

Your statewide Democratic ticket



For Governor
Creigh Deeds



For Lt. Governor
Jody Wagner



For Attorney General
Steve Shannon

Creigh Deeds wins throughout Virginia

The statewide primary turned out to be a jaw-dropper as Creigh Deeds won the gubernatorial nomination in a runaway despite being written off by most analysts just a few weeks earlier.

Most polls had shown Deeds in third place in the three-man race for many months. But, as *The Voice* noted a few months ago, first place in most of those polls went to “Undecided.” In the last few weeks, when Democrats had to make up their minds, they broke overwhelmingly for Deeds—including in Arlington, where most of the elected officials who supported a candidate had endorsed Brian Moran

from neighboring Alexandria. A clear exception was **Mary Margaret Whipple**, who had vocally supported Deeds, a fellow state senator, since the beginning of the race.

Deeds won the state with just a hair less than 50 percent of the vote. Brian Moran and Terry McAuliffe almost evenly divided the remainder for this final tally:

Deeds	158,845	49.76%
McAuliffe	84,387	26.43%
Moran	75,936	23.79%

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Photo courtesy Jerry Long

SHAKE HANDS — That’s the glow of Clarendon’s Silver Diner in the background and the glow of Democratic candidate Creigh Deeds in the foreground. Deeds made his first campaign stop after his primary victory at the local eating spot.

Joint Campaign set for whopper of vote turnout

The overriding goal of the Arlington Joint Campaign is to pull out all the stops for a large Democratic turnout for the state ticket this fall to make up for possible shortfalls elsewhere in the state.

On a number of occasions in the past, the Democratic majority in Arlington has accounted for the entire Democratic majority in the state; without Arlington, our candidates would have lost.

On the heels of a competitive primary season, the ACDC Joint Campaign has a game plan to elect a strong Arlington County Democratic ticket on November 3; to support President Obama’s initiatives, continue the progress of Governor Tim Kaine in moving Virginia forward, gaining a majority in the House of Delegates and maintaining Democratic seats on the County Board and School Board.

Led by co-chairs **Chris Zimmerman**, **Krysta Jones** and **Kim Klingler**, the Joint Campaign has selected a dynamic and energetic leadership team including Finance Chair **Virginia Robinson**, Print-

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Report from Chairman Peter Rousselot

All behind Deeds, Wagner & Shannon

I am delighted to report that Virginia Democrats immediately came together after the June 9 primary to back our great statewide ticket of Creigh Deeds for governor, Jody Wagner for lieutenant governor, and Steve Shannon for attorney general.

The mood at the quarterly meeting of the Democratic Party of Virginia (DPVA) last month was happy and confident, recognizing that we have lots of work to do. It was quite a contrast to what I saw three years ago at the comparable meeting after Jim Webb won his primary against Harris Miller. At that earlier meeting, most of the traditional DPVA hierarchy had backed Harris, and were still upset and disgruntled by his loss. It took a wonderful speech by DPVA Party Chair Dick Cranwell to break the ice. What a difference three years can make!

This year, Virginia Democrats had already come together behind our statewide ticket before we ever arrived at the meeting! We all admire and respect our ticket, and are ready to do everything it takes to elect them. This ticket has geographic, ethnic, and gender diversity, and the Deeds and Virginia Co-

ordinated Campaigns have been quick to reach out to great leaders of DPVA and the McAuliffe and Moran campaigns to tap their pool of campaign veterans.

We're going to need this outstanding pool of talent to keep Virginia moving forward in the great tradition of Mark Warner and Tim Kaine.

So, what do we know about the head of the GOP ticket? Who is Bob McDonnell? In the words of an old, rightly-discredited commercial for Camel cigarettes, Bob McDonnell is a "Smooth Operator." He seems to lack the "hard edges" that drove Virginia voters away from Jim Gilmore in his 2008 Senate race against Mark Warner, or that alienated Virginia voters from Jerry Kilgore in his 2005 race for Governor against Tim Kaine. We also know that Bob McDonnell is a capable fundraiser and presentable candidate. **But most importantly, we know that Bob McDonnell is wrong on almost every issue that's important to Virginians, and we need to be sure that our Arlington voters learn the facts about Bob McDonnell.**

Bob McDonnell opposes a forward-

thinking energy policy. He opposes an additional \$125 million of unemployment benefits for laid off Virginia workers. He opposes stem cell research to find cures that will help Virginia families. And he opposes a woman's right to choose – even in cases of rape and incest. Bob McDonnell has an extreme social and economic agenda that is antithetical to everything that Arlington Democrats believe.

Help us spread the great news about our own terrific statewide and Arlington candidates, and let every Arlington voter know the facts about what would happen if the Republicans were to win. Please sign up to help our 2009 Arlington Joint Campaign team!

Democratic Values in Action

Cereal now being donated serially

Your Arlington Democratic Values in Action Committee continues with its cereal drive initiative for the Arlington Food Assistance Center. So far this year, over 60 boxes of cereal have been donated and every month more and more Democrats bring cereal to the monthly ACDC meeting. Canned goods and other dry products are now being collected as well.

The committee members are **Margo Horner, Vonnille Hines, Pat Allen** along with Co-Chairs **Sarah Zevin** and **Charley Conrad**. Contact any of the members of the committee if you want to help out the Arlington Democratic Values in Action Committee.

Two new folks elected to Steering Committee

ACDC has elected two new Steering Committee members at its June meeting.

Paul Ashin was elected Precinct Operations vice chair to fill the unexpired term of **Eric Wolf**, who resigned due to additional demands on his time from his day job. Ashin previously served as area chair for the Metro Area.

Carolina Espinal was elected Outreach co-chair to fill the unexpired term of **Felix Herrera**, who was recalled to military service. Espinal was also recently elected as a member of the Eighth District Committee.

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**Next Monthly Meeting—All Dems
(Obama Volunteers Especially) Invited**

Wednesday, July 1, 2009, 6:30 p.m.

NRECA Building, 4301 Wilson Blvd

*Corner of North Taylor and Wilson, just east of Glebe & Wilson
Free parking under building, enter from Taylor Street*

Confused about Iran? Can't tell a Khomeini from a Khomeini? Struggling to pronounce the name of President Am-a-dinna-jacket? All your problems will be solved this evening by Warren Nelson, deputy editor of The Voice, who first went to Iran in 1961 and has edited the weekly Iran Times for more years than he cares to admit.

***Bumper Sticker
of the Month***

**Get involved—the
world is run by
those who show up**

***OFA: Same goal;
same initials;
different name***

Organizing For America (OFA) is the Obama For America campaign group re-named but keeping the same initials; its goal is to mobilize the same people it attracted last year for the election campaign, but this time pointing the effort behind the president's legislative agenda.

Betsy Hoover, regional director of OFA, which is housed in the Democratic National Committee on Capitol Hill, spoke to the ACDC monthly meeting in June to explain the effort to Arlington Dems.

Hoover said a survey of volunteers from the campaign showed their chief goals were health care, education and energy, so that is what OFA is focusing on.

She said the current front burner issue for OFA, as with the White House, is health care: "If we don't pass health care now, we may not get another chance for 20 years."

Hoover said OFA does many things just like it did in the campaign last year, but has had to learn to do some things differently. "It's a lot harder to organize on an issue than for an election, because there is no fixed deadline with issue work," she said.

If you're interested in getting involved, contact Hoover at hooverb@dnc.org.

After Hoover encouraged volunteers to help push the Obama agenda, County Board Member **Barbara Favola** also talked about volunteering. Recognizing the room was filled with natural volunteers, she spoke of the county's many volunteer programs.

She said 4,000 Arlingtonians—2 percent of the population—joined one or another of the county's programs last year. Some of the programs help to define county policy, while others provide direct services to those in need. To find a list of programs, go to the county website, www.arlingtonva.us, and type "participation" in the search box.

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Arlington Chamber of Commerce

ACDC suggests Liberty Univ. be stripped of its tax exemption

ACDC has strongly condemned Liberty University for its withdrawal of recognition of its Young Democrats chapter and urged the Internal Revenue Service to review the university's tax-exempt status.

In a resolution adopted at its June meeting, ACDC noted that LU sent an email to the chapter president saying that the YD chapter would no longer be recognized as a club because, "Even though this club may not support the more radical planks of the democratic party, the democratic party is still the parent organization of the club on campus. The Democratic Party Platform is contrary to the mission of LU and to Christian doctrine (supports abortion, federal funding of abortion, advocates repeal of the federal Defense of Marriage Act, promotes the 'LGBT' agenda, Hate Crimes, which include sexual orientation and gender identify, socialism, etc). The candidates this club supports uphold the Platform and implement it. The candidates supported are directly contrary to the mission of LU."

Since the university continued to recognize and support a College Republican chapter on its campus and since, as a tax exempt institution, it is barred from intervening in elections or showing preference for one political party over another, the resolution calls for the review by the IRS.

Since the resolution was adopted, Chancellor Jerry Falwell Jr. announced a proposed change in university policy which, in effect, puts the student club on equal footing with the school's College Republicans. Both groups, along with any other political clubs on campus, now are recognized under the new policy as unofficial clubs.

Unofficial clubs that support candidates whose views are contrary to the university's Christian mission will not lose their status, but will not be able to use the college's facilities to endorse such candidates, Falwell said.

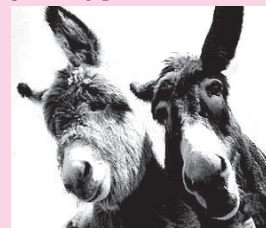
College Democrats have accepted the new status. However, the LUYD president, Brian Diaz, has said he will transfer to another university in the fall.

The full text of the resolution may be found on the ACDC web site, www.arlingtondemocrats.org.

Donkey Ears

*Listening to the doings
of Arlington's Dems*

**as overheard by
Dan Steen and Warren Nelson**



Cleanup time: There are still some scattered **campaign signs** from the primary on public rights-of-way. If you see any, it would be a big help if you would pull them up and dispose of them.

Libby on the loose: School Board member **Libby Garvey** may have some time on her hands now as her family is dispersing. Her daughter Shannon and family are moving to Vienna—the big one in Europe, not the little one in Fairfax County. They'll be there for three years with the State Department. Her other daughter Ruth and family are off to Machala, Ecuador. Libby says this will give her time to tackle those projects that have been delayed for an age. She also says it will give her cat time to recover from the attention of her two-year-old grandkids.

Honoree: ACDC Outreach Vice Chair **Terron Sims** of Arlington and John Taylor Chapman of Alexandria have been cited by the Eighth District Democratic Committee for their work for the state party and Democratic Black Caucus in boosting minority participation in the political process. Normally, one person is selected from each congressional district to receive the Josephine Marshall Award, but the 8th District Committee felt both men deserved the honor, and they were so recognized at this year's Democratic Black Caucus Juneteenth Dinner in Williamsburg.

Recession casualty: Next door in Fairfax County, Delegate **Kris Amundson** is retiring from the 44th Delegate District in Mount Vernon, a victim of the recession. Kris had planned to run again, but determined she couldn't afford to and announced her retirement two weeks after the primary. Kris is a free-lance writer and consultant. With the recession, she says many firms have cut back "the consulting services that provided the bulk of my income." A state delegate is paid only \$17,640 a year. "Campaigning is a full-time job," she said, "and I just made the difficult decision not to run. I just decided to focus on my business." Scott Surovell, the chairman of the Fairfax County Democratic Committee, immediately announced his candidacy and resigned his party post. No others have yet announced.

Is this dedication? One of your Donkey Ears editors is black-and-blue and red all over. **Warren Nelson** took a kerplop in the middle of the 14th and U intersection, flying at galactic speed into the asphalt after stumbling in, what else, a pothole. He emerged dazed and bloodied with multiple broken bones of the hand and ankle. But he still insisted on going to a play at the Lincoln Theater and finishing his weekly newspaper job before going to the doc and discovering the broken bones five days later!

Da boss: Delegate **Bob Brink** has been elected chairman of the board of the Virginia Foundation for the Humanities, which is the state arm of the National Endowment for the Humanities. Among the many grants awarded by the foundation are ones to document the history of Arlington's Nauck neighborhood and to do a photo and oral history of the many changes along Columbia Pike.

Passages: **Tom Simkin**, husband of **Sharon Simkin**, one of the stalwart Obama volunteers last year, has passed away after a six-month battle with esophageal cancer. He was 75 and known widely throughout the world for his volcano research at the Smithsonian. He was the first to note that when long dormant volcanoes erupt they tend to be much more violent than volcanoes that erupt more frequently.

Passages: **Jack Sawicki**, a long-time Arlington Democratic activist and husband of **Judith Wheat**, died May 24 while participating in an emergency response training exercise in North Carolina. He was caught in a rip tide and suffered a heart attack. He was 55.

Brink pinpoints where to steal from GOP

Delegate **Bob Brink** describes the challenge of winning a majority in the House of Delegates this November as “doable but daunting.”

Democrats currently hold 45 of the delegate seats and need to pick up six more in November to take control of the House. A few years back, Democrats were down to a dismal minority of 34, but have added a chunk of seats in each election since. This election, the stakes are especially important because the next House will redraw the electoral boundaries.

A majority of Democrats has backed legislation to set up a bipartisan commission to draw the new boundaries, but the GOP has defeated that proposal in each of the last two years. If Democrats win a House majority in 2009, a commission can be created in 2010 to handle the boundary issue in 2011 after the Census results are in.

Brink and State Senator **Mary Margaret Whipple** described the lay of the political land in the General Assembly at a Roosevelt Society event held May 3 at the home of County Board Chair **Barbara Favola**. Voluminous snacks—including chocolate chip cookies that disappeared with shocking rapidity—were provided by the ever-solicitous Kitchen Crew for the ever-voracious Democratic eating crew.

Democrats took a two-seat majority in the State Senate in last year’s balloting. But Whipple noted that major Senate Democratic initiatives—like the re-districting commission—have a way of disappearing in the black hole of House subcommittees run by Republicans.

“There is nothing I want more than a Democratic majority in the House,” Whipple said.

Brink said achieving that ambition is “doable but daunting.” He outlined one-by-one where the opportunities are to be found.

But first he commented on the antediluvian tendencies of the House Republican membership. He recalled serving in the House of Delegates with Eric Cantor, who has since moved on to the U.S. Congress and is now the second-ranking Republican in the House of Representatives. He said Cantor was known in Richmond as the “overdog” and “the champion of the uptrodden.”

Brink said the statewide effort to pick up six seats will focus on delegate districts that were carried by Tim Kaine in 2005, Jim Webb in 2006 or Barack Obama in 2008. He cited eight of the GOP’s 55 seats as vulner-

able, including five that are within commuting distance for Arlington volunteers. And he urged Arlingtonians to go out and help in those districts.

The five districts within commuting distance are:

- Dave Albo of Springfield, who is holding on by his conservative fingernails in a district that went 67 percent for Obama. Greg Werkheiser is making the effort to oust him. Werkheiser’s campaign office is at <http://gregfordelegate.com>
- Jeff Frederick, who was ousted just a few weeks ago as chairman of the state GOP party, is retiring—leaving his seat in Prince William County open. Frederick appears miffed and uninterested in even helping his party retain the seat. Luke Torian won the Democratic nomination in the primary and is reachable at <http://www.torianfordelegate.com>.
- Tom Rust in Herndon, a name that drew boos from the assembled crowd. His district is changing and went 63 percent for Obama as well as 59 percent for Kaine and for Webb. He is being challenged by Stevens Miller. Interested volunteers can reach Miller’s campaign at: <http://www.stevensmiller.com>.
- Jackson Miller in Manassas, whom Brink described as a “hard-edged Republican.” He faces a stiff challenge from Jeanette Rishell, who is reachable at: <http://www.jeanetterishell.com>.
- Bob Marshall in western Prince William County. Brink described Marshall as one of



NAMES NAMES — Delegate Bob Brink lists nearby districts where Arlington volunteers can help take back the House of Delegates.

the GOP’s “most strident conservatives.” Marshall holds the largest delegate district in the state as huge numbers of new voters have poured into the area over the last decade, making it a glittering target. Marshall is under assault from John Bell, a retired military officer with headquarters at: <http://johnbell2009.com>.

Three other GOP districts that are outside commuting distance for Arlingtonians are also vulnerable, Brink said. They are:

- Danny Marshall in Danville. His district went for Obama and is currently a major victim of the economic downturn with double digit unemployment. Feeling the heat, Marshall was one of only two GOP delegates voting to take federal stimulus funds for unemployment benefits. Seward Anderson is challenging for the Democrats.
- Phil Hamilton in Newport News. He’s out of practice campaigning as he has gone 14 years without a challenger. But this year Democrats recruited Robin Abbott and she is posing a serious challenge.
- Bob Purkey in Virginia Beach. A former Republican, Peter Schmidt, has shifted to the Democratic Party and is making Purkey less perky.

Brink cautioned that Dems can’t just go after vulnerable Republicans—there are three vulnerable Dem seats that must be defended, including one that abuts Arlington. That is the seat taken away from the GOP two years ago by Margi Vanderhye in Fairfax County. Her district abuts the northern border of Arlington and stretches out to Great Falls. Vanderhye is being challenged by Barbara Comstock, a well-funded candidate Brink described as a representative of the “far right nutwing” of the GOP. Vanderhye’s campaign can be reached at: <http://www.vanderhye.com>.

Another Democratic defensive line is needed to help Chuck Caputo, who for four years has held the historically GOP district that includes Dulles Airport and needs to fend off a serious challenge from Jim LeMunyon. Caputo’s official website is <http://www.delegatecaputo.com>.

The third Democratic incumbent needing a strong defensive line is Joe Bouchard in Virginia Beach, Brink said.

Locally **Kip Malinosky** and **Charley Conrad** are heading up operations at ACDC HQ to help in such key races. Calling begins Monday, July 13, and canvassing will be held every other Saturday starting July 18. Contact them at kipmalinosky@gmail.com or charleyconrad@comcast.net.

Joint Campaign pushing for monster vote in November to counter GOP downstate

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ing Chair **Amanda Brino**, Visibility Chair **Steve Baker**, Scheduler **Chris Gill**, Treasurer

Jean Marshall Crawford and Deputy Treasurer **Amy Lewis**.

As recently outlined in an analysis by

blogger “teacherken,” it is critical that statewide Democratic candidates do well in northern Virginia to make up for possible shortfalls across the state.

That means an excellent grassroots organization, capitalizing on the energy from last year’s Obama campaign, and strong outreach efforts to several communities including the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT), African American and Latino communities.

Take the gubernatorial race for example, which will see a rematch of Deeds vs. Bob McDonnell, who ran against each other for attorney general in 2005. That race is one of those infamous ones where Democrats lost by a hair.

With almost 2 million votes cast, Deeds lost by 323 votes. If just every eighth precinct had come up with one more vote, Deeds would have won. Arlington’s share was an extra seven votes.

As a practical matter, however, Arlington is one of the few reliable Democratic pots in the commonwealth, so we need to come up with many more votes. That means getting all those Democrats who vote in “federal years,” to come out in 2009 when there are no federal candidates on the Virginia ballot.

If Deeds were to improve his performance in Northern Virginia, he would have an advantage over McDonnell. The Joint Campaign is committed to ensuring that Deeds and the rest of the ticket overperform in Arlington.

The Joint Campaign is already working hard to come up with great events during the fall election season starting with the traditional—and always popular—Chili Cookoff on Labor Day.

If you would like to help with fundraising and outreach activities, or for more information about the Joint Campaign and how to get involved, please contact acdcjointcampaign@gmail.com.

A kickoff event is planned for July 22nd for all those who sign up.

No June swoon for AYDs



NO FROLIC — The AYD Executive Committee gathered at the home of County Board Chair **Barabra Favola** (lower right) for a dinner and discussion of state issues with Arlington’s Richmond delegation.

Summer in our area may mean life slows down as the temperature rises, but the Arlington Young Democrats are as active as ever. Recent activities have included the first-ever AYD Governance Dinner, where AYD Executive Committee members dined with local elected officials at the home of County Board Chair **Barbara Favola**.

Thirteen AYDs were joined by **Senator Patsy Ticer**, **Delegates Bob Brink**, **David Englin** and **Adam Ebbin**, and newly-chosen 47th District Delegate nominee **Patrick Hope**.

Over a delicious main course, wine, and a dazzling ice cream sundae bar, the AYDs engaged in a lively dialogue with our state representatives about the issues that drove the recent General Assembly session and the challenges that lie ahead for November. AYD members came away with a greater understanding of how they can become actively involved in helping Arlington’s representa-

tives in Richmond achieve shared goals and win six more House seats this fall. (See related story on page five.)

June also marked Pride Month for AYD, with a host of related activities. The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) Caucus hosted a special screening of the “Ask Not” documentary and two speakers on the impact of the “Don’t Ask Don’t Tell” policy for the military at the monthly membership meeting. Representatives from AYD capped off the month by staffing a booth at the DC Pride Festival and increased awareness about AYD and the work of the LGBT Caucus.

The weather is not the only thing that will be heating up in July – keep an eye out for AYD as they hit up *Back to the Future* at the “I Love the 80s” outdoor movie festival in Rosslyn, host a very special bingo night, and get ready to pound the pavement for our Democratic candidates.

Calendar items

To submit items for the calendar for the website go to <http://www.arlingtondemocrats.org/submitevent.phtml>.

Creigh Deeds is Number One choice of Democrats all across the commonwealth

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Deeds is from rural Bath County, which, he often points out, has only one stoplight and is among the smallest jurisdictions in the state with a population of all of 4,500. Despite that out-of-the-way origin, Deeds did well everywhere in the state.

He even won Northern Virginia, home base for both McAuliffe and Moran. Deeds took every one of the nine Northern Virginia jurisdictions except Alexandria, which went solidly for home town boy Moran. Moran came in second in the other four inner suburbs, while McAuliffe was second in the four outer suburbs.

NoVa	Deeds	Moran	McAuliffe	
Alexandria	32	55	13	
Arlington	47	37	16	
Falls Church	48	40	12	Inner
Fairfax Cnty	49	29	21	suburbs
Fairfax City	53	28	18	
Loudoun	47	23	30	
Manassas	47	17	36	Outer
Man. Park	44	20	35	suburbs
Prince Wm.	43	25	32	

Statewide, Deeds was just as broadly strong. Of 134 cities and counties in Virginia, Deeds won 123 or 92 percent. His weakness appeared to be with African-American voters. Of the 10 jurisdictions with the largest percentage of African-Americans, six gave Deeds among his worst results.

%Black	Jurisdiction	Deeds%	Deeds' rank
77.2	Petersburg	26.7	2 nd lowest
60.2	Greensville	28.6	3 rd lowest
59.7	Sussex	41.0	
58.0	Emporia	34.5	6 th lowest
56.3	Brunswick	38.5	9 th lowest
53.1	Franklin	49.0	
53.1	Richmond	40.8	
52.6	Portsmouth	43.8	
47.6	Hampton	25.7	Lowest
47.3	Charles City	30.4	4 th lowest

The weak appeal to blacks may reflect Deeds' long family history back to the antebellum era in Virginia. In policy terms, however, African-Americans are unlikely to favor GOP nominee Bob McDonnell over Deeds, but it may require a serious effort by the party to convince black voters—20 percent of the statewide population—to turn out in November and not stay home.

In Arlington County, Deeds won all but eight of the 51 precincts. Those eight all went to Moran. Deeds' lowest vote percentage in the county was in Glebe precinct, which has the largest concentration of African-American voters in the county. Deeds got 20.4 percent in Glebe. He failed to break one-third in only two other precincts.

Deeds also failed to hit one-third among Arlington's absentee voters, which includes all those who voted early, many of them weeks before Election Day and before the apparent break by the undecideds for Deeds. But only 1,040 Arlingtonians or 5 percent of the 19,711 who voted in the primary, voted absentee.

While Moran was strong in Northern Virginia's inner suburbs,



Deeds came in first in 92 percent of all the cities and counties in Virginia in the June 12 primary.

he only did well in a few scattered jurisdictions elsewhere. Of the 134 jurisdictions statewide, Moran came in first in five (Alexandria, Hampton, Petersburg, Charles City County and Dinwiddie) while McAuliffe came in first in six (Amelia, Greensville and Wise counties and the cities of Emporia, Norton and Newport News), none of them major population centers except for Newport News. (Norton is even smaller than Deeds' Bath County.) Deeds came in third in three, all of which are in the table above of heavily black jurisdictions.

The table below shows how uniformly the state jurisdictions were skewed to Deeds in first, McAuliffe in second and Moran in third.

	Deeds	McAuliffe	Moran
1 st	123	6	5
2 nd	8	116	10
3 rd	3	12	119

There was no Democratic primary for attorney general this year as Steve Shannon of Fairfax County was the sole candidate to file.

The race for lieutenant governor started out as a barnburner with five candidates jumping into the race. But, one-by-one Rick Savage, Pat Edmonson and Jon Bowerbank dropped out until only Jody Wagner and Michael Signer, who is from Arlington, were left.

At the polls, Wagner easily won with 74 percent to Signer's 21 percent. The remaining 5 percent went to Bowerbank, who withdrew too late to have his name removed from the ballot.

In Arlington, Wagner won with a margin slightly less than she enjoyed statewide: 70-27-3.

Arlington's turnout for the election was more than double that of the statewide average. The state's method of calculating the turnout showed that only 6.4 percent of active voters statewide voted while 13.6 percent turned out in Arlington. Those numbers look appallingly low, but it must be remembered this was a Democratic primary, while the base of registered voters includes Republicans, independents and others as well as Democrats. The Arlington turnout was, therefore, more on the order of one-quarter of the Democratic voters.

The November Ballot

The Republican Party has found some life in Arlington County, and has recruited three candidates to run for seats in the House of Delegates. In fact, this year, the GOP will actually have more candidates on the ballot than the Green Party. Altogether, seven of the nine Democrats on our local ballot will face opposition this November. Only James Lander, the Democratic endorsee running for School Board, and Adam Ebbin, seeking re-election in the 49th Delegate District, received a "Get Home Free" ticket. Below is the ballot, followed by messages from our four local candidates with challengers

Dems GOVERNOR

Creigh Deeds (D)

Others

Bob McDonnell (R)

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Jody Wagner (D)

Bill Bolling (R)

ATTORNEY GENERAL

Stephen Shannon (D)

Ken Cuccinelli (R)

HOUSE OF DELEGATES, 45TH DISTRICT

David Englin (D)

Victoria Vasques (R)

HOUSE OF DELEGATES, 47TH DISTRICT

Patrick Hope (D)

Eric Brescia (R)
Josh Ruebner (G)

HOUSE OF DELEGATES, 48TH DISTRICT

Robert Brink (D)

Aaron Ringel (R)

HOUSE OF DELEGATES, 49TH DISTRICT

Adam Ebbin (D)

NO OPPOSITION

COUNTY BOARD

Jay Fisette, Jr. (D)

John Reeder (G)

SCHOOL BOARD

James Lander
(Dem Endorsee)

NO OPPOSITION

County Board

Jay Fisette

Jay was honored to be joined by nearly 200 guests at Signature Theatre for his reelection kickoff on Monday, June 15th. Jay spoke from his heart about his commitment to public service, both in Arlington and throughout the Commonwealth, and his joy in being able to work with an engaged citizenry. "I love this job, and there's a lot left to do," Jay said as he explained why he was running for reelection.

All three statewide Democratic candidates joined Jay at the kickoff. Creigh Deeds, Jody Wagner, and Steve Shannon spoke about their close working relationships with Jay on issues related to the environment, affordable housing, and transportation in his role as President of the Virginia Municipal League and as a member of the Virginia Housing Development Authority. The three statewide candidates also highlighted the important role Arlington will have in this upcoming election and how critical it will be for us to turn out as many Democratic votes as possible.

The fantastic kickoff would not be possible if it wasn't for the hard work of a team of volunteers including Charley Conrad and the Virginia Partisans, Kim Klingler, Marge Epstein, Karl Johnson, Jordan Higgins, Betsey Wildhack and others.

Jay is looking forward to an energetic campaign. For more information on Jay and how to get involved, please visit www.fisette.org or contact his campaign manager Jody Olson at jody_olson@hotmail.com.



For the House of Delegates

48th District 47th District 45th District *Bob Brink Patrick Hope Dave Englin*

For the past 12 years I've been proud to promote Arlington values as the 48th District's Delegate in Richmond. Now I'm asking for your help. For the first time in six years, I'll have Republican opposition in November. My opponent has professional and military credentials, and he intends to run a vigorous and energetic campaign.

We need to gear up to meet this challenge! Following our tremendous victory last November, election results across Northern Virginia have shown we're in danger of losing our momentum. Since January 1, we nearly lost a heavily Democratic Delegate district in Alexandria, we lost two Alexandria City Council seats, we lost a Fairfax supervisor seat, and we barely held on to the chairmanship of the Fairfax Board of Supervisors. We can't take any race for granted, including my re-election!

Since 2003 – the last time I ran a full-scale, contested campaign – 27,600 of the 48th District's 63,800 voters have been added to the voter rolls. That means nearly 45% of the voters are new to me, and I'm new to them. I need your help to reach them.

Here's what you can do: **FIRST**, I need your financial support to get the word out. Please take a second to mail a contribution, or hit the "Contribute" tab at my campaign website: www.bobbrink.org. **SECOND**, I need your volunteer time. If you have a few hours a week to spare, let me know at info@bobbrink.org. With your help, I'll continue to serve Arlingtonians in the House of Delegates. Thanks!



I'm honored to be the Democratic nominee for the 47th District. I'm grateful to those who voted for me and also the many Arlingtonians who gave me guidance and support. I want to thank the elected officials who backed me: Senator Mary Margaret Whipple, Delegate Bob Brink, County Board Chair Barbara Favola, County Board Member Mary Hynes, Commonwealth Attorney Dick Trodden, Sheriff Beth Arthur, and former Delegate Judy Connally, former County Board member Joe Wholey, and former School Board Members Elaine Furlow and Diane Smith. Most emphatically, I want to thank the Campaign Committee led by my Manager, Mary P Dooley, Treasurer, Betsey Wildhack, Lucy Denney, Peg Hogan, Carter Moore, Donna Budway, Erica Wood, Jean Crawford, Fred Jones, Madi Green, Carol Skelly, Steve Cole and John Grant. With the help of many other volunteers, they did the day-to-day work and special tasks that made our campaign successful.

Also, I want to thank my four friends and fellow Democrats, Miles Grant, Alan Howze, Adam Parkhomenko, and Andres Tobar as well as their campaign teams for their hard work during the last few months. I benefited from sharing ideas and learned from each of them, and, as a result, will be a better candidate in November. Please save the date of Sunday, July 12th to join me and my former competitors for a unity rally. More details to follow.

I promise to continue my commitment to victory in the 47th and to work hard for the entire Democratic ticket. Thank you all.



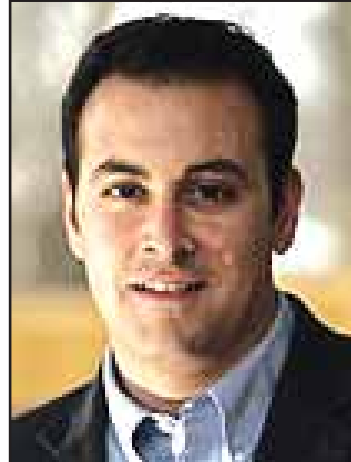
Thank you, Arlington Democrats, for the energy, dedication, and professionalism you bring to our fight for change and progress for Virginia!

When Creigh, Jody and Steve win statewide this November, and when Bob, Adam, Patrick and I return to Richmond with a Democratic majority in the House of Delegates, it will be thanks to everything you have built so far, and all of the grassroots work you will do over the coming months to turn out every possible Democratic voter.

As you know, local Republicans got a taste of victory by unseating two Democrats from the Alexandria City Council, and they are hungry for more.

I have a very credible Republican opponent – a former Bush administration official – who is already out knocking on doors, so Team Englin will be battling on three fronts this year: for my re-election; for the statewide ticket; and to help Democrats pick up seats in the House. I hope you'll sign up to stay informed about our efforts: www.davidenglin.org/subscribe

Our next Volunteer Night is Wednesday, July 22, 6-9 p.m., at Campaign Central, 1505 Wayne St, Alexandria. We'll be stuffing envelopes, knocking on doors, and making phone calls to reach out to constituents, supporters, and voters in the 45th District and beyond. As always, you bring your commitment to change and progress, and we'll supply everything else, including food and beverages. Let us know you're coming at info@davidenglin.org or 703-549-3203.



Patrick Hope wins 47th primary nod

Patrick Hope won the primary nomination for 47th District delegate seat by a 2-to-1 margin over his nearest challenger.

The primary drew five very active candidates and few odds-makers were willing to make any predictions of the outcome. But, in the final stretch, Hope ran away from the pack. He took 37 percent of the vote while the other four were clustered in the teens: **Alan Howze** with 19 percent, **Adam Parkhomenko** with 17 percent, **Miles Grant** with 14 percent and **Andres Tobar** with 13 percent.

Hope won 20 of the 21 precincts in the district, where the seat is now held by retiring Delegate **Al Eisenberg**. The last precinct was Overlee Knolls, the home precinct of Howze, who won it big.

Carrie Johnson, ACDC's keeper of lists, reports that the turnout for the primary in the 47th District was 19 percent, only marginally higher than the 18 percent turnout in **Bob Brink's** 48th District to the north and the 17 percent turnout in **David Englin's** 45th District in the south of the county, but half again as high as the 12 percent turnout in **Adam Ebbin's** 49th District. There were no delegate primaries in those three neighboring districts.

That might suggest the delegate primary in the 47th District failed to draw many voters.

But Johnson noted that turnout in the 48th, especially in its far northern precincts, is normally high and reflects the concentration

there of older voters who traditionally vote more heavily in primaries.

And Johnson's figures show that the primary turnout was dominated by older voters. Countywide, registrants aged 45-and-up comprise 42 percent of active voters but they made up nearly two-thirds of the voters in the June 9 primary.

The turnout calculations are based on Johnson's base of "recently active voters," which means those who have voted at least once since the start of 2008 or who have registered since last November's presidential election.

Hope will face two opponents in November: Republican Eric Brescia and Josh Ruebner of the Green Party.

Favola explains those new blue carts

by **Barbara Favola**

Chair, Arlington County Board

The Arlington County Board has identified a vision for this community that will make us one of the most environmentally friendly places to live. As part of a multi-year strategy to educate residents about conserving and re-using materials, single stream recycling became a reality for Arlingtonians on April 1. The County upgraded its curbside recycling program to make it easier to trash less and recycle more. Experts estimate that approximately 30 percent of the items placed in trash bins can be recycled. The new program eliminates the need to separate recyclables; expands the types of materials accepted, includ-

ing plastics numbered 1-7; and provides residents with new wheeled carts.

The County is distributing new carts to all households that receive County provided recycling services. All recyclables should be placed into the cart including cardboard which no longer has to be cut or broken down. Cardboard can be placed inside or next to the cart.

If you haven't received your new cart yet, just use your yellow bin to recycle all materials.



The new recycling trucks are rear-loading and will look similar to trash collection trucks.

Household solid waste rate customers may now request curbside pickup of electronic materials for recycling. Requests are accepted online at www.arlingtonva.us/recycle or by calling (703) 228-6570. There is a \$15 charge for computer monitors and a \$20 for TVs. Items should be placed at the curb next to your recycling cart on the scheduled pickup date.

The old Indian proverb that reminds us "We do not inherit the land from our fathers, we borrow it from our children" must become part of our conscience and our culture. Thank you for doing your part.

Several local Dems help at White House

Several Arlington Dems are continuing their efforts to work on behalf of Barack Obama by volunteering at the White House Office of Presidential Correspondence.

Tuesday and Thursday nights are the most popular volunteer shifts, but **Natalie Hall**, Aurora Hills Precinct Captain, helps every Monday afternoon. Recent retiree **Charley Conrad**, co-chair of ACDC's Democratic Values in Action, started out in Presidential Correspondence and was then transferred to the Office of Presidential Gifts. (No, he doesn't get to take them home.)

The Office of Presidential Correspondence staffs the phones on the White House

Comment Line where callers are referred to government agencies and web sites and opinions are included on a tally sheet of topics. The results are compiled at the end of the day by the staff and passed on to the President.

Natalie has also addressed envelopes to send autographed photos to the many teachers and classes who have written to President Obama and sorted mail that needs to be divided by issue and language. After her computer clearance is completed she plans to help with online projects as well.

"I have been surprised that some people have worked at the Office for 30 years!" said Natalie. "I like the variety of jobs and feel I

am helping the President who has been overwhelmed with the large number of phone calls, faxes, and emails since taking office."

Charley's job is to log in all the gifts that are sent to the President and his family. "These range from valuable items like those received from heads of state (and which cannot be kept by the First Family) to handmade items from ordinary citizens, says Charley.

To volunteer, email Tim Ossowski, Volunteer Coordinator for Presidential Correspondence, Executive Office of the President at Tim_Ossowski@WHO.EOP.GOV. The application process includes an FBI background check and takes a couple of weeks.