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VOTERS GUIDE

FAIRFAX WEEKLY

Voters to Decide the \$233 Million Question on School Projects

Bond Proposal, the Largest in County History, Would Pay for Construction, Renovations

By Victoria Benning
Washington Post Staff Writer

At the 3,375-student Hayfield Secondary School, pipes in certain parts of the nearly 30-year-old building break regularly. Mold is a constant fixture in other parts, and there's a perpetual musty smell in the air. The building has never undergone renovation.

At Centreville High School—bursting at the seams with an enrollment of 2,700—students attend school on two schedules, and classes are held in 32 trailers to ease the congestion.

Both Hayfield and Centreville, along with other schools in Fairfax County, would get some relief if county voters approve a \$233 million school bond proposal Tuesday.

The amount sought in the bond proposal, the largest in the county's history, would finance construction of a \$57 million high school in western Fairfax and an \$11 million elementary school in south Centreville. The money also would pay for additions to seven schools and renovations to 25 more.

Centreville High is not on the ballot, but it would get enrollment relief with the scheduled opening of a new high school in 2001.

Hayfield would get \$1.75 million in planning money to begin the renovation process.

"People need to know this is important. We really need this money," said Pamela Lipscomb, a PTA officer at Hayfield Secondary, where parents and faculty have been waiting years for the school to be renovated.

Hayfield's money would help pay for an engineering study to identify the cause of the building's persistent mold and mildew and a solution to the problem, in addition to other needs that come with an aging facility.

The bond money would be spent over several years and help the county make a

dent in an estimated \$600 million backlog in projects to renovate aging buildings and accommodate growth in the school system of about 2,000 students a year, officials say. The system has a goal of renovating its buildings every 25 years.

"People need to realize the absolute essential nature of keeping these things on track," said Robert C. Whiteman, facilities chairman for the county Council of PTAs and a member of the countywide citizens' bond committee.

Whiteman was referring to the county's cycle of holding a bond referendum every two years. The school system's construction projects are timed to that cycle, with most projects done in stages—such as a school

receiving planning money in one cycle and the construction money in another.

Or take the case of the county's five oldest high schools, each of which is scheduled for \$25 million in renovations. Officials could have put the projects up one at a time for the full cost but instead decided to propose that each school receive \$4.3 million to begin renovation.

"People don't realize that if one of these [bond proposals] goes down, it doesn't just affect the projects on that list. It affects all the ones that come after it," Whiteman said.

Bonds are a form of debt that Fairfax County and other municipalities use to pay

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Taxes Take the Lead in Race for Va. Governor

Education Issues in the Back Seat
As Three-Way Contest Boils Down
To More Tangible Matter of MoneyBy Mike Allen
Washington Post Staff Writer

RICHMOND

The two major-party candidates had been girding for a showdown over education, but this year's Virginia gubernatorial campaign wound up being driven by their competing plans to ax the tax that cities and counties collect on cars and trucks each year.

The Republican, James S. Gilmore III, kicked off the tax-cut derby with his announcement speech in May, saying he would phase out the tax over five years and restore the money to localities, using growth in state revenue.

The Democrat, Donald S. Beyer Jr., was pushing his longtime goal of "making Virginia's schools the best in America" but two months later offered his own tax plan, a rebate of state income tax for part of the money paid in personal-property tax.

The two men have been eyeing each other for the last four years, Beyer in his second term as lieutenant governor and Gilmore as state attorney general, a post he resigned in June to campaign full time.

Virginia is one of only two states—the other being New Jersey—with governor's races this year, leading to a steady stream of national attention and funding for the race.

By the end of September, the candidates had broken the record for fund-raising in a Virginia governor's race. Gilmore had raised \$7.2 million, of which \$1.1 million came from national Republican committees. Beyer, with little help from the cash-short Democratic National Committee, had raised \$6.6 million.

For all the cash and attention, Paula D. McClain, a professor of government at the University of Virginia, said the campaign has been unrelentingly lackluster in both style and substance.

"The sloganeering has overcome the serious issues," she said. "And there's been no 'wow' factor."

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How to provide relief from Virginia's personal property tax has become the central issue in the race between Democrat Donald S. Beyer Jr., left, and Republican James S. Gilmore III.



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A No. 2 Race With Impact

Lt. Governor Holds Decisive Vote in Divided State Senate

By Peter Finn
Washington Post Staff Writer

With the Virginia Senate evenly divided since 1996, the lieutenant governor's office—long merely a parking spot for gubernatorial ambition—has taken on heightened significance, because its holder breaks tie votes in the chamber.

Unlike the campaign for governor, this year's race for lieutenant governor between Democrat L.F. Payne Jr., Republican John H. Hager and Reform Party candidate Bradley E. Evans has largely been a civil affair, with both major-party candidates stressing honesty and integrity.

Payne, 52, a developer and former congressman from the Charlottesville area, supports Democratic gubernatorial candidate Donald S. Beyer Jr.'s proposal to give tax credits to help offset the personal property tax on cars and trucks.

But unlike any other statewide candidate representing a major party this year, Payne has steadfastly declined to take a

no-new-taxes pledge. He says to do so would be irresponsible, given that Virginia needs to invest aggressively in transportation and education to secure its economic future. "I'm stressing that we need to find a way to build a consensus about what we ought to be doing in Virginia, and I'm proposing a 21st Century Opportunity Commission to study education, transportation and work force development," said Payne, who lives in Nellysford in Nelson County. "There is no consensus now."

Payne noted that other states, including North Carolina and Georgia, already have blueprints for directing more money into higher education. Virginia, Payne said, is now 44th, per capita, in funding colleges and universities, and North Carolina is sixth. "Good higher education systems attract good, high-tech jobs," Payne said. "And while Virginia has excellent colleges, we need to maintain that so we are competitive 15, 20 years down the road."

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VOTER INFORMATION

Today's special issue of The Weekly features stories on state and local elections and local bond issues. Also included is biographical information on candidates in contested races and their responses to the following questions: why should voters elect you, and can Virginia afford to eliminate the personal property tax?

About the Election:

- Polls in Virginia are open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday.
- The deadline for registering to vote has passed.
- Today is the last day to apply by mail or fax for an absentee ballot.
- If you apply for an absentee ballot in person at your registrar's office, you must complete your application and ballot by 5 p.m. Saturday.
- Voters with questions about polling places and absentee ballots can call their local board of elections (all numbers are in the 703 area code):

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For Election Results

- For results in the governor's race, call Post-Haste at 202-334-9000 Tuesday after the polls close and enter category 1997. For results in the governor's race on the Internet on election night, access The Washington Post's site on the World Wide Web at www.washingtonpost.com. Complete election results will be online Wednesday.

Focus on Abortion Access

Attorney General Hopefuls Differ on How Far Va. Should Go

By Ellen Nakashima
Washington Post Staff Writer

One is a Northern Virginia Democrat who says he'll defend the right of women to have an abortion. The other is a Tidewater Republican who opposes abortion but says he won't do anything unconstitutional to restrict it.

William D. "Bill" Dolan III, of Arlington, and state Sen. Mark L. Earley, of Chesapeake, are vying to become the state's next attorney general on Tuesday, and much of their sparring has to do with how far the state should go in expanding or restricting access to abortion.

Earley, a Christian who once thought he would enter the ministry, firmly believes that abortion is wrong, even if a woman becomes pregnant through rape or incest. But he says that he respects the Supreme Court's ruling that a woman has the right, under certain circumstances, to an abortion, and that his 10-year senate record proves it.

Earley won passage this year of a bill that requires minors to notify a parent before having an abortion. The law has been challenged by abortion providers, and the next attorney general probably will have to defend it in court. Earley, 43, vowed that he would fight to protect the parental-notice law and said Dolan will not.

Dolan said that he has concerns about the law—particularly in giving a minor alternatives to notifying her parent—but that he is confident he could defend it in court.

More importantly, Dolan said, Earley as attorney general would have more power than any other state official to erode a woman's right to an abortion with, for example, legal opinions on whether tax money can be used to pay for abortions. Earley opposes taxpayer-funded abortions.

The race also is about criminal justice and the record of Gov. George Allen (R). Dolan, 53, who lost to James S. Gilmore III

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VIRGINIA NOTEBOOK

Fairfax County Board Hears a Voice From Its Past

By Eric Lipton
Washington Post Staff Writer

It has been three years since Thomas M. Davis III had a vote on the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. But that didn't discourage him on Monday night, when the ever-present Republican congressman briefly returned to try to exert a bit of influence over the county board.

No, Davis didn't grab the gavel from his successor, Chairman Katherine K. Hanley (D). But by car phone Monday night, he joined the debate over the future of the 3,200 acres in southern Fairfax County that make up the Lorton Correctional Facility, which is supposed to go out of business by 2001.

Davis, who represents parts of Fairfax and Prince William counties in Congress, was convinced that if the board approved a land-use plan that called for building about 3,150 homes on the Lorton site, it would make it much harder for him to get the Lorton land transferred for free to Fairfax for parkland and open space, as he has been trying to arrange.

While citizens were out in the auditorium testifying in favor of the housing development plan, several supervisors were in the back, in a private meeting room listening to Davis on the phone as he lobbied them to reject the item or delay the vote.

"It raises a whole series of objections on the Hill," Davis said Tuesday, recalling his argument. "If the county is going to develop it [with housing] to increase the tax base, should the federal government be compensated, and should the District get a part of [the profits from] it?"

At times, it was unclear how the vote would go, as Supervisor Gerald W. Hyland (D-Mount Vernon), who represents the Lorton area, urged the board to immediately approve the development plan.

Hyland argued that he, too, wants to keep the Lorton site as open space. But if the federally owned land is sold off to a developer, he said, the county needs to have a plan in place that would limit development.

"All this says is if the land is developed privately, here is what we believe should be done," Hyland said.

Yet the former county board chairman, Davis, prevailed.

Several supervisors said they were swayed by the concerns raised by Davis and didn't want to give Congress an excuse for arguing that it should be paid for the land. So the board voted 7 to 3 to delay, for at least two months, a decision on the plan, giving Congress more time to decide what to do with the property.

And what will happen now?

Davis said Tuesday that he is still pushing an amendment that would result in about 800 acres of the property being turned over to Fairfax or the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority,

once the prison closes. But it's unlikely that he will be able to win support this year for transferring the rest of the land, he said, as there are too many open questions about the cost of cleaning up environmental hazards there, among other matters.

For the record, Davis added, he has no intention of making a habit of joining in on county board debates.

"I graduated from that a long time ago," Davis said. "The board has a tough enough time without me offering my advice."

District 35 Race Gets More Heated

The intense contest for the 35th District seat in the House of Delegates from Fairfax County is coming to a bitter end.

Mailings sent on behalf of both major candidates have been criticized this week as racist or inaccurate.

Jeannemarie A. Devolites, the Republican candidate, came under fire for her mailing to voters in Vienna, Oakton and Fairfax City that featured a murky and unappealing picture of her opponent, who is black.

An editorial in the local weekly paper, The Vienna Times, called it "a racist attack" on Del. George E. Lovelace (D-Fairfax), who is completing his first year in office after winning a special election in January.

"We were deluged with calls from people saying they were outraged," said Maggi Luca, Lovelace's campaign manager. "The photograph was unflattering and smacked of racism."

Devolites said she stands by the text in the mailing, which criticizes Lovelace for running what she claims is a negative campaign. But on Tuesday, she acknowledged she wasn't entirely comfortable herself with the photograph of Lovelace used in the mailing, which was prepared on her behalf by the Republican Party of Virginia.

"Had I seen it before it went out, I would not have allowed that photograph to be used," Devolites said.

Lovelace, on the other hand, is under attack for a mailing sent out on his behalf by Washington-based Handgun Control Inc., which alleges that Devolites supported Gov. George Allen's veto this year of legislation that would have prohibited guns in county recreation centers.

After Devolites objected to the mailing, the organization sent her a letter in effect apologizing, since, in Handgun Control's own words, Devolites has said that she "disagree[s]" with Gov. George Allen's veto . . . favor[s] fingerprint checks for people registering for concealed weapons permits and support[s] the mandatory five-day waiting period for gun purchases."

The letter written by Robert J. Walker, Handgun Control's president, added, "We want to clearly state your record and recognize your

support for common-sense gun control in Virginia."

That's quite a bit different from the mailing, which called Devolites "a concealed weapon for the gun lobby."

Where Everyone Knows Your Name

It's a minor matter, but the touch of Fairfax's new county executive is finally showing up in the Government Center: Robert J. O'Neill Jr., who started in August, had the small army of workers from the Board of Supervisors clerk's office wearing name tags Monday.

"It was just a way to be clear who people were and make sure that everyone knows their names," said O'Neill, who was revered in Hampton, where he used to work, for making the city government user-friendly.

State NAACP Elects New Leader

Emmitt Carlton, 36, of Alexandria was elected president of the state NAACP at its annual convention last weekend. He vowed to lead the NAACP in taking more aggressive legal action to protect civil rights and to uphold the organization's nonpartisan status.

Carlton succeeds Paul Gillis, of Suffolk, who drew criticism from Carlton and others this fall when he personally endorsed Republican Mark L. Earley, of Chesapeake, for Virginia attorney general.

Gillis, who was expected to run for reelection, withdrew at the last minute Saturday afternoon, leaving Carlton unchallenged.

Carlton had been the group's vice president for two years. He is a Washington lawyer and University of Virginia law school graduate. Carlton became an NAACP member 20 years ago in Indianapolis as a volunteer in a voter registration drive.

The NAACP was host to a gubernatorial debate Friday night, attended by Democratic candidate Donald S. Beyer Jr. and Reform Party candidate Sue Harris DeBauche. The Republican candidate, James S. Gilmore III, backed out, saying he did not want to give Beyer a forum to "make false accusations" against him.

"Gilmore's campaign team blew it," Carlton said. "The perception of African American voters is going to be, 'Why didn't Jim Gilmore come to the NAACP's debate?' It's certainly not going to help him."

On Sunday, Carlton urged the 200 delegates at the Williamsburg convention to work hard to encourage people to vote in the statewide elections on Tuesday.

"The importance of the election is who on the state level is going to lead us into the 21st century," he said.

Staff writer Ellen Nakashima contributed to this report.

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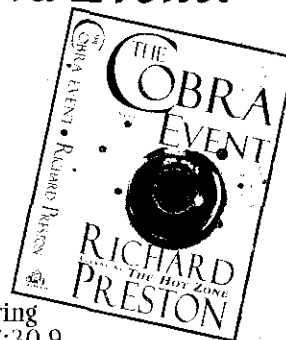
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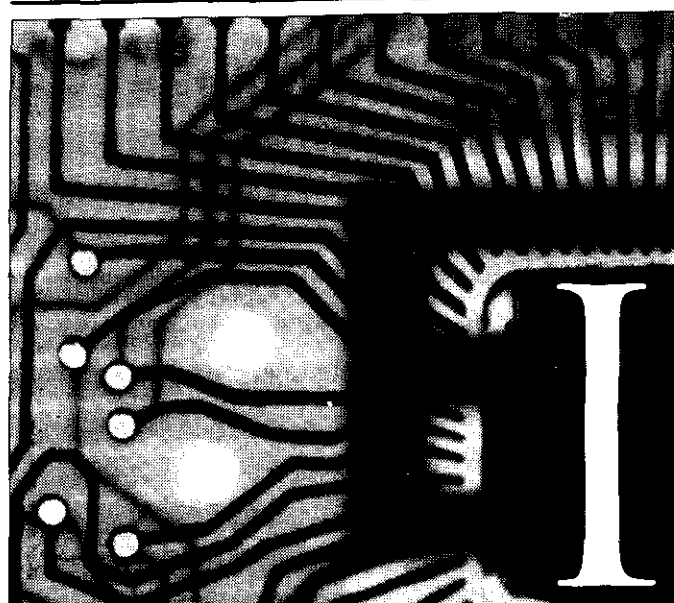
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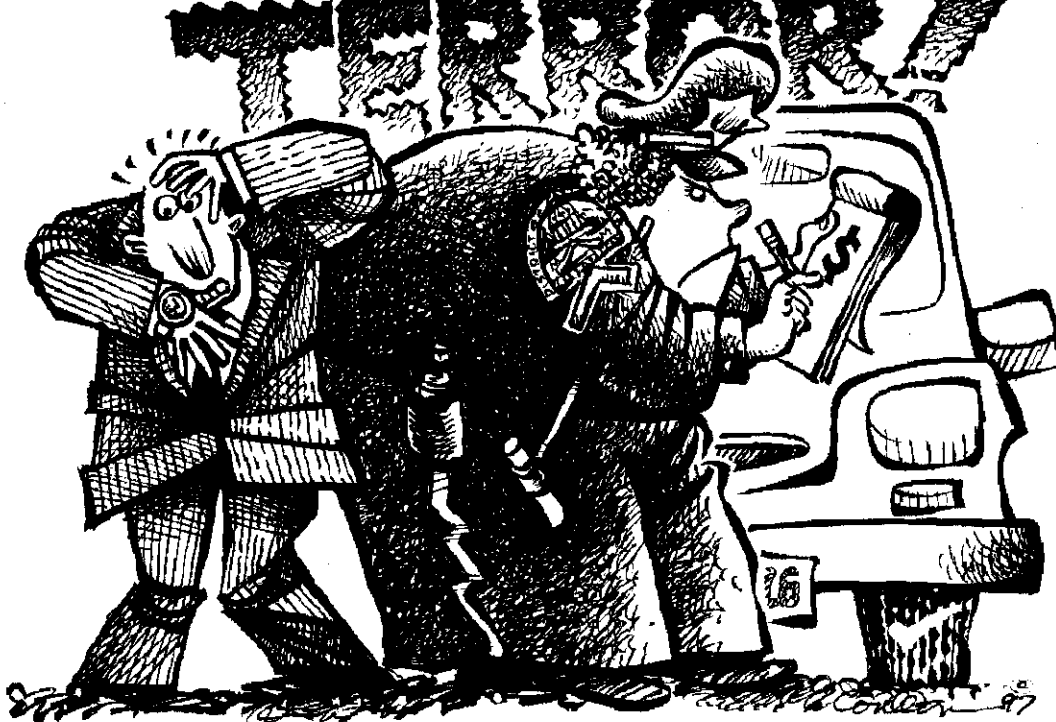
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A Lousy Way to Enforce Parking Rules

By Ron Shaffer
Washington Post Staff Writer

Dear Dr. Gridlock: Shouldn't parking ticket writers be required to wear watches? I parked in a two-hour zone on 26th Street at 10:05 a.m., according to my watch and car clock. I returned to my car at 12:03 p.m., according to my watch and car clock, and found a ticket allegedly written at 12:07 p.m.

I spotted the ticket writer and asked if I could see what time she had, and she said she did not have a watch. She said she had forgotten it that day and had simply asked a passerby for the time.

I was amazed that she would rely on separate time sources. She said other ticket writers did it all the time. She said her watch was broken every other day.

When I said I thought she should have to wear an accurate watch, she sarcastically suggested that she would take the ticket back if I bought her one.

What are the rules here? Are Department of Public Works personnel allowed to write tickets based on time violations when they have no accurate means of determining the time?

Are they allowed to rely on passersby for this information? I was infuriated by this incident.

STEPHEN OTT
Bethesda

I don't blame you. The two senior DPW officials for parking enforcement, Gwen Mitchell and Warren Ramseur, say this was wrong. Ticket writers are supposed to have their own watches, they said, and if they don't, they are supposed to use their two-way radio to call their office for the correct time. It's not good enough to rely on the watch of one passerby about 10 a.m. and another passerby two hours later when keeping track of parking violations.

Ramseur said the ticket writer in question was fired for other job-related problems. He said they were not aware of this incident, and Mitchell said it was "a wake-up call" to review with parking control aides how they are telling time. Mitchell said she and Ramseur are reviewing your case, Mr. Ott, and will be in touch with you by telephone.

Since he wrote, Mr. Ott said his ticket was dismissed by the Bureau of Traffic Adjudication. "The hearing examiner apparently was impressed that I'd spend five hours in person appealing a \$15 ticket," he said, "and he believed me."

Dr. Gridlock has not heard of this particular problem before. The DPW writes more than 1 million tickets a year, and we can only hope the ticket writers have accurate watches. Every now and then, it appears we have to write them up.

Bicyclists Talk Back

Dear Dr. Gridlock:

Thank you for asking for a response from bicyclists regarding all the Loudoun and Fauquier county residents who objected to bicyclists on the narrow country roads.

Barbara Soechtig, of Waterford, says, "Whenever I drive, I must be alert for some foolish bicyclist who think he/she is out for a day in the country and chooses this route for a pleasure trip." Delete the word "foolish" and this is 100 percent correct. The country roads in the counties around the District are some of the most beautiful in America. That is exactly why we are there.

Kimberley Monroe, of Leesburg, says, "I nearly hit a biker who did not stop at a stop sign on the bike path intersection with Routes 7 and 28 at Purcellville." Yes, there are plenty of cyclists who do not obey the traffic laws. How about automobile drivers? Are they all law-abiding? Hardly.

If everyone were to drive or ride responsibly, there is still enough room for everyone to use the roads and enjoy them.

BRUCE A. KAPNER
Chevy Chase

Dear Dr. Gridlock:

Can you let readers know that cyclists have the same rights as motorists to any road, anywhere, with few exceptions, such as the interstate highway system?

If we start by recognizing the laws and the facts, we'll be a lot closer to mutual respect.

PATRICK WHELAN
Washington

Dear Dr. Gridlock:

For the reader from Leesburg, everyone who runs a stop sign—motorists and bicyclists included—should be ticketed. She also says bicyclists should "get off the road when two cars are coming in opposite directions." No, that would be for the convenience of the drivers at the expense of the cyclist, who is obeying the traffic laws. The motorist approaching from behind is required by law to wait to pass the cyclists until it is safe to do so.

The reader from Middleburg says that "someone is going to get hurt" when cyclists ride on two-lane country roads and that "if bikers are not smart enough to stay off these roads, perhaps the county government should take some action." The danger is

not the cyclists (assuming they ride within the law) but the motorists who insist on passing when it is not safe to do so. Following a bicycle is the same as following a farm tractor—the driver approaching from behind must wait to pass until it is safe to do so.

The reader from Waterford says, "Keep to the bike trails in Loudoun County." These trails are also for joggers, walkers, skaters, dog-walkers and are more hazardous than riding on roads.

BOB SHAVER
Fairfax Station

Dear Dr. Gridlock:

I loved the person from Waterford who asked, "Do these cyclists think this is 1800? Get a life." These words from someone who lives in a town that seeks to maintain life as it was a few centuries ago, then act like a 20th century road hog when leaving town. What arrogance.

Another writer suggested that bicyclists who ride these roads are less than intelligent. This from a person who can't seem to get a car past a bicyclist. While almost every Loudoun and Fauquier motorist I encounter seems to have no problem passing me, there are some motorists everywhere who seem to have no idea how wide the road is or where the edge of the car is. Like most cyclists, I ride on the edge of the road, one foot in. This allows all but the largest land yachts to pass without leaving their lane.

I suggest that if these individuals can't pass a bicycle in their lane, they should get a smaller car that they can handle and learn where the edges of their cars are.

JAMES HADLEY
Towson

Dear Dr. Gridlock:

To motorists, please don't pull up behind me and blast your horn. I will pull over and wave you on when the way becomes clear. Please don't drive up next to me and shout obscenities at me, throw beer bottles at me, or sideswipe me. I could be your brother, father or son. Show me the same respect you would them.

GEORGE R. MEURER
Poolesville

Dear Dr. Gridlock:

I am an avid bicyclist who frequently commutes on my bicycle into the city and have ridden in Fauquier and Loudoun counties. I was shocked to learn I am "foolish, insane" tax-dodging freeloader who needs to "get a life." I do pay taxes that support the road system throughout Virginia, but I sometimes prefer to enjoy the view from a bicycle, rather than a car.

Maybe the folks out yonder don't know it, but under Virginia law, bicyclists have as much right on the roads as anyone else. Under the law, if cars cannot get around us because of oncoming traffic, then they are required to slow down (God forbid!) for the five seconds it takes to safely pass.

It's a shame that a few obnoxious cyclists who run stop signs and ride two abreast make it harder for the rest of us. But then again, your column is full of tales of horrible, dangerous drivers, yet no one has suggested that cars should be banned from the roads.

DAVID MAURER
Fairfax Station

Dear Dr. Gridlock:

Remind Ms. Soechtig, of Waterford, ("Do these cyclists think this is 1800?") that her nice country roads were nothing but rutted morasses until bicycle clubs lobbied Congress to pave country roads. The Smithsonian's American History Museum has a nice exhibit explaining this and why she should be thankful for bicycles.

BRENDAN MEYER
Falls Church

Dear Dr. Gridlock:

Car drivers need to understand that a bicyclist has a place on the road, while bicyclists need to act like they belong there and follow the rules of the road.

It works in other countries with narrower roads than Loudoun or Fauquier County, so why not here?

RICHARD WOLF
Alexandria

Dear Dr. Gridlock:

Instead of complaining and calling each other names, why don't we all try to be courteous, obey traffic laws and, as the signs say, "Share the Road."

JOAN D'ALONZO
Fredericksburg

Thanks for all your good comments. The key for both sides here would seem to be to: (1) extend more courtesy to the other, and (2) to share the road.

Residents of Loudoun County, aside from those who wrote, tell me it is common to run into a group of bicyclists, from one side of the road to the other, impeding passage of vehicles. If cyclists kept single file (as many letter writers advocate) and motorists exhibited more patience and recognized that cyclists have a right to the road also, perhaps things could improve.

What if the state built some bicycle lanes on some of the most popular roads? I don't detect much interest among county governments, and if the counties are not interested, the state won't build them.

CRIME WATCH

Fairfax County

The following were among crime reports received recently by the Fairfax County Police Department. For more information, call 703-246-2253.

FAIR OAKS DISTRICT

THEFTS/BREAK-INS

BENT TREE CIR., 13600 block. Stereos were stolen from two vehicles.
BENT TREE CIR., 13600 block. A wallet was stolen from a vehicle.
CUB RUN RD., 4500 block. Stereos were stolen from two vehicles.
CUT RUN RD., 4400 block. A stereo was stolen from a vehicle.
FAIR HEIGHTS DR., 12800 block. Appliances were stolen from a house under construction.
FOREST POND CT., 13600 block. A cellular telephone was stolen from a vehicle.
JOSEPH SIEWICK DR., 3600 block. A purse was stolen from a hospital.
LEE HWY., 11700 block. A decal was stolen from a vehicle.
LEE HWY., 12700 block. Cash was stolen.
LEE HWY., 13400 block. Gas was stolen from a service station.
LEE HWY., 13900 block. Beer was stolen from a convenience store.
LEE JACKSON MEMORIAL HWY., 12900 block. Jewelry was stolen.
LEE JACKSON MEMORIAL HWY., 13900 block. Signs were stolen from a restaurant.
LEICESTER CT., 14800 block. A bicycle was stolen.
MELVILLE LANE, 13500 block. Cash and jewelry were stolen from a residence entered by forcing a window.
MULTIPLY DR., 6300 block. Gas was stolen from a service station.
PAGE AVE., 10600 block. Tools were stolen from a vehicle.
POLO DR., 12100 block. Stereos were stolen from two vehicles.
POPPES HEAD RD., 12700 block. A VCR was stolen from a residence.
POPLAR BRANCH DR., 4300 block. Jewelry was stolen from a residence entered by forcing a window.
QUEENS BRIGADE DR., 12100 block. A mailbox was stolen from a residence.
SANTA CLARA DR., 10900 block. A statue was stolen from a front porch of a residence.
SMOKE RISE LANE, 5600 block. Jewelry was stolen from a residence.
SPRINGHOUSE CIR., 6400 block. Stereo equipment was stolen from a vehicle.

STONEFIELD LANE, 13900 block. A grill was stolen from a back yard.
SUMMER TREE RD., 14300 block. A hubcap was stolen from a vehicle.
TRANQUILITY CT., 13500 block. A dog was stolen from a back yard.

MOTOR VEHICLE THEFTS

BENTLEY SQUARE, 14700 block. A 1992 Mazda 626 was stolen.
RIDGE KNOLL CT., 3800 block. A 1986 Toyota 4Runner was stolen.

FRANCONIA DISTRICT

ASSAULTS

FLOYD AVE., 7100 block. A window of a Fairfax County School bus was shattered by a BB gun pellet. A student was treated at the scene for injuries from glass fragments.

THEFTS/BREAK-INS

BEULAH ST., 7200 block. Beer was stolen from a convenience store.
BLOOMFIELD DR., 5600 block. Jewelry was stolen from a residence.
CASTLEBERG CT., 7300 block. A stereo was stolen from a vehicle.
COMMERCE ST., 6700 block. Cash was stolen from a hotel.
CUMBERLAND AVE., 6100 block. A drill was stolen from a garden apartment office.
FRANCONIA RD., 5500 block. Gas was stolen from a service station.
HEMING CT., 7600 block. Fuses were stolen from a vehicle.
JAPONICA ST., 6500 block. Cassette tapes were stolen from a vehicle.
KINGSTOWNE CENTER. Gas was stolen from a service station.
KNICKERBOCKER DR., 5000 block. Tires were stolen from a vehicle.
LATOUR CT., 7100 block. Stereos were stolen from two vehicles.
LOISDALE CT., 6500 block. A purse was stolen.
LOISDALE RD., 6700 block. A license plate was stolen from a vehicle.
OLD KEENE MILL RD., 6900 block. Tools were stolen from a vehicle.
OLD KEENE MILL RD., 7200 block. A wallet was stolen.
OLD KEENE MILL RD., 7200 block. Beer was stolen from a convenience store.
ROCK RIDGE LANE, 7100 block. A stereo was stolen from a vehicle.
SHEPHERD HILLS DR., 9500 block. A TV, a camera and a bracelet were stolen from a residence.
SHEPHERD HILLS DR., 9500 block. A TV was stolen from a residence entered through a front door.

TELEGRAPH RD., 7600 block. A camera was stolen.

MOTOR VEHICLE THEFTS

BACKLICK AND OLD KEENE MILL ROADS. A 1995 Ford Aspire was stolen.
BERNARD AVE., 6200 block. A 1990 Buick was stolen.
CHEROKEE AVE., 5500 block. A 1995 Mazda was stolen.
CRAWFORD CT., 7600 block. A 1975 Mercedes Benz 240 was stolen.
DUNSTABLE LANE, 5200 block. A 1994 Infinity was stolen.
EXMORE ST., 7400 block. A 1986 Subaru was stolen.
HIBBLING AVE., 6300 block. A 1985 Toyota was stolen.
HIGHLAND CIR., 5900 block. A 1993 Honda Prelude was stolen.
KENTLAND ST., 6200 block. A 1993 Dodge Shadow was stolen.
LAURALIN PLACE, 7600 block. A 1979 Datsun was stolen.
RIDGE VIEW DR., 5600 block. A 1995 Volvo was stolen.
SPRINGFIELD MALL. A 1996 Mitsubishi Gallant was stolen.

MASON DISTRICT

ROBBERIES

ARLINGTON BLVD., 6100 block. Two gunmen wearing masks announced a robbery in a bank. A 24-year-old female teller gave them cash and they fled. No injuries were reported.
CARLIN SPRINGS RD., 3400 block. Three men approached a man walking to his vehicle, assaulted him, stole property from him and fled.

THEFTS/BREAK-INS

ARLEY CT., 3300 block. Four tires and a radiator were stolen from a vehicle.
ARLINGTON BLVD., 6000 block. A stereo was stolen from a vehicle.
ARLINGTON BLVD., 6100 block. Cash was stolen from a bakery entered through a side door.
ARLINGTON BLVD., 6600 block. A police officer responding to an alarm at a business found a pane of glass in a side door missing. During a search of the building, a man was found in a crawl space. A 38-year-old District man was charged with burglary, possession of burglary tools and attempted grand theft.
HIGHLAND LANE, 3100 block. A mailbox was stolen.

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THIS WEEK

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Thursday

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CONCERT by the U.S. Army Orchestra, conducted by Lt. Col. Tony Cason and guest conductor Rafael Sanchez, 8 p.m.; Brucker Hall, Fort Myer, Arlington Boulevard and North Pershing Drive, Arlington. Free. 703-696-3399.

USS CONSTITUTION LECTURE by Claire Bloom, U.S. Navy lieutenant commander and USS Constitution executive officer, including video footage of the crew preparing for its first sailing in 116 years, 7 p.m., Navy Museum, Washington Navy Yard, 901 M St. SE. Free. 202-433-6897.

RESTON FINE ARTS EXHIBITION, opening reception to meet the artists in the annual juried Fine Arts Exhibition, with a gallery talk by the juror of the exhibition, 6 to 8 p.m.; gallery talk, 7 p.m.; show open through Nov. 29, Greater Reston Arts Center, One Fountain Square, 11911 Freedom Dr., Reston. Free. 703-471-9242.

Friday

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SAILOAT CRUISE, 90-minute final cruise of 1997 aboard the dory boat Potomac, a 42-foot replica of a 19th-century Potomac River workboat, sponsored by the Alexandria Seaport Foundation and skippered by Capt. Susan Pawlukiewicz, 5:30 p.m., foot of Prince Street in Old Town Alexandria. Tickets can be purchased up to 30 minutes before departure. \$10; ages 11 and younger, \$5. 703-549-7078.

PORT CITY PLAYHOUSE presents the area community theater premiere of "The Woman in Black," a ghost play adapted by Stephen Maltratt from the book by Susan Hill, opens Friday with performances at 8 p.m. and midnight (costumes encouraged for midnight performance), continues with 8 p.m. performances Saturday and Nov. 7, 8, 11, 14 and 15, Career Center Theatre, T.C. Williams High School, 3330 King St., Alexandria. \$9; seniors and students, \$7. 703-838-9303.

LITTLE THEATRE OF ALEXANDRIA presents Lillian Hellman's drama "The Little Foxes," opens Friday, runs through Nov. 22, performances Wednesdays through Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 3 p.m., 600 Wolfe St., Alexandria. \$10 and \$13. 703-683-0496.

"TWIGS," presented by the Encore Players, cash bar, 6 p.m.; dinner, 7 p.m.; show, 8 p.m.; Friday, Saturday and Nov. 7, 8, 14, 15 and 22; cash bar, 4 p.m.; dinner, 4:45 p.m.; and show, 6 p.m. on Nov. 9, 16 and 23, upstairs at the Marco Polo Restaurant, 245 Maple Ave. W., Vienna. \$28 (includes tax and tip; \$25, seniors and students. 703-866-5333.

Saturday

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OPERA THEATRE OF NORTHERN VIRGINIA presents the area premiere of the children's opera "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe," 2 and 4:15 p.m., Thomas Jefferson Theater, 125 S. Old Glebe Rd., Arlington. Between the two performances, conductor John Niles and director Jane Christenson will introduce the cast and describe behind-the-scenes activities involved in staging an opera, then take audience questions. \$11; students, \$5. 703-528-1433.

MEXICAN FOLK DANCE PROGRAM, the De Colores Mexican Folk Dance Company presents a celebration of Mexico's "Day of the Dead" (Día de los Muertos), 7:30 p.m., Theatre One, Gunston Arts Center, 2700 S. Lang St., Arlington. \$15; seniors and students, \$10; ages 11 and younger, \$7; ages 5 and younger, free. 202-484-8433.

HEIRLOOM LECTURE SERIES, "Home Care of Heirlooms and Collectibles," with guidelines from professionals on the storage, handling and display of photographs, rare books and objects made from metals such as silver, brass, bronze and pewter; Saturday, "Home Care of Photograph Collections" with Larry Baume, senior appraisal archivist at the National Archives; Nov. 8, "Home Care of Silver and Metal Objects" with Nikki J. Goodman, objects conservator and former head of the Object Conservation Laboratory at the National Museum of American History. Lectures are from 1 to 3 p.m. in the library at Fort Ward Museum, 4301 W. Braddock Rd., Alexandria. Participants can bring one item to each lecture for examination and consultation. \$5 per lecture; reservations requested. 703-838-4848.

ARLINGTON ARTS CENTER PROGRAMS, resident painters, sculptors and photographers open their studios to the public, 1 to 5 p.m.; David Page, Erik Sandberg and Jay Townsend discuss their paintings and sculpture, which are on display through Nov. 9 in the AAC exhibit "The Last Man," 2:30 p.m., Arlington Arts Center, 3550 Wilson Blvd., Arlington. Free. 703-524-1494.

GADSBY'S MASQUERADE BALL, 8 p.m. to midnight, Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St., Alexandria. \$20; reservations requested. 703-838-4242.

JEANETTE MACDONALD/NELSON EDDY Friendship Club annual area meeting, with lunch and a musical program featuring Metropolitan Opera soprano Sharon Christman and Jason Stearns of the New York City Opera, plus sales of rare movies, recordings, back issues of "Mac/Eddy Today," songbooks, photos and calendars, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Best Western Arlington Inn and Tower, 2480 S. Glebe Rd., Arlington. \$40; reservations requested. 202-667-6486.

VICTORIAN BALL, a dance master leads guests in 19th-century dances, sponsored by the Victorian Society at Falls Church and the Falls Church Historical Commission, 7:30 to 11 p.m., Falls Church Community Center, 223 Little Falls St., Falls Church. Modern ball attire or period costumes (1840s-1900, including Civil War era) encouraged. \$25; reservations requested. 703-534-8394.

OYSTER FEAST AND PIG ROAST, 26th annual all-you-can-eat feast, a benefit for local nonprofit agencies serving children and families, sponsored by the Arlington Kiwanis Club, 5 to 8 p.m., Al's Motors, 3910 Wilson Blvd., Arlington. \$20; ages 12 and younger, \$3. 703-671-9017.

SYMPHONY PERFORMANCE by the Prince William Symphony Orchestra, with selections from Beethoven, Kurt Weill and Brahms, 8 p.m., Grace United Methodist Church, 10201 Hendley Rd., Manassas. \$15; \$12, seniors; \$6, students. 703-490-1468.

BALLROOM DANCING to the big-band sound of the Colvin Run Dance Band, dance lesson from 8 to 8:50 p.m., dance 9 p.m. to 12:30 a.m., Historical Colvin Run Schoolhouse, 10201 Colvin Run Rd., Great Falls. \$10; \$8, members; \$4, lessons. 703-430-3342.

ALL-SAINTS DAY CONCERT, performed by the combined NOVA Community Chorus and the Annandale Concert Choir, 8 p.m., St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 5800 Backlick Rd., Springfield. \$8; free for children. 703-845-6026.

COLONIAL FOOD PRESERVATION, with demonstrations of dry salting and smoking to preserve meat and how to make a small backyard smoke house, 1 to 4:30 p.m., Claude Moore Colonial Farm at Turkey Run, 6310 Georgetown Pike, McLean. \$2; \$1, seniors and ages 3 to 12. 703-442-7557.

HOSPICE ANNIVERSARY BANQUET, celebrate with the founders, friends and supporters of Hospice of Northern Virginia, and hear a professional storyteller recall the history of the hospice, plus a performance by the Arlington Metropolitan Choir, 6:30 p.m. reception; 7 p.m. dinner and program, the McLean Hilton at Tysons Corner, 7920 Jones Branch Dr., McLean. \$25; call to reserve tickets. 703-538-2045.

CHOREOGRAPHER'S COLLECTIVE, featuring choreography and dancing in classic modern dance styles, 8 p.m., Alden Theatre, McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. \$13; \$10, residents. 703-790-9223.

WAR COMES TO WALNEY, see a Civil War soldier's camp life re-created by the 42nd Virginia Infantry, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Eleanor C. Lawrence Park, 5040 Walney Rd., Chantilly. Free. 703-631-0013.

18TH-CENTURY WRITING, write with a quill pen, seal a letter and see samples of historic handwriting when you tour the house, 1 to 4 p.m., Historic Sully, 3601 Sully Rd., Chantilly. \$4; \$3, students; \$2, seniors and children. 703-437-1794.

BAND MUSIC AT THE MILL, help shell corn, grind kernels by hand and see an array of food, household and commercial products made from corn, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday; the Fairfax Symphony German Band performs from 1 to 2 p.m. both days, Colvin Run Mill, 10017 Colvin Run Rd., Great Falls. \$4; \$3, students; \$2, seniors and children. 703-759-2771.

HERB WORKSHOP, learn how herbs can repel moths and create blends of herbal moth repellents for home closets, assistance provided by members of the Potomac unit of the Herb Society, 10 a.m., Meadowlark Gardens Regional Park, 9750 Meadowlark Gardens Ct., Vienna. \$5; reservations required. 703-255-3631.

SCOUTING DAYS AT MOUNT VERNON, all Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and Camp Fire Club Members, in uniform or wearing official pins, are admitted free to the estate and can hike the Historic Scouting Trail (map provided); troop wreath-laying at George Washington's Tomb and land surveying activities by reservation, daily through mid-February, Mount Vernon, 16 miles south of Washington, at the southern end of the George Washington Memorial Parkway. \$8; seniors, \$7.50; ages 6 to 11, \$4 when accompanied by an adult. 703-780-2000.

FAMILY BIRD WALK, through the woodlands of Dora Kelley Nature Park, 2 p.m., Jerome Ford Nature Center (formerly Ramsay Nature Center), 5700 Sanger Ave., Alexandria. Free. reservations requested. 703-838-4829.

Sunday

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ALEXANDRIA PERFORMING ARTS Association presents Vera Kochanowsky, harpsichord, and Colin St. Martin, flute, performing works by Bach, de Boismortier, Leclair and Vivaldi, 4 p.m., the Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St., Alexandria. \$5. 703-548-6830.

U.S. ARMY BAND presents chamber music for trombone, featuring Army Ceremonial Band members, 3 p.m., Brucker Hall, Fort Myer, Arlington Boulevard and North Pershing Drive, Arlington. Free. 703-696-3399.

ARLINGTON SYMPHONY performs works by Tchaikovsky, William Grant Still and Manuel de Falla, plus Poulenc's Organ Concerto in G minor with organist J. Reilly Lewis, 3 p.m., auditorium, Bishop O'Connell High School, 6600 Little Falls Rd., Arlington. \$24, \$20 and \$16. 703-528-1817.

DOGGIE DASH AND STROLL along a 1.2 mile course around Fort Hunt Park, seventh annual fund-raiser for the Animal Welfare League of Alexandria,

with prizes for male and female runners, plus drawings, free refreshments, music and shelter dogs available for adoption, 9 a.m., Fort Hunt Park, five miles south of Old Town Alexandria, off the George Washington Memorial Parkway. \$15 per dog; advance registration required. 703-838-4387.

JUST JUMPER HORSE SHOW, schooling jumper horse show introduces horses and riders to show jumping, 8 a.m., Frying Pan Park, 2709 West Ox Rd., Herndon. Free to spectators. 703-437-9101.

MANOR HOUSE TEA AND TOUR, learn about John Mosby and his best friend, Fountain Beattie, a former owner of Green Spring during the Civil War, followed by a full English cream tea, 1 to 3 p.m., Green Spring Gardens Park, 4603 Green Spring Rd. (three miles east of Beltway Exit 6E), Alexandria area. \$15; reservations required. 703-941-7987.

UNIVERSITY CONCERT, the Spoleto/USA Chamber Music series makes its inaugural tour of the United States with violinist Chee-Yun, clarinetist Todd Palmer, cellist Andre Diaz and pianist Stephen Prutsky playing works by Barber, Brahms, Stravinsky and Mendelssohn, 7 p.m., George Mason University's Center for the Arts, Fairfax City. \$23; \$10, children. 703-993-8888.

PIANOFORTE MUSIC, hear an 1825 pianoforte, made in London, as you tour the plantation house, 2 and 3 p.m., Historic Sully, 3601 Sully Rd., Chantilly. \$4; \$3, students; \$2, seniors and children. 703-437-1794.

SYMPHONY MUSICIANS CONCERT, featuring music by composers who were victims of the Holocaust, in memory of those who suffered or perished in Kristallnacht, performed by members of the National Symphony Orchestra, 7 p.m., Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia, 8900 Little River Tpk., Fairfax City area. \$5; free for members. 703-323-0880.

"THE WIZARD OF OZ," presented in a modern, urban setting by the Barter Theatre's First Light Theatre, performances recommended for ages 5 and older, 1 and 3:30 p.m., Alden Theatre, McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. \$8; \$7, residents. 703-790-9223.

Monday

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SAND PAINTING, using colored sands, children ages 5 and 6 will create their own version of this Native American art with the help of artist Lorette Guthrie, 2:30 to 4 p.m., Huntley Meadows Park, 3701 Lockheed Blvd. (off Route 1, 3.5 miles south of Beltway Exit 1), Alexandria area. \$5; reservations required. 703-768-2525.

WETLANDS AND WATERFOWL SEMINAR, the Fairfax Audubon Society presents a three-part seminar taught by William R. Stott Jr., ornithologist and field trip leader. The seminar series combines the study of wetlands with the study of waterfowl, 7 to 9 p.m., Monday and Nov. 10 and 17, National Wildlife Federation headquarters, 8925 Leesburg Pike, Vienna. \$75; \$60 FAS members; registration required. 703-256-6895.

Tuesday

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ADVENTURE VIDEOS, in "Summit Fever" would-be mountaineers try to scale Mount Everest; in "Survive the Outback" three men use high-tech devices in a race across Australia's Kimberley, noon, National Geographic Society, 17th and M streets NW. Free. 202-857-7588.

Wednesday

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"CRYSTAL," a new work about adoption by playwright Anna Theresa Cascio, will be presented by the Theater of the First Amendment, 8 p.m., Wednesday through Nov. 23, TheaterSpace, George Mason University's Center for the Arts, Fairfax City. \$23. Not suitable for children younger than 14. 703-993-8888.

POETRY READING by Carolyn Forché, author of 12 books of poetry, criticism, geography and fiction, sponsored by Marymount University's School of Arts and Sciences, 4 p.m., student center back room, Marymount University, 2807 N. Glebe Rd., Arlington. Free. 703-284-1560.

RED CROSS DISASTER SERVICE program, on disasters, their effects on people and communities, how the Red Cross provides disaster relief and the role of government and other agencies, 6 to 10 p.m., Arlington County chapter, American Red Cross, 4333 Arlington Blvd., Arlington. Free; reservations requested. 703-527-3010.

Thursday

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U.S. ARMY CHORALE, an 18-member singing and dancing ensemble directed by Capt. Dwayne S. Milburn, performs popular tunes, 8 p.m., Brucker Hall, Fort Myer, Arlington Boulevard and North Pershing Drive, Arlington. Free. 703-696-3399.

MUSICAL SLIDE PRESENTATION by nature photographer Jim Clark, U.S. national parks and wildlife refuges, 8 p.m., Huntley Meadows Park, 3701 Lockheed Blvd. (off Route 1, 3.5 miles south from Beltway Exit 1), Alexandria area. Free; reservations required. 703-768-2525.

HALLOWEEN EVENTS

TODAY

ALEXANDRIA JAYCEES HAUNTED HOUSE, 11th annual family event in the House of Terror, featuring caves, jungles, cemeteries and mazes; tonight, to 11 p.m.; Friday, 7 to 11 p.m. \$5. From 6 to 7 p.m. Friday during a lights-on program, children under 7 can tour the Haunted House with a parent, meet friendly monsters and hear a ghost story. \$3; no charge for one accompanying parent. Second level, Landmark Mall, Interstate 395 and Duke Street, Alexandria. 703-866-7171.

GHOST STORIES FOR ADULTS, Cay Wiant weaves spine-tingling tales by candlelight in the parlor, 8 p.m., Cherry Hill Farmhouse, 312 Park Ave., Falls Church. \$1. Reservation required. 703-241-5171.

FRIDAY

HAUNTED HISTORY, tour Woodlawn Plantation and explore the legends and tales of its "ghostly inhabitants." Candlelight tours through the mansion will take you into areas of the house that are not usually open. Refreshments will be served around a roaring bonfire on the west front of the mansion; 8 p.m. to midnight, with tours running every 20 minutes; Woodlawn Plantation, 9000 Richmond Hwy., Alexandria. \$15 per person. Reservations required. 703-780-4000.

HISTORIC ALEXANDRIA HAUNTINGS, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., a citywide ghost tour during which revelers can stop off at three historic sites for refreshments and introductions to resident spirits. A wait waits at King and Fairfax streets to lure the unwary into the Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum, 105-107 S. Fairfax St. At Carlyle House Historic Park, 121 N. Fairfax St., Alexandria Archaeology will "dig up" evidence of mayhem and gore galore. At Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St., a long-dead, mysterious

stranger may walk once more. Tickets can be purchased at each site or at Market Square, 301 King St., from 5 to 8:30 p.m. \$5; children 12 or younger, \$3. Costumes encouraged. 703-838-4242.

FALLS CHURCH HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL, featuring games, fortuneteller, arts and crafts, free candy and cider, costume contest. Toddlers through second-graders, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.; third- through fifth-graders, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Falls Church Community Center gym, 223 Little Falls St., Falls Church. Free. 703-241-5178.

GHOST PLAY, Port City Playhouse presents "The Woman in Black," adapted by Stephen Maltratt from the book by Susan Hill. Opens Friday with performances at 8 p.m. and midnight. Costumes encouraged for midnight performance, with prize for best costume. Continues at 8 p.m. Saturday. Performances also at 8 p.m. Nov. 7, 8, 11, 14 and 15. Career Center Theatre, T.C. Williams High School, 3330 King St., Alexandria. \$9; seniors and students, \$7. 703-838-9303.

HALLOWEEN TRICK OR TREAT, featuring "witches' brew" and other special treats, dusk to 10 p.m., the Kiels' "Halloween House," 737 S. 25th St., Arlington. Sponsored by Calvary United Methodist Church. Free. 703-892-5185.

SATURDAY

"DIA DE LOS MUERTOS," the De Colores Mexican Folk Dance Company presents a celebration of Mexico's "Day of the Dead," 7:30 p.m., Theatre One, Gunston Arts Center, 2700 S. Lang St., Arlington. \$15; seniors and students, \$10; ages 11 and younger, \$7; ages 5 and younger, free. 202-484-8433.

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CRIME WATCH

CRIME, From Page 6

HORNER CT., 9100 block. Computers were stolen from a school trailer entered by breaking a window.

JOHN MARSHALL DR., 2900 block. Clothing was stolen.

LITTLE RIVER TPK., 6200 block. Clothing was stolen from a men's clothing store entered through a front door.

LITTLE RIVER TPK., 7700 block. A computer was stolen from a business entered by forcing a door.

RAVENSWORTH RD., 4300 block. Tools were stolen from a vehicle.

RIDGE RD., 3800 block. A dog was stolen.

RIVER TWEED LANE, 6500 block. Cash and jewelry were stolen from a residence.

SEMINARY RD., 5500 block. A stereo was stolen from a vehicle.

SHANDWICK PLACE, 3200 block. A wallet was stolen from a vehicle.

SOUTH GEORGE MASON DR., 3800 block. A TV, a telephone and CDs were stolen from a video store entered by forcing a front door.

SOUTH MANCHESTER ST., 3100 block. Stereos were stolen from two vehicles.

WADSWORTH CT., 4200 block. An occupant awoke to find a man in a living room in a residence. The man grabbed the occupant, who broke free during a struggle. The man fled out the front door with an undisclosed amount of cash. No injuries were reported.

WAYNE DR., 7100 block. A stereo was stolen from a vehicle.

MOTOR VEHICLE THEFTS

LUCERNE LANE, 7400 block. A 1986 Toyota Camry was stolen.

PARKWOOD CT., 7400 block. A 1986 Mazda truck was stolen.

PATRICK HENRY DR., 2900 block. A 1990 Toyota Camry was stolen.

SOUTH JEFFERSON ST., 3400 block. A 1991 Cadillac was stolen.

MCLEAN DISTRICT

ROBBERIES

WICKERSHAM WAY, 2900 block. A 28-year-old cabdriver was approached in a parking lot by three men. One man entered his cab, displayed a knife and demanded cash. A second man took cash and all three men fled on foot. The victim received a cut to the hand.

THEFTS/BREAK-INS

ARLINGTON BLVD., 7200 block. Gas was stolen from a service station.

BLAKE LANE, 9500 block. Gas was stolen from a service station.

BOONE BLVD., 8200 block. Cash was stolen from a restaurant.

BOWLING GREEN DR., 2700 block. A stereo was stolen from a vehicle.

CHAIN BRIDGE RD., 2000 block. A wallet was stolen from an office building.

ELSNORE AVE., 1300 block. A residence was entered through a basement door. Nothing was reported missing.

FAIRVIEW PARK DR., 2900 block. A stereo was stolen from a vehicle.

GALLOWES RD., 2200 block. A business was entered by forcing a door. Nothing was reported missing.

GALLOWES RD., 2200 block. Cash was stolen from a business entered by forcing a door.

GEORGETOWN PIKE, 6300 block. A computer was stolen from an office.

HARTLAND RD., 2700 block. Cash was stolen from an office building entered by forcing a door.

HOLLY MANOR DR., 2500 block. A camcorder, CDs and jewelry were stolen from a residence entered by forcing a sliding glass door.

KIRBY ROAD AND LAMBIANCE DRIVE. A sign was stolen from an intersection.

LEE HWY., 7800 block. Beer was stolen from a convenience store.

LEE HWY., 8500 block. Cash was stolen from a podiatry office entered by forcing a door.

LEE HWY., 8500 block. Cash was stolen from a medical office entered by forcing a door.

LEE HWY., 9300 block. A computer was stolen.

LEESBURG PIKE, 7500 block. Cash was stolen from a grocery store.

LEESBURG PIKE, 9400 block. Concrete figures were stolen from a nursery entered by forcing a bay door.

LINCOLN WAY, 1500 block. A tire cover was stolen from a vehicle.

OLD COURTHOUSE RD., 9400 block. A cellular telephone was stolen from a vehicle.

RICE ST., 7200 block. A stereo was stolen from a vehicle.

SAVANNAH ST., 7500 block. Jewelry and a telephone were stolen from a residence entered through a front door.

SPRINGHILL RD., 1500 block. Cash was stolen from a business entered by punching a hole in dry wall.

STONEHAM LANE, 6300 block. Jewelry and silver serving pieces were stolen from a residence entered by breaking a window.

TALKING ROCK DR., 3000 block. A stereo was stolen from a vehicle.

TYSONS CORNER CENTER. A wallet was stolen.

TYSONS CORNER CENTER. Cash was stolen from a store.

TYSONS GALLERIA SHOPPING CENTER. Clothes were stolen from a department store.

WEST ST., 2600 block. A purse was stolen from a vehicle.

WESTPARK DR., 8400 block. A computer was stolen from an office.

WILLIAMS DR., 3000 block. Cash was stolen from an office.

WILLIAMS DR., 3000 block. Three computer monitors were stolen from a medical office entered by punching a hole in a wall next to a door.

WOODLEY PLACE, 2700 block. A VCR was stolen from a residence entered through an unlocked door.

MOTOR VEHICLE THEFTS

MONTICELLO DR., 3100 block. A 1987 Honda Civic was stolen.

SAVANNAH ST., 7600 block. A 1987 Toyota van was stolen.

MOUNT VERNON DISTRICT

SEXUAL ASSAULTS

HUNTINGTON AREA. A 26-year-old woman was inside a vehicle talking to a male acquaintance when two other men entered the vehicle. She was driven to an undisclosed location, where they each sexually assaulted her. After several hours, they left the woman, and she walked to a pay telephone where she called police. The victim was treated at Inova Fairfax Hospital.

MOUNT VERNON AREA PLAYGROUND. A teenage boy grabbed an 11-year-old girl and fondled her. The same boy had fondled a 15-year-old female pedestrian earlier in the month. A 15-year-old Mount Vernon area boy was charged with aggravated sexual battery and sexual battery.

THEFTS/BREAK-INS

ARLINGTON DR., 2600 block. A video camera, video games, a backpack and CDs were stolen from a residence entered through a balcony door.

BUCKMAN RD., 3500 block. A TV, a VCR, a leather coat and a gold necklace were stolen from a residence entered through a window.

BUCKMAN RD., 4200 block. A cab fare was not paid.

COOL SPRING DR., 1700 block. A bicycle was stolen.

FAIRHAVEN AVE., 2800 block. A stereo was stolen from a residence.

GENTLE LANE, 6200 block. A camera was stolen from a residence.

OLD MOUNT VERNON RD., 8500 block. A license plate was stolen from a vehicle.

OLD RICHMOND HWY., 1800 block. A decal was stolen from a vehicle.

PARKERS LANE, 2500 block. Cash was stolen from a middle school.

PLYMOUTH RD., 8700 block. Shoes were stolen from a vehicle.

RICHMOND HWY., 6000 block. A purse was stolen.

RESTON DISTRICT

THEFTS/BREAK-INS

ARROWHEAD CIR., 3200 block. Clothing and CDs were stolen from a vehicle.

BENNETT ST., 700 block. A calculator was stolen from a high school.

BENNETT ST., 700 block. A camera was stolen from a high school.

CENTREVILLE RD., 2100 block. Gas was stolen from a service station.

CENTREVILLE RD., 2500 block. Beer was stolen from a convenience store.

CRYSTAL WOOD CT., 2700 block. Hubcaps were stolen from a vehicle.

DRY RIVER CT., 11700 block. Three patio chairs were stolen.

FORBES GLEN DR., 12000 block. A stereo was stolen from a vehicle.

FOX FOREST DR., 10500 block. A refrigerator was stolen from a construction site.

LEESBURG PIKE, 10600 block. A greenhouse was entered through a rear window. Nothing was reported missing.

LEESBURG PIKE, 9600 block. Cash was stolen from a store.

MARKET ST., 11900 block. A camera was stolen.

MICHAEL FARADAY CT., 1800 block. Cash was stolen from an office.

NATHAN LANE, 1600 block. Cash was stolen from a vehicle.

NORTH SHORE DR., 11400 block. Cigarettes were stolen from a service station entered by breaking a window in a rear bay door.

OAKTON TERRACE RD., 10000 block. A stereo was stolen from a vehicle.

OAKTON TERRACE RD., 10100 block. Stereos were stolen from two vehicles.

PARK GARDEN LANE, 1400 block. A stereo was stolen from a vehicle.

ROLLING GREEN CT., 11500 block. A briefcase was stolen from a vehicle.

SOAPSTONE DR., 2700 block. A laptop computer and a computer bag were stolen from a residence entered through a garage.

SUNSET HILLS RD., 12100 block. A computer was stolen from an office.

SUTTON RD., 2900 block. A stereo was stolen from a vehicle.

TULIP POPLAR LANE, 1300 block. A stereo was stolen from a vehicle.

WHEELWRIGHT CT., 2200 block. A bottle of wine was stolen from a residence entered through a front door.

MOTOR VEHICLE THEFTS

VANTAGE HILL RD., 11600 block. A 1986 Nissan 300 ZX was stolen.

WEST SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT

ROBBERIES

OAK LADDER CT., 5800 block. A gunman robbed a 40-year-old man of cash. No injuries were reported.

THEFTS/BREAK-INS

AMERICANA DR., 4900 block. A stereo was stolen from a vehicle.

ANN FITZ HUGH DR., 4300 block. A stereo was stolen from a vehicle.

ARLEN CT., 4800 block. A ring was stolen from a residence.

BURKE LAKE RD., 9400 block. A cab fare was not paid.

BURKE RD., 9400 block. Plants were stolen from a nursery.

BURLING WOOD DR., 8500 block. A copier was stolen from an apartment rental office.

CALVIN CT., 5400 block. Pagers were stolen from a vehicle.

CALVIN CT., 5400 block. Stereos were stolen from two vehicles.

EAST ROCKGLEN CT., 7900 block. A wallet was stolen.

GUNSTON CORNER LANE, 8200 block. Gas was stolen from a service station.

LITTLE RIVER TPK., 7600 block. An electronic address file was stolen from an office.

MARITIME LANE, 7800 block. Boots were stolen.

MITCHAM CT., 5500 block. A stereo was stolen from a vehicle.

OLD KEENE MILL RD., 8300 block. Gas was stolen from a service station.

OLD KEENE MILL RD., 9500 block. Gas was stolen from a service station.

ROLLING RD., 6100 block. A bicycle was stolen.

MOTOR VEHICLE THEFTS

CHARLES THOMPSON LANE, 7900 block. A 1997 Nissan was stolen.

JOHN ADAMS CT., 7900 block. A 1978 Oldsmobile cutlass was stolen.

Fairfax City

The following were among crime reports received recently by the City of Fairfax Police Department. For more information, call 703-385-7809.

THEFTS/BREAK-INS

CEDAR AVE., 10800 block, 1 a.m. to noon Oct. 19. A spoiler was stolen from a vehicle parked on the street.

MAIN ST., 9600 block, 3:30 to 4 p.m., Oct. 19. A wallet was stolen from an unlocked vehicle in a parking lot.

MAIN ST., 11100 block, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Oct. 18. A gear-shift knob and CDs were stolen from a vehicle at an auto dealership.

MAIN ST., 11100 block, 6 to 10 p.m., Oct. 20. A wallet and other items were

stolen from a vehicle at an auto dealership.

UNIVERSITY DR., 3900 block, 4:01 a.m. Oct. 17. Two packs of cigarettes were stolen from a convenience store. A 19-year-old Dale City woman was charged with petty theft.

WOODLAND DR., 10900 block, Oct. 19. A cellular telephone and a pager were stolen from a residence.

MOTOR VEHICLE THEFTS

LEE HWY., 10400 block, Oct. 11 to Oct. 16. A 1991 Chevrolet Camaro was stolen from a parking lot of an auto dealership.

VANDALISM

DRAPER DR., 3100 block, 6 p.m. Oct. 4 to 7 a.m. Oct. 6. Paint was splattered on a business.

MAIN ST., 11200 block, 11:19 p.m. Oct. 18. Two men pulled over a display rack holding plants in front of a grocery store. After a police officer chased them, the men were arrested. A 23-year-old Fairfax City man and a 24-year-old Adelphi, Md., man were charged with public drunkenness, disorderly conduct and destruction of private property.

MAIN STREET AND WHITACRE ROAD, Oct. 14 to Oct. 17. Signal activation buttons on pedestrian crosswalk signals were broken.

NORMAN AVE., 10500 block, Oct. 19 or Oct. 20. A taillight on a vehicle was broken in front of a residence.

RANGER ROAD AND DUNSTER COURT, 3 a.m. to 12 p.m. Oct. 19. The door of a vehicle parked on a street was scratched.

WOODLAND DR., 4100 block, 10 p.m. Oct. 20 to 7:20 a.m. Oct. 21. A vehicle's window was smashed in front of a residence.

Herndon

The following were among crime reports received recently by the Herndon Police Department. For more information, call 703-435-6846.

ASSAULTS

HIGHCOURT LANE, 2100 block, 2:55 a.m. Oct. 18. A man assaulted a 43-year-old female acquaintance during an argument at a residence. A 41-year-old Herndon man was charged with assault.

MERLINS LANE, 500 block, 11:54 p.m. Oct. 14. A man punched a 34-year-old female acquaintance several times during an argument. A 38-year-old Herndon man was charged with malicious wounding. The victim received stitches for a cut on her face.

PARK AVE., 1000 block, 1:03 p.m. Oct. 19. A window was broken when a BB gun was fired at an occupied residence.

THEFTS/BREAK-INS

ELDEN ST., 1100 block, 5:59 a.m. Oct. 13. A man left a restaurant without paying his bill.

ELDEN ST., 1100 block, 9:46 p.m. Oct. 18. Gas was stolen from a service station.

ELDEN ST., 1200 block, 6:41 p.m. Oct. 19. A woman was observed concealing merchandise at a grocery store. A 29-year-old Herndon woman was charged with concealment.

ELDEN ST., 1200 block, 9:48 p.m. Oct. 15. A cellular telephone was stolen from an unlocked vehicle in a parking lot.

FERNDALE AVE., 800 block, 7:52 p.m. Oct. 13. A pair of sandals were stolen from an unlocked locker at a community center.

FLORIDA AVE., 500 block, 9:47 p.m. Oct. 14. Two men left a taxi cab without paying their fare.

GRANT ST., 800 block, 7:28 p.m. Oct. 16. A garden cart was stolen from a yard of a residence.

HERNDON PKWY., 500 block, 2:16 p.m. Oct. 15. A laptop computer was stolen from a business.

MOTOR VEHICLE THEFTS

TREVINO LANE, 1000 block, 2:52 a.m. Oct. 15. A 1988 Nissan was stolen.

VANDALISM

ELDEN ST., 1200 block, 10:10 a.m. Oct. 13. A tire was flattened and eggs were thrown at a vehicle in a parking lot.

FLORIDA AVE., 500 block, 6:48 a.m. Oct. 15. A vehicle in parking lot was scratched and 20 other vehicles at the same location had tires punctured.

TYLER ST., 1000 block, 5:38 p.m. Oct. 19. The sides of two vehicles at a residence were spray painted.

Vienna

The following were among crime reports received recently by the Vienna Police Department. For more information, call 703-255-6330.

SEXUAL ASSAULTS

CHERRY CIR. SW, 100 block, 11 p.m. Oct. 11 to 6 a.m. Oct. 12. A man had sex with a 13-year-old girl. A 21-year-old Vienna man was charged with two counts of carnal knowledge of a child.

THEFTS/BREAK-INS

MAPLE AVE. E., 100 block, 2:20 a.m. Oct. 19. Gas was stolen from a service station.

MAPLE AVE. E., 200 block, 10 a.m. Oct. 4 to 10 a.m. Oct. 11. Change was stolen from a vending machine outside a grocery store.

MAPLE AVE. W., 500 block, 12:30 p.m. Oct. 17. A coat was stolen from a coat room at a business.

PATRICK ST. SE, 100 block, 9:30 a.m. to 7:15 p.m. Oct. 21. Stereo equipment, a TV, CDs, a camera and other property were stolen from an apartment entered through a window.

ROBERTS DR. NW, 600 block, 8 a.m. Sept. 19 to noon Oct. 14. A demolition hammer was stolen from a shed at a residence. There was no sign of forced entry.

MOTOR VEHICLE THEFTS

TAPAWINGO RD. SW, 700 block, 11:30 p.m. Oct. 16 to 6 a.m. Oct. 17. A vehicle was stolen in front of a residence. It was recovered behind a shopping center by Fairfax County police.

VANDALISM

MARSHALL RD. SW, 500 block, 5:10 p.m. Oct. 15. Graffiti was written on a sidewalk at a church.

MARSHALL RD. SW, 700 block, 9 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. Oct. 16. A van's window was broken at an elementary school.

PEKAY ST. SW, 1100 block, 12:30 p.m. Oct. 16. A rock was thrown through a window of a residence.

— Jean Mack

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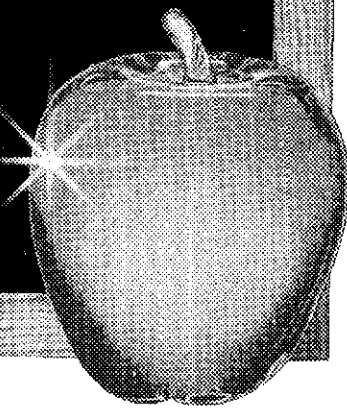
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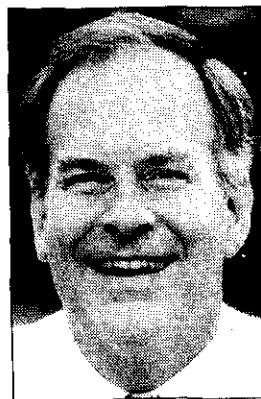
K.E. 'Kate' Fisher

■ **AGE:** 45.
 ■ **RESIDENCE:** Herndon.
 ■ **OCCUPATION:** Receptionist/meeting planner/accounting assistant at Hill & Knowlton Public Affairs Worldwide Co., Washington.
 ■ **EDUCATION:** BA, political science, Old Dominion University.
 ■ **PERSONAL:** "Born in Washington, D.C., raised in Northern Virginia, daughter of federal employees, attended public schools, 11-year resident of district."

Q: Can Virginia afford to eliminate the personal property tax?

A: "Not at this time. Your county, town or city currently has no other revenue options to make up for the shortfall. I am willing to look at other taxes to replace the property tax, such as a school tax and a public safety tax that would spell out the use for the funds. As we live in a global economy and can be impacted by worldwide events, we cannot count on Virginia's economy always booming. Mr. Gilmore may pledge returning funds from Richmond but this would be an estimated two-thirds of the funds currently collected and the local governments have already cut costs to the bone."

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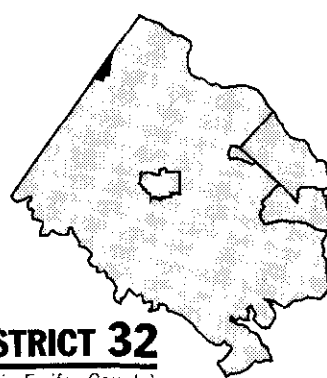
William C. 'Bill' Mims*

■ **AGE:** 40.
 ■ **RESIDENCE:** Sterling.
 ■ **OCCUPATION:** Attorney, Worcester, Mims & Atwill, P.C.
 ■ **EDUCATION:** LL.M., Georgetown University; JD, George Washington University; BA, College of William and Mary.
 ■ **PERSONAL:** "Formerly chief of staff to Congressman Frank R. Wolf (R). I created the Virginia Prepaid Education Program (V-PEP). I am recognized for efforts against teen smoking."

Q: Can Virginia afford to eliminate the personal property tax?

A: "There are no proposals to eliminate personal property taxes imposed by localities. Pending proposals are to reduce personal property taxes on automobiles. I support tax relief in a package which also funds educational needs from Virginia's significant budget surplus. We should fund educational priorities which have been deferred. We also should provide relief to hard-working taxpayers. The property tax on cars is particularly onerous—it is regressive, it taxes a necessity of life and it bears no relationship to public services used by the taxpayer. The magnitude of tax relief depends upon the size of the projected surplus."

*Incumbent



DISTRICT 32
(part in Fairfax County)

In 32nd, Managing Growth Is Major Issue

By Jennifer Lenhart
 Washington Post Staff Writer

The candidates for the 32nd District House seat favor styles of legislating as different as their styles of living in this hilly, Piedmont district.

Republican William C. "Bill" Mims, the three-term incumbent, lives on a cul-de-sac in the affluent, planned community of Countryside in the middle of the district and practices law in Leesburg at the western end. He spends most of his days in Loudoun County, sometimes campaigning during lunch.

Challenger Kate Fisher, a Democrat who ran unsuccessfully in 1987 and 1989, was one of the first to move—11 years ago—to her street in unincorporated Herndon in Fairfax County, at the district's eastern end. She commutes to her job as a receptionist at Hill & Knowlton, a public relations firm in the District, and campaigns after work and on weekends.

Fisher, 45, said she would legislate by considering the "rank and file and not the lawyer's perspective. . . . What I would do is approach any issue on a common-sense basis so that regular people can understand," she said.

Mims, 40, would "work on the issues that either have a direct impact on the quality of life in this area or the safety of the state at large."

The candidates agree that the major issue in the district is growth.

Loudoun County officials estimate that Loudoun will need \$340 million worth of public

facilities in the next six years, including 11 new schools, to accommodate the tide of new residents.

Mims supports impact fees, which would be added to construction costs at the time of development, earmarked for specific public services.

"People who move to Loudoun County have come here because it is an exceptional place to live," Mims said. "When you come here and then you find that your child is being educated in a trailer, or your child is being educated in a classroom with 30-plus students because we are growing more rapidly than we can build schools, it does not appear to be as exceptional."

Mims, the father of three girls, suggests that the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors draft a sample impact-fee ordinance with a 10- or 15-year sunset provision that could be touted in Richmond as an experiment for the state.

"After 10 or 15 years, if it's not working, then at least we can be the laboratory for the rest of Virginia," he said.

Fisher, who ran unsuccessfully before the district's boundaries were redrawn to exclude Great Falls and most of the western section of Fairfax County, said the proffer system now used in Loudoun and elsewhere should be replaced with a requirement to have roads, schools and other public facilities in place before houses are built.

"A public-facilities law is something we're desperate for," said Fisher, a Washington native whose civic activities include roles as president of the Crestbrook Homeowners Association and past

president of the Herndon Historical Society. "We will never be able to catch up with the level of development that is taking place, not only here in Northern Virginia but in Tidewater and Richmond and other regions, with the current laws on the books."

Other issues in the campaign are the environment, public safety and Virginia's personal property tax.

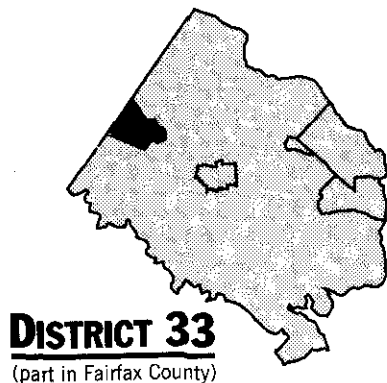
On the personal property tax, the candidates hold to party lines. Fisher supports Democratic gubernatorial candidate Donald S. Beyer Jr.'s plan to give some residents credit for the tax on their state income tax returns. "It would do a lot more for people right now, and it would be a single, easy step," she said.

Mims favors Republican gubernatorial candidate James S. Gilmore III's proposal to phase out the tax on vehicles valued at less than \$20,000 and compensate localities for the lost funds with state revenue.

But Mims said he does not believe that the General Assembly will "simply rubber-stamp either plan."

Pollution to area waterways is the biggest threat to the district's and the state's environment, the candidates agree, and both say the recent outbreak of *Pfiesteria piscicida* has underscored the vulnerability of this resource.

Fisher said she would push to regulate industrial discharge; Mims said he would try to "balance the need for new jobs with clean industry."



DISTRICT 33
(part in Fairfax County)

Range of Views in Sprawling 33rd

By Peter Pae
 Washington Post Staff Writer

In the race for the 33rd District House seat, Republican incumbent Joe T. May is seeking his third term against Democratic challenger Kenneth P. Halla, a political novice who wants to slow growth and increase funding for schools.

A third candidate, independent Robert E. Primack, who owns an antique store, is hoping to spice up the race by offering voters "an independent voice" that, he says, won't be beholden to a political party.

May, the founder of a 160-employee Loudoun County company, Electronic Instrumentation and Technology, has consistently supported Gov. George Allen (R) but is running on his own record, including being an advocate for technology companies.

"What I've done is look after people's business," said May, 60. "Virginia is a technology state. It's our bread and butter. If we don't treat technology right, it's going to be a royal mess. That's why I've chosen technology to focus my attention on."

Although the district has leaned Republican since 1990, Democrat Halla, a high school teacher and track coach, insists it isn't a GOP lock and says he would focus on education and growth issues.

The district, which sprawls from Franklin Farms in western Fairfax County to the West Virginia line, encompasses western and southern parts of Loudoun County, all of Clarke County and parts of Fauquier County.

"We have far too few teachers in the legislature," said Halla, 34, who noted

that there were only four teachers in the last state assembly. "They all say education is their number one concern, but few can back it up with as much true belief as I can."

All three candidates said issues of growth, education and transportation are key concerns of the district, but they disagree on approaches.

Halla said he supports increasing the amount that developers have to pay to build houses by replacing so-called proffers with impact fees. Proffers are voluntary contributions developers make to obtain permission to build homes. Impact fees are set amounts developers would be required to pay to help finance public facilities and services that would be required as a result of their projects.

"The developers will pay for all the things we are paying for now. That way we can lower the property tax on real estate," Halla said. "It will also slow growth considerably." Primack, 52, also supports impact fees.

May said the local jurisdictions should have the option of imposing such fees but shouldn't be required to do so. He pointed out that imposing the fees on future developments wouldn't address the increased costs stemming from the thousands of homes that already have been approved but not yet built.

May added that he would push for legislation to make more money available for counties to build schools, including the possibility of providing low-interest loans.

On educational issues, May supports experimenting with giving vouchers that parents could use to send their children to private schools;

both Halla and Primack are opposed to vouchers. Halla said vouchers would drain public schools of needed funds and cause "overcrowding and teachers not getting paid what they should be getting paid."

May said that a voucher program is an "experiment" worth trying and that if it were successful he would push to take it statewide. "I see it as an effort to improve things, and [it] should never destabilize our public education system."

May and Primack support a six-lane western bypass road if it crosses the Potomac River, but they oppose any such highway if it ends at Route 7, as is proposed. Halla opposes any western corridor road, saying it would bring unwanted development and sprawl.

May said he supports Republican gubernatorial candidate James S. Gilmore III's plan for a personal property tax cut, saying it is "fiscally responsible because it wouldn't be implemented if we don't have the surplus to cover" the loss in revenue.

Halla said he strongly opposes the Gilmore plan because it would save taxpayers "only about \$45 next year" while taking millions out of the budget that could go to education.

Primack is opposed to both plans because he says they're "election gimmicks" that are unlikely to "come into fruition."

Halla is seeking his first public office; Primack, who is a former employee of fringe political candidate Lyndon LaRouche, ran unsuccessfully for mayor of Leesburg last year and for the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors in 1993.

DEMOCRAT



Kenneth P. Halla

■ **AGE:** 34.
 ■ **RESIDENCE:** Leesburg.
 ■ **OCCUPATION:** Teacher and coach for Loudoun County Schools.
 ■ **EDUCATION:** MA, international relations, Boston University; MA, teaching, Simmons College; BA, international relations, College of William & Mary.
 ■ **PERSONAL:** "Virginia spends 50 percent of its general funds on education but has only four active teachers in the legislature. I would like to be the fifth."
 ■ **E-MAIL ADDRESS:** halla97@dlwic.com
 ■ **WEB SITE:** www.dlwic.com/halla97

Q: Can Virginia afford to eliminate the personal property tax?

A: "Like every Virginian, I would like to see my property taxes cut. But I worry that eliminating the personal property tax would cost our educational system millions in badly needed revenue each year. As a schoolteacher, education is my number one priority. I advocate other ways we can cut our local taxes. I support impact fees for residential developers to help offset the cost of roads, sewers and schools. We can ease our tax burden, cut the public debt and increase public services by making these developers incur those costs and not the citizens."

REPUBLICAN



Joe T. May*

■ **AGE:** 60.
 ■ **RESIDENCE:** Leesburg.
 ■ **OCCUPATION:** Engineer, EIT.
 ■ **EDUCATION:** BSEE, Virginia Polytechnic Institute.
 ■ **PERSONAL:** "I am a fiscally conservative, pro-economic development elected official who is proud of his constituent service."
 ■ **E-MAIL ADDRESS:** joetmay@aol.com
 ■ **WEB SITE:** members.aol.com/joetmay

Q: Can Virginia afford to eliminate the personal property tax?

A: "The personal property tax can be eliminated if present revenues continue and no unanticipated demands on present revenues occur."

*Incumbent

INDEPENDENT



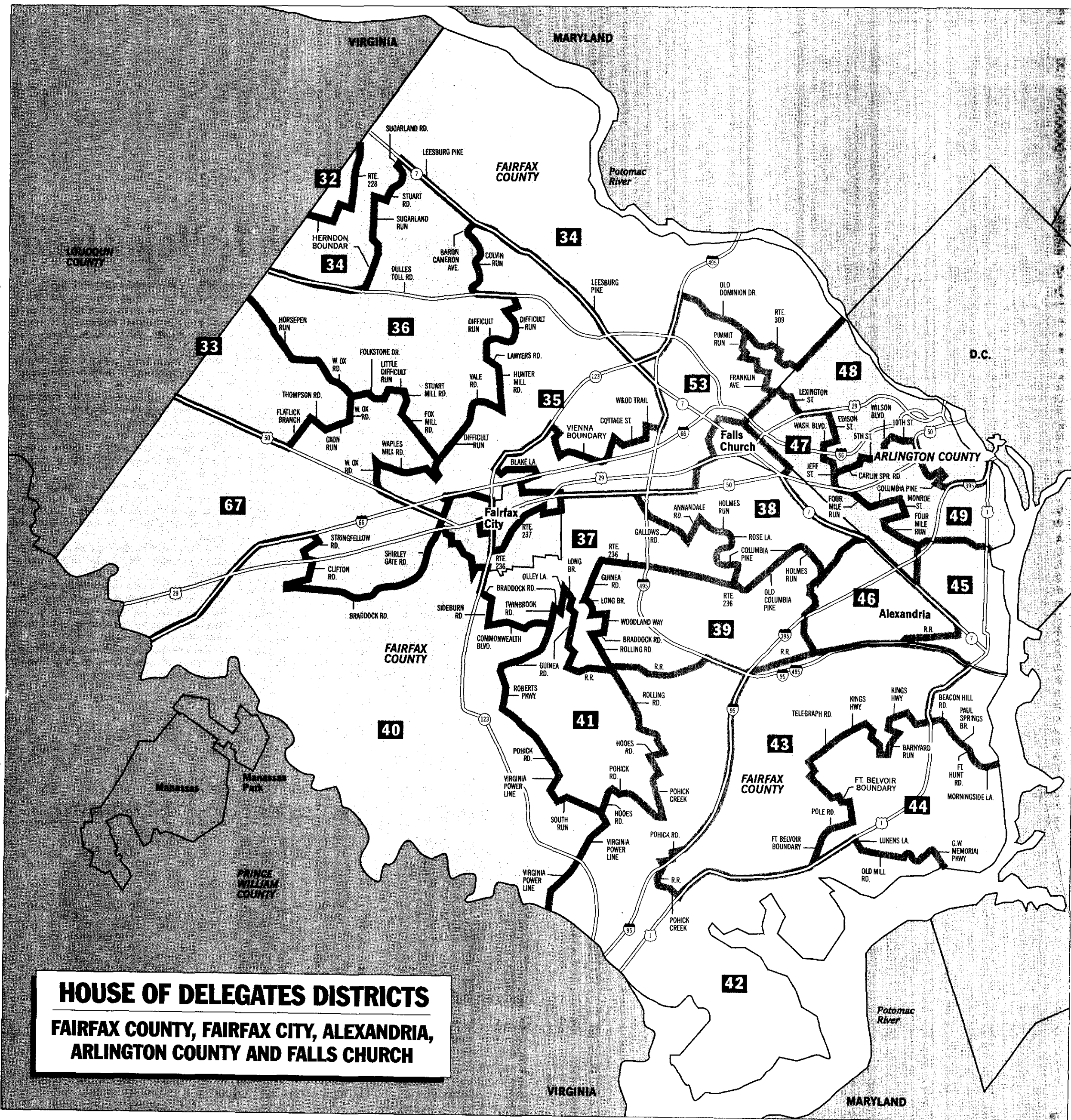
R.E. 'Bob' Primack

■ **AGE:** 52.
 ■ **RESIDENCE:** Leesburg.
 ■ **OCCUPATION:** Owner, Leesburg Downtown Antiques.
 ■ **EDUCATION:** BA, Haverford College.
 ■ **PERSONAL:** "I support Smart Growth legislation to preserve Virginia's history and beauty, yet create healthy economic growth and jobs. I will be a listener to all."

Q: Can Virginia afford to eliminate the personal property tax?

A: "To be blunt, NO. The personal property tax pays for school construction, and our schools are increasingly overcrowded. Every cut in the personal property tax hurts education and other services. The overabundance of residential growth has forced up property taxes to pay for the services on these new homes. Virginia needs impact fees to make developers pay up front for

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HOUSE OF DELEGATES DISTRICTS
FAIRFAX COUNTY, FAIRFAX CITY, ALEXANDRIA,
ARLINGTON COUNTY AND FALLS CHURCH

BALLOT AT A GLANCE

The following is a list of candidates and issues in Tuesday's elections. The party designations are Virginia Reform (V), Democrat (D), Republican (R) and independent (I). Vote for one candidate in each of the races.
(* Incumbent)

STATEWIDE

GOVERNOR

Sue Harris DeBauche (V)
Donald S. Beyer Jr. (D)
James S. 'Jim' Gilmore III (R)

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Bradley E. Evans (V)
L.F. Payne Jr. (D)
John H. Hager (R)

ATTORNEY GENERAL

William D. 'Bill' Dolan III (D)
Mark L. Earley (R)

ALEXANDRIA

COMMONWEALTH'S ATTORNEY

S. Randolph Sengel (D)*

SHERIFF

James H. Dunning (D)*

HOUSE OF DELEGATES

45th District
Marian A. Van Landingham (D)*
Ross B. Bell (R)

46th District
Brian J. Moran (D)*
M.W. 'Marc' Barnes (R)
ARLINGTON COUNTY

COUNTY BOARD
G.N. 'Jay' Fiset Jr. (D)
Amy M. Jones-Baskaran (I)

COUNTY BOARD
(To fill unexpired term ending Dec. 31, 2000)
Arlene W. Smith (V)
Barbara A. Favola (D)
B.H. 'Ben' Winslow Jr. (R)

SCHOOL BOARD

(Nonpartisan)
Elaine S. Furlow
R.A. 'Ric' Roca

HOUSE OF DELEGATES

47th District
James F. Almand (D)*

48th District
R.D. 'Dick' Smith (V)
Robert H. Brink (D)
S. John Massoud (R)

49th District
L. Karen Darner (D)*
S.K. 'Sandy' Bushlow Jr. (R)
FAIRFAX CITY

COMMISSIONER OF REVENUE
Allen C. Griffith
William Page Johnson II
A.L. 'Larry' Larsen Jr.

Gerald T. 'Jerry' O'Dell

TREASURER

Stephen L. Moloney (I)*

HOUSE OF DELEGATES

35th District
George E. Lovelace (D)*
Jeannemarie A. Devolites (R)
Marta S. Howard (I)

37th District
L.S. 'Les' Schoene Jr. (D)
John H. Rust Jr. (R)*

CITY BOND ISSUE

School Bonds
QUESTION: Shall the City of Fairfax, Virginia, contract a debt and issue its general obligation school bonds in the maximum amount of Twenty-Five Million Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$25,600,000) pursuant to the Public Finance Act of 1991 to provide funds, together with other available funds, to undertake a program of capital improvement projects for the public school system of the City?

FAIRFAX COUNTY

HOUSE OF DELEGATES

32nd District
K.E. 'Kate' Fisher (D)
William C. 'Bill' Mims (R)*

33rd District
Kenneth P. Halla (D)
Joe T. May (R)*

R.E. 'Bob' Primack (I)

34th District
Carole L. Herrick (D)
Vincent F. Callahan Jr. (R)*

35th District
George E. Lovelace (D)*
Jeannemarie A. Devolites (R)
Marta S. Howard (I)

36th District
Kenneth R. 'Ken' Plum (D)*
C.D. 'Dan' McGuire (R)
Gary L. Alexander (I)

37th District
L.P. 'Les' Schoene Jr. (D)
John H. Rust Jr. (R)*

38th District
Robert D. 'Bob' Hull (D)*
Michael G. Davis (R)

39th District
Vivian E. Watts (D)*
Matthew J. Kershes (R)
C.W. 'Levi' Levy (I)

40th District
Robert C. Greene (D)
James K. 'Jay' O'Brien Jr. (R)*

41st District
James H. 'Jim' Dillard II (R)*

42nd District
Ali M. Ghaemi (D)
David B. Albo (R)*

43rd District
Gladys B. Keating (D)*
Thomas M. 'Tom' Bolvin (R)

44th District
Linda T. 'Toddy' Puller (D)*
Kip R. Karl (I)

45th District
Marian A. Van Landingham (D)*
Ross B. Bell (R)

47th District
James F. Almand (D)*

48th District
R.D. 'Dick' Smith (V)
Robert H. Brink (D)
S. John Massoud (R)

53rd District
James M. 'Jim' Scott (D)*

67th District
Jame E. Mitchell III (D)
Roger J. McClure (R)*

COUNTY BOND ISSUE

School Bonds
QUESTION: Shall the Board of Supervisors of Fairfax County, Virginia, contract a debt, borrow money and issue bonds of Fairfax County, Virginia, in addition to the school bonds previously authorized, in the maximum aggregate principal amount of \$232,850,000, for the purpose of providing funds, with any other available funds, to finance the cost of the construction and acquisition of school improvements, including additions and improvements to sites, the construction of new buildings or additions alterations to existing

buildings, and the furnishing and equipping of buildings or additions to buildings?

FALLS CHURCH

SHERIFF

S. Stephen Bittle (D)*
Philip G. Hannum (I)
Howard L. Miller Jr. (I)

COMMISSIONER OF REVENUE

Harold L. 'Hal' Miller (I)*

TREASURER

H. Robert 'Bob' Morrison (D)*

HOUSE OF DELEGATES

38th District
Robert D. 'Bob' Hull* (D)
Michael G. Davis (R)

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HOUSE OF DELEGATES

REPUBLICAN



Vincent F. Callahan Jr.*

■ **AGE:** 66.
■ **RESIDENCE:** McLean.
■ **OCCUPATION:** Editor and publisher, Callahan Publications.
■ **EDUCATION:** Attended graduate school, journalism, American University; BSFS, School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University.
■ **PERSONAL:** "Co-chairman of the Northern Virginia delegation and the only Northern Virginian on the General Assembly's most important panel: the House Budget Conference Committee."

Q: Can Virginia afford to eliminate the personal property tax?

A: "The personal property tax can be eliminated only if the current robust economy accelerates and there is continued economic development and industrial expansion. Without this positive scenario the prospects of abolishing this unpopular tax diminish when contrasted with the needs of the state and localities to provide vital services, particularly an educational structure to meet the workplace requirements for the 21st century. Public education, adult and juvenile corrections, Medicaid and debt service account for 75 percent of General Fund budget growth, estimated at \$1 billion during the next fiscal biennium. These ongoing requirements will have to be satisfied." *Incumbent

DEMOCRAT



Carole L. Herrick

■ **AGE:** 56.
■ **RESIDENCE:** McLean.
■ **OCCUPATION:** Former tennis professional.
■ **EDUCATION:** BA, history, California State University Los Angeles.
■ **PERSONAL:** "As a former nationally rated tennis player, competitive runner, artist and dedicated community volunteer, I will continue to work for 'quality of life' in our communities."
■ **E-MAIL ADDRESS:** cherrick1@aol.com

Q: Can Virginia afford to eliminate the personal property tax?

A: "The personal property tax helps fund services such as education, health and public safety. If this vehicle tax is eliminated, local governments will then receive their reimbursement from Richmond—a shift of power from local to state government. There's no guarantee that Northern Virginia will receive a return percentage equal to what it now collects. Fairfax County's triple A bond rating might be lowered because it would be more expensive to borrow money. There is a faulty assumption that Virginia's economic prosperity will continue indefinitely. Localities must continue to collect this onerous tax until another revenue source is implemented that generates equivalent income."



DISTRICT 34

Transportation Is Hot Topic in 34th District

By Leef Smith
Washington Post Staff Writer

Carole L. Herrick thinks 30 years is a long time for one lawmaker to serve in Virginia's General Assembly. That's one reason she's trying to unseat Vincent F. Callahan Jr., the legislature's most senior Republican.

Herrick, a Democrat, civic activist and former tennis professional, says her opponent has been so involved in politics and with special interest groups that he's lost touch with his constituents.

"After 30 years you can argue it's time for a change," said Herrick, seated in the dining room of her McLean home. "I'm an issues person. I have no baggage."

Callahan, 66, says his longevity is the greatest asset he can offer his constituents in the 34th House of Delegates District, which covers McLean, Great Falls and Herndon. This year he is being endorsed by a multitude of groups, including state and local law enforcement, environmental, educational and business associations.

"It's taken me years to get to this position of influence and power," Callahan said. "Her only issue with me is that I've been around too long. . . . [But] it translates into being an asset to this region. It would take a freshman legislator years to reach the position I've achieved. She doesn't have the vaguest knowledge of legislative issues."

After 16 successful elections, Callahan said he's running on the strength of his record. He is co-chairman of the Northern Virginia Delegation and the only Northern Virginia House member on

the General Assembly's powerful House Budget Conference Committee.

Recently he shepherded legislation that moved Virginia toward public-private financing of a \$300 million baseball stadium and backed bills that made it easier for Virginians to receive concealed weapons permits and to keep guns out of recreation centers. He also voted in favor of parental notification for abortions, and he challenged Gov. George Allen (R) on welfare reform, arguing that college or trade school students should not be required to meet minimum work standards while they are in their last year of school.

Herrick, 36, ran unsuccessfully in the 1995 Democratic primary for the 34th District seat and, in 1991, lost a bid to become Fairfax County supervisor for the Dranesville District as an independent.

She is a past competitor at Wimbledon and the U.S. Open tennis tournaments. She is currently on the McLean Citizen Association's Trees, and Planning and Zoning committees, and is outgoing president of the McLean Historical Society. She is also a member of the Virginians Against Handgun Violence, which has endorsed her campaign along with the Virginia chapter of the National Abortion Rights Action League.

Herrick said she opposes the concealed weapons law and advocates strengthening firearm regulations regarding the private sale of weapons.

One of the candidates' most significant differences of opinion centers on the personal property tax issue. Herrick opposes the plans proposed by both gubernatorial hopefuls to eliminate or reduce

the tax on cars. She favors leaving the tax structure as it is until another revenue source is found.

Callahan said he favors eliminating the "bad tax" as GOP candidate James S. Gilmore III has proposed but said, "I'm skeptical of the ability to do it without seriously impacting the state's ability to meet its obligations."

The candidates have singled out transportation and education as the key issues concerning voters.

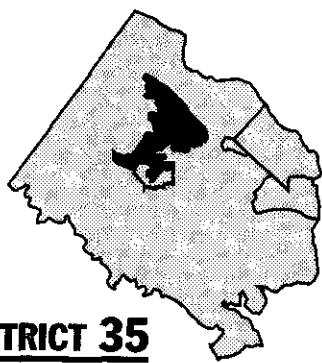
Both said they support the construction of a rail line to Dulles, while Callahan is a stronger proponent of road projects, such as the completion of the Fairfax Parkway, the mixing bowl interchange where Interstates 95, 395 and the Capital Beltway converge, and he favors consideration of a western bypass.

Herrick supports mass transit options over building more roads. She denounced the Fairfax Parkway as "obsolete" and opposes the construction of a western bypass.

"If we've got money to build roads then we have to get rail to Dulles," Herrick said.

Callahan said he favors rail as well as a "mixed bag" of transportation options. "If she's going to represent constituents, she's going to have to think about pavement," he said. "People need someplace to put their cars down."

Herrick said she is against charter schools and vouchers where public money is used to fund private educational enterprise. Callahan said he supports charter schools but only those operated by the public school system. He said the state must focus its attention on training a work force that can attract high-paying, high-technology jobs.



DISTRICT 35

In the 35th, a Competitive Contest

By Eric Lipton
Washington Post Staff Writer

Political leaders from across Virginia are watching, but it is Vienna-area voters who next week must choose the winner in one of this year's most intensely competitive races for the House.

Del. George E. Lovelace, a Democrat who has held his 35th District seat for only a year, is facing a stiff challenge from Republican Jeannemarie A. Devolites in a race that could help decide whether Democrats maintain their 53 to 47 edge in the House of Delegates.

Both major-party candidates in this affluent, central Fairfax district call themselves fiscal conservatives, but there are some stark differences between them on topics as varied as abortion and charter schools.

Voters also will have a third option on the 35th District ballot: Libertarian Marta S. Howard of Vienna, who is running as an independent.

Howard, 38, a viola teacher and performer, wants to drastically reduce the size of state government, by eliminating \$1.6 billion worth of agencies including the state Board of Education, while also transferring all road building and maintenance duties to local governments.

"Instead of just talking as Republicans do about wanting to shrink government, I am really willing to do something about it," she said.

The 35th District seat has been considered a good target by both major parties since four-term Del. Richard L. Fisher (R) resigned last November, forcing a special election. The district leans Republican—it favored Robert J. Dole in the last presidential election—

but Democrat Lovelace won the seat by a small majority.

Devolites, 41, a statistical consultant and self-described soccer mom from Oakton, has never held elected office, but this is her fifth race in two years.

She has run twice for the county Board of Supervisors and twice for the 35th District seat. (She lost in the primary last time.) She also made an unsuccessful bid last year for the Fairfax Republican Party chairman's job.

Devolites started this campaign less than two months after Lovelace was elected and claims to have knocked on 7,600 doors, in a district that has only about 10,000 homes and 38,000 voters.

Lovelace, 61, a retired Army colonel and Vietnam veteran from Vienna, said he remains confident he will be returning to Richmond, but he acknowledges that his reelection is not guaranteed.

"It is a tough race," said Lovelace, who served 12 years on the Vienna Town Council before joining the House. "But I feel pretty good about it."

Both major-party candidates cite education as one of their top priorities, but have different goals.

Devolites supports the state Board of Education's proposal to require students to take new tests in math, science, English and social studies. Lovelace opposes the tests, saying they could force teachers to overemphasize memorization of facts in an effort to ensure that students pass the tests.

Devolites supports the establishment of charter schools, which are semi-public schools that get money from the government but operate independently of the regular school system.

Lovelace opposes them, at least in Fairfax, saying the county should not

take money away from its public school system, which is already top quality.

Devolites and Lovelace both said they would support increasing the Northern Virginia sales tax to pay for road and transit improvements to ease traffic congestion, if that was something that area voters decided they wanted to do in a referendum.

Devolites supports the plan by Republican gubernatorial candidate James S. Gilmore III to eliminate the personal property tax on cars. "There is a lot of anger out there over the tax. It needs to be eliminated," she said.

Lovelace said he is not ready to endorse either Gilmore's plan or a different property tax cut plan proposed by the Democrat running for governor, Donald S. Beyer Jr., until he has an assurance that Fairfax County won't lose any money as a result.

"I can only support something that will not impact our ability to fund education, transportation, public safety and libraries," he said.

The Democrat and Republican also differ on abortion: Lovelace opposes a new law that requires a minor to notify a parent before getting an abortion, and opposes a proposed federal ban on late-term abortions; Devolites supports both measures.

"I am Catholic, and I don't believe in abortion, but I don't think the legislature should be telling a woman what to do with her body," Lovelace said.

Devolites, who also is Catholic, said she too opposes abortion in principle but would not support any move to ban it outright. "The Supreme Court ruled that abortion is legal, and the state elected bodies are not going to change that," she said.

REPUBLICAN



Jeannemarie A. Devolites

■ **AGE:** 41.
■ **RESIDENCE:** Oakton.
■ **OCCUPATION:** Small business consultant.
■ **EDUCATION:** BA, mathematics, University of Virginia.
■ **PERSONAL:** "As a native Northern Virginian, mother of four daughters, PTA activist and small business consultant, I will bring a unique perspective to lawmaking in Richmond."
■ **WEB SITE:** www.gopnet.com/devolites97

Q: Can Virginia afford to eliminate the personal property tax?

A: "Yes. As revenues grow, Virginia has an opportunity to do more for education, transportation and public safety. However, we should not operate under the premise that every dollar of increased taxes must be spent. Government has an endless appetite, and spending will always increase to meet revenues. If revenue growth, conservatively estimated at 5 percent annually, continues, our taxpayers should share in the increased tax base. The car tax is one of the most onerous, anti-competitive, regressive taxes in the country. Eliminating all or part of it makes sense, only after we have met our obligations to education, transportation and public safety."

INDEPENDENT



Marta S. Howard

■ **AGE:** 38.
■ **RESIDENCE:** Vienna.
■ **OCCUPATION:** Self-employed freelance musician.
■ **EDUCATION:** DMA, University of Iowa; MMus, Manhattan School of Music; BMus, University of Wisconsin.
■ **PERSONAL:** "I am a musician, not a career politician. My sole function in Richmond will always be to minimize the state government intrusion into our lives."
■ **E-MAIL ADDRESS:** howardfordelgate@lpva.com
■ **WEB SITE:** lpva.com/howard

Q: Can Virginia afford to eliminate the personal property tax?

A: "Without a doubt. Virginia can afford to do away with several other taxes, as well. There are few state programs that could not be operated more efficiently by the private sector. Business, arts organizations, museums, colleges and even our roads should be paid for by those who use them. If we want Virginia to retain and even improve its business climate, we need to provide an environment in which people want to live and invest, one that best allows its citizens the freedom to live peaceably however they wish, to help each other voluntarily and to keep what they earn by their own labor."

DEMOCRAT



George E. Lovelace*

■ **AGE:** 61.
■ **RESIDENCE:** Vienna.
■ **OCCUPATION:** Telecommunications consultant, Electronic Data Systems.
■ **EDUCATION:** MS, telecommunication management, George Washington University; BS, physics, Lincoln University.
■ **PERSONAL:** "As a 'roll up my sleeves' volunteer, the community recognizes my judgment, ability to serve and deliver on the important issues facing the district."
■ **E-MAIL ADDRESS:** Lovelace97@aol.com

Q: Can Virginia afford to eliminate the personal property tax?

A: "Everyone I know hates this tax, myself included. Eliminating it is politically popular. But the tax goes a long way toward providing the services we rely upon here in Fairfax County: schools, streets and highways, police protection and libraries. Elimination of the tax would see the loss of local revenue and loss of our AAA bond rating. We must prioritize essentials and seek imaginative ways to address these needs. Until this process has been accomplished, it is premature to promise to eliminate this tax." *Incumbent

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LIBERTARIAN



Gary L. Alexander

■ **AGE:** 52.
■ **RESIDENCE:** Reston.
■ **OCCUPATION:** Editor, Phillips Publishing.
■ **EDUCATION:** BA, Ambassador College.
■ **PERSONAL:** "Besides tax relief, my main goal is to restore constitutional separation of powers. Richmond can say 'No' to Washington's many unconstitutional intrusions."
■ **E-MAIL ADDRESS:** GAlexander@Phillips.com

Q: Can Virginia afford to eliminate the personal property tax?

A: "Strange wording. I would ask: Can Virginians afford to pay a \$1,000 annual, declining tax on new cars? Or expand your question to: Can Virginia afford to eliminate the income tax? (yes!) Eight states have no income tax, and they are prosperous. Let Virginia become the mid-Atlantic tax haven. Fund the two giant programs (education and roads) with privatized school choice and toll roads (users fees)."

REPUBLICAN



C.D. 'Dan' McGuire

■ **AGE:** 59.
■ **RESIDENCE:** Reston.
■ **OCCUPATION:** Self-employed consultant, "First American"; retired federal employee.
■ **EDUCATION:** BA, history, government and politics, University of Maryland.
■ **PERSONAL:** "As the 36th District delegate, I will do my best to assure fair treatment, quality government and a voice to be heard in Richmond."

Q: Can Virginia afford to eliminate the personal property tax?

A: "Yes, Virginia can afford to eliminate the personal property tax by using revenue generated from Virginia's consistent annual growth of over \$1.3 billion. Thus, adequate revenue to eliminate this tax and to assure that there will be no cut in programs, no increase in taxes and Fairfax County will not lose one cent in tax revenue. Furthermore, it will provide tax relief for all Virginians, especially the poor, and also have a positive impact on the environment and energy conservation, since the tax cut will spur the sale of new cars, which are significantly more environmental and fuel efficient."

DEMOCRAT



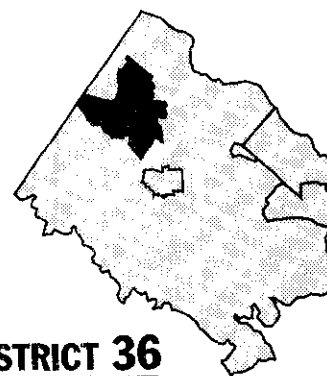
Kenneth R. 'Ken' Plum*

■ **AGE:** 55.
■ **RESIDENCE:** Reston.
■ **OCCUPATION:** Retired after 30 years with Fairfax County public schools.
■ **EDUCATION:** MEd, University of Virginia; BA, Old Dominion University.
■ **PERSONAL:** "My priorities are to return control of our schools to the mainstream, adequately fund our colleges and universities, restore environmental protection safeguards and improve transportation."
■ **E-MAIL ADDRESS:** kenplum@aol.com
■ **WEB SITE:** www.kenplum.com

Q: Can Virginia afford to eliminate the personal property tax?

A: "Virginia cannot afford to eliminate the personal property tax unless we have other revenue or are willing to have second-rate state services. Economic growth will not provide adequate funds to replace it. Virginia's tax burden compared to income is 46th-lowest among 50 states, and the personal property tax is a major source of local revenue. I will vote to eliminate the personal property tax or the sales tax on food or other tax reforms as long as there is reliable revenue to support excellent schools, restore funding to colleges and universities, maintain safe streets and improve our transportation."

*Incumbent



DISTRICT 36

Election Pits '95 Foes, Plus One

By Eric L. Wee
Washington Post Staff Writer

When Reston residents look at the three candidates for the 36th Virginia House District, they'll see a wide swath of the political spectrum.

There's Del. Kenneth R. "Ken" Plum, 55, the Democratic nine-term incumbent who touts his experience in Richmond as one of his strongest assets.

For the second election in a row, he faces Republican C.D. "Dan" McGuire, 59, a former federal employee who has joined the push to cut the car tax led by his party's candidate for governor, James S. Gilmore III. Plum defeated McGuire by a 2 to 1 margin in 1995.

And joining the battle for the first time is Libertarian Gary L. Alexander, 52, whose proposals include eliminating the state's income tax, privatizing Virginia's public schools and roads and cutting the state budget in half.

Like Gilmore, McGuire has made the proposal to cut the personal property tax a centerpiece of his campaign. Throughout this suburban commuters' district, you can find signs bearing McGuire's name that call for an end to the tax that residents pay annually on the value of their vehicles. McGuire argues that Virginia's annual growth will bring in enough cash to make up for the money the state will lose by abandoning the tax. And the elimination of the tax, he argues, will encourage people to replace their old, polluting gas guzzler with a new, cleaner-burning model.

Cars seem to play a large part in McGuire's campaigns. In 1995, he ran on a platform to eliminate the tolls on the Dulles Toll Road, which cuts through the district, and has continued

the pledge in this campaign. He also has attacked Plum harshly, saying he hasn't looked after the interests of Reston residents in the last two decades. People in the district and the surrounding area, McGuire's fond of saying, pay more in state taxes than they get back in services. More teachers and police officers will be hired for the 36th district if he gets to Richmond, McGuire promises.

"We've had a representative for 18 years who has not really represented us," McGuire said. "We in Northern Virginia are paying 38 percent of the taxes and only getting 8 percent back. We have the only public toll road in Northern Virginia, so we have to pay twice for our roads. ... We're not getting our fair share."

Representing one of the most consistently Democratic districts in the area, Plum has had little tough opposition for much of his political life in Reston. Plum tells voters that by returning him to Richmond, they'll reap the benefits of his seniority. As chairman of the Joint Commission on Technology and Science, he says, he can push policies that help the high-tech firms in the district. He calls the Republican proposal to banish the car tax fiscally irresponsible. At a time when the state needs more money than ever to deal with increasing numbers of schoolchildren and growing traffic problems, he says, it would be disastrous to start cutting a major source of revenue.

"This overlooks drastic needs like public education," Plum said of the GOP tax-cut plan. "If you want quality education, that unfortunately comes with a price tag. Their numbers don't add up. ... I'm blessed with an enlightened district that's not easily fooled."

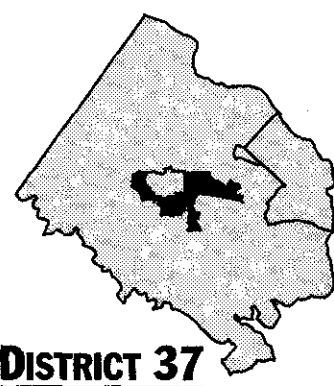
While McGuire emphasizes that government shouldn't impose unreasonable environmental regulations on state industries, Plum argues that Gov. George Allen (R) has gone too easy on polluters, and he favors more monitoring to protect the environment.

Plum also differs with McGuire on the issue of so-called Goals 2000 federal funding. McGuire and Alexander say they agreed with Allen's initial refusal to take the money for fear it came with strings that would let the federal government interfere with Virginia's effort to establish new education standards. The governor later agreed to accept \$14.9 million after Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott (R-Miss) assured him that wouldn't happen.

Plum called the initial refusal of the money foolish. He also has fought for gun control measures that his opponents think are unnecessary.

For Alexander, getting rid of the car tax is just the beginning. He also wants to end the state income tax. He advocates a range of policies that minimize government power. He wants to privatize all public schools and have the marketplace dictate the types and costs of different schools. He also wants to transform the state highways into private roads, with drivers paying for the number of miles they drive.

While Alexander says he has only a slim chance of winning, "I hope this will open the floodgates for future elections," he said, envisioning the day when there would be as many as seven candidates from different parties running in local races. "Virginians deserve this choice."



DISTRICT 37

Rust, Schoene Clear-Cut on Tax Proposal

By Maria Glod
Washington Post Staff Writer

In the 37th District, one of the main points of contention between the candidates for the House of Delegates is Virginia's personal property tax.

Republican incumbent John H. Rust Jr. said the personal property tax on cars and trucks should be reduced for most residents and eliminated for some. The challenger, Democrat L.P. "Les" Schoene Jr., said vital services, such as transportation and education, would suffer from a cut in personal property taxes.

The issue has been a focal point in the gubernatorial race between Democrat Donald S. Beyer Jr. and GOP candidate James S. Gilmore III. Beyer has proposed a tax-relief scenario in which some residents would receive credit for their personal property tax payment on their annual state income tax. Gilmore's plan would use state funds to repay localities for not collecting tax on the first \$20,000 of value on personal trucks and cars.

Schoene, 63, a conflict resolution consultant who waged an unsuccessful campaign for the 37th District House seat in 1995, said that he likely wouldn't support any major tax-cut measure but believes that Beyer's plan is better than Gilmore's. He expressed concern that taking away local taxing authority would damage Fairfax County's AAA bond rating.

"I'm not convinced we have to restructure. The system we have works," Schoene said. "Anyone

who wants to cut taxes has to show me we can do it and still meet our projected needs for transportation and education."

Rust, 50, believes the General Assembly will approve a version of the Gilmore plan, citing a growing state economy and surplus revenue that will fill the state's required "rainy day" fund and free up tax dollars in coming years. He is one of three legislators who asked Attorney General Richard Cullen for an opinion on whether that plan would violate a state constitutional requirement that localities collect the personal property tax levy. In September, Cullen ruled that the plan is legal and could work without amending the state constitution.

"We have needs, but I believe we can put some money back into the pockets of the taxpayers," said Rust, a lawyer.

The 37th District includes most of Fairfax City, the neighborhoods around George Mason University, the western edge of Annandale and the Mantua neighborhood in the county's Providence District.

Schoene, who has run his own personal-mediation business since 1992, formerly worked for IBM as a program manager. He lives in Fairfax with his wife and has three grown children.

Rust, who also served in the General Assembly from 1980 to 1982, won the seat last year after the death of Del. Robert Harris (R). In a special election, Rust beat Fairfax City Council member Julia P. Lyman, who was nominated over Schoene

in a Democratic caucus. Rust has three sons and lives in Annandale with his wife.

Other key issues in the race are education, transportation and environmental protection.

Although the candidates agree that traffic congestion is among the area's biggest problems, their approaches to a solution differ.

Schoene, who chairs the Fairfax County Transportation Advisory Commission, said he believes public transit should be expanded and construction of new roadways should be limited. Schoene opposes the proposed eastern and western bypass projects, saying they would bring too much development to the area.

Rust said he thinks additional roads are needed and sees public transportation only as part of a solution to congestion.

Both candidates said that among their top priorities in education would be working to reduce class size in public schools and to funnel more money into higher education.

Rust said he is promoting programs that would help residents obtain technical jobs close to home. Legislation he plans to introduce in the 1998 session would create a council to develop and promote training programs.

Schoene said he believes the emphasis should be on preparing preschool children for public school. He said he would work to expand a publicly funded preschool program in Arlington that provides basic skills and language training to non-English speaking and at-risk children.

REPUBLICAN



John H. Rust Jr.*

■ **AGE:** 50.
■ **RESIDENCE:** Fairfax County.
■ **OCCUPATION:** Lawyer, McCandlish & Lillard.
■ **EDUCATION:** JD, University of Virginia; BA, University of Virginia.
■ **PERSONAL:** "I have been effective finding solutions to Virginia's problems. With your support, I will continue to get results for you and for Virginia in Richmond."
■ **E-MAIL ADDRESS:** Johnhr@erols.com

Q: Can Virginia afford to eliminate the personal property tax?

A: "Yes. Last year, Virginia's revenues grew 8.1 percent. If our economy continues to grow and if Virginia manages government expenditures responsibly, we can reduce the personal property tax, eliminating that tax for most Virginians. Virginia now has surplus revenue of \$198.3 million. From this surplus, we will complete all required contributions to the Rainy Day Fund, our contingency reserve. This frees up substantial revenue next year. Virginia has important needs in higher education and transportation which must have increased state support. But we can afford to return a part of our state surpluses to our citizens in personal property tax relief."

*Incumbent

DEMOCRAT



L.P. 'Les' Schoene Jr.

■ **AGE:** 63.
■ **RESIDENCE:** Fairfax County.
■ **OCCUPATION:** Consultant, Conflict Resolution/Resolutions Unlimited.
■ **EDUCATION:** MA, conflict resolution, George Mason University; BA, engineering science and applied physics, Harvard University.
■ **PERSONAL:** "I will fight for excellent public education and oppose vouchers; protection of air, water and the Chesapeake Bay; transportation solutions with transit systems; women's rights."

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Q: Can Virginia afford to eliminate the personal property tax?

A: "No. We cannot properly invest in our future and 'eliminate' personal property tax by replacing it with payments from the General Fund. The estimated cost of only one computer (with software, teacher development and facility modifications) for every five students in Virginia public schools is over \$1 billion. The unfunded major transportation improvements of Northern Virginia exceed \$6 billion. The additional five-year cost of funding George Mason University at a level comparable to the average of its five sister doctoral institutions exceeds \$100 million. We cannot afford these priorities and pay for the Gilmore/Rust tax plan."

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REPUBLICAN



Michael G. Davis

■ **AGE:** 27.
 ■ **RESIDENCE:** Falls Church.
 ■ **OCCUPATION:** Consultant, self-employed.
 ■ **EDUCATION:** BS criminal justice, Illinois State University, 1993.
 ■ **PERSONAL:** "When you cast your ballot this November, ask yourself, 'How much should government cost?' Vote for change. Vote Davis."
 ■ **E-MAIL ADDRESS:** Davis4del@aol.com

Q: Can Virginia afford to eliminate the personal property tax?

A: "Because of Governor Allen's good stewardship of Virginia's economy, over 200,000 jobs have been created in the past four years. This has broadened the tax base such that there will be a \$5 billion surplus of revenues over the next five years. I believe that the bulk of this money should be returned to those who have paid and will pay it in. If I am overcharged at a department store, I expect a refund, plain and simple. How can we expect less of our government? The chosen vehicle for this refund is the personal property tax."

DEMOCRAT

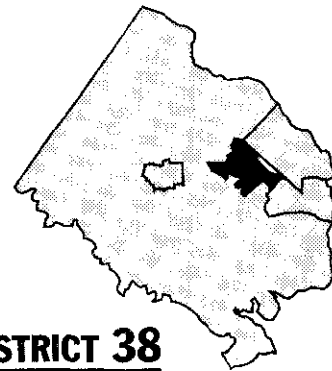


Robert D. 'Bob' Hull*

■ **AGE:** 42.
 ■ **RESIDENCE:** Fairfax County.
 ■ **OCCUPATION:** Government proposal specialist, Information Dimensions Inc.
 ■ **EDUCATION:** BS, Virginia Tech; AS, Northern Virginia Community College.
 ■ **PERSONAL:** "I authored the law tripling the penalty for carjacking and co-sponsored the legislation reducing elementary class sizes and increasing educational technology."

Q: Can Virginia afford to eliminate the personal property tax?

A: "I am open to a tax cut that does not cause increases in other taxes or reduce local bond ratings. But I will not vote to cut taxes at the expense of education. The Virginia economy is strong but does not perform as well as other states in our region. I question whether we can sustain high enough growth to cut taxes while increasing real spending for public and higher education, transportation and mental health. Our state and local tax system does need restructuring to make it more equitable, reflect changes in Virginia's economy and provide adequate future revenue."
 *Incumbent



DISTRICT 38

In 38th District, Disagreement on Tax-Cut Plan

By Jacqueline L. Salmon
 Washington Post Staff Writer

Taxes, abortion and school choice are among the issues that divide Republican Michael G. Davis and Democrat Robert D. "Bob" Hull, who are vying for the 38th House District seat that Hull has held for five years.

Davis, a 27-year-old Falls Church resident making his first run for public office, says that the number one issue in his campaign is the "extremely oppressive" tax burden on Northern Virginians and that he supports the plan of his party's gubernatorial candidate, James S. Gilmore III, to phase out the personal property tax on most cars and trucks.

Hull, on the other hand, dismisses Gilmore's plan as "unworkable" and says that if enacted, it could endanger Fairfax County's high bond rating. Although Gilmore has said that the General Assembly would provide aid to counties and cities to replace the tax proceeds they would lose, Hull contends that bond underwriters would consider that to be a less stable source of local revenue.

"I'm open to a tax cut in personal property taxes or anything as long as it doesn't increase other taxes or decrease the county's bond rating," Hull said. He added that he also would vote against a tax cut if it meant less money going to the county's schools.

Hull, 42, who also lives in Falls Church, says his work in the General Assembly has helped keep Northern Virginia moving in the right direction. He cites legislation he sponsored that reduced

class sizes in elementary schools with large numbers of low-income children, gave teachers more power to remove disruptive students from their classrooms and increased the penalty for carjacking.

Hull was first elected to the House of Delegates in 1992, winning a special election to fill the seat vacated by Democrat Leslie L. Byrne when she was elected for one term to Congress. The 38th District is heavily Democratic, and two years ago, Hull defeated challenger Leslie R. Gibson by 62 percent to 38 percent.

In addition to Falls Church, the district includes the Baileys Crossroads area. It has the second-highest number of Latino residents among all the state's House districts.

A lifelong resident of Northern Virginia, Hull is a consultant to Information Dimensions Inc., a high-tech firm in Vienna. He is married and has two children.

Davis runs a company that offers consulting services to nonprofit firms, and he also manages rental properties owned by himself and his wife, Julie, an administrative assistant. The couple plans to open a day-care center in Reston once their state application for a license is approved. They have one daughter.

Hull has been a frequent critic of the administration of Gov. George Allen (R). He has blasted "extremists" on the Allen-appointed Virginia Board of Education who voted to remove the state requirement that local schools teach sex education. And he has criticized the state's Child Day Care Council for proposing to relax education

standards for workers at day-care centers and permit larger class sizes at those facilities.

But the campaign between Davis and Hull has been fairly low-key. Both candidates, for example, say that the state should change its formula for funding road construction and repairs to better reflect the heavy use of roads in Northern Virginia compared with driving patterns in urban areas to the south.

"Honestly, he is not a controversial legislator," Davis said of Hull. "He's not an extreme... liberal, but then he's not exactly Mr. Moderate on some issues."

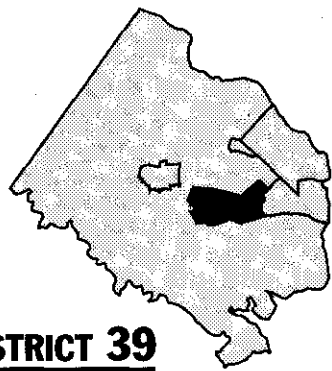
Davis points to Hull's vote against Virginia's new law requiring that girls younger than 18 notify a parent before getting an abortion. Davis supports the parental notification law.

On the issue of school choice, Davis says he is in favor of letting parents choose which schools to send their children to. He would start by allowing choice within a public school system and eventually would seek tax credits or vouchers for families whose children attend private schools.

"Instead of throwing the floodgates open," Davis said, "I think we should try it in public schools first and see how it works there.... Then let's try it with private schools, and then if it works, with charter schools."

But Hull sharply criticizes Davis's ideas, saying he's against offering incentives to parents to move their children to private schools.

"It just doesn't work," Hull said. "It just diverts funding to private schools."



DISTRICT 39

In 39th, Three Sides to Tax Issue

By Marylou Tousignant
 Washington Post Staff Writer

Voters looking for a clear choice on at least one issue this November have it in the three-way contest in Virginia's 39th House District: a Republican who has wrapped himself in his party's plan to virtually eliminate the personal property tax, a Democrat who thinks the economy won't support a tax cut right now and an independent who says that taxes ought to be raised instead.

The Republican is Matthew J. Kershies, a 35-year-old public school teacher and political newcomer. The Democrat is incumbent Del. Vivian E. Watts, 57, who was elected to the House of Delegates three times in the 1980s, left it to serve in the cabinet of Gov. Gerald L. Baliles (D) and, two years ago, was elected to the House again. The independent is C.W. "Levi" Levy, 65, a self-employed publisher and perennial candidate—sometimes as a write-in, sometimes on the ballot—in recent federal and state elections.

Watts, who has lived in the Annandale area, the heart of the 39th District, for three decades, thinks her years as a civic activist, delegate and cabinet secretary will carry her to another two-year term in the House.

"I love the legislature," she said, "because it has the long-term involvement, not only in developing policy but in keeping the system honest." With Virginia governors unable to succeed themselves, "whatever one administration does, the next administration can just step right in and not do," she said. "The legislature is the ongoing body."

As a delegate in 1985, Watts was the point person in a successful drive to increase Northern Virginia's share of state road funding. Even so, a backlog of unbuilt projects remains, she said, because "the last two governors have done nothing about transportation. It's absolutely back-burner." To pay for local transportation needs, Watts would increase the region's gas tax by a penny or two, with the money earmarked for projects in Northern Virginia.

On the personal property tax question, she does not like either the tax rebate plan of Democratic gubernatorial nominee Donald S. Beyer Jr. or the tax phaseout plan of GOP hopeful James S. Gilmore III.

"I don't see that we have the economic base for either" at this time, Watts said. "We need to address our needs" first. Chief among them, she said, are further reductions in class size in early grades and increased spending for higher education, especially at George Mason University.

Kershies, a GMU graduate who teaches fourth grade in Prince William County, said Watts has done some good for the 39th District but "is no longer in touch with what people here want." If elected, Kershies said, he would take unpaid leave from his teaching job during the General Assembly session.

He favors eliminating the personal property tax, or at least restructuring it so that it doesn't all come due at once. He also wants to increase commuter train service and open the car-pool lanes on interstates 95 and 66 to drivers not car-pooling but willing to pay (he suggests a \$2 fee) for the ride.

Kershies supports the state's newly adopted plan for more rigorous testing in public schools but says more attention is needed for remediation for students who do not pass. Watts voted to delay the new education standards but agrees that remediation should be key.

Both candidates support the state's Family Life Education curriculum, but Kershies would have parents be required to enroll their children, while Watts favors the current "opt-out" format.

The two also disagree on a state Board of Education measure allowing school districts to replace elementary school guidance counselors with reading specialists. Watts, director of a group that helps abused children in Fairfax, said the state plan is misguided. "We have 400 kids currently in our program, with the average age under 8," she said, making the case for counselors for young children. But Kershies said that elementary school counselors are "mostly a feel-good" presence and that, if it came down to a choice between the two, he would rather see more reading instructors.

Levy, who said he is running as "your dark-horse candidate," has three main issues: raising taxes, creating jobs in the coalfields of southwest Virginia and building a Potomac River suspension bridge and tunnel near Fort Belvoir at a cost he estimated in the billions.

Expressing a sentiment seldom heard in an election year, Levy offered this view on tax cuts: "Give back money? No way."

REPUBLICAN



Matthew J. Kershies

■ **AGE:** 35.
 ■ **RESIDENCE:** Springfield.
 ■ **OCCUPATION:** Elementary school teacher, Prince William County.
 ■ **EDUCATION:** BS, middle education, George Mason University.
 ■ **PERSONAL:** "A lifelong resident of Northern Virginia, a public servant since 1980, a public school teacher since 1986."

Q: Can Virginia afford to eliminate the personal property tax?

A: "Yes, it can! According to the plan by Jim Gilmore, no jurisdiction loses any tax money. The state will reimburse the counties for the tax money. Because the plan is phased in, the cost to the counties is gradual."

INDEPENDENT



C.W. 'Levi' Levy

■ **AGE:** 65.
 ■ **RESIDENCE:** Fairfax County.
 ■ **OCCUPATION:** Publisher of the Levite Chronicle newspaper.
 ■ **EDUCATION:** BA, fine art, George Mason University.
 ■ **PERSONAL:** "I'm coming, Virginia, to give you a beautiful suspension bridge to take the place of the worn-out Wilson Bridge."

Q: Can Virginia afford to eliminate the personal property tax?

A: "No, and if you agree with me, write in my name, C.W. 'Levi' Levy, for governor of Virginia on your ballot, Nov. 4, 1997, since I am a write-in candidate for governor."

DEMOCRAT



Vivian E. Watts*

■ **AGE:** 57.
 ■ **RESIDENCE:** Annandale.
 ■ **OCCUPATION:** Executive director, Fairfax Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA).
 ■ **EDUCATION:** BA, University of Michigan.
 ■ **PERSONAL:** "I raised my family in Northern Virginia and have always tried to do what needs to be done to make a better community and commonwealth."
 ■ **E-MAIL ADDRESS:** vwatts@erols.com

Q: Can Virginia afford to eliminate the personal property tax?

A: "Even candidate Gilmore acknowledges car taxes can't be eliminated without cutting essential services. His proposal puts off covering cars over \$5,000 until the last six months of his term—leaving it to the next governor to find money to help average Fairfax car owners. All the while, Northern Virginians will pay for local tax relief everywhere else through state taxes on our higher incomes. Responsible tax relief depends on a strong economy, and Virginia's economic growth is half the rate of the last decade. We must rebuild through respected and affordable higher education; strong public schools; technology training; and improved transportation."
 *Incumbent

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In the 40th, Race Lacks Fireworks

By Susan Saulny
Washington Post Staff Writer

The 40th House District is an affluent maze of wide lots and cul-de-sacs where quiet family life is the norm. And this year's race to see who will get to call the 40th his "home district" has been about as tranquil as the 40th itself.

Robert C. Greene, the Democratic challenger, is a Virginia Tech graduate and businessman who touts education, transportation and women's rights among his priorities.

The Republican incumbent, James K. "Jay" O'Brien Jr., is a businessman and West Point-educated Army Reserve officer who pledges to help his party's candidate for governor, James S. Gilmore III, virtually eliminate the personal property tax.

The 40th District includes some of the more exclusive communities in the area—southwest Fairfax, Clifton, Fairfax Station and parts of Centreville and Burke—and in recent House elections has been reliably Republican.

It also is geographically one of the largest House districts in Northern Virginia, which presents a challenge for Greene, 35, and three-term incumbent O'Brien, 45, who both prefer campaigning the old-fashioned way: door-to-door.

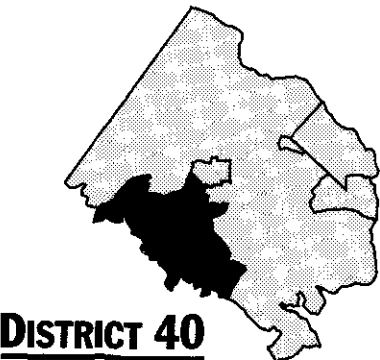
Greene enters the race at a disadvantage: O'Brien has won three strong victories in the 40th District, most recently in 1995, when he received 61 percent of the vote.

But Democrats hope to show that the district's 47,000 voters don't share the conservative beliefs of O'Brien, who ran the Virginia Reagan-Bush campaign in 1984. "I think most people here are moderate and fiscally conservative ... with mainstream ideas," Greene said. "I think people will see that he does not represent the views of the district."

With a war chest of about \$50,000 and three wins under his belt, O'Brien, who owns a furniture company with his wife, is not shaking. "He'd have to out-hustle me, and I don't think he can do it."

So far, the race hasn't included the harsh personal attacks that marked the 1993 race between O'Brien and George Barker. O'Brien and Greene speak cordially of each other.

While making the rounds on Rumsey Place in the Middlebridge neighborhood three weeks ago, O'Brien heard a dog bark and had a flashback that caused him to shudder: Campaigning door-to-door in 1991, he was attacked by a pit bull. "Got my dress pants ripped to



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shreds," he said. "I didn't know what to do, but I kept on going. ... I always keep on going."

Greene used the same words to describe his resolve: "I'm going to keep on going," he said. "I'm an optimist. I don't stop."

Greene, a New York City native who has lived in Fairfax most of his life, would become a sounding board for the district's neighborhoods, he said, "opening up the political process to increased community involvement."

Both candidates list education as one of their priorities. And both send their children—O'Brien is the father of five, Greene has one daughter—to private schools for religious reasons, they said.

Greene criticized O'Brien for supporting Gov. George Allen's initial rejection of federal money under the Goals 2000 program. Allen (R) argued that accepting the money would let the federal government meddle in Virginia's efforts to establish new educational standards. He later accepted \$14.9 million after Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott (R-Miss.) assured him that wouldn't happen. Said O'Brien: "The governor was right to be resistant to federal control of Virginia education."

O'Brien said the biggest issue in this election is the personal property tax. He has already built a reputation as an anti-tax delegate, and now he's working to ax the car tax. "It's really a burden, and it's particularly onerous on the middle class," he said.

Greene said Virginia can't afford to lose the money. "Before we can consider a tax cut, we've got to get [school] classes out of trailers. We've got to find means to fund our transportation dilemmas. If the time comes [for a tax cut], great. But I don't think the time is now."

O'Brien, a self-proclaimed environmentalist, praised the Allen administration's record on protecting the environment, which has been attacked as lax and ineffective by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and environmental groups. "I think the atmosphere has been to bring people to the table and find voluntary solutions. Beyer wants to throw people in jail. ... This administration has said, 'Let's work together.'"

Greene wants to give "teeth" to enforcement agencies and tax incentives to encourage businesses to cooperate in efforts to clean up the environment.

REPUBLICAN



David B. Albo*

- **AGE:** 35.
- **RESIDENCE:** Springfield.
- **OCCUPATION:** Attorney, Albo & Oblon, LLP.
- **EDUCATION:** JD, University of Richmond; BA, University of Virginia.
- **PERSONAL:** "I will fight for four new teachers in every elementary school; to freeze college tuition; to finish the I-95/395/495 interchange redesign; to fight juvenile crime with early intervention."
- **E-MAIL ADDRESS:** davealbo@aol.com

Q: Can Virginia afford to eliminate the personal property tax?

A: "Yes! The commonwealth's spending has increased greater than 300% over the last 15 years. This rate of spending is six times greater than population growth and three times the rate of inflation! Instead of just spending the taxpayers' excess money as in years past, I want to give it back to the taxpayers! It is important to note that the commonwealth's spending shall be increased at the rate of inflation so that no services we presently enjoy are cut! In addition, this plan still leaves us enough room to lower class sizes by hiring four new teachers per every elementary school!"

*Incumbent

Experience Vs. Diversity In Fairfax

By Patricia Davis
Washington Post Staff Writer

A young boy sticks his head inside Ali M. Ghaemi's campaign headquarters at Gunston Plaza, where a large green-and-white "Ghaemi for Delegate" sign covers much of the storefront window. He has a question for the 32-year-old Democratic candidate for Virginia's House of Delegates: "Got any doughnuts?"

Sorry, no doughnuts, Ghaemi said. Or much else. Except for a couple of aluminum lawn chairs and card tables, Ghaemi's modest campaign headquarters—squeezed between two vacant properties in the Lorton shopping center—is nearly empty.

Ghaemi, a self-employed real estate agent, is quick to acknowledge that he is an underdog in the race for the 42nd District.

But he believes that as a Persian American, he understands more about the challenges facing his increasingly diverse district than does the Republican incumbent, David B. Albo. One in four households in the district—which includes Springfield and parts of Mount Vernon, Newington, Saratoga, Lorton and Mason Neck—speaks a second language.

"I represent the future of Springfield. Dave represents its past," said Ghaemi, though stressing that he is not running "an ethnic campaign."

Albo, 35, a lawyer who grew up in Springfield, is seeking his third term in the House of Delegates, a job he has found "incredibly fascinating."

He wasn't that interested in politics while attending West Springfield High School but became hooked during a legislative internship in law school, he said.

"I think I've done a good job," said Albo, who is single and lives in Springfield. "I work hard at it."

As one of the youngest delegates, Albo is especially proud of his authorship of five bills that he said closed major loopholes in the state's drunken-driving laws.

Albo, a former Fairfax City prosecutor, said he is concerned about the growing juvenile crime problem and wants to propose changes in the areas of prevention and punish-

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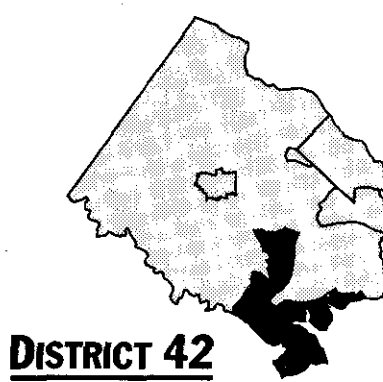


Ali M. Ghaemi

- **AGE:** 32.
- **RESIDENCE:** Lorton.
- **OCCUPATION:** Realtor, self-employed.
- **EDUCATION:** MA, BA, political studies.
- **PERSONAL:** "As a proud first-generation American who has lived in Fairfax County since 1972, I am pleased to reach out to all Americans."

Q: Can Virginia afford to eliminate the personal property tax?

A: "We can consider tax cuts while recognizing growth-related needs and 'rainy-day' scenarios. If the current public services are considered adequate, then this in itself argues against this proposed tax cut. But even within a growing economy, if the need for services continues to (out)grow, then the Republican scenario of eliminating this tax based on 'expected' revenue surplus over the next 5 years—while freezing the state budget—is imprudent. If elected, Don Beyer and I will work next year to eliminate this tax in a prudent fashion that will hurt neither Virginia's localities nor our families."



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ment. Too often, he said, there are few consequences when children are caught breaking laws.

Ghaemi said that there are not enough consequences for drunk drivers and that he would sponsor legislation for harsher punishment in drunken-driving crashes in which someone is killed.

Ghaemi has lived in Fairfax County since 1972 and graduated from Langley High School. He switched to the Democratic Party after an unsuccessful bid for the Republican nomination for a Virginia Senate seat in a primary two years ago. He lives in Lorton and, like Albo, is single.

Both Albo and Ghaemi agree that transportation is the issue of most concern to residents in a district where interstates 95, 395 and 495 converge into what is known as "the mixing bowl."

"Everybody in my district, at some point during the day, is in that mess," Albo said.

Both candidates say they want to find ways to make it easier for people to simply get around. Among other things, Albo has pushed for a new east-west commuter rail system in the county. Ghaemi said he would work toward getting more affordable mass transit for his constituents and improving existing roadways.

Although Albo supports new state education standards that will hold public schools more accountable for students' academic performance, Ghaemi fears they will prove to be too punitive and not do enough to help struggling students improve.

Ghaemi, past president of the Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce and the Mount Vernon Orchestra Association, believes that certain areas of his district are not getting enough attention.

"My message is I'm going to be here for Lorton and Mason Neck," he said.

Albo and Ghaemi support the plans of their respective parties' gubernatorial candidates on the personal property tax.

District 43 House Race Is Rematch

By Marylou Tousignant
Washington Post Staff Writer

It's *déjà vu* all over again for voters in Virginia's 43rd House District, which features a rematch between 10-term Democratic incumbent Gladys B. Keating, the senior female legislator in Richmond, and Republican challenger Thomas M. "Tom" Bolvin, who lost to Keating two years ago.

Bolvin and Keating have dusted off their strategies from 1995: Keating touting her record and the experience she brings to the job, and Bolvin saying that Keating hasn't done enough in 20 years to warrant two more years.

Keating, 74, says her seniority and constituent service in education, transportation and women's rights have served her district well. The head of a women's legislative caucus that she founded, Keating also is the first woman to lead the House Militia and Police Committee, and she is in line to be the first Northern Virginian to chair the Corporations, Insurance and Banking panel.

"The choice is very clear," she tells voters comparing her with Bolvin. "It's experience versus inexperience; it's results versus promises."

Bolvin, who served on the Lee District Land Use Committee and an advisory panel on adult and community education for Fairfax County public schools, counters that Keating is overstating her record and influence in the House and that it's time to retire her.

"I bring new ideas, fresh ideas," said the 33-year-old insurance agent. "Twenty years is too long for anyone to serve in Richmond. We need a change ... a leader, not just a vote."

Bolvin was defeated in 1995 by 55 percent to 45 percent of votes cast. But Republican activists say that he can turn that loss around. They say that the 43rd is as good a chance as the party has of capturing a Democrat-held seat in Northern Virginia.

The Joint Republican Caucus, a political action committee for Republican legislators, gave Bolvin an in-kind contribution of goods and services valued at \$18,000 in September. His total campaign chest was \$64,000 as of Sept. 30. Keating reported raising \$81,000.

Debate in the 43rd is largely targeted at two distinct constituencies: longtime residents of older, blue-collar neighborhoods in Franconia, where Keating and her husband have lived for 36 years, and new arrivals flocking to the \$200,000-and-up houses in the Kingstowne area, where Bolvin, who grew up in Manassas, settled with his wife four years ago.

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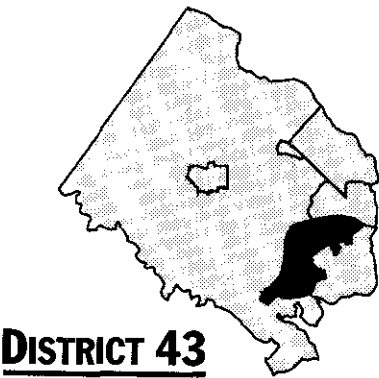


Thomas M. 'Tom' Bolvin

- **AGE:** 33.
- **RESIDENCE:** Franconia.
- **OCCUPATION:** Insurance agent, Nationwide Insurance Co.
- **EDUCATION:** BS, finance, Virginia Polytechnic Institute.
- **PERSONAL:** "As a lifelong Northern Virginian and a product of public schools, my highest priority will be our children's education. I will be the 'Education Delegate.'"
- **WEB SITE:** www.bolvin.com

Q: Can Virginia afford to eliminate the personal property tax?

A: "Absolutely. Over the past four years, Virginia has seen the creation of over 200,000 new jobs, over \$11 billion in new investment by corporations relocating to our state, and increased annual revenue growth by over 7%. Unfortunately, these additional tax dollars have been used for more government spending and dedication of hundreds of millions of dollars to the state's rainy day fund. Under the Jim Gilmore plan, the state can afford to reimburse the localities for the car tax, dollar for dollar, without any cuts to existing programs. I will support the Gilmore plan to eliminate the car tax."



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Although several issues divide the candidates, a proposal by Republican gubernatorial nominee James S. Gilmore III to eliminate the personal property tax for most cars and trucks, and a competing tax-relief plan from Democratic nominee Donald S. Beyer Jr. have drawn much of the attention.

Bolvin wholeheartedly endorses the Gilmore plan, saying revenue from a bustling state economy will pay for the tax cut. Keating says she's willing to look at ways to make the tax less onerous but doubts it can be eliminated. "There is no free lunch," she said, adding that local governments, which receive the tax receipts, likely would look at other ways to raise revenue, especially if the economy falters.

On other issues, Bolvin supports a GOP plan that calls for hiring 4,000 elementary school teachers statewide, tuition vouchers for children to attend private and religious schools, a study of charter schools, and mandatory marriage counseling before couples with children could get a divorce.

Keating cites her support for legislation that reduced the teacher-student ratio in early grades in schools with large numbers of at-risk children, gave women in managed health care plans direct access to obstetricians and gynecologists, put 25 more police officers on Fairfax streets and limited handgun purchases. She opposes charter schools, vouchers and mandatory marriage counseling.

Both candidates want increased emphasis on education, including making more college scholarships available, and transportation initiatives, such as additional bus lines in Northern Virginia.

Bolvin, who is antiabortion, supports the state's parental notification law for minors seeking an abortion. Keating, the mother of five children, said that abortion was not a moral option for her but that she supports the right of other women to choose. She also said that while she supports parental notification, she voted against the measure this year because it did not include grandparents among those who could be notified.

In seeking his first public office, Bolvin is pledging not to walk in Keating's footsteps.

"I don't want to serve 20 years. I don't believe in career politicians," he said, promising to introduce term limits as part of a government reform package.

Keating says the state has a term limit, called Election Day. "Every time you run, you face a term limit," she said.

On Tuesday, voters will decide how long it should be.

DEMOCRAT



Gladys B. Keating*

- **AGE:** 74.
- **RESIDENCE:** Franconia.
- **OCCUPATION:** Delegate, Virginia General Assembly.
- **EDUCATION:** George Mason University, University of Virginia, Queens College.
- **PERSONAL:** "As a 35-year resident of Franconia, I am proud to have made a contribution to my community through years of civic service and as a legislator."
- **E-MAIL ADDRESS:** delkeating@aol.com
- **WEB SITE:** angelfire.com/va/keating97/

Q: Can Virginia afford to eliminate the personal property tax?

A: "The personal property tax is an onerous tax, and I will consider any plan which doesn't endanger education or public safety. It must be noted, however, that it is a local tax, one of the few tools that the counties possess to generate income for important needs, such as schools and public safety. We have a growing, changing economy here in Fairfax County. The workers of tomorrow must be trained to enter a job market requiring high-tech skills. I promise that I will not jeopardize the future success of our children or our vibrant economy by allowing unwise cuts in education funding."

*Incumbent

DEMOCRAT



Robert C. Greene

- **AGE:** 35.
- **RESIDENCE:** Fairfax County.
- **OCCUPATION:** Southern territory manager, Lapine Co.
- **EDUCATION:** BA, political science, Virginia Tech.
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Q: Can Virginia afford to eliminate the personal property tax?

A: "Before we consider a personal property tax cut, we should provide funding to build public schools and eliminate the trailers now serving as classrooms for our students. We should also determine how to fund the \$20 billion in additional transportation spending required to improve our infrastructure, reduce congestion and provide for the free flow of commerce, which is essential to our region's continued economic vitality. I would use any budgetary surplus in Richmond to fund these essential projects and build for Virginia's future. For these reasons, we simply cannot afford to cut our personal property taxes at this time."

REPUBLICAN



James K. 'Jay' O'Brien Jr.*

- **AGE:** 45.
- **RESIDENCE:** Clifton.
- **OCCUPATION:** Businessman, Sevea Staves Enterprises.
- **EDUCATION:** MA, public administration, University of Oklahoma; BS, U.S. Military Academy, West Point.
- **PERSONAL:** "I'm a husband and proud father of five great children. I'm also a businessman, Army Reserve lieutenant colonel and your delegate in the Virginia General Assembly since 1992."
- **E-MAIL ADDRESS:** jobrien5@aol.com
- **WEB SITE:** www.jay1997.135.com

Q: Can Virginia afford to eliminate the personal property tax?

A: "Yes, for the following reasons: 1. State budget surpluses will reimburse localities for eliminated taxes. This means that county services will not be reduced. 2. Virginia taxpayers deserve a break. When is the last time our taxes were reduced? 3. Money not spent on taxes will go into the local economy, which generates growth, opportunity and sales tax. 4. Residents will get rid of old, polluting 'clunkers' and buy new, cleaner-fuel cars when the property tax is eliminated. Don Beyer will sell more Volvos! 5. States that are attentive to low taxes and pro-growth initiatives attract new businesses, jobs and families. We will all prosper in the process!"

*Incumbent

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Libertarian Joins Fray With Puller

By Jacqueline L. Salmon
Washington Post Staff Writer

Earlier this year, it wasn't even clear if incumbent Democrat Linda T. "Toddy" Puller would have anybody to run against in the 44th District House race in southeastern Fairfax County.

The Republicans decided against putting up a challenger. They were stung by her decisive victory in 1995 over a well-financed opponent, Sandy Liddy Bourne—the daughter of flamboyant talk show host G. Gordon Liddy.

Then Libertarian Party candidate Kip R. Karl stepped in.

Karl, 37, is a soft-spoken Air Force veteran making his first foray into state politics. His only other elected position has been as a member of the board of directors for the homeowners association of Gum Springs Village, where he and his wife live. But he said he felt it was important to run because "if it hadn't been for me, there would have been absolutely no choice on the ballot."

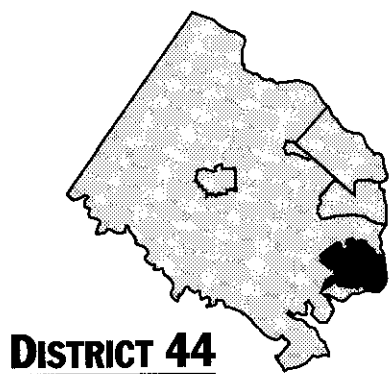
Puller, 52, a onetime schoolteacher with two grown children, has represented the 44th District in the Mount Vernon area since 1991. She is the widow of Pulitzer Prize-winning author Lewis B. Puller Jr., a disabled Vietnam veteran who committed suicide in 1994.

In her political career, she has focused on such issues as education, child care and the environment, and she serves on five House committees: Finance, Education, Conservation and Natural Resources, Transportation, and Interstate Cooperation. She is vice chairman of the Commission on Family Violence Prevention and a member of a commission on early child care and day care programs.

Puller was hospitalized Oct. 13 for what her staff termed a "minor cerebral hemorrhage" that caused her to lose some movement on her left side. Her campaign said Puller does not expect her condition to affect her ability to serve.

In Richmond, Puller has often been at odds with the administration of Gov. George Allen (R). In the most recent legislative session, Allen vetoed a bill sponsored by Puller that would have frozen the authority of the Child Day Care Council, a citizen council, to set qualifications for day care directors and teachers. The council is revising state rules, and Puller said she feared it would loosen educational requirements for day care personnel.

She also has been sharply



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critical of the Allen administration's education policies. She has accused Allen appointees to the Council of Higher Education, Virginia's coordinating board for colleges and universities, of substituting "politics for sound public policy." And she blasted the state Board of Education's decision to initially refuse to accept millions of dollars in federal education money under the Goals 2000 program.

Puller also is critical of Republican gubernatorial candidate James S. Gilmore III's support of charter schools—taxpayer-funded public schools freed from some state regulations to compete with traditional schools. She denounces such a proposal as a "means of resegregating our schools."

But Puller also said she is wary of the proposal by the Democratic nominee for governor, Lt. Gov. Donald S. Beyer Jr., to ease the burden of the personal property tax by giving income tax credits to some Virginia residents.

Beyer's proposal is less costly to the state than Gilmore's proposal to phase out the tax on most cars and trucks, Puller said, but "I still am not sure we can afford it."

Her opponent is far more enthusiastic about Gilmore's proposal. "People don't mind paying taxes if they feel like taxes are fair and are fairly distributed," Karl said.

Karl, originally from Michigan, moved to the Washington area in 1992 when he was stationed at Bolling Air Force Base in the District. After leaving the military in 1995, Karl joined the Libertarian Party. He is a computer specialist for California-based Computer Sciences Corp. and works in Herndon.

Karl describes himself as a moderate Libertarian. Although the national and state parties support the elimination of the income tax, Social Security and welfare and removal of government control over public education and other areas, Karl takes a less drastic approach. He supports Virginia's welfare reform program, for example, and although he would like to have Virginia's income tax eliminated someday, "I realize that's not going to happen any time soon."

The major plank in his platform, he said, is his proposal for a flat sales tax that would replace user fees and taxes, such as the taxes on telephone service, energy use and personal property.

REPUBLICAN



Ross B. Bell

- **AGE:** 26.
- **RESIDENCE:** Alexandria.
- **OCCUPATION:** President and managing partner, Garelick-Bell & Powers, L.L.C.; director of the energy, environment, natural resources and agriculture task force at the American Legislative Exchange Council.
- **EDUCATION:** BS, political science, Arizona State University; MPA, George Washington University.
- **PERSONAL:** "Honorable colonel of the Honorable Kentucky Colonels."
- **E-MAIL ADDRESS:** Bellrbg@aol.com

Q: Can Virginia afford to eliminate the personal property tax?

A: "Yes. Virginia has seen a steady increase in state revenues at a growth of 7.2 percent each year, but at the same time the state has seen a comparable increase in spending. Virginia is fat, with a lot of high cholesterol. If she does not begin to trim her fat, then she is surely destined to have a heart attack and possibly die. The personal property tax repeal is the diet plan."

In 45th, A Real Difference

By Brooke A. Masters
Washington Post Staff Writer

This year, no one in the 45th delegate district can complain that they don't have a real choice. It's hard to think of a race in which the two candidates are more different.

The incumbent, Democrat Marian A. Van Landingham, 60, an artist, has represented the district for more than 12 years. A vocal supporter of public education and increased spending on transportation, Van Landingham is highly critical of outgoing Republican Gov. George Allen's environmental and education policies. The longtime Alexandria resident also expresses skepticism about proposals to reduce the personal property tax on vehicles, saying such cuts could harm city services.

GOP challenger Ross B. Bell, 26, a researcher, moved to Alexandria three years ago. He thinks Allen's efforts to make the Department of Environmental Quality more pro-business are among the governor's most important accomplishments.

His main criticism of the plan by the Republican candidate for governor, James S. Gilmore III, to cut the personal property tax is that it doesn't go far enough: Bell wants to eliminate the tax entirely. As for public education, Bell supports a voucher system that would give parents money directly and allow them to spend it on public or private schools as they see fit. His other main interest is deregulating the electric power industry.

"My whole campaign is based on competition, be it school vouchers, electricity or ... the House of Delegates race," said Bell, who has never held elective office and decided to run because Van Landingham was unopposed in 1995.

But Van Landingham counters that it's irresponsible to cut the personal property tax without providing local governments with an alternate source of funds. The tax on cars brought in \$29 million this year to Alexandria, about the same amount as the city spends annually on its police department.

"I don't like [the tax] either, but you've got to pay for these things one way or another," she said. "People have been led to believe that you can get something for nothing."

Hoping to capitalize on public annoyance at the personal property tax, Bell bought an old clunker of a car for \$100, parked it outside city hall and encouraged citizens to express their

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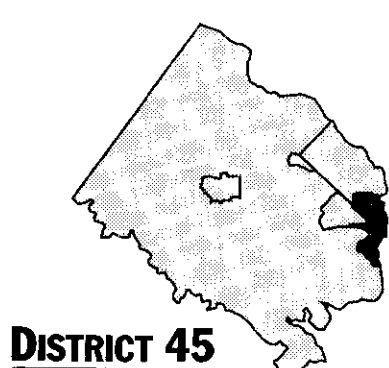


Marian A. Van Landingham*

- **AGE:** 60.
- **RESIDENCE:** Alexandria.
- **OCCUPATION:** Professional artist, self-employed.
- **EDUCATION:** BA, MA, political science, Emory University.
- **PERSONAL:** "Delegate Marian Van Landingham is chair of Privileges and Elections, of the transportation subcommittee of Appropriations and of the teacher/administration subcommittee of Education."
- **E-MAIL ADDRESS:** DelMVL@aol.com

Q: Can Virginia afford to eliminate the personal property tax?

A: "No one likes the 'car tax,' especially its lump sum payment. But this local tax brought in \$24 million to Alexandria in 1996, which spent \$88.5 million on its school operating budget. The Beyer plan, unlike the Gilmore plan, protects localities by allowing them to collect the tax while providing for a deduction on state income taxes. The loss is to the state, though much less than with the Gilmore plan. Under both plans, dollars that should be invested by the state during good economic times, to strengthen and equip our K-12 schools, colleges and universities, will be missing." *Incumbent



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anger by taking a swing at it with a sledgehammer.

That kind of inexpensive but dramatic gesture has been crucial to Bell's low-budget campaign in a heavily Democratic district that has been loyal to Van Landingham for more than a decade. The 45th encompasses most of eastern Alexandria, from low-income sections of Arlandria through public housing and expensive homes in Old Town, as well as three more conservative precincts in eastern Fairfax.

Even some Republicans say Van Landingham will be very tough to beat—she has won most races by more than 20 percent. Her toughest challenge came in 1991, when former city council member A. George Cook III got 46 percent of the vote.

But Cook spent nearly \$100,000 and ran right after the 1991 redistricting brought a batch of new voters into the district. Two years later, David Capara got less than 40 percent of the vote.

Bell said he has raised \$5,000, including \$3,000 that he loaned the campaign out of his own savings. Van Landingham said she has raised about \$32,000.

Van Landingham, who founded the Torpedo Factory Art Center, lives in Old Town. So does Bell, who works for the American Legislative Exchange Council, drafting model legislation for the 3,000 state legislators who are its members. Much of his work has focused on deregulating the electric power industry, and he hopes to put his expertise into practice in Virginia.

Much of Van Landingham's work has been concentrated in education. As a senior member of the Appropriations Committee, she has sponsored bills to reduce elementary school class sizes and to give each school a technology expert on staff. When the administration turned down federal money connected to the national education standards known as Goals 2000, Van Landingham helped lead the opposition, and Allen reversed himself.

"He was totally off-base. ... It was just ideological bias that deprived us of the money," she said.

She is equally vocal about Allen's environmental record. "It's been outrageous. ... There has not been serious protection of the environment."

Bell couldn't disagree more. Under Allen, "Virginia's environment has improved, and the business climate has improved," he said.

GOP Out to Break Democratic Hold On Virginia House

Approach Is Different But Goal Same: End Run of 114 Years as Minority Party

By Spencer S. Hsu
Washington Post Staff Writer

After failing to topple the Democratic majority two years ago, Republicans once again are hoping to make history next week and break the opposition's 114-year hold on Virginia's House of Delegates.

In settling the question of party control, voters across the state also could largely determine the odds of legislative success for Virginia's next governor.

In 100 local districts statewide, voters will sift through down-home issues and neighborhood personalities to create a counterpoint to Virginia's traditionally powerful governor.

The result could transfer control over the state's purse strings, its judicial appointments and the perquisites of majority rule, including congressional redistricting.

The House now is made up of 53 Democrats, 46 Republicans and one independent. A surge by either Republican James S. Gilmore III or Democrat Donald S. Beyer Jr. in the governor's race could add to either party's numbers, and Republicans believe they have a shot at a takeover if Gilmore's plan to virtually eliminate the state's property tax on cars and trucks catches on.

Both parties know from experience that voters detest partisan arguments—despite \$12 million spent in 1995's all-out campaign, only three House seats changed hands out of 165 major party candidates. This year, both parties are running quieter campaigns, using mailers to try to sink their foes in a half-dozen targeted districts that could go either way.

"The grand irony is we have not spent any of our message time telling voters why Republicans should control the legislature," said J. Scott Leake, director of the legislative Joint Republican Caucus. "At the same time, in private that's been our goal."

The House races, for all their importance, have been overshadowed by the battle between Gilmore and Beyer. There is no uniting theme as in 1995, when Republican Gov. George Allen crusaded for massive tax and spending cuts and a conservative revolution modeled after U.S. House Speaker Newt Gingrich's, and when a roused Democratic majority defended a tradition of moderation.

Voter anger seems to have evaporated in a booming economy. Both parties instead tout education spending and dueling tax-cut plans.

"Everything comes back to the center. You may not have a Republican legislature, but you certainly will have a legislature in which so-called Republican ideas may hold sway," said William H. Wood, political scientist at the University of Virginia.

Mindful of the stakes, both sides are drawing powerful support. The national GOP has poured several hundred thousand dollars into the Republican Party of Virginia, resulting in hundreds of thousands of phone calls and mailings that back Gilmore's tax cut and criticize Democrats for fighting improvements to schools, defined as Allen's bid for back-to-basics academic testing and school choice.

Democrats have fought back, raising \$1.7 million through a statewide caucus and arguing that public schools must be defended and improved from within, suggesting con-

tinued smaller class sizes and technology investments.

They also have attacked Republicans as extreme on the environment and have bashed school-choice plans such as charter schools and vouchers, which they say will divert aid from public education.

Many of the most important fights expected in the next two years are left off palm-sized campaign brochures, however. Funding-formula debates for roads and schools, possible redistricting lawsuits, health care and utility industry overhauls are some of the expected battles getting short shrift this fall.

Marquee races outside Northern Virginia include a battle in the Charlottesville area over a Republican open seat between Paul C. Harris, bidding to become Virginia's first elected black GOP delegate, and Democrat Bruce W. Kirtley. Republicans also are fighting to take over an open seat in Norfolk, which Democrats consider an ancestral legacy.

If nothing else, Northern Virginia will send at least one new lawmaker to replace retiring Arlington Democrat Julia A. "Judy" Connally.

Both parties say former Connally aide Robert H. Brink (D) is favored to hold on to the heavily Democratic district over Republican challenger S. John Massoud and Virginia Reform Party member R.D. "Dick" Smith.

The incumbent in most danger is the newest Del. George E. Lovelace, a freshman Democrat who won a special election 10 months ago with just 50.9 percent of the vote in Vienna and Oakton, faces a well-financed challenge from Republican Jeanne-marie Devolites.

Both state parties say the Republican-leaning district is a key battleground and have poured tens of thousands of dollars into mail, video and phone campaigning that pits Lovelace's mainstream record as a Vienna Town Council member against Devolites' background as a GOP activist.

Other contested seats belong to Dels. Roger J. McClure, a Centreville lawyer and conservative six-year House Republican, and Gladys B. Keating, a 20-year veteran Democrat from Fairfax in line to assume the chairmanship of the powerful Corporations, Insurance and Banking Committee.

McClure faces a challenge in Democrat James E. Mitchell III, a mortgage title company owner whose business-minded campaign against school crowding is making inroads in the heavily GOP district. McClure has been criticized over a \$126,000 debt in back taxes that has lingered for three years.

Keating faces Republican Thomas M. "Tom" Bolvin, a software sales officer, who is running for the second time.

Other incumbents in tougher races, party strategists said, include Democrat Kenneth R. Plum of Reston and Republican John H. "Jack" Rust Jr. of Fairfax.

Democratic Del. Linda T. "Toddy" Puller, widow of Vietnam War hero Lewis B. Puller Jr. and an often-mentioned leadership candidate, is campaigning after suffering a mild stroke in mid-October.

Plum faces Republican C.D. "Dan" McGuire and Independent Gary L. Alexander, and Rust is running against Democrat L.P. "Les" Schoene Jr. Puller's opponent is independent Kip R. Karl.

LIBERTARIAN



Kip R. Karl

- **AGE:** 37.
- **RESIDENCE:** Fairfax County.
- **OCCUPATION:** Computer scientist, Computer Science Corporation.
- **EDUCATION:** BS, computer science, North Texas State University.
- **PERSONAL:** "I promise to fight for the elimination of personal property tax to lower your overall tax burden and to provide more personal freedom to all Virginians."
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Q: Can Virginia afford to eliminate the personal property tax?

A: "Yes, Virginia can do without the personal property tax. The number of state employees per 1,000 residents is 16% above the national average. We need to cut back to at least the national average. Virginia could make museums pay their own way and save the taxpayers another \$21.7 million. The economy is not a static model, as the cost of owning a newer car drops, more people would buy and pay sales taxes to the state helping to offset any lost taxes. Virginia's bottom line will balance without a car tax."

DEMOCRAT



Linda T. 'Toddy' Puller*

- **AGE:** 52.
- **RESIDENCE:** Fairfax County.
- **OCCUPATION:** Delegate, Virginia House of Delegates.
- **EDUCATION:** BA, Mary Washington College.
- **PERSONAL:** "I am extremely proud of my two children. Lewis is in Arizona, working to be a golf pro; Maggie lives in Alaska and hopes to attend law school."
- **E-MAIL ADDRESS:** tpuller@aol.com

Q: Can Virginia afford to eliminate the personal property tax?

A: "No candidate proposes the total elimination of the personal property tax, rather, a partial elimination or tax credit. Investing in education-building and repairing classrooms, providing technology and lowering class size is essential to prepare our students for the jobs of tomorrow. We must contribute more to higher education. Virginia's colleges and universities, once the envy of the nation, now rank 44th in public support. Our system of transportation is so congested that without quick action we will risk employment opportunities, economic development and our economy. Until these needs are met, we can ill afford a tax cut." *Incumbent

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Robert H. Brink

- **AGE:** 50.
- **RESIDENCE:** Arlington County.
- **OCCUPATION:** Legislative consultant, Brink & Associates.
- **EDUCATION:** JD, College of William and Mary; BA, Monmouth College.
- **PERSONAL:** "I believe my professional, community and personal background will enable me to provide high-quality leadership that reflects the 48th District's values and priorities."
- **E-MAIL ADDRESS:** Rbrink@erols.com

Q: Can Virginia afford to eliminate the personal property tax?

A: "While complete elimination of the personal property tax is unlikely—and neither candidate for governor has proposed that—reform of this anachronistic tax is certain to be on the General Assembly's 1998 agenda. The real question is, 'Can we afford to risk depriving local governments of their second largest revenue source?' Local governments depend on the personal property tax to fund police, schools and other vital services. The state's record in keeping its promises to local government is mixed. It's not been good, and we need to be sure they aren't left holding the bag this time."

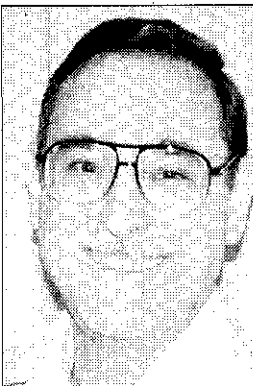
REPUBLICAN



S. John Massoud

- **AGE:** 32.
- **RESIDENCE:** Arlington County.
- **OCCUPATION:** Vice president, Arlington Blue Top Cab Co.
- **EDUCATION:** McLean High School, 1982; attended Northern Virginia Community College.
- **PERSONAL:** "I was raised in Arlington and have lived my entire life inside this district or on its borders."
- **E-MAIL ADDRESS:** john@bluetop.com

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R.D. 'Dick' Smith

- **AGE:** 62.
- **RESIDENCE:** Arlington County.
- **OCCUPATION:** Retired senior partner in a patent research firm.
- **EDUCATION:** BS, electrical engineering, University of Pittsburgh.
- **PERSONAL:** "Pro-choice, inventor with seven patents; as businessman founded three companies. Current projects: YEA-Yards Environmentally Alive, teen crime reduction, emergency savings accounts, citizens' choice education plan."

Q: Can Virginia afford to eliminate the personal property tax?

A: "No, because most alternatives to replace this significant source of funding are unthinkable; e.g., higher taxes on property, business, sales, hotels, etc., or increased user fees for health, youth, senior services, etc. The best alternative source that I can think of presently is set out in my 'Project Get Smart'; that is, get the federal government to rebate 1 percent of all Virginian-paid federal income taxes to our Virginia Department of Education, so we can test and educate our own kids."

3 Proud Arlingtonians Vie in 48th

By Alice Reid
 Washington Post Staff Writer

Arlington is the kind of place where politicians like to point to their roots in the community.

"I was born in the house right on Henderson next to Barrett school," said Republican S. John Massoud, 33, a local businessman and one of three candidates running for the 48th District House seat.

Democrat Robert H. Brink, 50, a retired Justice Department lawyer, reminds voters that he's a "22-year Arlingtonian" with 12 years of PTA activism under his belt.

And R.D. "Dick" Smith, 62, a retired patent examiner running as a Virginia Reform Party candidate, points out that he has lived in Arlington since 1963, that he raised both his children there and that his wife, Arlene, is running for the County Board.

The three men are running for the seat that is being vacated by Democrat Julia A. "Judy" Connally. Each argues that he best understands and can best represent the 48th and its affluent residential neighborhoods of North Arlington and a sliver of McLean.

Like most of Arlington, the 48th—home to more than 40,000 voters—is considered largely Democratic. Two years ago, voters there reelected Connally, then a two-term incumbent, with 68 percent of the vote.

But the district went for Republican incumbent John W. Warner in the last U.S. Senate race, and it used to turn out for Republican Rep. Frank R. Wolf when it was part of his congressional district.

Now, with Connally having decided not to run again because her "battery is running down," Republicans see a

chance with Massoud. "Since it's an open seat, it's winable," said Tom Brooke, an Arlington GOP spokesman.

In response, Democratic Party Chairwoman Charlene Bickford said nothing is being taken for granted. "Bob Brink is . . . out there walking the neighborhoods," she said, adding that the party's main concern is getting the vote out.

All three would-be delegates reflect the area's moderate bent. Each supports a woman's right to have an abortion. Each considers himself an environmentalist, and none gives the Allen administration's environmental record high marks. Each would make changes in the personal property tax on automobiles that has become a major issue in this year's gubernatorial election.

Massoud, a taxi company owner, said the race for delegate, as well as for governor, should be a referendum on the personal property tax. "I favor the Gilmore plan of eliminating it over a five-year period, based on projected growth in the Virginia economy," he said, referring to GOP gubernatorial nominee James S. Gilmore III's plan to end the tax on most cars and trucks.

Massoud noted that under Gilmore's plan, the state would compensate local governments for lost personal property tax revenue. He said that his position is based on concern for the environment. Motorists, he said, are encouraged to drive older, more-polluting cars because they pay lower taxes on them. Massoud added that as a taxi company owner, he would benefit "not one iota" if the tax was abolished because for-hire vehicles would continue to be taxed.

Brink, who has been endorsed by Connally and was legislative counsel to Lt. Gov. Donald S. Beyer Jr., the Demo-

cratic nominee for governor, during the last legislative session, also finds fault with the personal property tax. He believes that the tax should be reformed, but he does not support Gilmore's plan for phasing it out.

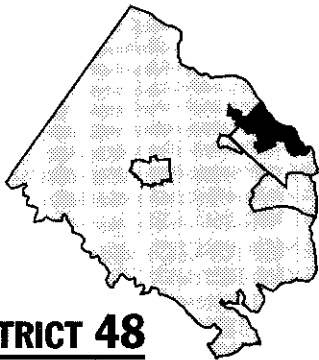
"The tax is harsh considering that today two cars are often a necessity," Brink said. "But it is also crucial that local governments must not be left holding the bag. It's the second-largest source of money for them, and . . . the state's record on providing for a revenue source once it has been taken away [as the Gilmore plan proposes] is simply not very good."

Smith said he doesn't support the tax or Gilmore's plan to get rid of it. He would have the federal government pay for state tax relief by returning to the states 1 percent of each taxpayer's federal income tax.

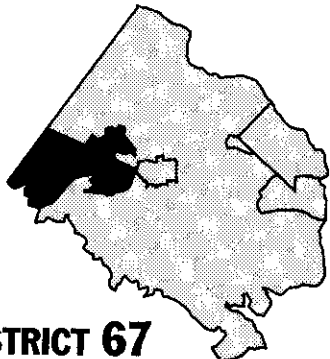
Brink expresses strong support for public schools and accuses Gov. George Allen (R) of politicizing education. Massoud is less sanguine about public schools and says he worries that students are not performing up to standard. Smith is the only candidate who agreed with Allen's initial decision to turn down federal Goals 2000 money because of concerns about federal involvement in Virginia schools.

Of the three candidates, Brink, who faced a primary opponent, has raised and spent the most. According to reports filed Oct. 15, Brink had raised \$33,785.25 and spent \$30,151.21. Massoud had raised \$25,266.27 and spent \$8,999.25.

Smith, who has vowed not to spend more than 24 percent of a delegate's salary—or a total of \$4,500—on his campaign, had spent about \$3,700.



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DISTRICT 67

Debate on Tax Policy Gets Personal in 67th

By Peter Finn
 Washington Post Staff Writer

In the race for the 67th House District seat in western Fairfax, the subject is taxes—not just the candidates' positions on cutting the personal property tax, but also the incumbent's tax problems.

For the second campaign in a row, Del. Roger J. McClure (R) is combating assertions that he is unfit for office because he failed to pay his employees' federal withholding taxes for 11 quarters from 1991 to 1993, leading the Internal Revenue Service to put a \$126,000 lien on his business.

Democratic challenger James E. Mitchell III, 39, is trying to make a central issue of McClure's back taxes and the fact that McClure and his previous business—Roger McClure and Associates, an inactive tax law firm—contributed or lent more than \$20,000 to his political campaigns during the period when McClure wasn't paying taxes.

"People need to understand it, and hopefully they will be offended by it," said Mitchell, who has mailed to voters 17,000 fliers detailing McClure's woes. "He had his own public financing for his campaign—his employees' withholding tax."

McClure, 53, said the issue is not resonating with voters in the traditionally Republican district, despite Mitchell's efforts to capitalize on it.

"I was running into some difficult times. I had problems, and I've assumed personal responsibility for them," said McClure, a three-term incumbent, who said his business began to fail when a number of clients went bankrupt. "I'm making payments. You don't escape the IRS. My general impression is people want to know what have I done for them. They

don't want to hear about the ups and downs of my personal finances."

McClure said the contributions to his 1991 and 1993 campaigns that Mitchell cites were either in-kind donations by employees or short-term loans that were paid back immediately when other contributions rolled in.

McClure also acknowledges that a review of his state business tax returns turned up a shortfall of about \$1,000, of which \$800 is outstanding and is being paid off on a monthly basis. The state has not placed a lien against him.

"That's just another log on the fire," said Mitchell, a political newcomer and president of Metropolitan Title and Escrow Co., a title insurance company in Centreville.

McClure, in turn, has accused Mitchell of filing campaign finance reports that fail to note in-kind contributions properly and that fail to indicate expenditures on an opinion poll done for Mitchell's campaign.

Mitchell said the failure to report in-kind contributions as an expense was a technical oversight that was corrected. He said the poll was not reported in his September filings because it was not paid for until Oct. 1.

The two are divided on tax-cut proposals that have surfaced in the governor's race between Republican James S. Gilmore III and Democrat Donald S. Beyer Jr.

McClure supports Gilmore's plan to eventually eliminate the personal property tax on the first \$20,000 of a car's assessed value.

"A prosperity dividend ought to be returned to the taxpayer," McClure said.

McClure added that he supports Gilmore's plan only because the state would reimburse local jurisdictions for the lost tax revenue.

Mitchell said he doesn't support either Gilmore's proposal or Beyer's plan to offer a personal property tax credit of up to \$250 to families with incomes of less than \$75,000 a year.

"Both candidates are offering these tax cuts based on windfalls that the state expects to receive," Mitchell said. "I see nothing to prove to me that those windfalls are coming in. I'm a businessman. I know my revenue is based on what comes in, not on what I hope comes in."

Mitchell said the biggest priority in the district is easing crowding at high schools, which has forced students into trailer classrooms.

"These schools are grossly overcrowded, and learning is suffering," Mitchell said. "If we cannot raise the money through traditional means, then we need to explore the involvement of the private sector in school finance and construction."

McClure said he supports the establishment of charter schools, under the authority of the local school board, to ease crowding. Both candidates support construction of a western bypass highway, as well as the creation of rail links between Centreville and Vienna and between Dulles International Airport and West Falls Church.

McClure opposes abortion; Mitchell generally favors abortion rights. Mitchell supports Virginia's new law requiring minors to notify their parents before getting an abortion, but he would not support a law requiring parental consent. McClure would support such legislation.

REPUBLICAN



Roger J. McClure*

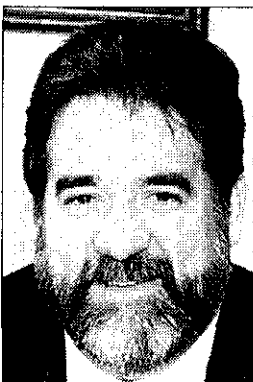
- **AGE:** 53.
- **RESIDENCE:** Centreville.
- **OCCUPATION:** Lawyer, Roger McClure P.C.
- **EDUCATION:** Ohio State University School of Law, 1972.
- **PERSONAL:** "Education priorities and high academic standards, greater focus on core subjects, school construction, report cards for the schools and greater parental involvement. Break transportation gridlock."
- **E-MAIL ADDRESS:** rmcclure@ix.netcom.com

Q: Can Virginia afford to eliminate the personal property tax?

A: "I support the Gilmore plan to eliminate the personal property tax on the first \$20,000 for cars and trucks. This is a fiscally sound plan which calls for funding 4,000 new teachers first and then providing tax relief. Car taxes will be reduced over a four-year phase-in period and paid for by the predictable increase in state tax revenues. Gilmore and I have pledged that the local governments will receive dollar-for-dollar reimbursements and this will have no effect on local government budgets. This tax cut will stimulate car buying, which will help increase state revenues."

**Incumbent*

DEMOCRAT



James E. Mitchell III

- **AGE:** 39.
- **RESIDENCE:** Centreville.
- **OCCUPATION:** Owner and president, Metropolitan Title and Escrow Co.
- **EDUCATION:** JD, American University, 1983; BA, State University of New York at Albany, 1980.
- **PERSONAL:** "I am not a politician. I am a father, a husband and a businessman. I know how to meet a payroll, and I pay my taxes."
- **WEB SITE:** centreville.com/jim_mitchell

Q: Can Virginia afford to eliminate the personal property tax?

A: "Both candidates for governor have put forth proposals to reduce or eliminate the personal property tax on automobiles. While I recognize that this tax is a burden on working people, requiring a single large payment annually, I do not believe that either proposal will work. Despite the promise that this tax reduction will be funded with 'future growth,' I believe that the only way to reduce or eliminate personal property taxes is to replace that revenue. Promising to reduce taxes because we are going to make more money in the future is an empty promise, and I hope that voters will not be fooled by this."

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School Projects Ride On Bond Referendum

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for the construction and renovation of public facilities such as schools, libraries, courthouses and jails. Long-term borrowing through the sale of municipal bonds spreads the cost of major capital projects over many years, as opposed to paying for the projects out of operating funds.

The bonds are sold on the open market, and proceeds from the sales are used to finance the projects.

The school system has no direct authority to borrow money, and in Virginia, school boards do not have the authority to levy taxes. Only the Board of Supervisors has those powers.

The sale of the bonds will not result in higher taxes, according to officials. Fairfax County caps payment on public debt at 10 percent of the county's general fund and builds debt repayment into the budget. When debt repayment nears that 10 percent cap, the county slows the sale of bonds, and projects can be delayed.

Although there has not been any major organized campaign against the bond proposal, the Fairfax County Taxpayers Alliance has argued that the projects, while necessary, should be paid for out of the school system's operating budget.

The alliance contends that the school system wastes \$100 million a year on ineffective and unnecessary programs—a notion disputed by school officials.

School officials say financing capital projects through the system's operating budget would require devastating cuts in instructional programs—20 percent if they had to spend the money proposed in the referendum. Since personnel costs

account for about 85 percent of the system's budget, about 17 percent of all faculty and staff would have to be fired.

The Citizens' Committee to Pass the Bond '97, a group of residents appointed by the School Board to distribute information about the

“People don't realize that if one of these [bond proposals] goes down, it doesn't just affect the projects on that list. It affects all the ones that come after it.”

— Robert C. Whiteman, of the Fairfax County Council of PTAs

bond proposal and solicit support for it, has spoken at back-to-school nights and community forums, and distributed fliers to garner voter support for the measure.

No school bond proposal has failed in Fairfax County since the 1970s, but bond supporters fear voter apathy. They worry that some voters might feel it's not necessary for them to show up at the polls since bond proposals usually pass anyway. In addition, there are no countywide elections to spark voter interest.

“The complacency worries me,” Whiteman said. “I hope I'm proved wrong.”

PROPOSED BOND PROJECTS

Following are the projects to be funded by \$232.8 million in proposed Fairfax County school bonds. The costs are in millions.

NEW CONSTRUCTION

New elementary school in south Centreville (open Sept. 1999)	\$11.3
Elementary school additions (open Sept. 2000)	
■ Hybla Valley, eight classrooms	\$2.4
■ Braddock, six classrooms	\$1.9
■ Weyanoke, 10 classrooms	\$2.9
■ Bush Hill, six classrooms	\$1.9
■ Rose Hill, 10 classrooms	\$2.9
New high school in western Fairfax (open Sept. 2001)	\$58.0
Special facility additions (open Sept. 1999)	
■ Elementary emotional disabilities center	\$3.3
■ High school emotional disabilities center	\$3.0

RENEWAL PROGRAM

Elementary schools	
■ Pine Spring	\$5.7
■ Kings Glen	\$6.4
■ Chesterbrook	\$5.7
■ Churchill Road	\$5.4
■ Hayfield	\$7.5
■ Camelot (planning)	\$0.48
■ Kent Gardens (planning)	\$0.40
■ Fort Hunt (planning)	\$0.43
■ Orange Hunt (planning)	\$0.48
■ Hunters Woods (planning)	\$0.62
Middle schools	
■ Kilmer	\$15.0
■ Holmes (planning)	\$0.90
High and secondary schools	
■ West Potomac High	\$29.0
■ Hayfield Secondary (planning)	\$1.8

SPECIAL FACILITY RENOVATIONS

■ Burke Center	\$2.9
■ Pimmit Hills Center	\$4.1
■ Quander Road Center	\$4.0
■ Cedar Lane Center	\$3.9
■ Bryant Center	\$6.8

HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM RENOVATIONS

■ Annandale High	\$4.3
■ Lee High	\$4.3
■ Madison High	\$4.3
■ McLean High	\$4.3
■ Stuart High School	\$4.3
■ Planning (phase 2 of 3)	\$2.2

INFRASTRUCTURE MANAGEMENT

■ Roof replacement program	\$6.0
■ Air conditioning replacement program	\$2.0
■ Boiler replacement program	\$2.0
■ Americans with Disabilities Act improvements	\$1.0
■ Technology improvements	\$3.0
■ Bus parking facility	\$1.3
Grand total	\$232.8

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

WHERE THEY STAND

ISSUE:	JOHN H. HAGER <i>Republican</i>	L.F. PAYNE <i>Democrat</i>	BRADLEY E. EVANS <i>Virginia Reform Party</i>
TAXES	■ Supports James S. Gilmore III's (R) plan to abolish the personal-property tax. Proposes a \$150 technology tax credit for parents of kindergarten through 12-grade students to encourage the purchase of computer technology, educational technology and other accessories, such as modems.	■ Supports Donald S. Beyer Jr.'s (D) proposal on the personal property tax. Supports Beyer's proposals to lift the tax on nonprescription drugs and remove state taxes on businesses that gross less than \$50,000 annually.	■ Doesn't support either the Gilmore or Beyer proposal on the personal property tax.
ABORTION	■ Opposes abortion except in cases of rape, incest or where the life of the mother is at risk. Supports parental notification and consent before minors may obtain abortions.	■ Supports a woman's right to abortion. Supports parental notification but does not support parental consent—at least not before there is sufficient time to see how the parental notification system works.	■ No position.
TOBACCO REGULATION	■ Virginia tobacco farmers and others employed in the tobacco industry need to be protected in whatever settlement emerges from Congress.	■ Opposed to the national tobacco settlement because it has no provisions to assist tobacco growers.	■ No position.
CAMPAIGN FINANCE	■ Supports existing state regulations.	■ Supports existing state regulation.	■ Supports limiting campaign financing to individual contributions from people who live in the district the candidate seeks to represent. For statewide races favors contributions from anywhere within Virginia. But supports a complete ban on PAC, lobbying and corporate money in all races.
EDUCATION	■ Supports Gilmore's call for 4,000 new teachers. Supports detailed report cards on schools. Supports a pilot program to test public charter schools and supports obtaining federal grants to support the pilot program. Supports full funding of the public education financing authority.	■ Supports setting achievable standards for students and teachers. Supports Beyer's plan to raise teacher salaries. Proposes a statewide clearinghouse for local districts to access character education curricula. Supports public charter schools. Opposes to school vouchers.	■ Supports public education and competitive wages for teachers. Supports back to basics learning and a mastery of problem solving before students use computers.
CRIME	■ Supported reforms pushed by Gov. George Allen (R), including juvenile justice reform and the abolition of parole. Supports Gilmore's call for community-based crime fighting programs.	■ Supports funding for more police officers. Has supported Allen administration reforms on parole and juvenile justice.	■ No proposals.

—Compiled by Peter Finn

Civil Race For State's No. 2 Post

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For kindergarten through 12th-grade classes, Payne said he would like to create a clearinghouse for character education, giving local school districts access to curriculum materials and expertise on the subject.

“I think people in Virginia share certain values: hard work, decency,” Payne said. “You want that education to happen in the home, the community, but some kids just aren't getting it.”

Hager, 61, has tried to play down his career as a tobacco executive, in which he was involved in controversial nicotine research. He was hit by a hail of criticism early in his campaign after indicating that he did not believe that nicotine was addictive.

But the potential for sparks over Hager's work in the tobacco industry has not been realized. Payne, who represented thousands of tobacco growers in Southside while in Congress, has had close ties to the industry, which has contributed to his campaigns, including this one.

Both candidates opposed the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's efforts to regulate nicotine. And both reject any tobacco settlement that doesn't compensate growers for the economic hardship it might impose.

Hager often has focused on his battle with adult polio, saying that winning the Nov. 4 election would be a victory for all disabled people.

Hager, who uses a wheelchair, has outlined several proposals to expand opportunities for people with disabilities. He said he favors reallocating vocational rehabilitation funds to reduce the 70 percent unemployment rate among the severely disabled, shifting state services to community-based programs and giving tax credits to families with disabled children.

Hager advocates increased educational competition—by experimenting with charter schools and school vouchers, which direct public money to private schools. He has proposed tax credits to allow parents to buy educational computer technology for their children. “We need to move to a more performance-based system,” said Hager, of Richmond. “That includes merit pay for teachers and report cards on schools.”

Payne opposes vouchers, saying

VIRGINIA REFORM



Bradley E. Evans

- **AGE:** 32.
- **RESIDENCE:** Richmond.
- **OCCUPATION:** Computer programming consultant.
- **EDUCATION:** BS, computer-based MIS, California University of Pennsylvania.
- **PERSONAL:** “I support the protected rights of all people, regardless of gender, race, age, sexual orientation, income religion or disability.”
- **E-MAIL ADDRESS:** EvansBradley@juno.com
- **WEB SITE:** www.naxs.com/people/mcgoats/homepage.htm

Q: Can Virginia afford to eliminate the personal property tax?

A: “No! This is not the way to lower taxes responsibly. As a Virginia Reform Party candidate who supports less government and lowering taxes, I believe that this is just an election year gimmick to garner more votes by either of the other two parties. A more proactive approach would be to gradually lower the personal property tax over a period of years so the effects will not be felt so harshly, and instantly, by the Virginia localities that depend so much on the revenue of this tax. This type of promise cannot be guaranteed without General Assembly approval first.”

that diverting money to private schools would undermine public education.

Hager said that he also would use the lieutenant governor's office to “reconnect” people with their government through town meetings and grass-roots initiatives. “We need new models of government,” he said, “government that is a catalyst, rather than a crutch.”

Hager supports Republican gubernatorial candidate James S. Gilmore III's plan to phase out the personal

REPUBLICAN



John H. Hager

- **AGE:** 61.
- **RESIDENCE:** Richmond.
- **OCCUPATION:** Retired.
- **EDUCATION:** MBA, Harvard University; BS, mechanical engineering, Purdue University.
- **PERSONAL:** “After nearly dying from polio in 1973, I have dedicated my life to helping others and making Virginia a better place to live.”
- **E-MAIL ADDRESS:** Hager1997@aol.com
- **WEB SITE:** www.Hagernet.com

Q: Can Virginia afford to eliminate the personal property tax?

A: “Yes, the sooner the better. Virginia is experiencing an economic renaissance with state revenues growing at a robust rate, more than 8% this year. Even conservative revenue forecasts estimate state revenues will grow at least 6% in the next four years and beyond. Virginia taxpayers should share in the economic good times through a dividend in the form of personal property tax relief, phased in over the next four years. By eliminating the tax on personal cars, trucks and motorcycles valued under \$20,000, families can better decide how to use that revenue than government. If not now, when? If not us, who?”

property tax on most cars and trucks. “Because of the robust growth in the state, we can return a dividend to the people,” he said.

Hager opposes abortion; Payne generally supports abortion rights. Payne supports a new state law requiring minors to notify a parent before having an abortion but, unlike Hager, opposes requiring parental consent.

The third candidate is Evans, 32, of the Reform Party. This is his seventh run for public office. He previously has campaigned under the banners of

DEMOCRAT



L.F. Payne Jr.

- **AGE:** 52.
- **RESIDENCE:** Town of Nellysford, Nelson County.
- **OCCUPATION:** President and CEO, Wintergreen Development Inc.
- **EDUCATION:** MBA, University of Virginia, 1973; BS, civil engineering, Virginia Military Institute, 1967.
- **PERSONAL:** “I see great possibilities for Virginia's future. As lieutenant governor, I will use my vision and my skills as a businessman and congressman to help Virginia reach its full potential.”
- **E-MAIL ADDRESS:** lf@lfpayne.com
- **WEB SITE:** www.lfpayne.com

Q: Can Virginia afford to eliminate the personal property tax?

A: “I believe we need to approach personal property tax relief in a fiscally responsible manner and make sure that we make the necessary investments needed in education, work force development and transportation. There are nearly 30,000 unfilled hi-tech jobs in Northern Virginia alone, and it is imperative that we are responsible in providing a skilled work force to ensure Virginia's economic success well into the 21st century. Additionally, whatever personal property tax relief plans (are) considered by the General Assembly cannot jeopardize the wellbeing of our localities by taking away much-needed funds from our schools and public safety programs.”

the Libertarian Party and the New Alliance Party, among others.

Evans dismissed both of the major parties' tax-cutting plans as “jokes” and said he was emphasizing campaign finance reform, including banning all contributions from political action committees, corporations and out-of-state interests.

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GOVERNOR

Tax Money Talks in Va. Governor's Race

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The men were neck and neck in polls for most of the year. Then Gilmore, 48, took a lead last week. Besides dominating the tax debate, Gilmore's biggest asset is Gov. George Allen (R), his ticket-mate in 1993, who remains popular. Allen campaigned with Gilmore and appeared in radio and television ads.

Beyer, 47, is counting on racking up votes in the urban areas of Northern Virginia and Hampton Roads. His strategists hope his support for abortion rights will help him win votes in the Washington suburbs.

Gilmore was the chief prosecutor in Henrico County, a Richmond suburb, before being elected to state office. Besides the tax cut, his chief issue is a promise to add 4,000 teachers to Virginia classrooms.

"Governor Allen and I harmonize very well," Gilmore said. "I want to build on his foundation with exciting new ideas like excellence in education and making smaller class sizes."

In explaining his tax cuts, Gilmore emphasizes his working-class upbringing as the son of a Safeway meat cutter.

"The time has come to really invest something in people—people out there who need the opportunity to spend their own money in order to buy that furniture, or scrape together that down payment for a house, or to get that car," Gilmore said. "The best way to do that is to give genuine and honest and straight tax relief to people."

Beyer owns a Volvo dealership in Falls Church and a Land Rover outlet in Alexandria. He says he would be the first businessman to be elected governor in 40 years. He calls his campaign "the most important work in my life—to provide leadership and make a difference in people's lives."

Beyer's platform, which he calls "building the best Virginia," includes raising teachers' pay to the national average, cracking down on water polluters and, in criminal justice, giving equal attention to punishment and prevention.

"This race must be about more than cutting the personal property tax," he said. "My hopes and dreams are that every child can learn, and that we will build smaller class sizes and higher teacher standards and the best teachers."

At campaign appearances and on television, Gilmore has attacked Beyer for flip-flopping on a range of issues—including tax relief—and asked, "Can you trust liberal Don Beyer?"

Beyer has retorted that Gilmore has

extreme views. The Democrat has run ads highlighting the \$50,000 that Gilmore has received from Pat Robertson, the Christian Coalition founder.

McClain, the University of Virginia professor, called the two candidates' positions on abortion the clearest difference between them.

Gilmore opposes all abortions after 12 weeks and has said he would work to expand the state's new parental notification law to require parents' permission, not just their knowledge, before a teenage girl could get an abortion.

Beyer opposes additional restrictions on abortion. "I trust the women of Virginia," he says on the stump.

Soldiering in the shadows is the third candidate for governor who will be on the statewide ballot, Sue Harris DeBauche (pronounced "dee BUSH"), the nominee of the Virginia Reform Party, which supported Ross Perot for president in 1992 and 1996.

DeBauche was not included in the three gubernatorial debates. She attributes that to "the two-party monopoly," which she called "so rigged and crooked it's almost impossible to get attention."

DeBauche, 52, has no paid staff and no television advertising. She runs her campaign from her home on 14 acres in Fieldale, in Southwest Virginia's Henry County. She chairs the Virginia Reform Party, provides day care in her home and works as a business consultant to help people fight red tape.

She called both major candidates' tax-cut plans "a joke—a gimmick to get votes." DeBauche said her top issue is reforming campaign finance and creating jobs. She said she has a vision of a Virginia where "no one goes hungry, homeless or without medical attention." She said she would fund programs to accomplish that by cutting government waste.

"When people are starving," she said, "you don't buy parchment paper."

DEMOCRAT



Donald S. Beyer Jr.

- AGE: 47.
- RESIDENCE: Alexandria.
- OCCUPATION: Owner, Don Beyer Volvo and Land Rover, Alexandria.
- EDUCATION: BA, Williams College.
- PERSONAL: "I am the father of four children, believe passionately in education and will be the first business leader to be governor of Virginia in 40 years."
- WEB SITE: www.beyer97.org

Q: Can Virginia afford to eliminate the personal property tax?

A: "Virginia can afford to eliminate it for the average taxpayer, which is what I have proposed, providing personal property tax relief for people who need it, next year: Individuals earning up to \$40,000 and families up to \$75,000. We can provide substantial relief right away to more than 70 percent of Virginians at a cost of about \$200 million a year, and it still leaves us enough money for schools and public safety. Virginia can't afford a plan like my opponent's, which costs nearly \$3 billion over five years once it phases in, money that would otherwise be spent making our schools the best in the country and protecting our communities."

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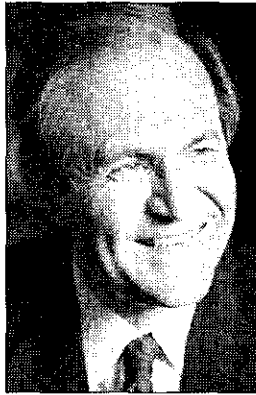
Sue Harris DeBauche

- AGE: 52.
- RESIDENCE: Fieldale, Henry County.
- OCCUPATION: Owner and licensed provider, Lil Scooter Daycare.
- EDUCATION: BS, with an emphasis in business administration and accounting, University of California at Irvine.
- PERSONAL: "You truly want reform in the system? Then this year, you must vote for it. I am the only candidate who can truly touch it."
- E-MAIL ADDRESS: DBAUCHE@digdat.com
- WEB SITE: www.naxs.com/people/mcgoats/news.htm

Q: Can Virginia afford to eliminate the personal property tax?

A: "I believe this is a carrot thrown out to get votes. None of the candidates, including me, can make this promise without a state mandate requiring a General Assembly vote. Personal property tax funds are used to support localities so it would still be the taxpayers who lose. Looking at all taxes levied in the state and how the funds are used, I would first cut all frivolous spending, keeping only necessary programs. It would be my goal to put funds back in the pockets of the citizens since I think they can best decide how to spend their money."

REPUBLICAN



James S. 'Jim' Gilmore III

- AGE: 48.
- RESIDENCE: Henrico County.
- OCCUPATION: Lawyer, LeClair Ryan.
- EDUCATION: JD, University of Virginia School of Law; BA, foreign affairs, University of Virginia.
- PERSONAL: "I am a product of Virginia's public schools. I believe that providing a high-quality education is our foremost obligation to our children."
- E-MAIL ADDRESS: gilmore97@aol.com
- WEB SITE: www.gilmorenet.com

Q: Can Virginia afford to eliminate the personal property tax?

A: "Economists project economic growth in Virginia to continue for years. Since 1993, economic growth has produced, on average, 7.2 percent annual general fund tax revenue growth. Even if this revenue growth slows to 6.2 percent annually, \$5.5 billion in new revenues will be generated. This is far more than is needed to eliminate the car tax, hire 4,000 new teachers and implement New Century Scholars college scholarships. Clearly Virginia can afford to eliminate the personal property tax. Virginians pay the highest per capita taxes in the Southeast. We must cut taxes in Virginia, and I am committed to doing it."

WHERE THEY STAND

ISSUE:	DONALD S. BEYER JR. <i>Democrat</i>	JAMES S. "JIM" GILMORE III <i>Republican</i>	SUE HARRIS DeBAUCHE <i>Virginia Reform Party</i>
TAXES	■ Offers relief from personal-property tax on cars and trucks by providing married couples an income-tax credit equal to the personal-property tax that they paid on one or two motor vehicles, up to \$250. It does not apply to married couples with gross incomes of more than \$75,000 or individuals with incomes of more than \$40,000. Also would implement a state law removing the sales tax on non-prescription drugs, and would eliminate the corporate income tax for small businesses.	■ Would phase out the personal-property tax over five years. When fully phased out, the first \$20,000 of assessed value on personal vehicles would be tax free.	■ Calls the personal-property tax plans of the major-party candidates "a false promise" because she doubts General Assembly approval. She would search for "frivolous spending and return as much to the people as possible."
ABORTION	■ Opposes additional restrictions on abortion.	■ Believes that when a baby is formed and shows vital signs of life, which he believes to be between eight and 12 weeks, the baby should be protected in all instances, except to save the life of the mother.	■ Believes abortion is a personal choice that should be available in the first trimester; opposes parental consent.
TOBACCO REGULATION	■ Favors federal restrictions on cigarettes in order to protect children.	■ Opposes additional regulation of tobacco.	■ Believes adults should be able to choose to smoke or not. Instead of additional regulation, she favors an increased tobacco tax to pay for medical care for smokers.
CAMPAIGN FINANCE	■ Favors a limit on the amount a person may donate to a campaign (does not specify amount).	■ Opposes limits.	■ Would limit contributions to \$1,000; takes no contributions from political action committees or large corporations.
EDUCATION	■ Would continue the reduction of class sizes in kindergarten through third grades; would provide preschool opportunities for every at-risk 4-year-old by the end of his term; create a Professional Standards Board for teacher education, licensing and professional development; has set a goal of increasing pay for Virginia teachers to the national average salary by 2002; his Invest Now for Excellence in Scholarship for Tuition would provide a one-time, \$2,000 grant to every high school graduate with a "B" average or better, and would increase need-based scholarships.	■ Favors funding for 4,000 new teachers in kindergarten through sixth grades; his New Century Scholars program would provide a college scholarship of \$2,000 per year for students who maintain a "B" average, score in the top 20 percent on the state's new Standards of Learning test and "stay out of trouble."	■ Would increase pay of teachers before administrators; favors education in basics before computers.
CRIME	■ Advocates a community notification law that would require communities to be notified when a sexual offender moves into the neighborhood; opposes parole for all felons; would create a cabinet-level strike force on violent crime; would increase rights of victims in the plea-bargain system; and wants to simplify the state's process for compensating crime victims.	■ Would make it a crime to recruit children into gangs; would create a partnership to involve the community in keeping drugs and gangs out of schools; would expand the Weed and Seed anti-drug program statewide, and would propose laws allowing victims of domestic abuse to testify in court before the abusers are sentenced.	■ Opposes a deadline for introduction of new evidence of innocence in criminal cases.

ABOUT THIS GUIDE

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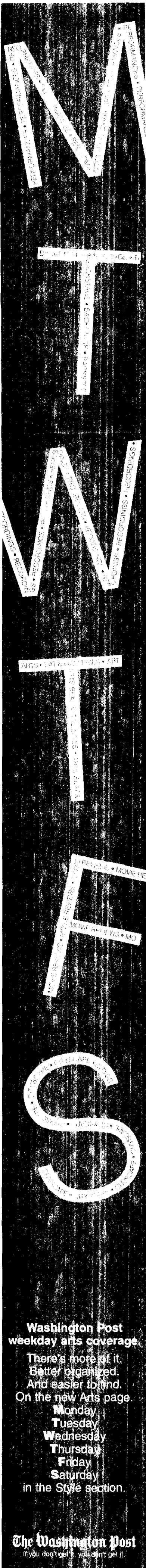
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ATTORNEY GENERAL

Abortion Is Focus Of Race

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in the attorney general's race four years ago, said he decided he should run again after seeing the direction the Allen administration had taken on education and the environment.

He pointed to Allen's proposed \$2.1 billion tax cut in 1995 that would have led, he said, to a \$90 million cut in education funding, and he said the administration has held a lax attitude toward environmental regulation.

And he said that the Allen administration emphasized punishment of crime rather than prevention, especially among young people.

"Juvenile drug arrests are up," Dolan said. "Young people are not being prepared adequately for jobs in our high-tech economy. I think I can help them."

Dolan has contended that Earley's opposition to the state lottery—which helps fund public schools—signals that Earley is a poor advocate for education.

Earley believes Allen has undertaken important changes in criminal justice and efforts to move people off welfare and into jobs. He was the chief sponsor of Allen's juvenile justice plan, which lowered the age at which a person can be tried as an adult for violent crimes, and of Allen's welfare-to-work program. He co-sponsored legislation ending parole for violent offenders.

Earley says Dolan is a liberal who will not protect the gains made by the Allen administration. "I want to make sure that we hold on to these gains and build on them," he said. Earley disputes Dolan's assertions that the Republican would not protect education if elected. He said his opposition to gambling does not mean he will try to abolish the state lottery. Although Earley has criticized the lottery system, because its funds are not earmarked for education, he has introduced bills that set aside lottery money for education.

Both men have plans to attack juvenile crime and have proposed stiffer penalties for first-time offenders. Dolan wants young people at risk of falling into criminal activity to attend after-school programs. Earley wants to expand his 1997 gang prevention initiative in which universities work with communities to reduce youth gangs and youth crime.

REPUBLICAN



Mark L. Earley

- **AGE:** 43.
- **RESIDENCE:** Chesapeake.
- **OCCUPATION:** Lawyer, Tavss, Fletcher, Earley and King.
- **EDUCATION:** JD and BA, College of William and Mary.
- **PERSONAL:** "I have fought for and achieved juvenile crime reform, victim's rights, welfare reform, parental notification and greater funding for mental health and mental retardation initiatives."

Q: Can Virginia afford to eliminate the personal property tax?

A: "Yes. Jim Gilmore's proposal to eliminate the personal property tax on the first \$20,000 value of cars and trucks will provide tax relief for the families of Virginia. Families should be allowed to keep more of what they earn so as to provide for their families, their children and their future. Because of Virginia's strong and growing economy, Virginia can and should provide this tax relief to the people of Virginia."

Dolan also has proposed a state constitutional amendment to protect the rights of hunters and fishermen. Earley has called it a "transparent attempt" by Dolan to win votes by camouflaging his support for current gun control laws. Dolan said he just wants to make sure hunters and anglers are allowed to hunt and fish in peace.

Dolan, a lawyer with 25 years' courtroom experience, said that after losing the attorney general's race in 1993, he drew inspiration from his son, Olympic swimming champion Tom Dolan.

"I still had the fire," William Dolan said. "Spending time with Tom talking about pursuing... worthy goals, the more I thought, 'You ought to do what you say.' So I did."

Earley's path to politics began on the streets of Manila in the late 1970s,

DEMOCRAT



William D. 'Bill' Dolan III

- **AGE:** 53.
- **RESIDENCE:** Arlington County.
- **OCCUPATION:** Attorney, Venable, Baetjer & Howard.
- **EDUCATION:** JD, Catholic University of America; AB, Marquette University.
- **PERSONAL:** "I am endorsed by Virginia's police officers and teachers because, unlike my opponent, I will aggressively fight juvenile drug use and crime and improve public education."

■ **E-MAIL ADDRESS:** Dolan1997@aol.com

■ **WEB SITE:** www.dolan1997.org

Q: Can Virginia afford to eliminate the personal property tax?

A: "Virginians have collective and individual needs, which are not being met. Many Virginians suffer under an onerous personal property tax. Government must understand the burden taxes place on citizens. I will fight to provide tax relief while at the same time inform people about our future needs in Virginia. People in turn must understand that good services cost money and there is no such thing as a free lunch. The current economy affords us an opportunity to cut taxes, but a consensus must be reached as to our needs for the future and how we will pay for those needs."

when he was a campus missionary at the University of the Philippines. There, he saw soldiers on street corners on Election Day, and he realized how much Americans take democracy for granted.

"It helped me understand that to protect our freedoms in America we need a passionate recommitment to the core principles of democracy," he said.

FALLS CHURCH SHERIFF

Disc Jockey Becomes Issue

By Patricia Davis
Washington Post Staff Writer

While James S. Gilmore III is proposing "No Car Tax" if elected governor of Virginia, both candidates trying to unseat the Falls Church sheriff are making a pledge of their own: No Greaseman.

The Greaseman, whose real name is Doug Tracht, was hired last month by Sheriff S. Stephen Bittle (D) as a volunteer sheriff's deputy. Both independent candidates challenging Bittle—Howard L. Miller Jr. and Philip G. Hannum—say the radio shock jock won't be wearing a badge if they're elected.

Miller, 50, and Hannum, 49, say the selection of Tracht as an armed volunteer deputy has outraged city residents who are offended by his jokes about women, minorities and bodily fluids on his morning radio show on WARW-FM. In addition, Hannum said, Tracht doesn't even live in Virginia.

"A lot of our citizens, our neighbors, are upset," Miller said.

But Bittle, the city's sheriff for the last five years, said Tracht is not the Greaseman when he's helping to carry out the duties of the sheriff's office—court security, transport of prisoners and service of legal documents.

"I did not hire the Greaseman," said Bittle, 55. "I hired Doug Tracht."

The Greaseman controversy, which has received widespread media attention, has elevated the profile of the sheriff's race in this tiny, quiet community that comprises only 2.2 square miles and nearly 10,000 residents.

That, and what Miller refers to as the "Bittle-Kasi connection," referring to Mir Almal Kasi, who has been charged in the shooting rampage outside CIA headquarters in Langley. Miller has attacked the fact that Bittle, while working part time in a gun shop, sold weapons to Kasi, although not the one he allegedly used in the 1993 shootings.

Bittle does not dispute selling a gun to Kasi, a legal transaction, but said it was not an assault weapon. The sheriff said that he passed on information about Kasi to police investigating the case and that he will testify at his trial because he helped identify him.

It's no secret that Bittle fired Miller five years ago, when Bittle, a 27-year member of the city's police force, was appointed sheriff—a position that

has a salary range of \$40,000 to \$65,000—to fill a vacancy. Miller was the chief deputy sheriff at the time and ran against Bittle in the last election.

Miller, a former D.C. police officer who has a private security service business, said he is running again because he believes he is more qualified

"I did not hire the Greaseman. I hired Doug Tracht."

Falls Church Sheriff S. Stephen Bittle

for the job. If elected, he would forge a closer relationship with Fairfax County and curtail his private business, he said.

Of Hannum, who wants to expand the law-enforcement duties of the sheriff's office, Miller said: "Phil is a hard worker, but he just likes to go out and arrest bad guys."

Hannum, who grew up in Falls Church, believes the sheriff's office should help police arrest fugitives.

He also would get his staff involved in combating Asian crime (the Eden Center, a shopping area that caters to Asians and that has been plagued by a reputation for crime, is in Falls Church), narcotics cases and juvenile matters.

A former city police officer for 10 years, Hannum has become a consultant on Asian crime. He is also a private investigator and said he, too, would cut back his business if elected.

He said a priority would be for the sheriff's office to work more closely with the schools on public safety issues.

"Do the voters want the status quo?" Hannum said. "Or do they want my vision of a redefined office?"

To that, Bittle said: "We don't need two police departments. We have one."

Since he's been sheriff, Bittle has computerized the office, created a "Most Improved Student" award and helped police officers transport their prisoners. He is most proud of his efforts to protect children and wants to do more.

"I've been here for over 30 years," Bittle said of his city employment. "I want to be their sheriff as long as they want me to be their sheriff."

DEMOCRAT



S. Stephen Bittle*

- **AGE:** 55.
- **RESIDENCE:** Falls Church.
- **OCCUPATION:** Sheriff, City of Falls Church.
- **EDUCATION:** Graduate, Central Police Academy, Richmond; numerous law enforcement courses conducted by the Northern Virginia Criminal Justice Academy.
- **PERSONAL:** "Endorsements include the Fraternal Order of Police, Falls Church Police Association, Lt. Governor Beyer, Congressman Moran and many other elected officials and citizens."

Q: Why should the voters elect you?

A: "To help taxpayers, I have supported computerization and increased use of volunteer auxiliary deputies, thus providing more services at lower cost. I have built strong relationships with the police so we operate cooperatively—not competitively. When serving legal documents, I treat citizens with compassion and respect. I have expanded programs to ensure our children get the care and attention they need, including 'Most Improved Student Award,' Halloween candy inspections, child fingerprinting and safety seat inspections. Honesty, effectiveness and common sense are my watchwords. It is how I live and how I have led the office of Sheriff."

*Incumbent

INDEPENDENT



Philip G. Hannum

- **AGE:** 49.
- **RESIDENCE:** Falls Church.
- **OCCUPATION:** Self-employed consultant on Asian crime, private investigator.
- **EDUCATION:** MA, forensic sciences (criminology), George Washington University; BA, history, Glassboro State College.
- **PERSONAL:** "A pro-active law enforcement officer who successfully combated non-traditional crime by developing non-traditional countermeasures. I will help make our community safer at no additional cost."

Q: Why should the voters elect you?

A: "They should elect me because I seek to redefine the office of sheriff so it will realize its full potential. In addition to performing the traditional functions of the office, I will arrest fugitives—especially violent Asian fugitives at our Eden Center. I will assist in combating narcotics-related crime and share in asset forfeitures, thereby relieving the tax burden. I will assist in juvenile matters when requested. I will perform pro-active law enforcement as I did when I earned Police Officer of the Year, Crimesolver, Arlington-Fairfax Elks and other awards for exceptional investigation efforts."

INDEPENDENT



Howard L. Miller Jr.

- **AGE:** 50.
- **RESIDENCE:** Falls Church.
- **OCCUPATION:** Self-employed, Miller Consulting Services Ltd.
- **EDUCATION:** BS, public safety, Virginia Commonwealth University.
- **PERSONAL:** "Endorsed by the Falls Church citizens organization."
- **E-MAIL ADDRESS:** hlmiller@erols.com
- **WEB SITE:** www.erols.com/hlmiller/index.html

Q: Why should the voters elect you?

A: "Most experienced in operation of sheriff's office. Educated and trained in criminal justice field. Most involved in community and business affairs. Committed to safer community through education and offender rehabilitation."

WHERE THEY STAND

ISSUE:	MARK L. EARLEY <i>Republican</i>	WILLIAM D. "BILL" DOLAN III <i>Democrat</i>
TAXES	■ Opposes raising taxes and pledges not to raise them. Supports James S. "Jim" Gilmore III's plan to exempt the first \$20,000 in value of cars and trucks from the personal-property tax.	■ Opposes raising taxes and has pledged not to raise taxes. Supports Donald S. Beyer Jr.'s plan to give an income tax credit of up to \$250 for lower- and middle-income families to offset property taxes paid on cars and trucks.
ABORTION	■ Opposes abortion except to save the mother's life. Was chief legislative sponsor of a law requiring a minor to notify a parent before having an abortion. Would support a law requiring a minor to obtain a parent's consent before having an abortion.	■ Supports allowing a woman to have an abortion through the first two trimesters without restriction. Supports a state law requiring a minor to notify a parent before having an abortion. Opposes changing the law to require a minor to obtain a parent's consent.
TOBACCO REGULATION	■ Opposes FDA regulation of tobacco. Wants to see the national settlement with the tobacco industry include provisions aimed at preventing youth smoking and protecting tobacco farmers. Supports state enforcement of laws against tobacco sales to minors.	■ Opposes FDA regulation of tobacco. Opposes the national tobacco settlement because it does not have provisions protecting tobacco farmers. Supports state enforcement of laws against tobacco sales to minors.
CAMPAIGN FINANCE	■ Supports contribution limits. Opposes spending limits.	■ Supports contribution limits. Willing to consider spending limits.
EDUCATION	■ Supports the state Board of Education's new academic standards and testing program. Would support vouchers—or public money for private and religious schools—only if pilot-tested and if the program does not discriminate on the basis of race or economic status.	■ Supports the state Board of Education's new standards and testing programs but opposes the board's lifting of state mandates for sex education and elementary school guidance counselors. Opposes vouchers, or the use of public money for private and religious schools.
CRIME	■ Opposes the "Brady bill" five-day waiting period on handgun purchases. Would oppose a law banning weapons in Fairfax County recreation centers unless law is applied statewide. Proposes stiffer penalties for juveniles committing "nuisance crimes" such as vandalism and for adults recruiting youths into gangs. Wants a state anti-racketeering law, a statewide school-based program to prevent children from joining gangs and more money for community-based gang prevention.	■ Supports the "Brady bill" five-day waiting period on handgun purchases. Would support a law banning weapons in Fairfax County recreation centers. Has proposed an after-school program for children considered at risk of engaging in criminal activity and drug use; the program would be mandatory for at-risk middle-school students.

—Compiled by Ellen Nakashima

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FAIRFAX CITY COMMISSIONER OF REVENUE

Four in Competition For Assessment Post

By Wendy Melillo
Washington Post Staff Writer

Allen C. Griffith wants to eliminate the need for Fairfax City residents to make lump-sum payments of their personal property taxes.

A.L. "Larry" Larsen Jr. wants to find the individuals and businesses that are underreporting those taxes.

William Page Johnson II wants to limit the time city police spend chasing car owners and others who try to avoid that tax.

Gerald T. "Jerry" O'Dell wants to treat all voters fairly on tax issues, but he thinks a candidate's position on abortion is a factor in the race for the job of overseeing the city and state tax codes.

All four candidates are running for the city's commissioner of revenue position, which administers tax assessments that raise one-third of the city's \$55 million budget.

Automobiles, cigarettes and meals are among the items on which the city's nearly 21,000 residents and about 3,800 businesses pay taxes. The full-time position pays \$75,179 a year.

One contentious issue for voters is the car tax, which is a key issue in the governor's race. Residents pay \$3.29 per \$100 of assessed value on their cars. The commissioner's office is responsible for determining the assessed value.

Griffith, 54, a human resources manager at the General Services Administration, thinks there should be ways to make the personal property tax more palatable to residents.

"Like anything else, people don't like to pay personal property taxes in lump sums," Griffith said. "We find ourselves in a position to pay \$20,000 for an automobile, and we get an ugly reminder every October that we owe to pay more."

Griffith, who considers himself an establishment candidate because he has the support of some people at City Hall, was not yet ready to discuss specifics of how he wants to change the lump-sum payment.

Juanita Dickerson, the current commissioner, said she supports Griffith because she thinks he will treat voters fairly.

"Allen presents the best combination of professional skills and personal attributes to ensure your complete satisfaction," Dickerson, who is retiring, told voters in an endorsement letter.

Johnson, 38, a mortgage loan officer with GMAC Mortgage Corp., feels he would have received the endorsement from Dickerson had Griffith not asked her first.

Johnson considers himself the hometown candidate. He was born in the city, and members of his family have served as council members, firefighters and town coroner.

"I now want to give something back to the city and community that has nurtured me," Johnson said.

As commissioner, Johnson said he would promote city businesses by encouraging citizens and city government to use more local services.

Larsen, 57, a loan officer and legislative assistant to state Sen. Jane H. Woods (R-Fairfax), worries that there are people in the city who are not paying their fair share of taxes.

"I know the city is losing revenue," Larsen said. "Generally, people are not paying taxes and underreporting personal property taxes for individuals and businesses."

What is important to O'Dell, 59, who works as a van driver for Washington Shuttle, is character, not résumés.

O'Dell, who has taught math and worked as a budget analyst, considers truth, integrity and a candidate's position on abortion to be crucial factors in the race.

"Politicians who publicly pronounce their opposition to the right to life cannot be trusted," he said.

O'Dell has been seeking elected office in the city since 1994, running for the City Council and the Fairfax City School Board in the last two elections.

NONPARTISAN



Allen C. Griffith

- AGE: 54.
- RESIDENCE: City of Fairfax.
- OCCUPATION: Human resources manager, General Services Administration.
- EDUCATION: BA, economics and political science, Mankato State University.
- PERSONAL: "I grew up in the Midwest, served in the Army and, with my wife, Sandy, and daughters Krista and Lauri, moved to Fairfax in 1979."
- E-MAIL ADDRESS: griffith@patriot.net
- WEB SITE: www.patriot.net/users/griffith

Q: Why should the voters elect you?

A: "When elected, I will administer applicable sections of city ordinances and the Code of Virginia uniformly and fairly; serve courteously, in an impartial, un-biased, non-partisan manner; work to improve service levels even further while assisting you to pay the lowest lawful tax; preserve all tax records in a confidential manner as required by law; make use of all available methods to ensure that all who should be taxed are taxed for their fair share, no more and no less; work with the treasurer and other departments, within lawful limits, to assure smooth governmental operations for the benefit of all citizens."

NONPARTISAN



William Page Johnson II

- AGE: 38.
- RESIDENCE: City of Fairfax.
- OCCUPATION: Vice president and loan officer, GMAC Mortgage Corp.
- EDUCATION: BS, finance, George Mason University.
- PERSONAL: "Susan and I have been married for 13 years and have two wonderful boys, Dillon and Sam. I am the author of a Civil War book on soldiers from Fairfax, Virginia."
- E-MAIL ADDRESS: Page02@aol.com

Q: Why should the voters elect you?

A: "As your next commissioner of revenue, I will work hard to continue the tradition of integrity, personal service and trust that our city has come to expect. My finance education and background as a manager and loan officer of a leading mortgage corporation have given me the experience and expertise to manage this office. I will apply the latest computer technology and continue to increase the efficiency and accuracy of the commissioner's office. Born and raised in the City of Fairfax, I would be proud to serve my friends and neighbors as their next commissioner of revenue."

NONPARTISAN



A.L. 'Larry' Larsen Jr.

- AGE: 57.
- RESIDENCE: City of Fairfax.
- OCCUPATION: Manager and residential loan officer, Reserve Mortgage Division, Home Mortgage Center Inc.; legislative assistant to state Sen. Jane H. Woods.
- EDUCATION: MS, operations research and statistics; BS, engineering; law firm management, Georgetown University School of Law.
- PERSONAL: "I love cats, dogs, my wife (Marilyn), my children (Janine and Lee) and my mother-in-law (Estelle, who lives with us)—not necessarily in that order."
- E-MAIL ADDRESS: LL4Commish@aol.com
- WEB SITE: members.aol.com/LL4Commish/larry.html

Q: Why should the voters elect you?

A: "I have more education and experience that directly relate to the needs of the position. More importantly, I have the knowledge necessary to apply these skills to: uphold the integrity and confidentiality of the office; ensure that all citizens pay only their fair share of taxes; implement technical advancements to strengthen the flow of information between taxpayers and our city; and work tirelessly to effect alternatives so that we can (1) gradually phase out the personal property tax; and (2) provide our lower-income senior citizens with the same personal property tax relief that other Virginia jurisdictions have provided."

NONPARTISAN



Gerald T. 'Jerry' O'Dell

- AGE: 59.
- RESIDENCE: City of Fairfax.
- OCCUPATION: Washington (Super) Shuttle, LLC.
- EDUCATION: BA, California State University, Los Angeles.
- PERSONAL: "Anyone assaulting your 'Unalienable Right...' to 'Life...' affirmed in America's Declaration of Independence, is untrustworthy. My three opponents are pro-abortion; I'm pro-life—uncompromisingly."

Q: Why should the voters elect you?

A: "Larsen voted (1994) (while on the city council) to force taxpayers to support abortion coverage in city employee health plans. O'Dell successfully opposed expanding Larsen's unfair preferential water rates for hotels/motels. O'Dell proposed more refined, equitable, assessment scale for storm-water management fees. O'Dell opposed Larsen's proposal to increase school board members' pay from \$1,000 to \$2,250—publicly financing campaigns. Johnson confirmed Virginia Dobby's (Johnson campaign worker) assertion: Johnson's pro-abortion. Griffith pushes wasteful school bonds but ignores mediocrity, depravity of Fairfax County Public Schools (which runs the city's): neglecting basics; undermining Bible, Christianity; promoting: condom roulette; sterilization; homosexuality; abortion; values 'clarification'; moral relativism; outcome-based education."

FAIRFAX CITY SCHOOL BOARD

Bond Issue Would Turn Four Schools Into Two

By Victoria Benning
Washington Post Staff Writer

Fairfax City voters will decide Tuesday whether to approve \$25.6 million in bonds to improve schools.

Most of the money, \$23.8 million, would be spent to consolidate the city's four elementary schools—each with fewer than 400 students—into two mid-size elementary schools with a capacity of 750 students each.

Under the proposal, Westmore and Green Acres schools would close. Students now at Westmore would attend a renovated and expanded Jermantown Elementary. Fairfax City students from Green Acres would attend a renovated and enlarged Layton Hall Elementary. Fairfax County students from Green Acres would be moved to Fairfax County elementary schools.

Officials say consolidation would improve instruction for city students and save money. City students receive some enhanced instruction through a contract with county schools, but the county says it is not cost-effective to provide those programs at the city's smaller schools.

Elementary schools built during the last 10 years by Fairfax County are designed to hold as many as 975 students to make the most of instructional programs and dollars. The city's elementary schools do not meet the county's criteria.

Fairfax County officials have estimated that consolidating the four schools—which have about 1,100 city students—into two mid-size schools would save about 13 percent in administrative costs. County schools have agreed to share those savings with the city by adding six resource teachers to be split between the two new schools.

Officials say that student-teacher ratios in the new schools would remain the same as in the existing, smaller schools and that both would offer full-day kindergarten. The schools would expand space for curriculum enhancements, including special math, science, language arts, technology and communications labs. Also, the two schools would have full-time teachers for music, art and physical education, compared with part-time teachers now.

The bond referendum also would provide \$1.3 million for improvements to Fairfax High School, including replacing parts of the heating and air-conditioning systems and upgrading the fire-safety and electrical systems.

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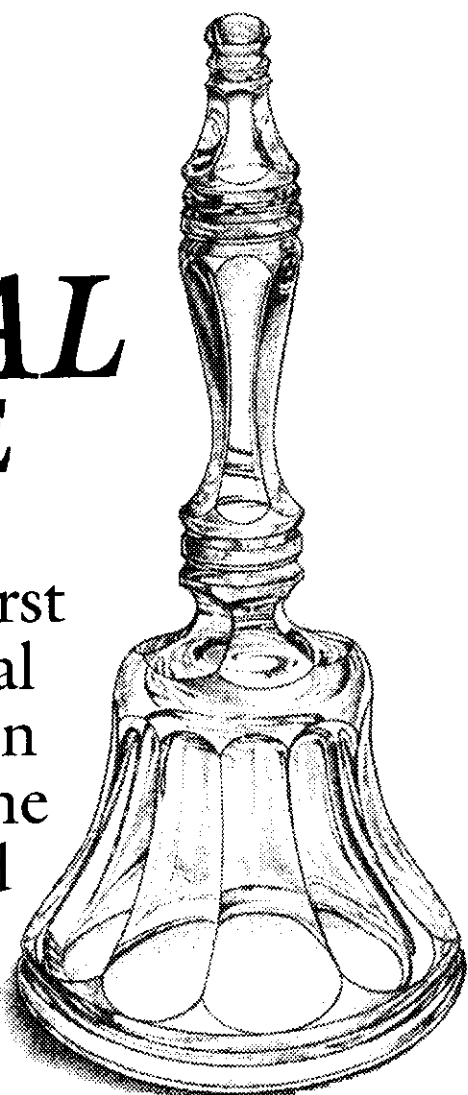
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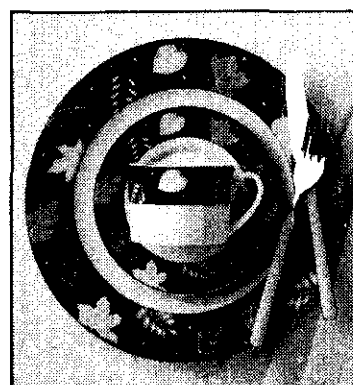
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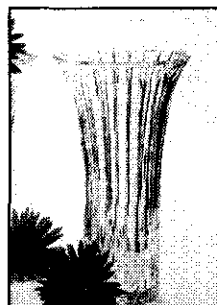
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20% OFF BONSAI PLANTS, BONSAI TOOLS or GIFT KITS, ORCHIDS or DWARF ALBERTA SPRUCE.

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Cool weather is the best time to install new plants. Very little water is needed despite intense root growth. Plants and trees can quickly establish themselves with heavy root systems.

Choose from 16 acres of plants, trees or shrubs

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FALL IS FOR PLANTING

(Juniors sale items not included in sale.)

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America's Premium Quality lawn fertilizer

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- ✓ Full trace element package.
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- ✓ double strength trace elements
- ✓ 8-2-3 lawn fertilizer

Add Minor Miracle to your regular lawn fertilizer for extra dark lawn color.

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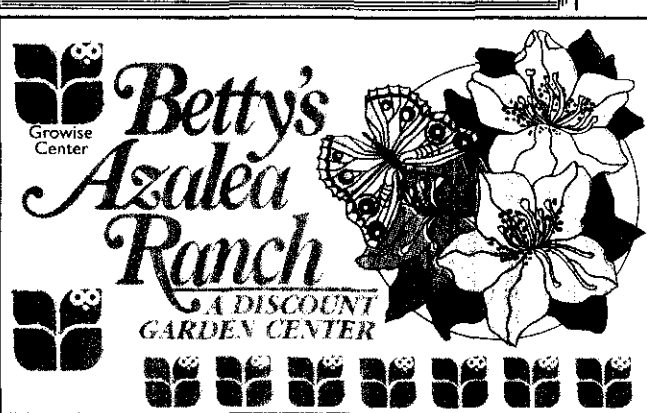
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