

AlexandriaDemocrat

Alexandria Democratic Committee

The Return to America's Roots Starts on November 8!

By Susan Kellom, ADC Chair

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The last four weeks have been a time of sorrow for those who care about all Americans. Katrina showed us far more than broken levees – she showed us the broken dreams of our fellow citizens. And, as Hurricane Rita approaches our shores, there promise to be many more weeks of suffering for the people of the Gulf Coast. Or perhaps I should say many more years of suffering

for those forgotten and ignored by the Republicans.

Facts are facts. Ronald Reagan snickered with his big-buck donors and then tried to fake out the rest of us with his promise of trickle-down economics. Bush One correctly labeled Reagan's plan "Voodoo" economics, but then lost his compass and continued to lead the country on a course
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ADC meeting date set for Wed, October 5th

Due to observance of religious holidays the ADC meeting will be Wednesday, Oct. 5, 8:00 pm at Minnie Howard School, 3801 W Braddock Rd. For information call 703-549-DEMS.

A caring community answers the call of Katrina victims

By William D. "Bill" Euille, City of Alexandria Mayor

Hurricane Ophelia gave Old Town residents a reprieve this past week. If it kept its original course, it would have swelled the Potomac River and caused flooding in some eastern parts of Alexandria's Old Town, not on the scale of Katrina's effect on the Gulf Coast, but flooding none the same. The difference in response, I can assure you, was that we were prepared to respond efficiently and effectively.

New Orleans and the rest of the Gulf Coast were ravaged by a hurricane and an ignored levee system, as we all know, but the real disaster was in the government's response to its citizens' needs, especially in a time of distress. The President,

in his usual way, ignored the warning signs of a Category 5 Hurricane that was in route to hit New Orleans, a scenario well known to cause alarm to anyone. But the President maintained his priorities: **John McCain's** birthday party, guitar playing with country singer Mark Willis, and a couple more days of vacation, before he decided to take notice or respond.

I could use this time to point out all of the President and his administration's failures to this nation, from cronyism to failed policies, but I am limited to this article. Instead, I would like to convey my pride in American's response to this disaster. Organizations, large and small,

have been great in their response to Katrina victims, but I am even more encouraged by the spirit of the individual who volunteers their time or sends money to help someone they never met. All of their caring has confirmed my faith in the human spirit of this country that no matter one's race, class, or location, we are all Americans and will stand with each other in times of need.

The City of Alexandria, and especially its residents, has demonstrated this caring spirit. Recently, over 3500 people turned out for a 5k race that rose over \$115,000 for Katrina victims, and, everyday more and more Alexandrians are
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gotten

forced the president to call up federal troops. Employees of the Pullman Co., which produced sleeping cars for passenger trains, protested wage cuts. Led by **Eugene V. Debs**, the American Railway Union (ARU) in sympathy refused to haul railroad cars made by the company. A general railway strike ensued, interfering with mail delivery. When the ARU refused a court order to return to work, Cleveland sent in federal troops. "If it takes the entire army and navy of the United States to deliver a postal card in Chicago, that card will be delivered," he said. Rioting broke out: strikers were killed and leaders jailed, but even as the strike was broken, the labor⁹ movement gained steam."

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of kowtowing to the rich and letting the poor fend for themselves. When President **Bill Clinton** got the us back on track in 1993, the country prospered and the turned into a surplus. Junior gets appointed President and -- there we go again! Somehow he managed to bamboozle the middle class into thinking that they pay Estate taxes -- and he sold a bare majority of the country on the idea that they can have everything they want without sacrificing anything to get it. (We are talking economics here, not lying in general, so we will not mention WMD.)

The response to Katrina was criminal and, personally, I blame the Department of Homeland Security and how they buried FEMA in a morass of bureaucracy and incompetents. And I blame **Karl Rove** (and therefore his puppet) for doing it. Harold Meyerson's excellent column in the Post on Wednesday, September 21, reminds us that the legislation creating this Department was an crass attempt to bust government employee unions and defeat Democrats who tried to protect the unions. The Bushies were against the DHS until Rove put what Meyerson calls the "Poison Pill" in the legislation. Meyerson suspects that Rove will put a permanent suspension of the Davis-Bacon prevailing wage provision in any additional hurricane relief legislation -- thus making it impossible for any proper thinking Democrat to vote for the underlying bill. How many more dreams of Max Cleland are dancing in Karl Rove's head?
Back to Virginia...
It may be too early to call

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opening their hearts and wallets to help. I am proud to be the Mayor of such a compassionate and caring City. In the end, my hope is that the Bush Administration will understand that although we will come

Gov. **Mark Warner** Clintonesque in the best sense of the term, but let's do it anyway. He forged a coalition of sensible legislators who understood that you get what you pay for, whether it's at the Gap or VDOT. The Gilmore deficit is gone, prosperity reigns -- and the Republican candidate says it was all a terrible mistake.

HELLO!?! What part of economic success doesn't Jerry understand?

We MUST elect **Tim Kaine** as our next Governor. His opponent will take us back down the garden path to ignoring the needs of our citizens by a knee-jerk rejection of any tax for any purpose. Please visit his web site, www.kaine2005.org, to see Tim's positions on many issues.

The face of America is not just the cute little kid going off to private pre-school in her Osh Kosh B'Gosh outfit. It is also the gaunt child who doesn't get breakfast and doesn't even get to go to pre-school. Tim Kaine will do his best to give our children every possible educational opportunity. An educated child is an asset to society -- not a burden. Tim Kaine has the answer in his pre-school initiative.

On Choice...

Please take a good look at Tim's position on this issue. I believe that if you examine what he stands for, you will come to trust him.

Tim is what I have come to call a "Consistent Catholic." He is true to his faith, but will not impose it on others. He has repeatedly said that he will keep this procedure legal.

Tim's opponent will, if given the chance, eliminate a woman's right to choose --

even a woman who has been the victim of a brutal assault or incest -- if she does not meet his diabolical time requirement to report the crime. He ducks every time he is asked make a definitive statement on this issue. If you research the opponent's public pronouncements, you will come to same conclusion that I have -- there is no choice but Tim Kaine.

Get Out and DO Something...

We really need your time. We really need your commitment. We have phone banks and canvassing going on CONSTANTLY -- or almost. We do give people a chance to sleep, but not too much. If there is a Democratic voter out there, it is our duty to identify him or her. And then get them to the polls! There are many calls for your help in this newsletter -- please heed them. We will call you if you don't call us. We have to elect **Tim Kaine** as Governor, **Leslie Byrne** as Lt. Governor, **Creigh Deeds** as Attorney General; **Brian Moran**, **David Englin** and **Adam Ebbin** as Delegates, **Dana Lawhorne** as Sheriff, and **Randy Sengel** as Commonwealth's Attorney. If your precinct captain hasn't called you, please call the office at 703-549-3367.

And Last...

A personal thanks to **Libby Cooperman** and **Phoebe Rolen** for making the Hexagon fundraiser possible. Thanks to our ADC skit cast -- **Ludwig Gaines**, **Patsy Ticer**, **Del Pepper**, **Brain Moran**, **David Englin**, **Adam Ebbin** and **Dana Lawhorne** for being such good actors and sports. And to **Fay Slotnick**, **Rossie Kelly**, **Hazel Rigby** and Desert Coordinator **Kelley Weisenborn** for all that they did.

together to help those in need, we expect the federal government to not only respond immediately to Americans in need, but also put policies in place that would protect levees and the people of New Orleans before disaster strikes.

As **Dick Cranwell**, Democratic Party of Virginia Chairman, stated at the last Central Committee meeting, "We need a Category 5 government to respond to a Category 5 disaster".

I could not express it any better.

The momentum is growing stronger and it's on our side

By Tim Kaine, Virginia Lt. Governor

In the aftermath of what veteran University of Virginia political analyst Larry Sabato called "one of the most one-sided debates I've ever seen," two independent polls confirmed that I have the momentum in this race.

A post-debate poll (Kaine 40%, Kilgore 41%, Potts 6%, undecided 13%) performed by Mason-Dixon Polling and Research, Inc. for a group of Virginia media outlets, showed the race "too close to call", according to the Richmond Times-Dispatch headline. The Roanoke Times points out, "In the latest poll, 52 percent said state taxes are 'about right' or 'too low.' Brad Coker, the managing director of the Mason-Dixon poll, said that result could help Kaine in his heated debate with Kilgore over last year's tax increases."

The Bristol Herald-Courier reports that Coker added this observation: "The poll also revealed that more voters have heard of Kilgore, but they have a higher favorable opinion of

Kaine. Kilgore's unfavorable name recognition was twice as high as Kaine's, Coker said."

With negative ratings twice as high as mine, the Kilgore campaign is doing what they've always planned to do: make false claims about my record of public service. Just this week, Kilgore launched an ad that distorts the truth. But don't worry: with your help, we'll continue to aggressively hold him accountable for wanting to undo the progress of the past four years.

A poll by Rasmussen Reports prompted this Washington Times headline: "Kilgore slips to statistical tie with Kaine". The previous two Rasmussen polls, one from July and one from August, had shown Kilgore with a 6-point lead – this one shows only a 3-point lead. Perhaps the most encouraging news in the poll was that I have a 9-point lead among independent voters: "Of voters who identified themselves as independent or of another party, Mr. Kaine had 39 percent. Mr. Kilgore had 30

percent and Mr. Potts had 12 percent." (Washington Times, 9-17-2005)

In a Survey USA poll (Kaine 43%, Kilgore 46%, Potts 4%) commissioned by WSLN TV in Roanoke and WUSA TV in Washington and released today, I have closed to within three points, compared to 5 points just six weeks ago and 6 points in June. Since June, Jerry Kilgore has lost 4 points, according to Survey USA - I gained



Lt. Gov. Tim Kaine
Candidate for Governor



2 points.

As this campaign moves into the final stretch and more independents and moderate Republicans learn about my fiscally responsible record of working with Governor Warner to move Virginia forward, our campaign will get stronger and stronger.

Republicans allow discrimination based on religion

By James P. Moran, United States Congressman (VA-8)

On Thursday, September 22nd, the House passed an amendment to the non-controversial Head Start early childhood education program reauthorization bill (H.R. 2123) that would, for the first time in the program's 33 year history, allow discrimination in the hiring practices of religious organizations that participate in the program.

The amendment offered by the Republican Chairman of the House Education and the Workforce Committee allows faith-based organizations that administer Head Start programs to discriminate against

job applicants for teaching and staff positions on the basis of the applicants' religion.

It is troubling that a program created to provide better educational opportunities for all children, regardless of race, ethnicity or religion would be altered in such a way. Organizations which receive taxpayer provided federal funds should not be in the business of using discriminatory hiring practices. We teach our children that the diverse nature of our society is one of our nation's strengths and should be respected. To then turn around and say it is okay for

some organizations to discriminate based on whether someone is Protestant, Catholic, Jewish or Muslim is hypocritical and sends the wrong message.

This issue takes on added importance in light of the violence occurring around the world due to conflicting religious beliefs. We ought to be working to find more common ground in America, rather than creating more boundaries. For more information about Head Start, feel free to visit the National Head Start Association's website at www.nhsa.org.

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Save the Date!!

Sunday, October 16 —
5:00 PM — After the
Redskins Game

Alexandrians for a
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Neighboring Candidates
Details to Follow

Small volunteer steps to making a big difference

By Jennifer Slotnick, ADC Volunteer Coordinator

With the polls showing a statistical dead heat, victory can be ours- but not without your help! We need you to do the work that is becoming more and more important as the election gets closer! There is a lot left for each of us to do, but it comes down to this:

1. Identify as many Democratic voters as possible.
2. Get them out to vote on November 8th.

Lucky for you, there will be plenty of chances for you to help out! We need hundreds of bodies donating thousands of hours to accomplish everything we'd like...there's nothing wrong with setting the bar high! So, here's how you can help:

1. Canvass and phone bank

when your precinct captain asks you.

2. Canvass and phone bank when I or our coordinated campaign staffer (Jen Bissett) asks you.
3. Read Judy Lowe's calendar! It's full of volunteer activities. If you're overwhelmed by it, send me an email at jenann7@yahoo.com, and I will send you weekly emails listing only volunteer opportunities.
4. Have a free night unexpectedly? Call 703-549-DEMS to see if we need an extra phone banker.
5. Need to fulfill that deep down desire to know if your neighbors are Democ-

rats too? Email or call me (703-409-3277) and I will set you up on a canvass.

6. Want to knock on doors but feel funny about doing it in your own neighborhood? I can place you somewhere else!

There are so many ways to get involved. Here's your challenge: VOLUNTEER FOR AT LEAST 2 HOURS EVERY OTHER WEEK from now until November 8th, and TAKE OFF WORK ON ELECTION DAY to hit the streets, phones, or polls.

If each one of you reading this does just that, we will win by a wide margin in November.

As Nike says: Just Do It!

Plug into local campaigns and feel the energy

Brian Moran

With campaign season in full swing I have been working hard to help elect more Democrats to the House of Delegates.

I recently returned from a five-day trip through the Commonwealth that took me to twenty candidates' offices. I am excited to see dedicated community leaders running for office throughout Virginia.

I was honored to have General **Wesley Clark** and Congresswoman **Patricia Schroeder** join me for events benefiting Democratic House of Delegates candidates. I'm also thrilled to announce Senator **John Kerry** will join me in October.

Despite our recent success, the Caucus needs your help to keep Virginia moving forward. Join us for our weekly volunteer events every Wednesday at 7 pm and Saturday at 9:30 am,

just visit our office at 4154 Duke St in Alexandria or call 703-370-2890.

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David Englin

Thank you to everyone who attended the Alexandria DEMOCRATS UNITED event at Murphy's! The event was a huge success, and it was terrific to celebrate a united party.

With just a few weeks to go before Election Day, Team Englin is working harder than ever to turn out every Democratic vote in the 45th district and in tight races across northern Virginia.

Join us every Tuesday and Wednesday night for Volunteer Night, and every Saturday after-

noon to go door-to-door to talk to voters. We'll provide the work, the food and drink, and the company of great Democrats. You provide your best phone voice or your walking shoes, a few hours of your time, and your commitment to a Democratic future. And on Saturday October 8, please join us for a family event hosted by **Joe LaMountain** and **Mimi Carter** where you could win a week at the Outerbanks in an Ocean View Cottage! Visit www.DavidEnglin.org/calendar for all the details on these events and other opportunities to join this fight for a progressive future. Thank you!

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Labor Day Picnic and Hexagon Event attract crowds

By Fay Slotnick, ADC Deputy Chair, Finance & Administration

It's been a busy September highlighted by two great events – the Annual Labor Day Picnic and a one of a kind Hexagon fundraiser.

Thanks so much to all who brought the delectable dishes to the Labor Day Picnic. It was a great opportunity to relax and enjoy the company of other like-minded Democrats. How lucky we were to have perfect picnic weather!

Thanks, too, to **Helene Kumar** and friends Carol and Helen, who set up all the food. Helene has a cargo van and brought everything from the office. **Kit Leider**, who helped with shopping and schlepping and check-in.

Jim Turner, who lugged everything and was bright and early and uncomplaining. **Mark & Micki Feldheim**, who brought ice and charcoal. Of course, Micki remains our crack salesperson. Tom Raycroft, who, as always, does whatever is needed. **Caryl Hughes, Hazel Rigby, Kelley Weissenborn, Rita Rodgers, Lynn Humphries** and **Marjorie Niehaus**, who helped with check-in. **Liz Campbell**, who stored and transported food and helped with check-in. Thank you to **Randy Sengel, Pat Butler**, and **John Laychus**, who were our outstanding chefs. Move over Emeril. **Ron Rigby, Howard Jennings**, and **John Alex Golden**, who sold drinks. Isn't it

amazing that it took 3 people to replace **Jim Cisco? Brigitte Guttstadt, Jean Spaulding, Sarah Stott** and **Howard Jennings, Ben and Susan Kellom, Barbara Brenman, Peter Newbould, Ron Rigby, Jen Slotnick, Dave Levy, Rossie Kelly, Jane DeWeerd, Bill Clayton**, and anyone else I forgot to mention.

A special mention of **John and Dotty Eisenhower** who performed the “back at the office” post-cleanup.

Because of the excessive exuberance of the Deputy Chair for Finance and Administration, we had a great deal of food to donate to the Carpenter's Shelter.

Thanks to all the donors to our Labor Day Picnic with apologies for those who contributed on the day of the picnic but whose names weren't captured.

A few items were lost at the event and may be claimed at the ADC headquarters: a Playtex baby cup with initials AB on the bottom, black-rimmed sunglasses, and a pink set of Mardi Gras beads.

The Hexagon Players out did themselves at a performance made possible thanks to **Libby Cooperman** and **Phoebe Rolan**. There was much laughter. Didn't our electeds outdo themselves? And again the food was wonderful. What a delicious and bounteous spread! And, again the Car-

penter's Shelter said thank you for your immoderation.

Thanks to all who helped, among whom were bartenders **Ron Rigby, Bob Batt** and **Ben Kellom** and others who were obliged to help because, apparently, laughter + wine is the best medicine. Check-in folks were **Rossie Kelly, Margaret Paynich**, and **Hazel Rigby**. A very special thanks to **Kelley Weissenborn** who coordinated the food and arranged it so it looked as good as it tasted.

Finally, thanks to Mrs. Foggybottom and the rest of the Hexagon players. Susan was inducted as a founding member of the Alexandria Elected Officials contingent to the Hexagon players.

Thanks for everyone who helped cleanup after the Hexagon event: **Hazel and Ron Rigby, Susan & Ben Kellom, PJ Palmer-Johnson & Gerald Johnson, and Paul & Lori Friedman, and Holly Wallace**.

If you didn't know the Young Democrats adopted the Ramsey precinct and are helping **Charniele Her-ring**.

And we thank **Marge Thiel** for taking on the job of organizing Beatley precinct with the help of **Ethel Underwood**, despite the fact that Marge doesn't hold the Captain's title? We'll have to call her Captain Pro Tempore.

Labor Day Picnic Donors Benefactor

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Congressman James P. Moran

Benefactors

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Steve Newman
Joanne Tomasello
Susan Kellom
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Gen. & Mrs. Robert Sennewald
Mary Lyman
Patricia Schoeni
Mary Lloyd

Alexandria Democratic Committee Calendar

By Judy Lowe, ADC Technology Officer

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Additions to the calendar
by *Lowe*

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Saturday, October 1, 9:30 am
Doors for Democrats
The Alexandria Democratic Committee will knock on doors to identify Democratic voters and Kaine supporters! Participate the whole time or choose a two-hour period. Contact Jen Slotnick at jenann7@yahoo.com or 703-549-DEMS and include your phone number.

Saturday, October 1, 10:00 am
Art on the Avenue in Del Ray is a multi-cultural arts, crafts and music festival and the Alexandria Democratic Party will increase awareness through a children's craft project. Have fun the whole day or for a two-hour period. Contact Jen Slotnick at jenann7@yahoo.com or 703-549-DEMS and include your phone number.

Wednesday, Oct. 5, 8:00 pm
Alexandria Democratic Committee meeting at Minnie Howard School, 3801 W Braddock Rd. If you are a Committee member and you cannot attend, please notify the Committee Clerk, Mary Lyman by calling her on 703.845.1510 or email MSLyman@verizon.net. Information: 703-549-DEMS.

Thursday, October 6, lunch & dinner
Alexandria Gay & Lesbian Community Association's Scholarship Fund, awarded annually to a TC Williams graduate, will earn a portion of the food bill at Hard Times Café in Old Town. Visit www.aglca.org for details.

Thursday, October 6, 7:00 pm
Holmes Run Park Candidates Forum for the Sheriff's race at Beatley Library.

Thursday, October 6, 7:30 pm
Alexandria League of Women Voters presents Come PARK With Us, the history and status of Alexandria Parks with a slide-illustrated

history of city parks and the waterfront, presented by former City Council Member Ellen Pickering at George Washington Middle School, 1005 Mount Vernon Avenue.

Friday, October 7, 7:30 am
Northern Virginia Democratic Business Council presents Helen Thomas, Former White House Bureau Chief. RSVP at www.nvdembiz.org

Saturday, October 8, 3:00 pm
Tip Your Hats, Tip the Scales
Join Fairfax County Chairman Gerry Connolly and hosts Senators Dick Saslaw & Janet Howell, Delegates Ken Plum, Jim Scott, & Brian Moran, and Loren Hershey to raise money for candidates David Bulova, Chuck Caputo, Dave Marsden, & Greg Werkheiser at Steve Korfonta home, 9610 Atwood Road, Vienna, VA, RSVP to Linda Byrne at 703-938-6650 or littlelulu8@yahoo.com.

Sunday, October 9, 2:00 pm
Doors for Democrats
The Alexandria Democratic Committee will knock on doors to identify Democratic voters and Kaine supporters! Participate the whole time or choose a two-hour period. Contact Jen Slotnick at jenann7@yahoo.com or 703-549-DEMS and include your phone number.

Tuesday, October 11, 7:00 pm
City Council Meeting, City Hall Council Chambers

Tuesday, October 11, 7:30 pm
Watergate at Landmark candidate's night for the Southport Precinct.

Thursday, October 13, 6:30 pm
Accepting Accountability: 2005 Virginia Candidates Speak Out. The Young Professionals Network of The Northern Virginia Urban League and the NAACP are hosting a political forum at the Lyceum lo-

cated in Old Town Alexandria (201 S. Washington Street) for representatives from the governor, lieutenant governor and the attorney general campaigns. It is free and open to the public, please RSVP to yp-events@yahoo.com.

Friday & Saturday, Oct 14 & 15
Virginia Young Democrats Campaign Invasion for Werkheiser and Shannon in Fairfax County. For details or to RSVP, please contact Jen Slotnick at jenann7@yahoo.com.

Saturday, October 15, 9:30 am
Fiscal Year 2007 Operating Budget and Capital Improvement Program public hearing in Council Chambers, 2nd floor City Hall, 301 King St. Speaking requests may be made through the City Clerk's Office via e-mail at jackie.henderson@alexandriava.gov or by phone at 703.838.4500.

Sunday, October 16, 10:00 am
Candidates Forum Brunch at Agudas Achim Congregation (2908 Valley Drive, Alexandria) for Candidates in the 45th and 46th Districts and Alexandria Sheriff. RSVP to Steve Newman, 703-548-9485. Admission \$5.00.

Sunday, October 16
Save the date for Alexandria's **"Hands Across the Borders"** event. Join Brian Moran, Adam Ebbin and David Englin at a fundraiser to support House of Delegates candidates.

Monday, October 17, 6:30 pm
Join **Senator John F. Kerry** and House Democratic Caucus Chairman Brian J. Moran to help Democrats keep Virginia on the right track at the Arlington Arts Center, 3550 Wilson Boulevard, Tickets are Benefactor: \$250, Sponsor: \$100, Friend: \$50, Young Democrat: \$35. Please RSVP by October 14th to rspv@BrianMoran.com or 703-370-2908.

SkyNews network: first news organization to get it right

By Todd Ruopp, ADC Public Information Officer

Sky News Australia features news on the hour, every hour and headlines every fifteen minutes changing the way Australians get their television news. It's owned by Rupert Murdoch's News Corp.

There was President Bush speaking to the nation about Hurricane Katrina. Below him, the SkyNews caption read: "Bush: One of the worst disasters to hit the US."

We couldn't agree more. And, the best part is the reporting was fair and balanced. I want to buy the SkyNews employee whor wrote that a beer.



Justice Sunday thinly veiled attack on civil rights

By Tom Osborne, ADC member

Justice Sunday II, the rally led by a group of ex-cons, neo-cons, and plain old con artists, in August certainly left no doubt about where they want this country to go. Chuck Colson, Tom DeLay, Tony Perkins, and James Dobson want judges who will take away abortion rights, deny basic civil rights to gays, and drag science back to the dark ages. They'd love to

force Jews and Muslims to pray to Jesus at public schools, force rape victims to carry their pregnancies to fruition, force gays back into the closet, and force teachers to pretend that creationism is science – and do all this forcing in the name of “freedom”.

Don't be conned when these people and their allies try to claim a civil rights mantle. For

the most part they are not only the spiritual but also the biological offspring of the segregationists, red-baiters, and other assorted persecutors of our not-so-distant past.

If John G. Roberts Jr. refuses to renounce the hate-inspired endorsements he was given at the rally, that should in itself be grounds for rejecting his nomination to the Supreme Court.

Friedman walks away with Kennedy keychain

By Todd Ruopp, ADC Public Information Officer

The September trivia question was, “Which president was the first president to be born in a hospital?” The answer is Jimmy Carter. Who would have guessed?

In what has become the most anticipated portion of ADC meetings, ADC member Paul Friedman walked away with both the \$10 prize (which he donated to Katrina victims) and

a souvenir John F. Kennedy keychain.

Ruth Branigan also answered the question correctly but was not in attendance to collect her prize.

The October trivia question is, “What president graduated from high school at age 15 and was president of his high school class?”

The first person to contact Todd Ruopp with the correct answer **and** who attends the October 5th meeting will collect the Kennedy Keychain and the \$10 prize.

Send entries to:
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ADC Officers & Precinct Captains

Contact any officer or precinct captain to become involved and make Alexandria a better place by electing Democrats. Not sure of your precinct? Visit alexdem.org or call 703-549-DEMS (3367).

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