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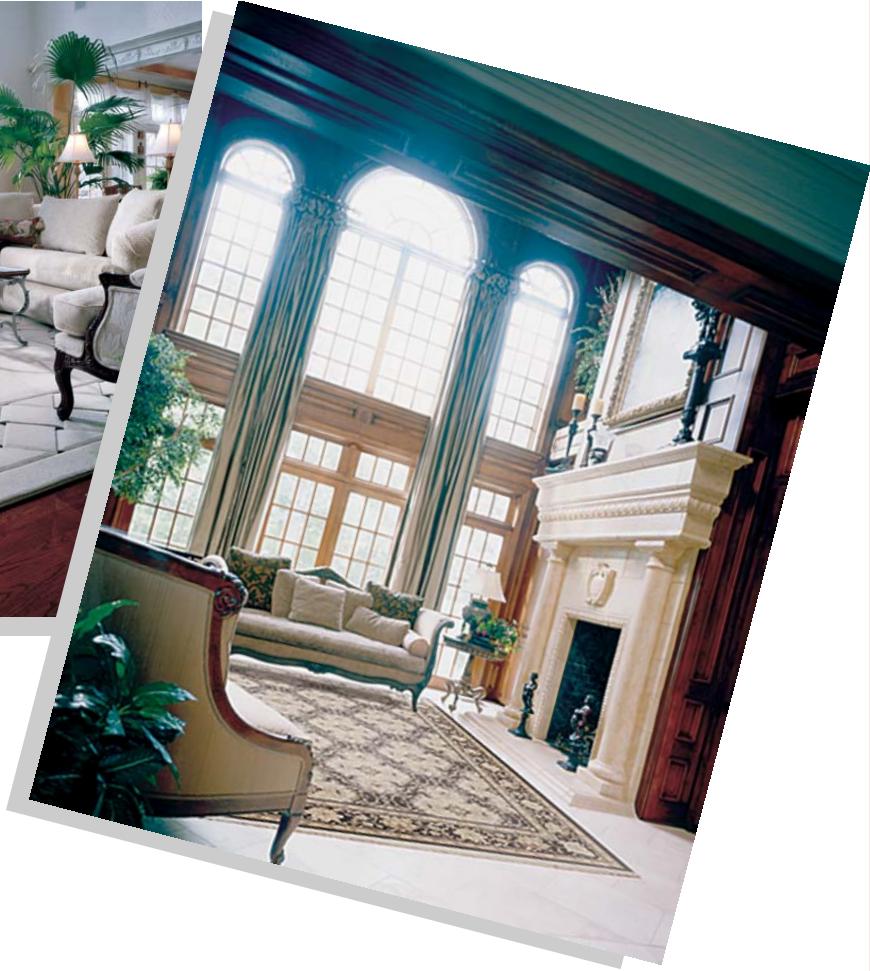
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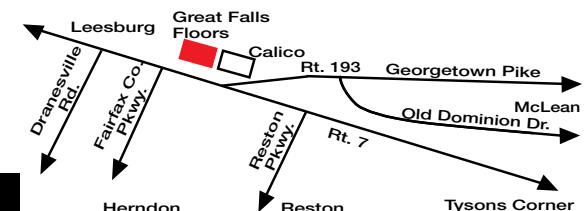
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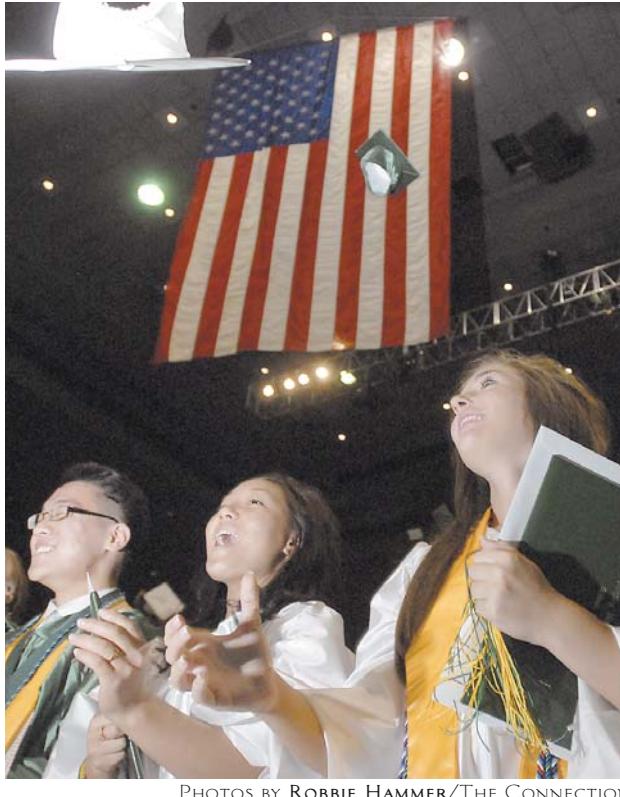


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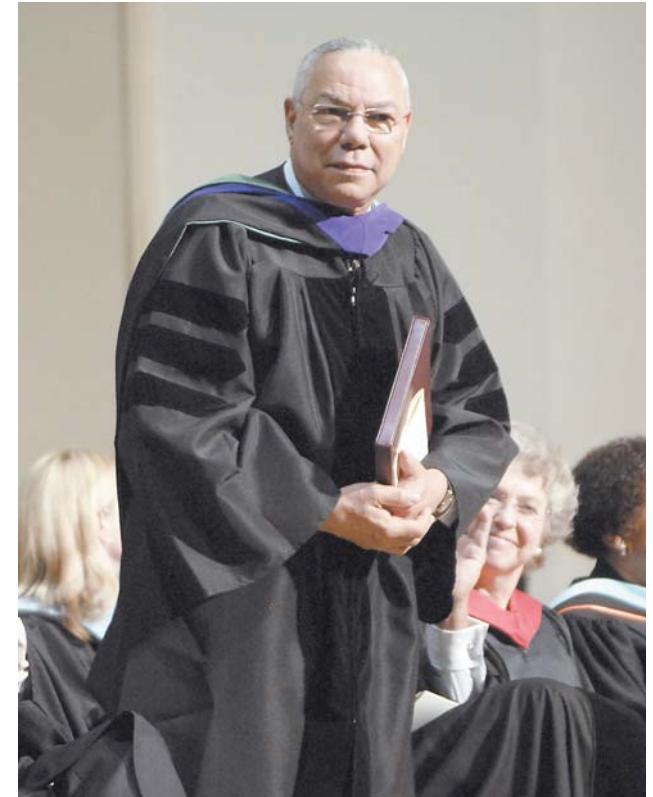
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Langley High School Principal Matthew Ragone presents In Sup Lee with the Principal's Award during the school's commencement exercise at the DAR Constitution Hall on June 15.



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After officially becoming graduates of Langley High School, members of the Class of 2009 start to celebrate at the end of their graduation ceremony at the DAR Constitution Hall on June 15.



Gen. Colin Powell was the guest speaker at Langley High School's Class of 2009 Graduation ceremony at the DAR Constitution Hall on June 15.

Powell Congratulates 'Langley Neighbors'

Thirty-four valedictorians graduate among hundreds of students.

BY ABIGAIL ALBRIGHT
THE CONNECTION

Langley High School graduated a class full of students on Monday, June 15 at DAR Constitution Hall. Thirty-four valedictorians and countless honor cords and sashes were among the class of 2009.

Former Secretary of State and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Colin Powell was the keynote speaker.

Powell joked that he races by his "Langley neighbors" in his Corvette and commended the students on a job well done.

After spelling out his last name, so the Class of 2009 wouldn't forget him, he stressed to the students that hard work will always pay off.

"Never stop looking for that which you love doing and that which you do well," Powell said.

He gave the class advice to always be honest, work hard, be optimistic and to have virtue, courage and integrity.

Powell's quick jokes and anecdotes prompted laughs from the audience and smiles from the students. Even funnier was when senior class president Ariana Glantz thanked Powell for opening up for her.

Glantz's speech reminded her peers to always stand up for what they believe in.

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Three of Langley High Schools class valedictorians, Carolyn Shaw, Lauren Shaw and Amanda Steffy, congratulate each other on their successes.

"Injustice can never be tolerated and our voices must be heard," she said.

Lauren Shaw, senior class vice president, introduced Principal Matthew Ragone as a "rising sophomore," as this was only his first year at Langley.

Ragone thanked the senior class for helping him to become part of Langley family. He spoke to the graduating class not only as their principal, but also as a friend. He gave them the advice of a father.

"Don't do anything stupid, or illegal," Ragone said. "Be responsible and continue to make us proud."

After the principal's message, Ragone presented the Principal's Award to In Sup Lee. Ragone described Lee, one of the valedictorians, as "a gentleman, mature and independent."

Lee, who moved to the United States from South Korea only two years ago, maintained a perfect GPA while undergoing chemotherapy.

Lee created a program "To The Next Stage," to help students maintain their schooling while undergoing cancer treatment. "I didn't expect that I would be the one to receive the award, and I'm really grateful," Lee said.

He will attend Harvard University in the fall. The Faculty Award was presented by Vice Principal Fred Amico to senior class president Glantz.

VIEWPOINTS

We asked Langley High graduates: What's your favorite part about graduating?



Sarah Thal

"Receiving the diploma was great, and having Colin Powell as our guest speaker was really special."



Michelle Solomon

"Just the fact that I can move on, start fresh, start making new friends at a new school. I want to do education, so look into possibilities of that, I'm really excited."



Jerry Schneider

"Being done with high school!"



Paula Hunter

"Having the summer off before going to college."

— Abigail Albright

Increasing Outreach To Meet Goals

GFCA President-Elect Ralph Apton plans to solicit input, build on current progress.

BY MIKE DICICCO
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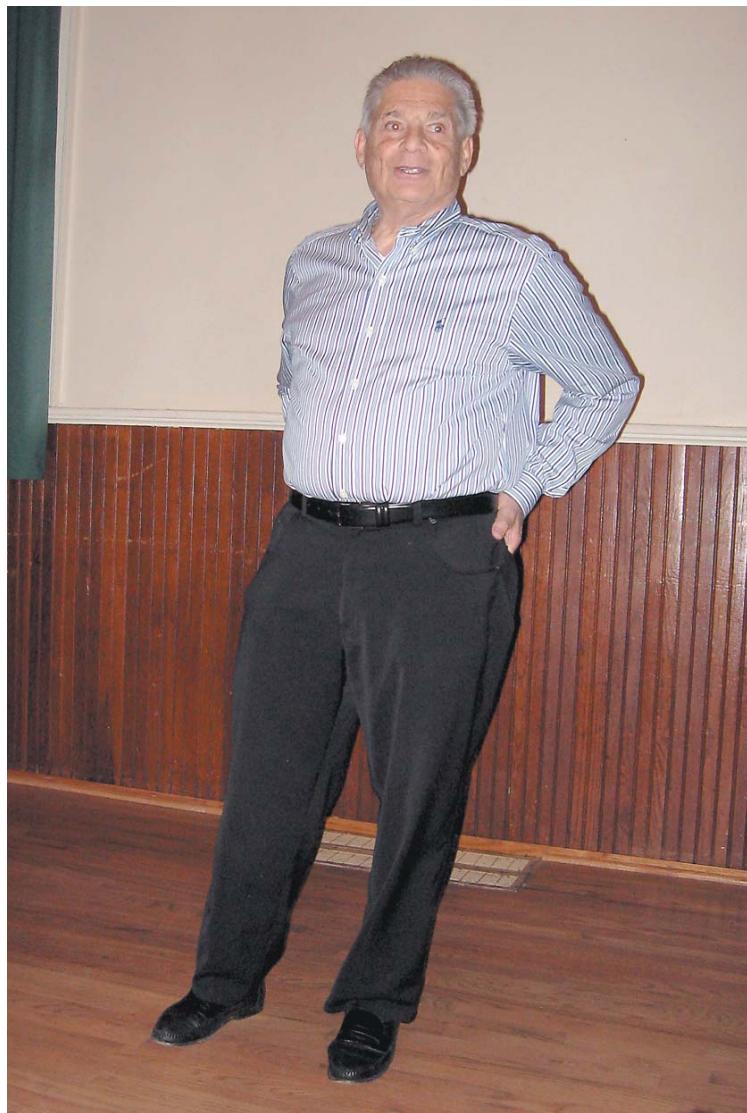
In the next year, Ralph Apton hopes to continue improving the Great Falls Citizens Association's outreach to the community it represents.

Apton, the citizens association's sitting vice president, was nominated for its presidency in the spring, and board member Kathleen Murphy was nominated to challenge Apton at the GFCA's May meeting.

Apton won the election on Tuesday, June 9.

The president-elect said he planned to build on efforts undertaken over the last couple of years to reach out to various Great Falls groups and solicit input. "We're trying to work with other members of the community and support them," he said.

Apton said the group had compiled lists of all of the nonprofit organizations and homeowners associations in Great Falls and had already invited all of the nonprofits to one meeting and the homeowners associations to another. He said he hoped to conduct joint meetings between the GFCA and the



Ralph Apton

nizes it's a problem, but no one has come up with a viable, cost-effective solution." The citizens association established a committee last year to look at the problem, but Apton said the group had not yet come up with a workable answer to the problem.

THE MOST FEARED SOLUTION among Great Falls residents would be a sewer line connecting the businesses at the heart of the community to the county sewer system, allowing denser development. Apton said it might be possible to install a sewer line only if the state legislature and county zoning officials could be convinced to make an exception that would disallow higher density development along the pipeline. "I'd like to see a solution which definitely doesn't increase residential and commercial density," he said.

As it is, the septic system is limiting growth at the village center. For example, in Great Shopping Center, Apton said, "If they wanted to put another restaurant in there, they couldn't." And he noted that when the weather is right, an unpleasant smell could be detected in the area. He said the business community was already working with the citizens association to solve the problem.

In accordance with the 2020 Vision Survey of 2007, which asked residents what they wanted for Great Falls in the future, the GFCA decided last year to begin looking for a place where seniors could live in relatively low-maintenance housing. Apton said he planned to continue that work. "We're not talking about cheap housing, and wherever it's located there won't be a ruckus from neighbors that it's decreasing home values."

The continued "greening" of the community will also be on Apton's agenda, he said, noting that a push has already started to have Great Falls certified as one of the county's first "Cool Neighborhoods."

Apton said he wasn't taking office with his own agenda but wanted to build upon the work that was already underway and solicit new ideas. "My idea is to move things along," he said. "It's more of a, 'Let's get a compromise, let's get things done.'"

Apton has lived in Great Falls since 1969 and is a member of the Great Falls Historical Society, Amadeus Concerts, Great Falls Friends and Friends of Riverbend Park.

Planning Commission Rules On Plan

All but one recommended change to Great Falls plan pass in some form.

When talk of "limiting density" along the length of Georgetown Pike in Great Falls caused concern in the business community, the Great Falls Citizens Association and the Great Falls Business and Professional Association worked together to hammer out a compromise.

However, in the end, the county Planning Commission decided to take county staff's recommendation and scrap the wording, concluding that the Comprehensive Plan already encouraged rigorous examination of any new development or redevelopment along the Pike in order to preserve its historic character and beauty. The only part of the amendment the commission approved was wording that noted the road's eligibility for listing on the Virginia Landmarks Register and the National Register of Historic Places.

The proposal was one of several changes to the county's Comprehensive Plan that Great Falls residents recommended and that the Dranesville District's Area Plan Review (APR) Task Force discussed, and often altered, over the last several months.

Most proposed amendments that made it to the Planning Commission passed in some form.

The commission passed the APR Task Force's amendment encouraging all new developments and redevelopments to bury any utility wires unedited. The original citizen recommendation had called for burying wires retroactively, which the task force had deemed unenforceable.

An amendment to promote permeable and semi-permeable surfaces for parking lots, driveways, walkways, patios and other paved areas in Great Falls also was approved, as was wording that encourages a search for possible sites for a community center in the area.

The commission deferred until

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"We're trying to work with other members of the community and support them."

— Ralph Apton

homeowners associations twice a year and quarterly meetings with the nonprofit organizations. At such meetings, "If there's a common interest, they can talk about it amongst themselves," he said, adding that whatever consensus the groups may reach could be sent to a committee of the citizens association.

THE ASSOCIATION would also solicit input from school PTAs, youth sports groups and historical and environmental organizations, Apton said.

Among his top priorities for the coming year would be

regaining cost-free use of the old schoolhouse near the village center for nonprofit organizations, such as the citizens association and its committees, he said. He noted that the community paid for the schoolhouse's renovation after it was sold to the Fairfax County Park Authority. Now, as part of an effort to close its budget gap, the Park Authority has imposed a fee for nonprofits to use the building. As a result, Apton said, nonprofit groups have been vying for space in the nearby library ever since the fees went into effect in April. He said he hoped to negotiate with the Park Authority so that nonprofits could use the building for free or at low cost Mondays through Thursdays.

The citizens association began talking last year about the need for a community center in Great Falls, and Apton said he regarded the Grange as a possible solution.

Another priority, he said, would be finding a solution for the failing septic systems around the village center. "It's a serious problem on both sides of the Pike in Great Falls," he said. "Everyone recog-

Board Has Final Say

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its July 9 meeting a recommendation that permeable or natural surface trails be preferred throughout Great Falls, including any new subdivisions but excluding areas in commercial districts or within one mile of an elementary school. Staff had recommended that walkway surfaces in new developments be considered on a case-by-case basis.

A set of amendments to update the "Environment" section of the plan's overview for the Upper Potomac Planning District, which runs from Great Falls south to Route 50, was passed with some editing by staff. Staff had decided that the original recommendation had strayed from the realm of guidance and into regulation.

The county Board of Supervisors will have final say on all decisions by the Planning Commission.

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We invite you to share the expertise you've gained in living in your hometown with your neighbors and with people new to the area in our Newcomers and Community Guides, com-

ing later this summer.

Connection staff members and interns are already working on the Connection's annual Newcomers and Community Guides, which will publish between the end of July and the beginning of August.

We invite citizens, businesses and organizations to send us suggestions. We invite calendar listings for major events for the upcoming year, information on how to get involved in nonprofits and charities, details about your club or other organization.

When are the major festivals, celebrations and other events at your church or temple or mosque?

We also invite readers to contribute directly

to the newcomers and community guides. Send us a short letter: what do you love about your community? Tell us about one special place you've discovered. Does your family have different favorites in different seasons? How did you get involved in your town? Share your favorite park. Tell us about your favorite annual event.

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EDITORIAL

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A Community Affair, Part II

To the Editor:

As the Fourth of July approaches, I am reminded of how lucky we are in Great Falls. On this holiday, we celebrate not only the independence America won long ago, but also the American way of life, reflected in our local communities. In Great Falls, we work together as a community to create a special Fourth of July celebration, and we come together as a com-

munity to enjoy it. I see in both of these activities what it is that makes Great Falls great.

As Great Falls gears up for its annual celebration, I see many organizations and individuals hard at work organizing events, raising funds and otherwise preparing for our celebration. I also see businesses and individual donors generously contributing their financial support. Because of these efforts, I am able to look forward to seeing my friends and neighbors on the streets and fields of Great Falls in two weeks, standing together as a community to celebrate our beloved nation and hometown.

Last week, a letter to the editor was published explaining the respective roles of different Great Falls organizations in raising funds for and putting on our community Fourth of July celebration ["Hometown Celebration a Community Affair," Great Falls Connection, June 10-16]. I wish to take this opportunity to thank the Great Falls Friends for sponsoring and overseeing the daytime events including the 5K walk/run, children's parade, main parade, blood drive, games and rides. I would also like to thank the Great Falls Ecumenical Council, the Great Falls Newcomers, the Great

Falls Volunteer Fire Department and all the volunteers for all their hard work and dedication, as well as the businesses and private donors who have contributed over the last 20-some years to make our event so successful. I would also like to thank Jeff Rainey, who has been the Fireworks chairman for the last five years, his company, Home Equity Builders, Sharon Rainey of the Neighbors Network and Scott Hommel of Falls Hardware, all of whom have been corporate sponsors to light up the sky on the Fourth of July since 1997. I hope that other members of our

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Standing in Solidarity: Reflections of an Imam and a Rabbi

BY IMAM MOHAMMED MAGI AND RABBI ROBERT NOSANCHUK

None of us will soon forget the recent events in Riverdale, N.Y., leading to the arrest of men planning violence and spouting hatred against the members of a synagogue. But it does not stand alone in our memory as we meet one another as Muslims and Jews.

For nearly 10 years, our synagogue and mosque have engaged in dialogue programs and joint projects to raise awareness on issues pertinent to our faith and to build cooperation in our community. We have gained insight from each faith as both Islam and Judaism promote the dignity and integrity of every human being. Learning from our dialogue as rabbi and imam,

we are planning a visit to the Middle East to provide humanitarian aid to Jewish and Muslim communities and to build peace and compassion. And recently we began welcoming one another into our homes to acknowledge the heartfelt prayer and values of the other. During this past year, we held a pulpit exchange as rabbi and imam and members of the mosque at All Dulles Area Muslim Society of Sterling now visit the Northern Virginia Hebrew Congregation in Reston as a location for Friday Muslim congregational prayer.

We hope that these pictures of our communities sharing space with hospitality and sharing ideas and joint projects with respect and cooperation will be remembered this week, alongside the memories of the recent events plotted on a synagogue in New York.

For these events in New York trouble us both. When people plot

violent attacks on synagogues or mosques, this reminds all of us to stand together as one community against all the hatred and religious bigotry that people claim to justify by religion. For hatred has no place in Islam or Judaism. Both of our traditions teach us to love our neighbors and to care about one another as human beings. They teach us to do as several members of the New York Muslim and Jewish communities have done and respond to the recent threats of violence with solidarity.

COMMENTARY **STILL WE BELIEVE** even more efforts of solidarity are needed. We must engage people in both of our faiths to build understanding and collaboration until we see anti-Semitism and Islamophobia wiped out. All of the leaders of our community must bear the responsibility of teaching that an attack on one place of worship should be consid-

ered an attack on every place of worship. For in America all of us should enjoy freedom of religious expression and assembly.

In fact, attacks based on errant ideas about our religions are a breach of the very freedom of religion we enjoy in this country. Those who plot violence should not be seen as representing Islam or Judaism or any faith. Nor is it reasonable to justify threatening another community's rights on the basis of one's religion. Rather the motive of those plotting violence is nothing short of racism and hatred. As imam and rabbi, we see attacking any synagogue or mosque as an attack on all places of worship and as an attack on freedom itself.

Imam Mohammed Magid represents the All Dulles Area Muslim Society in Sterling and Rabbi Robert Nosanchuk represents the Northern Virginia Hebrew Congregation in Reston.

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First Graders Celebrate End of School Year

Forestville Elementary School's first graders celebrated the end of the school year on June 9. Forestville Principal Matt Harris was the "mystery" celebrity guest that went in the dunk tank. All the first graders that participated got a chance to do the dunking. Harris is very highly regarded by the many students, parents and faculty at Forestville who were on hand to help cheer Harris on. Stirring up the crowd was Forest the Cardinal who was up to his usual antics.

Principal Matt Harris sits on the Dunk Tank platform as Forest the Cardinal stirs up the crowd.



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SUMMER JOBS 2009

A Working Picture

Students compete in unfavorable job market

Local high school and college students who are looking to make some extra money this summer may have had a harder time finding employment that pays.

According to latest labor statistics from the federal government, Fairfax County's unemployment rate is 4.5 percent, nearly double what it was last year.

This amounts to approximately 27,500 residents being out of work. Additionally, the Virginia Economic Development Partnership reports that there are at least 40,000 more people who are "underemployed," which means many residents are working jobs for which they are overqualified.

"I have had more people coming in here and asking me for jobs. Moms that have grown up in this

community have come in here and asked me for jobs," said Marty Volk, who owns the Vienna Inn restaurant on Maple Avenue.

According to the most recent Fairfax County Economic Index report, the few new jobs that have come to the Fairfax in the past six months tend to command a higher salary than those that have left the county. The new jobs pay approximately two-thirds more than the average job Fairfax lost and are probably not jobs for which teenagers and young adults would be competitive.

Fairfax County has an unusually well-educated workforce, with nearly 60 percent of people over 25 holding at least a college degree and 90 percent of people in that demographic group carrying a high school diploma.

Industries that tend to employ teenagers and young adults, such as retail stores, have been hit particularly hard by the economic downturn, according to the county's economic report. In April, Fairfax sales tax, an indicator of the amount of retail activity in the locality, had declined by 8 percent from the same time period last year.

But the employment situation still looks better locally than it does at the state or national level. Compared to Fairfax's 4.5 percent, Virginia carries an unemployment rate of 6.6 percent and the nationwide rate is 8.6 percent.

With the exception of Arlington County, Fairfax also has the lowest unemployment rate of any major locality in Northern Virginia.

— JULIA O'DONOGHUE

Manager at 16

Josh Hyatt of McLean took on the large responsibility at only 16-years old of managing the company Mow Time, a yard maintenance business.

"A family friend started the business in 2004," Hyatt said, "and he handed it down to me when he graduated high school and started college. At the time, we only had two clients in our McLean neighborhood. I wanted to take it over because it wasn't as organized as I wanted it to be and I wanted to expand."

Currently Mow Time services more than 15 clients. "This summer we plan to have over 20 clients and we are planning on expanding even more. That is one of our summer goals," said Hyatt.

In addition to building its client base, Mow Time is also updating its equipment in order to improve its services. "We put aside \$200 each month so that we could buy a particular mower and plan to continue doing that so that we can keep our equipment running well," said Hyatt.

Looking back on the past year and his role as manager, Hyatt discussed things he wishes he could have changed. "I am very happy with the progress we have made, but I wish I had worked to expand more from the beginning."

Hyatt and the rest of the employees at Mow Time



PHOTOS BY CAROLINE ADAMS/THE CONNECTION

Josh Hyatt and Robbie Bennett joined forces in a yard maintenance business.

already devote almost their entire weekends to work. "We try to just work on Saturday and Sunday, but a lot of times the work can run over into Monday and Tuesday," said employee Robbie Bennett.

Hyatt and Bennett are just two of Mow Time's eight employees who invest energy and time into this business. "I have had to learn how to be organized and I've developed good management skills," said Hyatt, of the skills needed to run the business. "I'm very lucky to not be working behind a desk, and I really get to experience a lot of different aspects of running a business."

— CAROLINE ADAMS



Mollie Kelly of Great Falls is working three different jobs this summer.

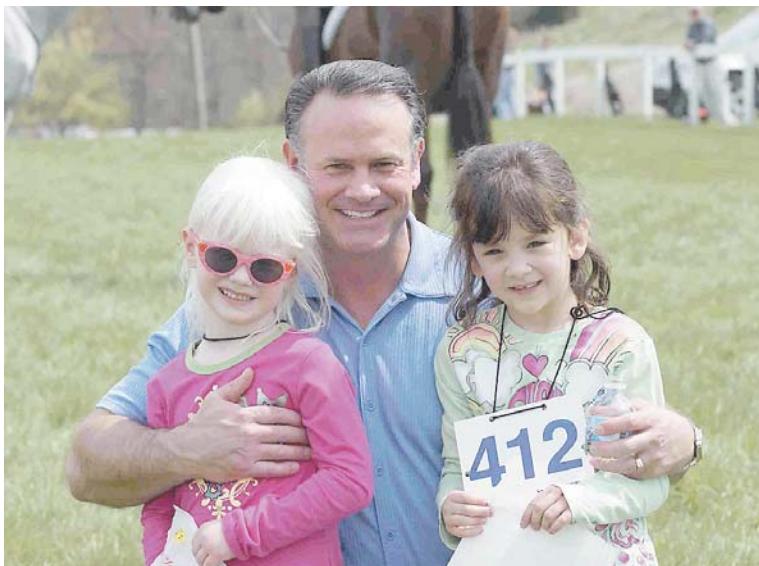
Even though Kelly has to transition from job to job, she considers them all to be valuable experiences. "I have learned good people skills that I will carry with me wherever I work, and I am able to manage stressful situations very well now," she said. "I have gained a good sense of responsibility. It may seem like a lot at times, but I enjoy all of my jobs and I feel lucky to have them."

— CAROLINE ADAMS

FATHER'S DAY PHOTO GALLERY



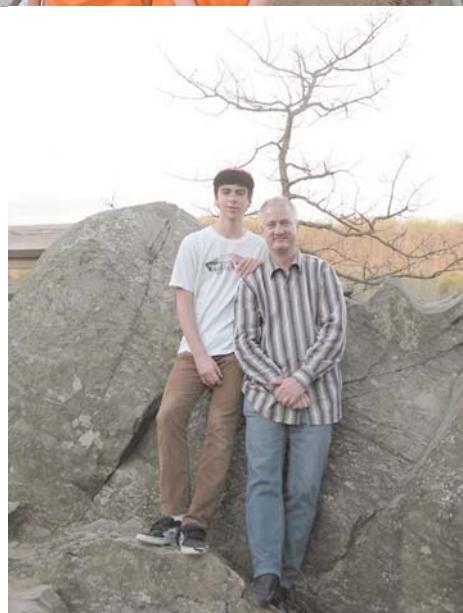
This is a photo of Don Stowell of Great Falls, with his son Andrew, 11, was taken in Goodland, Fla. On April 4, 2009. Andrew was the one that caught the fish, an 8 pound, 30 inch snook. Don wishes he could have hooked one this big.



Jeff Skeen and daughters, Kathryn, 5, and Faith, 6, attend the Morven Park Horse Races, April 19, 2009.



This picture of Ken Kiser and sons Ryan, 8, and Will, 6, was taken at La Jolla, Calif. on a family vacation last summer. The children loved being with their Daddy for 10 days straight.



Father and son, Peter and Chris Bota at Great Falls Park, Spring Break 2009.

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Meet our GFBPA Member

By Michael W. Vandergrift – WashingtonFirst Bank

Small retail business owners have been continually challenged by consumers making purchases online, increased competition and the current economic conditions. As consumers 'hunker down' on their personal expenses in this recession, small business owners also work hard to eliminate any excess expenses just to survive. This is a typical 'survival-mode' reaction, however, what the business owner fails to realize is that tough times also present an opportunity to gain market share from struggling competitors. With a well executed marketing plan, a small business owner may not only be able to maintain sales but increase them as well. To help create and execute the plan, small business owners need an experienced consultant and friendly eye...New Eyes Consulting.

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Mark von Keszycki, (pictured) founded the company in 2008 because of the impact the economy was having on business owners. Watching small business owners close their doors for the final time fueled Mark's passion to help others. With a broad retail background including \$1 Billion big-box retail stores, local family-owned chains and his own retail startup, Mark now uses his 20+ years of experience in applying retail marketing theory and strategy to help small businesses succeed.

Personally, Mark's passions include his family, Tae Kwon Do, and photography. Mark lives in Great Falls with his wife and three children. Anyone who has met Mark for the first time says he is a perceptive big-picture thinker and a good listener. They will also find out he is warm, sincere and has a tremendous passion to help others.

Mark completed his undergraduate work at the University of California Los Angeles (UCLA) and a Masters in Business Administration from San Francisco State University. Mark also plays a vital and active role as a member of the Great Falls Business and Professional Association, and he is one of a few members responsible for the new look of this space.

Visit his website at www.neweyesconsulting.com and don't forget to support our Great Falls Business and Professional member: New Eyes Consulting and Mark von Keszycki; 725 Forest Park Road, Suite 100, Great Falls, VA 22066; 571-294-5972.

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GFBPA Activities

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Watch your mailbox for our 2009 survey of business conditions in Great Falls.

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Breast Cancer Fundraiser, Guest Bartender Event. Tips will support the breast cancer walking team "Commitment Warriors," Tavern of Great Falls, 9835 Georgetown Pike. 6:30-10:30 p.m.

FRIDAY/JUNE 19

RAIN: A Tribute to the Beatles, 8 p.m. at the Filene Center. \$40 in-house, \$25 lawn. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. 1-877-WOLFTRAP.
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"Shakespeare's R&J." 8 p.m. 1st Stage Spring Hill, 1524 Spring Hill Road, McLean. \$25/adults, \$15/students. 1-800-838-3006 or www.1ststagespringhill.org.

Summer on the Town Green. 6:30 p.m., Town Green, 144 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. Rock band Kingsley Winter Band will perform as part of Vienna's free summer concert series. Bring chairs or blankets for seating. Call 703-255-6360 or visit www.viennava.gov.

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"Shakespeare's R&J." 4 and 8 p.m. 1st Stage Spring Hill, 1524 Spring Hill Road, McLean. \$25/adults, \$15/students. 1-800-838-3006 or www.1ststagespringhill.org.

Sir Alan and the Calypso Ponzi Schemers. 6-8 p.m., Outdoors at the Palladium Civic Place Green, 1445 Laughlin Ave., McLean. Sir Alan and the Calypso Ponzi Schemers, a classic calypso music trio, will perform. Free. Call 703-288-9505.

SUNDAY/JUNE 21

Janet Emma and Seven West (CD Release) and Eleanor Whitmore. 7 p.m. At Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

"Shakespeare's R&J." 2 and 6 p.m. 1st Stage Spring Hill, 1524 Spring Hill Road, McLean. \$25/adults, \$15/students. 1-800-838-3006 or www.1ststagespringhill.org.

Young Soloists Recital. 3 p.m., Alden Theatre, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Young area

GALLERIES

Photographs by Ed Behrens, a member of Great Falls Studios, will be featured through June 30 in Katie's Coffee at the Old Brogue, 760 Walker Road, Great Falls. The exhibit, entitled "People, Places and Things," will feature a collection of images principally reflecting international travel.

The Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna, in collaboration with the Vienna Arts Society, is hosting a Silent Auction Benefit through June 20 at the Vienna Arts Center, 115 Pleasant Street N.W., Vienna. Several local artists have donated over 50 pieces of their artwork. Items featured include original works in watercolors, photography, ceramics, sculpture, jewelry, mosaics, and oils. Call 703-281-0538 or visit www.scov.org.

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TUESDAY/JUNE 23

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North Carolina Boys Choir. 7 p.m., Wesley United Methodist Church, 711 Spring St. S.E.,

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THURSDAY/JUNE 25

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Doobie Brothers. 8 p.m., Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. Rock legends The Doobie Brothers will perform live. Tickets are \$25, \$40 and \$75. Call 1-877-WOLFTRAP or go to http://www.wolf-trap.org to purchase tickets.

FRIDAY/JUNE 26

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Rocknberos Family Happy Hour at 7 p.m. and John Eddie (full band) at 9:30 p.m. At Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

"Shakespeare's R&J." 8 p.m. 1st Stage Spring Hill, 1524 Spring Hill Road, McLean. \$25/adults, \$15/students. 1-800-838-3006 or www.1ststagespringhill.org.

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THEATER

1st Stage Opens New Production

'Shakespeare's R&J' explores new ground.

By DONNA MANZ
THE CONNECTION

1st Stage Theatre, at Tysons Corner, is closing out its inaugural season with an edgy, risk-taking production, 'Shakespeare's R&J,' a look at Romeo and Juliet from a different perspective. Adapted by Joe Calarco, the play won the 1998 Lucille Lortel Award for Outstanding Special Achievement in Theatre and is re-cast in McLean featuring the talents of local actors.

"Alex, Jonathan and Aeneas are local, all graduated from Marshall High," said Brad Kalbfeld, press representative. "And this is the professional debut for all three."

Alex Mandell, a theater arts major at Boston University; Jonathan Elliott, an engineering student at the University of Virginia; and Aeneas Hemphill, a sophomore at Kenyon College worked together under George C. Marshall High School's drama director, Mark Krikstan. They are reunited under Krikstan's direction for "Shakespeare's R&J." Jacob Yeh, an engineer and actor who lives in the Tysons Corner area, rounds out the four-man cast.

"We're doing something a little edgier because it is something that may draw in college students home for the summer," said Jane Kalbfeld, vocal coach. "This show has been done a lot and is a way for us to extend ourselves fulfilling our mission."

In its essence, "Shakespeare's R&J" is about four Catholic prep school students whose path into the woods transforms them into characters — all the characters — of "Romeo and Juliet." The play enters new ground as the boys immerse themselves into their new roles, touched by feelings and emotions earlier unfamiliar to them.

"This is more of a risk for Mark," said Hemphill, cast as the nurse, Tybalt, the Prince, and Lord Capulet. "It's probably not something he would have done in high school. "Directing this, Mark had a distinct vision. He knew where it was going.

"'Romeo and Juliet' never hit me until I read this adaptation. We're trying to bring new meaning to people in this day and age. I love the theater, love acting," said

1st Stage Theatre

1524 Spring Hill Road; McLean, Va., in Tysons Corner; Tickets for "Shakespeare R&J" are on sale at www.1stStageSpringHill.org/rj or by calling 703-854-1856. Walk-ins welcomed. Ticket prices are \$25, with student tickets discounted to \$15.

Show opened Saturday, June 13 and closes Sunday, July 12. Dark on July 4. Performances are Fridays, 8 p.m.; Saturdays, 4 p.m. and 8 p.m.; and Sundays, 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Box office for ticket sales and other information is 703-845-1856.

For more information on productions and summer theatre camp, see <http://www.1ststagespringhill.org>

Hemphill. "Doing this play reminded me of how much I enjoy it all."

Mandell, playing Romeo among other roles, agreed that this play explores new territory. "This runs contrary to what Mark typically does," said Mandell. "This is an exciting, dangerous and scary thing to conquer."

"In the play, the momentum, the pace, picks up and we're all swept up. The play does the work for you."

Brittany Harris of McLean, a Marshall student, came to support her old Marshall classmates. "Every show I've ever seen directed by Mark is exceptional," she said. "With this one, they've taken a typical subject and looked at it from an unexpected viewpoint. I do recommend seeing this."

The 100-seat theater, tucked away in a business park on Springhill Road, is an intimate setting. First-row seating is just feet away from the actors living out their roles, and Romeo and Juliet's deaths become personal.

"If people come to see the show, they'll like what they see," said Mandell. "To keep this live theater going, come back to a show, tell other people about it. Even the cost of one ticket helps."

Tickets for "Shakespeare's R&J" are on sale at www.1stStageSpringHill.org/rj or by calling 703-854-1856. The theater is located at 1524 Spring Hill Road in McLean. Walk-ins are welcomed.

THE THEATER launched in September with "The Suicide", a Russian comedy which won strong reviews, as did its subsequent productions, "The Violet Hour", a tragicomic mind-bender; "Pig Farm", a darkly comedic take on government interference; and "Red Herring", a love story inside a spay story wrapped in a murder.

1st Stage, located near Leesburg



1ST STAGE THEATRE

Romeo and Juliet meet for the first time. Alex Mandell, left, as Romeo, and Jacob Yeh, Juliet, as prep school students discovering new emotions as they read 'Romeo and Juliet.'

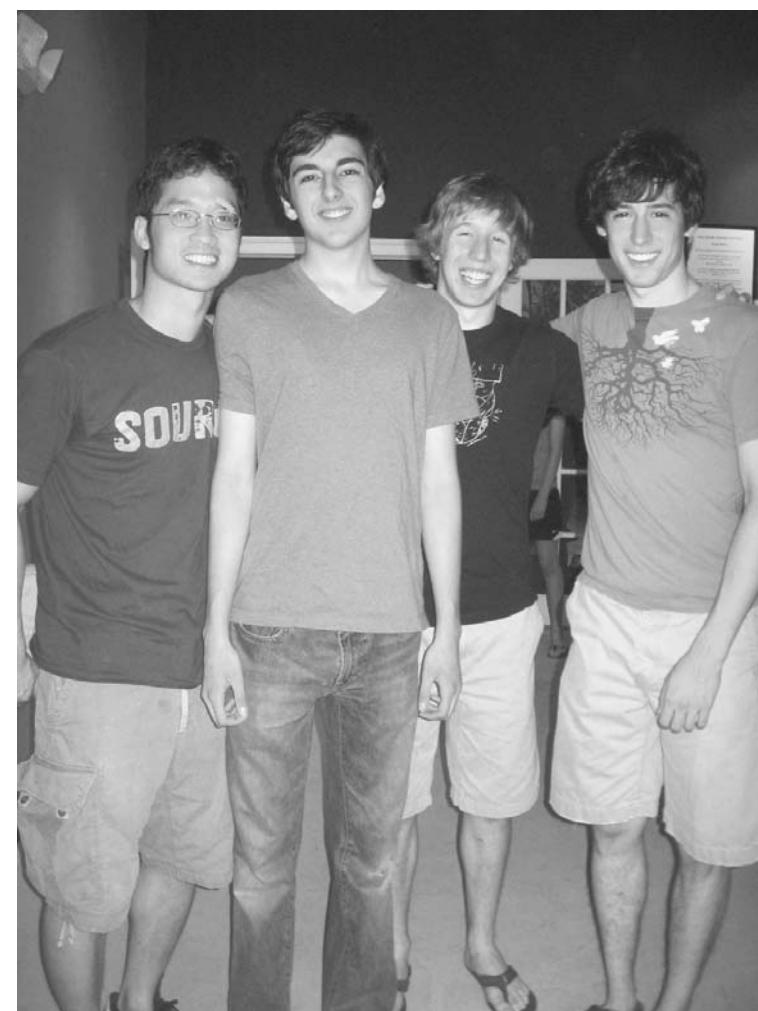


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The cast, out-of-character, from left are Jacob Yeh, Aeneas Hemphill, Jonathan Elliott and Alex Mandell.

Pike and the Dulles Toll Road, is home to a non-profit theater school and 100-seat performance space. Its primary mission is to provide a "first stage" for young actors and designers beginning professional careers in theater. The theater opened in Tysons Corner because of Tysons Corner's anticipated emergence as an urban cen-

ter. 1st Stage is conducting a two-week intensive camp for "serious" acting students, running from July 13-24. Rising ninth through 12th grade students will be trained in voice, body work, stage movement, acting, character work, scene study and preparation for college auditions. Cost is \$700 with limited enrollment.



PHOTOS BY STEVE HIBBARD

Cameo Actress, Margaret Berkowitz, accepting for Elizabeth Gambal, 'Once Upon a Mattress,' The Madeira School.

Honored At Cappies Gala

Elizabeth Gambal of The Madeira School in McLean won the annual Cappie Award as the Cameo Actress for her role in the "Once Upon a Mattress."

In China on a school trip, Gambal couldn't attend the 10th Annual Cappies Gala at The Kennedy Center on Sunday, June 7, but student Margaret Berkowitz accepted the award on her behalf. "She'd be so excited and would thank her family and friends for being so supportive, and her director, Miss Krista Cowan," said Berkowitz.

Ellen Chapin of Marshall High won a Cappie as Featured Actress in a Musical for her role in "Company."

"This is the first year doing Cappies at Marshall, so it's a nice way to start off," said Chapin, a junior. "I got the best role I could hope for, a character as neurotic as I am. I'm really excited. I've been studying musical theater here and in New York, so this is just the boost I need to keep doing it."

— BONNIE HOBBS



Ellen Chapin, Featured Actress in a Musical, George C. Marshall, 'Company.'

COMMUNITY

Check Presentation at Forestville Elementary

Great Falls Charitable Foundation donates money to Forestville and Great Falls elementary schools.

BY SHANNON McCULLOUGH
THE CONNECTION

On June 15, the Great Falls Charitable Foundation presented a check for \$18,420 to Forestville and Great Falls elementary schools, with each school receiving \$9,210.

The money was primarily raised at a June 1 golf tournament at the Hidden Creek Country Club organized by the foundation and by parents from both schools. More than 200 golfers participated and over \$5,000 was raised the day of the tournament. The tournament is an annual tradition. Last year, Great Falls Elementary received funds from the foundation as well.

Tim Burke, the tournament chair, said that the "tournament was growing, and we needed help." He said that bringing in par-



"It could not have come at a better time."

— Teri Dungan

volunteer from Great Falls Elementary, said, "generally with the construction, it's difficult to have on site fund raisers. So, the golf tournament was very important." Malia Kishore, outgoing PTA president for Forestville, said, "we are extremely grateful" for the donation.

PTA president for Great Falls Elementary Teri Dungan echoed the sentiment. "It's so generous of [the Great Falls Charitable Foundation] to donate the money to our school. It could not have come at a better time," she said, referring to the fact that Fairfax County is cutting the budgets for schools.

Because both schools budgets have been altered, the grant will be used wherever is necessary. The foundation has no requirements for how the money is used within the school. The foundation does not specifically sponsor education. However, it recognized the need these two schools have.

From left, back row, are Michael Kearney, Todd Walmsey and Matt Matay; front row, Lynn Conforti, Malia Kishore, Ruthy Robinson, Leigh Burke, Tim Burke, Ernie Leighty, Matt Harris, Kathleen Quigley, Barbara DeHart, Teri Dungan, Karen Collazo and Chris Campbell. Students from both schools are in the foreground.

ents from both schools helped to organize and run the tournament and in the end raise more funds.

The check presentation took place at Forestville Elementary because Great Falls is under construction. Matt Matay, a parent

Taste of Home in Desert

Cookies for troops project goes on with community support.

With the help of area Girl Scout troops and a significant donation from a local corporation, the non-profit organization Neighbors International Foundation (NIF) is concluding a busy spring season of supporting U.S. military personnel stationed overseas.

Through a program called "Gift of Caring" community service project, local Girl Scout troops donated over 5,000 boxes of cookies to the annual NIF cookie drive. This program allows troops to select an organization in their community as the Gift of Caring recipient, then as they sell the cookies Scouts ask customers if they would like to make a purchase as a donation for this organization. Troops track orders and deliver the cookies.

The success of this program is the result of team and individual efforts, with two troops, Troop 3015 and Troop 1991 donating over 300 boxes each and six girls donating over 100 boxes each. Abby Piro of Troop 6151 led the individual effort with a donation

of 319 boxes of cookies. Five other Scouts donated over 100 boxes each.

"I just do it to help the soldiers," said Girl Scout Natalie Gilbert.

"It's bringing so much more to her," said Pamela Gilbert, Natalie's mother. "She's learned how to set goals, plan and direct and work with a large group of volunteers. She doesn't stop until the job is done."

NIF has been the beneficiary of local troops for the past four years, resulting in more than 25,000 boxes of cookies donated via the Gift of Caring project. NIF conducts the fund raising for postage and hosts packing parties where local residents volunteer to assemble the packages.

Scouts also send along cards and letters, and the thank you letters come pouring in shortly after. "Your boxes happened to arrive at my location in Balad, Iraq shortly before I was scheduled to visit a remote outpost in a very dangerous part of the country," wrote Joel Maloney of the Joint Task Force. "I took one of the two boxes

along with me on a 2-hour helicopter ride over the desert in the middle of the night to this outpost and presented the box as a gift to the sergeant major of the unit as we stepped off the chopper and were whisked to the base HQ in an armored vehicle. The SGM accepted the box most gladly and your cookies were soon spread out and thoroughly enjoyed in the unit's Tactical Operations Center.

"The soldiers and civilians who live and work at this location do so under very austere and demanding conditions, very far removed from even the modest amenities that we who work at some of the larger forward operating bases enjoy. You should know that they truly welcomed the little taste of home that your treats brought them."

NIF, which provides resources and volunteer opportunities to help those who need support, also sends care packages to the overseas troops throughout the year. Packages include requested items such as batteries, phone cards, magazines, toiletries and snacks. These efforts received a significant boost from a \$5,000 donation by Argon ST, a defense contractor headquartered in Fairfax.

"It is relatively easy for us to

SCHOOL NOTES

Send School Notes to greatfalls@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Friday.

Forte Chamber Music announces the 4th Gustavo Romero Piano Competition for Young Artists, to be held Saturday, Oct. 3, 2009, at 10 a.m. at The Joy & Lynch Christian Warehouse Theatre of The Academy of Fine Arts, Lynchburg, Va. The competition is open to pianists age 19 and under by Oct. 1, 2009. Deadline to apply is July 1, 2009.

First prize is \$3,000. To apply, complete the form at www.fortechambermusic.com

Great Falls residents **Alison Janet**

BULLETIN BOARD

To have community events listed in the Connection, send to greatfalls@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Friday.

FRIDAY/JUNE 19

The Living Benefits of Life Insurance. 12-1 p.m., Fairfax County Economic Development Authority, 8300 Boone Blvd., Suite 450, Vienna. Katherine Hurley, President and CEO of Infinity Financial Group, will give a presentation on the benefits of purchasing life insurance. Free; call 703-281-1333 to register.

SATURDAY/JUNE 20

McLean AAUW Used Book Collection. 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sun Trust Bank, 515 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. The McLean branch of the

Servis and Alison Brooke Weckstein graduated from the University of Mary Washington summa cum laude with bachelor's degrees in German and political science, respectively.

Soren de Vos of Great Falls was named to the Dean's List at Florida Institute of Technology for the spring semester. A senior, de Vos is pursuing a bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering.

Luke Parker, the son of Donald Parker of McLean was awarded a Bachelor of Arts degree from Earlham College during commencement ceremonies on Saturday, May 9. Parker majored in Psychology.

American Association of University Women will collect used books for the 40th Used Book Sale Sept. 11-13. Gently used books, CDs tapes and software are accepted. Children's books are needed; no records or textbooks are accepted. Call 202-337-2294 or visit www.mcleanauw.org. Freeman House then take a run through the sprinklers on the lawn of the adjacent Town Green. Free; bring a lawn chair or blanket. Call 703-255-6360.

TUESDAY/JUNE 23

VTRCC Monthly Mixer. 5:30-7:30 p.m., TEQ Corner, 1616 Anderson Road, Third Floor, McLean. The Vienna-Tysons Regional Chamber of Commerce will hold its monthly mixer. Call 703-281-1333 for costs and registration.

SPORTS

Local Hitters Make Headlines

Westfield's Bour, Paul VI's Gregory chosen during last week's professional baseball draft.

BY JASON MACKEY
THE CONNECTION

As far as affiliation goes, Alex Gregory and Justin Bour aren't linked by much. A Great Falls native and a graduate of Paul VI High School, Gregory spent three years on the Radford University baseball team. Bour, meanwhile, graduated from Westfield High School and has played at George Mason University for the past three years.

But on Wednesday afternoon, Gregory and Bour became intertwined through Major League Baseball's First-Year Player Draft when their names were called and they were counted upon as the local area's lone representatives in the annual process.

Gregory was a 17th-round pick (524th overall) by the New York Mets. The Chicago Cubs picked Bour in the 25th round (770th overall). Both players, who possess nearly identical skill sets as power-hitting first basemen, will begin their professional careers this week.

"It's something that you work at for so long, and it's great to see that all of your hard work paid off," Gregory said. "I tried to outwork everybody every day."

"It wasn't really a big deal when I was taken," said Bour. "It's just the matter of getting the chance to go out there and play. The round really wasn't much of a concern. It was just going to a good organization."

Gregory will report to New York's Class A short-season affiliate, the Brooklyn Cyclones. Bour, meanwhile, will report to the Boise Hawks — the Cubs' Class A short-sea-



Westfield graduate Justin Bour hit .339 this past spring at George Mason University and was chosen in the 25th round by the Chicago Cubs last week.

son affiliate. Gregory will play in the New York-Penn league, while Bour will play in the Northwest League.

LISTED AT 6-foot-4, 250 pounds, there's little conjecture involved in assessing Bour. He's a hitter and one with power. This past spring while earning first team All-Colonial Athletic Association honors at Mason, Bour

hit .339 (75-for-221) with 66 RBIs.

Of his 75 hits, 14 were doubles and 17 were home runs, and his slugging percentage of .633 was third on the team. In the history of George Mason's program, Bour is second in home runs and RBIs, and he's fourth in total bases.

In addition to his own prowess at the plate, Bour helped author a record-setting season this spring for the Patriots.

New marks for wins (42-14) and winning percentage (.804) were both set. The team made its sixth NCAA tournament appearance this season, but the Patriots dropped its first two games to South Carolina and Binghamton.

Still, the historic run made an impression on Bour, who admitted that leaving Mason one year early wasn't an easy decision to make.

"Obviously, I had a lot of good friends at Mason and we had a great year, but I saw this as one of those opportunities that you might not get again," said Bour, whose older brother, Jason Bour, is with the Class A Sarasota Reds in Cincinnati's minor league system.

"At Mason, I wanted to be on a team that came together, made a difference and impacted the school because obviously we had never done something like that before," he said. "It was good to be a part of that."

GREGORY'S draft day moment occurred a bit differently than Bour's. While Bour

found himself surrounded by a support structure of his grandparents, parents and his girlfriend, Gregory sat alone in front of his computer.

Furthermore, Bour received a phone call from Billy Swoope, a scout in the Mets' system and someone Bour has known since his junior year in high school, letting him know that he would be chosen shortly. Gregory saw his name pop-up on MLB.com's draft tracking program before he received his phone call.

"I actually saw it on the computer, and I got the phone call within a minute or two of my name popping up," Gregory said.

Playing at Radford and in the Big South Conference, Gregory had yet another productive offensive season. He hit .407 to win the conference batting title and also totaled 10 home runs and 42 RBIs. Even more impressive, Gregory led the Big South with a .518 on-base percentage.

Gregory, who became the first player in Radford history to hit over .400 for three consecutive years, expressed confidence when asked how he'd handle the task of hitting major league pitching.

"I feel like I can hit the best pitching in the country. Now it's just a matter of going out and backing it up," Gregory said. "I always have to work on hitting. There are obviously new things to learn and improve on because if you can hit, there'll always be a spot for you at the next level."

Senior Olympics Return in September

The Northern Virginia Senior Olympics (NVSO) committee has announced the 2009 competition for senior adults 50 years of age and over will be Sept. 12-23. The Thomas Jefferson Community Center, 3501 S. 2nd St. in Arlington, will host opening day, Saturday, Sept. 12 with welcome ceremonies at 10:30 a.m. followed by track events. Virginia Hospital Center will sponsor a health fair from 9-11 a.m. and the Traveling Bicycle Museum will be open from 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

Over 25 other events will take place during the 10-day competition at various venues throughout Northern Virginia. Participants must be 50 years old by Dec. 31 and live in one of the sponsoring jurisdictions: cities of Alexandria, Fairfax and Falls Church, counties of Arlington, Fairfax, Loudoun and Prince William.

In addition to track and field, events

will include swimming, diving, ice skating, tennis, table tennis, bowling, golf, miniature golf, pickleball, racquetball, board games, card games, shuffleboard, horseshoes, 3x3 basketball, team line dancing, yo-yo tricks and more. New in 2009 are Wii bowling and mini javelin throw.

Registration is \$10, which includes one event; additional events are \$1. Registration forms are available at senior centers and senior residences or by calling 703-228-3600, ext. 9996. Registration deadline is August 28.

NVSO is co-sponsored by Goodwin House Incorporated, Greenspring Retirement Community, Sunrise Senior Living, BB&T, Verizon Wireless, Senior Advantage Program at George Washington University Hospital, and Debbie Miller, McNearney & Associates Realtors.



CONTRIBUTED

Pictured from left, front row, are: Coleman Bishop, Jack Peele, Alex Kahn, Will Smith, Jake Walsh and Daniel Salamone; **second row:** Trevor Nunes, Jack Anderson, Chris Low, Joe Ulepic, Spencer Beckwith and Brian Weingast; **third row:** Zachary Lee, Chase Berlin, Quinn Boyd, Alex Trippi and Nate Buller.

Great Falls Red Rebels Win Championship

On June 7, the Great Falls U-11A Red Rebels outscored a previously undefeated Loudoun West team in overtime to become the 2009 NVYLL Champions. Attack player Nate Buller, son of Head Coach Rob Buller, dodged four defenders on his way to unleashing the deciding goal. The Red Rebels' only regular-season loss had been to Loudoun West so this was a "sweet revenge."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Keeping Great Falls Great

FROM PAGE 6

community who have not yet given time or money to support a community event will join in, or otherwise follow the example reflected in the work of these organizations and individuals in creating our Fourth of July celebration.

Even if from time to time there are differences of opinion among those who are working to support our community, the important thing is that we keep working toward this goal and keep working together.

Michael Kearney, Chairman
Great Falls Charitable Foundation

Thank-You Note To Neighbors Network

To the Editor:

Sharon Rainey has given many in our community a way to share the goals and needs of their charities, non-profits, businesses and families throughout Great Falls [“Hometown Celebration A Community Affair,” Great Falls Connection, June 10-16, 2009]. If your art group, school, organiza-

In this endeavor, it may be useful to remember John Dickinson's advice in his revolutionary war song, “The Liberty Song”: “Then join hand in hand, brave Americans all! By uniting we stand, by dividing we fall.”

Once again, thanks to everyone who helps to keep Great Falls great, and I look forward to seeing you, my fellow citizens, on the Fourth of July.

Janet T. Jameson
Great Falls

tion, child, police department, charity or troop has benefited from Sharon's or Neighbors efforts and charity work, please take a moment to send Sharon a note of appreciation at myNeighborsNetwork.



Madeira School Hike Attracts 150 Residents

The Madeira School hosted its first Community Hike, one outcome of last summer's trail negotiations with the county, with a turnout of 150 people on Sunday afternoon, June 7. The event included two hikes, one for families with young children including a nature scavenger hunt, and one exploring the Potomac Gorge wildlife led by Brent Steury, supervisory biologist and natural resources manager of the George Washington Parkway. The school will be hosting hikes seasonally, the next one in fall.

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vs

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Chemo-Cocktail at the Depot



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Now that the cancer cat is out of the bag (see June 10th column titled, “Dying To Tell You, Sort Of”), I suppose it’s reasonable to keep my readership (what there is of it) apprised of goings on. Today, as I sit and write, I am being infused (the medical profession has its own fancy word for chemotherapy) and attempting to write while I am being treated (it’s not painful).

This is chemo-cocktail number two of four (or six) total; a final determination has yet to be made; the treatment is sort of fluid (no pun intended), depending on how I tolerate it. Due to a “normal” brain scan (thank God!) indicating that the cancer had not spread to my brain, my oncologist was able to add a third chemical to my intravenous mix, a chemical called Avastin, known for its effectiveness in fighting brain cancer. So, here I sit, comfortable in a barcalounger-type, blue recliner watching the I.V. drip its magic potion (some might characterize it as poison) directly into my vein in order to kill the cancer cells, cut off the blood supply to the targeted tumors — hopefully shrinking them in the process; in this context, shrinkage is the hoped for result) and not side-effect me so uncomfortably that we have to modify the treatment. After all, it’s the tumors we’re after, not my comfort. But my body has to cooperate, and that’s not exactly in the patient’s control.

At this very moment, control is what I don’t have. Nor, according to my oncologist, do I have a lot of time. But that can change, results both good and bad can alter the present and as a result, most definitely alter the future. Medicine/treatment is not arithmetic, it’s not an exact science; certainly what my doctor says is a bit more than a presumption but it’s not necessarily so simply because he says it is. As a patient, I have some say. And even though I’m sitting down at this very moment, it doesn’t mean I’m going to take the treatment sitting down, if you know what I mean.

However, at this early stage (of the treatment, not the diagnosis), I’m a bit unclear how to proceed. As you can imagine, after receiving a diagnosis of this severity, your priorities change. People, places, things that mattered previously don’t seem to matter nearly as much. It’s not so much apathy as it is antipathy. But that’s unhelpful, and counterproductive even, so far as affecting the cancer. “Live, love, laugh” is a mantra that I’ve been encouraged to embrace; as is having a positive mental attitude/approach, both of which are proven, anecdotally speaking, cancer fighters. And thanks to my parents, I have them both. I have to admit though, a diagnosis of this kind will shake you to the core.

My challenge is to plan for the worst, yet live for the best. And it remains a difficult pursuit. It’s as if I’m serving two masters, each requiring different types of loyalties. Loyalties that, given my abbreviated life expectancy, are tested on a daily basis. How do I plan for a future that’s no longer guaranteed and not have it impact my present?

Each day that I wake up, in relative good health, it becomes more normal, or should I be honest and call it, “the new normal.” Because that’s what my life has to become, as in doing as many of the things I used to do (health considerations notwithstanding) before. Sure, I have some issues, but it’s nothing I can’t handle. And the longer I continue to have these issues, the better I’m able to adapt. Moreover, each day, I’m learning more about my situation and the alternatives (some non-traditional) that are available to me.

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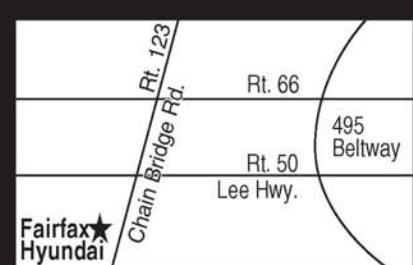
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