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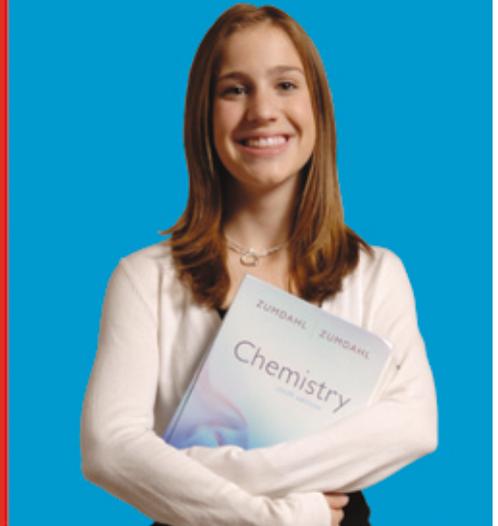
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Food Pantry Calls on Companies

Loudoun Interfaith asks for food that would otherwise be thrown out.

As the number of people needing help grows under the faltering economy, Loudoun Interfaith Relief Inc.'s food pantry is asking businesses to help out by donating the food they are currently throwing away.

The interdenominational nonprofit, which operates the largest food pantry in the county, held a press conference Monday morning with Rep. Frank Wolf (R-10) to reach out to local businesses and let them know about the Good Samaritan Food Donation Act of 1996. The federal law protects donors to nonprofit organizations from liability for any harm the donation might cause, barring "gross negligence" or "intentional misconduct."

LOUDOUN INTERFAITH RELIEF executive director Bonnie Inman said bruised fruit, day-old pastries and meat that is donated and frozen on its expiration date can provide valuable sustenance to people in need. She also said the organization has

staffers who are certified food handlers and will vet any donations.

Additionally, the food pantry is asking grocery stores for a discount when it has to buy food for lack of donations.

"It's just staggering, the number of people coming through the door, who I'm sure never expected to be coming into a food pantry," Inman said. She said clientele for the 2007-2008 fiscal year was up 14 percent from the previous year and was expected to keep growing. "It used to be, a busy day was serving 35 families. Now, a normal day is serving 50 to 55 families in a shift," she said.

Donate

To get onto Loudoun Interfaith Relief Inc.'s food pickup route or to make a donation, call 703-777-5911. Checks can be sent to 750 Miller Drive, Suite A-1, Leesburg, VA 20175. Food donations can be dropped off at that address, between 9:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday and from 1 to 2 p.m. on Saturdays.

Inman said the face of the typical food pantry user had changed this year. "The person coming through the door is someone who probably is working, but isn't able to stretch a dollar as far as they used to be able to stretch it," she said.

Meanwhile, supply is down. "Supply and demand are not on equal ground," Inman said. She said the organization's allotment of food from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has been low for nine months while the recent Farm Bill has been debated and late summer is a perennially slow time for donations.

Inman pointed out that not only grocery stores and restaurants could add themselves to Loudoun Interfaith's pickup route, but



Rep. Frank Wolf (R-10) visits Loudoun Interfaith Relief Inc.'s food pantry Monday morning.

also hospitals, schools and any other businesses that have cafeterias.

She said the organization especially needs juice, cereal, canned meats and canned

fruits and vegetables, but can make use of any food donations. "We can always use money, too," she added.

— MIKE DICICCO

Warner, Gilmore Debate

Senate candidates criticize each other's gubernatorial records.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE
THE CONNECTION

Former governors Jim Gilmore (R) and Mark Warner (D) portrayed their contest for the U.S. Senate as a choice between honesty and effectiveness at a Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce debate Sept. 18.

The two candidates are vying to replace 30-year incumbent Sen. John Warner (R), who announced his retirement in late 2007. John Warner and Mark Warner are not related. Voters will choose a new senator in the general election Nov. 4.

of "getting results" as governor during the debate at the Capital One complex in McLean.

He stressed the importance of a bipartisan approach and said he had received the support of several Republicans — like former delegate and state house budget committee chair Vince Callahan (R-35) — in his bid for the U.S. Senate.

"The same old partisan politics won't get it done," Warner said.

When the Democrat entered the commonwealth's highest executive office in 2002, Warner said he "inherited the largest budget shortfall in Virginia's history" from Gilmore, who had immediately proceeded Warner as governor.

In order to get the commonwealth back on the right financial track, Warner said he had to "reach across the aisle" to Republicans, who were in control of the state legislature. During Warner's time in office, Virginia was named the "best managed state in the country," he said.

"The same old partisan politics won't get it done."

— **Gov. Mark Warner, Democratic candidate for U.S. Senate**

MARK WARNER emphasized his record

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Biden Focuses on Women

Vice presidential candidate reaches out to female voters.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE
THE CONNECTION

With her short-cropped gray hair, Donna Lutz fits the profile of a Hillary Clinton supporter.

The Ashburn resident is old enough to collect Social Security. A retired teacher, Lutz has four granddaughters and is concerned about the rising cost of college tuition.

But Lutz, who wore a "Hillary Supporter for Obama" button, never considered voting for Republican presidential nominee John McCain after Clinton lost in the Democratic primary. The Arizona senator certainly did not sway her with his vice presidential pick of Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin.

"She doesn't represent women," Lutz

said of Palin. "I was a strong Hillary supporter but I was not voting for Hillary just because she was woman."

Several women attending Democratic vice presidential candidate Sen. Joe Biden's rally in Sterling's Claude Moore Park Sept. 19 shared Lutz's opinion.

"Anyone who agreed with Hillary on the issues could not jump ship," April Elliot of Reston said.

"It is more important to me what the values of the people running for office are. These people have the right positions for my issues," Sterling resident Pam Dilbeck said of Biden and presidential candidate Barack Obama.

BIDEN DREW A fraction of the crowd Palin and McCain did during a public appearance in the City of Fairfax the previous week. But the Delaware senator seemed undeterred and focused on female voter outreach at the Sterling event.

A few local female elected officials introduced the vice presidential candidate.

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Schools to Contract Repairs

After the Jamestown Fort in the tot lot area of Discovery Park burned down in late May, the residents who had spearheaded the playground's construction had hoped to have neighborhood volunteers rebuild the fort, much the way the park was originally built.

However, Loudoun County Public Schools has decided to contract the work out, and reconstruction is expected to begin in about a month. Once the playground was completed, responsibility for maintenance fell on the school system and the repairs are being covered by the schools' insurance policy.

— MIKE DICICCO

Input Sought on Water

Wednesday, Sept. 24, at 6:30 p.m., Loudoun Water staff will present and seek public input on a water supply plan to meet future growth in eastern Loudoun. The presentation is open to the general public and will be held at Loudoun Water's Administrative Office, 44865 Loudoun Water Way in Ashburn. Directions are available at www.loudounwater.org.

It is estimated that 40 million additional gallons per day (mgd) will be needed to meet future growth in eastern Loudoun by the year 2040. Loudoun Water staff and consultants have examined the possible solutions and come up with two main options: buy the additional 40 mgd from Fairfax Water, Loudoun Water's current provider, or build a combination water treatment plant and raw water storage system, using the Potomac River as the source. Staff representatives will illustrate both options and discuss the evaluation criteria, such as cost, environmental impact and public acceptance. Immediately following the presentation the floor will be open for questions and discussion. Loudoun Water plans to make a final decision, using input from this and other stakeholder meetings, later this year.

BRMC Hearing Rescheduled

The Loudoun County Planning Commission's public hearing on the proposed Broadlands Regional Medical Center scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 25, has been rescheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 15. The time and place will remain the same 6 p.m., at Eagle Ridge Middle School, 42901 Waxpool Road, Ashburn.

The Planning Commission is considering land development applications for the proposed facility, which would be located on a parcel of land south of the Dulles Greenway, east of Belmont Ridge Road, and north of Broadlands Boulevard.

Anyone who previously signed up to speak at the September hearing will have his or her name and sign-up number retained for the hearing in October. Speakers may also sign up at the hearing or in advance by calling the Planning Department at 703-777-0246. Written comments are welcomed at any time and may be sent to the Planning Commission, 1 Harrison St., S.E., third floor, mailstop 62, Leesburg, VA 20177, or by e-mail to loudounpc@loudoun.gov.

Checkpoint Nets Three

A sobriety checkpoint held Friday, Sept. 19, saw three motorists arrested for driving under the influence. The checkpoint, held at the intersection of Ashburn Village Boulevard and Rainsboro Drive, saw 623 vehicles pass through. A total of 24 vehicles were further screened. Three motorists were charged with DUI. Another motorist was charged with driving without a license.

Shred Event Success

A free event to recycle old paper documents and confidential files safely and securely saw more than 5 tons of documents shredded to reduce the risk of identity theft. The Loudoun Sheriff's Office Community Policing Unit held the event in conjunction with the CountrySide Proprietary and the Cascades Homeowners Association to raise awareness that shredding important files such as old checks, bank statements and pay stubs can help reduce the chances of becoming a victim of identity theft or fraud.

Members of the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office Financial Crimes Unit and Crime Prevention Specialists were also at the event to answer questions from residents regarding identity theft.

HEALTH



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The ribbon is cut on Inova Loudoun Hospital's new wing.

Increasing Services

Inova Loudoun Hospital, at 44045 Riverside Parkway in Leesburg, held a ribbon-cutting ceremony for its new, state-of-the-art, 11,600-square-foot Intensive Care Unit and 6,000-square-foot full-service Respiratory Therapy Department Wednesday, Sept. 10. Both the ICU and the respiratory therapy department will be located on the second floor of a recently constructed 65,000-square-foot, four-story addition called the West Wing. The Inova Loudoun Hospital bed count will go from 155 beds to 167 beds with the new units.

"Inova Loudoun Hospital is committed to its

community's needs, providing excellent care, expertise and service," Randy Kelley, CEO, Inova Loudoun Hospital, said in a press release. "It's about promises made, promises delivered, which is why we're excited to offer this new Intensive Care Unit and Respiratory Therapy facilities."

The 12-bed ICU features ceiling-mounted medical equipment booms in patients' rooms, which give staff 360-degree access to the patient.

The ICU features a family waiting area, private full bath and private consultation room, full kitchen for patients and families, patient rooms with ceiling-

mounted patient lifts as well as flat-screen televisions with DVD players and full staff and physicians lounges. ICU patient admissions are expected to begin in late October.

The Respiratory Therapy Department will cover both Emergency Departments, manage breathing treatments and critical-care needs as well as sleep apnea conditions, including monitoring how well a patient is oxygenating and providing patient education. The new department will also include four workstations, conference room, blood/gas laboratory, a staff lounge, ventilator storage and an equipment cleaning room.

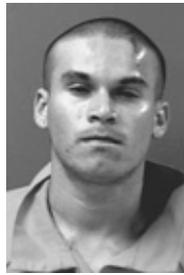
The additional three floors are scheduled to open at later dates, including a lab and pharmacology unit on the first floor and a 14-bed pediatric unit on the third floor set to open in October.



ICU nurse Cathy Staats demonstrates the patient lifts that are in each ICU room.

DNA Leads to Suspect

Morales-Mancia was known to Loudoun courts, but under different names.



Martin Jose Morales-Mancia

DNA evidence led investigators to identify Martin Jose Morales-Mancia, 24, of no fixed address, as their suspect in the rape of a female senior citizen on Aug. 29, according to court documents.

An affidavit for a warrant to collect Morales-Mancia's DNA states that evidence was collected at Fairfax Hospital, where the victim was treated and sent to Northern Virginia Forensic Lab. On Sept. 5, the lab alerted investigators to a match with Morales-Mancia's DNA, collected during a previous stay in the Loudoun County jail.

"In general, when you're brought into jail, DNA is taken," said Kraig Troxell, Sheriff's Office spokesman.

In the midst of a manhunt, authorities released Morales-Mancia's name and photographs to the public Thursday, Sept. 11. He turned himself in Sunday, Sept. 14 and is being held without bond.

THE SUSPECT appears to have been tried under two different names earlier this year, and, upon releasing his identity, the Sheriff's Office indicated that

he also went by Arnold or Jose. On Jan. 15, a Jose Morales-Mancia was tried for misdemeanor assault, destruction of property and entering a property to do damage. The court reached a disposition of nolle prosequi on all three charges, meaning the prosecution chose not to pursue the case for lack of evidence, but reserved the right to reindict the defendant.

On June 17, an Arnold Josue Morales-Mancilla was tried on charges of assault and battery, destruction of property, resisting arrest and hindering a deputy sheriff. He was found guilty on all counts except the charge of resisting arrest, which was nolle prossed.

Asked why officers or the court had not simply taken Morales-Mancia's name from his driver's license, Troxell said he was not sure the suspect had a license. Troxell said the Sheriff's Office was working with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) to look into Morales-Mancia's residency status, but he said the suspect would not be turned over to ICE until he had served his time for the current charges, should he be found guilty. He is facing charges of sexual assault by force and burglary with intent to commit a felony.

ON AUG. 29, he allegedly entered a residence on Ironwood Road in Sterling, where he bran

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Calling Records into Question

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When deciding, voters should ask themselves, “Who left the state in a better spot at the end of their term?” Warner said.

GILMORE DENIED Warner’s characterization of the Virginia’s financial health at the end of Gilmore’s term. He said he had not left the state with a budget deficit, though he never offered a detailed explanation of why Warner was wrong during the debate.

Instead, Gilmore stressed that he had “kept his word” as an elected official. The Republican promised to cut taxes as governor and ended up lowering them by \$1.5 billion across the state. Warner, by contrast, ended up raising taxes on Virginia residents, even though the Democrat had said he would not do so, according to Gilmore.

“It isn’t just a matter of getting things done. It is what you get done,” Republican said.

Gilmore also poked fun at Warner’s overtures to bipartisan governance several times during the debate.

“Bipartisanship, Mark, is no substitute for honesty,” he said during his opening remarks.

DURING THE DEBATE, Gilmore looked to tie Warner to Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama, especially on the issue of taxes. If Warner and Obama were elected, a tax increase would come barreling toward Virginians “like a freight train,” Gilmore said.

“I gave tax relief and I gave my word,” as governor, said Gilmore, who reduced the car tax while he has the head of Virginia.

Warner countered that Obama has only proposed raising taxes on the wealthiest Americans and said Warner would not support tax increases on small businesses.

Without putting an end to President George W. Bush’s tax cuts for wealthy



PHOTO BY ROBBIE HAMMER/THE CONNECTION

Democrat Mark Warner and Republican Jim Gilmore participate in a debate sponsored by the Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce at the Capital One Complex in McLean on Sept. 18. The former Virginia governors are running against each other for the U.S. Senate.

Americans, the federal deficit of \$500 trillion would rise and result in an “indirect tax increase” on the middle class because the dollar would worth less, Warner said.

Obama has defined “wealthy Americans” as those households making more than \$250,000 per year, filing jointly.

But Warner said he would want the income bar for tax increases raised to a higher figure.

“\$250,000 may be a bit low. There are lots of dual-earning households in Northern Vir-

ginia who earn that much,” Warner said.

BOTH CANDIDATES, themselves, are worth well over \$250,000.

Warner helped co-found the cellular telephone company Nextel. Gilmore has worked or been on the board of major airlines and pharmaceutical companies. He currently heads USA Secure, a not-for-profit homeland security think tank.

During the debate, Richmond Times-Dispatch columnist Jeff Schapiro identified

Gilmore and Warner as millionaires and asked how the financial crisis — particularly the Wall Street “meltdown” — had affected the candidates personally.

Warner described himself as a “fiscal conservative” with a conservative financial portfolio and said he was “down about 10 to 15 percent.”

Gilmore said he did not know how the current downturn in the market had affected him because he “hadn’t looked at or studied” his portfolio.

Candidate Reaches Out to Women

FROM PAGE 3

Biden’s wife, daughter, sister, granddaughter and daughters-in-law also accompanied him when he appeared on stage.

Fairfax County state Sen. Janet Howell (D-32) said Biden had made a significant difference in the lives of several Virginia women.

Biden was the chief sponsor of the national Violence Against Women Act, which was enacted in 1994. Howell said the federal law brought a lot of help to battered women in Virginia, especially since she and other women had not been able to get a comparable bill passed through the state legislature at the time it was passed.

“We have to have allies and we know who they are,” said Howell.

Howell added that women in Virginia are still in need of help. Women nationally earn 77 cents to every dollar men earn but in the commonwealth the gap is larger. Virginia women only earn 67 cents for every

dollar a man earns, Howell said.

DURING HIS SPEECH, Biden said he knows women are concerned about the recent downturn in the economy, especially since they tend to get hit harder than men do when the country falls on tough economic times.

“Women are the first people hurt, whether they are making minimum wage or working for a major corporation,” Biden said.

The Democrat added that McCain had cast several votes against the best interests of women as a member of the U.S. Congress.

According to Biden, McCain voted against the Violence Against Women Act and the equal pay amendment, which would have provided additional protections for women against workplace discrimination.

Biden also reminded the crowd that McCain, if elected, would be nominating one to three members to the U.S. Supreme Court. McCain is against abortion.



PHOTO BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE/THE CONNECTION

Vice presidential candidate Sen. Joe Biden (D-Del.) speaks at a rally in Claude Moore Park in Sterling.

“[The justices] will be there long after the next president is gone,” Biden said.

He finished by adding, “This country needs to do better by women.”

Several people attending the rally said they were impressed by Biden and learned

more about his record and positions than they knew before.

“I knew more about Obama than Biden. [Coming to the rally] was 100 percent worth it,” Natalie Berko, a West Springfield High School student from Fairfax County, said.

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CRIME REPORT

THURSDAY/SEPT. 25

OPEN HOUSE. 10:30 a.m., at the North Sterling Fire Station in Cascades, 46700 Middlefield Drive. The MOMS Club of Sterling hosts an open house for current and potential members, includes a tour of the fire station and chance to see the fire trucks up close. The MOMS Club of Sterling is a support group designed for at-home mothers including those who work out of their home or part time. This event is open to all current and prospective members. No strollers are allowed due to space concerns. Visit www.geocities.com/sterlingmomsclub or e-mail sterlingmomsclub@yahoo.com.

FRIDAY/SEPT. 26

PINK AID. 6:30 p.m. gates open, 7:30 p.m. game time, Broad Run High, 21670 Ashburn Road, Ashburn. Students will culminate a weeklong breast cancer awareness campaign with a Pink Aid find-raiser at the football game against Briar Woods. Includes raffle, pink cupcakes and competition in the stand between students, parents,

cheerleaders, staff to see who can "be more pink." Proceeds benefit the Susan G. Koman Foundation.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 27

SCHOOL AUCTION. 7-8 p.m., preview, 8 p.m., auction, Briar Woods High School, 22525 Belmont Ridge, Ashburn. PTSO will hold a live auction, includes fine art, sports memorabilia, music memorabilia and more. Admission: \$10 per person, \$15 per couple. For tickets and information, contact Joseph Arsenault, 703-725-6279 or e-mail arsenaultjp@aol.com.

CHARITY RIDE. 8 a.m., registration and breakfast at Shenanigan's Restaurant, 538 E. Market St., Leesburg; 10 a.m., ride begins. Ride For the Most Good to benefit the Salvation Army of Loudoun County. Riders leave Shenanigan's and travel to Winchester Harley Davidson then back. Includes raffle. Cost: \$20 registration fee, \$10 for an additional rider, includes breakfast and lunch. Contact Frank Holtz, 703-727-5735. Blessing of the Bikes takes place Sept. 28, at Leesburg United Methodist Church, services will begin at

approximately 9:15 a.m., 10:45 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.

HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION.

8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Stone Bridge High School, 43100 Hay Road, Ashburn. The Office of Solid Waste Management will host a household hazardous waste (HHW) collection event. For tips on identifying HHW, visit www.loudoun.gov/hhw or call 703-777-0187.

TUESDAY/SEPT. 30

INFORMATION SESSION. 5:30 p.m., at the Leesburg Police Department, 65 Plaza Street N.E., Leesburg. The Loudoun County Re-entry Advisory Committee hosts a re-entry information session to provide information about available services to assist recently released adult offenders, ages 18 and over, with transition back into the community. Spouses and immediate family members of those who have been released, or will be released soon, are also invited to attend. Free, but registration is required. Contact Kaye Wallace, criminal justice analyst, at 703-737-8234.

The following incidents were reported by the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office. This report is not all-inclusive for cases reported.

PEEPING TOM

45100 block Gayton Terrace, Ashburn. Sept. 22, 12:30 a.m. A resident reported seeing an unknown subject outside of the window. The complainant said he yelled at the subject and he took off on foot. The subject was only described as wearing dark clothing with a possible hooded sweatshirt. A K9 unit conducted a ground search with an aerial search from the Fairfax County Police helicopter. No one was located.

LARCENY

43800 block Laburnum Square, Ashburn. Sept. 22, 12:01-4:45 a.m. Unknown subject(s) entered a vehicle and removed a GPS unit. A passenger window was damaged to gain entry. Value: \$400.

20700 block Golden Ridge Drive, Ashburn. Sept. 21, 5:43 p.m. An unknown subject entered a model home and removed flat-screen television. The model home was unlocked when an employee of Pulte Homes observed a subject leaving the home with a television. The subject ran back inside. When deputies arrived no one was found inside the home and the television was located.

Lowery Court, Sterling. Sept. 19, 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Unknown subject(s) removed a gas grill from the rear of a residence. Value: \$309.

TAMPERING WITH A VEHICLE

43200 block Highgrove Terrace, Ashburn. Sept. 21, 12:30 p.m.- 3:30 a.m. Unknown subject(s) entered a vehicle and removed an MP3 player and some change. Value: \$300.

21000 block Dulles Town Circle, Sterling. Sept. 19, 4:30 p.m.-12:23 a.m. Unknown subject(s) entered a vehicle by damaging a passenger-side window and removed a car compact-disc stereo and miscellaneous paperwork. Value: \$350.

DUI/PURSUIT

Dulles Center Boulevard/Atlantic Boulevard, Sterling. Sept. 21, 2:05 a.m. A deputy observed a vehicle driving erratically on Route 28. The deputy initiated a traffic stop and the vehicle failed to stop. The vehicle continued to drive before stopping on Palmer Court where both the driver and a passenger fled on foot. The driver, a 27-year-old male of Herndon, was apprehended and charged with obstruction of justice, disregarding a signal to stop, DUI, driving on a revoked license and refusal. The passenger was not located. The driver remained held without bond.

Route 7/Presidential Drive, Ashburn. Sept. 19, 11:14 p.m. A deputy conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle. The driver stopped, but then put the vehicle into gear and drove away. The deputy initiated a pursuit and the vehicle came to a stop in the area of George Washington Boulevard where the driver fled on foot. A perimeter was established and a K9 unit responded to the scene. The driver, a 26-year-old male of Ashburn, was located. He was charged with DUI, disregarding a signal to stop, driving without a license, refusal and reckless driving.

CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

Send announcements or events, which are open to the public at no or minimal cost, to *The Loudoun Connection*, 7913 Westpark Drive, McLean, VA 22102 or e-mail loudoun@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Friday, two weeks before the event. Photos/artwork encouraged. For more information, call 703-917-6454.

"Watching your Wallet" a financial support group meeting will be held Wednesday, **Sept. 24**, for people who

make good money but never have any to spend. Subjects include spending personalities, teenage budgeting and money compromises. Watching your Wallet will meet, at 12:30 p.m., in Lansdowne Office Park at Centaurus, 19465 Deerfield Avenue, Suite 210, across from Inova Loudoun Hospital and 7:30 p.m., at Arcola United Methodist Church, White Chapel, 24757 Evergreen Mills Road, Arcola. RSVP Julie at 703-406-2727 or e-mail jacooper@ProfitProfiler.com.

The English Conversation Group is an informal conversation circle for non-native speakers to practice speaking English. This is not a class, but an opportunity to meet new people, share your culture and have fun. Only English will be spoken and all levels are welcome. Recommended for adults. Ashburn Library, 43316 Hay Road, Wednesdays, **Oct. 1 and 8**, at 7 p.m., and Tuesday, **Oct. 21**.

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NEWS

Suspect No Stranger to Courts

FROM PAGE 5

dished a knife and raped the victim.

Troxell said officers had tried to determine whether Morales-Mancia was also responsible for the recent rash of incidents involving peeping and breaking and entering across eastern Loudoun and Leesburg, but he said no connection had been

"In general, when you're brought into jail, DNA is taken."
— Kraig Troxell, Sheriff's Office spokesman

established and all of those cases remained open. No similar incidents, in which the perpetrator often entered a woman's bedroom and sometimes touched her, has occurred since Morales-Mancia's arrest, although an apparent peeping was reported Monday night.

— MIKE DICICCO

FAITH NOTES

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On Saturday, **Sept. 27**, at 4:30-8:30 p.m., **All Dulles Area Muslim Society** (ADAMS) will hold the 7th Annual Interfaith Peace Gathering at the ADAMS Center, 46903 Sugarland Road, Sterling, in remembrance of the victims of the World Trade Center and Pentagon attacks. Interfaith groups will be represented and speaking at this event. ADAMS will also be honoring local police and fire departments for their continuous community service. Local government officials will also be speaking at this event. Visit www.adamscenter.org.

Congregation Sha'are Shalom, 19357 Evergreen Mills Road, Leesburg, will hold free study sessions in preparation for Rosh HaShanah (the new year) and Yom Kippur (the day of atonement). The Jewish High Holy Days ("yamim noraim" or days of awe) start with Rosh Hashanah, Monday evening, Sept. 29, which marks the beginning of the year 5769, and end with Yom Kippur, a 25-hour fast, which will begin Oct. 8, Wednesday, at 6:15 p.m. The final session takes place Saturday, **Sept. 27**, 8-9 p.m., Selichot: The Gates are Opening, an evening of prayer, study and spiritual preparation beginning with havdalah, continuing with selichot (prayers for forgiveness), and concluding with a brief study of the Rosh Hashanah liturgy.

Call Congregation Sha'are Shalom at 703-737-6500 or write to CSS at P.O. Box 4518, Leesburg, VA 20177-8577. Visit Congregation Sha'are Shalom on the Internet at www.sha-areshalom.org.

The 10:30 a.m. service Sunday, **Sept. 28**, at the **Unitarian Universalists of Sterling** will be led by seminarian and guest preacher, Shelly Paige. UUS meets every Sunday at 10:30 a.m., at the Sterling Oaks Commerce Center at 22135 Davis Drive. Visit uusterling.org or call 703-406-3068.

Leesburg United Methodist Church, in cooperation with the Northern Virginia Christian Riders, Chapter 348 of the Christian Motorcyclists Association, will conduct a Blessing of the Bikes after each of its three morning worship services Sunday, **Sept. 28**. Pastor Jim Wishmyer will preside in brief services held in the parking lot directly across from the church, located at 107 W. Market St. The services, which will begin at approximately 9:15 a.m., 10:45 a.m. and 12:15 p.m., will include blessings and prayers for the riders, their families and their motorcycles. All motorcyclists are welcome to attend.

Congregation Sha'are Shalom, Loudoun County's Conservative synagogue, has announced its schedule for High Holy Day services for the Jewish year 5769. The High Holy Days mark the beginning of the Jewish New Year for 5769 and start with Rosh Hashanah (the beginning of the year) at 7:30 p.m., Monday, **Sept. 29**. Services will be held the first and second days of the holiday Tuesday, **Sept. 30** and Wednesday, **Oct. 1**. Services each day begin at 9 a.m. Yom Kippur (day of atonement) services begins with Kol Nidrei (all vows) at 6:15 p.m., Wednesday, **Oct. 8**, and resume at 9 a.m., Thursday, **Oct. 9**. A break-the-fast will be held after the conclusion of Yom Kippur services around 7:20 p.m., Thursday.

All services and events are held at Congregation Sha'are Shalom, 19357 Evergreen Mills Road, Leesburg. Non-members can reserve tickets by calling the synagogue at 703-737-6500 or by downloading the reservation forms at

www.sha-areshalom.org.

Potomac Falls Anglican Church will hold a Blessing of the Animals, Saturday, **Oct. 4**, 10 a.m., at Horizon Elementary School, 46665 Broadmore Drive, Cascades. The Rev. Jack Grubbs invites the community to bring their family pets to receive a blessing and a treat. All pets and stuffed animals are welcome. Pets should be on a leash or in a carrier. The congregation will be collecting old towels and blankets for Loudoun Country Animal Shelter and pet food for Loudoun Interfaith Relief. Call the church office at 703-404-0900 or visit www.potomacfallschurch.org. Potomac Falls Anglican Church meets for services each week, at 10 a.m., at Horizon Elementary School in Cascades.

From Sunday, **Oct. 5-Nov. 16**, **Leesburg United Methodist Church** will engage in a spiritual campaign called "40 Days of Purpose," based on Scripture and the Rev. Rick Warren's best selling book, "The Purpose Driven Life."

In the three Sunday morning worship services, numerous small study groups throughout the week at the church and in host homes, and in individual daily prayer and reading of "The Purpose Driven Life," the congregation and any others who wish to participate will spend six weeks exploring the question, "What on earth am I here for?"

The campaign also will emphasize both short-term and continuing mission projects, in which participants can apply their individual talents in God's service. Children are welcome; activities for those from preschool age through fifth grade will be offered each Sunday evening at the church. Child care will be offered at the small study groups.

The campaign will begin with a kickoff, Saturday, **Oct. 4**, beginning with dinner, at 6 p.m., in the fellowship hall of the church, 107 W. Market St., Leesburg. Call 703-777-2056.

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Impassioned Case

To the Editor:

Sen. Joe Biden made an impassioned case for many important women's issues when he spoke at Claude Moore Park last Friday.

I teach a certification course for professional bookkeepers who are career-minded adults, eager to advance. Most of these students are women in the 35-50 age range, who work long hours, care for children, husband and elderly parents — and then spend several hours a week studying in order to secure their futures.

More and more often I hear of financial distress: not only falling home values, but rising costs of health insurance, loss of benefits at work and sheer desperation at the price of tuition for their young adult children's college. If a layoff occurs, panic sets in. One intelligent, committed mother told me last week that she had been laid off at work and that her family insurance under COBRA would now cost her more than \$1,100 per month.

It is clear to me that proposals by Barack Obama and Joe Biden for affordable health care, reduction of college tuition and a middle-class tax cut are essential to the security of our community.

S. Ann Robinson
Leesburg

Unreasonable and Unnecessary

To the Editor:

As a resident of the Broadlands community I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed site of BRMC [Broadlands Regional Medical Center]. As we have stated at the many public hearings on the topic, the Concerned Citizens of Broadlands (CCB) takes exception to the selection of the Broadlands site based upon its incompatibility with the CPAM and the unmitigated adverse impacts the hospital would have on the character of the neighborhood. Please understand that we are not challenging the right of a property owner to develop the site, we are simply saying that a hospital use represents a significant departure from the unified office park currently allowed, and is completely inconsistent with the legitimate expectations of the residents who live in the Broadlands and who purchased their homes in reliance of the approved concept develop-

ment plan.

I would also point out that the proposed site clearly conflicts with the Countywide Health Care Facilities policy document, which is intended to help guide the location and type of health-care facilities throughout the county. The stated goal of these policies include improving the range and distribution of health-care services in Loudoun County and specifically calls for the development of a hospital in the Dulles South area. It seems completely unreasonable and unnecessary to provide the special exceptions requested by HCA to develop a hospital on the Broadlands site when it so clearly conflicts with these stated goals. ...

The recent decision by the Loudoun County Planning Department to approve HCA's application for a 164-bed hospital in a residential neighborhood is disappointing, but not at all surprising given the history of elected officials and professional staff reversing their decisions without explanation on matters pertaining to HCA.

Lastly, I understand the Broadlands HOA recently announced their support of BRMC. I want to point out that the Broadlands HOA does not speak for me or any other resident of the community. The four resident members may share opinions with those who support the BRMC, but they were never granted the authority to speak on behalf of residents and their decision to support the site was meaningless. They may be experts on trash removal and common-area maintenance, but they are not qualified as land-use attorneys and should not profess to be so.

Mark Booth
Broadlands Resident
<http://www.stopbrmc.com>

Couldn't Disagree More

To the Editor:

I couldn't disagree more with Mr. DeLong's [The Connection, Letter to the Editor, Sept. 17-23] comments regarding the placement of BRMC [Broadlands Regional Medical Center] by the Hospital Corporation of America in the backyard of our existing community hospital. He talks about how we "deserve" more hospital beds, when what we really need is access to all the subspecialty services and high-level care that Fairfax Hospital currently provides for many of our sickest patients, requiring long transportation times and poor access of their families to support them during

their hospitalization. In order to attract our own cadre of 24/7 neurosurgeons, cardiothoracic surgeons, pediatric surgeons, etc., we need to achieve a critical mass of patients in one geographic location for them to justify devoting their practice entirely to our patient population. That goes for other service lines as well, including specialized ICUs for those patients, interventional cardiology, and so on. If we "split the electorate" by putting two hospitals four miles apart, neither will achieve that necessary critical mass, and we'll likely need to pull back from plans to expand existing services at Loudoun Hospital, such as a new Women's Health Center, due to the resulting financial consequences. I have practiced medicine in this community for the past 14 years and seen a lot of things change, but never with such impressive strides as the last five years, which have included the opening of the Birthing Inn and Cornwall ER, the expansion of our existing ER, the creation of the Pediatric, Adult and Obstetric Hospitalist services, the opening of the Heart and Vascular Institute and Cancer Centers at Lansdowne, the opening of a brand new ICU this month and a new inpatient pediatric unit this winter, among other advances. ... Mr. DeLong refers to "healthy competition" as if it were some panacea for problems to access to health care, completely ignoring the effects of onerous state and federal regulations, ever-decreasing insurance reimbursement to hospitals and the ever-increasing problems of the uninsured and underinsured in the health-care system. ... It is important to note, however, that the revenues from for-profit hospitals are

used in large part to pay shareholder dividends. In a nonprofit, those revenues are by definition reinvested locally in the expansion of services provided by that community hospital.

With regard to Mr. DeLong's personal issues with taking his children to the local ER, I have seen the numbers regarding wait times and turn-around times (as have the community in our local newspapers) and they have steadily decreased to the point that they are the pride of the Inova Healthcare system. While no visit to an ER is a pleasant one, the patient satisfaction scores of Loudoun's Emergency Department are consistently good. Mind you, there's always going to be the occasion when a bad flu season backs up the ER with inpatients or when one or two critically ill patients in the department make everyone else go the back of the line, as it were; but from personal experience treating patients in the ER these last 14 years, I can tell you that the improvements in customer services have been impressive. ...

Another unmentioned issue in Mr. DeLong's editorial is the critical national shortage we have of highly qualified nurses and medical technology personnel. Opening BRMC would not only siphon-off patient volume from our existing community hospital, but it would also create unhealthy competition for a stable and well-trained hospital staff. ...

When Loudoun's next hospital is built, the Route 50 corridor is the next logical location according to the CPAM previously adopted by our county leaders.

Anne Brown, MD
Ashburn Farm



PHOTO BY ROBBIE HAMMER/THE CONNECTION

Snapshot Richard Enrico of Ashburn competes in the 200-meter run at the Thomas Jefferson Community Center during the opening day of the 2008 Northern Virginia Senior Olympics Saturday, Sept. 20. Enrico won his heat.

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Elzbieta Sikorska will exhibit prints and drawings at the Loudoun Campus of Northern Virginia Community College from Sept. 22-Oct. 17, including "Wilbeest," a large mixed media drawing.

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Sarah Huntington's exhibit, "In Their Own Voices," is on display at the George Washington Virginia Campus Entrance Gallery. The Entrance Gallery is located in Building 2 at the GW Virginia Campus, 44983 Knoll Square, Ashburn. Free and open to the public. Call 703-726-3650.

Art exhibitions at local libraries throughout **September and October** include at Ashburn Library, world photography by Dean Villanueva and at Cascades Library, photography by Mary Kaye Mason.

Gallery Two at 222 will host a special exhibit of paintings by artist Helen Wiegand titled **Spiritual Relatives through Sept. 26**. Wiegand's work focuses on figurative forms and their relationships to one another.

Gallery two is co-located with Gallery 222 at 222 South King St., Leesburg. Both galleries are components of the Loudoun Academy of the Arts Foundation, a 501(c) 3 Visual Arts Center which offers fine art instruction, gallery exhibitions and studio space for working artists. The galleries are open Mondays-Saturdays, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and by appointment. Visit www.gallery222.com or call 703-777-5498.



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An aerial view taken by helicopter of this year's corn maize, which features a giant birthday cake and a logo of the 250th anniversary of Leesburg.

To Go

The 2008 corn maize is open Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, Sept. 26-Nov. 2.
Hours: Friday, 4-10 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.-10 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Daytime Admission: Ages 3-11: \$8; Ages 12 and older: \$10; children 2 and under free. Seniors (55+): \$8
Barnyard Fun activities only: \$5
Nighttime Admission: Fridays and Saturdays 6-10 p.m. only; Ages 3-11 is \$6; children 12 and older is \$8; children 2 and under is free; seniors (55+) is \$6.
Web site: www.nvrpa.org
Group rates: www.nvrpa.org/parks/themaize

Get Lost in the Maize

Temple Hall Farm Regional Park's Corn Maize opens this weekend.

BY STEVE HIBBARD
THE CONNECTION

Reminiscent of strolling through elaborately-designed hedge gardens in England, the 2008 corn maize officially opens at Temple Hall Farm Regional Park, a 286-acre farm off Route 15, this weekend. Now in its ninth season, the farm is open three days a week: Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, from Sept. 25 to Nov. 2. This year, the corn maize is 24 acres in a design celebrating Leesburg's 250th anniversary.

"**IT'S FUN** to get lost," Kelly Weddington, park ranger, said. "We have numbered signs along the maize and there's a passport this year that we've added."

For those new to the experience, the passports pose clues via questions and answers on a variety of subjects. Passport topics include the 250th anniversary of the Town of Leesburg, the subject of Boy Scouting, Girl Scouting and 4-H. Depending on the answer, visitors can turn right or left at different intersections inside the maize.

For example, there's the question, "Who owns the Potomac River?" 1.) Virginia (turn left); 2.) Maryland (turn right); 3.) Both (turn right). The answer is "B" Maryland. If visitors get lost, there are numbered posts and park staff called "Corn Cops" stationed along the route to guide them through.

The daytime maize is separate from the night maize experience. Although it's not lit up at night, visitors can bring flashlights along.

The Challenge is somewhat "moderately difficult" said Weddington, who says the older the visitor, it seems, the more assistance they'll need. "It's certainly a lot of fun," she added.

This year's maize design features a giant birthday cake and a logo of the 250th anniversary of Leesburg. In past years, the maize has celebrated the return of baseball to Washington, D.C., the centennial of flight and the return of Coach Joe Gibbs to the Washington Redskins. It is made entirely of real corn that grows in the ground and acts as a hedge, said Brian Bauer, marketing and communication director. The land was plowed in early summer and the corn was planted in June.

A Utah company spent two days marking off the trails and spraying herbicide chemicals to control the growth of the corn.

After the maize season is over, the corn is used as animal feed for the farm animals at Temple Hall Farm.

"It's fun to get lost."

— Kelly Weddington, Temple Hall Farm Regional Park, park ranger

Directions

From Beltway I-495 Tysons Corner, take Route 7 or Route 267 (Toll Road) west to Leesburg. Take Route 15 North toward Frederick. Go five miles. Turn right on Route 661 (Limestone School Road), 3/4 mile to entrance on left.

FOR PEOPLE living in the more traffic-congested parts of the county, the trip to Temple Hall Farm is a fun family outing — a reminder of days gone by. "I really think it's kind of like you can leave a congested area like Fairfax, and in a short amount of time, you can be at this actual real-life working farm," Bauer said. "And that's not something you're going to find within Fairfax proper."

The farm is operated by the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority and has 18 acres of pumpkins and gourds. Visitors can take hay rides, shoot the corn cannon, ride the cow train, bounce on the cow belly bounce or take a pony ride. There are Barnyard Fun Activities available Saturdays and Sundays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. They include goats, cows, chickens, pigs, turkeys, a llama and 14 horses, ranging from Percheron and Shire draft horses, which pull wagon rides, plow the gardens and provide subjects for the interpretive programs.

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Tuscarora Mill Restaurant, 203 Harrison St., Leesburg, is hosting a wine and cheese dinner, Wednesday **Sept. 24**, 7 p.m. Cost: \$95 per

person. Call 703-771-9300 or visit www.tuskies.com.

Wine country bus tours to **Fabbioli Cellars and Lost Creek Winery**, Saturday, **Sept. 27**. The Washington Wine Academy, in conjunction with Reston Limousine, offers winery tours. There are three pick-up locations and gourmet boxed lunch options. Cost: \$35 per person, \$50 per person with lunch. Call 703-478-0500, Ext. 1 or visit <http://www.washingtonwineacademy.org/wine-tours.htm#Tour1>.

CALENDAR

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WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 24

CASINO TRIP. The Senior Center at Cascades Marketplace, 21060 Whitfield Place, will take a trip to Charles Town, W.Va. Includes slots and simulcast horse racing; lunch on own. Cost: \$8 for members, \$10 for nonmembers, includes transportation and \$5 cash back, subject to change. Minimum walking. Call 703-430-2397 for departure and return times and locations.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST. 9-10:30 a.m., Senior Center at Cascades Marketplace, 21060 Whitfield Place, Sterling. Includes buttermilk pancakes, sausage or bacon, coffee and juice. Open to the public. Cost: \$3. Call 703-430-2307.

FLAMBOYANT FALL. 4-5 p.m., Claude Moore Community Center, 46111 Loudoun Park Lane, Sterling. Celebrate the color and weather of fall and enjoy crafts and stories. Cost: \$9; all supplies included. Preregistration required, call 571-258-3500.

BALLET PERFORMANCE. 9:30 a.m., Franklin Park Arts Center, 36441 Blueridge View Lane, Purcellville. Loudoun Ballet Company will perform Sergei Prokofiev's "Peter & the Wolf" in a special, one-time performance specifically to benefit Loudoun's schoolchildren. Cost: \$5 per student. Call the Franklin Performing Arts Center box office at 540-338-7973.

THURSDAY/SEPT. 25

ANIMAL ADOPTION. 4 p.m., Rust Library, 34D Catocin Circle, Leesburg. Learn about adopting and caring for a new dog and meet a friendly dog from Hillcroft Collies. Register online at <http://library.loudoun.gov> or call 703-777-0323.

T-SHIRT TRANSFORMATION. 4 p.m., Sterling Library, 120 Enterprise St., Sterling. Transform a plain T-shirt into something new. Bring as many T-shirts as you would like. Recommended for teens. Register online at <http://library.loudoun.gov> or call 703-430-9500.

TURTLE TIME. 9:30-11 a.m. or 12:30-2 p.m., Claude Moore Park, 21544 Old Vestal's Gap Road, Sterling. Ages 3-6. Meet the two turtles that live in the visitor center, explore the park to find wild ones and make a turtle craft. Cost: \$10.50. 571-258-3700.

TODDLER PICNIC STORY TIME. 12:30 p.m., Ashburn Library, 43316 Hay Road, Ashburn. Bring lunch, no peanut products, listen to stories and play and chat with other toddlers and their parents or caregivers. Ages 1-2 with a parent or caregiver. Visit library.loudoun.gov.

FRIDAY/SEPT. 26

FURRY FRIDAY. 5-7 p.m., Sterling Community Center, 20 Enterprise St., Sterling. Once a month, animals from the Loudoun County Animal Shelter will be at the Sterling Community. Bring the whole family for a real "happy hour" with animals looking for new homes. Visit www.loudoun.gov/animals.

TEEN CENTER. 7-10 p.m., After-Hours Teen Center, Cascades Library, 21030 Whitfield Place, Potomac Falls. Features Hip-Hop Groove. All teens attending the teen center must have a permission slip, signed by a

parent or guardian, on file. Download the permission slip at <http://library.loudoun.gov> go to Teen Scene, Events, Hanging Out Rocks. For middle schoolers.

TODDLER ONE & TWO. 11 a.m., Rust@Catocin Library, 34D Catocin Circle, Leesburg. Stories, rhymes and movement for toddlers on the go. Ages 12-24 months with parent/caregiver. Register online at <http://library.loudoun.gov> or phone 703-777-0323.

NATURE EXPLORERS. 10-11 a.m., Claude Moore Park, 21544 Old Vestal's Gap Road, Sterling. Ages 3-5. Discover the outdoors with a grown-up friend. Look for tracks, listen for birdcalls, look under logs and more, while focusing on turtles. Cost: \$7. 571-258-3700.

JOHNNY APPLESEED. 3:30 p.m., Ashburn Library, 43316 Hay Road, Ashburn. Celebrate Johnny Appleseed's birthday with stories, songs, games and apple tasting. Ages 5-7. Registration begins two weeks before the program. Sign up at library.loudoun.gov or call 703-737-8100.

Film Competition

All Loudoun County public libraries are accepting entries, from Sept. 29-Oct. 10, for a film competition: Book Trailers. Teens can pick up an entry form and borrow a "FLIP" camera in the library to make a mini commercial about a book. Prizes will be awarded and the winning book trailer will be posted to the library's Web site during Teen Read Week, October 12-18. Visit <http://library.loudoun.gov>.

FROM SWANN'S CASTLE to Governor's Mansion: Exploring an Old Southern Estate. 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Morven Park, 17263 Southern Planter Lane, Leesburg. Learn Morven Park's history from 19th century plantation to early 20th century hunt country estate and working farm. Guided tours include exhibits, carriage collection, Confederate huts and outdoor walk around property. Cost: adults \$5, children \$1. Meet at Coach House Visitors Center. Call 703-777-6034.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 27

LURE OF LOUDOUN GALA. 6:30 p.m., River Creek Club, 43800 Olympic Blvd., Leesburg. The Loudoun Museum is hosting the second Lure of Loudoun Gala. A cocktail reception kicks off the night, followed by dinner and dancing. Individual tickets are \$200 and sponsor opportunities range from \$1,000-\$10,000. For tickets, call the Museum at 703-777-7427 or e-mail bfriedmann@loudounmuseum.org.

1918: A LIVING HISTORY PROGRAM on World War I and The Home Front. 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Morven Park, 17263 Southern Planter Lane, Leesburg. Travel back in time to life during the Great War as experienced by World War I-era Virginia Gov. and Mrs. Westmoreland Davis, as portrayed by living history interpreters. Cost: \$5 adults, \$1 children 6-12, free for children under 6. Call 703-777-6034 or visit <http://www.morvenpark.org>.

AUTUMN ARTS & Crafts Festival. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Claude Moore Park, 21544 Old Vestal's Gap Road, Sterling. Includes vendors, tours of the Lanesville House, old-time craft demonstrations, live music and children's crafts. Free. Call 571-258-3700 or visit <http://www.loudoun.gov/claudemoorespark>.

PHOTOGRAPHY EXPO. 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Claude Moore Park, 21544 Old Vestal's Gap Road, Sterling. Learn



Dogs and their owners enjoy the musical entertainment at last year's Barktoberfest. This year's event takes place Sept. 27.

photographic techniques from a panel of speakers, photograph birds of prey provided by the Raptor Conservancy of Virginia, view a special category of nature photographs taken in Loudoun County parks and much more. Entry forms and complete rules are available online. Admission free; \$25 fee for photographing birds of prey. Call 703-303-2650 or visit <http://www.loudoun.gov/claudemoorespark>.

MUSEUM DAY. 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Heritage Farm Museum, 21668 Heritage Farm Lane, Sterling. Smithsonian Magazine Museum Day, present the museum day admission card to receive two free general admission passes at participating museum day locations. The admission card is available in the September 2008 issue of Smithsonian magazine or can be downloaded from www.smithsonianmag.com/museumday. Call 571-258-3800.

SOUNDS OF SUMMER. 6-9:30 p.m., gate opens at 5 p.m., Tarara Winery, 13648 Tarara Lane, Leesburg. Features Junkyard Saints. Cost: \$15 at the gate, \$10 in advance, free for children 6 and under. Call 703-771-7100 or visit www.tarara.com.

BARKTOBERFEST. Noon-6 p.m., Melodee Music Outdoor Amphitheater, 46077 Lake Center Plaza, Sterling. Annual Barktoberfest Music and Pet Lovers Festival, includes live music, treats, games and felines and canines for adoption sponsored by Friends of Homeless Animals. Friendly, leashed pets are welcome, pet owners/handlers will be required to sign a liability waiver upon entry. Visit www.barktoberfest.org or call 703-779-9966.

BENEFIT 5K. Race starts at 9 a.m., 1K Family Fun Run begins at 8:30 a.m., at 21355 Ridgeway Circle, Sterling. Run for the Door 5K race presented by Wells Fargo Home Mortgage; net proceeds benefit Loudoun Habitat for Humanity. Features a live disc jockey, recovery food and drink, children's activities and an awards ceremony. To register or volunteer, visit www.runforthedoor.com or call 301-871-0400.

APPLE FEST. 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Our Savior's Way Lutheran Church, 43115 Waxpool Road, Ashburn. Celebration will include children's games and activities, bake sale, community businesses and local crafters, raffle, food and more. Visit www.owslc.org.

FALL FESTIVAL. 11 a.m.-5 p.m., historic district in downtown Leesburg. Sixth annual Fall into the Arts festival includes live jazz music, a juried art exhibit and sale as well as special exhibits and art displayed throughout the downtown shops. Free and open to the public. Visit www.fallintothearts.org or contact event chair Jim Sisley at jsisley@verizon.net.

BALLET PERFORMANCE. 1 p.m. and 3 p.m., Franklin Park Arts Center, 36441 Blueridge View Lane, Purcellville. Loudoun Ballet Company will perform Sergei Prokofiev's "Peter & the Wolf." Cost: \$8. Call the Franklin Performing Arts Center box office at 540-338-7973.

TOURING SHAKESPEARE. 7:30 p.m., Waddell Theater, Loudoun Campus, Northern Virginia Community College, 1000 Harry Flood Byrd Highway, Sterling. The American Shakespeare Center's Touring Ensemble will present "Hamlet." Cost: free for NOVA students, faculty and staff; \$5 for general public, tickets must be reserved in advance. Contact Natalie V. Safley, 703-948-7701 or nsafley@nvcc.edu.

VIETNAMESE FOLK MUSIC. 2 p.m., Sterling Library, 120 Enterprise St., Sterling. Kim Oanh Nguyen, a graduate of the Saigon Conservatory of Music and Performing Arts as well

as the Gia-Dinh National School of Fine Arts in Viet Nam, performs on the Dan Tranh, a traditional Vietnamese 16-string instrument similar to a guitar or zither. A flautist and two dancers will accompany the performance. Recommended for all ages. Visit <http://library.loudoun.gov>.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 28

PHOTOGRAPHY EXPO. Noon-5 p.m., Claude Moore Park, 21544 Old Vestal's Gap Road, Sterling. See the Sept. 27 item for details.

READER'S THEATER. 2 p.m., Ashburn Library, 43316 Hay Road, Ashburn. In recognition of Banned Books Week, professional actors Tim Jon and Stokes Tomlin will read from a selection of titles that have been banned. Recommended for teens and adults. Visit library.loudoun.gov.

BALLET PERFORMANCE. 1 p.m. and 3 p.m., Franklin Park Arts Center, 36441 Blueridge View Lane, Purcellville. See Sept. 27 item for more details.

TOURING SHAKESPEARE. 2 p.m., Waddell Theater, Loudoun Campus, Northern Virginia Community College, 1000 Harry Flood Byrd Highway, Sterling. The American Shakespeare Center's Touring Ensemble will present "Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead." Cost: free for NOVA students, faculty and staff; \$5 for general public, tickets must be reserved in advance. Contact Natalie V. Safley, 703-948-7701 or nsafley@nvcc.edu.

TRAVEL THROUGH TIME in the Winmill Carriage Collection. 1-4 p.m., Morven Park, 17263 Southern Planter Lane, Leesburg. Take a guided tour through a collection of 19th century horse-drawn vehicles, including coaches, sleighs, carts, buggies and a hearse from the 1800s. Cost: adults \$5, children \$1. Meet at Coach House Visitor Center. Visit www.morvenpark.org or call 703-777-6034.

MONSTER FEST. 8 a.m.-noon, Ashburn Volunteer Fire & Rescue Station, 20688 Ashburn Road, Ashburn. All-you-can-eat pancake breakfast, includes haunted house and Kid's Corner. Cost: \$6 ages 9 and up; \$5 seniors 60 and up; \$4 ages 3-8; free under 3.

MONDAY/SEPT. 29

WOOLGATHERING. 6 p.m., Sterling Library, 120 Enterprise St., Sterling. Bring own stitching project and gather to chat with friends. Ages 12 and up. Call 703-430-9500.

One Book- One Community

Loudoun County Public Library's One Book-One Community selection "Nothing But the Truth" by Newbery Medalist author, Avi, will be available beginning Thursday, Sept. 11, at all branches of the Loudoun County Public Library. The annual One Book-One Community program is funded by the Irwin Uran Gift Fund.

On Thursday, Sept. 25, at 7 p.m., the Loudoun County Public Library will host a public program featuring Avi at Park View High School, 400 West Laurel Ave., Sterling. Tickets are not required, although seating is limited.

During October, the Loudoun County Public Library will offer a series of book discussions on "Nothing But the Truth" at the library branches and a Reader's Theatre presentation at local branches throughout September and October. Visit <http://library.loudoun.gov> for dates, locations and times.

ENTERTAINMENT

Raising the Roof

The one-ring Big Apple Circus returns to Dulles Town Center Sept. 25 through Oct. 13 to launch its new tour — Play On! — a new music box of a show including a circus symphony of astonishing acts and laughter, propelled by a jazzy mix of classical, soul and rock & roll.

Kicking off an 11-month, 10-city tour, the world premiere of Play On! will be presented under the air-conditioned big top at Dulles Town Center in Sterling, at the intersection of routes 7 and 28.

There are acrobatic Chinese ballerinas, pirouetting on top of their partner; Brazilians on the flying trapeze; juggling twins from America; Russians springing sky-

ward from their Russian barre; the world's fastest fashion show from Armenia; a troupe of Italian dogs; and the exploits of Big Apple Circus company members vaulting onto galloping horses.

Artistic and creative directors Paul Binder and Michael Christensen have gathered a cast of performers, who bring thrills and delight from eight countries around the globe. No seat is more than 50 feet from the ring.

Tickets for Play On! range from \$18 to \$52 and are available by calling 703-828-9014 or 888-541-3750 or online at bigapplecircus.org. For group ticket sales, call 877-407-8497.

The circus box office, located in front of the big top at Dulles Town



PHOTO BY STEVE HIBBARD/THE CONNECTION

It took a crew of 35 people to raise the tent of the Big Apple Circus last Friday at Dulles Town Center.

Center, will open Wednesday, Sept. 22. Hours of operation will be Saturday, Sunday and Monday, from 10

a.m. to 6 p.m. and Tuesday through Friday, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. For wheelchair accessible seating or for

information, call the ticket info line at 800-922-3772. Visit the Web site at www.bigapplecircus.org.

ONGOING EVENTS

Send ongoing events, which are open to the public at no or minimal cost, to *The Loudoun Connection*, 7913 Westpark Drive, McLean, VA 22102 or e-mail loudoun@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Friday, two weeks before the event. Photos/artwork encouraged. For more information, call 703-917-6454.

The September 2008 edition of "In-

side Loudoun County" features segments on energy efficiency and volunteering.

The guests for the first segment of the television show are Loudoun County energy manager Najib Salehi and Diane O'Grady of the Office of the County Administrator. In the show's second segment features Lisa Rose and Karen Krei of Volunteer Loudoun, formerly

Loudoun Volunteer Services.

"Inside Loudoun County" is a 30-minute cable television program airing Mondays-Fridays, at 7 p.m. and 9 p.m., on Comcast Government Channel 23 and Verizon FiOS Channel 40. The show is hosted by Nancy McCormick of the Loudoun County Office of Public Information and is produced by Comcast.

The Northern Virginia **Senior Olympics**, the competition for senior adults 50 years of age and over, will be **Sept. 20-Oct. 2**. More than 20 events will take place during the 10-day competition at various venues. Visit www.novaseniorolympics.com for a complete schedule.

Pumpkinville Festival, Sept. 27-

Nov. 2, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. daily, Leesburg Animal Park, 19270 James Monroe Highway, Leesburg. Explore the park and enjoy unlimited hay and tractor rides, pumpkin painting and many other activities. Visit the farm market for exotic pumpkins. Cost: \$7 per person on weekdays, \$12 on weekends, free for children under 2. Visit www.LeesburgAnimalPark.com/pumpkinville.htm.

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The **Catholic Diocese of Arlington** is offering the USDA Special Milk Program at St. Theresa School, 21370 St. Theresa Lane, Ashburn. The program provides milk to eligible children in schools and child-care institutions who do not participate in other federal meal service programs.

The Loudoun County Department of Building and Development has launched an **awards program** to identify and recognize development projects in Loudoun County for their efforts to preserve the county's natural resources through erosion and sediment control.

The program encourages nominations from individuals, industry representatives and county staff to identify those projects that have demonstrated sensitivity to environmental protection issues and continued attention to these issues throughout the duration of construction.

The award categories are single-family residential; single-family residential community; multi-family residential community; commercial/recreational/public projects; linear or atypical projects and tree preservation.

More information, including a link to the online nomination form, can be found at www.loudoun.gov/bd-environmental-awards or by calling the Department of Building & Development, 703-777-0397.

PET OF THE WEEK

To adopt a featured animal or any other animal, visit the Loudoun County Animal Shelter on Route 9 at the intersection of Route 704 in Waterford. Animals can be viewed at the shelter Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays 1-6 p.m.; Wednesdays, 1-8 p.m.; and Saturdays, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Business hours for the shelter are Mondays-Fridays, 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Saturdays, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. The shelter is closed Sundays. Call 703-777-0406 or 540-882-3211. View other animals at <http://www.loudoun.gov/animals/shelter.htm>.



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Bess is a 2-year-old, female, brown tabby domestic shorthair. She's a sweetheart.

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George Washington University hosts a fall open house, at 20101 Academic Way, Ashburn, Thursday, **Sept. 25**, from 4-8 p.m. Visit www.gwvirginia.gwu.edu or call 703-726-3650.

Congregation Sha'are Shalom is offering preschoolers the opportunity to receive a Jewish education in a developmentally appropriate early childhood setting. The Rosie Uran Jewish Education Center is now registering students for the 2008-2009 school year. Informa-

tion is available at the synagogue Web site: http://www.sha-areshalom.org/edu_rujec.php. Participatory visits by parents and prospective students are welcome. Call 703-737-0686 to speak with Sheri Brown, director.

Grant writers in Loudoun County seeking additional resources and assistance now have access to the most comprehensive, searchable grant database on the Web, as well as many publications focused on grant proposals. The **George Washington University** Virginia Campus Library is housing one of the Foundation Center's Cooperating Collections, a funding information center that offers a variety of materials and services to grant seekers.

The Cooperating Collection at the Virginia Campus Library offers free access to the center's electronic resources, The Foundation Directory Online Professional and the Foundation Grants to

Individuals Online, which provide detailed profiles of all active U.S. foundations and an extensive file of recent grants awarded by the nation's top funders. Additionally, the core print collection contains a complete and up-to-date selection of Foundation Center publications ranging from The Foundation Directory series, to books on proposal writing, funding for international and foreign programs, social justice grant making, and many more.

The Virginia Campus Library, part of the GW's Gelman Library System, also provides supplementary grant writing materials, and librarians are available to introduce grant seekers to the system. The Virginia Campus Library is located on the first floor of Building 2, 44983 Knoll Square in Ashburn and is open from 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Mondays-Fridays; and from 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturdays. Guests must show a form of identification and sign in at the at the Building 2 lobby.

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Oatlands Invitational: No Ordinary Cross Country Meet

Briar Woods girls and boys run well at Leesburg meet.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

Both the Briar Woods High boys' and girls' cross country teams had impressive outings at last Saturday's Oatlands Invitational, one of the largest high-school cross country meets on the East Coast.

The Falcon girls, competing in the 47-team girls varsity 'B' division, finished fifth overall in the team standings. Briar Woods' top finisher was sophomore Giana Leone, who finished eighth overall with a time of 20 minutes, 36 seconds. Also for the Falcons, freshman Alexa Kniley was 14th overall. Other top finishers for the Brambleton school team were freshman Madison Horner (42nd), sophomore Amanda Presler (61st) and sophomore Analyse Apodaca. Rounding out the pack for Briar Woods were senior Jackie Ronk and junior Christine Edeline.

On the boys' side, Briar Woods finished eighth place out of 59 teams in the varsity boys' 'B' race. Freshman Connor Pompilio was the first Falcons' runner to cross the finish line and 24th overall with a time of 17:36. The top-25 finishers placed, so Pompilio, competing at Oatlands for the first time, was among an elite group of medal winners.

"It's my first year and I didn't know what to expect," Pompilio, the top freshmen fin-

isher in the varsity race, said. "I tried to do my best. I ran the first mile quick. The hills [thereafter] were kind of hard. I wanted to come out and place."

The Falcon boys received other solid runs from junior Zach Deaton (34th overall), senior Billy Calhoun (70th), junior Andy Luhmann (102nd) and junior Ryan Faulkner (126th).

The Broad Run High girls finished 23rd in the girls' 'B' race. The Spartans' top-two finishers were junior Riley Newland, who earned a medal with her 18th-place finish, and sophomore Sarah Smaltz (31st overall).

The Broad Run boys finished 36th in the varsity boys' 'B' race. The Spartans' top finisher was senior Brandon Tully, who was 52nd in the field of more than 400 runners.

The Stone Bridge High girls (26th overall in the varsity girls' 'B' race) had a stellar outing from sophomore Caroline Snell, who was 53rd overall. And the Stone Bridge boys (28th) were led by sophomore Joe Lynch (85th).

THE TEAM CHAMPION in the 48-schools' varsity boys' 'A' race at Oatlands was Oakton High School (133 points) out of the Northern Region. The Cougars finished ahead of runner-up Robinson (165 points, Northern Region) and third place Potomac Falls (216), out of



PHOTO BY ROBBIE HAMMER/THE CONNECTION

Stone Bridge High girls' cross country team members Danielle Swasey, left, and Jodie Davis were among the Bulldog runners competing at the Monroe Parker Invitational Sept. 16 at Burke Lake Park. A few days later, Stone Bridge participated at the Oatlands meet in Leesburg.

Loudoun County. Clarke County (328, Berryville, Va.) was fourth and Gonzaga High (331, Washington, D.C.) was fifth. The individual 'A' race champion was Tyler Stutzman (15:44) of Western Albemarle High (Crozet, Va.). The top Northern Virginia-area finisher was Jared Berman of Robinson in Fairfax County.

In the varsity boys' 'B' race, Thomas Jefferson High (Alexandria) was the team champion with 29 points. Saratoga Springs (N.Y.) was second with 117 points. Top local team finishers in the 59-team race were Herndon High (fifth place, 261 points) and Briar Woods (eighth place, 356). The individual champion was Demetri Goutos (16:35) of Saratoga Springs, who finished ahead of Thomas Jefferson runners Alex Witko (second, 16:49) and Logan Gates (third, 16:56). Also for Jefferson, Timmy Galvin was fifth overall and James Wu was seventh. Westfield High's Jack Canatsey was sixth.

ON THE GIRLS' SIDE, Saratoga Springs was the 'A' race team champion with 33 points, finishing ahead of second-place Brentsville (Nokesville) with 206 points and third-place Oakton (218). Other area teams finishing in the top 10 of the 37-team race were fourth-place Osbourn Park

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

The **Stone Bridge High football team** continued to roll last Friday night as it handed non-Northern Region opponent Loudoun Valley a 64-13 defeat. The Bulldogs, with the win, improved to 4-0 on the season. The team's previous victories came over West Springfield, Robinson and Marshall.

Stone Bridge scored three first-quarter touchdowns against the Vikings, touchdown runs by both Daniel Allen and Michael Prince and an interception return for a score from John Bladel. Allen (106 yards rushing) went on to score three more touchdowns, one on a pass catch from quarterback Patrick Thompson (10 of 15, 194 yards, four TDs). Bladel, along with his defensive score, also grabbed a scoring catch on offense. Also catching touchdown passes for Stone Bridge were Nick Sheehan and Andrew Ansell.

Stone Bridge is home this Friday night against winless McLean, which is under first-year coach, Jim Patrick. The Highlanders are coming off a tough 21-14 home loss to Washington-Lee in which they lost the game on the final play.

In recent **Park View High girls' volleyball** action, the Patriots lost matches to Dulles District opponents Briar Woods (5-25, 14-25 and 12-25) and Broad Run (5-25, 15-25 and 19-25). But Park View came back strong in its next match with a victory over George Mason High School, defeating the Mustangs 25-18, 25-12 and 25-22. In the setback to Broad Run, Coach Kathy Koscinski's Patriots had good matches from Tabby Pham (five kills), Emily Groves (four kills) and Aby Burkel (14 assists). Meanwhile, in the win over Mason, Park View received solid play from Pham (four kills), Brittany Griffin (four kills, seven aces), Denni Johnson (four kills), Groves (four kills), Kristin Oravetz (eight aces, 10 digs) and Lindsey Doscotch (seven digs).



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Broad Run High girls' volleyball players Jess Feddersen (6) and Emily Sears (14) get above the net in recent Spartans' action. This week, Broad Run, coached by Ellen Roberts, was scheduled to play Dulles District road matches at Dominion on Tuesday and at Briar Woods on Thursday.

Athlete of the Week



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The Broad Run and Brentsville high-school football teams were not the only ones in action at Broad Run last Friday night. Teams within the Ashburn Youth Football League were also picking up three yards and a cloud of dust. During halftime of the high-school game, four of the Ashburn league's teams, including the Blue Devils and Cowboys, took the field. For about eight minutes, after the Broad Run marching band had performed, two scrimmage games took place at separate ends of the field. Fans certainly could not complain that they did not take in enough football.

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First Big Football Test for Spartans, Falcons

Broad Run to host Briar Woods this Friday night.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

In its final tune-up to district play, the Broad Run High football team was dominant early and often in a 53-13 home win over Brentsville District last Friday night in Ashburn.

With the win, the defending Dulles District champion Spartans improved to 3-0 going into this Friday night's district opener against visiting Briar Woods, also 3-0. Broad Run's wins

"It's why Friday nights are so exciting."

— Coach Mike Burnett, Broad Run

thus far have come over Wakefield (Arlington), Ballou (Washington, D.C.) and now Brentsville (Nokesville), all weaker

foes than most of the opponents the Spartans will take on in the weeks ahead.

One key to Broad Run's fast start has been the fact that Coach Mike Burnett's team has not looked past any of its opponents.

"For us, it's about execution," Burnett said. "It doesn't matter who we play. We're pretty blessed to have good athletes.

"I've never seen our kids not focus on the game [on-hand]," the coach said. "We love football. You have just 10 games, that's it."

CERTAINLY, BOTH Broad Run and Briar Woods will be fired up football teams, along with their supportive fans, when the two meet this Friday. The visiting Falcons, in just their fourth year as a program, are coming off a 2007 season in which they quali-



PHOTO BY CRAIG STERBUTZEL/THE CONNECTION

Broad Run quarterback Chris Jessop had open running room in his team's game against Brentsville last Friday. The senior ran for a score and passed for another in the 53-13 Spartans' win.

fied for the Region II playoffs for the first time. Last Friday, Briar Woods, coached by Charlie Pierce, was an easy 57-3 winner over visiting Hedgesville High of West Virginia. This Friday will be a great early season contest.

"It's great for the community," Burnett said of the cross-town matchup between the two Ashburn schools. "That's what [high-school football] is all about. It's why Friday nights are so exciting."

Broad Run senior quarterback Tim Miscovich, who splits time behind the center with fellow senior QB Chris Jessop, said the Spartans simply need to keep their present mind-set of approaching each team it plays with respect.

"We've just got to keep playing and working hard each week," Miscovich, who com-

pleted five-of-nine passes for 92 yards and two touchdowns against Brentsville, said. "We can't look past any team. Briar Woods is a good match. They're a very good team with a lot of great players."

The signal caller looks forward to playing at home against the Falcons. The Spartans' student fans, known as the Maroon Crew, will be out in full force.

"It's awesome," Miscovich said. "I love the Maroon Crew."

Broad Run junior running back/defensive back David Weaver said following Friday's win that the Spartans need to have a good week of practice in preparation for Briar Woods.

"We're definitely going to have to bring the intensity and work hard in practice," Weaver, who caught a touchdown pass and

scored another one on a recovery in the end zone against the Tigers last week, said. "Briar Woods is a good team."

Of last week's win, in which the Spartans built a 22-0 lead after one quarter before surging ahead 46-0 in the second quarter, Weaver said the Broad Run fans and overall Friday night atmosphere added to the night's luster.

"It was fun with the Maroon Crew and everyone coming out," Weaver said.

ONE OF THE game's most spectacular plays in the Brentsville win was Weaver's touchdown recovery midway through the first quarter. The touchdown was a result of a blocked punt by Spartan senior linebacker Mikey Cotton deep in Brentsville territory.

Ashburn XC Runners Finish Well at Invitational

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(Manassas) and 10th-place Potomac Falls.

Jefferson High, meanwhile, was the varsity girls' 'B' team champion with 52 points. Other area teams to finish in the top 10 in the 47-school race were Westfield (fourth place), Briar Woods (fifth), Yorktown High (seventh) and

"I wanted to come out and place."

— Connor Pompilio, Briar Wood

Centerville (10th). Rachel Grochowski of Chantilly High was the individual champion with a time of 19:43. Jefferson runners Stephanie Marzen, Sarah Stites and Katherine Sheridan finished second, third and ninth, respectively, while Briar Woods' Giana Leone (eighth) and Yorktown's Lindsey Hunt (10th) were also in the top 10.

IT WAS A PICTURESQUE, autumn day at Oatlands Saturday. Thousands of spectators attended the event, which began at 9 a.m. Four junior varsity races were held in the morning, two boys and two girls. Later in the morning, the four varsity races

began, carrying into the afternoon. The 'A' races, for the most part, consisted of the higher caliber runners. Following all eight races — JV and varsity combined — a brief awards presentation took place at around 2:30 p.m. Top-25 finishers in each of the races earned medals.

There were 101 teams, compared to 73 last year, and 4,300 runners on hand for the meet, which has become known as the second leg of the triple crown of Northern Virginia-area high-school cross country. Most of the meets' teams were from Virginia, but guest schools from New York, Pennsylvania, North Carolina, West Virginia,

Colorado, Maryland and Washington, D.C., were also participants.

The host schools for the Oatland Invitational were Loudoun County and Freedom high schools of the Dulles District. The meet organizers were Matt Oblas of Freedom and Derek Farry of Loudoun County.

The mostly grass running course, a 5K layout on the grounds of the historic Leesburg site, was a challenge for most all of the runners. There are several excruciating hills following the first, relatively easy mile. The near picture-perfect course setting includes some wood trails and a couple of creek crossings.

Juxtapose This



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Spending as much time as I do with my widowed mother, naturally I fall into her routine. After all, the visits are not about me, they're about her: arrive when expected — and on time, eat home when she wants, eat out when she prefers, telephone as per usual and watch programs on television she can tolerate. Most often we watch LMN, the Lifetime Movie Network, a channel available through her digital cable service from Comcast.

To say that many of the movies are bad would be an affront to all movies characterized as bad. To say the movies are time consuming would be totally accurate, however. And so my mother, house bound, sort of, but definitely still ambulatory, unable to hear but complete and competent in most every other way, especially where her faculties are concerned, patiently but predictably sits and watches channel 119 (LMN in Montgomery County), remote in hand, switching regularly, hoping to find programming to help pass the time. And when I visit, so too do I sit and watch television and together we marvel at the consistency of the quality of these movies (and I use that term loosely and of course, subjectively. For all I know, the movies shown are award-winning and focus-group approved).

And with respect to the content of these movies, there does seem to be a frequent theme. In general, I would call it heartbreak: rape, incest, infidelity, divorce, death, disease, disability, murder, kidnapping, miscellaneous abuse, etc; among many other similar heart-wrenching, life-changing and dysfunctional-type circumstances and addictions.

And given this kind of content, I find it particularly unseemly that one of the more frequent advertisers on this channel are dating services; flush with the bravado and self-satisfaction that comes with the elation and realization that one's life can be rekindled with new love, if only you'd complete the profile and pay your fee (although the fact that there's a cost associated with this service seems hardly worth mentioning, at least on the commercial).

The product placement seems odd, however. This channel regularly shows movies about how people's lives are torn apart by infidelity, divorce, physical and mental abuse, sexual addictions, etc., (a fair amount of it anyway, from my watching experience, which is rather substantial), yet during the commercial breaks, advertisements will appear directed at people looking for a date (many of whom, presumably, may be victims of the same terrible circumstances as the characters in the very movies they're watching) and/or if things work, perhaps even a mate. I can't decide if this movie-watching behavior is cathartic — and helpful — or if it's some kind of self-immolation.

It all feels manipulative, somehow, almost like entrapment. Drawing viewers in who might be able to relate and then offering solutions to the very problem/problems they're experiencing (generally presented by the end of the movie, although, having seen many ends of many of these movies, I have to tell you, the ends don't justify the beginnings). Unfortunately, these are serious problems and their solutions just aren't that simple. It requires more than two hours (the typical length of these movies) and a remote control.

Certainly I'm aware that knowing your market/audience is crucial to advertising but banking your company's/product's success on the failure — and difficulties — of others people's lives seems a bit crude. Not unusual for this channel, or these advertisers, but still inappropriate. I suppose we could change the channel, but what fun would that be?

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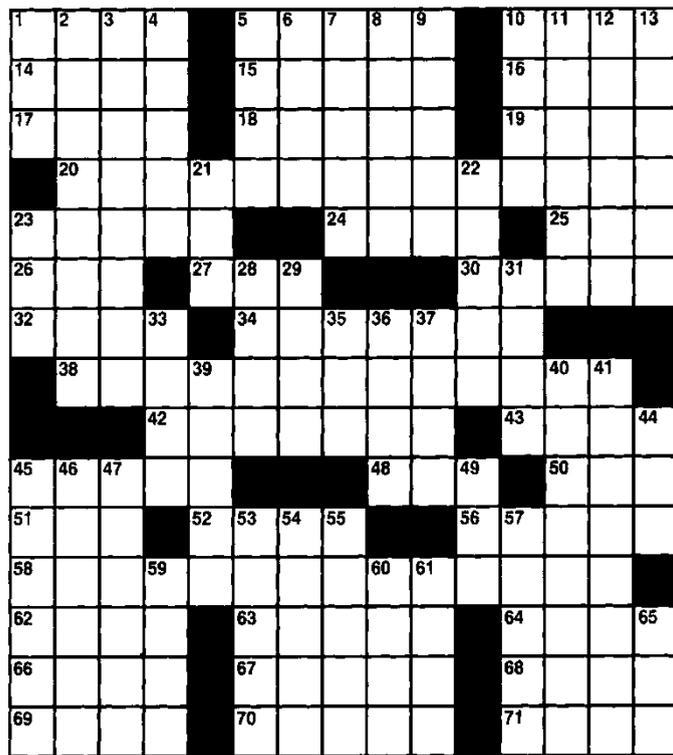
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- Actress Verdugo
- Israeli statesman
- Gizmos for couch potatoes
- Ace, e.g.
- "You Are My Destiny" singer, 1958
- Classic car
- The "A" in NATO: Abbr.
- Poem of praise
- Feline hybrid
- Constitutional Amendment that abolished slavery
- Just barely places
- 1949 Bing Crosby hit
- Puget Sound city

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- Hardly award-winning writing
- Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt, e.g.
- Together, musically
- Jetés, e.g.
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- Mother of twins, in myth
- Watch part
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- Didn't stop
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- 45 45-Across features
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- Meager
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- "Go, —!"
- 60's role for Ron Howard
- Person with a PC
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- Dutch cheese
- Cuzco-centered empire
- It smooths things over
- Cheat
- DeMille-type film
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The Douglass Community Center, 407 East Market St., Leesburg, is offering **sign, say and play classes** for parents and children ages 6 months-3 years. An interactive play class highlights signs that are most important in the lives of babies. Class meets every Wednesday, from **Sept. 24-Nov. 5**, from 5:15-6 p.m. Cost: \$55 per child and \$77 materials fee is due at the first class. Call 703-771-5913 or e-mail dcc@loudoun.gov.

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The library **teen council** is seeking teen volunteers age 12-18 to help create the council's first program for children. The meetings will be held Tuesdays, **Sept. 30, Oct. 7, 14, 21** and Sunday, **Oct. 26**, 4:30-6 p.m., at the Ashburn Library, 43316 Hay Road, Ashburn. Registration begins two weeks before the program. Sign up at library.loudoun.gov or call 703-737-8100.

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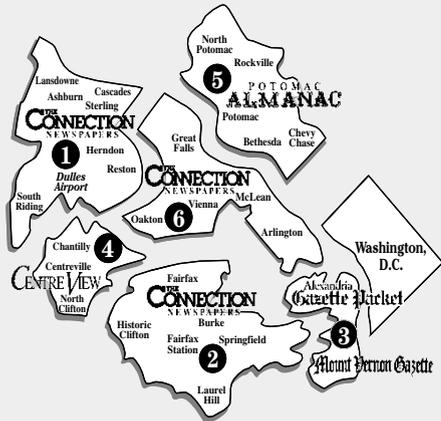
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the following property being the property contained in said Deed of Trust, described as follows:

Tax Map No. 017-3-18-0156

Commonly known as 12001 Market Street, #156, Reston, Virginia 20190.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of \$30,000.00 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 6.0 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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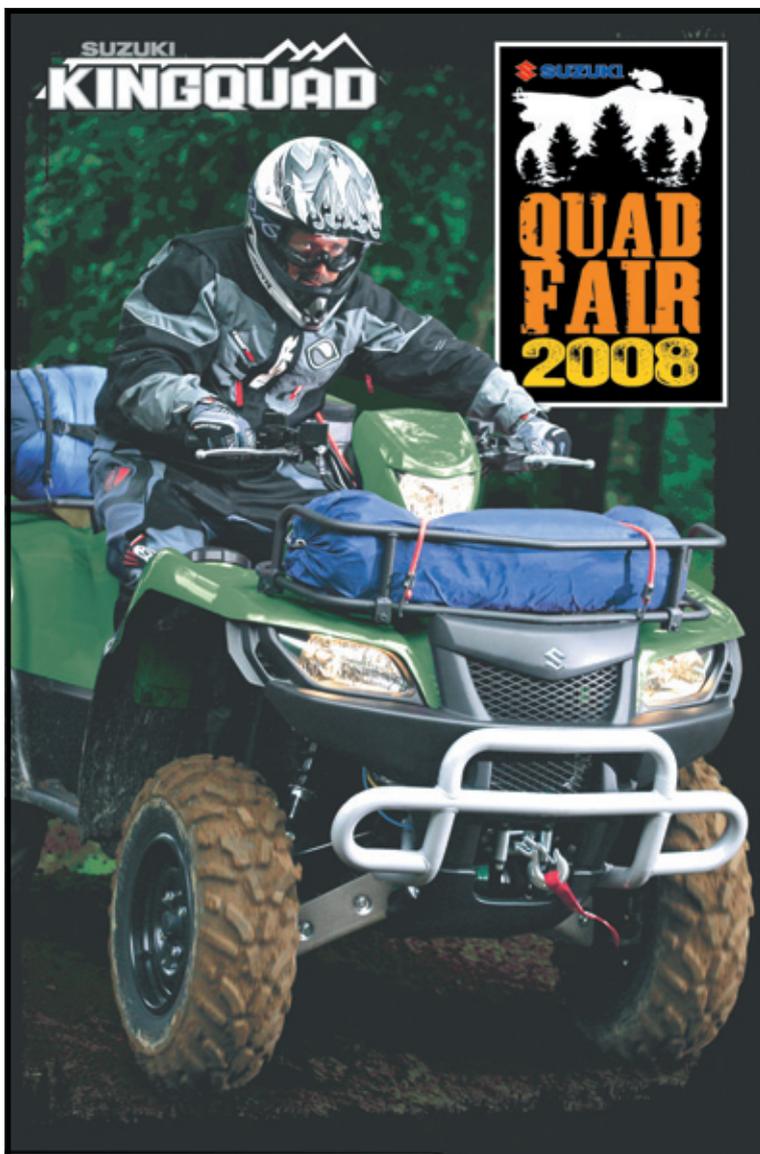
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Short sales and foreclosures seminar by Thomas F. Plofchan Jr. of Plofchan & Assoc., Mary Krueger of SunTrust Mortgage and Gail Hayden of Long & Foster, Tuesday, **Sept. 26**, 6:30-8:30 p.m., at Cascades Library, 21030 Whitfield Place, Potomac Falls. Recommended for adults. Register online at <http://library.loudoun.gov> or phone 703-444-3228.

VHDA first-time homebuyer's seminar by Mary Krueger, of SunTrust Mortgage and Gail Hayden of Long & Foster, Saturday, **Oct. 11**, 10:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; and Tuesday, **Oct. 21** and Thursday, **Oct. 23**, at 6:30 p.m., at Cascades Library, 21030 Whitfield Place, Potomac Falls.

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The grand opening for **Ashby Ponds**, 21170 Ashby Ponds Blvd., Ashburn, Erickson's newest retirement community, is scheduled for Thursday, **Oct. 2**, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. The event will feature live entertainment, food, community tours and speakers.

Curves of Ashburn, 20604 Gordon Park Square, unit 150, will be offering the Liv Aid breast self-exam kit **during October**, which is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, to help women become more comfortable performing their monthly at-home exams. Non-members can get a free Liv Aid when they come in to the fitness center and experience a CurvesSmart demonstration. Curves members have a variety of ways to obtain a Liv Aid, including showing proof of a mammogram within the last 12 months. Liv Aids are also available for purchase by anyone in the community. For more information on Curves of Ashburn or details about how women can get a free Liv Aid breast self-exam kit, contact Sonja Beiler or Dawn Manausa at 571-223-0123.

The **Verizon Foundation** presented a check for \$106,000 to Save the Children. The check matched dollar for dollar the amount of money contributed so far by Verizon employees to aid disaster relief in China and Myanmar. The presentation was made Wednesday, July 16, at a community investment fair at Verizon Business' Ashburn campus.

Allstate Insurance Company announces the opening of a new office in Ashburn, owned and operated by Patricia Booth, CPA. The office is located at 22855 Brambleton Plaza, Suite 204.