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Matt Colbert of Sterling shows his skills at a small skateboarding course set-up by Convoy Skateboards during the Sterling Fest held on Saturday morning at the Sterling Community Center. For more coverage, see page 2.

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Thousands of local citizens enjoyed themselves during Sterling Fest activities at the Sterling Community Center on Saturday with a variety of activities for everyone.

Sterling Fest is a Hit

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The Children of the Light Dancers perform in the annual Sterling Fest Parade on Saturday morning.

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Crowds stroll through the grounds of the Sterling Community Center on Saturday afternoon.

News

The Public's Turn to Speak

The debate over Broadlands Regional Medical Center continues before the Planning Commission.

By Jennifer Lesinski
The Connection

Just days before the Planning Commission holds its public hearing on Hospital Corporation of America's application to build a facility in Ashburn, it is clear the Broadlands community remains divided on the issue.

First a Broadlands couple files a lawsuit, Oct. 7, against the homeowner association's board of directors challenging the validity of a vote in support of the Broadlands Regional Medical Center application. Then the attorney for an organization opposed to the hospital's proposed location, Concerned Citizens of Broadlands, sends a letter to the county's Planning Department, Oct. 9, calling into question the applicant's compliance with state law when it comes to ownership disclosures. The following day, a press conference is called by a group of residents calling themselves Broadlands Residents for BRMC, in order to show there are those in support of the project.

And by Friday, county planning staff said more than 120 people were signed up to speak at the public hearing, scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 15, beginning at 6 p.m., at Eagle Ridge Middle School, 42901 Waxpool Road, Ashburn. Some of those names are carried over from the original sign-up sheet for a public hearing in September, which was rescheduled due to improper signage.

THE PROCESS to the build Broadlands Regional Medical Center (BRMC) began nearly six years ago and was originally denied in 2005. Hospital Corporation of America (HCA) filed suit against the county over the denial — its application was the only one denied that year by the previous Board of Supervisors — then a new board was elected. The current board agreed to take a second look at the application and HCA dropped its lawsuit.

The application will be vetted by the Planning Commission, which will recommend approval or denial, then go before the Board of Supervisors, which will ultimately decide if the 164-bed hospital at the intersection of Belmont Ridge Road and the Dulles Greenway will be built.

Photo by Jennifer Lesinski/The Connection

Eric Steenstra, Staci Kapinos, Hillary Amato and Jeanne Fisher, founding members of Broadlands Residents for BRMC, hold a press conference Friday in support of Hospital Corporation of America's proposed Broadlands Regional Medical Center.

While both groups that have taken center stage in this issue agree a hospital is needed in the county, it is the location of the facility where they are at odds. The Concerned Citizens of Broadlands say the proposed location for BRMC is the wrong one and that a second hospital should be built along the Route 50 corridor in Dulles South.

"In cases where a hospital is in a residential area, the hospital was there first and the residential grew up there," Rhonda Paice, attorney for the Concerned Citizens said.

She said that was the case of Inova Loudoun Hospital at Lansdowne and would be the case if the hospital were to be built in Dulles South. However, with the current application, about 532 homes already exist in what she calls the "impact zone," the land bay bordered by

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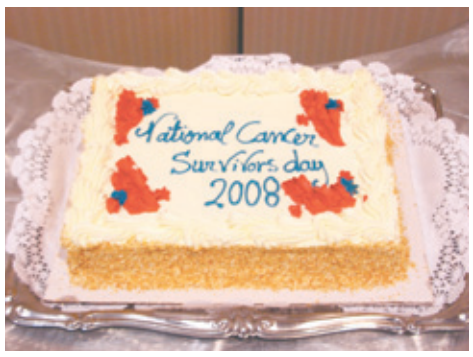
Celebrating Life

Inova Loudoun and guests celebrate National Cancer Survivors Day.

By Justin Fanizzi
The Connection

Celebrating life and being grateful for all you have are important things for any person to do, but the attendees of the 16th annual National Cancer Survivors Day luncheon are experts in that field.



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Organized by the staff of the Mary Elizabeth Miller Radiation Oncology Center of Inova Loudoun Hospital and held at the National Ballroom at the National Conference Center in Leesburg last Sunday, the event brought over 125 people out to enjoy great music, laughs and joy and hope.

To kick off the afternoon's proceedings, all attendees were given the opportunity to enter a raffle to win one of many prizes provided by local business, and then were treated to a full buffet. After eating, some of the prizes were raffled off by MC Tony Raker, director of public relations at Invoa, with much delight to the winners.

The afternoon's entertainment portion followed, as guests were serenaded with several Broadway classics by the Loudoun Chorale. Many people sang and swayed along to a medley of Rodgers and Hammerstein tunes with well-known songs from "South Pacific" and "Oklahoma," and

Photo by Justin Fanizzi/The Connection

The Loudoun Chorale performs for the attendees of the National Cancer Survivors Day luncheon.

a rendition of "Battle Hymn of the Republic." The chorale then closed with "God Bless America" to a standing ovation.

Renowned humorist Ron Culberson, a professional speaker known for integrating humor and health, took the stage after the chorale, keeping the fun going with jokes and anecdotes.

"I was asked to pass along a message," Culberson told the crowd. "Next year, they are combining events, and the financial markets' survivors meeting will be held here with the cancer survivors. I hope to see you all here."

Welcome to Park View's Jungle

Park View High School celebrates its Homecoming in "wild" style.

By Justin Fanizzi
The Connection

Park View High School put a new twist on an old tradition this year as it celebrated its annual Homecoming last Friday. As in years past, the school held a parade, with many of its students participating in preparation for the big game.

The parade, which went from Sterling Middle School, along North Sterling Boulevard then finally down W. Laurel Avenue to Park View, was led by a fire truck and was filled with student-made floats, a marching band and several clubs marching together.

All of the four classes created their own floats, which were made with this year's theme, "Welcome to the Jungle," in mind. The Drama Club, Varsity and Junior Varsity Cheer, Chorus Club also made floats while the Multicultural Club, Mu Alpha Theta and school marching band walked in procession.

Different this year, however, was the creation of a new tradition — one which the school hopes will become a Park View institution. In addition to selecting Homecoming King Kenny Smith and Queen Tulip Karki, each club nominated one person to represent the club as their prince or princess. The Anime Club selected Kenny Harbour, Chorus Club selected Jasmine Berrios and Mu Alpha Theta nominated Jerry Batac and Angela Vongphakdy. During the parade, the king, queen, princes and princesses were escorted in their own cars, waving to the crowd as they passed.

Later that night, at the football game, the awards for the parade floats were handed out. In the class competition, the rankings held true to seniority, with the senior class winning, and the juniors, sophomores and freshmen taking second, third and fourth, respectively. In the club category, Drama took top honors, with Chorus coming in second.

More on the Parade

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Park View's banner is displayed proudly by the marching band.

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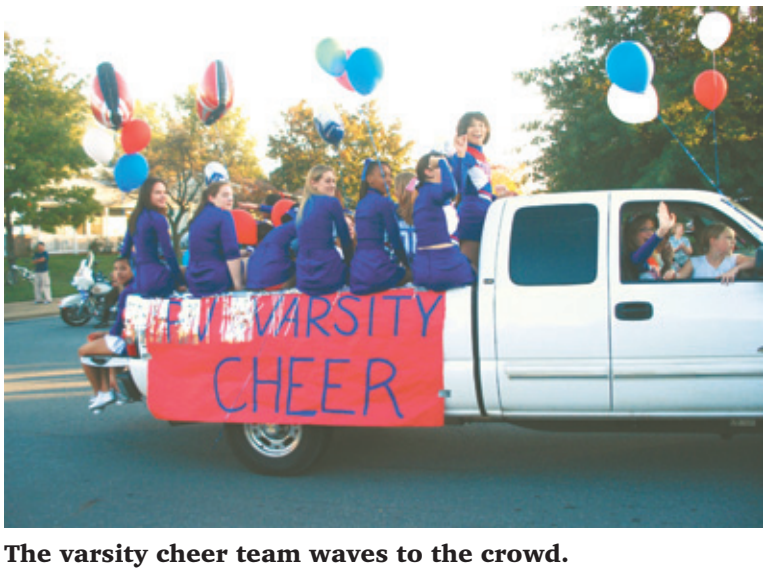
A group of seniors decorated their car in accordance with the "Welcome to the Jungle" theme.



The varsity cheer team waves to the crowd.

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The juniors display their float, which had Hollywood décor.

The fire truck leads the parade.

BRMC Goes to Public Hearing

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Claiborne Parkway, Truro Parish Drive and Belmont Ridge Road, closest to BRMC's proposed location.

She said members of the group have varying reasons for opposing the application; however, there is one common thread.

"The thing you hear all the time is 'When I bought my house we were promised a certain quality of life.' The land was proposed for office space and they were fine with that," Paice said. "What is being proposed is a 24/7, 365 days a year intensive use that involves lights, noise and traffic around the clock."

THOSE WHO favor the hospital contend that the Route 50 corridor is the wrong location and point to the fact the Route 50 and Route 15 between Leesburg and Route 50, the would-be main arteries for Dulles South, have been closed nine times since May. The group also said the number of Emergency Medical Services calls supports having the hospital in Ashburn.

According to their findings, Jeanne Fisher, a founding member of the Broadlands Residents for BRMC, said, the highest number of EMS calls in 2007 was from Sterling with 7,061, followed by Leesburg with 4,483 and Ashburn with 3,699. The Route 50 corridor had 1,734 over the same time period. The figures were compiled by the group from Fire-Rescue Department statistics. The number of calls, Fisher said, is expected to jump to 8,758 in Sterling, to 5,565 in Leesburg, to 4,635 in Ashburn and to 1,931 in the Route 50 corridor by 2013.

THE MOST basic reason for supporting BRMC, Hillary Amato, another founding member, said, was an increase of beds and doctors.

Amato said she had been in a horseback-riding accident six months ago in which she broke her back and leg as well as suffered other injuries. She was first transported from Middleburg to the Leesburg Emergency Department, commonly known as the Inova Cornwall Campus, located in Leesburg. There she waited seven hours before being transported to Inova Loudoun Hospital in Lansdowne, where she still didn't get a room until sometime between 1-1:30 a.m., 12 hours after the accident first occurred.

"I was kept in a room with five other people," Amato said. "A nurse told me they had to late release some people to get us rooms. That means someone had to be released around 11 or 12 at night, so I could have a room. That's why I became interested."

In addition to the debate over location, a couple in Broadlands, Bruce Biggs and his wife, have filed a lawsuit against the Broadlands homeowners association seeking the nullification of the board's declaration in support of BRMC. Lawrence McClafferty, attorney for the plaintiffs, claims the vote was invalid since only four of the nine members voted, falling short of a majority. He further claims one of the four is prohibited from voting because the family had sold its house. The nine-person board is made up of four resident members and five from developer Van Metre. The night the vote was taken only eight members were present and those from Van Metre abstained since the developer sold the property to HCA. Currently, Broadlands is made up of 2,808 households, including apartment units.

"Boards don't do this. Corporations don't operate this way," McClafferty said. "Anytime there's a rogue board, somebody should be watching."

McClafferty admits the courts definitely will not be able to hear the case before the Wednesday public hearing and may not even hear arguments before a decision is reached by the supervisors. He said that isn't the point.

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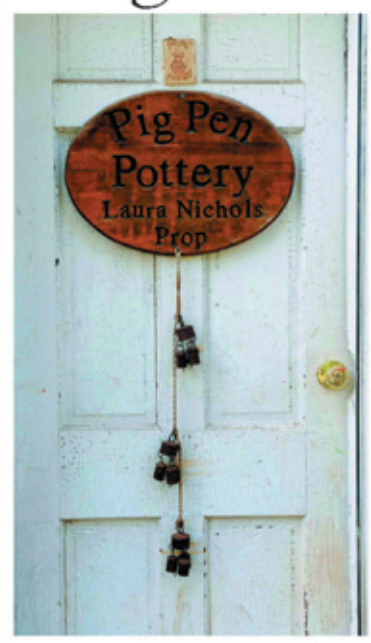

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Toll Road Transfer Case Heard Again

Court decision is expected by Oct. 17.

By Mirza Kurspahic
The Connection

Residents and businesses in the Dulles Corridor will have to wait two weeks before learning more about who will control the pricing of the tolls on Dulles Toll Road. Richmond Circuit Court judge Margaret Spencer heard again on Friday, Oct. 3, arguments in a case challenging the constitutionality of a December 2006 agreement to transfer the operation of the road to the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority (MWAA).

THE CASE is of importance to the Rail to Dulles extension project, because the outcome could alter the funding picture for the project and possibly impede the commonwealth's ability to pay its share of the cost. Spencer said she would make her decision in the case known on or before Oct. 17.

"This case is only about whether this contract was constitutional. It's not a question of whether Metrorail to Dulles will be built," said Patrick McSweeney, representing plaintiffs Patrick Gray and James Nagle, two Dulles Toll Road users from Springfield and Reston, respectively.

The Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) deadline to receive applications for projects it will fund in the next fiscal year is Oct. 22. It is understood the agency would contribute about $900 million to the Rail to Dulles extension project once it is considered appropriate for the funds. "If we miss that deadline, it will be very bad for this project," said Stuart Raphael, an attorney with Hunton and Williams LLP representing the defendants: the Virginia Secretary of Transportation, the Virginia Department of Transportation, the Commonwealth Transportation Commissioner and the Commonwealth Transportation Board.

Raphael said the case had been identified as a hurdle for the federal funds to be released. He said missing the Oct. 22 deadline would mean that the release of the $900 million to the Dulles Rail project would be delayed at least another year. "This is the centerpiece of Virginia's transportation improvements in Northern Virginia," Raphael said of the rail extension project.

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Are these drivers paying taxes going through a Dulles Toll Road toll booth in Tysons Corner?

McSWEENEY ARGUED, among other things, that the transfer of the Toll Road is a transfer of a Commonwealth of Virginia asset, which should have been authorized through the General Assembly, not members of the state's executive branch. "This is in plain circumvent of the General Assembly," McSweeney said. Anyone executing agreements that transfer the commonwealth's assets, in this case collected tolls, should follow the procedures outlined in Virginia's constitution, he added. "That was not done here."

Raphael said the General Assembly defeated three bills in 2006 and 2007 that would have barred the transfer of the Toll Road to MWAA. "A clear pattern exists of the General Assembly saying we want Rail to Dulles and we want to use the tolls from the Toll Road to pay for it," Raphael said. He said that even though the General Assembly did not approve the agreement, "it clearly embraced it." Raphael added, "A part-time legislature simply cannot micromanage every contract the government enters."

Another challenge to the agreement is that the defendants empowered MWAA to collect and raise taxes, through collection and fixing of tolls. "A toll is not a tax because it is a voluntary charge," Raphael said. He said the use of the Toll Road is a choice, buying a benefit for arguably faster travel. Although the paid tolls are used to pay for government services, for example road maintenance, the payment of the tolls is not imposed. The consumers have alternatives to the Toll Road, Raphael said.

"This is not just a right to collect, it's also a right to fix the tolls," McSweeney said of the transfer of Toll Road operation to MWAA. Even though there are alternatives to using the Toll Road, a toll is a tax "if its purpose is to generate revenue," McSweeney said. He added that there is no question that the purpose of the tolls on Dulles Toll Road is to generate revenue.

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Time for Change?

Parents claim grading scale unfair to county students.

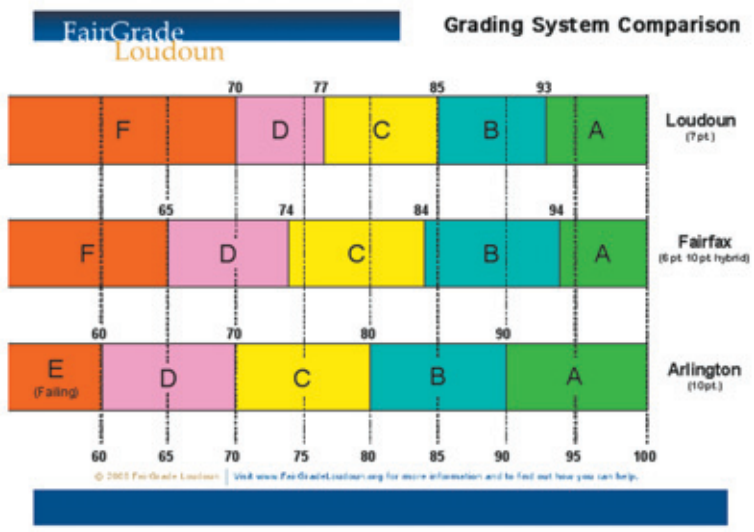
By Jennifer Lesinski
The Connection

For the past seven years, a county public-school student who earned an 84 would be credited with a C, while in neighboring Fairfax or Arlington counties an 84 would be good enough for a B. In fact, in Arlington, that same student would have to receive a 79 before earning the lower grade.

A group of parents say that puts students in the Loudoun County Public Schools system at an unfair disadvantage when it comes to the highly competitive world of college admissions, grants and athletic scholarships, and even for something as simple as good-student car-insurance discounts.

Three parents — all of whom have children about to graduate or have already graduated from LCPS — formed FairGrade Loudoun earlier this year to advocate for a change in the county's seven-point grading scale. The local group is working with a similar organization in Fairfax County, where a hybrid six-point/10-point scale is in place.

"There are about five areas across the state that are questioning the grading scales," Kathy Lague, a FairGrade founding member, said. "Weighting [grades] is nice, but the real answer is having the same scale."



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FairGrade Loudoun contends that students in the county are at a disadvantage with the current seven-point grading scale.

For More

- To learn more about FairGrade Loudoun, visit www.fairgradeloudoun.org.
- The county grading scale will be the topic of the Nov. 12 meeting of the Loudoun Education Alliance of Parents (LEAP), 7:30 p.m., at the LCPS Administration Building, 12000 Education Court, Ashburn. Members of the community welcome to attend.

VIRGINIA, MUCH like the rest of the United States, does not have a uniform grading scale. Even within Northern Virginia, the grading scale varies among the different jurisdictions — ranging from anywhere from a six-point to a 10-point scale. According to FairGrade, an average student in Loudoun County who earned a 2.4 GPA would earn a 3.0 GPA in Falls Church and Montgomery County and a 2.8 GPA in Fairfax County — based on a cumulative GPA of 83.2.

"Look at the surrounding jurisdictions, they're all on a 10-point grading scale," Lague said. "Our kids' GPA is not equal to their GPA."

The members of FairGrade Loudoun say the differing GPAs mean local students have a harder time getting into state colleges, which have a limited number of slots available for in-state students. The parents say that college admission officers first look at a student's grades compared to other students in the same school, known as the school profile, then compare that student's grades to other applicants from other jurisdictions. It is this second comparison where county students, at least on paper, fall short because the LCPS student's transcript GPA would be lower than other students, even if their numerical grades were the same.

"A majority of schools in the nation uses the 10-point grading scale," Michele Zuckerman, another founding member said. "… We want [the students] to strive for higher [GPAs], but we also want a level playing field."

FairGrade Loudoun members have been doing presentations of the data they have collected supporting their argument at neighborhood schools when asked by the PTA/PTO and have contacted Del. David Poisson (D-32) about the possibility of having a uniform grading scale for the commonwealth. The group also has been in contact with School Board member J. Warren Geurin (Sterling), who plans to have FairGrade give its presentation to the curriculum and instruction committee he chairs to see if the committee members feel a study group should be formed to look at the grading scale.

While Geurin is willing to listen to the parents and should his committee feel necessary, request the School Board take a closer look at the grading scale, he does not feel local students are negatively impacted.

"Here in Virginia there are 135 school systems and there is no uniformity in Virginia let alone nationally," Geurin said. "Eight years ago [when LCPS last convened a grading-scale study group], competition for college wasn't as severe as it is today. Tuition prices have risen so much, parents are looking for every advantage they can to gain, as they should.

"WE WERE TOLD eight years ago and have been told recently and I'm sure we will be told again by college admissions officers the competition is not Loudoun students vs. Fairfax students or even Loudoun students vs. Maryland students. I'm not personally convinced our kids are at a disadvantage."

K. Anne Lewis, director of student services for LCPS, echoes Geurin's beliefs.

"I was at the College Board [in early September] and had college admissions officers from some prestigious schools ask me, 'Why can't your parents trust us to read a transcript? We get all kinds of grading scales,'" Lewis said. "Colleges are looking at curriculum, the grading scale and for rigorous class selection."

Lewis said the school system changed its grading scale from a six-point to seven-point scale in 2002 on the recommendation of a committee made up of educators and parents. At the same time, the school system eliminated the use of minuses with grades, but retained plusses.

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Opinion

Mark Warner for Senate

Mark Warner's success as governor has made him one of the most popular politicians ever in the Commonwealth, and that respect is well earned. His appearance on the ballot statewide will likely help other Democrats, whether they are above or below Warner on the ticket.

Editorials

Mark Warner faces another former governor, Jim Gilmore (R) in the race to replace retiring U.S. Sen. John Warner (R).

John Warner has been a remarkable leader for Virginia, and his leadership along with Northern Virginia's congressional delegation, has made a difference for all residents here. The retirement of John Warner along with U.S. Rep. Tom Davis (R-11), will mean more challenges for local projects and initiatives.

That's why it's critical to send Mark Warner to the Senate, a man who has demonstrated his appeal and ability to work across party lines perhaps more than any other elected official ever in Virginia. Warner successfully took on some of the toughest issues, budget shortfalls and transportation gridlock, and made significant progress. He faced problems with business sense and courage.

Jim Gilmore's tenure as governor left the state with a massive shortfall and his leadership resulted in bitterness and bad blood that remains to this day. The last thing we need in the Senate right now is Gilmore's style of partisan nastiness and dogmatic inflexibility.

If elected, Mark Warner will join Sen. Jim Webb in representing Virginia. It's hard to imagine a better team.

Will Virginia Republicans second-guess their decision to use a convention rather than a primary to nominate their candidate for Senate if Virginia votes Democratic for president on Nov. 4 for the first time since 1964? It is almost certain that a small number of votes statewide will determine which presidential candidate carries Virginia. Would it help the Republicans if the top of the ticket statewide were someone more appealing to a broader number of Republicans, who might appeal to some Democrats? Say someone like Tom Davis?

Endorsements in Congressional races will appear next week.

— Mary Kimm

Consider Voting Early

Every vote will count in Virginia this year. No matter whom you are planning to support, a small number of votes could make all the difference.

Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 4, and polling places in Virginia will be open 13 hours on that day, from 6 a.m. until 7 p.m. With record turnout expected, and large numbers of first-time voters, lines could be long. Be sure to allow plenty of time on Election Day. And consider voting ahead of time.

Many voters in Northern Virginia who have full-time jobs qualify to cast an absentee ballot. If you might be at work for nine hours, and your commute has ever taken an hour each way, you qualify to vote absentee.

Virginia voters who might spend 11 hours or more commuting and working on Election Day, between 6 a.m. and 7 p.m., qualify to vote by absentee ballot.

IN LOUDOUN COUNTY, in-person absentee voting is available at the Office of the General Registrar at 801 Sycolin Road, S.E., Suite 102, Leesburg. The office is open from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. 703-777-0380.

Stand Up to Extortionists

To the Editor:

If you received a call from a stranger who demanded that you pay his bar bill and bookie or he would ruin your family's finances, you wouldn't reach for your wallet.

But Congress is ready to reach for our wallets at the behest of President Bush and Wall Street lobbyists who threaten us with a 1932-style Depression if they do not get $700 billion for the debts of Wall Street gamblers and financial inebriates.

If private investors won't buy Wall Street's disputed assets, why should Congress force us to pay? The U.S. Treasury wants $700 billion to buy bad loans at above market prices and then auction them off for maybe cents on the dollar to the same Wall Street gangs causing this mess.

Bush wants to give former Goldman Sachs CEO and current Treasury Secretary Paulson powers equal to a one-man economic dictatorship: "Decisions by the Secretary … may not be reviewed by any court of law or any administrative agency."

This grand larceny, done while the FBI investigates the very companies Congress wants to bail-out, will increase Wall Street's financial philandering, not end it. A depression is more likely with Congress so generously rewarding bad behavior, rather than letting those who take risks, pay for the risks.

The $300 billion already given away in 2008 stimulus packages, bailouts and "loans" for investment banks, Detroit auto makers, mortgage giants and insurance companies was supposed to fix the economy. Giving candy to one child doesn't work.

Adding $1 trillion to $2 trillion to the national debt over six months when the federal budget and trade balance deficits are hundreds of billions in the red will increase inflation and decrease the purchasing power of our paychecks and savings.

Congress should stand up to extortionists, not pay them.

Del. Bob Marshall (R-13)
Va. House of Delegates

Photo by Jennifer Lesinski/The Connection

Snapshot

12:13 p.m., Friday, Oct. 10, Stone Bridge High School, Ashburn.

Offended

To the Editor:

I am insulted by Sarah Palin's remarks referring to "Obama hanging out with terrorists." This Republican administration and its Republican cohorts have terrorized Americans over the past seven years. We have been terrorized into buying duct tape, flashlights, first aid kits and to keep our car filled with gas when an "attack was predicted for the following Friday." By that weekend there was no duct tape left in any Home Depot or Walmart located within every neighborhood and in every state of the Union. One man in New Jersey completely duct taped his house.

Then we had to be scared to death, to open our mailboxes at night for fear that there was anthrax in our mail box, which consisted only of bills, including your federal tax bill funding the Iraq War, also known as "The War on Terror."

So, I am offended by the Republican, Sarah Palin who is running for vice president, when she brings up terrorist, for the biggest terrorists in the past two terms of office, were members of the Republican Party.

Nan Beckwith Thomasson
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Broad Run's 'Radium Girls'

Inspired by a true story, drama focuses on miracle cure gone bad.

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By Steve Hibbard
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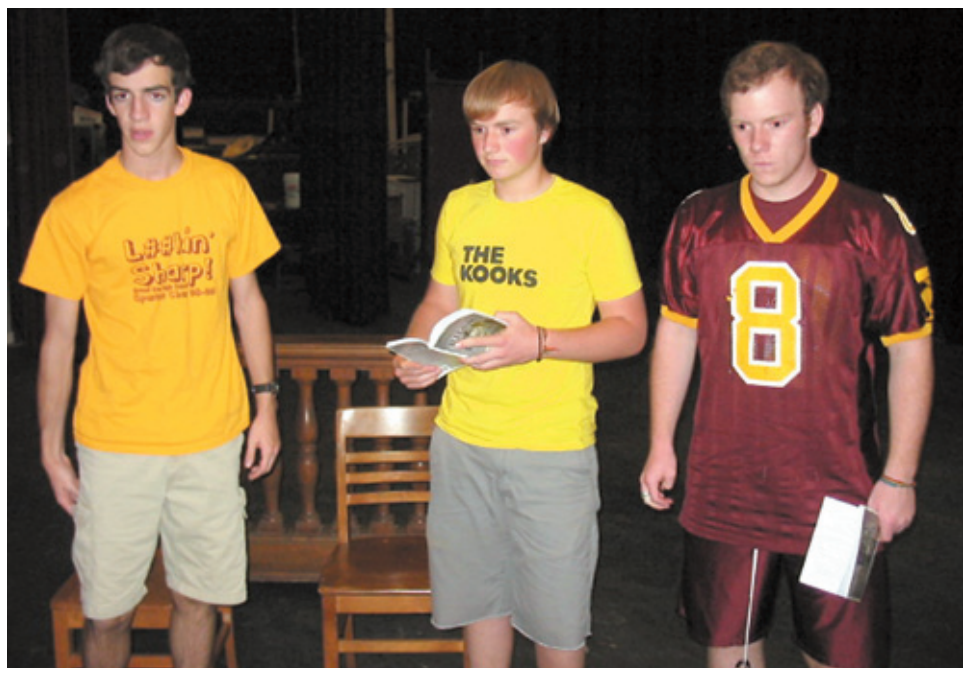
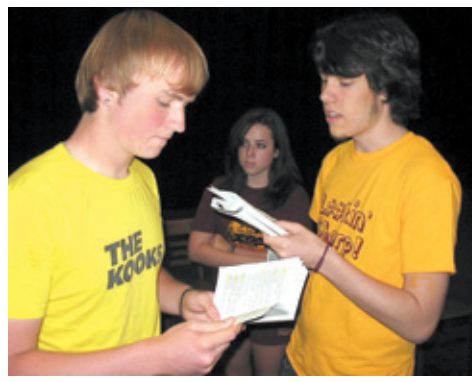
The cast of "Radium Girls" in rehearsal.





To Go

The Broad Run Theatre Spartans are staging "Radium Girls" as its fall production. Show times are: Nov. 13, 14, and 15 at 7:30 p.m. and Nov. 16 at 2 p.m. Call 571-252-2305.

DRAMA DIRECTOR Tim Willmot says he usually selects a drama in the fall and a musical in the spring. When he decided on "Radium Girls," the timing was right and Broad Run hadn't done a play like this since "The Crucible" in 2001.

"I just got excited about it as an historical piece," he said. "I think it's important to educate the community and the kids."

The challenge with this play is "it's more serious than any of [the students] are used to," said Willmot. Suddenly they have to "find depth and nuance ... people were moved and were crying when we read it," he added.

Amanda Kohr, 18, plays the lead of Grace Fryer, a dial painter, who sues her former employer, the U.S. Radium Corp. for making her sick. "She has this disease and she wants to stand up for herself because she feels like it's the company's fault that she's sick," said Amanda, a senior. Her challenge, she says, is to develop her character who ages from 15 to 26.

Alec Tebbenhoff, 17, plays the role of Arthur Roeder, the president of the U.S. Radium Corp., who ages from 34 to 65.

"He's just trying to make everything right," said Alec. Since he's both a businessman and a father with a wife and family, he said, "It's almost Jekyll and Hyde. The guy at home just wants to be noble and do the right thing ... he's sort of caught in the middle." He adds: "It takes a real character in a story to bring out emotions and make you cry."

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> **— Alec Tebbenhoff, 17, who plays the role of Arthur Roeder.**

Alec has been in 10 plays at school and hopes to major in music composition and write music for TV shows in the future.

Nick Smith, 16, plays the attorney Raymond Barry. "I think he wants to do what's right," said Nick of the struggle to win. "He's frustrated in trying to win the case." He said the role requires a range of emotions. "He goes from being frustrated and upset. There's all this mix of emotion," said Nick, a junior.

Nick has been in six plays and wants to go into acting or directing — anything involving performance.

James Bates, 17, plays Dr. Von Sochocky, who gets rich off of having invented the radium used to paint the dials. He develops cancer as a result of handling it. "I come back and speak for the girls because it's wrong," he said.

The German accent was a bit of a challenge for James. "I use a comedic accent and I kind of try to make him not comedic," said the senior who has been in eight plays.

He adds: "All the other characters I've every played, bounce around and are happy. And this character is completely serious." In the future, he hopes to be in sitcoms. "I just want to make people laugh," he said.

JENNIE WEYMAN, 16, plays Katherine Wiley, an advocate for the girls trying to find an attorney. "She believes it is wrong that the girls are being treated the way they are," said Katherine. The challenge is the character is very powerful and controlling. "She's loud and outspoken and she's very manipulative of the way people feel," she said. "It seems like she's a puppet master. She plays people's emotions."

Already in 10 plays, Jennie hopes to go into music education and teach high school choral music.

Joe Fackler, 16, plays Charlie Lee who allies himself with the Board, the controlling force of the company. He goes from extremely naive to very excitable. "He tries to ramp things up ... he doesn't take anything calmly at all," said Joe. "Everything he says, he's either trying to get excited about a new prospect or he's getting mad about someone getting in his way."

KATHERYN LEA, 16, plays an older society woman who tries to be the center of attention. "She's kind of mean to people who aren't important ... and comes off nice and superficial," said Katheryn. Although she enjoys playing old people, the hard part is all the dialogue. "It's like when presidents speak and they make things sound really, really great," said Katheryn, a junior.

Already in eight plays, Katheryn hopes to study vocal performance and teach private voice lessons or go into performance.

Felix Birdie, 16, plays Edward Markley, the defense attorney for the U.S. Radium Corp. at the top of his game. "He's very conniving and snakelike, and it's always hard to find a balance between, when you're a two-faced character," said Felix. Already in nine plays, Felix hopes to go into performing arts or music recording.

Calendar

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WEDNESDAY/OCT. 15

GOLF FUND-RAISER. 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m., at Raspberry Falls Golf & Hunt Club, 41601 Raspberry Drive, Leesburg. The Loudoun Convention and Visitors Association Foundation is hosting a charity auction and golf classic fund-raiser. Day includes golf tourney and clinic, silent and live auction and a dinner. Call Wendy Ferrigno at 703-771-2170, Ext. 24 or visit www.LCVAFoundation.org to participate or sponsor.

SENIOR MOVIES. 1:30 p.m., Senior Center at Cascades Marketplace, 21060 Whitfield Place, Sterling. See "Leatherheads," starring George Clooney and John Krasinski, rated PG-13, 114 minutes. Cost: $2, includes popcorn and soda. Call 703-430-2397.

MEET THE AUTHOR. 7:30 p.m., Ashburn Library, 43316 Hay Road. Teens are invited to hear David Lubar, author and former video-game programmer, discuss his books and the process of writing. Call 703-737-8100.

MIDWEEK BIRD WALK. 8:30-11 a.m., Horsepen Preserve, borders the Potomac River immediately to the west of Algonkian Park. Join Joe Coleman and Linda Sieh for one of Loudoun Wildlife Conservancy's free midweek walks. Registration required, contact Joe Coleman at jcoleman@loudounwildlife.org or 540-554-2542.

FUN WITH FALL. 3:30-5 p.m., Claude Moore Park, 21544 Old Vestal's Gap Road, Sterling. Children ages 6-10 can join a quest to find the perfect leaf to use in an art project. Cost: $10.50 per child. Call 571-258-3700.

THURSDAY/OCT. 16

BILINGUAL STORY TIME. 4 p.m., Cascades Library, 21030 Whitfield Place, Potomac Falls. A Spanish and English story time presented by Barbara Davila. Recommended for ages 2-6. Check http://library.loudoun.gov.

RING DING SPIDER DAY. 4:30-5:30 p.m., Claude Moore Community Center, 46111 Loudoun Park Lane, Sterling. Children ages 4 and up will make delicious spiders to take home for after dinner desert; chocolate will be used. Cost: $8 with $3 supply fee. Preregistration required, call 571-258-3500.

FRIDAY/OCT. 17

TEEN CENTER. 7-10 p.m., After-Hours Teen Center, Cascades Library, 21030 Whitfield Place, Potomac Falls. Features art night. 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 high schoolers.

RUMMAGE SALE. 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Morven Park's Equestrian Center in Leesburg. 70th Annual Ladies Board Rummage Sale benefiting Ladies Board projects and the Ladies Board nursing scholarships. Admission is free during regular sale hours, but the doors will open one hour early Friday only, at 8 a.m., to those with tickets for this Early Bird Hour, which cost $5 per person and are needed for anyone 12 years old or older. Ticket proceeds benefit the Polly Clemens Nursery Fund. Includes silent auction Friday only, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Call 703-771-2985 or visit www.ladiesboard.org.

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/OCT. 18

COURT AND MARKET DAYS. 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Downtown Leesburg. Celebrate the heritage of Leesburg with artisan demonstrations, re-enactments of court cases from 1750-1825, period entertainment and more. Includes children's activities, food vendors and live entertainment. Contact Ida Lee Park Recreation Center at 703-777-1368.

FALL FARM COLOR TOUR. 10 a.m.-4 p.m., locations countywide. Self-guided tour of vineyards, orchards, pick-your-own farms and the Heritage Farm Museum. Sponsored by the Department of Economic Development, visit the Web site, www.LoudounFarms.org, to download a brochure of participating locations and a map.

MUSEUM TRIP. The Senior Center at Cascades Marketplace, 21060 Whitfield Place, will take a trip to Washington, D.C., to tour the Newseum; lunch on own. Cost: $26 for members, $28 for nonmembers, includes transportation and admission. Extensive walking. Call 703-430-2397 for departure and return times and locations.

NOAA OPEN HOUSE. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., NOAA's National Weather Service Baltimore/Washington Weather Forecast Office, 43858 Weather Service Road (off Old Ox Road, adjacent to Dulles Airport), Sterling. Includes demonstrations, tours, exhibits, weather balloon launch and more.

RESCUE EVENT. 11 a.m.-2 p.m., PetSmart, 46220 Potomac Run Plaza, Sterling. Mid-Atlantic Great Dane Rescue League (MAGDRL), one of the largest breed specific rescues in the North East, is hosting a meet and greet. MAGDRL helps find homes for abandoned or homeless Great Danes. MAGDRL will be at the Sterling PetSmart on the third Saturday of every month. Call Sterling PetSmart, 703-444-6500.

RUMMAGE SALE. 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Morven Park's Equestrian Center in Leesburg. See Oct. 17 item for details.

FAMILY STREAM DAY. 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Loudoun Water, 44865 Loudoun Water Way, Ashburn. The seventh annual "Exploring Our Streams Day," planned by Loudoun Watershed Watch and co-hosted with the Loudoun Environmental Stewardship Alliance, kicks off with the grand opening of Loudoun Water's new Aquiary, an educational exhibit on water. Rain or shine. Visit www.loudounwatershedwatch.org/subitem4_9.html.

ALDIE FESTIVAL. 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Village of Aldie, John Mosby Highway, Aldie. This 200-year-old village presents a harvest festival featuring food, entertainment, vendors, crafts, bake sales, grinding and blacksmithing demonstrations and more. Admission free; optional parking donation $5. Call 703-327-4060 or visit www.villageofaldie.com/harvestfest.htm

5K RACE. 9 a.m., Stone Ridge Village Plaza, 42010 Village Center Plaza, Stone Ridge. Run in the third annual Stone Ridge 5K Race for Education. Includes activities and prizes for all ages. Proceeds go to Dulles South public schools. Visit Web site for registration fees, www.stoneridge5k.org.

AVFRC FUND-RAISER. 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Ashburn Volunteer Fire and Rescue Company, 20688 Ashburn Road, Ashburn. Holiday Shopping Spree, fund-raising event. Includes vendors and free drawings. All proceeds will go to support the Ashburn Volunteer Fire and Rescue Company. Contact Tina Hoellerer at 703-342-8177 or tina@ashburnfirerescue.org.

DODGEBALL FUND-RAISER. 9 a.m.-6 p.m., at Diamond Sports Training, Sterling. The Help Madeleine Dodge It! Tournament to raise money for Madeleine Baet, 4, of Leesburg, who was diagnosed with neuroblastoma. Anyone can participate, must preregister a team of six-eight players by Oct. 15. Team fees: ages 16 and under $150 per team; ages 17 and older $200 per team. Register by visiting www.helpmadeleinedodgeit.com. Contact Jennifer Mattingly at 703-729-2644 for additional information on the tournament. For additional information on the Baet family, contact Pamela Baet at 540-229-4092.

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The **Committee for Dulles** luncheon, Thursday, **Oct. 16**, features Christopher T. Hess, area port director, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, discussing customs and border protection at Washington Dulles International Airport. Luncheon takes place at the Holiday Inn, 1000 Sully Road, Dulles, reception at 11:30 a.m., lunch served at noon, board of directors meeting at 10:30 a.m. Reservations required by the Monday prior, nonmembers in advance $55, at the door $60; CFD members in advance $45, at the door $50. Call the CFD office 703-430-8749.

All local area vendors are invited to attend **Loudoun County Procurement's 2008 buyer/seller information exchange sessions**. These sessions are to provide information on the county's procurement processes and upcoming contracts. The sessions will take place Monday, **Oct. 20,** at 10:30 a.m.; Thursday, **Nov. 20,** at 2 p.m.; Thursday, **Dec. 18,** at 2 p.m. For locations call 703-777-0403 or send an e-mail to Rebecca Kummel at procurement@loudoun.gov.

Danajill Designs of Potomac Falls, **Drum Daniel** of Sterling, **Dulles Sportsplex** of Sterling and **Youthsalons.com** of Sterling will be among the more than 100 exhibitors at the Great Kids Expo at the Dulles Expo Center, Oct. 25-26.

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Celebration Preschool, 20962 Ashburn Road, Ashburn, will hold its second annual fall festival, Saturday, **Oct. 18**, 3–7 p.m. The event will feature carnival games, face painting, a moon bounce, a giant slide, food, silent auction items, home-based business/craft sales and more. Call 703-729-1224.

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. Information 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.

The Douglass Community Center, 405 East Market St., Leesburg, has an **open gym every Tuesday**. Includes scooters, balls, the balance beam, tunnels and much more. For children ages 2-5. Program is 3:30-4:30 p.m. costs $1 per child. To register, contact the Douglass Community Center at 703-771-5913 or e-mail at dcc@loudoun.gov.

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Congregation Sha'are Shalom, 19357 Evergreen Mills Road, Leesburg, will host a kosher festive dinner in its sukkah, Friday, **Oct. 17**, at 6:30 p.m. The sukkah is a temporary structure erected during the autumnal harvest festival of Sukkot (Feast of the Tabernacles).

The sukkah represents the temporary dwellings that the children of Israel used on their Biblical sojourn from Egypt to the land of Israel. The cost for the dinner is $8 for each adult and $6 for each child.

The maximum cost is $25 for a family. All are welcome. Call Congregation Sha'are Shalom at 703-737-6500 or visit www.sha-areshalom.org.

The 10:30 a.m. service, Sunday, **Oct. 19**, at the **Unitarian Universalists of Sterling** is "United Nations Revelations." This is the 60th anniversary year of the signing of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the Rev. Anya Sammler-Michael invites us to consider the dream of the UN in relation to the present struggles of our global civilization. On this day, the congregation will also recognize new members of the Unitarian Universalists of Sterling. UUS meets every Sunday, at 10:30 a.m., at the Sterling Oaks Commerce Center at 22135 Davis Drive. Call 703-406-3068 or visit uusterling.org.

CONNECT, the young adult group at **Sterling United Methodist Church**, 304 East Church Road, Sterling, is seeking new members. CONNECT focuses on bringing people together in a social setting as they commonly search for Christ's direction in their lives. The group is open to all men and women in their 20s and 30s, married or single, with or without children. There is no cost for membership, although activity participation fees may apply. Call 703-430-6455 or visit www.sterlingumc.org.

Stephen Ministry at **Ashburn Presbyterian Church**, 20962 Ashburn Road in Ashburn, is a one-to-one listening ministry for those who need support for reasons such as divorce, loss of a loved one, recent hospitalization or terminal illness. Although Stephen Ministers are not counselors, they do empathize with those they are called to support and help them to find comfort through God's loving presence. Call Mark Armstrong, associate pastor at 703-729-2012 or visit the church Web site at ww.ashburnpresbyterian.org.

The Loudoun County Chamber of Commerce named the 34 finalists selected to compete in nine business categories for the **2008 Small Business Awards.** The winners in each of nine categories will be announced at the Annual Gala Awards dinner **Nov. 6**, at the National Conference Center. Visit www.loudounchamber.org/CWT/External/WCPages/WCNews/NewsArticleDisplay.aspx?ArticleID=30 to see the finalists.

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Sports

Spartans Struggle Past Determined Dominion

But Broad Run breaks it open in the fourth quarter for a 27-6 Homecoming football win.

By Rich Sanders
The Connection

Photo by Craig Sterbutzel/The Connection

Dominion High quarterback Joe Jezior makes something happen with the ball last Saturday, as lineman Josh Diaz blocks for him. Jezior and teammate Trey Baxter both saw time at QB in the Dulles District game.

A stingy and determined Dominion High football team attempted to put a damper on Broad Run's Homecoming Saturday afternoon last weekend. For the most part of the Dulles District game, played in front of a large, festive crowd on a gorgeous, mild fall day in Ashburn, the visiting, underdog Titans stayed right with the Spartans. Finally, to the relief of the nervous home team fans, Broad Run burst through for a big final quarter and defeated the guests, 27-6.

"THEY'RE A LOT better than people think they are," said Broad Run coach Mike Burnett, whose team remained unbeaten at 6-0 with the win as Dominion fell to 1-5. "Their defense flies to the ball and they play hard."

Karl Buckwalter, the first year Dominion head coach in the early stages of overseeing a re-building effort to the program, had to look at the big picture afterwards in regards to his team.

"We're getting better each week," said Buckwalter, who once built the Northern Region's McLean High team into a power in the 1990s. "We feel the kids are taking everything in they can like sponges. They are tackling better and playing defense better."

Dominion, whose only win came two weeks ago in a home game triumph over Freedom, is now looking to regroup for its own Homecoming game this Friday night against district foe Heritage of Leesburg.

"We'll go back to work and get ready for Heritage," said Buckwalter.

Throughout Saturday's game, Dominion was a thorn in the side to the Spartans, who probably had ideas of taking charge of the game early on and winning with relative ease as they have done against other teams this season. But the Titans played solid defense much of the game and had some offensive success moving the ball. When sophomore running back Deandre Reaves, one of the metropolitan area's better underclassmen skill position players, maneuvered his way for a 10-yard scoring run within the last minute of the first half to get Dominion within 8-6, it was a fired up Titans' team which, a few minutes later, enthusiastically left the field for halftime. Buckwalter was as animated as anyone, pumping his fist into the air in response to his team's impressive overall play.

"Everybody plays hard now," said Burnett, not at all surprised by Dominion's effort. "The district is better and better. There are no down games."

A MID-THIRD quarter Broad Run field goal by Graham Allen from 30 yards out made the score 11-6 Spartans, and that remained the tally going into the fourth quarter. The Titans, it appeared, were set to take the Spartans the distance.

Broad Run created a little more breathing room for itself when Allen, the team's outstanding senior kicker, converted on another field goal from 29 yards away with eight minutes, eight seconds remaining to put the Spartans ahead 14-6.

Moments later, a poorly executed special teams' play by Dominion out of punt formation resulted in the Spartans starting a possession at the Titans' 35 yard line. From that moment on, Broad

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Panthers Enjoy Another Volleyball Season

Potomac Falls girls' team is gearing for the postseason.

By Rich Sanders
The Connection

The Potomac Falls High girls' volleyball team is putting together another strong season this fall. The Panthers improved their overall record to 12-4 with a three games to none match win over visiting Dulles District opponent Park View On Oct. 7. The victory improved the Panthers' district record to 6-4.

Potomac Falls' lone district setbacks have come to powerful Loudoun County and a strong Heritage team. The Panthers lost to both rivals in home and away meetings this season. In the first meeting with County on Sept. 4 at Potomac Falls, the Panthers won one game while losing three against the defending district champions. It was a team loss, but the fact that Potomac Falls took one game from the Raiders was quite a feat in itself. Potomac Falls was swept by County three games to none in the second meeting between the two opponents on Oct. 2 at Loudoun County.

The Panthers have experienced the same scenario with Heritage (Leesburg), getting swept on the road by the Tribe on Sept. 2, but earning one game in a 1-3 match loss at home on Sept. 25.

"We haven't served well against [County and Heritage] yet, but we have served well against other teams," said Potomac Falls coach Linda Lachey-Helms.

Last year's Potomac Falls team had a winning record (14-8) and finished fourth in the strong Dulles District in the regular season. The Panthers defeated Briar Woods in a quarterfinals round district tournament match before losing to County in the semifinals.

THIS YEAR'S Panthers, like last year's squad, are also among the top teams in the district.

"Our hope is to finish victoriously across the board," said Lachey-Helms, of her experienced teams' remaining portion of the regular season schedule.

The Panthers were scheduled to play district road games at Freedom and Dominion on Tuesday and Thursday, respectively, of this week. Then next Tuesday (Oct. 21) and Thursday (Oct. 23), Potomac Falls will conclude its regular season schedule with matches against Broad Rum (home) and Briar Woods (away). The district tournament will begin in two weeks.

Potomac Falls has received a solid team effort from its players this fall. Some of the top contributors have included sophomore Victoria Janowski, senior Caitlin Jones, senior Kerry Dwyer and senior Sara Hibson.

Janowski, a setter/outside hitter, is having another stellar season following a freshmen year in which she earned First Team All-Dulles District honors. Going into this week, she was the state leader in serving aces. She is the team leader in aces and kills.

"She just has a knack for playing volleyball," said Lachey-Helms. "She's a good all-around player. She's a little more consistent [overall this year]."

Jones, a middle blocker, was hit with some injuries that slowed her down last year. This year, she has been healthy and has put together a strong season in helping her team. Her blocking skills and her play within the middle have been a huge factor for the Panthers.

Dwyer, the team's defensive specialist at libero position, plays at a high level all over the court.

"She does a real nice job in the back row," said her coach. "She passes well and plays good defense. She's a good server and can spike it from the back row. And she has a good attitude."

Hibson, a Second Team All-District selection last year, plays an outside hitter position. She is second on the team in kills.

"She jumps real well and is a nice little outside hitter," said Lachey-Helms.

Potomac Falls' four team captains this season are Hibson, Jones, Dwyer and senior hitter Katherine Colfelt.

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I Feel Your Pain — Really

By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Not that I want — or need — the Federal Government to understand the kinds of financial choices I regularly make but I was somewhat amused, after the passage of the "Bailout" bill, to learn that the Federal Government (meaning Treasury Secretary Henry M. Paulsen, Federal Reserve Board Chairman Ben S. Bernanke, among others above and below their respective pay grades) haven't quite figured out exactly how and what "toxic" mortgage-related securities and/or non-performing debt they're actually going to buy/assume. To summarize, they don't know what the heck they're going to pay for first. And according to some economists/talking heads/pundits/government officials, the bailout, such as it has presently been passed, may not even have enough money in it to pay for the obligations that the Congress has just legislated a responsibility to do so. Gee, that's too bad. Welcome to my world and don't let the door hit you on the way out.

If I understand what news reports I've heard and some of the articles and opinions I've read, it all sounds personally very familiar: not enough money to pay too many bills. I wouldn't say I feel sorry for the federal Government though, but I can certainly relate. As to the specific causes and underlying policies that actually contributed to this current Wall Street/Main Street melting downturn, I can only listen and learn, and there appear to be no shortage of opinions. Many reasoned and well thought out, others infused with partisan poison.

As for us middle class survivors, it's not a pretty sight, nor is it, unfortunately, a road less traveled. Hardly. I'm on that road every day and to make matters worse, the gas that I need to stay on that road has been, up until recently, extremely expensive. Moreover, trying to figure out how — and where — the money is going to be spent: food, water, home, heat, cold, gasoline; health, life, disability and long term care insurances; parent, child, self and spouse, retirement, investment, etc., has been challenging, to say the least, and to say the most, downright impossible. Not that I'm a drinker, but I am beginning to feel the urge to start.

Sometimes, as I sit at my desk, checkbook in hand, pondering, it feels as if allocating dwindling dollars in a planned and prudent way is my vocation and the actual job I do have (the one for which I get paid) is my avocation. It's all mixed up. Granted, I need to work at my job in order to get paid so that I can pay my bills. However, given the responsibility and difficulty of juggling incoming versus outgoing, it almost feels like I'm paying bills just so that I can continue to work. Because if the bills aren't paid (in a timely fashion), I might not be in the mood, shall we say, to present myself as an employee worth keeping (meaning one who gets paid). I might be unable to keep my financial circumstances from getting the best of me. After all, I'm only human. I have feelings and frailties and not having enough money to meet my obligations will make Kenny a dull and depressed boy. And if I understand correctly, it looks like the Federal Government is, at least on paper, and at present, in the same kind of boat.

A boat that probably won't sink, but one that is definitely taking on water (no wonder it's called a "bailout" bill). We're not sunk, yet, by any means. We are listing, though, and there appear to be rough seas ahead. But it's nothing that many Americans haven't been faced with before, in some way or another. We'll make it. We may be changed by the experience but so what, sometimes change can be a good thing, especially if citizens weren't expecting any money back from their $700 billion Government bailout.

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Spartans Struggle Past Determined Dominion

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Run grabbed control of the game. On the third play on the Spartans' possession, senior running back sensation Breon Earl broke free off the left side for a 17-yard pickup down to the two-yard line. Two plays later, bruising senior fullback Kenny McAdow rammed the ball up the middle and into the end zone for the score that put the game out of reach with just over a minute to play at 21-6.

And for the final icing on the Broad Run Homecoming cake, the Spartans' defense scored a touchdown of its own two plays later into Dominion's next possession when junior defensive back TJ Peeler intercepted a pass and ran it back 31 yards for a touchdown.

THE FINAL SCORE read 27-6, but the game had felt much closer than that.

"People are going to say we should win 40-0, but we're going to get everybody's best shot every week," said McAdow, of the defending district champion Spartans. "Dominion's a good team."

Game Notes: Earl, McAdow, junior lineman Brian McCann, senior tightend/linebacker Mikey Cotton and senior wide receiver/defensive back Eric Pasztor, were all part of the Homecoming court during halftime festivities. Pasztor was named Homecoming King.

*Earl, the shifty, 5-foot-7 inch, 160-pound scat back, rushed for 133 yards on 14 carries on the day, although he lost one fumble following a long gain. He opened the game's scoring with a one-yard touchdown run in the first quarter. On the ensuing extra point, Broad Run lined up in kick formation, but pulled off a nifty fake that resulted in senior lineman Will Field tossing a two-yard conversion pass to Kevin Sandersen for an 8-0 Spartans' lead.

*Reaves, the Dominion running back, finished the game with a well-earned 87 yards on 24 carries against a Spartans' defense often keying on him. "Our goal was to contain him," said Burnett, the Broad Run coach. "He's going to make some great plays. His [second quarter] touchdown was terrific."

*Dominion junior defensive back Derrick Lewis had an interception as well as a long fumble return run. He also caught a pass from his wideout position for 20 yards.

*Dominion's offense showed signs of being formidable at times, especially running the ball. But mistakes often hindered the Titans' ability to sustain drives. Two turnovers and 11 penalties hurt the Titans' cause. "We feel we need to work on the little things," said Buckwalter. "Jumping offsides at critical times, missed assignments. It's a matter of getting over the hump [in regards to mistakes]."

* Broad Run will be at Loudoun County this Friday night.

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