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Felicia Kessel-Crawley, right, leads the Voices of Worship community choir at United Christian Parish's afternoon Music Explosion concert Saturday. There were two concerts that day, in what is planned to become an annual event.

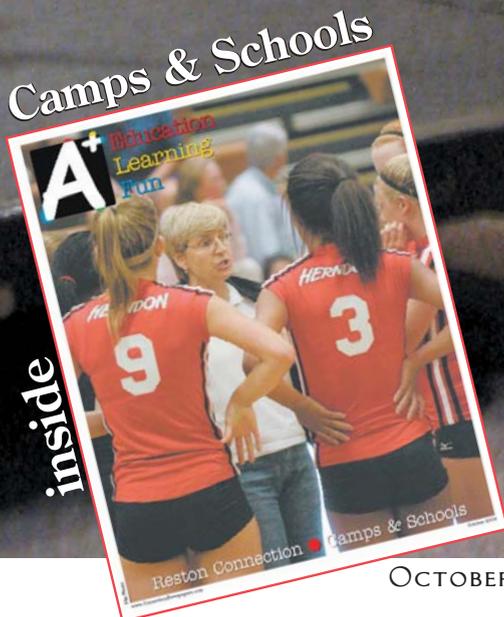
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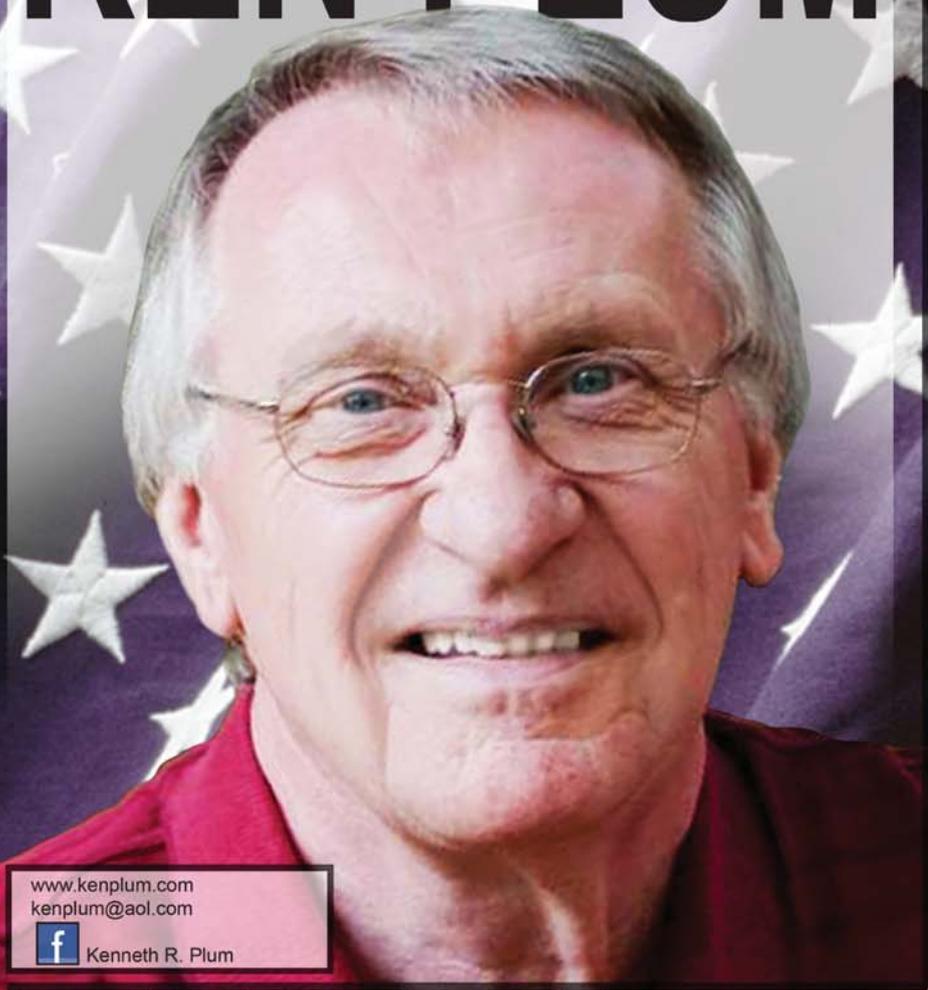


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## Dear 36th District Voter,

I respectfully ask for your vote for re-election to the House of Delegates at the election this coming Tuesday, November 3, 2009.

I am honored to have served for many years and gained the experience to represent you most effectively. I am the senior member of the House Commerce and Labor and Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources Committees and the Joint Commission on Technology and Science.

My priorities continue to be excellence in our public schools and our colleges and universities, relief from traffic congestion through a balanced system of transportation options, protection of our natural resources, and safe communities. I will continue to maintain an open door policy for citizens with suggestions and ideas and a high level of constituent services.

My ability to work across party lines and interests is reflected in the many diverse organizations that have endorsed my campaign for re-election:

- Virginia Education Association
- Speech-Language-Hearing Association of Virginia
- Northern Virginia Technology Council
- Fairfax County Professional Fire Fighters & Paramedics
- Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce
- NARAL Pro-Choice Virginia
- Northern Virginia/Realtors Political Action Committee
- Sierra Club
- Virginia League of Conservation Voters
- Virginia AFL-CIO
- Amalgamated Transit Union, Local 689
- Democratic Black Caucus of Virginia
- Virginia Partisans Gay & Lesbian Democratic Club

Sincerely,

**Kenneth R. Plum**

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Delegate Plum speaking at the National Press Club on green schools.



Delegate Plum briefs local residents about the legislative session.



Delegate Plum is chairman of the Dulles Corridor Rail Association.



Plum Center for Lifelong Learning.



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**Brian Heffern, the senior budget analyst for Fairfax County, speaks at the community dialogue meeting for the Hunter Mill District.**

Area residents expressed their support for preserving the quality of education in county schools.

## Residents Raise School Budget Concerns

**Community Dialogue highlights importance of education.**

BY JANELLE L. PLUMMER  
THE CONNECTION

About 100 local residents met and discussed concerns about the fiscal year 2011 budget at a community dialogue meeting for the Hunter Mill District, sponsored by the Fairfax County Government and Fairfax County Public Schools.

The meeting took place at the Reston Regional Library on Saturday, Oct. 24.

Brian Heffern, the senior budget analyst for Fairfax County, said the meeting was set up to garner input from the community in shaping the 2011 budget, a process impacted by the recession since the end of 2007.

Heffern said for the fiscal year 2011 forecast is a projected revenue loss of \$232.5 million or a decrease of 17.02 percent from fiscal year 2010.

According to the Fairfax County budget office, under the fiscal year 2011 no new programs were added. Per-pupil funding decreased from \$13,340 in FY 2009 to the approved cost of \$12,898 in FY 2010.

Doug Spencer, a Herndon resident and public affairs officer and communication specialist for the federal government, said educational programs are a priority.

"The diversity that we celebrate is critical," Spencer said. "To go and begin cutting programs is the avenue we don't want to go down."

The community dialogue ended with small groups. Facilitators from the budget office informed each group that their comments would be used as a key factor to help guide the development of criteria for making budget decisions.

Potential strategies were to eliminate a specific county or school program, adjust the real estate tax, implement the meals tax, increase fees and distribute reductions equally across all departments in both the county and schools.

Robert Lundegard, a Great Falls resident, said he hopes that there will not be additional eliminations of educational programs.

"We need more revenue to avoid the most extreme," Lundegard said.



PHOTO BY MIKE DICICCO/THE CONNECTION

Jetz All-Stars director of operations Mary Frias poses with team members Nadia and Siria Aparicio, 9 and 11 respectively, and the younger, 10-year-old Mary Frias outside the Safeway where the group solicited food donations for Stonegate residents last weekend.

## In Hard Times, Supporting Their Own

**With traditional aid insufficient, neighborhood enlists area groups to provide holidays for its needy.**

The Jetz All-Stars Cheer and Dance teams often stage fund raisers, since the organization's target audience is children who wouldn't be able to afford to belong to other all-star teams. To offset the cost of entering competitions and other expenses, the children often raise money in the community, said Mary Frias, director of operations for the Jetz.

However, on Saturday, Frias and a handful of girls were soliciting donations outside the Safeway at Hunters Woods Plaza not for their team but for needy families in Stonegate Village Apartments. The Reston-based Jetz are among several organizations collecting food and toys to bring Thanksgiving and the winter holidays to residents of the Stonegate neighborhood.

In an e-mail, Nigat Begum, president of the Stonegate Association, explained that 60 families in her neighborhood were in need for the holidays this year, and Reston Interfaith, which had provided for needy Stonegate families in the past, was unable to meet the demand. So the neighborhood association took matters into its own hands, enlisting the aid of Girl Scout troops, area businesses, churches and others.

Begum's son and daughter are on Jetz teams, and the organization regularly engages in service projects to give back to the community that supports it, making the Stonegate project a natural fit for the teams' backing, she said.

Frias said her organization thought it "phenomenal" that Stonegate residents had decided to step in and help their own neighbors. "With the economy the way things are, a lot of people are in need," she said. Last weekend, her team was asking shoppers to donate food items to be assembled into Thanksgiving baskets, but they will be soliciting donations for Stonegate families every weekend through Dec. 20, in order to provide meals and gifts for the winter holidays as well.

A number of businesses have joined the cause, staging food and toy drives, including Reston's Safeway and Ledo Pizza, as well as the latest Lucia's Italian Ristorante and the Five Below discount store, both in Sterling.

Anyone interested in contributing to the Stonegate neighborhood's effort can contact Begum at 703-390-9011 or stonegateassociation@yahoo.com.

— MIKE DICICCO

### VIEWPOINTS

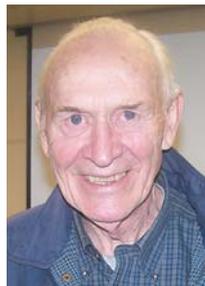
## What concerns you the most in the FY 2011 Budget?

— JANELLE L. PLUMMER

**Sherry Blanton,**  
Herndon,  
Data Analyst



"Basically, I know the economy is bad. Everything does need to be rebalanced. This was the time to use the rainy day fund. It doesn't really work that way."



**Robert Lundegard,**  
Great Falls,  
Friends of Colvin Run Mill

"Primary interest is in the parks, historic parks and nature centers. That's why I'm here."

**Doug Spencer,**  
Herndon,  
Public Affairs Officer/  
Communication Specialist



"Teacher salaries. Teachers are some of the lowest paid in the country. For them to educate our students ... don't take advantage of that. They're with our kids more than we are."



**Stephanie Abbott,**  
Reston, Retired,  
Hunter Mill District Trustee to the  
Frederick County Library Board of  
Trustees

"I would want to try to make sure that the quality of life is not diminished. OK, we have to make cuts, but we have to look at things that bring us together as a community."

# Help fight hunger in our community where we live, work and serve!



Individuals, organizations and businesses are encouraged to drop off non-perishable food items at Reston Community Center Hunters Woods & Lake Anne locations and other designated drop-off points throughout the community. Reston Interfaith will again be distributing food donations during this holiday season and throughout the year.

## Items Needed

Baby Foods	Dry Beans	Macaroni & Cheese
Canned Fruit	Pasta Sauce	Boxed Potatoes
Canned Meats	Peanut Butter & Jelly	Cereal
Condiments, Cooking Oil	Soups, Chili	Oatmeal, Pancakes Mixes
Canned Vegetables	Diapers	Seasoning Packets
Bagged/Boxed Rice & CousCous	Boxed Dessert Mixes	Snacks (cookies, crackers, fruit bars)
Canned/Boxed Juice	Boxed Pasta	Tomato Products
Canned Beans	Ramen Noodles & Cup-o-Noodles	

**Volunteers (all ages) are needed to sort donations on Thanksgiving Day, November 26, from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. at RCC Hunters Woods.**



## Thanksgiving Food Drive Drop-off Points November 2-25, 2009

**Reston Community Center**  
2310 Colts Neck Road  
Reston, VA 20191

**Reston Community Center**  
1609-A Washington Plaza  
Reston, VA 20190

**Complete Health Chiropractic**  
208 Elden Street  
Herndon, VA 20170

**Cardinal Bank**  
11150 Sunset Hills Road  
Reston, VA 20190

**Long & Foster Realtors**  
1831 Wiehle Ave  
Reston, VA 20190

**Boyd School**  
13251 Woodland Park Rd  
Herndon, VA 20171

**JBG/Reston International Center**  
11800 Sunrise Valley Drive  
Reston, VA 20191

**Reston Association**  
1930 Isaac Newton Square  
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**United Bank**  
1498 North Point Village Center  
Reston, VA 20194

**Appalachian Spring**  
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Reston, VA 20190

**Safeway Food, Inc.**  
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Reston, VA 20191

**Reston Sport & Health**  
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Reston, VA 20190

**CVS Pharmacy**  
11160 South Lakes Drive  
Reston, VA 20191

**State Farm Insurance**  
11868 Sunrise Valley Drive,  
Suite 200  
Reston, VA 20191

**Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce Business & Visitors Center**  
1763 Fountain Drive  
Reston, VA 20190

**North County Government Center Hunter Mill District Office**  
12000 Bowman Towne Drive  
Reston, VA 20190

**YMCA Fairfax County Reston**  
12196 Sunset Hills Road  
Reston, VA 20190

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10700 Parkridge Blvd.  
Suite 110  
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**Access National Bank**  
1800 Robert Fulton Drive  
Suite 105  
Reston, VA 20191

**Security Public Storage**  
385 Spring Street  
Herndon, VA 20170

**Tall Oaks Assisted Living**  
12052 North Shore Drive  
Reston, VA 20190



The Thanksgiving Food Drive is co-sponsored by Reston Interfaith, Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce and Reston Community Center



Reston Community Center Hunters Woods • 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston, VA 20191  
For more information contact Kevin Danaher, Community Events Director, at (703) 390-6166

# NEWS

## Commitment to Education Continues

### Plum Center for Lifelong Learning dedicated in honor of Del. Kenneth Plum (D-36).

BY JUSTIN FANIZZI  
THE CONNECTION

After more than 30 years of hard work and a commitment to bettering the lives of Fairfax County residents, Del. Kenneth Plum's (D-36) efforts to enrich adult education culminated with the Oct. 24 dedication of the Plum Center for Lifelong Learning in Springfield.

The center, which houses several hundred classes for the Adult and Community Education (ACE) program, was opened to students in May, but was officially dedicated in Plum's honor at the Saturday's ceremony.

"I am pleased that Fairfax County Public Schools has chosen to establish a lifelong learning center," said Plum, who represents the Reston area in the House of Delegates. "Nothing could send a clearer message to persons of all ages of the importance of learning throughout our lifetimes than the establishment of a center like this."

The Plum Center, located at 6815 Edsall Road in Springfield, was originally Edsall Park Elementary School and later served as the home to the FCPS Department of Human Resources until its recent renovation. After the renovations were completed, the Board of Supervisors passed a resolution naming the facility after Plum at its Sept. 4, 2008 meeting. According to the resolution, Plum was being recognized for developing the county's adult education program "from a small initiative to a world-class program with unparalleled breadth and depth."

Plum's efforts to develop and expand adult education in the county began in 1965 when Plum got a job with FCPS as an intern teacher after graduating from the University of Virginia. He was initially a part-time room coordinator at Edison High School, and then taught U.S. and state history in night classes for high school students at Woodson High School. In 1968, he was chosen to lead the ACE program, and remained its administrator until 1996.

"Ken was able to foster the enormous growth that ACE sees today," said Woodson Adult High School Principal Jane Cruz. "The phenomenal growth of ACE couldn't have happened without Ken's energy, creativity and vision."

In addition to the dedication of the center itself, a multipurpose room in the Plum Center was dedicated to the late Cuong Nguyen. Nguyen, 61, was a former administrator of FCPS' English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) program and died in a boating accident Jan. 13 while visiting Bangkok. Several speakers, including Plum, former colleagues and even his daughter, Christine spoke to a crowd gathered in the room for the ceremonial dedication. Each praised Nguyen for his resolve and dedication to the ESOL program, and his commitment to improving the lives of immigrants in the area.

"Through his hard work and support of the growth of the program, Cuong made a huge difference in the lives of thousands of people in Fairfax County,"



**Del. Kenneth Plum cuts the ribbon on the Plum Center for Lifelong Learning.**

PHOTOS BY JUSTIN FANIZZI/THE CONNECTION



**The Plum Center for Lifelong Learning.**

said former ACE director Bonnie Moore. "We've named this room after him so that the memory of his work and its influence on the community will continue through the work that goes on in here."

According to ACE Coordinator James Ginther, by the end of the year, an estimated 10,000 students will have taken classes at the Plum Center. He said that the English for Speakers of Other Languages classes are currently the most popular offerings at the center, with medical and dental certification programs following close behind. In addition, Ginther said that the center conducts training programs for FCPS staff and faculty and will host community events, as well.

Though the work inside the building has already begun and the school is already midway through its second semester of class offerings, Plum urged those in the school system not to be content with the center, offering advice on how to maintain the success of the ACE program. He said that it is possible, in tight economic times, to develop a growing program without being a heavy burden on the budget, and implored them not to impede that growth with bureaucratic measures.

"I am most humbled by this event," Plum said. "Thank you to all responsible for it, most especially to the hundreds of men and women with whom I had the pleasure of working from 1965 to 1996. But I pray that this building will not be a monument to past glories but rather a citadel for future successes."

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E-mail to: PhotoR@connectionnews papers.com, or mail or deliver contributions by Dec. 4, to 1606 King St., Alexandria, VA 22314. Please be sure to include the student's name, age, grade, school and town of residence along with each submission. For information, call 703-778-9410.

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**VDOT** Virginia Department  
of Transportation

**Interstate 495 (Capital Beltway) and  
Route 267 (Dulles Access and Toll Road)**

**Interchange**

Fairfax County  
Information Meeting

**Tuesday, November 10, 2009, 7 - 9 p.m.**  
George C. Marshall High School  
7731 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22043

**Find out** about proposed design modifications to ramps at the Capital Beltway interchange with the Dulles Toll Road and Dulles Airport Access Road. The proposed design change would give motorists heading to or from Dulles Airport a direct connection to/from the Dulles Access Road. Currently, motorists heading to or from the Airport must weave across several lanes of the Dulles Toll Road to enter/exit the Dulles Access Road. These proposed design modifications are part of the I-495 Beltway HOT Lanes project.

**Stop by** anytime between 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. to view displays and learn more about the proposed design modifications. Virginia Department of Transportation representatives will be available to answer your questions.

**Give your written or oral comments** at the meeting or submit them by **November 24, 2009** to Ronaldo T. Nicholson, P.E., Regional Transportation Program Director, 6363 Walker Lane, Suite 500, Alexandria, VA 22310. You may also e-mail your comments to Meeting\_Comments@VDOT.Virginia.gov. Please reference "I-495/DTR Interchange" in the subject line.

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# OPINION

## 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).

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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.

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## Really Scary

With Halloween falling on a Saturday night this year, and Halloween being the sort of holiday that young adults and others can embrace in the midst of a recession, it could more than live up to its reputation as a holiday associated with drinking and driving.

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

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 arrange-

ments 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).

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Supervisors Back Deeds

To the Editor:

In these challenging economic times it is critical that Fairfax County has a leader in Richmond who understands our priorities. In Fairfax there are two major issues that stand above the rest and need to be addressed by the next Governor: education and transportation.

Our excellent school system is a major reason for our County's quality of life. Because we have a highly educated workforce, industry considers us a premium location. Our children find employment here instead of searching around the country. Our economic stability allows our residents to contribute fully to the rich fabric of our community. It is a successful recipe, but one that can unravel if threads of support are withdrawn.

While education is a major success story, transportation is the most urgent problem facing Fairfax County and Northern Virginia. Traffic congestion and shoddy maintenance directly impacts our quality of life and our economic well-being. Funding for transportation is a state responsibility. In recent years, to keep most major transportation projects moving, the county has had to obtain or provide funding from non-state sources including county bonds.

Our choice for governor is Creigh Deeds (D). He understands that the solution to our transportation challenges is complex and will require bringing people together from across the Commonwealth. He understands that new funding for transportation is critical, and the funding must not be siphoned out of the state's general fund for education and other critical services. In Fairfax our school

system relies on state aid as our second largest revenue stream. Mr. McDonnell's (R) transportation plan diverts funds from K-12 education — \$5.4 billion from Virginia's schools over 10 years. Less money from the Commonwealth means one of two things: educational programs are cut, or the loss is made up out of our real estate taxes.

We need a governor who will make responsible decisions. In 2004, Creigh Deeds supported then Gov. Mark Warner's (D) bipartisan budget, which made a record investment in public education. Mr. McDonnell voted "no."

It is critical for Fairfax County that the next governor rise to the challenge of righting the Commonwealth's fiscal ship while continuing to fund core priorities. As governor, Creigh Deeds will get Virginia's economy back on track, maintain the Commonwealth's

commitment to education, and offer real solutions for Northern Virginia's traffic problems.

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## Ice Skating Season Opens at Reston Town Center

Reston Town Center's Ice Skating Pavilion will open for the skating season on Friday, Oct. 30, and remain open daily until March 2010. The opening weekend will serve as a fundraiser and a long-standing tradition. Reston's Character Counts! Coalition will receive 50% of proceeds from opening weekend, Oct. 30 until Nov. 1, from the Ice Skating Pavilion. The proceeds will help fund development programs offered by the Coalition, including the annual Essay and Poster Contest. Character Counts! Coalition is also a sponsor of Eth-

ics Day at South Lakes High School.

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**Linaje Escogido (Chosen Generation) of Shalom Baptist Church performs in English and Spanish.**

## UCP Explodes with Music

**Music Explosion is planned to become annual event at United Christian Parish.**

**J**ack Moore of United Christian Parish doesn't just want to make last weekend's ecumenical Music Explosion event an annual occurrence. He wants it to become the biggest local event of the weekend. "I want to own this weekend," Moore said during the first of two concerts at his church on Saturday.

Both the afternoon and evening shows included five acts, most of them from area churches. Moore, who coordinated the event, recruited the singers himself. "They asked me if I'd do an event and I said, 'Yeah, but it's got to be music,'" he said. "I want to grow a Christian music festival that embraces the full range of Christian musical traditions."

He said this year's event was a bit gospel-heavy, but many other genres could be tapped in the future.

Headlining the afternoon performance were twins Kim and Kelly Butler, who grew up in Reston and have sung with the White House Orchestra, appeared on the "Bobby Jones Gospel" show and performed the National Anthem at a Redskins game, among other appearances. Gospel singer Earnest Pugh capped off the evening performance. Pugh has been named male vocalist of the year by the independent gospel artists' award show En Sound Awards and won gospel album of the year at the 2006 Independent Music Awards.

All proceeds from the event went to Graceful Spaces, which provides furniture for families in Reston Interfaith's transitional housing program, and the North County Hypothermia Prevention program, which provides winter shelter for the homeless and



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**Restonian twins Kelly and Kim Butler headline the afternoon concert.**

is run by Reston Interfaith.

Moore said United Christian Parish would have a new, 400-seat sanctuary in three years and that he hoped it would become a community venue for large events, including Music Explosion. And, he said, "I would personally like to have three concerts next year."

— MIKE DICICCO



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**Tom Flatt as Director Chris Belling in Reston Community Players' 'Curtain.'**

## Reston Players Present 'Curtains'

**A whodunit comedy, romance and mystery at CenterStage Theater.**

BY SUSAN NELSON  
THE CONNECTION

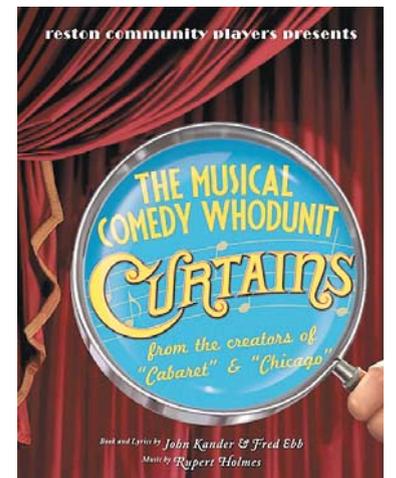
**R**eston Community Players opened this year's season with the musical "Curtains," a whodunit comedy, romance, and mystery story.

The musical is a "story within a story murder mystery" set in the backstage of a Boston theater where a new musical could be a great success, if not for its leading lady who lacks talent. When the leading lady is murdered during opening night, Lt. Frank Cioffi, who is a musical theater fan, arrives on the set to conduct his criminal investigation in order to solve the case.

Peter Stone's book, adapted for the stage by Rupert Holmes has the feel of a 1950s musical, complete with Wild West cowboys, dancing showgirls and numerous set pieces.

"Mayhem ensues and the murderer is found and there's lots of singing and dancing," said the show's director, Andrew Regiec. "Curtains" is a fairly new play, which debuted in 2006, and this is the first time it is being done in this area. The musical was written by John Kander and Fred Ebb, who also wrote "Cabaret" and "Chicago."

"I heard about the play and wanted to make sure I was here during the opening night," said Justice Manion of Reston. "It was hilarious, I couldn't stop laughing."



### 'Curtains' at CenterStage

Presented by the Reston Community Players. Performances are scheduled for Oct. 30 and 31 and Nov. 6, 7, 13, and 14 at 8 p.m.; and Nov. 1 and 8 at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$18 to \$21. CenterStage Theater, Reston Community Center, 2310 Colts Neck Road. Visit [www.restonplayers.org](http://www.restonplayers.org).

Regiec said working on the show has been challenging because of the large ensemble cast. He said watching the cast learn and improve has been exciting and the choreography is exciting.

"I loved the cast, I loved the story line and I especially loved the romance," said Julie Easton of Herndon.

The show has a cast of about 24 and even the pit orchestra conductor has a few lines. The show runs just short of three hours with a 15 minute intermission between acts.

## WEEK IN RESTON

### Police Investigate Suspicious Death

Police are investigating the death of a 42-year-old woman. On Saturday, Oct. 24, officers were called to an apartment in the 11900 block of Winterthur Lane around 3:40 p.m. to check on the welfare of an adult man. They located a man sitting inside.

The body of a woman was also found inside the apartment. An investigation determined the victim, Karen Deck, of 1599 Inlet Court in Reston, suffered a gunshot wound to the upper body.

Homicide detectives are still investigating. No charges have been placed at this time.

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) <<http://www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org>> or text "TIP187" plus your message to CRIMES/274637 or call Fairfax County Police at 703-691-2131.

### Woman Dies a Week After Crash

One week after a crash in the Reston area, a 79-year-old woman has died. On Wednesday, Oct. 14, Mary Stack-Dunne was driving a 1996 Pontiac Sunfire south on North Village Road around 7:25 p.m. She did not stop for the stop sign and pulled into the path of a 46-year-old woman in a 2000 Lincoln Navigator, who was driving west on Baron Cameron Avenue.

The impact caused severe injuries to Stack-Dunne and she was medevaced to Inova Fairfax Hospital where she died on Wednesday, Oct. 21. She lived at 1536 Twisted Oak Drive in Reston. Speed and alcohol were not factors.

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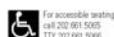
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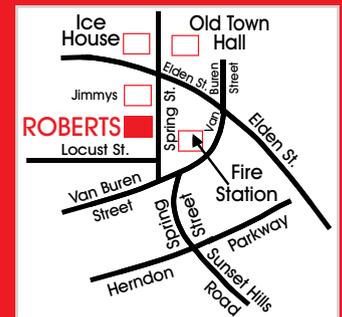
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BY KENNETH R. "KEN" PLUM  
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Virginia has received many accolades in recent years: best managed state, best state in which to do business, best state in which to raise a child. Two recent "report cards" on the Commonwealth are likely to be less quoted by politicians than those that sing the state's praises. The "2009 Virginia Infrastructure Report Card" by the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) gives Virginia a D+ on infrastructure – roads, schools, stream and wastewater, etc. [www.infrastructurereportcard.org]. The only part of Virginia's infrastructure to get above a C is its parks and recreation that received a B-.

"With a cumulative grade of D+, Virginia's aging infrastructure has a direct correlation to our prosperity in years to come. Investment now is essential to protect our way of life and the future of our children," the ASCE Report Card concluded. The first of "5 Key Solutions" ASCE suggests to meet Virginia's infrastructure problems is to "increase state leadership." Such leadership must address the issue head-on and not sidestep it as many are attempting to do in the current state elections.

In another report, "VDOT Report Card Update," the Northern Virginia Transportation Alliance (NVTA) found that "some candidates continue to tell voters that the answer isn't more money for transportation, but trimming down and transforming the Virginia Department of Transportation into a leaner, more efficient, more

budget-conscious operation" [www.nvta.org]. In reality, NVTA found that on time performance of VDOT contracting has gone from 30 percent in 2002 to 86 percent today. On-budget performance has gone from 61 percent in 2002 to 93 percent today while the number of VDOT employees was reduced from 10,192 in 2002 to 7,830 today. The six-year improvement program has been reduced from \$10.5 billion in 2002 to \$4.6 billion today. "In short, the problem is not VDOT's failure to

streamline and become more efficient, but the General Assembly's failure to work in a bipartisan manner to provide the transportation revenue we need," NVTA concluded. The process put forth by gubernatorial candidate Creigh Deeds (D) clearly has the greatest prospect for success just as such a process succeeded in the mid 1980s when Virginia made its last meaningful investment in its transportation infrastructure.

Clearly, the plan proposed by candidate McDonnell (R) to take money from schools to pay for roads is fraught with great concern. ASCE's report card gives Virginia's schools infrastructure a D+, hardly a place from which to take money to pay for its D- roads.

The time to get serious on investing in Virginia's crumbling infrastructure is now — Nov. 3 — with Creigh Deeds who has a plan and the political courage to do what has to be done for Virginia's future prosperity. I look forward to working with him to bring this about. As the ASCE concluded, "maintaining and improving our infrastructure will preserve Virginia's status as one of the nation's most desirable states in which to live and do business."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Doing Disservice to Reasoned Discussion

To the Editor:

Once again, your Oct. 21-27 "Opinion" column, represented as "Standing Up for the Community," does nothing of the sort. Its innuendo and misrepresentations do a disservice to reasoned discussion. Publish demagoguery as a letter if you must, but save "Opinion" for responsible debate.

The column in question deals with the JBG proposal for redeveloping the Fairway Apartments site on North Shore Drive. The column's author, John Lovaas, begins: "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" — JBG operatives appeared before the Reston Planning and Zoning (P&Z) Committee — citing a blob labeled high density on the 45-year-old Reston Master Plan as the basis for their plan for revitalizing the Fairway Apartments site.

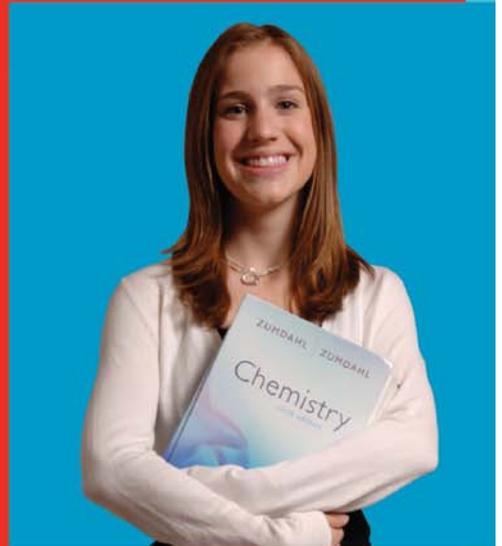
Well, who would know from reading this that the high density

provided by what Lovaas refers to as "a blob" was a carefully planned connection between Lake Anne Plaza and Tower Center that is as important a feature to be realized today as it was conceived to be in the 1962 Master Plan, which, by the way, is still the governing document? Accordingly, JBG can proceed by right with the density provided for in the Master Plan. Lovaas ignores this reality, saying: "their chutzpah was not exhausted as the JBG closed by noting that JBG was happy to talk about many things, but high density was a given and not on the table." Attacking from another angle, Lovaas asserts that existing residential units are to be replaced by 910 high end condos and 29 townhouses; no mention of workforce units that are part of all residential housing units in the County today.

Strangers to this area who find JBG characterized by Lovaas as "the slick guys" would be surprised to learn of the very high regard JBG is held by their fellow developers as well as by Restonians and members of other communities in which they have been active. As to public officials, Lovaas reports

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"outrage about the private meetings with folks JBG regarded as above the community process." Yes, I did meet with JBG as did Cathy Hudgins and Frank de la Fe. Reporting these as private meetings infers skullduggery. But no major project is launched without dozens of work sessions between entrepreneurs and public officials; this is an integral part of the community process.

How could Lovaas have said: "Between the blog and the private meetings, the JBG guys felt they had all the OK's needed to go full speed ahead with 50 units per acre." Is it possible to be that far out of the loop? This project is work in progress. JBG is actively pursuing and getting community input. There are many more hearings to be held with County planners, the local Design Review Board and many occasions for community input before the defining hearing before the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. In the meanwhile JBG is adjusting preliminary plans to accede to suggestions from community members. They have responded to expressed fears that the 8,000 square feet of retail recommended by

their consultants would hurt Lake Anne commercial development by eliminating such development altogether from their proposed plans. Also, they have made adjustments in the perimeter of their site to save trees as recommended by involved citizens. It makes sense to recognize JBG's demonstrated willingness to work with our community over the coming months as well as the evident integrity of the public officials whose mission is to protect our best interests.

**Bob Simon**  
Reston Founder

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To the Editor:

Reston voters will have an opportunity this Election Day to gain a valuable asset to represent them in the 36th District in the Virginia General Assembly. Mac Cannon is an intelligent, hardworking young businessman and association executive with a bright political future who as Republican candidate for the Virginia House of Delegates has a great desire to serve his community and his state.

Mac has a strong focus on trans-

portation issues and, if elected, promises to create a bipartisan coalition of Republicans and Democrats to change the transportation funding formulas in Virginia to make it more equitable for Northern Virginia. Mac not only has some great ideas about ways to improve these areas but he has the demeanor and intelligence to work across party lines to get things done. We are in desperate need of a stronger and more consistent voice on transportation issues both now and in the future if we are to see the type of relief that we so urgently need.

Mac is also very focused on crime and education and feels that more emphasis and creativity should be placed on these areas. He feels that proper funding and a zero-tolerance for gang recruitment, drug dealers, violent offenders, and sexual predators is essential to improving the safety of the citizens both in Northern Virginia and throughout the state. He wants to put more money in the classroom and provide a high-quality education opportunity for all of our students.

Mac's opponent, Del. Ken Plum

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A 'family of skeletons' hang out in the convertible to check out those trick-or-treaters who dare to visit the 'Halloween House.' Sue Funk is the human in the background.



Three ghosts playing a card game, equipped with smokes, spirits and a 'card shark.'

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## 'Halloween House' Next Door

Sue and Jim Funk of Reston have taken the Halloween holiday to a different level transforming their home into the "Halloween House."

"It started about 15 years ago when one of our neighbors came over asking 'where's the party,'" Jim Funk said. "And then from

there, every year it seems as if it grows."

The yard is filled with ghosts and goblins, pumpkins and voodoo dolls, which greet those visiting with surprise and exploration.

"We make it an adventure for those who visit the house," Sue

said. "We don't make it too gory."

Each year the Funks add something new to the House to keep it new and enjoyable for those trick-or-treaters who come back year after year.

— SUSAN NELSON

### HOME SALES

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11584 GREENWICH POINT RD	4	4	1	RESTON	\$879,000	Detached	0.27	RESTON		
2044 BEACON HEIGHTS DR	3	3	1	RESTON	\$875,000	Townhouse	0.06	RESTON		
1211 BISHOPSGATE WAY	4	2	1	RESTON	\$765,000	Detached	1.11	ASCOT		
1634 AUTUMNWOOD DR	4	4	1	RESTON	\$747,000	Detached	0.32	RESTON		
11209 CENTER POST CT	5	3	1	RESTON	\$737,500	Detached	0.12	RESTON/PAVILIONS		
12088 CHANCERY STATION CIR	3	4	1	RESTON	\$735,000	Townhouse	0.04	RESTON		
1830 FOUNTAIN DR #404	3	3	0	RESTON	\$650,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		PARAMOUNT		
12238 DORRANCE CT	3	2	1	RESTON	\$638,000	Townhouse	0.04	RESTON		
2004 HOMER TER	5	3	1	RESTON	\$632,500	Detached	0.32	RESTON		
12194 CHANCERY STATION CIR	3	3	0	RESTON	\$600,000	Townhouse	0.03	RESTON		
12501 FOX VIEW WAY	3	2	1	RESTON	\$600,000	Detached	0.12	COURTS OF FOX MILL		
2422 SILVER FOX LN	4	2	1	RESTON	\$600,000	Detached	0.53	RESTON		
1911 LOGAN MANOR DR	4	3	2	RESTON	\$593,000	Townhouse	0.07	RESTON		
11710 OLD BAYBERRY LN	4	3	1	RESTON	\$586,000	Detached	0.16	RESTON		
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1941 UPPER LAKE DR	4	2	1	RESTON	\$580,000	Detached	0.27	RESTON		
2629 STEEPLCHASE DR	5	3	0	RESTON	\$575,000	Detached	1.13	RESTON		
10739 MIDSUMMER DR	4	3	1	RESTON	\$555,000	Detached	0.46	RESTON		
1830 POST OAK TRL	4	3	1	RESTON	\$550,000	Detached	0.25	RESTON		
1593 BRASS LANTERN WAY	3	3	1	RESTON	\$541,000	Townhouse	0.09	RESTON		
1581 BRASS LANTERN WAY	4	3	1	RESTON	\$540,000	Townhouse	0.09	RESTON		
11990 MARKET ST #707	3	2	0	RESTON	\$525,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		MIDTOWN AT RESTON		
10717 OLDFIELD DR	3	3	1	RESTON	\$525,000	Detached	0.31	RESTON		
1335 PARK GARDEN LN	3	2	1	RESTON	\$520,000	Townhouse	0.05	BALDWIN GROVE		
1212 WOODBROOK CT	3	3	1	RESTON	\$510,000	Townhouse	0.07	RESTON		
11026 HOWLAND DR	3	3	0	RESTON	\$480,000	Detached	0.50	RESTON		
11990 MARKET ST #604	2	2	0	RESTON	\$465,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		MIDTOWN AT RESTON		
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2447 ALSOP CT	3	2	2	RESTON	\$371,000	Townhouse	0.03	DEEPWOOD		
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## THURSDAY/OCT. 29

**Farmers' Market at Reston Town Center Pavilion.** 3:30 p.m. at Reston Town Center, 11900 Market St., Reston. Locally grown fruits and vegetables, locally raised meats and poultry, bread and cheese, salsa and sausage. 703-689-4699.

## FRIDAY/OCT. 30

**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. 31

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**St. Joseph's Parish Annual Craft Fair.** 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Admission is free. 750 Peachtree St., Herndon. Crafts, raffles, food and more. Special treats for anyone in costume.

**Dog Costume Parade.** 11 a.m. Herndon Fortnightly Library, 768 Center St., Herndon. Trick or Treat with your dog in a costume parade on the Town Green. Show off your dog in the Silly Tricks Contest. Cosponsored by Bark 'N Bubbles and the Council for the Arts of Herndon. All ages. 703-437-8855.

**Inova HealthSource Fight the Flu.** 12 p.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Flu shot clinic. Fee of \$25 or Medicare Part B. Adults. Call Inova at 877-895-5284.

**Halloween Day 5K Run/ Walk & Community Picnic.** Bowman Green, across from Reston Town Center. 9 a.m. registration; 10 a.m. 5K Run/Walk; 10:30 a.m. 1 Mile Run/Walk; 11 a.m. Fall Festival; 12 p.m. community picnic. \$25 per person, under age 10 free. [www.creatingwellnessatwork.com](http://www.creatingwellnessatwork.com).

**Kitten and Cat Adoptions.** 1-4 p.m. at Pro Feed Pet Nutrition Center, 234 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. With Piedmont Feline Rescue League. 703-242-PETS.

**Jimmy's 13th Annual Kids' Halloween Party.** 12:30-3:30 p.m. at Jimmy's Old Town Tavern, 697 Spring St., Herndon. Reservations suggested. Dyno-bites, smiley fries, crafts, souvenir photos, indoor costume parade, music by Banjer Dan and more. \$11.95 per child; all children must be accompanied by an adult. 703-435-JIMS.

**Jimmy's 13th Annual Adults Halloween Bash.** 9 p.m. at Jimmy's Old Town Tavern, 697 Spring St., Herndon. Dancing, \$150 cash prize for Best Costume, scary scream contests and more. Reservations suggested. 703-435-JIMS.

**Virginia Band and Orchestra Directors Association State Marching Band Festival, Northeast Region.** 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at West Springfield High School, 6100 Rolling Road, Springfield. Tickets available at the gate, cost unknown at this time. Twenty-two high school bands from Arlington, Alexandria, Louisa County, Falls Church, Manassas, Fairfax, Centreville, Springfield, Burke, Woodbridge, Herndon, Lorton and

Vienna are expected to compete. [www.vboda.org/StateMarch/2009StMarch/schedules/northeast%202009.pdf](http://www.vboda.org/StateMarch/2009StMarch/schedules/northeast%202009.pdf).

## SUNDAY/NOV. 1

**Reston Community Players Present Curtains.** 2:30 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).

## MONDAY/NOV. 2

**Auditions for The Violet Hour,** at The Industrial Strength Theatre, 269 Sunset Park Drive, Herndon. Play runs Jan. 22-Feb. 14, 2010. 703-481-5930.

## TUESDAY/NOV. 3

**Auditions for The Violet Hour,** at The Industrial Strength Theatre, 269 Sunset Park Drive, Herndon. Play runs Jan. 22-Feb. 14, 2010. 703-481-5930.

**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).

**Fall Bazaar at the Herndon Adult Day Care Center.** 7 a.m.-3 p.m. The Herndon Adult Day Care Center, 875 Grace St., Herndon. Rummage sale items, baked goods, ceramics and crafts made by the participants. 703-435-8729.

**Rocknoceros.** 10:30 a.m. at the Phoenix Worldgate Theatre, 13025 Worldgate Drive, Herndon. \$4 advance, \$5 at the door. Call the Herndon Community Center at 703-787-7300.

## WEDNESDAY/NOV. 4

**Fall Bazaar at the Herndon Adult Day Care Center.** 7 a.m.-3 p.m. The Herndon Adult Day Care Center, 875 Grace St., Herndon. Rummage sale items, baked goods, ceramics and crafts made by the participants. 703-435-8729.

**Science in Action: Expanding the Energy Frontier.** 7 p.m. at the U.S. Geological Survey, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston. Speaker, Brenda Pierce. Free and open to public; federal ID required to get into building. 703-648-4748.

## THURSDAY/NOV. 5

**Open Mic for Bands Night.** 9 p.m. at Jimmy's Tavern, 697 Spring St., Old Town Herndon (on the Corner of Elden and Spring Streets). Bands will receive 30 minutes to play, and must pre-sign with Andre' Love at [soulcraftmusic@yahoo.com](mailto:soulcraftmusic@yahoo.com) or 703-984-9114. Walk-ins will only be accepted if time permits. All types of music welcomed. 703-435-5467.

## FRIDAY/NOV. 6

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## SATURDAY/NOV. 7

**Our Daily Bread Holiday Food Drive.** 10 a.m.-4 p.m. next to Safeway at Courthouse Plaza, 10376 Willard Way, Fairfax City. Proceeds to benefit SHARE. [www.our-daily-bread.org](http://www.our-daily-bread.org).

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# SPORTS

## Greene, Kemmerer To Lead South Lakes

Two longtime assistants will be in charge of the Seahawks' boys' basketball program this upcoming season.

BY RICH SANDERS  
THE CONNECTION

Former South Lakes High assistants Irv Greene and Jon Kemmerer will run the boys' basketball team as co-interim head coaches for the upcoming winter season. The two were named to replace former head coach Darryl Branch last week.

Branch, who was head coach for the last two years, was fired last week over an issue unrelated to basketball. A longtime South Lakes assistant before being named head coach of the program in May 2007, Branch, a 1989 graduate of the Reston school, led the Seahawks to 17-6 and 14-9 records during his two seasons in charge of the Seahawks. Despite the winning records, South Lakes failed to qualify for the 16-team Northern Region tournament in either season as a result of consecutive first round Liberty District tournament losses.

Greene and Kemmerer were selected to run the team by Linda Jones, the South Lakes director of student activities.

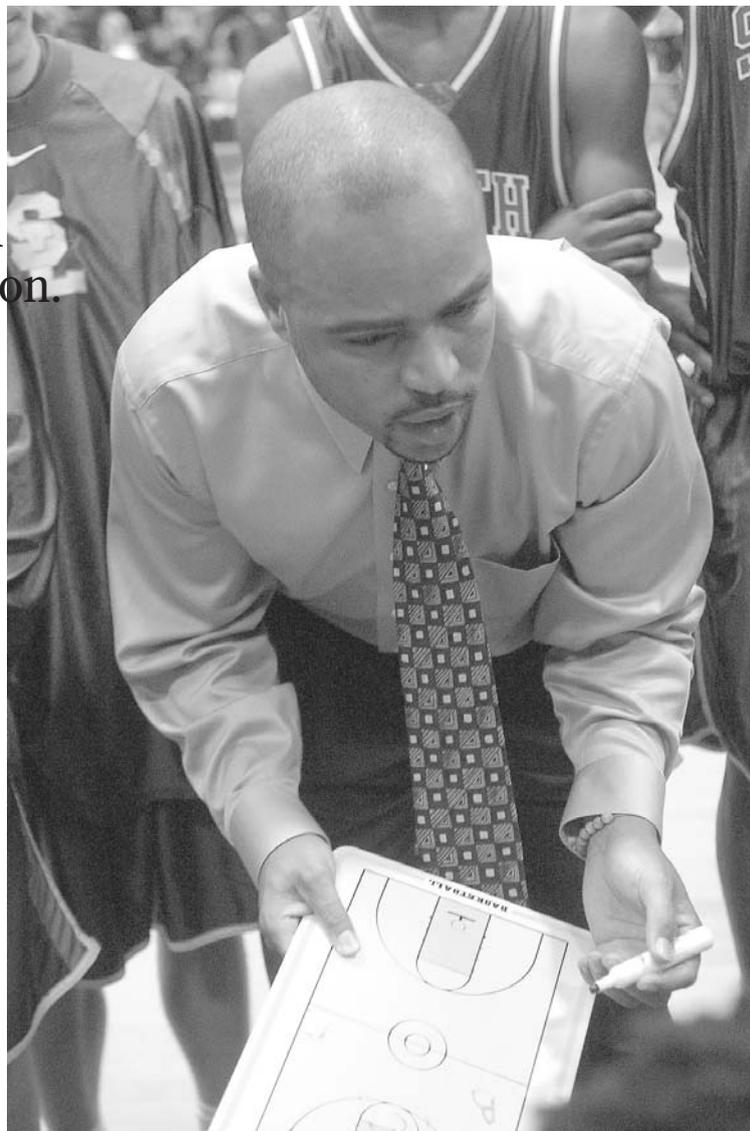
"We have to sit down and figure out how we'll do it," said Greene, of dividing head-coaching responsibilities with Kemmerer. "It will be different. I think it's going to work. We've worked together the last nine years."

Both were part of Wendell Byrd's staff when the legendary coaching figure was at the helm of South Lakes. Greene, in fact, was with Byrd at South Lakes from 1989 through 1992 as well as 1997 through 2007. From 1993-96, Greene was head coach of the Oakton High boys' team.

Byrd, during his 23 years as the South Lakes head coach, led the Seahawks to six region crowns. He stepped down following the 2006-07 season and was eventually replaced by Branch.

Earlier this week, Greene said he had not talked to the South Lakes team members yet, but was planning to do so. He said he and Kemmerer wanted to work together to make the coaching transition as easy as possible for the entire program.

"It's a very awkward situation, but a situation we'll make work for the kids," said Greene. "We were shocked when [Branch was dismissed]. We want to make sure we do everything for the kids."



Darryl Branch led South Lakes to 31 wins over the past two years.

South Lakes plans on opening up the head coaching position again following the 2009-10 season in order to bring in a head coach for the long term.

Because of the timing of Branch's firing, the South Lakes administration had little time to go through a thorough job interviewing process. Therefore, it was determined that the vacancy would go to someone who was already familiar with the program. That someone turned out to be two people, Greene and Kemmerer.

"We were in the program already," said Greene, who said training camp for the new season begins on Nov. 16.

Kemmerer, a 1994 South Lakes graduate, was the Seahawks' starting point guard under Byrd during his senior season (1993-94). Greene, as part of Byrd's staff, spent a few years coaching Kemmerer.

"Jon was a heady, smart and smooth player," said Greene. "He didn't make a lot of mistakes at point guard."

Greene said he recently spoke to Byrd, whom the South Lakes gymnasium is named after, about the recent upheaval of the program. Byrd, Greene said, encouraged him to take care of the players and the program as a whole.



PHOTO BY RICH SANDERS/THE CONNECTION

The South Lakes High football team, shown here with coach John Ellenberger, lost a game at non-region opponent Dominion, 46-20, Friday night, Oct. 23. The Seahawks, who are 5-3, will look to bounce back strong Friday night against visiting Liberty District opponent Langley.

Stone Bridge High School's Athlete-to-Athlete Program is conducting a Soccer clinic for athletes with disabilities on Saturday, Nov. 15 from 2:30 p.m. Athletes of all ages and ability levels are welcome to participate in the program that will pair special needs athletes alongside Stone Bridge High athletes for instruction, competition and camaraderie. The program is designed to foster connections between high school students and the special needs community. To register, athletes or their representatives should contact Cullen Fleming at athlete2athlete@gmail.com.

The 13-under Potomac Travel Baseball team, the Generals, were tournament champions at the Columbus Day Classic, which took place on the weekend of Oct. 10 at the Sports at the Beach Complex in Rehoboth, Del. The Generals are comprised of players from the McLean and Great Falls area and are coached by Charlie Ayoub. The team won the tournament championship game, 3-1, over the Woodbridge Diamondbacks of New Jersey.

The Generals entered Sunday's tournament round with a low seeding following lackluster pool play on Saturday. But they turned it around and won all four of their tournament games on Sunday, including a 7-4 victory over the top-seeded Long Island Prospects in a quarterfinals game. That victory avenged the only loss the Generals had suffered over the weekend, a 7-6 setback in their first game on Saturday.

The championship game win over Woodbridge was fueled by the dominant pitching of Billy Gerhardt, who allowed one run while striking out 16 in a complete game (7 innings) effort. Gerhardt was awarded the Tournament MVP trophy for his outing. The Generals also benefited from fine pitching performances over the weekend from Grant Newsome, Colin Morse, Cam Hester, Matt Spidi and Felix Propp. Big hits came off the bats of Caleb Beatty, Cam Hester, Grady Paine, Grant Newsome and Kennedy Dunn. Fine defense was provided behind the plate by

Caleb Beatty and Grady Paine, and in the field from Colin Morse, Felix Propp, Mike Gannon, Grady Paine, Cam Hester, Grant Newsome, Alex Shapiro and Billy Gerhardt.

AC Cugini, an official Italian soccer school, is conducting weeknight tryouts in Reston for guest spots on its 10, Play Soccer in Italy tournament teams, which will be traveling to Rome and the Italian Adriatic beach during the 2010 World Cup (June 23 through July 7). A three-day training camp with the Italian Olympic Committee is included in addition to tournament

play against Italian teams and a review by talent scouts for professional Italian teams. Boys and girls, ages 10-to-16, are eligible. Entire teams are welcome. For every 14 registered, the 15th person travels free. For further information, contact Cugini President Fabio Diletti at 703-477-5957; or go to info@cuginisoccer.com.

The Washington Redskins announced that Robinson Secondary football coach Mark Bendorf has been named Redskins High School Coach of the Week (Oct. 5). Bendorf has been head coach at Robinson, located in Fairfax, for 13 years. During that time, he has won two Virginia State Championships (1997 and 2001), earned two Virginia State Coach of the Year awards (1997 and 2001) and been named to the Fairfax County Football Hall of Fame (2008).

"Coach Bendorf develops a tremendous work ethic in all of his players through a year round strength and conditioning program that has built confidence in our student-athletes and reinforced the characteristics of team work, dedication, and commitment to team goals," said Robinson Director of Student Activities Marty Riddle.

Bendorf is also involved in helping his student-athletes with the college admissions process which has accumulated in 81 student-athletes going on to play collegiate football and one player, Chip Vaughn, currently playing with the New Orleans Saints.

# NEWS

## Reston Orchestra To Open New Season

The Reston Community Orchestra, under the baton of Maestro Dingwall Fleary, will begin its 2009 – 2010 concert season with an orchestral showcase; Brand New Among the Ageless. A special feature will be the World Premiere performance of the Symphony No. 5 in B flat by contemporary American composer, David Ott. The Orchestra will also present Symphony No. 7 in A, Op 92, by Ludwig van Beethoven and Fils du Mandarin Overture by Caesar Cui.

The program will be held on Sunday, November 22, at 4 p.m. at the Reston Community Center, Hunters Woods Village Center, 2310 Colt's Neck Road in Reston.

Admission to the concert is complimentary. Free-Will Donation in support of the orchestra will be greatly appreciated. For more information, visit [www.restoncommunityorchestra.org](http://www.restoncommunityorchestra.org), or call (703) 476-9181.

## Donations Sought For Thanksgiving Outreach

The Herndon-based charity Nation Children will conduct a Thanksgiving outreach program at the Reston Community Center at Lake Anne Village Center on Wednesday, Nov. 25.

At last year's event, the organization distributed food and clothing to more than 400 people, and more people are expected this year. Low-income and homeless families will be able to pick up fresh food and vegetables, turkeys, children's clothing and other children's accessories. The event, which is held in collaboration with the Reston Community Center and the county's Department of Family Services, will be held from 11:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m.

Donations can be dropped off at the Nation Children headquarters at 603 Carlisle Drive, Herndon, VA 20170, or they can be picked up when donors fill out a donation form at [www.nationchildren.org/donations.html](http://www.nationchildren.org/donations.html). To learn more, e-mail [esther@nationchildren.org](mailto:esther@nationchildren.org) or call 866-533-6629.

## Sobriety Checkpoint Nets Three Areests

Fairfax County police officers from around the county conducted a sobriety checkpoint to deter and apprehend intoxicated drivers on Thursday, Oct. 22 from 11:30 p.m. until 2:30 a.m. Friday. All motorists were stopped and drivers were evaluated to assure that their abilities to drive had not been impaired by alcohol or drugs.

Approximately 371 motorists were stopped on the northbound lanes of the Fairfax County Parkway near the intersection of Walnut Branch Drive. Three arrests were made for DWI. Five summonses were issued for miscellaneous traffic offenses.

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## Less Turns Out To Be More



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Chronicling, as I have, my unexpected ride on the cancer train these past three months, I thought I'd acquaint you, in this column, anyway, with some of the unexpected benefits I've enjoyed, benefits I never would have thought would have mattered under such trying (I'm trying, I'm trying) circumstances.

Chemotherapy causes problems/has side effects (front effects, back effects, too): nausea, vomiting, fatigue, loss of appetite, increased risk of infection, nose bleeds, loss of hair, and the list goes on. The prospect of losing my hair, however, didn't sit well with me initially, but as the follicles fell, that hairy loss (scalp, eyebrows, eyelashes, nasal, body and anywhere else hair grows) created certain opportunities/efficiencies that I didn't anticipate:

No more shampooing and conditioning, no need for more shampoo and conditioner; no more shaving, no more shaving cream and razors needed; less deodorant used since less in its glide path, less deodorant purchased; less soaping since less hair/obstructions to absorb it (and more sedentary lifestyle), so fewer bars bought. In summary; less time, effort and money spent on hair-related personal hygiene (and believe me, no one suffered as a consequence).

Surprisingly, I began to realize other advantages of my condition: much less appetite so much less time and money spent on food and food preparation; commuting to work one day a week instead of five leading to much less wear and tear (stress) on the driver (yours truly) and of course on the vehicle, too, including much lower commuting costs for gas, oil, tolls, etc; fewer in-office and business appointments as a result meant less dressing for success and less laundering of "success" efforts, so less time and money spent on clothes and their cleaning and maintenance; and most importantly, greater control of my life and more freedom, too; for appointments; business, pleasure and medical; for errands; banking, shopping, activities of daily living; and so forth, all at my convenience.

To summarize further: I am now spending much less time doing the things that I don't want to be doing and spending a lot less money not doing them. Moreover, regaining freedom from my previous nine-to-five focus and in turn now being able to spend more time at home, doing more of the things that I never had time to do while working – and never being at home, has enhanced my life immeasurably, health and budget constraints/realities notwithstanding. Control and independence, that's what I feel. Empowered, too. As odd as it might sound, the stress/reality of the lung cancer is almost offset by the corresponding reduction in stress brought on by this change in lifestyle.

As my oncologist first advised, in response to my first question after hearing him read the reports from all the various doctors/scans (X-Ray, C.T., P.E.T, biopsy) identifying my cancer: "No, you shouldn't be working, and should also consider taking that vacation you've always dreamed of." WHAT!

It was brutal to hear. So unexpected, too. Surreal was the first word that came to mind to describe my/our emotional state. But eventually, over time, over treatment (it's now been seven months since I started chemotherapy) and over the fear, you find a place for it (I did, anyway). And the place that I have found, and chosen to focus, are the positives that have resulted, some of which I've listed in this column. Perhaps in your reading of them, they seem rather insignificant in the scheme of things. Not to me. To me, they feel like building blocks of normalcy, fuel to energize my emotional engine and salve to soothe my furrowed brow.

I have to admit, though, a furrowed brow is the least of my problems (heck, I don't even have a brow). Nevertheless, life is easier. Much less stress and a lot more control. Who says cancer is a bad thing? (Everybody, I know, and of course, it is; just go with my flow.) But my post-diagnosis life has been all right. It may be a funny perspective for a cancer patient to have but if humor is indeed the best medicine, then I am happy to over medicate.

*Kenny Lourie is an Advertising Representative for The Almanac & The Connection Newspapers.*

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**Helen "Bee" Nichols Bensten**  
Bee Bensten passed away in the Capital Hospice Suite at INOVA Cameron Glen Care Center in Reston, Virginia, on Wednesday, October 7th, ten days before her 95th birthday. She was married for almost fifty years to the late Marshall Edgar Bensten, a retired New York City policeman.

Daughter of Hilda and Ernest Nichols, Bee was born on October 17, 1914, in Manhattan New York. As a child, she accompanied her parents to Haiti, where her father served in the U.S. Marine Corps during the U.S. occupation. Both of her siblings, Alice Nichols Kneeland and Ernest Nichols, were born in Port au Prince. Following the occupation, Bee's father and mother became the proprietors of the American Hotel. In addition to a lively gathering place for expatriates, the hotel provided catered meals for the passengers on early Pan American Airlines flights from Haiti to Cuba and Puerto Rico. Bee often reminisced about Charles Lindbergh's February 8, 1928, visit to Port au Prince in his plane, the Spirit of St. Louis.

Bee returned to the States to attend Blackstone College in Virginia. Bee's first job was in the stock transfer department of Consolidated Edison on Irving Place in New York. She was a star on Con Ed's tennis team. She met her future husband Marshall on the subway in Brooklyn when he offered her his seat. They lived on Parkside Avenue in Brooklyn for decades.

In the 1950's until her first retirement in 1975, she worked in accounting at the New York Coffee and Sugar Exchange at 79 Pine Street. She was a Sunday School teacher at the Dutch Reformed Church of Flatbush.

When she and her husband first moved to Reston in the mid 1970's, Bee became a member of the Trinity Presbyterian Church in Herndon and volunteered for many years as the treasurer of the condominium association where they lived. For almost two decades, Bee worked in the office of Dr. Thomas M. O'Neill, until he retired when Bee was 93 years old. Even three months before she died, she lived independently in her townhome with her rescued cats Snowflake and Sparkles.

Bee is survived by her only child, June and her husband Alan Swan of Reston; two granddaughters: Nicole and her husband Glenn Gore of Reston, and Elisabeth and her husband Dirk Johnson of Cleveland, Georgia; and a five-month-old great-grandson Jack Johnson.

In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Bee, who loved animals and had pets all her life, may be made to the SPCA of Northern Virginia, P.O. Box 100220, Arlington, Virginia 22210-3220. Bee was laid to rest in a private service at Chestnut Grove Cemetery in Herndon.

# OPINION

## Stagnant Scores

BY JACK KENNY  
PAST PRESIDENT, REPUBLICAN  
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### A DIFFERING POINT OF VIEW

In federal government politics, there is the concept of the "third rail." Tinker with it and you are liable to get burned. Social Security has that dubious honor. In Virginia, the third rail is education. In this political season, every political candidate comes out with all sorts of platitudes about their support for education. The mantra: I will throw more money at education!

On Thursday morning, Oct. 15, 2007, we opened The Washington Post Metro Section, Page B1 and read the sub-headline "VA Scores Stagnant." Of course, the focus of the article was the minute improvement in D.C. schools scores in math.

In this political season, we get the usual argument: We need to raise our teacher's pay to the national average — the teacher's union fix for improving our performance. Of course, the Virginia and Fairfax Education Associations bitterly fight the "pay for performance concept." Instead, they opt for the argument: We need to pay our teachers more to get the best ones. Stats are published to show the disparity between the various jurisdictions in starting teacher's salaries. The argument further suggests: "If we pay teachers more, test scores will improve." But, do they?

Let us simplify the pay for performance proposal. A third grade teacher starts out in September with a group of second graders who tested out at the third grade level of 3.0. In the following April, the tests are given to the third graders and the scores show an amazing scholastic achievement of 4.3. That is the third grade class has not only met the minimum score for promotion to the fourth grade but surpassed the expected performance. Should the third grade teacher get a bonus for exceeding the expectations?

Suppose the third grade test scores came in at 3.8, not 4.0; i.e., not ready for fourth grade work. Should that teacher be penal-

ized for not meeting the minimum expected of her or him? Ah ha! Now comes the argument: well there are a lot of factors influencing that teacher's performance. Perhaps there was a higher percentage of ESL students, lower socio-economic levels, public policy; a late TV show, a home environment problem, etc.

We still hear the argument "SOEs are bad: Teachers will start teaching to the tests!" If that were the case, then we should see vast improvement in test scores. We obviously do not see that occurring. There goes that argument.

Grover G. Norquist ["Leave Us Alone: Getting the Government's Hands off our Money, Our Guns, our Lives," HarperCollins Publishers, New York, 2008] points out the disparity between government workers and private enterprise workers compensation. Federal government compensation grew 115 percent from 1990 to 2004, while the private sector compensation grew only 69 percent, which explains why Fairfax is among the top five, if not the Number 1 richest county in the country. The Fairfax County Taxpayers Alliance (www.fcta.org) also points out the growth in educational spending. Between 2000 and 2007, inflation-adjusted spending increased four times faster than enrollment. Spending on staff increased twice as fast as enrollment. Where are our tax dollars going?

Obviously, we need some new thinking on where the money goes on educational spending. We have an election coming up. The choice is: Do we continue to listen to the pabulum and vote for the status quo — the union advocate wanting only to dump more money into salaries and benefits (that's where 82 percent of our education dollars go!) or do we start exerting more control over where and on what our tax dollars are being spent? Surely, we can do better than stagnate. Time for a change. Vote Nov. 3!

### LETTERS

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**Edward Reed** of Reston, a first-year student at Gettysburg College was awarded a deans' scholarship. Gettysburg College recognizes students' academic achievement in high school by awarding merit scholarships. The dean's scholarship goes to top-ranking applicants based upon their grade-

point average, class rank, and SAT or ACT scores.

**Elisa Becker** of Reston has been accepted into the Locoming Scholars Program at Locoming College of Williamsport, Pa. The program admits students based on achievement in higher-level distribution courses and an independent project done in the student's junior or senior year of high school. Becker is a graduate of South Lakes High School.

**David Shaw** of Reston, a freshman majoring in general engineering in the College of Engineering, has finished new cadet week training with the Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets.

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