Walk For MS

The walkers in the 2009 Capital Challenge Walk for MS proceed down N. Barton Street on their way to Theodore Roosevelt Island and the Lincoln Memorial.

50-Year Reunion

Teaching the ‘Write’ Way

‘What About Bob?’
Teaching the ‘Write’ Way

By Delia Sava
The Connection

Arlington educators are back in the classroom to learn the most fun way to teach their students how to handwrite. Workshop leader, Todd Misura, a presenter for Handwriting Without Tears was at the Syphax Education Center on Quincy Street with a group of about 30 educators. The teachers sang songs, played goofy games and acted like small children.

“The teachers just love it,” said Mary Zolman, supervisor of Language Arts in the Arlington Public Schools. This is the third year that Arlington has provided the training for educators working with kindergarten through second grade students. The entertaining and interactive workshop gives techniques and exercises to be used in the classroom with youngsters.

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Hundres of walkers participated in the 2009 Capital Challenge Walk for MS last weekend. The Walk started Saturday at George Mason University. Saturday evening the walkers arrived at Thomas Jefferson Middle School in Arlington for a group gathering. One Arlington team MS is BS (Multiple Sclerosis is Beatable Someday) split their team and set up in the “Jail.” The hospitality crew photographed many of the walkers behind the Wanted posters that they created. Lexi’s dad, a Blues singer and steel guitar player, attracted the walkers into the site with his music. Photos from the rest stop may be seen on http://www.flickr.com/photos/acfdmgwed/sets/72157622315742952.

At noon on Sunday, Lexi and her team mates met up with the group in D.C. and were awarded the Best All-Around New Team award and the Hopeful Hikers award — for teams who raised more than $10,000.

For more information on the Arlington team, see www.msisbs.wordpress.com

For more information about the walk, visit CapitalChallengeWalkMS@MSandYou.org or call 1.800.FIGHT MS.

Raising Funds for MS Research

Members of the team MS is BS, which stands for Multiple Sclerosis is Beatable Soon, pose in front of the U.S. Capitol after finishing the two-day, 50-kilometer Capital Challenge Walk MS. The team, which was started by the Franklin family of Arlington after daughter and sister Lexi was diagnosed with MS, has raised nearly $13,000 to end the disease.

Linda Johnson and Charles Moore laugh a bit while they pose for photos in the MSisBS “jail.”

Photo by Betsy Anderson/The Connection

Linda Johnson stretches out her legs after the first leg of the second day of the Capital Challenge MS Walk last Sunday morning.

By Todd Georgelas

The Connection

This weekend, Carol (Brockway) Wootton will return to Arlington from her current home in West Virginia, toting artifacts from late-50s-era Washington-Lee High School. The stash will include a year’s worth of the school’s “Crossed Sabres” student paper, and a megaphone and Speaking-in-suede saddle shoes from her cheerleading days. She’ll also bring back a stack of 45-rpm records, a series of oversize displays loaded with pictures of her high school classmates, and her graduation mortarboard and tassel.

“When I saved all this stuff I don’t know,” she said. “They’re basically a conversation starter.”

Wootton will be sharing this trove of memorabilia with other returning graduates of W-L’s Class of 1959 for their 50th reunion this Saturday at the Key Bridge Marriott in Rosslyn. The reunion is part of a weekend of events that will bring back classmates from Maine to Hawaii, California to North Carolina. The dinner and dance will rejoin 191 members of a very tight class which — after missing its 10th and 15th reunions — has faithfully reconvened every five years since 1979.

Brockway says her collection is intended to be a conversation starter, though the fellowship among committee members makes any inducement largely unnecessary. “It’s hard to get down to business,” she says of her work on the reunion committee. “Because we just get so sidetracked, talking about our lives.”

Shelly Young Modes of Capital Reunions, the company organizing the weekend’s events, says she has never had better attendance for a reunion, and has never collected so much in supplemental donations.

“This committee was amazing about personal outreach,” said Modes of the exceptional cohesion among classmates, and the considerable efforts of the reunion committee chaired by Bob and Jane.

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Republican challenger takes on incumbent set to become dean of Arlington delegation.

By Michael Lee Pope

The Connection

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Fifty Years Later

Washington-Lee High School classmates of 1959 to meet again.

By Jim Massie

The Connection

“We’ve mellowed since then, and realized that what mattered was whether you were a good person.”

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**News**

**Blessing of the Pets**

Pastor Sharon K. Core, Susan Howell and dog Cooper are at the Blessing of the Pets at the Arlington Presbyterian Church on Saturday, Oct. 3.

Annette Benbow’s dog Rocco is blessed at the Arlington Presbyterian Church.

Owner Lorraine Gardner’s dog Simba gets a treat at the church.

Sandra Aresti and her dog Lili are enjoying the festivities at the Arlington Presbyterian Church.

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**ONGOING**

Are you a boy, ages 6-18, or a young man or young lady ages 14-21 in Arlington, interested in camping, hiking, leadership skills and fun in the great outdoors? Consider joining the Boy Scouts of America as a Cub Scout, Boy Scout or Venturing Crew member. The Chain Bridge District of the National Capital Area Council serves youth in McLean and Arlington, providing opportunities for youngsters to enjoy nature’s beauty while learning new skills, traveling and exploring their leadership potential. Elementary school-aged boys can join the Cub Scouts; youngsters ending the fifth grade through their senior year can join Boy Scouts. The Chain Bridge District also offers a number of Venturing Crews, youth development groups for young men and women that offer hands-on outdoor activities. (This summer, a group of Arlington Venturers kayaked 50 miles in the Pamlico Sound near North Carolina’s Outer Banks.) If interested in joining, contact Dan Dixon, dandixon97@aol.com.


Volunteer gardeners are needed to plan and help maintain a vegetable garden at Walter Reed Community Center, 2909 S. 16th St., Arlington. The garden is an intergenerational project shared by both youth and seniors anxious to learn and participate. Call Jessica Vasquez, area supervisor, Office of Senior Adult Programs, 703-228-0948. Learn how to be a volunteer coach for two computer based programs on brain health and fitness. Arlington’s Office of Senior Adult Programs (OSAP) is currently offering two Posit Science programs. Call Jessica Vasquez, area supervisor at 703-228-0948.

**FRIDAY/OCT. 9**

“My Sister’s Keeper - When Women Worship.” 6:30 p.m. Special speakers include two Wesley Seminarians, Maudeve Hansford and Chastity Johnson. Music and witness will be included in the service of faith, power and love. At Clarendon United Methodist Church, 606 N. Irving, Arlington. Contact Tiffany at 703-527-8574 or secretary@morefaith.com.

**SATURDAY/OCT. 10**

50th Reunion. Washington-Lee High School Class of 1959 at the Rosslyn Key Bridge Marriott. Contacts: Bob and Jane Gholson Lanham at RJLanham@aol.com or call 919-453-0355 www.capitalreunions.com

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Farmers Markets Still Open

To the Editor: Northern Virginia residents should prepare for a shock — a sticker shock, that is. In a regional campaign to prevent underage drinking, teams of youth and adults will place STOP stickers on multi-packs of beer, wine coolers and other alcohol products in stores throughout Northern Virginia, beginning Oct. 10.

This Sticker Shock campaign is a youth-led initiative to educate adults who might be tempted to purchase alcohol legally and provide it to minors. The stickers tell adult shoppers to “Know the Law: It is illegal for any person 21 or older to purchase or provide alcohol to minors. Fines are up to $2,500 or one year in jail.” Why is Sticker Shock important here in Northern Virginia? Research shows that too many local teens are using alcohol, many of them under the influence.

Watch for STOP Stickers

To the Editor:

Farmers markets are a wonderful source of locally grown and produced items, including fruits and vegetables of many kinds, greens, apples, pumpkins, chrysanthemums, meat, dairy products, flowers, eggs, honey, baked goods, and more. The markets are colorful and friendly, and often also offer live music. Many markets include experts on gardening, landscaping and cooking. Recipes and tips for cooking with local produce are available. But many farmers markets report a drop in customers after Labor Day.

One more way to support local businesses and the economy.

Editorial

Facts about Health Care

To the Editor:

To me, the healthcare debate is being blurred and muddied by claims on AM radio and on the right, which Congress members on both sides of the aisle are listening to (although not as closely as their donors from the healthcare industry) which are the opposite of what the facts are. I would go so far as to say that the misinformation is Orwellian in nature. Here are three points to clear the air.

❖ The only “death panels” in existence are the ones insurance companies use to decide when to deny claims by their customers, the American people.
❖ Under government-run healthcare, Americans will have more choice, not less. They will be able to see whatever doctor they choose.
❖ The public option is an option. We can choose between government healthcare and private healthcare that most of us now have.
❖ A government-run option will create competition, not lessen it. Right now, the under-insured and un-insured have no choices at all. A majority of Americans support a government-run healthcare option similar to Medicare. It’s time to be honest about the healthcare debate, stop perpetuating the lies, and talk about the facts.

End Illegal Campaign Signs

To the Editor:

The following open letter is addressed to gubernatorial candidates R. Creigh Deeds and Bob McDonnell.

I am writing with a humble request on behalf of the citizens of the Commonwealth of Virginia. As you move closer to Election Day we are asking you not to use illegal campaign signs. It seems every election there are more and more illegal campaign signs for even the most local of elections. Yard signs placed in yards and on private property are not problems. The vast majority of campaign signs are illegal placed. During the primary election all candidates placed illegal campaign signs on Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) property, county property, church property, parks, schools, and every other place imaginable. As this Election Day approaches it has started again, yesterday I removed a

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**TUESDAY/OCT. 13**  
Residential Geothermal and Solar Systems. 7-9 p.m. This workshop will focus on teaching the fundamentals of residential solar and geothermal systems. At Fairlington Community Center, 3308 S. Stafford Street, Arlington. Call 703-228-3599.

**WEDNESDAY/OCT. 14**  
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Letters

Robert Lauderdale
Virginians Against Litter

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bumper sticker from there back of a county directional sign and to-day there were illegal signs placed on VDOT property at Rt. 66 in Arlington. Illegal signs are a major source of preventable litter.

Please revisit your campaign’s use of illegal signs and remember the vast majority of the citizens in the Commonwealth are not fools and 10,000 extra signs will not get you 10,000 more votes.

During your quest for the Governor I am sure you will draw attention to your concern for environmental issues, your leadership abilities, the importance of up-holding the law and local concerns. Allow me to address these individually.

ENVIronMENT:
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LEADERSHIP: Several years ago I asked a candidate why he allowed his campaign signs to be put up illegally.

His reply was “You just can’t control what some 20 year olds do.” What would be your reply to that question? Someone needs to be responsible and make sure illegal campaign signs are not placed, this should be you.

OBEY THE LAW: Local politicians have already carved out niches in the law allowing them to place campaign signs in places no others may. Some have even attempted to change state law allowing campaign signs to be placed on VDOT property.

I have attached Arlington County’s code for political signs and the VDOT code that prohibits all signs on VDOT property. Show your leadership abilities now and distribute these to your staff and volunteers. Don’t ask them to obey the laws, make them obey the laws. Every illegal sign placed in your name is another indication of your inability to lead.

There is not a First Amendment right to litter. Contact your local staff and volunteers and tell them not to place illegal campaign signs on VDOT property.

Robert Lauderdale
Virginians Against Litter
Seniors


Newcomers to pickleball, fastest growing indoor sport for seniors, Monday, Oct. 19, Tuesday, Oct. 20, Thursday, Oct. 22, 12:30 p.m. – 3 p.m. Free. Details, 703-228-0955.

Art history educator, Joan Hart, to present a program on author Dan Brown’s, “The Lost Symbol,” Monday, Oct. 19, 1 p.m., Aurora Hills Senior Center, 735 S. 18th Street. Call to register, 703-228-5722.

Techniques to improve memory changes caused by aging, Tuesday, Oct. 20, 11 a.m., Culpepper Garden Senior Center, 4435 N. Pershing Drive. Free. Register by Oct 16, 703-228-4403.

New cultural exchange program and learning experience featuring Chinese customs, language, stories, travel and personal experiences, Tuesday, Oct. 20, 10 a.m., Thomas Jefferson Community Center, 3501 S. 2nd Street. Free. Details, 703-228-4403.

The Asian art of growing Bonsai trees will be discussed, Tuesday, Oct. 20, 1:30 p.m., Lee Senior Center, 5722 Lee Highway. Presented by Bonsai expert Peter Jones. Free. Call to register, 703-228-0555.

Walk Away the Pounds, Tuesday, Oct. 20, 4:30 p.m., Walter Reed Senior Center. Free; newcomers welcome. Call to register, 703-228-0955.

Wild Card Poker games at Lee Senior Center, 5722 Lee Hwy., Tuesday, Oct. 20, Thursday, Oct. 22, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Free; beginners welcome. Details, 703-228-0555.

Live demonstration on how to connect to people around the world using Skype, Thursday, Oct. 22, 10:15 a.m., Walter Reed Senior Center, 2909 S. 16th Street. Free. Details, 703-228-0955.

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SATURDAY/OCT. 10
Access Book Forms. 3 p.m. Potomac Harmony Chorus, a chapter of Sweet Adelines International, performs at the Thomas Jefferson Theatre, 125 South Old Glebe Road, Arlington. Tickets are $15/adults, $12/seniors and children, and group sales of 10 or $100. Email accessharmony@yahoo.com or call 703-784-3896.

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NOW THROUGH OCT. 15
Photography Exhibit. Works by Diana Adamu and Irene Abello at Marymount University's Barry Gallery. Opening reception on Sept. 11 from 6-7:30 p.m. Gallery hours are Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The Barry Gallery is located in the Remesh Library on Marymount’s Main Campus – 2807 North Glebe Road, Arlington. Contact Judy Bass, the gallery curator, at 703-284-1561 or by e-mail at jady.bass@marymount.edu

NOW THROUGH OCT. 18
“The Quality of Life.” 6 p.m. At Arena Stage in Crystal City. Tickets are $22-36. Showtimes are Tuesday, Wednesday and Sunday at 7:30 p.m. (6 p.m. curtain on 9/27); Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. (no matinee 9/12). Weekday matinees at noon on Oct. 7 and 13. Tickets may be purchased online at www.arenastage.org or by calling 202-488-3300 or at the Arena Stage Sales Office at 1800 S. Bell Street, Arlington.

WEDNESDAY/OCT. 7

THURSDAY/OCT. 8
Author Book Signing. 7 p.m. Author Kate St. Vincent Vogl reads and signs from her book, “Lost & Found: A Memoir of Mothers.” At the Arlington Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy Street, Arlington. Call 703-228-6321.

THURSDAY/OCT. 8
Rock Spring Garden Club. 10 a.m. The program is “Adding Fall Color to Your Garden” by David Yost of Merrifield Gardens. At the Little Falls Presbyterian Church, 6025 Little Falls Road, Arlington. Go to www.rockspringgardensclub.com or contact the Membership Chair, Anita Brown at 703-532-1107.

OCT. 15-18.
U.S. Freedom Walk. Non-competitive social walking challenge that brings participants of all ages together for fun, fitness and friendship. Different trails and a variety of distances starting each day at the Holiday Inn, Roanoke. Call 703-583-5006. Email: info@usfreedomwalk.org or www.ava.org/clubs/uusfreedomwalk/

OCT. 17.
Country Western Dance. Sponsored by the Northern Virginia Country Western Dance Association. At Luther Jackson Middle School, 3020 Gallows Road, Falls Church. Go to www.nvowda.org or call the hotline 703-860-4941 and leave a message.

SATURDAY/OCT. 10
Bolivia and its Folklore. 3:30 p.m. The dance group Alma Bolivia performs in “Bolivia and its Folklore”/“Folclore Boliviano.” An educational and entertaining program looking at Bolivia’s people, fauna, customs and dances. At the Arlington Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy Street, Arlington.
This Play Portrays A Terrible Singer

Strange case of the warbling woman at Gunston Arts Center.

By Brad Hathaway
The Connection

Dominion Stage is presenting a strange sort-of-documentary of a play under the title ‘Glorious!’ at Theatre One in the Gunston Arts Center through this weekend. It portrays the concert career of a woman famous for not being able to hit a note, hold a tone or stay on beat. Just why, then, did her final concert at none other than Carnegie Hall in New York City sell out weeks in advance?

Sadly, this production doesn’t really answer the fascinating question the play seems intended to present nor does it succeed in simply making a comic romp of it. Instead, it plods along covering the text but not bringing it to any sort of theatrical life.

The story of Florence Foster Jenkins is true. She really didn’t sing anywhere close to acceptably — there are actual recordings of her and listening to them with a straight face is practically impossible. Still, for nearly 30 years before and during World War II, an increasing number of people wanted to attend her recitals which, toward the end, were limited to a single appearance each year at the Ritz-Carlton. Her final, sold-out concert at Carnegie Hall came in 1944, just a month before her death at age 76.

There have been a number of plays written about this inexplicable mystery. The most successful was a hit on Broadway. The play Dominion Stage is presenting, however, is not that one. Instead, “Glorious!” is a British play that was nominated for London's Laurence Olivier Award for Best New Comedy in 2006. While this production does have a few laughs, it is far from being either the comedy the author seems to have intended or an interesting examination of Jenkins’s condition as a horrible singer who believes she's marvelous.

Barbara Porter has the unenviable task of singing so poorly, and she does a good job of it. She also sports the costumes (designed by Patsy DiBella Kreger and Eric S. Scerbo) that reflect Jenkins' equally peculiar garb, including a pair of wings and a halo for one scene. Porter ends that sequence beating herself over the head with one of the wings to simulate the concussion Jenkins believed allowed her to sing higher notes than she'd ever reached before.

Just as the real-life Jenkins had a constant companion/accompanist, the strangely named Cosmé McMoon, so too Porter is attended by Bradley Lyon who's ramrod straight back, tightly clamped together knees and slicked hair bespeak a new level of uptightness. More laid back is Jeff Murray as a friend from New York’s theater crowd.

From director Patrick M. Doneghy’s staging it is difficult to see just why this would have been honored with a nomination for an award as a comedy. It is more of an oddity than a comedy and, as an oddity, the fascination wears thin long before the evening is over.

Not all the vocalizing the audience hears in this evening is of the absurdly bad kind. In between scenes, true soprano soloist Harlie Sponaugle regales the house with selections from Mozart, Strauss and Puccini. It is as if the audience needed assurance that the human voice was, in fact, capable of producing an occasional beautiful sound. Sponaugle’s competent rendition of classical arias demonstrate just how wide the gap is between the sound that came out of Jenkins’ mouth and that of a trained concert vocalist, but serves to remind the audience that this production sheds no light on why anyone wanted to listen to Jenkins. Her “fans” included Cole Porter and Irving Berlin — two gentlemen who knew what a singer should bring to the stage. What did they see (or hear) that escapes us today?

Barbara Porter (Florence Foster Jenkins) stars in ‘Glorious.’

Where and When

The Dominion Stage production of “Glorious!” plays through Oct. 11 at Theatre One in the Gunston Arts Center, 2700 South Lang Street in Arlington. Performances are Friday – Saturday at 8 p.m. and Saturday at 2 p.m. Tickets are $15. Call 703-683-0502 or log on to www.DominionStage.org.

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An artist's rendering of the DARPA project.

Arlington officials announced that the U.S. General Services Administration signed a lease for the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) to relocate all operations to 675 North Randolph Street, part of the Founders Square development by The Shooshan Company. DARPA, currently located in the Virginia Square neighborhood along Fairfax Drive, will move to this secure building in 2012 upon its completion, the first in Arlington to meet the Department of Defense’s new Minimum Antiterrorism Standards for Buildings.

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The Northern Virginia Health Foundation announced its fall grant awards, totaling $515,000. Local grant recipients included: • Arlington Free Clinic – $45,000 for general operating support. • Arlington Pediatric Center – $45,000 for general operating support.

Dr. Michael Rogers of Fairlington Dental in Arlington will be collecting Halloween candy for $1/pound from trick-or-treaters on Monday, Nov. 2 from 3:30-5:30 p.m. The candy will be shipped to troops overseas in conjunction with Operation Gratitude. The event will be at 4850 S 317 Street, Arlington. Call Dawn Patrick at 703-671-1001 or visit Fairlington Dental on-line at www.FairlingtonDental.com.

Crystal Farms, Crystal City’s farmers’ market, will launch in first food drive in the month of October. Every Tuesday is market day and beginning Tuesday, Oct. 6, fresh produce and baked goods will be donated to the food drive, which benefits the Arlington Food Assistance Center (AFAC).

Crystal Farms runs every Tuesday from 3 p.m. through Oct. 27 on the sidewalk between the 18th and 20th streets along Crystal Drive. Visit www.cryystality.org.

Dr. Marjan Yousefi, M.D., F.A.A.D. has opened a new dermatology office in Arlington. Dr. Yousefi is a board certified Dermatologist and a Fellow of the American Academy of Dermatology. Her practice focuses on adult and pediatric dermatology, dermatologic surgery, and cosmetic procedures to enhance the skin. Dr. Yousefi’s new office is located at 2300 North Pershing Drive, Suite 204, Arlington. Call 703-255-5070.

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Betsy Frantz, president and CEO of Leadership Arlington, was awarded The Kevin Appel Award for board service rendered to Vanguard Services Unlimited last week. The award, conferred upon those board members who have made a considerable contribution to Vanguard Services Unlimited, was awarded at the organization’s Recovery Celebration on Sept. 24.

Frantz has been the president and CEO of Leadership Arlington since its inception in 1998. She has served on the board for Vanguard Services Unlimited since 2007, and chaired the Cultivation Committee last year. Her efforts on the committee culminated in the highly successful Discover Vanguard event, which raised $60,000 for the organization.

Arlington Sheriff Beth Arthur was named Secretary of the Virginia Sheriffs’ Association for 2009/10. Arthur will serve a one-year term leading the 7,800 member organization. The Annual Conference of the Virginia Sheriffs’ Association was held in Norfolk, and was attended by over 350 sheriffs, deputy sheriffs and special guests from across Virginia.

The Arlington County Board named Deputy County Manager Barbara Donnellan as acting county manager, effective Nov. 1 and until a new manager is in place. The board will seek input from the community on desired qualities for the new manager and has retained Springfield Inc. to lead a national search. It hopes to have this individual on board on Jan. 1.

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Sports

Pricone Scores for W-L in Pair of District Wins

The Washington-Lee field hockey team sports a less-than-stellar 5-8 record. But thanks to Catherine Pricone and others, the Generals are winning the games that count most.

Pricone scored a goal in each of Washington-Lee’s last two games — wins over Mount Vernon and Yorktown — as the Generals improved to 4-0 in the National District.

The victories came after Washington-Lee started the season 0-3 while being outscored 114-14.

The Generals host Stuart at 7:30 p.m. Friday.

W-L Football Wins Again

The Washington-Lee football team defeated Jefferson, 7-0, on Friday for its second consecutive victory. The Generals defeated Falls Church, 23-19, on Sept. 25.

The victories came after Washington-Lee started the season 0-3 while being outscored 114-14.

The Patriots lost 27-19.

Nottingham Returns to Form for Yorktown

Yorktown quarterback Sam Nottingham, who struggled at times last week during his return from mononucleosis, accounted for three touchdowns and no turnovers during a 53-21 victory over Falls Church on Friday.

Against Falls Church, the senior Nottingham started the season 0-3 while being outscored 114-14.

The Patriots lost 27-19.

Conner Paces O’Connell For Wakfield Against Stuart

William Conner amassed 120 of Bishop O’Connell’s 275 rushing yards Saturday as the Knights defeated Archbishop Carroll 23-8.

The victory improved O’Connell’s record to 2-3, 1-1 in the National District.

The Patriots travel to take on three-time defending district champion Edison (4-1, 2-0) on Friday.

“We’re hoping that it’s going to be a good game,” Hanson said.

Diallo’s 109 Not Enough For Wakfield Against Stuart

Wakefield’s Boubacar Diallo rushed for 109 yards in a losing effort Friday as the Warriors dropped to 0-5 with a 47-13 loss to Stuart.

Wakefield scored on a 6-yard run by Vincent Roberts and a 43-yard run from Terry Davis. Drew Powell had a 93-yard kickoff return for a touchdown called back due to a penalty.

The Patriots travel to take on Falls Church on Friday.

Conner Paces O’Connell Ground Game

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The victory improved O’Connell’s record to 4-1, 1-1 in the Washington Catholic Athletic Conference.

Conner scored a pair of rushing touchdowns (40, 1). Joshua Trimble rushed for 75 yards and Greg Gadelli totaled 73 and a touchdown in the Knights’ double wing offense.

Alex Berdahl led the O’Connell defense with eight tackles.

The Knights travel to take on Gonzaga on Saturday.

Sports Briefs

Patriot Volleyball Continues National District Dominance

Led by Elyse Bush’s 13 kills and Libby Kane’s 30 assists, the Yorktown volleyball team swept Edison (25-10, 25-16, 25-18) on Monday. Not only are the Patriots undefeated in National District play since 2007, but also Yorktown swept each of its opponents during the time period.

“That’s pretty good,” said Yorktown head coach Brittanie Behar, who led the Patriots to a district championship in two of her first three seasons with the team.

Bush also had nine digs and five aces, while Kane added eight digs.

Ashley Rock had nine kills, eight digs and two aces, Katie Rock had six kills, five digs and four aces, Courtney Duran finished with four kills and two aces, and Malaika Bain-Peachey had six digs.

Yorktown hosts Lee at 7:15 p.m. today, and travels to South County for an Oct. 13 match.

Nottingham Returns to Form for Yorktown

Yorktown quarterback Sam Nottingham, who struggled at times last week during his return from mononucleosis, accounted for three touchdowns and no turnovers during a 53-21 victory over Falls Church on Friday.

After sitting out the first four games of the season, Nottingham came off the bench last week against Hayfield. He accounted for three touchdowns, but turned the ball over four times. The Patriots lost 27-19.

Against Falls Church, the senior Nottingham started and played the entire game. He completed 11 of 14 passes for 199 yards and two touchdowns. He rushed 12 times for 98 yards and another touchdown.

“He’s back,” Yorktown head coach Bruce Hanson said.

While Hanson said nobody talked about Nottingham’s return, one could tell “people are more confident having him back.”

The victory improved Yorktown’s record to 2-3, 1-1 in the National District.

Khali Doles rushed nine times for 55 yards and a touchdown for Yorktown. Erik Cardillo finished with 12 carries for 54 yards and two touchdowns and Andrew D’Addario totaled four carries for 10 yards and a touchdown.

C.J. Bartholomew had two catches for 92 yards and a touchdown, while Mike Veith finished with four catches for 56 yards and a score.
Schools

Teaching the ‘Write’ Way

Even in the current digital age, handwriting skills are critical for academic success. Studies demonstrate that when handwriting is mastered as an automatic skill, a child is able to concentrate on subject matter. Legible papers receive higher grades than illegible ones. And the demands for handwriting increase with age. Misura shares the story of a recent law school graduate who recently took the Bar exam and found that he had to handwrite a large portion of the exam.

Misura, who also works as an occupational therapist, took the training because he was seeing children with handwriting problems in his practice. "I attended one of their courses and I called them up the next day and I said, 'I have to work for you'."

Last year the Cabin John-based company conducted 600 workshops across the country; they estimate that 2 million children have used the techniques taught by Handwriting Without Tears.

"The first thing parents need to understand is that reading is not the same as writing, they are two different skills," says Misura. "Writing involves a motor pattern of using your fingers in a certain way and a certain direction." According to Misura when children teach themselves, they use very inefficient ways to form their letters and that inefficiency will cause their “handwriting to fall apart by second grade when they can’t keep up.” Misura maintains that with the proper tools, handwriting can be taught pretty easily; the techniques used in the program will make writing automatic and natural even for struggling and special needs children. “Teaching correctly on the front end, alleviates so many problems down the road,” Misura stressed to the teachers that they should get kids in the habit of going from top to bottom and left to right.

“I love the a-ha moment of the teachers when all of a sudden you give them a tool that they can use this afternoon with their kids,” said Misura, and added, “I just changed the way some teachers are going to teach the kids who are struggling and it’s going to happen for years and years. Because I just taught them something that they didn’t already know.”

Zolman who sees handwriting “not as art” but as an important means of communication appreciates the training and noted, “And because the teachers like it so much, you see a difference in their students.”

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Ringel Challenges Brink

FROM PAGE 3

is letting Brink return to Rich-
mond without having to defend
himself. In one-on-one interac-
tions with voters and in public for-
rums, Ringel has been challenging
Brink on transportation and bud-
get issues. He’s betting that linger-
ng anxiety about roads and money
might be able to cut into

Brink’s base of support.

“In for solutions,” Ringel said
at a debate earlier this month in
Arlington. “What about Bob?”

RAISED IN CHICAGO, Brink
moved to Arlington in 1972 after
a stint in the Army that included a
tour in Vietnam. After receiving a
juris doctorate from the College of
William and Mary’s law school, Brink
worked as a congressional atty for
15 years. During the first
Clinton administration he served
as deputy assistant attorney gen-
eral for legislative affairs. He first
ran for the General Assembly in
1997 to replace former Del. Julia
Connelly (D-48), whose last re-
election campaign was managed by
Brink.

“We think of him as a hard-
working and conscientious legis-
lator,” said Peter Rousselot, chair-
man of the Arlington County Demo-
crat Party. “That’s his char-
acter — hard working and dedi-
cated.”

Brink said he feels his most no-
table accomplishments in office
are spearheading campaigns for
school bonds and supporting fund-
ing for free clinics in Virginia. He
said one of his proudest accom-
plishments in office was to secure
$10 million worth of infrastructure
improvements that allowed the
Defense Advanced Research
Projects Agency to remain in Ar-
lington. Brink described the
Department of Defense agency as
playing an important role in the
academic life of the Ballston neigh-
borhood, and he considers the $10
million appropriation a major ac-
complishment.

“Senator Whipple and I, after it
was put in the budget, made sure
it stayed in the budget,” said Brink.

“As a result, DARPA is about to
build its new facility down in
Ballston, and I think it’s going to
be good for Arlington’s economy
as well as for our academic and
research efforts.”

RINGEL’S PLATFORM
includes a plan that would exempt a cer-
tain amount of taxable income for
full-time students using post 9/11
benefits in Virginia to en-
courage veterans to stay in the
commonwealth. On the issue of
transportation, he wants to widen
Interstate 66 one lane within the
existing sound barrier and instruct
the Virginia Department of Trans-
portation to appoint an assistant
district administrator to reduce
noise and congestion. At campaign
events, Ringel has tried to use
transportation as a wedge issue to
attack Brink for inaction.

“My opponent has no legislation
to speak of on transportation,” said
Ringel during a debate at the Ar-
lington Hospital Center. “He’s out of
touch.”

The Republican candidate has
advocated selling the state-owned
liquor stores to raise money for
transportation, and he supports
legislation that would allow the for-
malization of local health insur-
ance options. To increase transpar-
ency in government, Ringel sup-
ports posting all state expenditures
and contracts online. Although he
said he agrees with the Arlington
County Board’s desire to force an
increase to taxes, he disagrees with
the civil-rights as-
ppect of the lawsuit. “Throwing race
into this issue is like throwing
gasoline on a fire,” said Ringel. “I
don’t think the lawsuit Arlington
County filed was appropriate.”

In the 48th

Bob Brink, 62: A native of Chicago, Brink received a bachelor of arts in En-
vironmental Science from Monmouth College in Monmouth, Ill., and a juris doctorate
from the College of William and Mary. He is currently a congressional analyst for the
Alabama-based Dynetics Inc. He is single and lives in the Marshall precinct, vot-
ing at the River House Apartment Complex.

Aaron Ringel, 29: A native Chat-
na-nooga, Tenn., Ringel lived in New York,
Texas, New Mexico and Kansas before
moving to Virginia in 2005. He has a
bachelor of arts in political science and international relations from the University of
Kansas and master of arts in foreign policy from American University. He is
currently a congressional analyst for the Alabama-based Dynetics Inc. He is single and
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Any defaulting purchaser shall forfeit the deposit and stand the risk of cost of resale. Sale shall be made subject to all existing easements, restrictions and reservations, if any, which may affect the real estate. Sale is further subject to mechanic’s and/or materialman’s lien, if any, at the time of sale. Conveyance will be by special warranty deed. Conveyance will not be made to any person, corporation or partnership who may be a party in interest with the present owner or any person who, by conveyance or otherwise, will become an owner of the real estate with an interest of record or of record, as of the time of sale.

The undersigned trustee unconditionally reserves the right (i) to waive any defects of title, (ii) to approve or disapprove the creditworthiness of any bidder and/or purchaser (ii) to reject any bid or bids, (iii) to postpone sale on any time prior to the date of sale and thereafter after as shall be determined by the undersigned trustee.

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