the docket for capacity enhancements and modifications, mostly because their student population has outgrown the physical plant.

These schools include Spring Hill Elemen-

tary (\$6.33 million) in McLean and Cunningham Park (\$3.46 million) in Vienna.

Several elementary schools in the Springfield area are on the enhancement list including Kings Park Elementary (\$5.66 million), Crestwood Elementary (\$4.15 million), Lynbrook Elementary (\$4.78 million), Springfield Estates Elementary (\$3.26 million) and West Springfield Elementary (\$3.93 million).

Two schools in the Mount Vernon area, Woodley Hills Elementary (\$4.96 million) and Whitman Middle School (\$4.26 mil-

lion), would also receive money for expansion and modification should the bond pass. Additionally, the bond would also cover \$2.5 million in planning money for the renovation of Mount Vernon's Sandburg Middle School.

The school system is also asking for \$5.75 million to do heating, ventilation and air conditioning system repairs; \$3.25 million to comply with the American with Disabilities Act; \$3.25 million for athletic infrastructure upgrades; \$1.5 million in security upgrades and \$1.25 million for paving, according to a school system press release.

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# Stallions Capture Patriot District Title

South County field hockey team upsets Patriot District power Woodson 2-0.

BY REED S. ALBERS  
THE CONNECTION

**M**egan Wears, a senior forward on South County's field hockey team, had a feeling her team would avenge its Oct. 2 loss to W.T. Woodson. "After that game, I knew we could win the next time we played them," she said.

Wears' prediction began to come true on Thursday, Oct. 22, when she scored a goal mid-way through the first half of the Patriot District Championship to give the Stallions a 1-0 lead over Woodson.

"I knew after 10 minutes that we would match their intensity and beat them," she said. "After we got the first goal, everything just seemed to click."

The Stallions matched the Cavaliers' strong offense, a group that had been held to less than two goals in a game by only one other team this season, South County.

"It was a back-and-forth game," said South County head coach Leah Conte. "It was 1-0 at half time and I told [my players that Woodson] would come at us fired up."

Knowing that the second-half surge from Woodson would be tough for her defense to bear, senior defender Caitlyn Kost encour-



PHOTO BY CRAIG STERBUTZEL/THE CONNECTION

**The South County varsity field hockey team, coached by Leah Conte, poses for a photo after capturing their second Patriot District title in a row.**

aged her teammates throughout the game.

"I made sure to tell everyone else that they were doing great," Kost said. "I would tell my teammates what they were doing well and support others like they would support me."

The Stallions matched the Cavaliers' intensity in the second half and Erica Binzer's goal midway through the half helped seal the win.

South County defeated Woodson 2-0, winning back-to-back Patriot District Championships.

The victory was especially satisfying be-

cause the team's regular season loss to Woodson was a turning point in the season, Conte said.

"Every game since we played Woodson [on Oct. 2], we've worked on the little things that we weren't performing well, keeping our sticks down, winning balls, executing and not giving up corners and playing together," Conte said.

Before the loss to Woodson, the Stallions were 8-4, a number that suggested the reigning Patriot District champs were struggling.

"At the beginning of the season I knew

"This is the first year where our bench is as strong as the people on the field."

— Megan Wears

we would do well if we continued to get better," Conte said. "A lot of people look at our slump in the middle of the season, but really we were just working to get to this point."

**ALTHOUGH THE** season hasn't been easy, the lessons learned from their losses helped the team in the later stages of the season, Kost said.

"We were still learning in the beginning of the year," Kost said. "We knew we had to make [all of that work] count at the end of the season."

South County also was propelled by the team's depth. "More people were scoring and stepping up," Wears said. "It was great. It helped us down the stretch."

"This is the first year where our bench is as strong as the people on the field," Wears said. "We have so many talented sophomores. This year our team is amazing."

With the district tournament complete, the Stallions now are chasing a regional title.

"Our team wants to do well in the regional tournament," Conte said. "We're going to enjoy our win, but then we're going to get back to work."

# Rams Focus on Finishing Season Strong

Velasquez, Zanellato power Robinson offense against Concorde opponents.

BY REED S. ALBERS  
THE CONNECTION

**I**f the Robinson Secondary School football team could have one "do-over," every team member would likely ask for another shot at Westfield High School.

After posting a 6-0 record, the Robinson football team suffered an overtime defeat at the hands of a then 2-4 Westfield team on Oct. 19.

"Westfield was a wake-up call," said junior running back Jared Velasquez. "A season is fragile. Westfield came out with fire, and I don't want to be on the other side of that again. We lacked emotion in that game."

One week later, when the Rams took the field against Madison High School (4-4) on Oct. 23, the team was ready.

"After the Westfield game [the team] felt so bad," said Velasquez. "The way you feel

after losing a game isn't a good feeling. That pushed us all week before Madison."

The extra motivation from losing seemed to help as the Rams defeated the Warhawks 21-7.

"Maybe we needed the loss to Westfield.

After that loss, the intensity in practice got upped and we got focused on our next games," senior wide receiver Matt Zanellato said.

Now the players are hoping they can channel the vibes of the last Robinson team to capture a State Football Championship.

"Everyone relates our season and the loss to the 2001 Robinson team," Zanellato said. "That team lost its Homecoming and then went 13-1. Maybe we can do what that team

did and use the loss to help us win [the State Championship] this year."

Although the players are still bothered by the Westfield loss, head coach Mark Bendorf said his team doesn't need any extra lectures to stay focused.

"The expectations and tradition keep our team focused," he said. "It's never really addressed in practice. The players know what they need to do."

The Rams' tough Concorde District schedule also is a factor.

"We can't look past anyone," Bendorf said. "With the exception of one game against Marshall, it's been a battle. The players understand that each Friday night is going to be a battle."

Motivation only goes so far. Talented players like Zanellato and Velasquez also are key to the winning season.

Through eight games, Velasquez has racked up 916 rushing yards on 125 car-

ries, 11 rushing touchdowns and one receiving touchdown.

Zanellato's numbers aren't as high as Velasquez's, but with only 28 catches, the receiver has 467 yards and six receiving touchdowns.

With a win to build from, the Rams face another stiff challenge in Oakton High School (4-4) and another sleeper team in Centreville High School (3-5).

"Oakton has always smacked us around," Zanellato said. "During my freshman year, Oakton beat us up during our own Homecoming. Last year, we felt like if we had beaten Oakton, we might have made the playoffs."


Zanellato cautioned that his teammates can't look past their final game of the season with Centreville. The Wildcats, who suffered through a 1-10 season last year, upset the Cougars 21-7 and have challenged Concorde District opponents Chantilly and Herndon. "They handled Oakton pretty good this season and we have had trouble with Oakton, so we'll see what happens," Zanellato said. The Rams face Oakton at home on Friday, Oct. 30 at 7:30 p.m.

**"The way you feel after losing a game isn't a good feeling."**

— Jared Velasquez



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## POLITICS

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## Kerry D. Bolognese

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**Education:** Fleetwood Area High School, Fleetwood, Pa. ; B.A. in political science from East Stroudsburg University, and an M.S. in international relations from Rutgers University.  
**Family:** Wife, Christine; parents, Karl and Dorothy Bolognese; three grown step children: Ellyn, Catherine and Steve; four grand children ages 7, 4 1/2, 3, 1 1/2  
**Employer and Occupation:** Vice president, International Programs, Association of Public and Land-Grant Universities (formerly National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges).



**Kerry D. Bolognese**

### What is the most significant issue facing Northern Virginia?

Fiscal responsibility: Out of control spending in Richmond and high taxes on the middle class.

### How would you address this issue?

Here are some ideas I plan to propose: slow the rate of growth in certain government programs saving millions of dollars; create a Web-based/online tool for transparency and easy access to the state budget and government programs so people know where their money is going; establish a bipartisan commission to scrutinize the budget to weed out unnecessary spending and programs as was done with the (Former Gov.) Wilder Commission a number of years ago; consideration of sunset provisions

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## David Marsden

**Age:** 61  
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**Education:** Woodson High School, Fairfax; Randolph-Macon College  
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**Employer and Occupation:** Development Services Group, director of state and local programs



**David Marsden**

### What is the most significant issue facing Northern Virginia?

The most significant issue facing Northern Virginia is education. Recent funding reductions at the state and local level due to the current economic down turn has put our outstanding school system at risk of not being able to meet the varied needs of all of our students.

### How would you address this issue?

We are currently facing tough economic times where serious budget cuts must be made. Virginia, by constitution, must have a balanced budget. We do not permit deficit spending. Education is the key to our prosperity and growth. When the economy gets stronger and funds are available, restoring education funding must be our first priority. Having high-ranking schools ensures Virginia's future, protects our property values and it is the best investment we can make. We must also revisit the state funding formula for schools as it penalizes Fairfax County for its high incomes without accounting for its high cost of living.

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**C. Monique Berry**

### What is the most significant issue facing Northern Virginia?

Northern Virginia has experienced rapid development and a heavy influx of new residents. There must be a system in place that is fiscally sound and transparent. I am concerned that our taxes continue to rise as the deficit continues to increase. There needs to be more accountability in our political processes.

### How would you address this issue?

There needs to be reform of county government with regard to how we spend our tax dollars.

### What qualifies you for the office? What qualities do you bring?

I am honest, straightforward, have common sense and am practical. I believe in building strong families and community. I have a respect for all individuals, their belief systems and equal

rights. I have been active in civil, humanitarian and environmental issues since I was a youth. I excelled in school and am a quick study. I will be a voice for my constituents and not special interest groups.

### What differentiates you from your opponent(s)?

My official political campaign slogan is: "I don't waste my money — I won't waste yours. Quite simply, I believe in accountability and cannot overemphasize the latter.

### If you could say one thing to voters, what would it be?

The time has come to elect a delegate who will effectively listen and have the best interest of the community as a whole.

### Who are your political heroes/influences?

Not all of my heroes or influences actually held office, but their contributions to the political process were innumerable. Eleanor Roosevelt was the first lady behind the president. She was outspoken and an advocate of the people. John F. Kennedy projected an aura of approachability. Martin Luther King promoted peace, unity and respect for all when some individuals during that particular era were advocating divisiveness. Above all, each of the preceding leaders' support of civil and human rights helped tremendously in which to usher into existence many of the notions of change that we often hear about and still talk about, even to this day, in the 21st century, yet have not fully embraced.

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# District 42

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formula tends to punish those localities with high property values, according to several incumbent delegates.

**ALBO** also favors changing the state funding formulas for transportation and education but said, in practical terms, both proposals are near legislative impossibilities. Currently, too many delegate districts benefit from the current structures of the formulas and would not be willing to make an adjustment that would result in decreased funding for their own constituencies, he said.

From a pragmatic perspective, Albo said the Fairfax County delegation must look at a transportation plan that circumvents the state transportation formula altogether.

The Republican suggested increases on regional taxes or fees that are exclusive to Northern Virginia. If the fees or taxes are only applied locally, then they would not have to run through the state transportation funding formula and Northern Virginia would get to keep all of the extra revenue raised through the new taxes and fees for its own projects.

"I am one of the few Republicans on this issue that doesn't have their head buried in the sand, saying there is not a problem and there is no need for new revenue," said Albo.

But the delegate did say he would not support a statewide tax increase, such as bump in the gas tax, because any taxes or fees that apply across the Commonwealth would automatically run through the state transportation funding formula, which shortchanges Northern Virginia.

Albo said, on average, Northern Virginia pays for 40 percent of the state transportation funding, primarily through gas and car taxes, and only receives 14 percent of that money back in transportation services and projects.

"I agree we need to raise revenue but we need to agree not to send more of our money down state," said Albo.

**THE TRANSPORTATION ISSUE** and Albo's support of imposing new taxes, fees or tolls also serves as a primary example of how he breaks with Republicans when his constituents' best interests are not aligned with the wishes of his party's political leadership.

The Republican, along with state Sen. George Barker (D-37), helped secure just under \$2 million for the South County Middle School.

Albo also helped write one of the small parts of the General Assembly 2007 transportation bill that was not thrown out by the Virginia court system. According to Albo, he is responsible for the legislation that gave Fairfax County the power to impose an extra charge on commercial real estate. The revenue from the surcharge is now going to fund improvements at Lorton and Hooes roads as well as new sidewalks around South County Secondary School, said the delegate.

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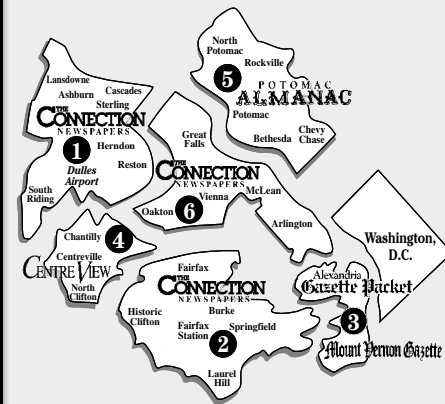
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# POLITICS

## Kerry D. Bolognese

FROM PAGE 14

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**What qualifies you for the office? What qualities do you bring?**

I have lived in the community for more than 31 years, have deep roots, family and strong interests in preserving the quality of life for area residents. I feel blessed to live in this great community and that is why I want to go to Richmond to keep it that way. I am not a professional politician. I am a concerned citizen who works every day and has to meet family needs by putting together a kitchen table family budget. I have worked 13 years on Capitol Hill and understand the legislative games that are played to hide budget realities from the voters, protect politicians from their records, and I how agencies resort to scare tactics to pump up their budgets at the expense of good governance and taxpayer dollars.

**What differentiates you from your opponent(s)?**

My opponent has consistently voted to increase taxes, including the State gas tax, sales tax, hotel, tax, titling tax, grantors tax. Added together, these taxes could have resulted in an increase of \$1,200 for the average family. He voted for a transportation bill that would have sent much of this money downstate, leaving Northern Vir-

ginia with only 18 percent of the transportation dollars while we constitute 33 percent of the state's population. That bill also contained the abuser fees. I would have voted against all of these and worked for bipartisan solutions. He sits on the Transportation Committee, but our traffic problems have gotten palpably worse. He has shown no leadership on this issue. My opponent has also voted against the Commonwealth's Right-to-Work law, which has been responsible for the Commonwealth's reputation of one of the best states in the nation to do business.

**If you could say one thing to voters, what would it be?**

When elected, I will represent you and this wonderful community in Richmond above any party affiliation or special interest.

That is why I am running to maintain the quality of life in Springfield and Burke. I am not a professional politician and when I say I will work for fiscal restraint and low taxes, that is what I will do.

**Who are your political heroes/influences?**

Ronald Reagan, because he worked across the aisle to lower taxes, reduce spending, and rejuvenate our economy. He was not just a Republican leader, but a leader for the whole country with clarity of mission, conviction and principle.

# Del. David Marsden

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**What qualifies you for the office? What qualities do you bring?**

As the former head of the Virginia Department of Juvenile Justice, I am the leading expert in the House of Delegates on Juvenile Justice issues. I use this area of expertise in order to try and save the state money. I have authored and passed legislation that gives police better tools to combat violent street gangs, introduced the Prisoner Litigation Reform Act, which eliminates unnecessary notices and filings in prisoner lawsuits, saving the state time and money. I also created a pilot program in four counties, Fairfax included, that works with delinquent spouses to keep them out of jail so they can pay child support, saving the state money and directing more funds to their children.

**What differentiates you from your opponent(s)?**

Experience. I grew up in Fairfax County. It is where I spent my career working for the Fairfax Juvenile Detention Court, first as a probation officer and for 17 years as the superintendent of Juvenile Detention. I authored Virginia's "blended sentencing" law and created a video intake system for statewide juvenile detainees that saved money and kept police officers on the

street and not tied up in paperwork.

My wife and I raised our family here. I coached four different youth sports, served on community non-profit boards, supported events at the local schools, and saw my three sons graduate from Lake Braddock High School and Virginia Colleges. I still serve on local boards of directors including Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), the Fairfax County Partnership for Youth, and Preserving Fairfax Cemeteries.

**If you could say one thing to voters, what would it be?**

I take pride in my constituent services. I return e-mails and phone calls personally in order to understand the details and get to the bottom of issues that affect people's lives. I work at my regular job on a part time basis so that I can put the necessary time and effort into following through for constituents to solve problems.

**Who are your political heroes/influences?**

Del. Jim Dillard (R), who represented the 41st District for 32 years prior to my election. Jim is a great friend and mentor. It was always Virginia first over political partisanship with Jim. During his last six years in office, I worked for Jim and always admired his dedication to education, his district and his duty to the Commonwealth.

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