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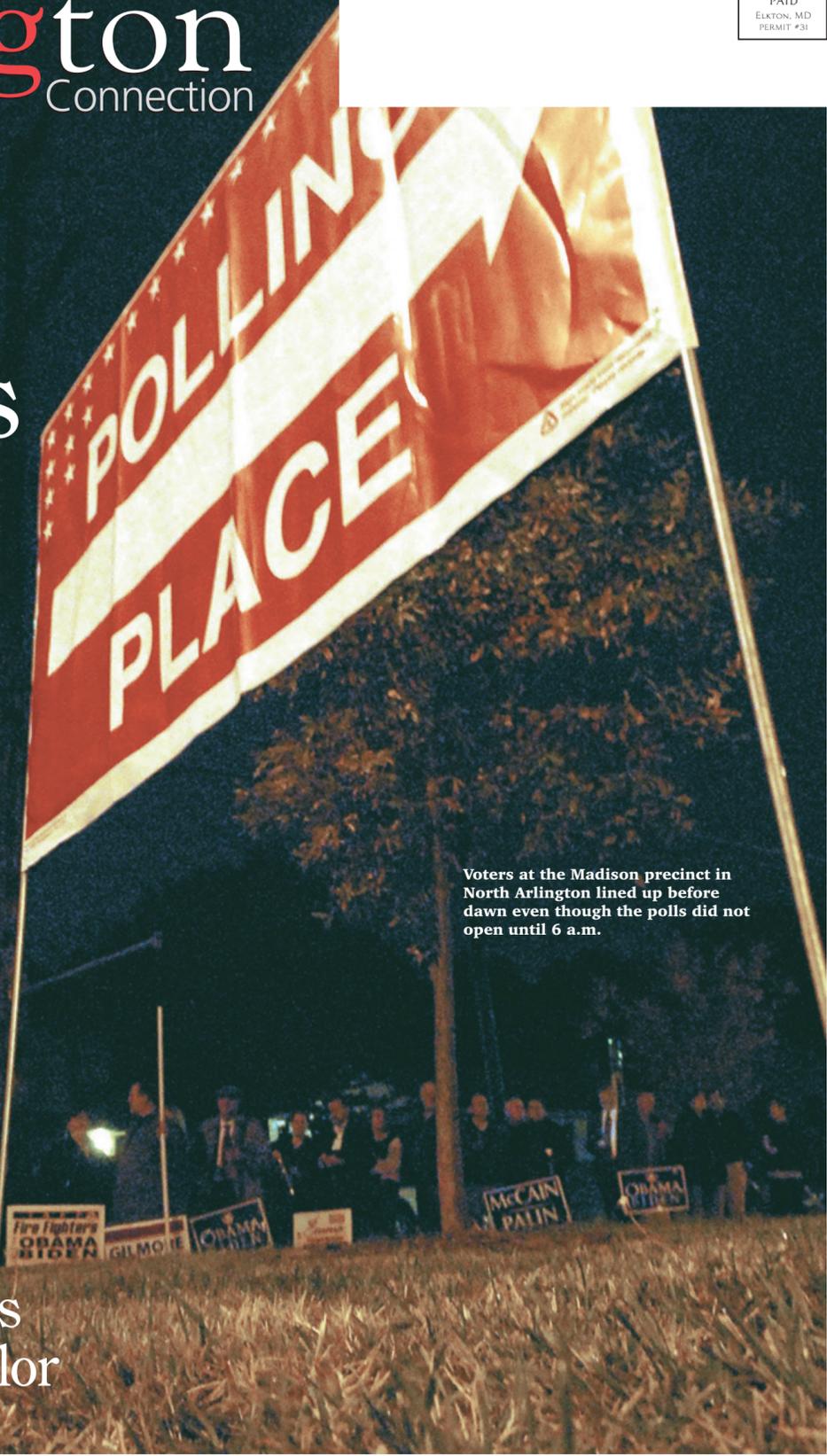
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Voters at the Madison precinct in North Arlington lined up before dawn even though the polls did not open until 6 a.m.

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Arlington Votes Despite Long Lines

As of 11 a.m. nearly 50 percent of active voters had cast their ballots.

BY DAVID SCHULTZ
THE CONNECTION

Thousands of voters went to the polls in Arlington this week to cast ballots in an election that, after all the votes are counted, might set records for turnout in the county.

County Registrar Linda Lindberg said that she is estimating that 80 percent of Arlington's more than 138,000 active voters will cast ballots in this election, which would be the most voters to have ever cast a ballot in the county. As of 11 a.m. on Election Day, approximately 30 percent of registered voters had already gone to the polls and cast their ballots. This does not include the nearly 20 percent of voters who cast ballots before Election Day through absentee balloting.

A huge amount of Arlington voters opted to make their choices early this year through absentee balloting. Almost 35,000 ballots were cast early through in-person voting at the County Government Offices and via the mail, Lindberg said. In 2004, a little over 10,000 people cast their votes through absentee balloting.

Thanks to the high absentee rates and new electronic voting books, things were going smoothly at the polls, Lindberg said. There were reports of some "overzealous" poll watchers at some precincts and voting machinery was malfunctioning at the Key and Vir-

ginia Highland precincts. But Lindberg said that these malfunctions were not a problem because the County had plenty of back up equipment. "It looks like a very smooth Election Day in Arlington," she said.

AT SEVERAL South Arlington precincts this morning, waits of an hour and a half or more were commonplace.

Dennis Smith came to vote at the Aurora Hills precinct on 23rd Street South at around 7:30 a.m. and his wait was only 45 minutes. But he said that his roommate showed up at 6 a.m. when the polls opened and had to wait twice as long.

"People heard it would be a messy, busy day," Aurora Hills poll worker Sarah Hill said. She said that as soon as her precinct opened at six, long lines began forming. However, after the polls had been open for an hour and a half, the lines started to subside at Aurora Hills.

Not so at the Crystal Plaza precinct, located in an apartment complex on Jefferson Davis Highway and 20th Street South. Even by 8:15 a.m. the line there was more than 300 people strong and was snaking outside around the

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— County Registrar
Linda Lindberg

building.

The long line did not perturb Sarah Arghavan. "It's kind of nice actually," she said. "It's a big election." Erica LeBlanc used her 80-minute wait as a way to meet her neighbors. "I met the woman who lives downstairs from me," she said. "[The woman] said 'Oh, I live right below you!'"

LeBlanc also said that the tedium of standing in long lines was made nicer by the free coffee and crossword puzzles that were being handed out by the concierge staff of the apartment complex. "We thought offering coffee would be a nice additive for people waiting in line," Derek Wilson, with Archstone Management, said.

Of the many voters that were spoken to on the morning of Election Day, nearly all said that the lines were not as bad as they had anticipated. "With everything I've been hearing and reading I thought it would be longer," Matthew Drake said after his one hour and 35 minute wait at the Virginia Highlands precinct.

BUT NOT everyone's voting experiences went so smoothly. At the Aurora Hills precinct this morning, one voter left after discovering that she had sent her voter registration forms in a day too late and was not registered to vote. (The voter declined to be identified for this story.)

Some voters also had problems with absentee in person voting. Arlington resident Karen Bune took her 90-year-old mother, Eleanor, to vote this weekend at the County Government Offices. Eleanor was in poor health after a recent fall that left her with eye injuries.

When the Karen brought her mother to the polling

place, she discovered that there was a three-hour wait to cast a ballot. "She's handicapped," Karen said. "She can't wait that long."

She requested that her mother be provided with curbside voting, in which a poll worker can bring a ballot out to a voter's car. But to do that, she was told, Karen and her mother would have to wait in their car for an hour and a half. Bune said that she also saw someone else at the precinct who was experiencing the same difficulties.

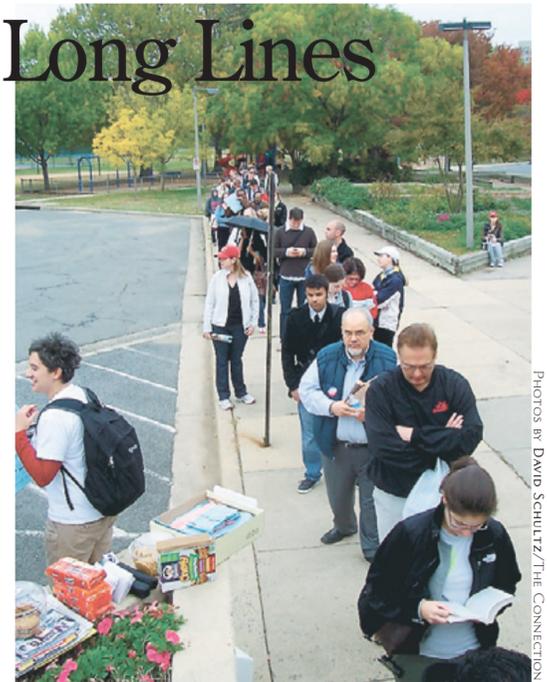
"I said 'I guess we're not going to vote, Mom,'" Karen recalled. "I was appalled. ... The whole thing was an extremely poor process."

Immediate curbside voting at the in-person absentee station was available for those who called the County Registrar's office ahead of time and made arrangements,

Lindberg said. "If they just showed up," she said, "Then they'd have to wait their turn."

But there are many other options for voters with disabilities to cast their ballots, Lindberg said. On Election Day, disabled voters can save a place in line and take a seat. "If they're able to go inside the polling place then I would recommend that they do that so they can sit down," she said. If this is not an option, Lindberg said that all poll workers would provide timely curbside voting for anyone who requires it.

However, Doris Ray of the advocacy group the ENDependence Center of Northern Virginia, said that "Almost every years we've had reports of people being denied. ... It should not take an hour or two hours to do curbside voting."



Voters waited in line for more than 90 minutes at the Virginia Highlands precinct.

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Meg Pugada, Tony Mastrorio and Kurt Muhlbauer voted for the first time this morning.



The line at the Crystal Plaza precinct snaked around the building at 8:30 this morning.

Coming To Terms With I-66 Additions

Most Arlington residents are opposed to a plan to add lanes to the highway.

By DAVID SCHULTZ
THE CONNECTION

Like nearly everyone who attended a hearing held at Washington-Lee High School last week, Stephen Hadley is opposed to adding more lanes to I-66.

A resident of the East Falls Church neighborhood who lives just a few hundred yards from the highway, he thinks that it would be harmful to the environment and would only exacerbate, rather than relieve, traffic congestion.

But Hadley said that he has come to terms with what he sees as the inevitable future for the highway. "The long-term plan is the widening of I-66; that's going to happen whether or not we want

it," he said. The federal government wants to expand the highway to ease a potential evacuation of Washington D.C., Hadley said, and it is exerting its powerful influence on this issue.

"I don't like 66 being widened, but I accept that it is happening and there is nothing I can do," he said. "Rather than tilt at windmills and say 'No, no, no!' we should make sure it happens with as little damage as possible."

In 2003, then-governor of Virginia Mark Warner directed VDOT to examine options for expanding the highway. A 2005 study resulted in the current plan to add an extra lane in three places: from Lee Highway to Glebe Road, from George Mason Drive to Sycamore Street and from Washington Boulevard to the Dulles Connector. The lanes would not be contiguous and the highway would revert back to two lanes in between the three sections.

Also in 2005, a highway reauthorization bill passed Congress with an earmark for the I-66 project that totaled almost \$30 million. The funding was requested by U.S. Reps. Frank Wolf (R-10) and Tom Davis (R-11) who represent areas outside of the Beltway in

Fairfax and Loudoun Counties.

The total cost for all three I-66 projects is \$87 million, VDOT project manager Leonard Siegel said, but only \$72.5 million has been allocated so far. The first section of the project – an extra westbound lane between George Mason Drive and Sycamore Street – is fully funded, Siegel said, and construction could begin on it as early as next year.

The second section – from Washington Boulevard to the Dulles Connector – is scheduled to begin in 2012. Funding for this section has been scheduled but Siegel said that this is subject to change in future budgets. The third section – from Lee Highway to Glebe Road – is not funded and has no future start date.

FROM ITS INCEPTION, many in Arlington vociferously opposed the plan to add extra lanes to I-66. "What's proposed here is a gross waste of money," Arlington County Board Member Chris Zimmerman (D) said. "All you're doing is moving the bottlenecks around."

"There are some serious transportation crises in Virginia," County Board Chairman Walter Tejada (D) said. "We feel that the state should be funding projects with strong community support that have demonstrated benefits. ... It doesn't make sense to do a

project that could cost [more than] \$85 million and will not solve the problems."

If it were up to some Arlington residents, I-66 never would have existed. Jerry Long of the Maywood neighborhood was a part of the original Stop I-66 movement when the highway was being developed in the late 1970s. He said that, since then, he's come to terms with I-66's existence but doesn't want to see it expanded.

"We keep running into a need to finish their project," Long said at the VDOT hearing last week. "I don't want to finish their project. This is crazy."

Several hundred people attended the hearing at Washington-Lee. Many were furious that the project is still moving forward despite Arlington's decades of objections.

"I was dog tired after that hearing," said Siegel, who acted as the moderator and responded to droves of angry questions. "It was arduous. But I definitely appreciate the level of passion by the constituents. ... I'd rather hear about it now than later."

ARLINGTON OFFICIALS insist that their opposition to adding extra lanes to the highway is reasonable. "We are not being obstructionists," Tejada said. "We do want

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Just Like Everyone Else

ARC wants those with intellectual disabilities to lead healthy, normal lives.

By DAVID SCHULTZ
THE CONNECTION

Eric Latcheran is an average 21-year-old. He has friends, a loving family and works in a restaurant. Latcheran is also intellectually disabled. He lives at home with his mother, Gina, in Chantilly. Gina said that taking care of her son is "getting harder and harder because of the lack of funding" from the state.

But Eric has been involved in the ARC of Northern Virginia, a group that advocates for children and adults with intellectual disabilities. Gina Latcheran said that the group has enabled her son to meet more people like him and to become not just a contributing member of society but an active member of society. "[He is] meeting friends and sharing in their accomplishments," she said.

This weekend, the Latcherans attended the ARC's annual meeting and gala in Falls Church. "I came because I want to say thank you to these people," Eric said.

HELPING people with intellectual disabili-

ties lead lives like everyone else has been one of the main goals of the ARC in recent years. "We're trying to get people out of the institutions and into the community," said Patrick Hope, former chairman of the Arlington County Community Services Board who has worked closely with the ARC over the years. "People can live on their own successfully. They need to get the services that they deserve."

At its annual meeting, The ARC awarded Hope with its Rusty Garth "You Are The Change" Award for his work with the intellectually disabled community. The award was named after its previous recipient, a prominent local activist who died earlier this year of Lou Gehrig's Disease.

"It meant so much to him and our whole family," Garth's wife, Judy, said. "He was gifted at seeing the big picture and bringing people together."

HOPE SAID that the work that the ARC has been doing in Virginia is needed now more than ever. The state is 47th out of the 50 states in funding levels for people with intellectual disabilities.



Patrick Hope, shown here with his wife Kristen, won the Rusty Garth "You Are The Change" Award.

"There has been a pattern over the years where people with intellectual disabilities end up in institutions," Hope said. "What we're doing is busting the doors open and sending people out into the communities. But the money has to flow with those individuals. They have to reach out and follow SEE GROUP ADVOCATES, PAGE 18

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Campfire Assault Sentence

Edwin Alexander Chavez Abrego, 25, was sentenced Friday, Oct. 31 to 63 months in federal prison for pushing and knocking a victim into an open flame of a campfire near the Mount Vernon Trail by Reagan National Airport and Four Mile Run.

U.S. District Court Judge Claude M. Hilton also ordered that Abrego serve two years of supervised release after he serves his prison term for felony assault.

Between 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. on March 29, 2007, co-defendant Antonio Benitez and Abrego forcibly stopped one of two victims as he rode his bicycle on the Mount Vernon Trail, which is administered by the National Park Service. Abrego and Benitez took the victim's watch, ring and cash, according to court documents.

The victim was also seriously burned and hospitalized for two days, according to Dana Boente, acting U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia. Abrego admitted his role in causing the victim's burns, according to statement of facts filed at the time of his plea agreement.

Benitez was sentenced Friday, Oct. 10 to 63 months in federal prison for felony assault resulting in seri-

ously bodily injury. He was sentenced to three years of supervised release and ordered to pay \$24,280 in restitution, according to court records.

Benitez admitted to kicking a second victim in the face during the assault, which resulted in permanent damage to the victim's right eye and a blood clot on the victim's brain, according to court records.

Charges of conspiracy to commit assault with intent to rob, assault with intent to rob, robbery and tampering with a witness or victim were dismissed against both defendants at the time of their plea agreements, according to federal court records.

"The arrests and convictions of the suspects in this horrendous crime" is a culmination of work and cooperation between U.S. Park Police, Alexandria City Police and Arlington County Police departments," said Sal Lauro, U.S. Park Police Acting Assistant. "The detectives showed compassionate and humane assistance to the victims, ensuring they received appropriate medical care as well as helping them reestablish their lives after such a tragic event. This is the kind of police work that makes everyone proud."

— KEN MOORE

Capital Murder Case Dropped?

Arlington County nolle prossed, or dismissed, its capital murder case against Alfredo R. Prieto last week, according to Arlington Circuit Court computer records.

Prieto, 42, is already on death row in California and Virginia.

Last May, Fairfax County Circuit Court Judge Randy I. Bellows sentenced Prieto to two death sentences for the 1988 rape and murder of a 22-year-old Alexandria woman and murder of her 22-year-old boyfriend from Vienna.

Their bodies were found off Hunter Mill Road in Reston. Prieto was also charged with the rape and murder of Veronica "Tina" Jefferson, 24, who was

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NEWS

I-66 Project Moving Forward Despite Objections

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improvements in this corridor. If VDOT would work with us in good faith this project would be better for everyone involved."

Alan Muchnick, however, is proud that his group, the Arlington Coalition for Sensible Transportation, has been able to at least

partially block the I-66 project. "We've been very successful in limiting the amount of widening," he said. "Nine years ago ... they announced that the plan was to add one lane each way. Nine years later, they're still at the design stage and they've got three little pieces of one westbound lane."

But Muchnick is under no illusions as to what it will take to pre-

vent this project from reaching fruition. "It's been very clear for a long time that this project will be most likely be delayed with legal action," he said. "Our group is planning on doing that [but] the County could also initiate a lawsuit."

Zimmerman refused to comment on the possibility that Arlington County will seek a legal injunc-

tion against the I-66 project, saying that it still needs to be approved by the Federal Highway Administration.

But, lawsuit or not, Zimmerman said that the plan to add extra lanes to I-66 is not in the best interests of Arlington and that it could be the prelude to even more expansion. "Ultimately," he said, "It's being driven by a Congress-

man from another district [who] got the money.

Zimmerman also said that he believes that the adding of extra lanes to I-66 is only a prelude to the federal government's ultimate plan to further expand the highway's right-of-way. "The project makes no sense unless what you're doing is widening," he said.

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SCHOOLS

Tough Fiscal Times Ahead For Schools

Arlington Superintendent Robert Smith has managed to plug the \$10 million hole in Arlington Public Schools' budget for the current fiscal year.

But the real challenge, Smith said, will be for next year's budget when funding for local schools is expected to drop sharply. "Next year we're really going to get whacked," Smith said.

A dramatic drop in real estate tax revenue was the cause of this year's shortfall, as well as a spike in enrollment that forced the school system to hire 31 more teachers than expected. Smith was able to fill this budget gap by delaying some maintenance projects and taking leftover funds from last year's budget.

But Smith is already preparing for what could be a drastically scaled back budget next year. To save utility costs, almost all school buildings will be closed during this year's winter break and discretionary spending on things like food, travel and professional development is being scaled back.

Also, Smith has instituted a hiring freeze on all non-classroom personnel. "We rejected doing anything with classrooms," he said at a recent School Board meeting. "If you lose a first grade teacher, we're going to replace a first grade teacher."

School Board Members expressed support for Smith's plan to shrink the budget. "Our nation is in a recession," Board Chairman Ed Fendley said. "We are eager to do our part to maintain fiscal discipline in these tough times."

Board Member Abby Raphael recommended that the process by which the Arlington Public Schools budget is created be reexamined. "We are in a different budget climate than we've ever been in," she said. "We need to think of the budget process differently."

Raphael also expressed concern that delaying maintenance projects could end up costing more in the long run. "We're deferring or choosing not to do a fair amount of work," she said. "If we cut corners on that now does that make sense in the long run?"

-DAVID SCHULTZ

Correction

In the Oct. 29 article "Arlington Mill Project Moves Forward," County official Greg Emanuel was misquoted. He said that poor economic conditions could make it more difficult to secure financing for the project. Also, the article contained incorrect information about the project. A swimming pool will be built as a part of the apartment complex for residents of the complex, not as part of the community center. Also, there will be no amphitheater in the community center.

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'Dubrovnik
Dome' by Linda
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Forty-three members of the Potomac Valley Watercolorists participated in a show and sale this past weekend at St. Andrew's Church. Best in Show was awarded to Jane Thomas for 'Scouts Honor.' This is the second year that Thomas has won Best in Show. Second Place went to Harriet Westfall of Arlington for 'Dusk in NY #1.' Third place was awarded to Jack Harding of Potomac, Md. for 'Cliff Palace 3.'

Potomac Valley Watercolorists was founded in 1974 to meet the need for a professional organization of watercolor artists. PVW is a nonprofit organization that seeks to promote the art and excellence of watercolor painting.

PVW will celebrate its 35th anniversary with a juried show at Strathmore Hall in Rockville, Md. Jan. 6-Feb. 21, 2009. Visit <http://www.potomacvalleywatercolorists.com> for more.



Third Place winner 'Cliff Palace 3' by Jack Harding.



Jane Thomas with her work 'Scouts Honor' that won Best in Show.



Second Place winner Harriet Westfall with 'Dusk in NY #1.'



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Know of something missing from our community entertainment calendar? Send it to TheArlingtonConnection@gmail.com or email it to arlington@connectionnews.com. Deadline is 2 p.m. the Thursday before publication. Call Rebecca Halik at 703-917-6407 with any questions. Photos are welcome.

ART LISTING:

See the "Day of the Dead Altar" at the Arlington Arts Center Jenkins Community Gallery, 3550 Wilson Blvd. from Oct. 10 through Nov. 15.

See "New Images in Fiber" at the Marymount University Barry Art Gallery, 2807 N. Glebe Road, from Nov. 7 through Dec. 9. The exhibit will showcase the work of eleven local artists who have spun unique approaches to fiber art.

See the **Fall Solos 2008** through Nov. 29 at Arlington Arts Center, 3550 Wilson Blvd. Art by Katie Creyts, Lily Cox-Richard and more. Free. Visit www.arlingtonartscenter.org or 703-248-6800.

Arlington artist Shirley Mulligan will display art at the VAS Gallery, 513 Maple Ave., Vienna, through Nov. 12. Free.

ONGOING:

Women can learn how to sing with lessons in a group from 7-8 p.m. on **Nov. 19, Nov. 24, Dec. 3 and Dec. 10**. Free. Held at The Hermitage, 5000 Fairbanks Ave., Alexandria. 703-764-3896 to RSVP.

WEDNESDAY/NOV. 5

Taxidermy for Teens. 3:30-4:30 p.m. at Long Branch Nature Center, 625 Carlin Springs Road. Free, registration required. Call 703-228-4747.

Author Event. 7 p.m. at Shirlington Branch Library, 4200 Campbell Ave. Author Donna Andrews reads and discusses her latest novel, "The Penguin Who Knew Too Much". Free.

THURSDAY/NOV. 6

Theater performance. 8 p.m. at the Gunston Arts Center, 2700 S. Lang St, Arlington. See "Meat Prices Rising," an Argentinean play that is part of the 11th International Festival of Hispanic Theater. Contact 703-548-3092 or info@teatrodelaluna.org for tickets and information.

Community Concert. 7:30 p.m. at Brucker Hall, 400 McNair Road, Fort Myer. Hear the U.S. Army Chorus perform. Free. Call 703.696.3399 or visit www.usarmyband.com for information.

Gardeners Meeting. 6:30-8 p.m. at the Fairlington Community Center,

3308 S. Stafford St. The Virginia Cooperative Extension and Master Gardeners of Northern Virginia will hold an Open House. Free. To RSVP and for information, call 703-228-6414 or email huttonj@vt.edu.

Concert. 7:30 p.m. at Wakefield High School auditorium, 4901 S. Chesterfield Road. Wakefield's marching band will perform a program that features music by the Temptations. Free.

Health Talk. 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the Virginia Hospital Center, Conference Center, 1701 N. George Mason Drive. A neurosurgeon and physical therapist discuss surgical and non-surgical options to alleviate lower back pain. Free, registration required. Call 703-558-0877.

Environmental Workshop. 9-10:30 a.m. at 2100 Clarendon Blvd. Learn about water pollution prevention in your home or workplace. Free. Registration required. Call 703-228-0773 or 703-228-0772.

Informational Session. 7 p.m. at Marymount University's Ballston Center, 1000 N. Glebe Road. Learn about graduate program offerings in counseling and forensic psychology. Call 703-284-5902 or visit www.marymount.edu/infosession to register.

Music Performance. 7-10 p.m. at the Gunston Arts Center, 2700 S. Lang St, Arlington. See "The Amazing Adventures of Robinson Crusoe," a Paraguayan play that is part of the 11th International Festival of Hispanic Theater. Contact 703-548-3092 or info@teatrodelaluna.org for tickets and information.

Family Theater performance. 11:30 a.m. at the Gunston Arts Center, 2700 S. Lang St, Arlington. See "The Amazing Adventures of Robinson Crusoe," a Paraguayan play that is part of the 11th International Festival of Hispanic Theater. Contact 703-548-3092 or info@teatrodelaluna.org for tickets and information.

The American Political Scene. 1 p.m. at Shirlington Library, 4200 Campbell Ave. Watch a variety of movies about the political system. Free. 703-228-0322.

Evolution for Adults. 7:30 p.m. at Gulf Branch Nature Center, 3608 N. Military Road. Learn about animal survival. \$2/person. Registration required, 703-228-3403.

Hispanic Heritage. 8 p.m. at Gunston Arts Theater 2. Watch "Subio la Carne," a musical variety show. Call 703-548-2092 for tickets.

FRIDAY/NOV. 7

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Arts Happy Hour. 7-9 p.m. at the Ellipse Art Center, 4350 N. Fairfax Drive. All are welcome to personally interact with select "Uncommon Beauty" artists as we connect the Deaf and Visual Arts communities. Free. Call 703-228-7710 or visit <http://www.arlingtonarts.org/ellipseartscenter.htm>.

Choral Concert. 7:30 p.m. at Central United Methodist Church, 4201 N. Fairfax Drive. The TJ Madrigals from Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology will perform Renaissance madrigals, German motets and contemporary arrangements. Free.

Art Opening. 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Marymount University Barry Art Gallery, 2807 N. Glebe Road. See "New Images in Fiber Art" and meet the artists. Free.

Poetry Reading. Noon at the Lee Reception Room of the Reinsch Library on Main Campus, 2807 North Glebe Road. Poet Naomi Ayala will give a reading of selected poems. Free.

Photo Show. 6-8 p.m. at Fort C.F. Smith Park, 2411 N. 24th St. All ages can browse through these items. Free. 703-243-7329.

SATURDAY/NOV. 8

Theater performance. 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. at the Gunston Arts Center, 2700



The U.S. Army Blues will perform on Tuesday, Nov. 11 at 7:30 p.m. at Brucker Hall on Fort Myer. Free.

S. Lang St, Arlington. See "Meat Prices Rising," an Argentinean play that is part of the 11th International Festival of Hispanic Theater. Contact 703-548-3092 or info@teatrodelaluna.org for tickets and information.

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Music Performance. 7-10 p.m. at Saigonique Vietnamese Restaurant, 4251 Campbell Ave. Hear Vaughn McClarrin. Free. Visit www.mitchellsentertainment.com or 202-812-6301.

Christmas Craft Boutique. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at 700 S. Buchanan St. Browse through White House ornaments, decorations, bake sales and more. Free. 703-553-5800.

Photo Show. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at Fort C.F. Smith Park, 2411 N. 24th St. All ages can browse through these items. Free. 703-243-7329.

Birding Trip. 8 a.m.-5 p.m. at Lubber Run, 300 N. Park Drive. Adults can look for wildlife. \$25/person. Registration required, 703-228-6535.

Tiny Tot. 10 a.m. or 11:15 a.m. at Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road. Children ages 18-35 months can enjoy songs, crafts, plays

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Fetch! Science Club. 10 a.m.-noon at Shirlington Library, 4200 Campbell Ave. Enjoy science challenges and enjoy points and prizes. Free. 703-228-0321.

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Snakes Alive. 3:30 p.m. at Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road. Children ages 4 and up can learn about these animals and meet some. \$2/child. Registration required, 703-228-6535.

SUNDAY/NOV. 9
Fundraising Dinner. 5-8 p.m. at Willow Restaurant, 4301 N. Fairfax Drive. Support the education and advancement of women in culinary arts, mingle with the area's top women of food, and win great door prizes, including a grand prize of 12 personalized culinary experiences. Cost is \$35. Call 1-877-927-7787 or visit www.womenschefs.org for tickets.

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Film Screening. 2 p.m. at the Women's Memorial, at the entrance to Arlington National Cemetery. Watch "Vietnam Nurses." Call 1-800-222-2294 or 703-533-1155.

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Shenandoah Fall Hike. 8 a.m.-5 p.m. at Lubber Run Center, 300 N. Park Drive. Take a hike and view animals and more. \$20/person. Registration required, 703-228-6535.

Nature for Dummies: Top Ten Birds. 3 p.m. at Gulf Branch Nature Center, 3608 N. Military Road. Adults can learn about the top birds. Free. Registration required, 703-228-3403.

The American Political Scene. 3 p.m. at Shirlington Library, 4200 Campbell Ave. Watch a variety of movies about the political system. Free. 703-228-0322.

MONDAY/NOV. 10

Lecture. 3-4:30 p.m. at the Arlington Central Library, 1015 Quincy St. The Arlington Learning in Retirement Institute is sponsoring a lecture on "Sex and Gender in Ancient Greece." Free. Call 703-228-2144 for information.

Lecture. 5-7 p.m. at the George Mason Law School Atrium, 3301 Fairfax Drive. The Arab Law Students' Association of George Mason University and the US Campaign to End the Israeli Occupation present "Separate Is Never Equal: Stories from South Africa and Palestine."

Improv 101. 7:30-9:30 p.m. at the Comedy Spot, 4238 Wilson Blvd. Learn the basics of improv comedy. All levels welcome. Visit www.comedyindc.com for more.

Improv Class. 7:30-9:30 p.m. at the Comedy Spot, 4238 Wilson Blvd. Intermediate level class - learn about

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Book Discussion. 7 p.m. at Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy St. Discuss "The Professor and the Madman" by Simon Winchester. Free. 703-228-5989.

Monday Night Musicals. 7-9 p.m. at Shirlington Library, 4200 Campbell Ave. Watch film version of notable musicals. Free. 703-228-0322.

TUESDAY/NOV. 11

Band Concert. 7:30 p.m. at Brucker Hall, 400 McNair Road, Fort Myer. Celebrate Veterans Day with a Big Band concert by the U.S. Army Blues Band. Free. Call 703.696.3399 www.usarmyband.com for information.

Barbershop Chorus Concert. 11 a.m. at Mount Vernon estate, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. Celebrate Veteran's Day with a concert by the all-veteran barbershop chorus The Harmony Heritage Singers. Free. Included with Mount Vernon admission: \$13 for adults, \$6 for children ages 6-11, and free for children under 6.

WEDNESDAY/NOV. 12

Art Class. 10 a.m.-noon. 3D illusions in drawing. For seniors 62+ at Arlington Arts Center, 3550 Wilson Blvd. Call 703.248.6800 to register. Free.

Beach Week. 7-9 p.m. at Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy St. Free. 703-525-1555.

Gemstone Club. 2:30 p.m. or 4 p.m. at Gulf Branch Nature Center, 3608 N. Military Road. Children ages 7-11 Can learn about topaz and take one home. \$5/person. Registration required, 703-228-3403.

CRIME

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found behind McKinley Elementary School in Arlington in May 1988.

DNA evidence taken in 2005 from Prieto, who has been on death row at San Quentin State Prison in California since 1992, linked him to the Fairfax and Arlington rapes and murders. He is on death row in California for the rape and murder of a 15-year-old girl in San Bernardino County.

He was indicted for capital murder in Arlington in December 2005. Arlington and Fairfax county police officers brought Prieto back from San Quentin State Prison in April 2006.

Prosecutors can reinstate the charges that have been "nolle prossed" in the future. Arlington prosecutors could opt to do so in this case if Prieto is successful appealing his Virginia death sentences.

— KEN MOORE

POLICE REPORT

The following reports come from the Arlington police department. For the most up-to-date crime reports, visit www.Co.Arlington.Va.us/police and click on daily crime report.

ABDUCTION-ARREST. 800 block of S. Greenbrier Street. On October 28 at 9 p.m., a woman's estranged husband forced her and their two young children into a vehicle. He drove them to an address in Fairfax County where they were later recovered unharmed. Juan Carlos Chavalier-Gonzales, 28, of Fairfax, was charged with Abduction. He is being held without bond.

DEATH INVESTIGATION. 800 block of N. Greenbrier Street. On October 28 at 3 p.m., a man was working inside a dirt trench at a residential construction site. The trench collapsed, trapping him inside. Pablo Gonzalez, 59, of Falls Church, was pronounced dead

at the scene. The investigation is ongoing.

ROBBERY. 1400 block of S. 28th Street. At 2 p.m. on October 23, an unknown subject approached a man two separate times. The suspect first demanded money and assaulted the victim with a screwdriver. During the second incident, the suspect stole the victim's backpack and belongings. The suspect is a white Hispanic male, 20's, 6', with a thin build. He was last wearing a long black t-shirt and dark blue jeans.

ROBBERY. 4200 block of N. 2nd Road. On October 26 at 11:30 p.m., a man was walking home when two unknown men knocked him down and assaulted him. The suspects fled on foot with the victim's wallet. The suspects are described as tall, thin, African American males wearing black hooded sweatshirts.

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Open Tai Chi Practice. 10 a.m., Madison Community Center, 3829 N. Stafford St. No fee; newcomers welcome. No onsite instructor. For information, call 703-228-4745.

Vocabulary Building. 1 p.m. Increase English and Spanish vocabulary through conversations at Langston-Brown Senior Center, 2121 N. Culpeper St. No fee; newcomers welcome. Call for more information, 703-228-5321.

Low Impact Aerobics. 9:30 a.m., Aurora Hills Senior Center, 735 S. 18th St. For adults 55+. Cost is \$56 for 16 sessions. Call to register 703-228-5722.

Exercise Classes. 10 a.m. at Lee Senior Center, 5722 Lee Highway. For adults 55+, specializing in full fitness. Cost is \$3.50 per class; beginners welcome; drop-in. For more information call 703-228-0555.

Pickleball. 1 p.m., Walter Reed Senior Center, 2909 S. 16th St. For beginners 55+. No fee; newcomers welcome; drop-in. For information call 703-228-0955.

Wild Card Poker 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at Lee Senior Center, 5722 Lee Highway. Beginners welcome. Free. For information call 703-228-0555.

Table Tennis. 10 a.m. - noon at Walter Reed Senior Center, 2909 S. 16th St. No fee; newcomers welcome. For details call 703-228-0955.

Line Dancing. 11:35 p.m. Intermediate level drop-in line dancing class at Lee Senior Center, 5722 Lee Highway begins. Cost is \$3.50 per class. Newcomers welcome. For more information call 703-228-0555.

Resume Writing. 1 p.m., Walter Reed Senior Center, 2909 S. 16th St. Program presented by Jack Dunne,

employment counselor. Free. For details call 703-228-0955.

Club Meeting. 1 p.m. The Lee Woodcarvers group (55+) at Lee Senior Center will meet. No fee; newcomers welcome. For details call 703-228-0555.

Laughter Workshop. 11:15 a.m. at Lee Senior Center, 5722 Lee Highway. For adults 55+ with exercises, games, meditation. No fee; newcomers welcome. Call to register 703-228-0555.

Veterans Day Commemoration. noon at Aurora Hills Senior Center, 735 S. 18th St. with historian and veteran Les Albers. Cost is \$6. Attendees are also asked to bring personal and health care items to be given to wounded soldiers. Register by Nov. 3 by calling 703-228-5722.

Museum Visit. The NASA Goddard Space Flight Center, Greenbelt, MD will host seniors. Cost is \$8. Call Arlington Senior Adult Travel at 703-228-4749. Registration required.

FRIDAY/NOV. 7

Strength Training. 9 a.m., Thomas Jefferson Community Center, 3501 S. 2nd St. Senior (adult 55+) strength training classes to achieve observable muscular strength, preserve and strengthen bone density, maintain full joint flexibility. Cost is \$56 for 16 sessions or \$3.50 drop-in. For information call 703-228-4745.

Fitness Class. 10 a.m., Thomas Jefferson Community Center, 3501 S. 2nd St., Arlington. Full fitness exercise classes for adults (55+). Cost is \$3.50 per class; drop-in. For information, call 703-228-4745.

Scrabble. 10:15 a.m. at Walter Reed Senior Center, 2909 S. 16th St. For adults 55+. Free. Newcomers welcome. Call for more information 703-228-0955.

Bridge. 10:30 a.m., Madison Community Center, 3829 N. Stafford St. Cost is \$4.50; newcomers welcome. Call Anne Gress for details 703-243-7714.

Trip. Seniors (55+) will travel to Philadelphia, PA for a tour of The Barnes Foundation museum, which houses one of the world's greatest art collections. Cost is \$106 which includes dinner at Maggiano's Little Italy. Call Arlington Senior Adult Travel at 703-228-4749. Registration required.

Health Presentation. 11 a.m. at Culpepper Garden Senior Center, 4435 N. Pershing Dr. Informational health video and discussion about diabetes. No fee; newcomers welcome. Call to register 703-228-4403.

Music Appreciation. 1 p.m. The music appreciation group at Culpepper Garden Senior Center, 4435 N. Pershing Dr. will meet to discuss nocturnal music. No fee. Newcomers welcome; drop-in. For details call 703-228-4403.

Computer Class. 10 a.m. - noon. Choose one or five different computer courses for adults 55+ offered through Cyberseniors/Cyberteens at Lee Senior Center, 5722 Lee Highway. Call or drop by. Cost is \$20 each. For details call 703-228-6425.

Core Training. 9:30 a.m. For adults 55+ to improve posture, balance and stability at Walter Reed Senior Center, 2909 S. 16th St. Cost is \$21 for six classes. Call for details 703-228-0955.

Walking Club. 10 a.m. The Lee Walkers, Lee Senior Center, 5722 Lee Highway will walk in Fairview Park, Falls Church. Cost is \$2; newcomers welcome. Call to register 703-228-0555.

ENVIRONMENT



PHOTO BY DAVID SCHULTZ/THE CONNECTION
 Sewage was spilled into Four Mile Run last week near Lubber Run for the sixth time this year.

Sewage Spill Sixth This Year

County advises avoidance of Four Mile Run, Lubber Run.

By DAVID SCHULTZ
 THE CONNECTION

Kelsey Payne lives with her parents in a house on a hill overlooking Lubber Run Park. Late last month, as she was walking her dog along Lubber Run, Payne had to keep making sure her one-year-old black Labrador didn't start drinking from the stream. "The water's filthy," Payne said. "She loves water so it's hard to keep her out of it. ... It's pretty gross."

Sewage from an overflowed pipe had spilled into Lubber Run, causing Arlington County to issue an advisory telling residents to avoid the stream and its tributary, Four Mile Run. The Oct. 23 spillage was the sixth time in 2008 - and the second time in eight days - that the County issued an advisory for the streams due to a raw sewage spill.

Dave Hundelt, the chief of Arlington County's Water, Sewer and Streets Bureau, said that the maintenance crews have been working on upgrading a 24-inch sewage pipe that runs along Lubber Run. On the morning of the 23rd, Hundelt said, peak flows overwhelmed the maintenance crews and caused 1,500 gallons of raw sewage to flow into the stream. "More sewage was coming than we were able to keep up with," he said.

This incident was different than the sewage spill that occurred a week earlier in roughly the same place, Hundelt said. In that spill, which took place on the morning of Oct. 15, a plug failed and caused sewage to leak into Lubber Run and Four Mile Run, prompting the County to issue an advisory against coming into contact with the stream.

FOUR MILE RUN was also polluted in late summer when, on two separate occasions, the contents of a portable toilet were emptied into the stream. Arlington's Fire Department is still investigating the incidents and

has not apprehended the perpetrator of the illegal dumping. Advisories were also issued advising against contact with Four Mile Run for sewage spill incidents in March and June.

Hundelt said that, while it may seem like incidents of sewage spills are increasing in frequency, it could just be a matter of perception. "We've made a concerted effort to put out more information so our citizens can make an informed decision as to where they go to recreate," he said.

"Some incidences ... in the past were probably not publicly reported. ... Other communities are not necessarily telling their citizens and sending out alerts like Arlington does," Hundelt said.

Hundelt also said that, with the exceptions of the two portable toilet incidents, all of the sewage spills took place because crews were working on improving pipes. "We're operating a sanitary sewer system and at the same time we're replacing the pipes," he said. "When we're actively doing that maintenance, there is a risk of disruption to the neighbors."

Due to these previous two sewage spills, Hundelt's crews are re-estimating the peak flow levels and will be adding more capacity to ensure that they aren't overwhelmed again. "We're going to take some different measures," Hundelt said. "I think we've learned something from this project in terms of estimating daily peak flows."

THE TWO OCTOBER incidents are the latest in a series of sewage spills over the last seven months that have caused headaches for residents who live near Lubber Run and Four Mile Run, which runs along Arlington's southern border with Alexandria.

Gretchen Klein, an Arlington resident who lives near Lubber Run, said that it seems as though there is perpetual sewer pipe improvements near her house. "It has gone on and on," she said. "It's noisy and it goes 24 hours a day."

But Klein said that she has grudgingly accepted the occasional inconveniences that come with living near an urban stream. "If it keeps our waterways safe, I guess we'll put up with it," she said.

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Fanatic But Not A Phillie



By KENNETH B. LOURIE
 While having a conversation recently with my mother about how it was that I could stand the pressure of watching our home town team, the Boston Red Sox, play baseball night after night, as they mostly won their 2008 playoff games, many of which were "elimination games" and extremely stressful if their winning mattered to you, I had an epiphany of sorts.
 Sure, I love sports; sure I'm a long time member of Red Sox Nation, having been born, bred and buttered in New England; sure, my father was an even longer-time Red Sox fan, having sold concessions at Fenway Park during the Great Depression when he was a little boy, but my fanaticism may have much deeper psychological underpinnings than that.
 Watching sports, especially during those moments of game-changing, series-ending, history-making, life-affirming circumstances, creates tremendous amounts of anxiety and discomfort, and depending on the outcome, mind-crushing and mood-altering disappointment as well. As fans, we all have mechanisms for dealing with the highs and lows and the roller-coastering emotions in between. It can be drinking, smoking, eating, not eating, sitting, standing, pacing, fidgeting, fumbling, dressing a certain way, undressing a certain way, watching from a specific place, not watching (like my father-in-law), following a particular routine, etc.; all in an attempt to charm the Sports Gods and secure your team's rightful place above the rest and to secure, as well, your admission into the fan's Hall of Fame (which of course does not exist outside of anyone's head). No individuals being equal in this pursuit, as a fan you do whatever you can to cope and hope and bring home the win.
 And as I was explaining an abbreviated version of this philosophy to my hearing-impaired mother (for whom my brother and I felt compelled to buy the MLB package from Comcast because of her growing passion for the Sox), I inadvertently discovered what may very well be the real reason I am able and determined to watch my beloved Red Sox win or lose, day after day, right down to the hopefully not, bitter (and premature) end: the opportunity to bite my nails without any recrimination or frustration by others as to the reason why I'm doing it.
 Moreover, given the understandable tension of the sport's moment, as a fan I would be hard-pressed not to be nervous. And biting one's nails is a reasonably accepted, and semi expected-type normal behavior, especially from a fan watching an extremely stressful, highly competitive, contest, where it's likely there will be any number of slings and arrows of potentially outrageous fortune. Furthermore, given the emotional stakes fans have invested in their team's winning, especially Championships (in whatever Conference, Division, League, etc. you value), how does one not bite their nails?
 So that's what I do, I bite my nails. It's normal, almost. Under these circumstances, it's sort of what people/fans do. It's all the other times when I bite my nails — constantly, which are not normal, not expected and not reasonable (and rarely tolerated, I may add). But under these unique, sports-related circumstances, my nail biting is hardly noticed, hardly mentioned and rarely a topic of conversation, unlike every other moment when it is noticed, mentioned, etc. No wonder I love being a fan, it's the one time where my abnormalities are considered normal. Some call it fanaticism, I call it nirvana.
 Kenny Lourie is an Advertising Representative for The Almanac & The Connection Newspapers.

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Yorktown Calls Its Own Number in Comeback Win

Halftime position switch propels Patriots over rival W-L.

BY MARK GIANNOTTO
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The Yorktown Patriots trudged to their makeshift locker room within the Washington-Lee cafeteria in more than just unfamiliar territory. Down 7-0 at halftime to a rival the Patriots hadn't lost to since 1982, there was a sense that drastic times called for drastic measures.

That's when Yorktown's star offensive threat, senior Kyle Toulouse, asked coach Bruce Hanson to remove him from under center, where he had been playing quarterback the entire first half.

"We weren't in a rhythm, so I told them to put me at fullback and the rest is history," said Toulouse.

By the rest, Toulouse means the 164 total yards he compiled in the second half, scoring two touchdowns, while leading his Patriots to a come-from-behind 21-14 victory, to extend their winning streak to 27 over Washington-Lee.

"It was Kyle's decision to go to fullback, but I'm going to take credit for it," Hanson said jokingly of Toulouse, who has lined up at every offensive position but the line and plays in the secondary on defense. "Sometimes, the trouble when you play a kid at multiple positions like that is where are you going to play him?"

Moving Toulouse paid almost instant dividends for the Patriots (6-4 overall, 4-2 district), who failed to earn a single first down in the first half. On Yorktown's opening possession of the second half, the Patriots marched down the field on a 15-play, 88-yard drive to even the score at 7-7. It was more yards than they had the entire game up to that point.

But Washington-Lee (5-5, 3-3) would not back down, not after gaining so much confidence a year ago when it lost to Yorktown, 13-7. The Generals came right back thanks to a Toulouse fumble that was recovered by cornerback Robbie Hemstreet.

Three plays later, wide receiver Karl Lendenmann made a diving 39-yard catch that set up a two-yard touchdown run by senior Keith Johnson to give the Generals the lead once again, 14-7.

That's when Toulouse took matters into his own hands. To make up for the fumble, he burst for a 50-yard run down the sideline and then threw a touchdown pass to wide receiver Mike Veith on a designed running back pass with under nine minutes remaining in the fourth quarter.

To cap off the comeback, Sam



After a poor first half at quarterback in last Friday's Arlington County battle against Washington-Lee, Yorktown's Kyle Toulouse (right) asked coach Bruce Hanson (left) to move him to fullback. Hanson agreed and the adjustment worked wonders in the Patriots' comeback behind 21-14 win after Toulouse gained more than 160 yards total yards in the second half.

Nottingham, who took Toulouse's place under center in the second half, connected on a 30-yard pass to Veith that set up a 1-yard touchdown plunge by senior Jared Smith that gave Yorktown a 21-14 lead that it never relinquished.

AFTER W-L's last ditch effort fell short, coach Josh Shapiro could only shake his head at just how close his Generals had come to finally getting that giant monkey off their backs.

"We've closed the gap," said Shapiro of what had been a series full of Yorktown blowouts in the past. "They know we're for real now."

Both teams now move onto the Division Five AAA playoffs, which begin next Friday. W-L will likely travel to face Mount Vernon, a team it lost to by just two points earlier this season. This is the Generals' first playoff appearance since 1975.

Yorktown will likely match up with Madison, who they beat back in September. But for Hanson and the Patriots, the postseason can wait. They're content to bask in the glow of the best comeback in Hanson's 24 years coaching in this Arlington rivalry.

"That was our championship," said Hanson, who remains undefeated against W-L. "We're the Arlington County champions."

Yorktown Volleyball Takes National District

Complete performance caps off dominating district season.

BY MARK GIANNOTTO
THE CONNECTION

Three games, three wins, another dominating performance from National District Player of the Year Elyse Bush, and a district tournament championship, it all just seemed like another day at the gym for the Yorktown volleyball team.

The Patriots made it look easy last Thursday night, defeating Edison 25-14, 25-22, 27-25, to win the National District Tournament and move onto the Northern region championships next week.

It capped off a dominating district season for Yorktown (12-7 overall, 11-0), which hasn't dropped a game during district play. The Patriots have now won 12 of their past 13 matches, and could be a potential sleeper pick in the region tournament that is expected to be dominated by Concorde and Liberty district teams.

Leading the way has been Bush, who had a game-high 17 kills against Edison, two nights after registering 28 kills against

rival Washington-Lee in the semifinal round. Known for her all-around game, Bush also chipped in with 13 digs on defense and three aces while serving. For the season, Bush now has a remarkable 332 kills.

But this was no one-girl show. Junior Courtney Duran had six kills and 10 digs, senior Shannon Briggs had four kills, and freshman Ashley Rock finished with five kills and five digs.

After starting the regular season 0-6, it's

been the development of everyone around Bush that has coach Britanie Stowell excited.

"I think as our season has progressed, we've gotten a lot more balanced," Stowell said. "I think (Elyse) is a huge presence on the court and we need her to play well to win, but we're definitely a team."

The other district coaches have taken notice, too. Joining Bush as first team all-district was Duran, who had more than 140 digs this year. Senior Libby Kane was also named to the second team.

Still, Bush is the catalyst for it all. When she's playing well, the team responds. It's a responsibility of which she's fully aware.

Against Edison, the Patriots grew lax after winning the first two games of the match. After leading 20-17,

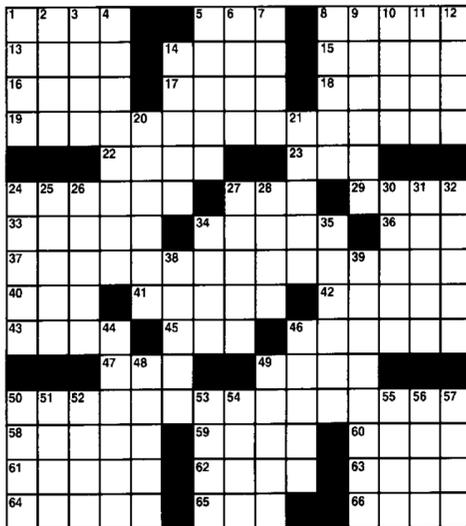
Yorktown junior Elyse Bush was the catalyst all season for the National District champion Patriots, averaging more than 17 kills a match.



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- 35 Many a bridesmaid
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- 48 Dancer Gregory
- 49 Actor Luke
- 50 Bell —
- 51 Butter substitute
- 52 Race track shape
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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



Eric Latcheran and his mom, Gina, attended the annual meeting of the ARC of Northern Virginia.

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them into a group home or an apartment or what have you. Let the money follow them so they can be successful."

One of the ways that the ARC has been advocating for people with intellectual disabilities is to try to reduce the stigma that is often attached to them. Del. Chuck Caputo (D-67), a close ally of the ARC, introduced a bill into the General Assembly earlier this year that would change Virginia's official classification from "mentally retarded" to "intellectually disabled."

"It will be a significant milestone and will go a long way to remove the stigma of being labeled retarded," Caputo said. He ac-

knowledged that funding for Virginians with intellectual disabilities is "terrible" and said that the state needs to do more to help them with housing "so people can live in areas of their choosing."

"It's a big issue for me," Caputo said, "Because I've met people who are success stories." Just then, Eric Latcheran walked by and Caputo greeted him. The two are close friends through their work with The ARC. It's these kinds of interactions that The ARC provides for Eric, his mother said. "The biggest thing for him is to help him understand how his community works," she said. "It gives him an opportunity to meet politicians."

Police Chase Ends At Airport

A man suspected of stealing two vehicles led police on a 20-minute pursuit last week that ended after his car crashed into a concrete barrier at Reagan National Airport.

Throughout the pursuit, Gerald Lee McCall, 25, of Temple Hills, Md. crashed into several vehicles, including a police car and a Metro bus, according to a State Police statement, but no injuries were reported as a result of the incident. McCall is being charged with multiple felonies, including one count of auto larceny, one count of eluding police and one count of assault on a police officer.

The pursuit began at approximately 8 a.m. on Oct. 30 when two state troopers observed a 1997 Ford F-150 pickup truck driving in reverse on an I-395 ramp in Fairfax County near Edsall Road. When police stopped the truck, according to the statement, McCall suddenly sped off on the northbound HOV lanes of I-395. State police checked the license plate of the vehicle and found that it had been stolen out of Alexandria in August of this year.

State police immediately began pursuing the truck. McCall led them to the Shirlington area where, according to the statement, he collided with another vehicle

and a police car. McCall then exited the vehicle and began fleeing on foot. According to State Police, McCall attempted to carjack a nearby vehicle but was unsuccessful.

He then continued into the woods, successfully carjacked another vehicle from an apartment complex and drove it southbound on the George Washington Memorial Parkway, according to the statement. After crossing both the parkway's median and the Mount Vernon Trail bike path, the vehicle drove into Reagan National Airport.

After driving past the airport's "Departure" ramp, a state police sergeant forced the suspect's vehicle into a concrete barrier. The suspect suffered minor injuries and was treated at Fairfax INOVA Hospital.

Corrine Geller, a state police spokesperson, called it a "significant" and "fairly unique" pursuit because it involved multiple jurisdictions, a carjacking and a Metro Bus. While state troopers are trained to handle these kinds of incidents, she said, "It's not something that we're involved in every day."

McCall is currently being held at the Alexandria Detention Center. Alexandria Police are investigating the incidents that followed his crash into the Metro bus.

-DAVID SCHULTZ

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