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Voters check in at the polling place at Eagle Ridge Middle School Tuesday morning.

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Voters Flock to Polls

High voter count at Park View High School polls reflect expected turnout.

BY JUSTIN FANIZZI
THE CONNECTION

As Election Day 2008 kicks off, local polling places are already experiencing a high volume of residents seeking to cast their votes in this highly anticipated race.

According to Van Rouse, chief of the Park View precinct in the Sterling District, located at the Park View High, more 1,150 people had turned out at the polls as of noon, which was reflective of the massive turnout expected by county and state officials. Dianna Johnson Price, secretary of the

county Electoral Board, said that the Virginia State Electoral Board estimated the turnout

to exceed 90 percent statewide.

The notion that this election would elicit a huge turnout was evident for quite some time. According to County Registrar Judy



PHOTO BY JUSTIN FANIZZI/THE CONNECTION

A crowd of voters wait to cast their ballots Tuesday morning at Eagle Ridge Middle School.

Brown, voters have flocked to the polls in droves to cast ballots early, with more than 7,000 voting on the equipment at the Registrar's Office and Cascades Senior Center and another 10,000 absentee ballots mailed out. In addition, the voter rolls have

increased by more than 18,000 since the beginning of the year, bringing the total number of registered voters in the county to 179,392.

THIS WOULD be a massive increase over

the last presidential election. In 2004, according to documents from the state Electoral Board, the total number of votes cast in Loudoun County for the presidential race between the incumbent, President George

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Coalition Hit by Economy

Organization short on cash, clothes, gift cards and other items.

Like many charities across the region, Loudoun's Community Holiday Coalition, which serves people and families in need during Thanksgiving and the winter holidays, is experiencing a surge in demand and a drop in donations.

After 12 years of operation, Kara Earl of the Department of Family Services said, "this is the first year we're looking at having to really pare down what the applicants receive." Earl, who is program coordinator for the coalition, said it was most in need of \$10 grocery gift certificates, personal-care items, money and clothing, particularly clothes for seniors.

The organization now has less than \$13,700 to work with at a point when it had almost \$29,500 last year. Demand is expected to increase by about 20 percent

Help Out

The Holiday Coalition's collection and distribution site is at 22714 Glenn Drive, Suite 100, in Sterling, but there are also collection sites throughout the county. The headquarters will be open for collection Sunday, Nov. 16, from noon-4 p.m.; Nov. 17-19, from 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; Dec. 7, from noon-4 p.m. and Dec. 8-10, from 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Food items needed include corn, 100 percent juice, canned tuna or chicken, stuffing mix, macaroni and cheese, boxed instant potatoes, chunky or meaty soups, spaghetti sauce, peanut butter, canned fruit and cereal. Personal-care items needed include soap, deodorant, shampoo, paper towels, toothbrushes, toothpaste, toilet paper, all-purpose cleaners and dishwashing and laundry detergents. Checks can be sent to 102 Heritage Way, N.E., Suite 103, Leesburg, VA 20176, attention: Kara Earl.

To learn more or to sign up to volunteer, visit www.loudoun.gov/holidaycoalition. Download the coalition's newsletter for more information.

this year, as opposed to the usual 13 percent increase per year, Earl said.

LAST YEAR, the Holiday Coalition gave grocery gift cards to about 1,600 people and

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Filling a Need

New partnership aims to increasing the nursing ranks.

BY JENNIFER LESINSKI
THE CONNECTION

About a dozen nursing students from Shenandoah University crowded around the lobby of one of the school's buildings to hear the details of a new partnership between the university and Inova Health System to expand the school's accelerated second-degree bachelor of science in nursing (BSN) program at its Northern Virginia campus in Leesburg. Among them was Megan Williams, a first-semester student in the program, and she liked what she heard.

"It's a really cool program and it allows us to get into the workforce quickly," Williams said. "I'm loving it."

The Agreement

Shenandoah University agrees to:

- ◆ raise enrollment in its second-degree BSN program from 30 to 60 students in 2009 and to 90 students by 2010;
- ◆ reduce tuition by 15 percent for the program's students awarded Inova scholarships.

Inova Health System agrees to:

- ◆ provide \$7,500 scholarships for up to 25 qualified second-degree BSN students in 2009 and up to 30 qualified students by 2010 who make a two-year employment commitment to Inova;

- ◆ contribute \$500,000 during a two-year period for new classrooms, nursing skills/simulation labs and/or administrative space at the university's new facility in Leesburg;

- ◆ provide additional clinical rotation slots at Inova Loudoun, Inova Fairfax and Inova Fair Oaks hospitals to accommodate the increase in students.

As part of the agreement signed Wednesday between SU and Inova, the health-care provider will furnish scholarships and funds for new classrooms and simulation labs, and clinical rotation slots at Inova facilities in Loudoun, Fairfax and Fair Oaks. In turn, the col-

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Sterling Man Wanted

The Loudoun County Sheriff's Office is asking for the public's assistance in locating a Sterling man wanted for abduction with attempt to defile.

According to police, Jose A. Zepeda, 44, allegedly attempted to sexually assault a 24-year-old female who was part of a cleaning staff at an office building on Pidgeon Hill Drive in CountrySide. The victim told authorities on Sept. 22 that the suspect, who works for a maintenance company who hired the cleaning staff, took her into an office where he held her against her will.

Zepeda is described as being 5 feet 5 inches tall, 155 pounds, with brown eyes. He may be driving a silver Nissan pickup truck.

Anyone with information as to the whereabouts of the suspect is asked to contact Investigator W. Promisel with the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Division at 703-777-0475. If the caller wishes to remain anonymous, call Loudoun Crime Solvers at 703-777-1919. If the information leads to an arrest and indictment the caller could be eligible for a cash reward of up to \$1,000.



Jose A. Zepeda

Candle Causes Fire

On Oct. 30, Fire-Rescue crews were dispatched at 5:10 p.m., for a townhouse fire at 46298 Summerhill Place. Crews arrived to encounter smoke evident from a end-unit townhouse. The fire was immediately extinguished and all occupants were accounted for. The fire originated in the kitchen area after a candle had fallen over and extended into the living room area, where it was contained.

The Loudoun County Fire Marshal estimates the fire damage to be \$48,000. There were no injuries to civilians or fire-rescue personnel.

Couple Charged with Neglect

A Loudoun man and a Kansas woman have been charged with felony child neglect after they left their 7-month-old female child early Saturday, Nov. 1, while they were in a restaurant.

Deputies were called to parking lot of Bungalow Billiards located in the 46300 block of McClellan Way in Sterling, around 1:40 a.m., to assist with an unknown situation. Upon arrival, deputies observed a male subject involved in a possible physical altercation with another individual.

During the investigation it was learned the male and female were involved in an apparent domestic situation in the parking lot. Citizens intervened and held the two on scene while they called the Sheriff's Office for assistance. Deputies then learned there was a 7-month-old child who was left inside a car.

The male subject, 43, of Ashburn, and the female, 42, of Kansas, allegedly left the infant unsupervised and alone while the two were inside a restaurant for more than an hour. Due to weather conditions the child was taken to the hospital for an evaluation and is now in the custody of Child Protective Services.

Both suspects were charged with felonious child neglect. The male was also charged with disorderly conduct. Both subjects were being held at the Loudoun County Adult Detention Center without bond.

Tax Bills Mailed

Bills for second half real estate taxes were mailed to Loudoun residents Oct. 31. The deadline for payment of the second half real property tax is Dec. 5.

For information concerning Real Property Tax Relief for the elderly or disabled contact the Tax Relief Division of the Commissioner of the Revenue's Office at: trcor@loudoun.gov or phone 703-737-8557 or visit www.loudoun.gov/taxrelief.

Contact the Loudoun County Treasurer's Office at 703-777-0280 or e-mail taxes@loudoun.gov if you have not received your bills.

POLITICS



"We've had no volunteering issues."

— Dianna Johnson Price,
Loudoun County Electoral
Board, secretary

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Ronald Kauffman
casts his ballot at
Eagle Ridge Tues-
day morning.

Making Voices Heard

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W. Bush, and Sen. John F. Kerry was 108,430. When compared with data supplied by Brown, it shows that if 90 percent of all registered voters cast ballots as expected, then the total turnout would be approximately 161,453, which would be 53,023 more than in 2004.

Price said that the county had been preparing for the potentially increased turnout by seeking volunteers, with great results. Price said that as of Oct. 26, the county had more than 1,100 volunteer election officers who began training in July, while four

years ago they had less than 500.

"We've had no volunteering issues," Price said. "We had an overwhelming response. We were proactive, placing ads on TV and in the newspaper, using blogs and the state helped."

Price said that the volunteers helped the Registrar's Office handle new voter registration, absentee ballots and equipment testing, among other things.

This coordination has the county officials prepared and ready to deal with what could be a historic, record-setting day as the procession of eager voters continues to file in until the 7 p.m. deadline.



Long lines awaited voters at Eagle Ridge Middle School Tuesday morning.



Poll worker Sharon Montgomery hands out privacy sleeves for the paper ballots.

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Coming Up Short

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families, and about 1,900 are expected to apply this year. So far, there are enough \$10 cards for about 1,000 applicants. "And we really would like to be able to give two, especially to larger families," Earl said.

Also, the group has always given out one of each of a list of 10 personal-care items that aren't covered by food stamps, such as toothpaste or detergent. This year, Earl said, each applicant will probably receive a few such items randomly selected.

She said finding clothing for senior citizens is always a challenge. "I think it's because a lot of times when people think of the holidays, they think of kids. And it's fun to shop for kids," Earl said. "But you've

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— Kara Earl

got to remember seniors." She said getting a new clothing item was "kind of a bright light in their month." Warm, comfortable clothing such as cardigans, pajamas, bathrobes and flannel shirts are favorites among senior citizens, Earl said.

But she said clothing for all ages was running short.

"I think we'll be OK on food," she said. "We still need food, but it's coming in." Earl said she expected to have enough toys as well. In order to serve everyone who applies for assistance, any shortfall in resources will be distributed evenly. "People will get a lot less," Earl said. "What we give out is directly related to the donations we receive."

— MIKE DICICCO

Partnership Addresses Nursing Shortage

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lege will increase its enrollment in its accelerated second-degree BSN program and reduce tuition for student who qualify for the Inova scholarships.

"It would add more hands-on experience. Now we're doing clinical and labs," Williams said. And as far as the reduction in tuition and availability of scholarships, "it would be nice" she said.

THE GOAL is to prepare a pool of skilled nurses," Tracy Fitzsimmons, president of the university, said. "It's a creative business and educational solution [to a nursing shortage.]"

The U.S. Department of Labor has predicted the need for 600,000 new nurses by 2016, which is among the largest need for any occupation. The second-degree BSN program at Shenandoah is for students who have already earned a bachelor's degree in another subject. The program "fast tracks" the learning, allowing students to earn professional credentials in 15 months.

The teaching includes simulation labs that allow students to care for a "sim man" or "sim baby" that can be as cooperative or as fussy as a real patient. The labs also have observation areas, so those not directly dealing with the simulated patient can still learn from fellow classmates' success and failures.

"Sim man can do a whole lot of things and can trick people," Kathryn Ganske, director SU's division

of nursing, said. The simulation labs also allow students to be exposed to situations that may not come up while they are doing their clinical rotations.

The labs will be located in a new campus under construction at 44160 Scholar Plaza, about a half mile from Inova Loudoun Hospital. Currently, the nursing program has one sim lab available, the agreement adds two more. The campus is expected to open in January, when all the programs offered at the current Cardinal Park Drive location move to the new location.

BESIDES A nationwide nursing shortage, it was the school's proximity to the Lansdowne hospital that helped lead to the partnership.

"It's creating this new thing that wouldn't be possible if one half of the partnership wasn't in place," Knox Singleton, president and CEO of Inova Health System, said. "We in the health-care sector are so dependent on ... dedicated health professionals. Today is indicative of what a community hospital can do." Singleton also admitted, "as a baby boomer myself, I have a vested interest in seeing a health system that has world-class nurses." While the support Inova is providing essentially triples the school's class size and helps enhance the learning experience, the program ultimately comes down to the students, Ganske said. "The richness is the people who come to it," she said.

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OPINION

Share Your Voting Experiences

The Connection heads to press on Election Day before the polls close; see www.ConnectionNewspapers.com.

Northern Virginia polling places were still jammed with voters when the Connection you're reading went to press on Tuesday, Nov. 4. Election results and more stories about residents' experiences on Election Day will appear on our Web site.

We'd also like to invite you to share experiences of all kinds that you had voting on Election Day or voting absentee. We're interested in positive experiences as well as concerns or problems. Perhaps you waited for more than an hour, but used the time to make new friends or catch up with old ones. Perhaps you saw a polling place where one

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election worker made a difference by being exceptionally organized or exceptionally pleasant.

We're interested in the experience of people with disabilities. We did hear that some people with disabilities and some older voters were subjected to unbearable waits for curbside voting in some places. We'd like to know if you are a voter with disabilities what kind of experience you had, easy or hard.

—MARY KIMM
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Shameful Photo

To the Editor:

I am outraged at your choice of a photograph of a dead deer for the cover of the Oct. 8 issue. While wearing dead animals might be part of the Native Americans' heritage, there is no excuse for your placing such a disgusting picture on the front where one cannot help but see it. If you were aiming for sensational journalism a la Enquirer, you succeeded.

From now on your paper will go directly into the trash without being read.

Kathy Silberberg
Ashburn

Humanitarian Duty

To the Editor:

Imagine you are a leukemia patient, the parents of a teen critically injured in a car accident or a senior citizen needing heart surgery. Then a physician informs you that there aren't enough blood products available immediately to help you or your loved one. Treatment will have to wait.

When our region's blood reserves fall to less than a day's supply, that nightmare scenario has a much greater chance of becoming a reality — unless more people learn that giving blood is not just a nice thing to do, but a civic and humanitarian duty.

When we hear of limited supplies of gas or other valued commodities, we panic because such a shortage can affect us all. Before a winter snowstorm, or just the mention of that possibility, milk, bread and other supplies disappear from store shelves. We should

feel equally alarmed when blood supplies drop below a couple of days' supply. That's because there is a 97 percent chance that someone you know will need a blood transfusion. The need can be chronic, such as for some patients with cancer or sickle cell disease, or acute, such as for someone in an accident or needing emergency surgery.

Everyone is aware of the necessity of emergency preparedness but not, it seems, when it comes to our local blood supply.

Today, mainly because of travel deferrals due to malaria and "Mad Cow" disease, less than 40 percent of the area's residents are currently eligible to donate. We need to have more eligible people donate and donate regularly. We need to educate residents that you can donate every 56 days; that you need only wait one week after having a tattoo in a licensed facility to donate. There is no wait at all now for piercings done in a licensed facility. That you can donate even if you have diabetes, high cholesterol, high blood pressure or asthma as long as your condition is under control and you feel well.

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but there is still no substitute for human blood. We must rely on each other for this essential life saving tool. Let's recognize this as something we can all stand behind to join together and take action to make a difference in someone's life. It could be yours.

Robyn Kaplan
Account Manager,
Loudoun County
Inova Blood Donor Services

Protect the Subarea

To the Editor:

First, let me thank the five supervisors who voted against the Lenah school site. While much of the discussion revolved around the cost of the school, we should also address the issue of compliance with the Loudoun Comprehensive Plan. The proposed school does not comply with the plan and here's why: The Upper Broad Run Subarea plan specifically does say that "schools" are a permitted nonresidential use. It also goes on to specifically state that such nonresidential uses should be of the "appropriate scale" meaning size and that such nonresidential uses should "promote rural character." In any comprehensive plan, the central focus of zoning is always related to size of building allowed. If it is a residential dwelling, the property must be of a certain height and must sit on a property with certain specified setbacks. If you want to build a shed, it also has specific size and location requirements. In commercial real estate, zoning usually includes a floor area ratio (FAR). This represents the size of the building in relation to the acreage/measure-

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FLU CLINIC. 4-8 p.m., at Inova Loudoun Medical Campus, 224 Cornwall St., adjacent to south lobby, Leesburg. Children ages 4 and above and adults can be vaccinated. Cost: \$25 per person for flu shots, \$45 for pneumonia shot. Seniors with a valid Medicare card receive a flu shot for free. Pneumonia shot will be offered to seniors and those with chronic diseases. Call the Inova Mobile Health Services hotline at 703-771-2907.

SATURDAY/NOV. 8

BOULEVARD CLEANUP. 9 a.m.-noon, meet at Park View Recycling Center, 400 W Laurel Ave. Sterling Boulevard Cleanup, bring gloves. In case of inclement weather, cleanup will be deferred to Nov. 15. Call Kevin Chroninger at 703-406-7749 or visit www.sterlingfoundation.org.

SENIORS CLUB. 10:30 a.m., at The Mills Recreation Center on Gloucester Parkway, Ashburn Village. Ashburn Classics will consist of club members discussing their various hobbies; refreshments will be served. Contact Peggy Chapman, e-mail chapman_peggy@hotmail.com or call 703-723-3056 to register.

SCHOOL FUND-RAISER. 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Broad Run High School, 21670 Ashburn Road, Ashburn. The Broad Run High School PTSO will hold its annual Fall Market Place fund-raiser. Features artisans, crafters, jewelers, home improvement and home decor businesses. Food, baked goods and drinks will also be available.

FLU CLINIC. 10 a.m.-2 p.m., at Inova Loudoun Hospital, front entrance, 44045 Riverside Parkway, Lansdowne. For children ages 4 and above and adults. Cost: \$25 per person for flu shots, \$45 for pneumonia shot. Seniors with a valid Medicare card receive a flu shot for free. Pneumonia shot will be offered to seniors and those with chronic diseases. Call the Inova Mobile Health Services hotline at 703-771-2907.

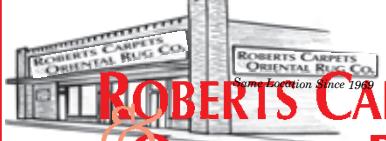
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SCHOOLS NOTES

The **Stone Bridge** High School Bands' Annual Fruit Sale is taking place **through Nov. 7**. Includes single variety, mixed boxes and samplers of oranges, grapefruit, apples, pears and pineapples, delivered on or around Dec. 3. To order, contact any Stone Bridge High School band member, director of bands David Keller, 571-252-2200 or Rae Comparin, bands fund-raising coordinator, 571-252-2220.

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CCT with 2nd Flight Theatre Company presents "The Elephant Man," written by Bernard Pomerance and directed by Natalie V. Safley. Performances are Nov. 7, 8; Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 7 p.m., Waddell Theatre, Northern Virginia Community College Loudoun Campus, 1000 Harry Byrd Highway, Sterling. Tickets available online at www.CCT2FT.com or at the door with cash/check. Cost: \$15 general admission, \$10 students and seniors.

Loudoun native, Katie Schnable presents **Raise A Voice**-Orphans Expressing Themselves Through Art, a charity art show showcasing original works by orphans of Russia, Nov. 7, at Lightfoot Restaurant, 6-10 p.m. Includes complimentary food and live music. All proceeds go to the children. Silent auction starts at 6 p.m.

"Encaustic Painting," a special exhibit of artwork accomplished using ancient techniques by Karen Eide opens Nov. 7, at Gallery 222 in the little gallery and runs through the month. Gallery 222, 222 South King St., Leesburg, is open Mondays-Saturdays, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and by appointment.

The Pickwick Players present "**The Sound of Music**" Fridays, Nov. 7 and 14, 7:30 p.m., and Saturdays, Nov. 8 and 15, 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., at River Bend Middle School, 46240 Algonkian Parkway, Sterling. Cost: in advance adults \$10, child/senior \$8; at door adults \$11, child/senior \$9.

Special family rate of \$45. Nov. 8, 2 p.m. Call 540-454-6320, e-mail pickwickplayers@mail.com or visit thepickwickplayers.org.

"Transitions," Antonia Walker's solo exhibit of original paintings opens Friday, Nov. 7, at Gallery 222 during Leesburg's First Friday Gallery Walk, from 6-9 p.m. The exhibit continues through Nov. 29. Refreshments will be available during the opening reception. Gallery 222, 222 South King St., Leesburg, is open Mondays-Saturdays, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and by appointment.

Adrianna Sgarlata, Miss Virginia 2006, joined the cast of the **Loudoun Lyric Opera** for its upcoming performance of Puccini's "Gianni Schicchi." Performances are Friday, Nov. 14, and Saturday, Nov. 15, 8 p.m., at St. David's Episcopal Church, 43600 Russell Branch Parkway, Ashburn and a matinee Sunday, Nov. 16, 3 p.m., at the Carver Center, 200 Willie Palmer Way, Purcellville. Cost: \$25; order at www.loudounlyricopera.com.

Art on Exhibit throughout November and December at local libraries include pastels by Christina Maggio at Ashburn Library, 43316 Hay Road, Ashburn; and photography by Kim Coughlin at Cascade Library, 21030 Whitfield Place, Potomac Falls.



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The cast of "The 12 Dancing Princesses."

Princess Problems

With a cast of 60, Briar Woods play is slated for Nov. 13-22.

BY STEVE HIBBARD
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Drama director Marilyn Gilligan likes to do things in an inclusive way. Rather than having a few leads in Briar Woods High School's fall production of "The 12 Dancing Princesses," she opted for a cast of 60. "I was able to get a lot of girls on stage and have fun with it and not just have one girl as the main lead," she said. "I have too many talented kids."

And because she previously staged the darker pieces, "Dracula" and "Jekyll and Hyde," she said "this year I wanted to go more family oriented."

THE STORY follows King Oakley who discovers that the conditions in his castle have grown lax, so he devises a strict regimen for his daughters. In the mix are his diabolical servant, Fiorello who means to claim the castle as his own, a gardener and the magical nanny Fern. The castle is turned into a place of longing for the princesses as they journey to the Land of the Muses where they hope to have their dreams come true.

Show dates are Nov. 13, 14, 15 and 21, at 7 p.m.; and a matinee on Nov. 22, at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$5 for students. It is based on a lighter version of the Grimm

Brother's folktale with the same name.

TYLER KIRBY, 17, of Aldie, plays the role of the king, the father of the 12 dancing princesses whose castle is in complete chaos. "In the beginning, he's under the enchantment of his friend," Tyler, who has been in eight plays, said. Then he returns from a long trip and sees that his daughters have invited the village commoners into his castle. The challenge was to come off as a fatherly figure for 12 girls. "I had to find the balance for being almost too harsh, the strict father and the mean father," he said.

Brad Kimball, 18, of Ashburn Farm, plays Fiorello, the wicked servant whose main objective is to take over the kingdom for himself. "I'm a peer helper and it's really quite opposite of who I am as a person," he said. "I'm so used to goofing around with all these kids and all of a sudden, I have to be mean to them and feel no remorse to them."

Katie Bell, 16, of Brambleton, plays the mother figure, Queen Moss, who is watching over her daughters and husband, "and just trying to keep control of the household." She said she wanted to do a British accent with the role, but it didn't quite fit.

Makinsey Eddy, 17, of Ashburn, plays Fern, the cousin of all the princesses. "Fern is a little crazy, but not in the lunatic sense," Makinsey said. "She's basically a second mom to the girls and she believes she can do magic." She said her challenge is the scene where she has to interact and get hit by an invisible person.

LINDSEY NEIMO, 16, plays Camelia, the

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WEDNESDAY/NOV. 5

COOKIE MONSTER PARTY. 4 p.m., Ashburn Library, 43316 Hay Road, Ashburn. Ages 4-6. Celebrate Cookie Monster's birthday with games, a craft and cookies. Register online at library.loudoun.gov or phone 703-737-8100.

THURSDAY/NOV. 6

SENIORS TRIP. The Senior Center at Cascades

Marketplace, 21060 Whitfield Place, will take a trip to Gettysburg, Pa., to visit Boyd's Bear Country and tour Eisenhower Farm; lunch on own or bring bag lunch. Cost: \$15 for members, \$17 for nonmembers, includes transportation, admission and tour. Extensive walking. Call 703-430-2397 for departure and return times and locations.

STORY TIME. 4 p.m., Cascades Library, 21030 Whitfield Place, Potomac Falls. Children ages 3-5 can come and listen to a selection of rhyming stories, featuring books by Jez Alborough. Visit library.loudoun.gov.

FRIDAY/NOV. 7

TEEN CENTER. 7-10 p.m., After-Hours Teen Center, Cascades Library, 21030 Whitfield Place, Potomac Falls. Features industrial jewelry night. All teens attending the teen center must have a

To Go

"The 12 Dancing Princesses"

Dates: Nov. 13, 14, 15 and 21 at 7 p.m.; and a matinee on Nov. 22 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$7/adults and \$5/students.

For the matinee show, any child who comes dressed in a princess costume can come up on stage and have their photos taken with the princesses.

oldest daughter who is sort of the second mother of the household. "She's a princess and so she's not supposed to mingle with commoners," Lindsey said. "But she develops a crush on the gardener [played by Brett Stockman.]" She had to show the inner side of falling in love and still stay in charge and be responsible.

Brett Stockman, 16, of Broadlands, plays the gardener named Sweet William who is plain and simple and just wants to marry Camelia. "It's kind of fun being an innocent person ... completely unaware, but motivated by love," he said. "He has no intention of ever becoming more than a gardener."

Matt Vespestad, 16, Broadlands, plays Hapless, a manservant. He says he enjoyed all the movement on stage — the back and forth talking to different people. Plus, he created a rough and rugged voice for his character. "There's a whole scene where I'm sitting there eating chocolate covered ants. It was really fun doing that," he said.

Sarah Worden, 17, of Broadlands, is the stage manager in charge of the technical aspects of the play. "I call the cues for the show and make sure everyone's where they should be," Sarah, whose been involved in eight shows, said. "I love the feeling of when you get on stage. It's the greatest feeling in the world."

permission slip, signed by a parent or guardian, on file. Download the permission slip at library.loudoun.gov to Teen Scene, Events, Hanging Out Rocks. For middle-schoolers.

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. 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/NOV. 8

ELVIS TRIBUTE. Doors open 6:30 p.m., show 7

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p.m., Hilton Washington Dulles Airport Hotel, 13869 Park Drive, Herndon. 8th Annual Salute to the King, Elvis tribute dinner show. Includes eight tribute artists. Cost: \$55 includes dinner and show. Call 703-478-2900.

BOOK SWAP. 10 a.m.-12 p.m., Claude Moore Community Center, 46111 Loudoun Park Lane, Sterling. Bring adult and children's books to trade for something new. Books on tape or CD, music CDs, VHS and DVD movies welcome. Call 571-258-3500.

MUSICAL PERFORMANCE. 1 p.m., Ashburn Library, 43316 Hay Road, Ashburn. ArtsPower National Touring Theatre presents the musical "Madeline and the Bad Hat." Recommended for the family. Visit library.loudoun.com.

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. See Nov. 7 item for details.

BIRDING BANSHEE. 8 a.m. - noon, Banshee Reeks Nature Preserve, located between The Woods Road and Goose Creek. Join Loudoun Wildlife Conservancy, the Friends of Banshee Reeks and the Audubon Naturalist Society for the free monthly bird walk at the Banshee Reeks Nature Preserve. Bring binoculars. Contact Joe Coleman at 540-554-2542 or jcoleman@loudounwildlife.org.

COFFEEHOUSE SERIES. 8 p.m., Unitarian Universalist Church of Loudoun, 20460 Gleedsville Road, Leesburg. Aca-Perc performs. Cost: \$12, doors open at 7:30 pm. All concerts are smoke and alcohol free; bring a favorite coffee mug. Visit www.shenandoahacoustics.com.

SUNDAY/NOV. 9

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

FILM SERIES. 2 p.m., Cascades Library, 21030 Whitfield Place, Potomac Falls. Watch the documentary "The Lost Boys of Sudan," followed by a scholar-led discussion. 703-444-3228.

MONDAY/NOV. 10

SADIE HAWKINS DANCE. 2-4 p.m., Senior Center at Cascades Marketplace, 21060 Whitfield Place. Music by disc jockey Paige Ballard; light snacks and refreshments provided. Cost: \$2 for members in advance, \$4 for nonmember and at the door. Call 703-430-2397.

STORY TIME. 4:30 p.m., Ashburn Library, 43316 Hay Road, Ashburn. One-on-one reading time for children as they buddy up with teen volunteers who will read picture books to them. Recommended for ages 3-6. Visit library.loudoun.gov.

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SPEED STACKING. 4:30 p.m., Rust Library, 34D Catoctin Circle, Leesburg. Children, ages 10-12, are challenged to stack and unstack 12 specially designed plastic cups in predetermined sequences. Register at library.loudoun.gov or 703-777-0323.

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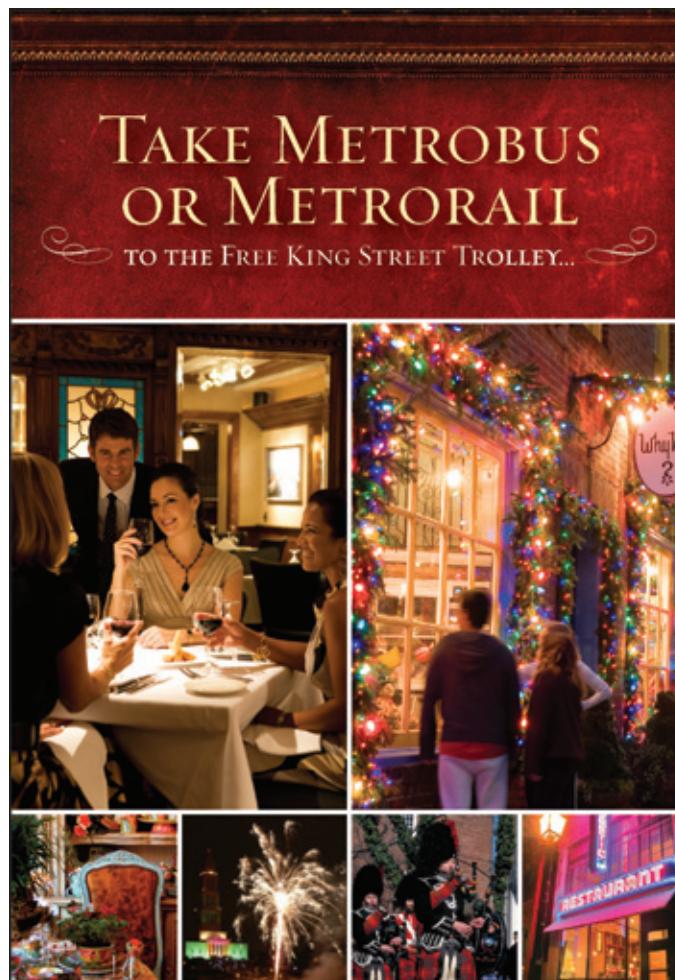
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Weichert, Realtors will host a **tax credit seminar** for first-time homebuyers in each of its more than 500 company owned and franchised offices Saturday, **Nov. 15**, 11 a.m. This free seminar is designed to educate first-time homebuyers on the specifics of the tax credit created by Congress and the other benefits of buying a home in the current market. To reserve a seat, call the local Weichert office, which can be found at www.weichert.com.

Paramjit "PJ" Sikand has joined Weichert, Realtors' Ashburn Office as a sales associate. Sikand is a member of this year's Weichert's Million Dollar Club, which signifies a high level of sales achieved. In 2005, he was a member of Weichert's Chairman of the Board Elite Club and in 2006, a member of the

Chairman's Club. Additionally, Sikand was a member of the prestigious North Virginia Association of Realtors' (NVAR) Multi-Million Dollar Club in 2004 and 2005.

Weichert, Realtors' Dulles Office, announces that several sales associates have been recognized for industry successes in month of September. Weichert's Chairman's Club member **Tania Gonda** led the office in listings. Leading the office in total units was **Pamela Burgess**. The top sales associate at the office for the month was **Valerie Pineo**.

Mary Krueger, a mortgage consultant with SunTrust Mortgage Inc., was recognized by the Virginia Housing Development Authority as a 2008 Top Producing Loan Officer. Krueger came in as one of the top-four loan officers in the state and one of 12 loan officers recognized as a Platinum Circle producer, which recognizes those who originated more than 50 loans.

Gregory Robison has joined the Weichert, Realtors' Leesburg Office as a



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Mary Krueger

sales associate. He is a member of the National Association of Realtors (NAR) and Dulles Area Association of Realtors. He is a resident of Leesburg.

Aziz Nawabi has joined Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage in Leesburg as a sales associate. He is trilingual, speaking English, Farsi and Spanish. Nawabi, a decorated veteran of the United States Air Force, is originally from Afghanistan and has lived for the past decade in Loudoun County.

In recognition of the 250th anniversary of Leesburg, the **combined choirs** of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church and St. James' Episcopal Church will sing early American hymns at two services, **Nov. 9**, 8:30 a.m., at Holy Trinity, 605 W. Market St., S.W. and 11:15 a.m., at St. James', 14 W. Cornwall St., N.W. The music will feature tunes that originated in Virginia. The public is invited to these worship services. No fee. Call 703-777-4912.

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42450 MERIDIAN HILL DR	4	4	1	ASHBURN \$538,000	Detached	0.19	BRAMBLETON LAND BAY
22745 COURTLAND PARK DR	4	3	1	ASHBURN \$537,500	Detached	0.14	BRAMBLETON LAND BAY
42855 CONQUEST CIR	4	2	1	ASHBURN \$531,000	Detached	0.19	BRAMBLETON LAND BAY
323 LAKE VIEW WAY NW	4	2	1	LEESBURG \$520,000	Detached	0.64	OLD WATERFORD KNOB
42514 MERIDIAN HILL DR	4	3	1	ASHBURN \$510,000	Detached	0.17	BRAMBLETON LAND BAY
122 ALPINE DR SE	5	3	1	LEESBURG \$505,000	Detached	0.20	STOWERS
43655 PIERPOINT TER	3	3	1	LEESBURG \$490,000	Townhouse	0.12	LANSDOWNE ON THE POTOMAC
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611 BEAUREGARD DR SE	4	3	1	LEESBURG \$475,000	Detached	0.85	BEAUREGARD ESTATES
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1209 FEATHERSTONE LN NE	4	2	1	LEESBURG \$405,000	Detached		POTOMAC CROSSING
23449 SPICE BUSH TER	3	2	2	ASHBURN \$404,990	Townhouse	0.00	BRAMBLETON
417 CLAGETT ST SW	4	3	1	LEESBURG \$400,000	Detached	0.28	LEESBURG CO CLB
20923 MENGES MILL CT	3	2	1	ASHBURN \$399,900	Detached	0.28	ASHBURN VILLAGE
19238 KEPHARTS MILL TER	3	3	1	LEESBURG \$371,000	Townhouse	0.06	LANSDOWNE
43183 RIDERS SQ	3	2	2	ASHBURN \$370,000	Townhouse	0.06	BROADLANDS
44306 ACUSHNET TER	4	3	1	ASHBURN \$367,000	Townhouse	0.04	ASHBURN VILLAGE
1238 FEATHERSTONE LN NE	4	2	1	LEESBURG \$365,000	Detached	0.18	POTOMAC CROSSING
22932 OLYMPIA DR	3	2	1	ASHBURN \$360,000	Townhouse	0.06	BRAMBLETON LAND BAY
43227 BECONTREE TER	3	3	1	BROADLANDS \$350,000	Townhouse	0.04	BROADLANDS SOUTH
315 WHIPP DR SE	4	3	1	LEESBURG \$350,000	Detached	0.11	STRATFORD LAND BAY
43815 WATER BAY TER	3	2	1	LEESBURG \$345,000	Townhouse	0.04	RIVER CREEK
43129 AUTUMNWOOD SQ	3	2	2	BROADLANDS \$345,000	Townhouse	0.06	BROADLANDS
21783 LADYSLIPPER SQ	3	3	1	ASHBURN \$340,000	Townhouse	0.04	FAULKNER'S LANDING
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43077 HUNTERS GREEN SQ	3	2	2	BROADLANDS \$330,000	Townhouse	0.04	BROADLANDS
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44160 PAGET TER	3	2	2	ASHBURN \$327,000	Townhouse	0.08	ASHBURN VILLAGE
42599 CARDINAL TRACE TER#1042	3	2	1	ASHBURN \$315,000	Townhouse		BRAMBLETON
142 CONNERY TER SW	3	3	1	LEESBURG \$301,000	Townhouse	0.07	GREENWAY FARM
301 DANIELS ST NW	4	3	0	LEESBURG \$300,000	Detached	0.19	AYRLEE
248 CONNERY TER SW	3	2	2	LEESBURG \$299,900	Townhouse	0.07	GREENWAY FARM
646 SPRINGHOUSE SQ SE	4	3	1	LEESBURG \$292,500	Townhouse		TAVISTOCK FARMS
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20752 APOLLO TER	2	3	0	ASHBURN \$240,000	Townhouse	0.04	ASHBURN VILLAGE
20946 ROOTSTOWN TER	3	3	1	ASHBURN \$230,000	Townhouse	0.04	ASHBURN VILLAGE
21200 WINDING BROOK SQ	3	2	1	ASHBURN \$225,000	Townhouse	0.04	ASHBURN FARM
43834 LABURNUM SQ	3	2	2	ASHBURN \$219,000	Townhouse	0.04	ASHBURN FARM
42403 HOLLYHOCK TER#42403	2	2	1	ASHBURN \$218,000	Townhouse		SUMMERFIELD BRAMBLETON
20718 APOLLO TER	3	2	2	ASHBURN \$215,000	Townhouse	0.06	ASHBURN VILLAGE
105 HALIFAX PL SE	3	2	0	LEESBURG \$170,000	Detached	0.16	SILVER OAKS
237 MEADOWS LN NE	3	3	1	LEESBURG \$168,000	Townhouse	0.04	LOUDOUN HILLS
113 CARNABY WAY NE	3	2	1	LEESBURG \$165,000	Townhouse	0.05	CARNABY SQUARE
555 CRESTWOOD ST SW	3	2	2	LEESBURG \$160,000	Townhouse	0.05	CRESTWOOD HAMLET
1116 HUNTMMASTER TER NE#101	3	2	0	LEESBURG \$157,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		FOX CHASE
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SPORTS

Bulldogs Overcome Saxons in Finals

Girls' title match goes right down to the wire.

By RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

Sarah Norton, a leader and senior member of the Stone Bridge High girls' volleyball team, never once believed her team was going to lose its Liberty District tournament finals match against Langley last week. She and her Bulldog teammates even kept the faith after falling behind two games to none in the best-of-five championship.

Sure enough, Stone Bridge, the No. 1 seed of the tournament, came storming back against No. 2 Langley and defeated the Saxons, three games to two (19-25, 20-25, 25-15, 25-21 and 15-12). The incredible, action-packed competition, in which both teams played at a soaring level, took place Oct. 30 at Stone Bridge in Ashburn. A large, vocal and enthusiastic crowd was on hand for the district's biggest match of the season.

"We kind of had confidence the whole way," Norton, a middle hitter who was one of six players to be named to the all-tournament team following the conclusion of the title match, said. "Deep down, we knew we could win it. We had so much energy at the end."



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The Stone Bridge girls, with their championship medals and their team trophy, display their district banner following their finals win over Langley Oct. 30.

The Bulldogs needed every bit of their belief and energy in order to come away victorious after losing the first two games to the same Saxons' team they had defeated

a week earlier with the season's regular season title on the line. Langley, in the hard-fought tournament title match, hardly gave anything away as both rivals played at an intense, fever pitch as the night's action moved toward its climactic conclusion.

IN THE FIFTH and deciding game, Langley built a 6-4 lead before Stone Bridge scored six of the next seven points to take a

10-7 advantage, prompting a time-out by the Saxons as the Stone Bridge faithful roared its approval. But the Saxons were not finished and battled back to tie the game at 11, only to see the Bulldogs score the next two points to go up 13-11. Then, following another time-out, Langley could not return Christine Beckham's serve and trailed

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Kniley Earns Regional Medal

Stone Bridge's Paradis garners second place in Northern Region race.

By RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

Running well and succeeding on the challenging Oatlands Plantation course is difficult enough for the most talented and seasoned high-school cross country runners. So one can only wonder what such a course would be like for a talented, but lesser experienced long-distance athlete competing in an important postseason race.

Briar Woods freshmen runner Alexa Kniley got a chance to find out last week when she ran in the girls' race of the Region II cross country championships Oct. 30 in Leesburg. And Kniley was quite impressive as she finished 12th overall — among a field of 90 runners — to earn a top-15 medal. On a picture-perfect autumn afternoon, she timed at 20 minutes, 1.34 sec-

onds on the 5K course.

"I was nervous all day today," Kniley said during the minutes following the race. "It was the third time I've run this course this year."

BRIAR WOODS, during the regular season, participated in events at Oatlands, including the enormous Oatlands Invitational event at midseason. So Kniley had some good race experience and knowledge of the setting.

"It was a hard race," Kniley said of the region run. "The final hill [within the final mile] was hard."

Kniley, who earned a place at this Saturday's state AA championships meet at Great Meadows in The Plains, said she tries to get out to good starts at races. She did

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Prior to the Broad Run High football team's home game against Potomac Falls Oct. 24, both the Broad Run girls' soccer, pictured, and softball teams were honored. The ceremonies were in recognition of both teams' outstanding accomplishments last spring in winning their respective sports' state titles. Broad Run High principal, Ed Markley, presented championship rings to the girls.

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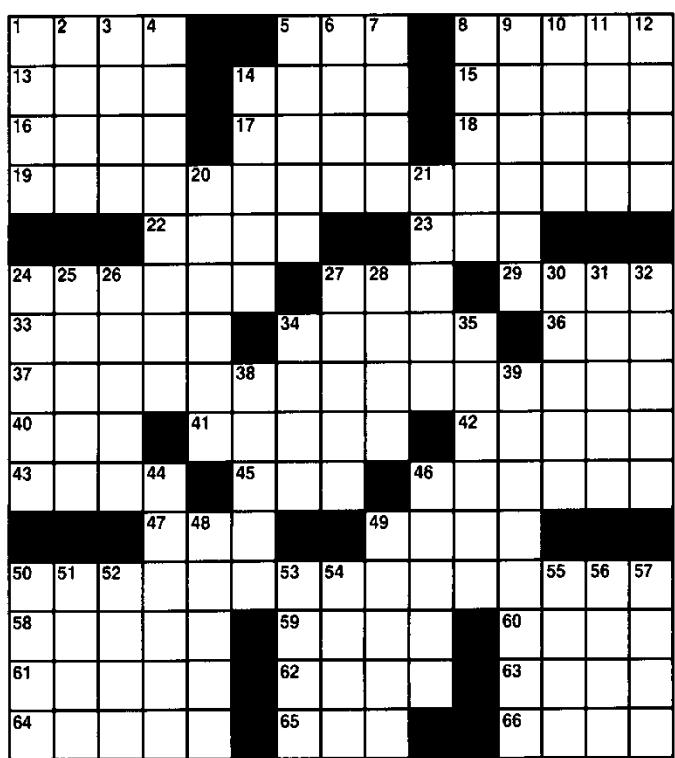
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- 5 One-time Chinese chairman
- 8 Hoopster Gilmore
- 13 A Great Lake
- 14 Zeus's wife
- 15 Stop
- 16 Dudley Do-Right's love
- 17 Apiece
- 18 Avignon's river
- 19 Quip about links lovers, part 1
- 22 Baseball bosses: Abbr.
- 23 Magazine income producers
- 24 Beads worn by a nun
- 27 Wish for a hot summer day
- 29 "What the —!"
- 33 Keep away from
- 34 Gaels, etc.
- 36 Rap's Dr. —
- 37 Quip, part 2
- 40 Consumed
- 41 Old photo color
- 42 Confiscate

DOWN

- 1 Successor to 5-Across
- 2 Chocolate-and-cream cookie
- 3 Part of a fish
- 4 Successful through one's own efforts
- 5 Beef, pork, etc.
- 6 St. Louis landmark

- 43 Eliot's Adam
- 45 Lobsterlike
- 46 Made amends (for)
- 47 "—— nuff!"
- 49 Get-ready work
- 50 Quip, part 3
- 58 Dancer Ailey
- 59 Treaty preceders
- 60 "A Doll's House" heroine
- 61 Former Big Apple mayor Abe
- 62 Suffix with concession
- 63 St. Patrick's land
- 64 Goes it alone
- 65 Cagy
- 66 Wallop

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In execution of a Deed of Trust from Robert Thompson and Amy Beth Thompson, dated April 29, 2005, and recorded May 2, 2005, in Deed Book 17238 at page 1788 among the Land Records of Fairfax County, Virginia, the undersigned substitute trustee will offer for sale at public auction at the front entrance of the Judicial Center for Fairfax County, at 4110 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax, Virginia, on

Tuesday, November 18, 2008 At 11:00 a.m.

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

Lot 314, Section 4, Fox Mill Estates, as the same appears duly dedicated, platted and recorded in Deed Book 3802 at page 498, among the Land Records of Fairfax County, Virginia.

Commonly known as 2625 Viking Drive, Herndon, Virginia 20171.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of \$50,000.00 or ten percent (10%) of the sale price, whichever amount is less, in the form of cash or its equivalent will be required of the purchaser at the time and place of sale; the balance of the purchase money being due and payable within fifteen (15) days after sale, time expressly being of the essence, with interest at the rate of 6.50 percent per annum from date of sale to date of settlement. Provided, however, that if the holder of the secured promissory note is the successful bidder at the sale, no cash deposit shall be required, and part or the entire indebtedness, including interest and costs, secured by the Deed of Trust, may be set off against the purchase price.

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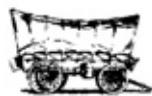
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Fanatic But Not A Phillie



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While having a conversation recently with my mother about how it was that I could stand the pressure of watching our home town team, the Boston Red Sox, play baseball night after night, as they mostly won their 2008 playoff games, many of which were "elimination games" and extremely stressful if their winning mattered to you, I had an epiphany of sorts.

Sure, I love sports; sure I'm a long time member of Red Sox Nation, having been born, bred and buttered in New England; sure, my father was an even longer-time Red Sox fan, having sold concessions at Fenway Park during the Great Depression when he was a little boy, but my fanaticism may have much deeper psychological underpinnings than that.

Watching sports, especially during those moments of game-changing, series-ending, history-making, life-affirming circumstances, creates tremendous amounts of anxiety and discomfort, and depending on the outcome, mind-crushing and mood-altering disappointment as well. As fans, we all have mechanisms for dealing with the highs and lows and the roller-coastering emotions in between. It can be drinking, smoking, eating, not eating, sitting, standing, pacing, fidgeting, fumbling, dressing a certain way, undressing a certain way, watching from a specific place, not watching (like my father-in-law), following a particular routine, etc.; all in an attempt to charm the Sports Gods and secure your team's rightful place above the rest and to secure, as well, your admission into the fan's Hall of Fame (which of course does not exist outside of anyone's head). No individuals being equal in this pursuit, as a fan you do whatever you can to cope and hope and bring home the win.

And as I was explaining an abbreviated version of this philosophy to my hearing-impaired mother (for whom my brother and I felt compelled to buy the MLB package from Comcast because of her growing passion for the Bosox), I inadvertently discovered what may very well be the real reason I am able and determined to watch my beloved Red Sox win or lose, day after day, right down to the hopefully not, bitter (and premature) end: the opportunity to bite my nails without any recrimination or frustration by others as to the reason why I'm doing it.

Moreover, given the understandable tension of the sport's moment, as a fan I would be hard-pressed not to be nervous. And biting one's nails is a reasonably accepted, and semi expected-type normal behavior, especially from a fan watching an extremely stressful, highly competitive, contest, where it's likely there will be any number of slings and arrows of potentially outrageous fortune. Furthermore, given the emotional stakes fans have invested in their team's winning, especially Championships (in whatever Conference, Division, League, etc. you value), how does one not bite their nails?

So that's what I do, I bite my nails. It's normal, almost. Under these circumstances, it's sort of what people/fans do. It's all the other times when I bite my nails — constantly, which are not normal, not expected and not reasonable (and rarely tolerated, I may add). But under these unique, sports-related circumstances, my nail biting is hardly noticed, hardly mentioned and rarely a topic of conversation, unlike every other moment when it is noticed, mentioned, etc. No wonder I love being a fan, it's the one time where my abnormalities are considered normal. Some call it fanaticism, I call it nirvana.

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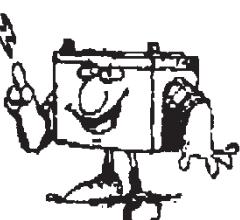
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