Kathleen McGill Scalia escorts her grandfather Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court Antonin Scalia into Constitution Hall.

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Roger Applegate, Manager
The 486 members of Langley High School’s Class of 2010 gathered for the last time June 17 at DAR Constitution Hall for their graduation. In front of an audience of hundreds of family and friends, the seniors took their first steps as high school graduates.

Antonin Scalia, associate justice of the U.S. Supreme Court and grandfather of seven Langley alumni, gave the commencement address. “It is important that you not believe that you face unprecedented challenges, not only because you might get discouraged, but also because you might come to think that the lessons of the past … aren’t important,” he said, to the students.

The ceremony also featured performances by the Langley High School Madrigals, Women’s Chamber Choir and Wind Symphony.

Class President Shawn Ghuman told the class that they “redefined the definition of a senior class.” While he spoke at length about the massive case of “senior-itis” that took over the class, he also said he knew how lucky they were as students to get a good education. “We are ready and we are prepared to take life on and show everyone hat we have something special to offer,” he said. “The diploma we receive today does not only represent the education we have earned these past four years, but rather the skills, determination and strength we have gained at Langley High School.”

Just before the diplomas were handed out, a special mention was made of a student that beat the odds to get there. Babak “Bobby” Ghassemi was in a car crash in March, which rendered him comatose for a period and left him in a wheelchair. Ghassemi was able to stand up to receive a special principal’s award, and when he tipped his hat to the crowd, the place exploded in raucous applause.

What are your plans in the fall and where do you see yourself in 10 years?

— Alex McVeigh

Brian Kim, Langley High School
“Going to college in Korea. I’ll be in pre-medicine. In 10 years, I hope to be a doctor, but I’m not sure what kind yet.”

Alexander Davis, Langley High School
“I’m going to George Mason to study electrical engineering. Where will I be in 10 years? I can’t see that far ahead.”

Bryn Evans, Langley High School, left
“I’m going to Fordham, in New York City. I hope to be living in the city working as a journalist in 10 years.”

Rebecca Cramer, Langley High School, right
“I’m going to Ithaca to study human rights law. I hope I’m happy in 10 years, that’s about it.”

Melissa Wilson, McLean High
“I’m going to UVA. I’m undeclared right now, but I hope to study something in the college of arts and sciences. In 10 years, I’d like to have a steady job and a nice apartment. And a dog. A big dog.

Shefali Hegde, McLean High
“I’ll be attending Barnard in New York City, majoring in economics. In the future I’d hopefully have some sort of government job, something in the U.N. would be nice.”
Great Falls Resident Strikes a Balance

David Lackner will ride 350 miles on a unicycle to support diabetes research.

By Alex McVeigh
The Connection

When then 14-year-old David Lackner was diagnosed with juvenile diabetes in June 2009, he knew his life would change. An athlete who played AAA hockey and travel lacrosse, he was afraid and confused. When he got back on his feet, he picked up unicycling as a way to keep occupied.

It will keep him occupied come August, when David, his father Dan, brother Matthew and a friend will be riding from Pittsburgh, Pa., to Washington, D.C. over six days. David will be on his 36-inch unicycle and the others will be on bikes.

They will ride 60-70 miles a day on the C&O Canal trail and the East Allegheny Passage, stopping at pre-determined bed and breakfasts each night. David’s mother will be nearby in a car, trailing them from the closest road.

David came up with the idea while talking with a teacher at Landon School in Bethesda, where he attends. The teacher, a bike rider himself, suggested some sort of long ride to raise awareness.

“A few years ago, we had thought about doing a bike ride from my grandparents’ house [which is near Pittsburgh],” David said. “Once we decided to do this trip, we knew we would start there, so we plotted out a route and some good points to stop.”

As an athlete, one might think that his condition would affect his performance on the ice or the field, but David said the transition was fairly smooth.

“It was difficult at first, I would have to stop and come out to check my blood sugar, and sometimes I would miss drills because of that,” David said. “But you eventually get into a routine.”

His father said that the disease has actually helped David’s performance, because now he has to pay attention to everything that goes into his body.

“He’s eating better than he ever has before, because you have to be so careful,” Dan Lackner said. “I think this is a thing David’s doing to show you can rise above things. It’s something you probably wouldn’t do without the diabetes, but when you have it, it’s nice to do it to prove you can.”

Father and son have been training for the past two months, attempting to take 40-60 mile rides wherever they can. A few weeks ago, they were in New Jersey and rode from Stone Harbor to Cape May, a trip of more than 30 miles.

THE TRIP will have two really difficult days, the second day, which will be mostly uphill as they travel to the Eastern Continental Divide, and the last day, when they will take all 60 miles from Harper’s Ferry, W.Va. to Washington, D.C.

“I liked the idea of a unicycle, because it’s all about balance, and so is diabetes,” David said. “If you go to fast, or get out of control with your eating, it’s going to get you in trouble.”

David will be doing this to raise money for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. People can donate per mile (the trip is about 350 miles) or just a flat donation. More information about David’s trip and a link to donate can be found at unicyclesjd.webs.com

GRACE Arts program promotes love of arts.

By Kristine Nash

In a time when many programs are getting cut, the GRACE Arts program flourishes at Forestville. A big part of the success is the effort put forth by the parents and volunteers. It is run entirely on a volunteer basis. The result: children with real enthusiasm and an appreciation for art.

The program has been in place for 13 years at Forestville. The Art In The Schools Program (AIS) was established in 1976 by The Greater Reston Arts Center (GRACE) to supplement and support local children’s art experiences. The program has a strong emphasis on art history and biography of the artists. Seventy-six art portfolios contain artwork reproductions, background information about the artist and art activities. Each month, when a school subscribes, it receives a portfolio that focuses on a particular artist, style or theme of art. Written biographical information on the artist, subject matter or themes is provided along with laminated reproductions, three to four teaching boards, related art and writing activities as well as a highlights page regarding the most important aspects of the portfolio. Each month, the GRACE Art classroom volunteers familiarize themselves with the artist, pick an art project, get the supplies and then lead their classroom in an art project.

Jan Rossberg, who has a degree in art history and fine arts, has volunteered with this program for the past nine years. She is the lead coordinator between Forestville and The Greater Reston Arts Center. “This program was started to enhance the amount of art instruction the kids are already
Won Wins for Cancer Research

Langley High senior takes home prize at international science fair.

By Alex McVeigh
The Connection

While this is the time of the year when “senioritis” takes hold of those who are getting ready to finish their high school careers, Jong Hyuck “Dennis” Won has no fear of cancer. Won recently took the top prize at the 2010 Intel International Science and Engineering Fair in San Jose, Calif. Won, a Langley High School senior, took home first prize and best in category, which got him a trip to see the Nobel Prize ceremonies in Stockholm, Sweden in December.

WON examined ways to reduce the amount of cisplatin, a platinum-based chemotherapy drug, which also causes toxicity in healthy cells, with natural substances vitamin K3 and EGCG, the anti-oxidant found on green tea. He also discovered a novel function of a gene called PCPH, which when mutated can produce the highly-resistant cancer cells that make up many cases of prostate cancer.

“I want to apply the knowledge and engineering skill I gained to help sick patients and improve the medical field.”

Jong Hyuck ‘Dennis’ Won

“Two years ago I tried to get internships with places like NIH and NASA, but I couldn’t since I wasn’t a citizen,” Won said. “But while participating in a math competition, I met Dr. Mira Jung, who showed me how to perform basic lab procedures, with the idea that he would eventually start doing his own research.

“He had the right attitude to do the work when he started, he made some mistakes in the beginning, but I tried to give him opportunities, and he learned,” Jung said.

Within nine months, Won was doing his own independent research. He has been volunteering at Georgetown Hospital for the past two years, and even used the staff there to conduct a survey as part of his initial research for his project, handing out surveys to doctors to discover what types of chemotherapy drugs they use and why.

WON WILL BE HEADING to Stanford University in the fall, studying biomedical engineering. He says engineering has always been a passion for him, because it combines math, physics, chemistry and computer science, all of which he is skilled at.

“I went into engineering because it’s a more interdisciplinary approach, it doesn’t just involve memorizing things, it’s a lot of problem solving and logical thinking,” he said. “I want to apply the knowledge and engineering skill I gained to help sick patients and improve the medical field.”

He won’t be relaxing during his time off though, he heads back to South Korea later this month to work at Cha Hospital, interning at their stem cell research facility.

“Tmoing to get a sense of where stem cell research is going,” Won said. “I think it’s a major breakthrough method that could result in a cancer cure.”

While Won certainly has his plate full, Jung thinks that he has everything needed to succeed in a field that is waiting for a new generation of discoveries.

“Work ethic is everything [in this field],” Jung said.

“No one will tell you what to do, and he’s learned that. He’s learned to ask his own questions and find out where he wants to take his research, and I like to see an individual make that kind of effort.”

Jong Hyuck ‘Dennis’ Won

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In order to give citizens a firsthand look at the problems that the new Tysons Corner construction is aiming to fix, the Coalition for Smarter Growth hosted a walking tour of Tysons Corner June 19. More than 45 people attended the tour, which started at the Tysons Corner Center mall.

Walkers gathered in the Fairfax County Room at the mall to learn the reasons behind the Tysons Development. Barbara Byron, director of Fairfax County revitalization, explained that the primary goal of the Tysons redevelopment is to create a “livable urban center,” where people live and work.

Developers are aiming to have housing for 100,000 residents, as opposed to the approximately 18,000 currently living there, creating less vehicle trips since people are theoretically closer to their work. A long-term goal of the project is to reduce vehicle trips by as much as 65 percent.

While only 18,000 live in Tysons Corner, almost 125,000 people work there, and the plan aims to increase that to 200,000.

Byron described a “bulls eye” around each of the four Tysons Corner Metrorail stops, where the density will be the highest, making it easier to get to essential locations without the use of a car.

“We want to get people out of their cars and into other transit options,” said Clark Tyler, who served as chairman of the Tysons Land Use Task Force.

Tyler spoke of more options, such as bikes, Metro rail and bus, as well as pedestrian travel throughout Tysons Corner. He also said that Tysons would be planned using urban standards, which would hopefully make Tysons a destination for people other than going to work.

“If you want people to stay in Tysons Corner past 5 p.m. every day, then you have to use urban development principles,” he said.

THE TOUR covered a large portion of Eastern Tysons Corner, starting from the mall, heading across Chain Bridge Road to Galleria Drive to International Drive, ending at the Tysons Bus Transfer Station.

Just the simple act of crossing Chain Bridge Road proved to be difficult, as the 45-person group had less than 30 seconds to cross the bustling intersection.

“This tour illustrates two of the main problems with this area, the missing sidewalk links throughout Tysons and the difficulty in crossing main streets.”

— Wade Smith

The tour passed by one of the prime examples of the lack of crossings, when they saw the stretch of International Drive between Chain Bridge Road and Greensboro Drive — almost a mile-long stretch — that didn’t have a single pedestrian crosswalk.

THE HIGHLIGHT of the tour was a bird’s-eye view of the area. The tour headed into the offices of Hunton and Williams, located off Pinnacle Drive, where Stewart Schwartz, executive director of the Coalition for Smarter Growth, was able to point out many of the proposed changes as they would appear from hundreds of feet above Tysons Corner.

The tour offered a peek at the new direction that community planners are taking with Tysons Corner.

“It’s nice to see the farsightedness of people at the Coalition for Smarter Growth, that they’re thinking about the needs of human beings in urban environments,” said Victoria Hutter, who came from Washington, D.C. to observe the proposed changes.

“It was very difficult and unpleasant to walk around here. There are some attractive spots, but it can just be so unpleasant to get around.”
McLean Turns 100

Centennial celebration highlights community’s roots, character.

By Victoria Ross

The Connection

In the summer of 1934, many of McLean’s 3,000 or so residents passed through a 12-foot tall square archway to attend the event of the season — the annual “McLean Day” carnival. This Saturday, June 26, McLean’s 40,000-plus residents can pass through a replica of the 1934 archway and take a step back in history, as McLean marks its 100th anniversary with an all-day celebration. The free event will be from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave.

“McLean Day” carnival in 1934.

“The 100th anniversary celebration features speakers, displays and activities that evoke the spirit of McLean’s early days,” said Carole Herrick, community historian, author and co-chair of McLean’s Centennial Celebration. She has lived in McLean since 1967.

“We want people to get a feeling of what it was like in McLean 100 years ago, to respect and know the past, and appreciate the special community feeling of McLean today. It’s a vibrant, diverse community, a place where people know one another and look out for one another,” Herrick said.

Page Shelp, co-chair of the centennial event, has been gathering photos, artifacts and memorabilia for the celebration. She came to McLean in 1975 to open the community center and served as its executive director for 25 years.

“We have something for everyone. Visitors can view a 1929 Model A Ford Depot Delivery Truck, a 1931 Model A Ford Tudor Delux Sedan, early McLean fire department equipment, a fantastic display of early McLean photographs and a 40-foot map of the Great Falls & Old Dominion Railroad,” Shelp said.

CHILDREN can play games circa 1910 and hear a Calliope, a 16-foot steam organ popular in circus parades and other events in the early 1900s. Costumed actors will stroll the grounds, and The Virginia Gentlemen, a well-known barbershop quartet, will perform throughout the day. The opening ceremony includes speeches by former governor and U.S. Sen. Charles Robb and former delegate Pete Nordlie.

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In Support of Chesapeake Bay Clean Water Act

Senators Webb and Warner should step up to support water quality.

By Stella Koch Audubon Naturalist Society

T he Chesapeake Clean Water Act, which will promote the protection and restoration of not just the Chesapeake Bay but the Potomac River and local streams in Northern Virginia, is expected to receive committee vote in the U.S. Senate in late June.

Our streams and the Potomac are the source of our drinking water. We canoe, fish, and swim in these waters and hike along side these streams and the Potomac. They are the source of the waters of the Chesapeake.

By setting fair and equitable requirements throughout the Chesapeake Bay region for clean water in all streams, this bill will require both farmers and those living in towns and cities to do their fair share for clean water.

For decades, we have witnessed the degradation of our local streams by polluted runoff. When rain from storms falls on concrete roads, parking lots, and suburban yards, it picks up pollution. This runoff carries fertilizer, pesticides and other nutrient pollutants from every home and every storm into our local water.

While stormwater management has controlled some of the runoff in recent years, it has not kept pace with the growing impacts of development. Our communities have spent money and time to improve their streams. The counties of Arlington and Fairfax, along with the City of Alexandria have conducted careful studies and spent significant money and effort to implement stream restoration and protection programs.

But it has not been enough to stem the tide of degradation. We need to increase our efforts. Innovative, more effective stormwater management must be used. New pollution controls will need to be installed in sites that previously had none.

Aging stormwater pipes and structures will need to be replaced. The public demands that wastewater from toilets, tubs and sinks in homes and businesses be treated to a high degree of cleanliness. Equal resources must have to be committed to treating stormwater runoff if we are to have clean water in our streams, the Potomac and the Chesapeake Bay.

This proposed legislation takes the first step for this new collective effort. It sets attainable goals and requires that both new development and redevelopment control stormwater runoff. The federal government through this legislation will provide $1.5 billion to invest in our local communities for stormwater control and other clean water needs.

We need our U.S. Senators, Jim Webb and Mark Warner, to support the Chesapeake Clean water Act, by doing so they will be ensuring clean water for the Chesapeake Bay region.

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Double Standards On ‘Don’t Ask…’

To the Editor: Writer Donna Manz did an outstanding job in her report about the passing of, and tribute to Francois Haeringer (“Family, Friends Say Adieu to Restaurant Icon,” Great Falls Connection, June 16-22, 2010), but she should have known that Bob Ryan, who attended the funeral, has not been with NBC4 since last February. He’s with ABC7 or WJLA.

Reader Sarah O’Neill does not agree with Frank Wolf’s vote regarding the repeal of “Don’t Ask Don’t Tell” in the military (“Human Rights Begin at Home,” Great Falls Connection, June 16-22, 2010). She would like to know “his reasons for opposing the repeal.” I would like to know if Ms. O’Neill supports the repeal of the policy of “Don’t Ask Don’t Tell” in relation to selecting Supreme Court Justices. As everyone knows, President Obama nominated Elena Kagan to the Supreme Court. I had to laugh out loud when, on national political talk shows, representatives of the media trip over their own tongues trying to convey the point that she is not gay, while, at the same time stating that her sexuality is nobody’s business and not a subject for discussion or questioning. Then, in the next weekly broadcast, these same talking heads insist that “Don’t Ask Don’t Tell” should not apply to the military. So, it’s OK to ask members of the military if they are gay, it’s not OK to ask Supreme Court nominees if they are gay. And liberals think conservatives are hypocrites when they discover a gay Republican.

National Security Above Politics

To the Editor: I am writing in response to the letter entitled “Human Rights Begin at Home” [McLean Connection, June 16, 2010]. The writer indicates that the Pentagon is already ready for this change and that it is supported by many of our highest ranking military officers. I beg to differ. The plan to study the repeal of Don’t Ask/Don’t Tell was put into place just this January. The Defense Department set aside a full year to study the impact that repealing this policy would have on troop readiness. However, for some unspoken reason, repealing the ban has suddenly been put before Congress a full six months ahead of schedule. Prior to the vote to repeal this policy, the Chiefs of Staff engaged in a letter writing campaign urging Congress to wait until the Defense Department had the opportunity to study the repeal, and more importantly, to put a plan in place to implement it.

Perhaps U.S. Rep. Wolf voted against the repeal because he was following the advice of our Joint Chiefs of Staff. I’d also like to note that Sen. Jim Webb (D-Va.), former Secretary of the Navy and Vietnam veteran, voted against the repeal as well. These lawmakers stated that they wanted to afford the Defense Department the time to not only finish the study but to put an implementation plan into place. However, once again, the Democrat-controlled Congress is putting the cart before the horse. Just like when Nancy Pelosi said, during the shameful Obamacare debacle, that we have to pass the law to see what’s in it, again this out of control Congress wants to repeal the ban and then figure out how it will work. Instead of developing thoughtful public policy through open debate, this Congress behaves like we are a banana republic. I served five years as an active duty naval officer and my husband has served 21 years as a naval officer. Unlike most Americans, military service members very often do not work a 9-5 day and return to the privacy of their homes at night. We sleep six-eight in a stareoom or more often in open barracks. We have open showers and space is a luxury not afforded on most warships, and less affordable on submarines. Currently, quarters for men and women are separate. We would not think to put men and women in the same shower. I am sure we would not put openly gay men or women in open showers or barracks with other openly gay men or women. If Don’t Ask/Don’t Tell is repealed, what then would be the configuration of barracks and ships? How long would it take to make those changes? How much would it cost? Do we have enough carrier groups to remain on station while re-configurations are made? What risks do we assume by pulling carrier groups off station to make such changes? In this dangerous world and in these hard economic times, these are only a few of the questions that should have solid answers before we move forward with any repeal.

Regardless of what anyone thinks about gay rights, the central point should be what the practical effects of changing Don’t Ask/Don’t Tell will have on our ability to protect ourselves and our national interests. We are fighting two wars, tensions are high in Gaza, North Korea just sunk a South Korean warship, terrorists attacks on American soil have sharply increased in the past year, and Tur- key, a NATO ally privy to sensitive national security information, is becoming alarmingly closer with Iran than with us. This is not the time to be making it up as we go. Our elected leaders should be carefully considering any changes that could affect troop readiness, hearing the recommendations of our top military leaders, and most importantly, putting our national security above politics.

Gina Ryan Great Falls
News

Lap-A-Thon for Haiti at Forestville Elementary

Forestville Elementary School conducted a Lap-A-Thon on May 14. This was a school-wide fund raiser orchestrated by Mitch Carl for the Haiti Relief Fund through the American Red Cross. Each first through sixth grader had one hour to run/walk as many laps as they could around the soccer field. The more laps the students ran, the more money they raised. The students had just completed their Healthy Hearts and Healthy Bodies unit in PE. They were taught the muscular and cardiovascular benefits of being active. The goal was to allow the students to help raise money for those in need in Haiti, while having a fun event promoting a healthy cardiovascular activity and boosting interest and excitement in staying physically active. They successfully raised more than $15,700 with 100 percent going to the Haiti Relief Fund.

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**News**

**Forestville Presents Spring Musical**

Director praises school community support.

Forestville Elementary School’s fifth and sixth graders took to the stage with their spring musical, “On The Other Side Of The Fence” with performances on June 11-12. Fifty-three children participated in this production directed by Carol Wolf. Jan Rossberg and her crew created the set by collage, to ensure that two identi-cal farms could be created. Libby McConnell was the musical director, and Heide Zufall was the cho-reographer. A quartet performed including music teacher, Christian King. The story is about two farms separated by a big strong fence. The fence is there because of a long-standing feud between two farm-ers. The farmers have forbidden their animals to have anything to do with the animals on the other side of the fence. This is a play that helps children forget about their differences and appreciate each other. Toward the end, the farmers begin to see each other in a new way — acceptance, friendship and understanding are the result.

“This is the third consecutive year we have produced a fifth/sixth grade musical, and I have been very fortunate to have had such a talented volunteer team working together to give the students this won-derful experience,” said Wolf.

“Libby McConnell and I have worked together for the past three years and Heide Zufall has been a part of the team for two, even volunteering after her children have graduated from Forestville,” said Wolf. “Much credit also must go to the talents of many other parents who helped with set design, costume design, program design, and on the backstage crew. We are all so proud of this cast and crew. They have worked very hard for months and we have enjoyed watching their talent and confidence grow throughout the pro cess. In the end, the performances were fantastic and everyone had a great time. We hope the students trea sure fond memories of this production that will last a lifetime.”

— Kristine Nash

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**GRACE Promotes Love of Arts**

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geting,” said Rossberg. “This program has an emphasis on art history and the biography of an artist. It is a supplement to the strong art program run by the school.”

“Forestville Elementary has one of the biggest and strongest Grace Arts programs in Fairfax County. They have one of the largest subscrip-tions of portfolios, largest number of volunteers and most children being exposed to art each month,” said Jeanne Loveland, the Art In The Schools manager at The Greater Reston Arts Center. “Jan Rossberg has been involved for a long time. The program is so vi-brant because Jan is so passion-ate. This program at Forestville is so interactive and the kids really respond to that.”

Forestville is also the only school in the county sharing the program. It shares the program with its Title I sister school, Hutchison Elementary. Christine Cintron picks up the portfolio from Forestville and pre-sents the materials to more than 330 children at Hutchison every month. “It is a great cooperative program,” said Cintron. “To have this resource available is wonder-ful for both schools.”

“We are encouraging this model to other schools, but at this time, Forestville is the only school actu-ally doing it,” said Loveland.

“Forestville is fortunate to have several key ingredients that make GRACE so successful — talented coordinators like Mrs. Jan Rossberg, Mrs. Jordanna Tiffel, Mrs. Sharon Carmanico, and Mrs. Sara Koenig who share the job, a large contingent of involved par ents who present the art portfo-lio and children who make the art come alive,” said Heidi Zufall, a parent alumnus and art enthusi-ast.

“We have so many talented chil-dren at Forestville,” said Matt Har ris, principal of Forestville Element-ary School. “Their work adorns the school’s hallways. When I first arrived at Forestville over six years ago, it was my good fortune to work with then parent coordina-tor, Mr. Ben Cheshire, who was instrumen-tal in making our GRACE program the largest in FCPS at the time. Our program received rave reviews in Elan magazine a few years ago.”

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The Starshine Theater of Great Falls is currently enrolling students ages 7 through 19 for Summer Drama Camp. Students will rehearse and perform the original full-production stage play, “The Illustrious Life of Leonardo da Vinci.” The play rehearses July 12 to 23 at the School of Theatrical Dance in Great Falls and performs at The Great Falls Grange Theater on Saturday, July 24. Also currently enrolling “Starshine Little Theater” summer camps in Great Falls for ages 3 and up. For more information, contact Director Patricia Budwig, at 703-790-9050 or StarshineTheater@aol.com

Great Falls residents Sierra Avil (bachelor of arts), Andrea Loulakis (bachelor of science in business administration) and Anika Sellier (bachelor of arts) have graduated from Villanova University of Villanova, Penn.

Sturgis Sobin, II of Great Falls earned a bachelor of arts from Connecticut College of New London, Ct. Sobin majored in economics and environmental studies.

John D. Skolnik of Great Falls has received a bachelor of science with special attainments in commerce from Washington and Lee University of Lexington, Va. Skolnik majored in business administration and East Asian languages and literature.

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Every year, as the Great Falls Friends 4th of July Planning Committee gathers, we are reminded of how many local organizations get together to put on this very special Celebration from Dawn to Dusk.

The Great Falls Ecumenical Council starts the day with their annual 5K Walk/Run, getting dozens of individuals and families out of bed to enjoy the sun rising and feel the morning dew on Independence Day.

Once everyone’s blood is pumping, it reminds us of the Blood Drive that goes on all day at the Great Falls Professional Center. G.F. Volunteer Fire Department coordinates this event every year.

Next, the Newcomers of Great Falls continue an old-fashioned tradition—the Baby Parade. Smiles are abound on the faces of kids and their proud patriotic parents as they circle the Village Green.

Great Falls Friends takes the baton as staging for the annual Parade begins. In times past, there were more people in the parade than watching. People still show up in hoards to walk, bike, and ride in the parade, and like everything in Great Falls, the viewing crowds have grown. The fun doesn’t stop when the last antique car crosses the finish line; the festivities move to the Village Green, where the snow cones, cotton candy, food, games, and music are just getting started.

After a lazy afternoon of eating, drinking and being merry, the Great Falls crowd heads up to Turner Farm for the Friends of the Fireworks’ games & activities and the grand finale of the day...Fireworks!

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Schedule for July 4, 2010

7:45 A.M. Opening Ceremony & 5K Walk/Run (Freedom Memorial)
8 A.M.–2 P.M. Blood Drive (GF Professional Center @ Walker Road)
10 A.M.–12:30 P.M. Parade & Festivities (GF Village Green @ the Gazebo)
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Details at www.GreatFallsFriends.org

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8 AM - 2 PM - BLOOD DRIVE
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8:30 AM - BABY PARADE REGISTRATION
at the Village Green Gazebo

9 AM - BABY PARADE
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10 AM - MAIN PARADE
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10:30 AM - 12:30 PM - FESTIVITIES, FOOD & FUN
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6 PM - EVENING GAMES & ACTIVITIES
6 - 7:30 PM - BENNIE POTTER & WESTERN ELECTRIC PLAYS
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THURSDAY/JUNE 24
Natalie Cole, 5 p.m at Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. 864-4474. 703-938-2404 or wolftrap.org.

Meg Hutchinson and Devon Sproule, 7 p.m. Jammin’ Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. $10 advance, $15 day of show. jamminjava.com.

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FRIDAY/JUNE 25
Chayanne, 9 p.m at The George Mason University Patriot Center, 4800 Patriot Circle, Fairfax. The Puerto Rican singer, actor and dancer returns to the stage after a two year hiatus. Tickets are $61-$101.50, available at www.tickemaster.com or www.patriotcenter.com.

Summer on the Green: Fat Chance. 6:30 p.m. at the Vienna Town Green, 144 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. Bring chairs or blankets for seating. No alcoholic beverages allowed. It is recommended that pets be left at home. 703-255-6360 or www.viennava.gov.

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The Blackjacks Homecoming Show and Fight the Lion CD Release. 10 p.m. Jammin’ Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. $10. jamminjava.com.


"Suburban Motel." 8 p.m. 1st Stage, 1524 Spring Hill Road in Tysons Corner. A funny cycle of plays with a pack of bizarre characters determined to survive. $25 adults, $15 students.

SATURDAY/JUNE 26
McLean Centennial Celebration. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. at the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. An extensive exhibit of photographs and memorabilia, games, food and entertainment.

Ferris Bueller’s Day Off. 8 p.m. at Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. $20-$40. 703-938-2404 or www.wolftrap.org.

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www.1stStageTysons.org/motel.

Choir of the World A Cappella Concert. 2 p.m. at George Mason University Performing Arts Center, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Quartets performing will include the Alexandria Harmonizers, the Westminster Chorus, the Musical Island Boys, Sweden’s Ringmasters, OC Maxi, Factor Masterpiece, the Bachelors, the Edge, Old School and more.


The Shields Brothers. 6 p.m. Great Falls Village Green, at the corner of Georgetown Pike and Plant Green, 1445 Trap Road in Great Falls. Pop/r&b.

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Last Train Home. 5 p.m. McLean Central Park, 1468 Dolley Madison Blvd., McLean. Roots rock.

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Great Falls Summer Concerts 2010. The Shield Brothers, 6-8 p.m. at the Great Falls Village Green.

MONDAY/JUNE 28
Mikey Wax, Nick Howard and Rachel Plattten. 8 p.m. Jammin’ Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. $10. jamminjava.com.

TUESDAY/JUNE 29
Wolftrap Childrens Theatre in the Wilderness. "Suburban Motel," 10 a.m. at Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. 10 a.m. Directed by The Great Dinosaur Mystery, 11:15 a.m. Hayes Greenfield’s Jazz-a-Ma-Tazz. Free workshops follow the 10 a.m. performance, reservations required at 703-255-6232 or 703-255-6240.

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Baseball Season Ends with Cheers

By Barbara Kelley

Baseball in Great Falls closes as dramatically as it opens. It was a season of hard-fought games and boys playing with lots of heart. Add to that supportive coaches and parents bleeding with every strike out and cheering with every run.

Another season ended on Sunday, June 13, where fans in 90-plus-degree weather witnessed action from AA, AAA and Majors tournament play. Teams fought their way through double elimination to have the chance to be the Great Falls Little League Champions. Both first and second place winners in each division received trophies. The day ended with picnics and celebrations for all.

Championship Results

AA Minors: Mets, Manager Don Maruca, (11) and Indians, Manager Steve Baskin (5)

AAA Minors: Dodgers, Manager Bill Kelley, (11) and Reds, Manager Todd Norris, (10)

Majors: Nationals, Manager Butch Sevila (6) and Tigers, Manager Bruce Carton (4)

Post-Season Activities

The AAA Reds, who ended regular season play in first place, compete in the local Starliper Tournament beginning on June 19. For more information on schedules, Google “Starliper Tournament.”

Several opportunities are available for players to have lots of fun and improve their skills in summer baseball camp. For information about the Langley Baseball Summer Camp and the MVP Baseball camp, go to www.gflittleleague.org, in the section about camps.

About Great Falls Little League (GFLL)

GFLL offers a quality baseball and softball program for youth ages 5-16, including the levels of “Blast Ball,” T-Ball, Coach Pitch, AA, AAA, Majors, and Seniors. Their primary fields are located in the Nike 6 complex, on Utterback Store Road in Great Falls, adjacent to Forestville Elementary School. They also play on additional fields in and around the Great Falls community, such as those at Great Falls Elementary School, the Great Falls Grange, and others.

Barbara Kelley is a parent supporter and volunteer with Great Falls Little League.
McLean to Celebrate Centennial

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Vince Callahan.

“We are also excited to be unveiling the logo for McLean. It will be a terrific addition to McLean’s identity,” Herrick said.

Most communities can trace their roots back to a specific event, such as a legal incorporation. But the beginning of McLean “just happened,” said Herrick.

In 1902, John Roll McLean, former owner of The Washington Post, and Stephen Elkins, a U.S. senator from West Virginia and wealthy industrialist, built the 14-mile electrified Great Falls & Old Dominion Railroad. Later called the Washington and Old Dominion Railroad, it crossed the old Chain Bridge Road and connected Georgetown to Great Falls Park, where McLean and Elkins had bought land and constructed an amusement park. The park was a popular family destination, and featured a wooden carousel, dance pavilion, picnic spots and a nighttime illumination of the falls.

On July 4, 1906, the first passengers bought 5-cent tickets and took the trolley through Fairfax County’s countryside of dairy farms and fruit orchards to the park.

SIGNIFICANT for McLean’s future, the railway bypassed the existing villages of Lewinsville and Langley. Instead, the train stopped at Chain Bridge Road. That stop, originally called Ingleside, was renamed in 1910 to McLean to honor the co-founder of the railroad. That same year, Henry Storm opened a general store and post office next to the railroad tracks.

“The stop was built in the middle of the nowhere. They really weren’t trying to build a town. It was a business venture to take people in the city to Great Falls Park,” Herrick said.

McLean developed quickly. In 1914, St. John’s Episcopal Church, built in 1877 near Langley Park, was mounted on casters and hauled across fields to a site on Chain Bridge Road near the McLean stop. In 1915, the Franklin Sherman School opened with 29 students. By 1923, Fairfax County had its first volunteer fire department in McLean.

“The character of McLean did not happen by accident,” said Mary Anne Hampton, a member of the centennial committee board and resident since 1958.

“McLean residents worked hard to preserve a rural environment, working with the citizen’s association and on zoning committees to prevent high-density development,” Hampton said.

“We want people to get a feeling of what it was like in McLean 100 years ago, to respect and know the past, and appreciate the special community feeling of McLean today.”

— Carole Herrick

Carole Herrick and Mary Anne Hampton of the McLean Centennial Celebration review photos for the display on Saturday.

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Trails Increase Security,
Property Values

To the Editor:

I would like to respond to a letter in the June 2-8 edition asking, “Who Would Dare to Use Sidewalk?” The people who would use sidewalks along Georgetown Pike, not to mention every other major roadway in Great Falls, are our neighbors. Literally hundreds of households have voiced their desire to be able to safely walk or ride bikes or horses to the Village Center, local parks, schools or simply a neighbor’s house. Everyone in Great Falls lives within walking distance to a park, yet, most residents must get in their car and drive to a park to find a safe place to walk.

There is a common misconception that trails along major roadways are dangerous for both trail users and drivers. However, a Federal Highway Administration study (2002 Report No. FHWA-RA-01-101) found that “the presence of a sidewalk or pathway on both sides of the street corresponds to approximately an 88 percent reduction in “walking along road” pedestrian crashes. The study also found that an unpaved shoulder of 4 feet or more “makes a location 89 percent less likely to be a crash site.” What is very dangerous are the numerous joggers, recreational cyclists and children walking and riding in the roadway for lack of an alternative place to travel.

Incidentally, studies also show that trails do not increase crime in a neighborhood, but they do raise property values. For more information take a look at www.trailstotrails.org.

Great Falls Trail Blazers has raised $2 million, so far, to complete trails beside two major roads, Georgetown Pike and Walker Road, using County funds, donations and Federal grants. Although some of those funds are just now being spent, much more needs to be done. We are working diligently to get the county to allow us to use our funds to complete several miles of trail where we already have public easements.

These walkways will not come at the expense of the natural and open aesthetic of our community. Great Falls Trail Blazers has worked for years to try to ensure that any roadside trails, outside of subdivisions and commercial areas/schools, be constructed of stone-dust or left natural surface. We are also dedicated to preserving trees and native plants.

We ask if anyone has questions or concerns about trails in Great Falls or would like to join in our efforts to please contact us at GreatFallsTrailBlazers@yahoo.com and visit www.GreatFallsTrailBlazers.org.

Mary Cassidy-Angier
President
Great Falls Trail Blazers

Offshore Drilling
Is Not Response

To the Editor:

Virginia cannot afford the negative economic and environmental consequences of a potential oil spill off of our coast, which may be a result of offshore drilling. We need our U.S. Sens. Warner (D) and Webb (D) to support legislation that promotes safe, renewable, clean energy sources such as wind, solar, and geothermal.

There has recently been talk of offshore drilling to occur along the coast of Virginia, but we cannot allow this to happen. The crisis in the Gulf Coast should be a wakeup call to all those that support such drilling. We cannot continue to depend on non-renewable resources which may have such dire consequences.

The longer we wait, the more damage may be caused. Clean energy is the way to go, and it can help to turn our economy around by providing thousands of jobs and increased security for our country. The time to act is now and we need leadership that drives comprehensive clean energy and climate legislation for our future.

Kellen Lauer
Herndon

SCHOOL NOTES

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

Margaret Smith of Great Falls was named to the spring 2010 dean’s list at Ohio Wesleyan University. Smith is a graduate of Langley High School.

Alexandra Mahinka of Great Falls has graduated magna cum laude from Gettysburg College in Gettysburg, Pa.

Rachael Beckman of Great Falls has been named to the spring 2010 dean’s list at Tufts University of Medford, Mass.

Great Falls residents Laura Falcon, a senior, and Natalie M sheep, a sophomore, have been named to the spring 2010 dean’s list at The University of Maryland.

Lan Anh Galloway was accepted into the Virginia Department of Education’s Governor’s Foreign Language Academy, a summer residential program for talented foreign language students. The Madeira School junior is the daughter of George and Lien Galloway.

John Turner of McLean has graduated with a bachelor of arts in psychology and religious studies from Rice University of Houston, Tx.

Brigid Donovan of McLean has been named to the trimester 2 honors list at Saint James School of McLean, Md. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Donovan.

Patricia S. Cooper of McLean has graduated from the University of Virginia Law School. Cooper is a 2001 graduate of Langley High School and a 2005 graduate of the University of Virginia, where she was an Echols Scholar and member of Phi Beta Kappa. Cooper is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Wayne Cooper.

Gregory R. Erepmian of McLean has been named to the spring 2010 dean’s list at Bucknell University of Lewsburg, Pa. He is the son of Jeffrey and Anna Erepmian, and a 2008 graduate of Thomas Jefferson High School.

Kelsey P. Linebaugh of McLean has been named to the spring 2010 dean’s list at Bucknell University of Lewsburg, Pa. She is the daughter of Craig Linebaugh and Cheryl Pen, and a 2008 graduate of Madeira School.

Letters
The Church of the Holy Comforter, 543 Beulah Road N.E. in Vienna, invites ages 8-13 for Vacation Bible School, 5 p.m. July 19-23. Children will be swept into the magical land of Narnia where they will watch dramas, participate in games, learn original music, create theme related art projects and join in more discussions that relate the Narnia stories to lessons from the Bible. $15 including a t-shirt. Register at Larthuri@holycorner.com or 703-938-6521 ext.16.

Church of the Holy Cross, 2455 Gallow Road, Dunn Loring, is offering an evening Vacation Bible School at 5:30 p.m. from Sunday, July 18 through Thursday, July 23. Dinner is included. Ages 3-12 to 12 are welcome. $15 includes registration, a t-shirt and a CD. pannicholson@cox.net or 703-573-0250.

Epiphany United Methodist Preschool, 1014 Country Club Drive, N.E. in Vienna, is now enrolling 3-4-year-old students for the 2010/2011 school year. Contact 703-938-2391 or www.epiphanypreschool.com.

Chesapeake United Methodist Church is at 1711 Kirby Road, McLean. Worship service is at 11 a.m. Sunday school is at 9:30 a.m. for adults and children. Rev. Kathleen Card, Pastor. 703-356-7100 or www.ChesbrookUMC.org.

The Jewish Social Services Agency (JSSA) offers a wide variety of support groups for those with emotional, social, and physical challenges. Contact Gary Axelrod, 301-610-8309 or gaxelrod@jssa.org, or www.jssa.org.

Charles Wesley and Chesley United Methodist Churches invite the community to a 20 minute weekly service of prayer and Holy Communion in the Charles Wesley sanctuary, 8417 Dean Drive in McLean, at 12 p.m. Fridays. At the conclusion of the service, there is a time of individual blessing, anointing and healing. 703-356-6336.

HAVEN of Northern Virginia offers a variety of free bereavement support groups, meeting on a weekly basis. Contact 703-941-7900 or www.havenofnova.org for schedules and registration information.

McLean Bible Church Fitness Class at Body & Soul fitness. Balance is key, energy is renewed, strength is gained, and friendships are formed. Mondays 9 a.m. and Fridays 9:45 a.m. Childcare is free for registered students. E-mail bodyandsoul@mcleanbible.org for more information.

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

THURSDAY/JUNE 24
Beulah Road Al-Anon Group. 7:30 p.m. at the Antioch Christian Church, 1862 Beulah Road, Vienna. Practicing the Twelve Steps, welcoming and giving comfort to families of alcoholics, and giving understanding and encouragement to the alcoholic. reviku@cox.net.

FRIDAY/JUNE 25
Developing a Leadership Mindset. 7:30 a.m. at the Tower Club 8000, Towers Crescent Drive, Vienna. Practicing the Twelve Steps, welcoming and giving comfort to families of alcoholics, and giving understanding and encouragement to the alcoholic. reviku@cox.net.

SATURDAY/JUNE 26
T’ai Chi Beginners’ Practice. 8 a.m. on the outdoor basketball court behind Dooly Madison
The Dominion Country Club League kicked off its summer swim season this past weekend with the RiverBend StingRays (Great Falls) upsetting league stronghold, Westwood Country Club (Vienna), by a score of 282.5 to 233.5 on June 19.

The StingRays girls’ 8-Under 100-meters free relay team of Charlotte Bell, Anna Takis, Olivia Franke and Caroline Bean broke a RiverBend team record with a time of 1:18.35. Leading the blue ribbon charge, Jessica Hawkwen and Micaela Grassi each won four events (50-free, 50-back, 50-fly and 100-IM). Kelsey Campbell, Ryan Windus and Colin O’Conner each won three blue ribbons while Charlotte Bell and Carter Bennett scored two first place finishes. Other first place winners included: Christopher Blankingship, Sabrina Slavin, Sam Maruca, Anna Takis, Annie Youngkin and Will Ferrer. Next week, the StingRays travel to Fairfax to take on the Country Club of Fairfax.

For Westwood, Laura Kellan and Matt Callahan each won four events. Palmer Lloyd and Alec Dolton each won three events and Zach Roeder won two. Single event winners for Westwood were Zoli Varga, Samantha Runyan and 100-IM. Kelsey Campbell, Annie Youngkin, Bella Vaclour, Erin Fredrick, Eliza Pastore, Emma Grassi and Kelsey Campbell. They are all from Great Falls and McLean. Annie won a blue ribbon in breaststroke and Kelsey won three blue ribbons in backstroke, butterfly and 100-IM. In individual events, the 9-10 Girls brought home nine ribbons in all, four first place, two second place and three third place finishes.

The Great Falls Extreme girls’ soccer team captured the championship of the under-16 Silver Division at the Virginia Tournament. The locals went undefeated throughout the tournament, beating the South Semco Canadian team, 5-3. The Extremes played the finals game with only 10 player against a stellar New Jersey team. They won that finals game in penalty kicks with goalie Erika Brent blocking the opponents’ final kick attempt. All of the girls played up to their potential in helping the Extremes finish in first. Team members are Erika Brent, Natalie Cook, Leah Cohen, Hannah Donegan, Brittany Gallagher, Sarah Gordon, Emma Price, Sarah Rachal, Claire Robinson, Rachel Sanson and Mira Tanenbaum. The team is coached by Alberto Stacee. Also participating were Jessica DeMayo, Shohini Ghosh and guest player Jennifer Cantrick. Teammate Karianna Lafford was out with an injury.

Union College (Schenectady, N.Y.) men’s lacrosse sophomore goalietender Sean Aaron (Great Falls) was named to the All-Liberty League First Team. Union finished with an 11-3 overall regular season record this spring and finished second in the Liberty League standings with a 4-2 mark.

Aaron, the only three-time Liberty League Defensive Performer of the Week, led the league in goals-against average and save percentage. He also was the national leader in both categories. An All-America candidate, Aaron finished the regular season with a 5.34 goals-against average and a .717 save percentage. He has registered 11 wins this season, tying a school record. Aaron has made 12 or more saves in nine games, including a career-high 23 in an 8-4 win over Oneonta State.

Great Falls resident Spencer Clark and Falls Church resident Edwin Zwang, both members of the Bishop O’Connell girls’ lacrosse team this past spring, were recently selected to the 2010 Washington Catholic Athletic Conference (WCAC) Second Team. Courtney, a sophomore, was also selected to play for the Girls National High School Team at the Women’s Division National Tournament this past Memorial Day weekend. Courtney and Ashley (freshman) have both played in the Great Falls lacrosse league since second grade and currently play for the O’Connell Knights as well as Capital Lacrosse Teams.

The RiverBend Stingrays’ 9-10 girls prepare to face off against Westwood Country Club in the 50-breaststroke event. From left are Chloe Bennett, Annie Youngkin, Bella Vaclour, Erin Fredrick, Eliza Pastore, Emma Grassi and Kelsey Campbell. They are all from Great Falls and McLean. Annie won a blue ribbon in breaststroke and Kelsey won three blue ribbons in backstroke, butterfly and 100-IM. In individual events, the 9-10 Girls brought home nine ribbons in all, four first place, two second place and three third place finishes.

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