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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.

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Teaching the 'Write' Way

Hands-on workshop motivates through fun.

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.

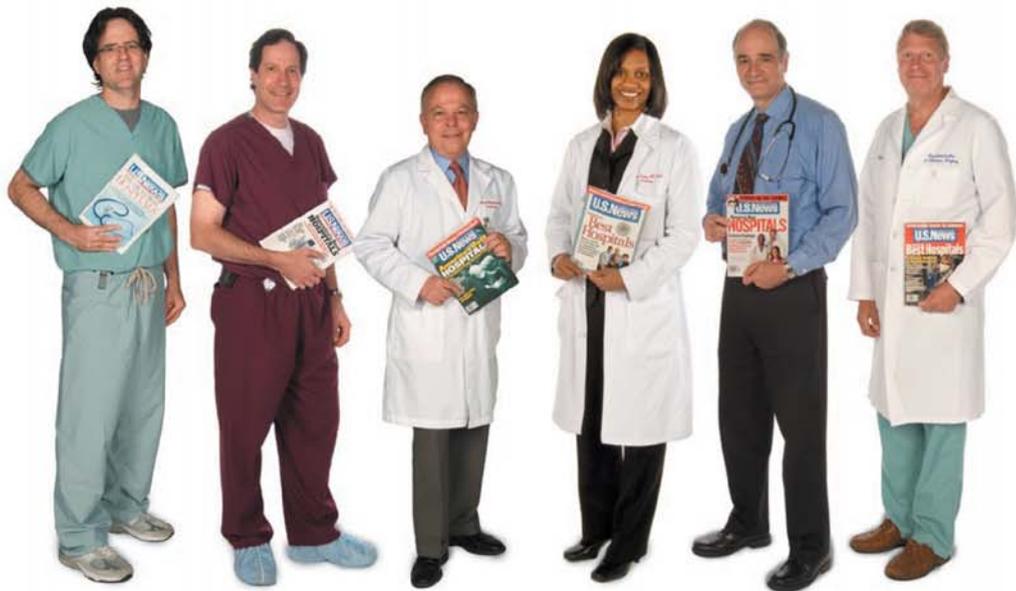
Handwriting Without Tears was developed in 1977 by Jan Z. Olsen, a pediatric occupational therapist, as a response to her own son's struggles with handwriting. The program uses a hands-on, fun-filled approach designed to help children attain success in handwriting. Music, touch and

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Todd Misura, a presenter for Handwriting Without Tears.



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Members of the team MS is BS, which stands for Multiple Sclerosis is Beaten 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.

Raising Funds for MS Research

Hundreds 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 MSisBS (Multiple Sclerosis is Beatable Someday) split their team and set up the hospitality stop on N. Barton Street at Rock Run Park. Team leader Lexi Franklin worked with them on a “Let’s Get out of Jail” site and had her volunteers dressed in prison garb, one with a ball and chain and all the others with orange wigs. Oranges, bananas, juice, water, angel food cake slices and a selection of energy producing edibles were 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/72157622515742952/>

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



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

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.



National Capital Chapter President Chris Broullire with Lexi Franklin and Katie Nash.



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

Fifty Years Later

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

BY TODD GEORGEAS
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 Spalding-issue 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.

“Why 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-Ls 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.”

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

— Jim Massie

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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‘What About Bob?’

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

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
THE CONNECTION

Challenging a six-term incumbent is not an easy task, especially for a Republican in a heavily Democratic District. But Aaron Ringel says he’s up to the task. An Iraq-war veteran and a former Capitol Hill staffer, Ringel has retained his Marine sensibility, referring to his campaign as an effort to win over what he calls “the fighting forty eighth.” On the campaign trail, Ringel has attacked Del. Bob Brink (D-48) as a big-spender who is eager to raise taxes. But voting trends and de-

mographic statistics indicate that the incumbent is heavily favored to win.

“This is a Democratic seat,” said Isaac Wood, assistant director of communications for the University of Virginia’s Center for Politics. “It’s hard to attack someone for being too liberal in a district that voted two-to-one for Obama.”

Republicans acknowledge that Democrats have an edge in the 48th District, which includes the northern part of the county as well as Arlington National Cemetery and the Ronald National Airport. But that doesn’t mean the G.O.P.

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



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



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.

Blessing of the Pets



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Annette Benbow's dog Rocco is blessed 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

"Maywood at a Milestone," a photo exhibit commemorating the Maywood neighborhood's centennial, has opened at Cherrydale Library, 2190 Military Road (703-228-6330; www.CherrydaleLibrary.org). Includes vintage photographs dating from 1908, plus contemporary pictures by Greg Embree. Closes Dec. 31, 2009.

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.

Chastity Johnson. Music and witness will be including 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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OPINION

Farmers Markets Still Open

One more way to support local businesses and the economy.

There might be a chill in the air, but local farmers markets will be open well through October, with many open well into November and beyond, with markets in Alexandria and Leesburg open year round.

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.

EDITORIAL But many farmers markets report a drop in customers after Labor Day.

Buying from local markets promotes local, sustainable and organic agriculture, and the local economy. Buying food grown close to home helps the environment and helps reduce global warming by saving the energy used

to transport the produce.

Taking children to the farmers market to help pick out their fruits and vegetables can help expand their horizons on healthy foods.

The Arlington Farmers Market is located adjacent to the Arlington County Courthouse Parking Lot, at the intersection of N. Courthouse Rd. and N. 14th St., and is open every Saturday from 8 a.m.-noon. www.arlingtonfarmersmarket.com.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Watch for STOP Stickers

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 times to get drunk. In a recent Alexandria survey, 17 percent of high school students who drank alcohol in the past month said that

someone gave alcohol to them, and during focus groups in 2008, students reported that alcohol was “easy” to get. Often an older sibling, friend or stranger purchases beer or wine coolers for a minor. Sometimes it’s even parents who purchase alcohol products for their teens and turn a blind eye to parties in their homes where alcohol is available.

The penalties for providing alcoholic beverages to minors are significant, but the real damage is to our youth whose safety, health and bright futures are jeopardized when they drink. News reports of teens who are killed in horrific collisions after drinking alcohol provided by adults are a sobering reminder of the devastating consequences of teen drinking. In addition, research from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services confirms the serious damage that alcohol does to the brains and bodies of young people who are still developing. Youth who begin drinking at age 15 are five times more likely to report abuse of or dependence on alcohol than adults who first used alcohol at age 21.

Sticker Shock is designed to make adults think twice and turn away from purchasing alcohol for minors. Alexandria’s Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition, Arlington County’s R.E.A.D.Y. Coalition, and MADD of Northern Virginia are pleased to organize this first ever regional Sticker Shock campaign. Youth-adult teams will visit more than more than 100 stores in the City of Alexandria and Arlington, Fairfax, Fauquier, Loudoun and Prince William counties. Working together, we hope to send shock waves through the region with the message that it’s simply not OK — and against the law — to purchase or give alcoholic beverages to underage youth.

Allen Lomax
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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.

Richard Johnson
8th Street South
Arlington

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

Facts about Health Care

To the Editor:

To me, the healthcare debate is being blurred and muddled 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 this situation are the ones insurance companies use to decide when to deny claims by their customers,

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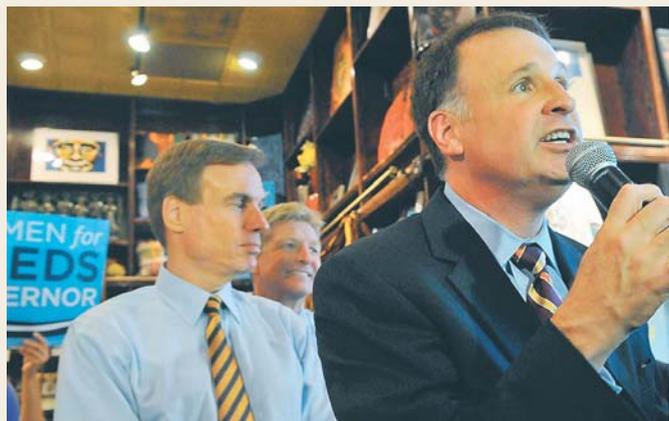
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Snapshot Backed by U.S. Sen. Mark Warner and former delegate Brian Moran, Democratic gubernatorial candidate R. Creigh Deeds speaks to supporters at Busboys & Poets in Arlington on Monday, Oct. 5.

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LETTERS

FROM PAGE 6

bumper sticker from there back of a county directional sign and today 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 upholding the law and local concerns. Allow me to address these individually.

ENVIRONMENT:

Illegal signs are a major source of litter and pollution. The metal frames remain in place after the plastic sign has blown off or fallen off. The visual pollution of seeing thousands of signs offends even nonvoters. No reasonable person wants to drive down the road and see miles of illegal signs.

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.

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Newcomers to **pickleball**, fastest growing indoor sport for seniors, Monday, Oct. 19, Tuesday, Oct. 20, Thursday, Oct. 22, 12:30-3 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, Tues, 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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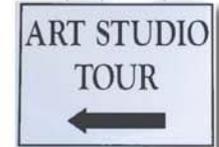
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October 17 and 18, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm, rain or shine. Here's a great opportunity to see why even the dogs are artful in Great Falls. Come meet Woofy-Tru Suib and 44 other artists at the 6th annual Great Falls Art Studios Tour.

Free driving tour of artists' home art studios. Drive along some of the village's most scenic back roads and visit the artists' home art studios in historic buildings, barns, mansions and other unique buildings.

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This event is a benefit for Great Falls School of Art, administered by the non-profit Great Falls Foundation for the Arts. The 6th Annual Great Falls Art Studios Tour is supported by the Virginia Commission for the Arts, the Arts Council of Fairfax County, Great Falls Foundation for the Arts and the Great Falls Business & Professional Association.

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CALENDAR



SATURDAY/OCT. 10

Access Harmony Performs. 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 for \$100. Email accessharmony@yahoo.com or call 703-764-3896.

Know of something missing from our community entertainment Calendar? Send it to The Arlington Connection, e-mail it to arlington@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is 2 p.m. the Thursday before publication. Call Steve Hibbard at 703-778-9412 with any questions. Photos are welcome.

NOW THROUGH OCT. 15

Photography Exhibit. Works by Diana Adams and Irene Abdou at Marymount University's Barry Gallery. Opening reception on Sept. 11 from 5-7:30 p.m. Gallery hours are Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The Barry Gallery is located in the Reinsch 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 judy.bass@marymount.edu

NOW THROUGH OCT. 18

"The Quality of Life." 8 p.m. At Arena Stage in Crystal City. Tickets are \$22-\$66. 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, by phone at 202-488-3300 or at the Arena Stage Sales Office at 1800 S. Bell Street, Arlington.

WEDNESDAY/OCT. 7

Book-signing Event. 6:30-8:30 p.m. Reception for U.S. Sen. Jim DeMint (R-SC) and his book, "Saving Freedom," at the home of Ann and Tom Hafer, 3805 N. Harrison Street, Arlington. Cost: \$60/person (includes book). RSVP to reception@ArlingtonGOP.org or 703-685-2488.

THURSDAY/OCT. 8

Author Book Signing. 6 p.m. Nancy Krulik, author of "Katie Kazoo Switcheroo: Going Batty #32." At Aladdin's Lamp in Arlington.

SATURDAY/OCT. 10

10.10.09 CREATIVE BRIEFS. 8-11 p.m. Free. Preview the new Arlington Cultural Center, scheduled to open 10-10-10. Highlights will be Synetic Theater ("Dracula"), Washington Shakespeare (Harold Pinter's New World Order), a video curation Last Stop for Love by Amelia Winger-Bearskin, music by Anthology of Booty, Arlington's very own rapper Remy Munasifi (creator of Arlington: The Rap), Hoop Dance, Rosebud Film & Video Festival winners, Moving Words, Lee Arts Center, Art Outlet, Art Eyes and more. At 1101 Wilson Blvd.,

Arlington. Call 703-228-1850.

Open House. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Part of Fire Prevention Week. Station tours, EMS demos, engine/truck demos, kitchen fire demos, extrication demos, K-9 demo and more. A silent auction with donated items from local businesses will be held. At Fire Station No. 6, located at 555 North Washington Street.

Collect Native Seeds. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Volunteer to collect native hardwood seeds on the grounds of Arlington National Cemetery. Go to www.growingnative.org, or contact Deanna Tricarico, Outreach Coordinator, at 301-608-1188, x204, or tricario@potomac.org.

Dogtober Day & Barkers Bash. 1-3 p.m. Barkers Bash are games for you and your dog, with a special game for everyone to participate in. On-site registration starts at 12:15. Dogtober Day entry fees: \$6/category; \$25 for unlimited categories. Barkers Bash tickets are \$2 each and can be purchased on site. Ribbons will be awarded for all show categories and games. At Lacey Woods Park, 1200 North George Mason Drive, Arlington.

"John Brown and Robert E. Lee: Abolitionism and the coming of the Civil War." 7-10 p.m. Mr. Fergus Bordewich, author of Bound for Canaan: The Underground Railroad and the War for the Soul of America will speak on the life of John Brown. At Arlington House in Arlington Cemetery. Parking at Arlington House, The Robert E. Lee Memorial is available **only** with a reservation. Go to www.nps.gov/arho or 703-235-1530.

Arlington History Bike Tour. 9 a.m. Cost is \$2. Bike from 1 to 23 miles visiting Arlington parks and historic sites. Meet at the Ballston Metro Station (top of escalator, corner of N. Stuart St. and Fairfax Drive). Sponsored by Center Hiking Club, www.centerhikingclub.org.

Ballston Arts & Crafts Market. Last market of the season. Free admission. 30 local artists and crafters. Live music by Arlington's own, The Constituents from noon to 2 p.m. And Darcy Nair, Celtic singer and instrumentalist. At Welburn Square, North Stuart and North 9th Streets, across from the Ballston Metro Station. Go to http://ballstonarts-craftsmarket.blogspot.com.

Poet Luis Alberto Ambroggio. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Argentine poet Luis Alberto Ambroggio will read from his new book, "Difficult Beauty," and with his editor, Yvette Neisser Moreno, the two will discuss the connection between bilingualism and identity. Part of Hispanic heritage Month Author Event. At the Arlington Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy Street, Arlington.

SUNDAY/OCT. 11

Bolivia and its Folklore. 3:30 p.m. The dance group Alma Boliviana

performs in "Bolivia and its Folklore"/"Folclore Boliviano." An educational and entertaining program looking at Bolivia's people, history, customs and dances. At the Arlington Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy Street, Arlington.

WEDNESDAY/OCT. 14

Scholarship Workshop. 7-9 p.m. Free. Learn the strategies of paying for college with Marianne Ragins, \$400,000 scholarship winner and author of Winning Scholarships for College and College Survival & Success Skills 101. At Mount Zion Baptist Church, 3500 South 19th Street, Arlington. Register by e-mailing steph_rowan@yahoo.com.

THURSDAY/OCT. 15

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.

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.rockspringgardenclub.com or contact the Membership Chair, Anita Brown at 703-532-1107.

OCT. 16-18.

U.S. Freedomwalk Festival. 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, Rosslyn. Call 703-583-5006. Email: info@usfreedomwalk.org or www.ava.org/clubs/usfreedomwalk/

SATURDAY/OCT. 17

Oktoberfest. Includes a Yard Sale from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Games, moon bounce, haunted school house, crafts, bake sale, face painting from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Silent Auction 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.; music throughout the day; Spaghetti Dinner from 5-9 p.m.; At St. Charles School, 3299 N. Fairfax Drive, Arlington. Contact Louis Ortiz 571-426-2527 or Chandra Davis 301-751-7136.

Country Western Dance. \$10-\$12 admission. "Cabo San Lucas" line dance at 7:30 p.m. Couples specialty dance at 8 p.m. Open dancing from 8:30-11 p.m. Sponsored by the Northern Virginia Country Western Dance Association. At Luther Jackson Middle School, 3020 Gallows Road, Falls Church. Go to www.nvcwda.org or call the hot line 703-860-4941 and leave a message.

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THEATRE

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



Barbara Porter (Florence Foster Jenkins) stars in "Glorious."

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?

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 Sunday 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.

The Arlington County Board formally recognized six manicured properties as the 2009 Landscaping Recognition Awards winners on Sept. 29. This year's winners include:

- ◆ **Arlington Community Federal Credit Union** — 2130 North Glebe Road
- ◆ **Avalon at Arlington Square** — 2350 26th Street South
- ◆ **McDonald's Restaurant** — 2620 Jefferson Davis Highway
- ◆ **Stafford Place I** — 4201 Wilson Boulevard
- ◆ **Stafford Place II** — 4121 Wilson Boulevard
- ◆ **Virginia Hospital Center** — 1701 North George Mason Drive

A new **Fire Works Restaurant** is opening in the Spring of 2010 at the Residence Inn Arlington Courthouse Hotel. Managed by the Great Virginia Restaurant Group, the 240-seat restaurant will feature upscale casual dining with local, fresh and organic ingredients. The menu will feature gourmet wood fired pizza, appetizers, sandwiches, salads, calzones, pastas, microbrews and hand-selected wines.

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 A South 31st 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 its 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 3-7 p.m. through Oct. 27 on the sidewalk between the 18th and 20th streets along Crystal Drive. Visit www.crystalcity.org.

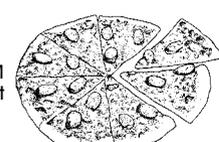
Dr. Marjan Yousefi, M.D., F.A.A.D. has opened a new dermatology office in Arlington. Dr. Yousefi is a board-certified Dermatologist and a Fellow of the American Academy of Dermatology. Her practice focuses on adult and pediatric dermatology, dermatologic surgery, and cosmetic procedures to enhance the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

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PEOPLE

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



guests from across Virginia.

The Arlington County Board named

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

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 Springsted Inc. to lead a national search. It hopes to have this individual on board on Jan. 1.

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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.

Washington-Lee beat Mount Vernon, 2-1, on Monday. Molly Wolford also scored for the Generals. Washington-Lee coach Beth Prange said the Generals have struggled offensively for most of the season, but did enough to beat the Majors.

Mount Vernon "got an early goal ... and then we dominated," she said. "I was happy that even when we didn't play well we could pull it out."

The Generals defeated Yorktown, 4-2, on Thursday. Kelsey Clark scored a pair of goals for Washington-Lee and Raleigh Mills finished with one.

Prange said inexperience is part of the reason for the team's offensive struggles. Her top offensive players — forwards Adrianna Gorsky and Mills, and midfielders Kirby Clark and Sarah Chase-Walsh — are sophomores.

Washington-Lee hosts Edison at 7:30 p.m. today.



Washington-Lee's Margaret Duarte (2) and Adrianna Gorsky (18) close toward the ball while Patricia Murray (7) looks on during Thursday's victory over Yorktown.

levels (ranked by Elite Championship Tournament Baseball). Both travel teams are largely composed of youths who played Babe Ruth All-Star baseball this past summer.

ODBL leagues play on transitional-sized fields — 46-foot mound and 65-foot bases for the 10Us and 50-foot mound and 70-foot bases for the 11Us — as opposed to the 46/60 fields used by Babe Ruth for the younger age groups and by Little League through age 13.

The 10U Arlington Rebels (7-1) defeated the Sterling Xplosion this past Sunday, 11-2 and 16-0. Players for the 10U team are Andrew Simmons, Michael Lowen, Carson Wood, Zack Allen, Brody Karton, Tanner Wall, Elijah Poole, Will Stengle, Tony Burke, Jacob

Hardney and Sam Schachter. The 10U team is coached by Ryan Wall, Tom Stengle and Martin Lowen.

The 11U Arlington Rebels (8-0) defeated the Prince William Patriots Sunday, 16-2 and 16-8. Players for the 11U team are Gavin Andersen, Andy Belilos, Chris Brady, Austin Carrol, Andy Collins, Steve Dierkes, Alec Glasser, Ethan Heckler, David Judkins, Jack Karangelen, Jake Karton, Andrew Keane, Nick Rivera, Frank Sammartino and Travis Thein. The 11U team is coached by Elliot Belilos, Gary Karton, Kevin Collins and Matt Heckler.

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

Babe Ruth Travel Teams Ranked No. 1 in State

After the first five weeks of the fall season of the Old Dominion Baseball League, a league of travel teams that play Sunday doubleheaders throughout Virginia, the Arlington Cal Ripken Babe Ruth-sponsored 10U and 11U teams are the top ranked teams in the state at their respective age

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

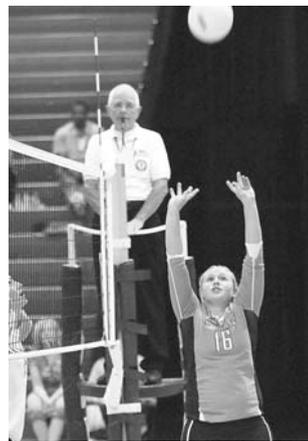


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Yorktown's Libby Kane sets a ball during a match against Hayfield. The Patriots have swept each of their National District opponents during the 2009 and 2008 seasons.

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 digs, five kills 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.

Khalil 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.

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 Warriors travel to take on Falls Church on Friday.

Conner Paces O'Connell Ground Game

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 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 Gadell 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.

SCHOOLS

Teaching the 'Write' Way

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movement are used to appeal to different learning styles.

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," said 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



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Patricia Harvey Parker does one of the exercises.

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.

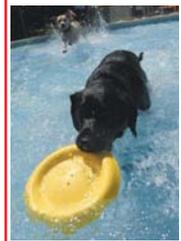
"I love the a-ha moment of the teachers when all of a sudden you give them a tool that they can use this afternoon with their kids," said Misura, and added, "I just changed the way some teachers are going to teach the kids who are struggling and it's going to happen for years and years. Because I just 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

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is letting Brink return to Richmond without having to defend himself. In one-on-one interactions with voters and in public forums, Ringel has been challenging Brink on transportation and budget issues. He's betting that lingering anxiety about roads and money might be able to cut into

Brink's base of support.

"I'm 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 aide for 15 years. During the first Clinton administration he served as deputy assistant attorney general for legislative affairs. He first ran for the General Assembly in 1997 to replace former Del. Julia Connally (D-48), whose last re-election campaign was managed by Brink.

"People think of him as a hard-working and conscientious legislator," said Peter Rousselot, chairman of the Arlington County Democrat Party. "That's his character — hard working and dedicated."

Brink said he feels his most notable accomplishments in office are spearheading campaigns for school bonds and supporting funding for free clinics in Virginia. He said one of his proudest accomplishments in office was to secure \$10 million worth of infrastructure improvements that allowed the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency to remain in Arlington. Brink described the Department of Defense agency as playing an important role in the

In the 48th

Bob Brink, 62: A native of Chicago, Brink received a bachelor of arts in English at Monmouth College in Monmouth, Ill., and a juris doctorate from the College of William and Mary. He is currently a legislative consultant working in legislative issues. He is divorced and votes in the Marshall precinct, voting at the Zachary Taylor Elementary School.

academic life of the Ballston neighborhood, and he considers the \$10 million appropriation a major accomplishment.

"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 certain amount of taxable income for full-time students using post 9/11 G.I. Bill benefits in Virginia to encourage 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 Transportation to appoint an assistant district administrator to reduce noise and congestion. At campaign

Aaron Ringel, 29: A native Chattanooga, 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 affairs 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 lives in Hume precinct, voting at the River House Apartment Complex.

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 Arlington 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 formation of local health insurance options. To increase transparency in government, Ringel supports posting all state expenditures and contracts online. Although he said he agrees with the Arlington County Board's desire to force an environmental-impact study for the high-occupancy toll lanes, he disagrees with the civil-rights aspect 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."

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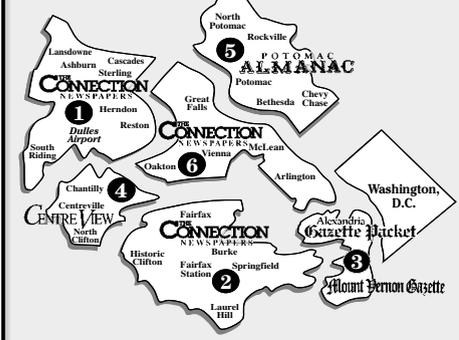
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TRUSTEE'S SALE

OF VALUABLE

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Improved by the premises known as
7610 Savannah Street, #201, Falls Church, Virginia

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Erlis Bonilla, dated May 24, 2005, and recorded May 26, 2005, in Deed Book 17328 at page 452 among the Land Records of Fairfax County, Virginia, the undersigned substitute trustee will offer for sale at public auction at the front entrance of the Judicial Center for Fairfax County, at 4110 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax, Virginia, on

Thursday, October 15, 2009 at 9:30 a.m.

the following property being the property contained in said Deed of Trust, described as follows:

Unit 201, Building 7610, FALLS CHURCH GARDENS CONDOMINIUM, Phase V

Tax Map No. 049-2-31-10-0201

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TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of \$19,000.00 or ten percent (10%) of the sale price, whichever amount is less, in the form of cash or its equivalent will be required of the purchaser at the time and place of sale; the balance of the purchase money being due and payable within fifteen (15) days after sale, time expressly being of the essence, with interest at the rate of 5.25 percent per annum from date of sale to date of settlement. Provided, however, that if the holder of the secured promissory note is the successful bidder at the sale, no cash deposit shall be required, and part of or the entire indebtedness, including interest and costs, secured by the Deed of Trust, may be set off against the purchase price.

Any defaulting purchaser shall forfeit the deposit and stand the risk and cost of resale.

Sale shall be made subject to all existing easements and restrictive covenants as the same may lawfully affect the real estate. Sale is further subject to mechanic's and/or materialman's liens of record and not of record. The property will be sold subject to all conditions, covenants, restrictions, rights of redemption of federal lienholders or encumbrances, and agreements of record affecting the same, if any.

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The undersigned trustee unconditionally reserves the right: (i) to waive the deposit requirement; (ii) to approve or disapprove the creditworthiness of any bidder and/or purchaser; (iii) to withdraw the property from sale at any time prior to termination of the bidding; (iv) to extend the time for bidding; (v) to reject any or all bids; (vi) to postpone or set over the date or time of sale; and (vii) to extend the period of time for settlement hereunder.

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Improved by the premises known as
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At 9:30 a.m.

the following property being the property contained in said Deed of Trust, described as follows:

Lot 36, Section 4-C, Valewood Manor Subdivision, as the same appears duly dedicated, platted and recorded in Deed Book 5534 at page 1575, among the Land Records of Fairfax County, Virginia.

Commonly known as 3533 Valeview Drive, Oakton, Virginia 22124.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of \$5,000.00 or ten percent (10%) of the sale price, whichever amount is less, in the form of cash or its equivalent will be required of the purchaser at the time and place of sale; the balance of the purchase money being due and payable within fifteen (15) days after sale, time expressly being of the essence, with interest at the rate of 3.25 percent per annum from date of sale to date of settlement. Provided, however, that if the holder of the secured promissory note is the successful bidder at the sale, no cash deposit shall be required, and part of or the entire indebtedness, including interest and costs, secured by the Deed of Trust, may be set off against the purchase price.

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NEWS

Class of '59

FROM PAGE 3

Lanham (nee Gholson).

The Reunion isn't the oldest for an area school this year — Dunbar's class of 1954 will celebrate its 55th on the same weekend. Last year a 107-year-old man returned to the Massachusetts campus of Phillips Academy Andover — 90 years after his 1918 graduation.

Still, half a century is enough time to see plenty of changes. The most obvious will be investigated by the '59 graduates during a Saturday afternoon tour of the new campus facilities, which opened early last year.

The nearly \$100 million renovation almost entirely replaced the traditional red brick school building with a sleekly modern facility, wired for the internet age, featuring a cathedral-like center hall, 10-lane swimming pool, and an eco-friendly vegetated roof.

"I'm going to have to buy a pair of new shoes just to walk in it," said Jim Massie, now a Florida lawyer, who recalls racing on a crushed cinder track and running laps around tight third floor corners on bad-weather practice days.

"It doesn't look a high school to me," said Jane Lanham, who has seen only the exterior of the rebuilt school. "To me it looked like a huge office building."

The culture inside the walls has changed over the past half-century. In 1959 the school sponsored a "Bible Club" and homerooms hosted daily scripture readings and group prayer. Shop class was all boys, who first attended home economics class during the 1958-59 year. Boys were offered a full slate of interscholastic sports — including riflery — while girls were limited to cheerleading and intramurals that included badminton and trampoline. Social life revolved around high schoolers' fraternities and sororities, which were officially outlawed by an academic-minded administration.

Four months before 1959 graduation, the Arlington system was integrated when black students entered a middle school that feeds W-L. The school now hosts a student population that is 58 percent non-white.

Fifty years ago, in a time when the region was far less crowded with neighboring high schools, W-L was packed with over 700 seniors. The school graduated just 323 last year.

Despite these changes, W-L still maintains high academic standards. Though 15.4 percent of the 1641-member student body is now enrolled in ESL instruction, the school that was listed as among the country's best by Time magazine in the early 1960s still frequently cracks the top 50 in national rankings.

"**THEY FEEL** like they're 16 again when they see their high school classmates," said Capital Reunions' Modes. She sees shifting priorities as attendees grow older.

"There is more judging at the 10th," she



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**'59 Grad Joe Orsini
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said. "The 20th is when things stop being competitive. Everybody's got their lives together, and all that stuff doesn't matter anymore."

Massie also sees less sizing up between graduates over the past 30 years. "We've mellowed since then, and realized that what mattered was whether you were a good person."

Massie says class members engaged in a bit of typical teenage experimentation, but they held an expectation that there would be something beyond high school, and there was a firm emphasis on education to prepare for it. "We were serious when we needed to be serious," said the former treasurer of a class that sent 80 percent of its students to college and eventual professional careers. "Our public schools are chaos," he said of Florida's public system. "Society doesn't value the teachers as much now as we did then. The teachers at Washington-Lee had a good teaching plan for life; I think I got an excellent education."

"Looking back 50 years," said Jane Lanham. "They did a good job of preparing us for the future."

Wootton says she saw a clear shift during her time teaching elementary school during the 1960s. Now she says teachers' authority is challenged, and there is a permissiveness that didn't exist half a century ago.

"I see lack of respect now, and that's what hurts," said Wootton.

OTHER GRADUATES see similar changes in the social landscape. Bob Lanham says the accelerated change has granted today's teenagers greater understanding of the world's complexities leading, among other things, to far more complicated dinner table discussions.

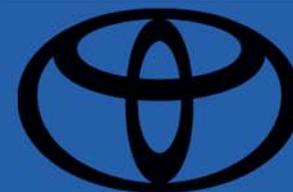
A sense of shared history increasingly bonds the class. Jane Lanham says that working on successive reunions over the past 30 years has made her close with classmates she didn't know well in high school. Boundaries and cliques have broken down, and an "overarching school spirit" that united the large class's various groups has become an enduring class unity.

"I want to see everyone," said Bob Lanham, who plays no favorites. "I want to talk to and be with every last person there."

Wootton has a similar plan for Saturday. "When I look at the list, I realize I'm going to have to drink a gallon of coffee to get to talk to all of them."

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