Seniors Michelle and Denise Iglesias hang out with the Dominion Titan, classmate Sarah Siegfried, after the pep rally held at the school Saturday as part of the Taste of Titan Territory event.
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Vice presidential candidate reaches out to female voters.

By Julia O’Donoghue
The Connection

With her short-cropped gray hair, Donna Lutzius fits the profile of a Hillary Clinton supporter. The Ashburn resident is old enough to collect Social Security. A retired teacher, Lutzius has four granddaughters and is concerned about the rising cost of college tuition.

But Lutzius, 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 picked of Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin. “She doesn’t represent women,” Lutzius said but I was not voting for Hillary just because of Palin. “I was a strong Hillary supporter of Obama” button, never considered voting for McCain after Clinton lost in the Democratic primary. The Arizona senator certainly picked of Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin. “She doesn’t represent women,” Lutzius said.


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

Fairfax County state Sen. Janet Howell made a significant different 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 legis-

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DNA Leads to Suspect

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

DNA evidence led investigators to identify Martin Jose Morales-Mancia, 26, 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 was accompanied by a photo of him when he appeared on stage. (D-32) said Biden had made a significant different 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 legis-

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Crime Wave Prompts Action

Three violent incidents in one week spawns emergency board meeting.

By Justin Fanizzi
The Connection

The recent string of violence in Sterling has prompted several district supervisors to reach out to Sheriff Steve Simpson and call for an emergency meeting to discuss how to handle the situation and to receive updates on the investigations.

According to Supervisor Eugene Delgaudio (R-Sterling), after the first separate two incidents last weekend — a shooting and stabbing — he called for a special board meeting, but was rebuffed by fellow supervisors who felt that a discussion could wait, as there were other important issues to tackle. However, after another shooting last Wednesday, four other supervisors agreed that a meeting was necessary and asked Simpson to be a part of the proceedings.

Supervisors Andrea McClumey (D-Potomac), Stevens Miller (D-Dulles), Chairman Scott York (I-At Large) and Vice Chairman Susan Klimek Buckley (D-Sugarland Run) were all slated to take part in the meeting at Park View High School Tuesday night, along with any citizens that wished to attend. Delgaudio, citing the July community forum

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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. 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

Merry-Making in Titan Territory
Dominion High School ramps up annual Taste of Titan Territory potluck event.

All families in the Dominion High School pyramid, as well as neighbors, were invited to the school’s sixth annual Taste of Titan Territory Saturday. About 750 people showed up for the event, which started with a volleyball tournament and also included a potluck picnic and a pep rally before the evening’s varsity football game against Tuscarora High School. This was the first year the picnic included a volleyball tournament and was held in conjunction with a varsity football game, an arrangement Principal John Brewer said he hoped to make a “long-standing tradition.”

— Mike DiCicco
CRIME REPORT

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.

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SATURDAY/SEPT. 27
SCHOOL AUCTION. 7-8 p.m., preview, 8 p.m., auction, Briar Woods High School, 22525 Belmont Ridge, Ashburn. FPTO 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 Arensault, 703-725-6279 or e-mail arensaultjc@gmail.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 Holts, 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.

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Crime Brings Sterling Together

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“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.”

— Mike Di Cicco
**Hotel Anthrax Scare**

Package determined to be harmless.

The Holiday Inn on Holiday Drive in Sterling was locked down last Friday evening as Sheriff’s Office and Fire and Rescue officials investigated a suspicious package found nearby, Krag Troxell, Sheriff’s Office spokesman, said.

Authorities were called at about 4:30 that afternoon when a package containing white powder that was thought to possibly be anthrax was spotted near some of the hotel’s trash bins, Troxell said. “After several tests, it was confirmed to be harmless,” he said.

Mary Maguire, Fire and Rescue spokeswoman, confirmed that one of the tests had come back positive, but she said that was not uncommon in anthrax testing. “Due to the sensitivity of the testing process, when testing for anthrax it can come back positive,” she said, adding that the substance was conclusively determined to be benign. She said the laboratory had not told Fire and Rescue what the substance turned out to be.

**Biden Focuses on Women**

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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 nomenating one to three members to the U.S. Supreme Court. McCain is against abortion.

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

Several hundred people greet vice presidential candidate Sen. Joe Biden (D-Del.) at Claude Moore Park in Sterling.

“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 know 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.

— Mike DiCicco

**People Notes**

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Marybeth Mohr was elected president of the board of directors of the Loudoun Academy of the Arts Foundation (LAAF) in Leesburg, a nonprofit visual arts center that serves Loudoun and surrounding areas. Mohr is an artist focused on oil painting, a student at the academy, Marketing Manager at Middleburg Bank and a native of Loudoun County. Other officers elected were Larr Kelly of Leesburg, vice president; Pam Lettie of Berryville, secretary; and William Ramsay of Leesburg, treasurer. This executive committee’s first step was to name Gale Waldron executive director of the foundation.

**Clubs & Organizations**

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Tweens book club for ages 8-11 meets Monday, Oct. 14, 4 p.m., at Cascades Library, 21030 Whitleaf Place, Potomac Falls. The selection is spooky stories. Call 703-444-3228.


Adult book club, Library, 120 Enterprise Street, Thursday, 10 a.m., Oct. 9, “Nothing But the Truth” by Avi. Call 703-430-9500.

Origami book club for ages 8 and up meets Thursday, 2:30 p.m., at Cascades Library, 21030 Whitleaf Place, Potomac Falls. The selection is “Charlotte’s Web,” by E.B. White. Call 703-444-3228.

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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 maze 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 maze 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.

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 maze is open Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, Sept. 26-Nov. 2. Hours: Fridays, 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 11-older: $10; children 2 and under free. Seniors (55+): $8

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WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 24
CASINO TRIP. The Senior Center at Cascades Marketplace, 21060 Whitley 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. 9:10-10:30 a.m.; Senior Center at Cascades Marketplace, 21060 Whitley 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, 4611 Loudoun Park Lane, Sterling. Celebrate the color and weather of fall and enjoy crafts and stories. Cost: $5; all supplies included. Preregistration required, call 571-258-3500.

BALLET PERFORMANCE. 9:30 a.m.; Franklin Park Arts Center, 5400 Rummel 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.

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**THURSDAY/SEPT. 25**

**ANIMAL ADOPTION.** 4 p.m., Rust Library, 34D Catoctin Circle, Leesburg. Learn about adopting and caring for a new dog and meet a friendly dog from Hillcrest 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 turtles and make a turtle craft. Cost: $10.50. 703-258-3700.

**FRIYDAY/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.

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Panthers Focus on Start of District Season

Undefeated Potomac Falls to host unbeaten Heritage this Friday.

By Rich Sanders

Three wins to start the football season is nice, but Potomac Falls High Coach Scott Woodlief said his team’s true test is set to begin this week when the Panthers begin their demanding Dulles District schedule.

Potomac Falls (3-0), which opened the season with lopsided, nonregional wins over West Virginia schools Martinsburg, Hedgesville and Jefferson County before a scheduled bye last week, will be at home this Friday night against district foe Heritage of Leesburg.

“We’ve had a lot of plusses so far, but we have to keep the kids at a [even-keel] because we’re 0-0 [in the district],” Woodlief said. “The next seven games are what it’s all about and trying to win a district championship. That’s what we instill in our kids.”

During an early morning Tuesday practice session this week, the coach wanted to make sure his players had that type of mindset. While the nondistrict wins were nice, especially considering that a year ago the Panthers started off 0-3, they are not as vital as the next seven games, all against district opponents.

But at the same time, Woodlief realizes that his team’s three wins thus far have given the Panthers confidence going into the district schedule.

“The kids are excited about it,” Woodlief said of his team’s 3-0 record. “It gives us some momentum we can roll into the Heritage game with. It gives us great confidence. Last year at this time we were sitting at 0-3.”

The coach did express some concern that his team’s bye week might not have come around at the best time with the early season momentum going strong. Even so, he believes his team can shake off any cobwebs and come out clicking against a Heritage squad that is also 3-0.

THE MOST IMPORTANT thing in playing a good football game against the Pride of Heritage, Woodlief said, will be for his team to perform the basics of blocking and tackling.

“I think the big key is executing what you do on offense and defense,” he said. “I think we need to stop their run. They spread it out and do good things on offense.”

On defense, Heritage is a team that loves to attack the football, take some chances and give opposing offenses a variety of looks. It’s not easy to get a read on the Pride’s defense.

“They are a defense that runs around,” Woodlief said. “Heritage, with its aggressive defensive prowess, will give the Panthers’ offense a stiff test.”

Potomac Falls has received stellar play from its offensive line, which has opened holes for senior running back Michael Baker, who has rushed for 387 yards and eight touchdowns thus far.

“Michael has been a major, major plus for us and a surprise,” Woodlief said.

“He’s running the football very well and he’s a leader on the team,” the coach said Baker does not have extraordinary speed, but he knows how to read blocks and find the holes.

“He runs to daylight,” Woodlief said. “He has good vision. The offensive line is doing a great job in front of him.”

Also having a fine season is Gregory Woodlief, the team’s senior quarterback.

“Gregory’s running our offense and executing the way we want,” said Coach Woodlief. “He’s a multidimensional threat guy, the signal caller is both able to beat defenses with his passing as well as with his ability to turn the corner and run.”

“He’s a multidimensional threat guy,” Coach Woodlief said. “He can run and throw the football. He can stay in the pocket or sprint outside on you.”

Defensively, Coach Woodlief is real pleased with the way his linemen have played. The Panthers have been staunch against the run.

“The defensive line is playing their tail off, getting off the ball and causing havoc,” Coach Woodlief said. “We’re trying to put our mean guys up front.”

The coach knows his team’s ultimate success this season will depend on the line play, both on defense and offense.

“If you control the ball on offense and defense, you’ll be in every football game,” he said.

SPORTS Roundup

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 Kosinski’s Patriots had good matches from Tabby Pham (five kills), Emily Groves (four kills) and Aby Barkel (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 Doscorth (seven digs).

The 2008 Northern Virginia Senior Olympics (NVSO) opened Sept. 20, at the Thomas Jefferson Community Center in Arlington. Opening ceremonies included a flag ceremony by the George Mason University Police Honor Guard. Emcee and NVSO chairman, Steve Mandes, introduced dignitaries, including Barbara Karro, manager of the Arlington Office of Senior Adult Programs, and Debra Williams, Loudoun County Senior Center program manager.

In track and field competition, gold medal winners included: Reston’s John Cordyack (men’s age 65-69 bracket) in the 800-meter walk; Oakton’s James W. Chang (men’s age 70-74) in the 1,600-meter walk; Vienna’s
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Oatlands Invitational: No Ordinary Meet

Potomac Falls impressive on both boys’ and girls’ side.

By Rich Sanders
The Connection

Potomac Falls, in one of the biggest regular season cross country competitions of the fall, put together strong races on both the boys’ and girls’ sides at last Saturday’s Fourth Annual Oatlands Invitational in Leesburg. The renowned event, one of the largest high-school meets on the East Coast, consisted of more than 100 schools from Virginia and beyond. The Potomac Falls boys finished third overall among 48 teams in the elite varsity boys’ ‘A’ race division. Oakton High won the team title, while Robinson High finished second. Both teams are out of the Northern Region.

The Panthers were led by seniors Ryan Hagen (16 minutes, 35 seconds; 16th overall), Josh Harlin (31st overall), Brian Robinson (50th) and Andrew Mott (59th). Junior Alvaro Morales finished 66th overall. The Panther girls, meanwhile, were a solid 10th place out of 37 teams in the varsity girls’ ‘A’ race. Potomac Falls, without injured No. 1 runner Christina Lee, finished with four girls in the top 100. The overall race field was 260-plus runners.

The Panthers’ top finisher was sophomore Shannon Brady (113th). The Dominion High boys finished 13th overall in the varsity ‘A’ race. The Titans’ top outing came from sophomore J.T. Duke, who was 29th overall. Senior Nick Phillips was Dominion’s next top runner and 49th overall.

Competing in such an enormous meet was unsettling for runners if their focus was not sharp. “It’s really scary,” Suzanne Rodgers, Potomac Falls senior girls team member, said of the magnitude of the midseason event. “I know when we were at the starting line I looked [at all the competing runners] and said, ‘Oh Gosh.’ It’s really a tough course.”

Panther senior Kaitlyn Hunter said Potomac Falls has a deep, talented girls’ team. “Our top seven is really competitive,” said Hunter. “I think we have a good shot at [winning] districts.” Potomac Falls’ girls and boys compete in the Dulles District.

The 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 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 Canaday was sixth.

On the GIRLS’ SIDE, Saratoga Springs was the ‘A’ race team champion with 33 points, finishing ahead of second-place Brentsville (206 points) and third place Oakton (218). Other area teams finishing in the top 10 of the 37-team race were fourth-place Osborn Park (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 Centreville (10th). Rachael 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.

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Karl Blake (men ages 55-59) in the 800-meter run; McLean’s Jeff Young (men 60-64) in the 60 dash and 200 dash; Ashburn’s Richard Enrico (men 75-79) in both the 60-dash run and 200 dash; and McLean’s Dana Hodgdon (men 85-89) in both the 60 dash and 200 dash. Overshadowed by all the track action was a brief rainy period in the morning, the four varsity races between 9 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Top-25 finishers in each of the races earned medals.

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Former Washington Redskins and Philadelphia Eagles player Troy Boone, 8-Who Division Eagles this fall season within the NOVA ‘NFL’ Youth Flag Football League.

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Spending as much time as I do with my widowed mother, naturally I fall into her daily routine. After all, there are very few activities that she feels comfortable doing without me; they’re about her: arrive when expected — and on time, eat when she wants, eat out when she prefers, telephone as per usual, and watch programs on television she can tolerate. Newly retired and suddenly with an unexpected amount of free time, she turned to 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 understatement. It requires more than two hours (the typical length of these movies) and a remote control to pass the time. And when I visit, so too do I sit and watch television. And sometimes 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 content of the movie, I find it particularly uninteresting 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 a new love, if only you’re complete the profile and pay your fee (although the fact that the service is un-attractively 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 addiction, etc., in a way that seems to contradict the character 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 to and then offer them 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 endings don’t justify the beginning.

Unfortunately, these are serious problems and their solutions just aren’t that simple. It requires more than two hours to watch 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/product’s success on the failure — and difficulties — of other 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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