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Tom Lukas, left, and John Bowman lay the wreath at the McLean Memorial Day celebration Monday morning.

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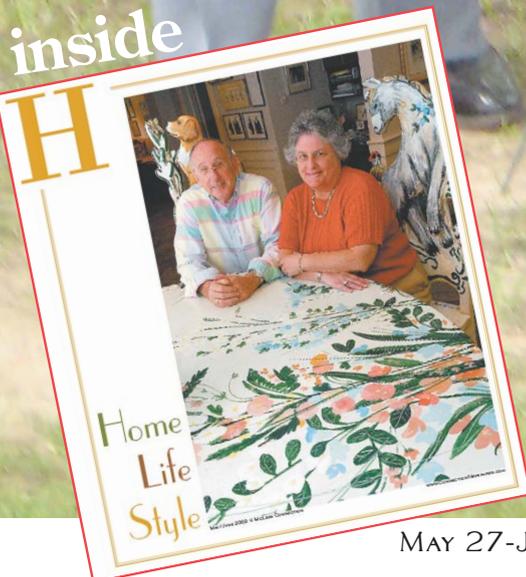
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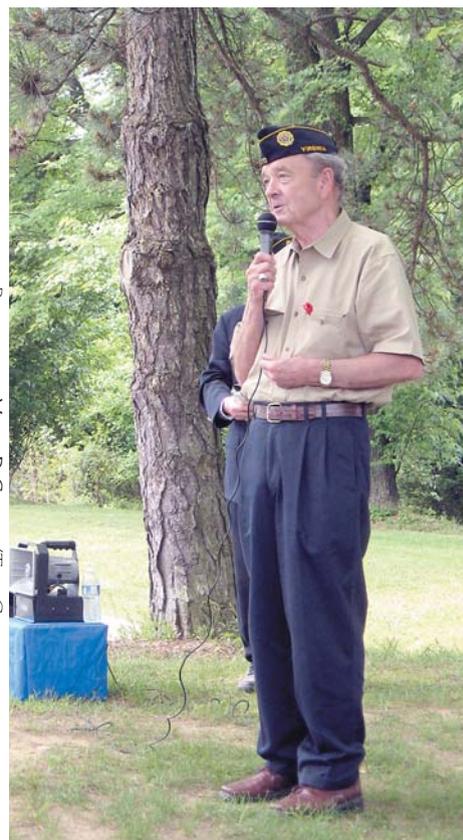


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American Legion Post 270 Commander Jay Edwards looks on as Del. Margi Vanderhye (D-34) addresses the crowd.



Legionnaire and retired state delegate Vince Callahan introduces the poem "In Flanders Field."

Honoring Sacrifice

McLean residents and officials gather for Memorial Day.

BY MIKE DICICCO
THE CONNECTION

"It's always very fitting that we have this ceremony here at McLean High School," School Board member Janie Strauss told the crowd of about 60 gathered at the school's Memorial Grove on the morning of Memorial Day. While the holiday is a time to remember those who have sacrificed for the country's safety, she said, it is also a time to learn and to teach.

Citizens carry a responsibility to learn when to send troops into war, Strauss said. And education "is not just to fill our young people with knowledge but to teach them to give back."

Del. Margi Vanderhye (D-34) said the day was also a time to think of the police officers, firefighters and paramedics who risk their lives for the public's safety and, particularly in McLean, with the CIA right around the corner, others who put their lives on the line without any recognition.

She noted that the General Assembly had passed legislation that would preserve funding for police and fire and rescue departments, and she said she was also proud to be a part of the McLean-based group Our Military Kids, which provides grants to children whose parents are deployed.

Vanderhye asked the crowd to remember that 143 Virginians had died in Iraq and Afghanistan, and more than 800 had been wounded. "And those, ladies and gentlemen, are the wounds we can see," she added.



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— Del. Margi Vanderhye (D-34)

Del. Jim Scott (D-53) commended Vanderhye for mentioning the wounded because, he said, Memorial Day is a time to remember not only those who have died, "but those who have given and given and given." He told the crowd to "remember the very important commitment we make back to them for what they've given to us."

Jay Edwards, commander of American Legion Post 270, which staged the gathering, asked that attendees also think of the

The legionnaires and other McLean residents rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

country's prisoners of war and those missing in action, as well as Lt. Alexander Wetherbee, a McLean High School graduate who died in Iraq on Sept 12, 2004.

On Sunday, Edwards said, he and the post's auxiliary President Mariam Cirachella had gone into D.C. for the Rolling Thunder event, passing out flags and poppies. Edwards choked up as he recalled a woman who approached them wearing a button with the name of her son, who had died in combat. They had given her as many flags as she could carry, he said.

"Today, she's going to Arlington Cemetery to place those flags on the grave of her son and those around him."

Spring Hill Expansion Part of Fall Bond Referendum

When voters go to the polls for Virginia's gubernatorial race this fall, they will also choose whether to fund a new round of schools construction and renovation projects, through \$232,580,000 worth of bonds.

The bond referendum includes money for a building addition to Spring Hill Elementary School in McLean.

Both the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors and Fairfax County School Board approved a list of projects that would benefit by the bond on the voter's ballot Nov. 3.

Money from the bond would also be used to cover the construction of a new South County Middle School (\$50 million), renovation of Marshall High School (\$100 million) and planning for the renovation of Sandburg Middle School (\$2.5 million).

Building expansions are not just limited to Spring Hill. The school system wants the bond to pay for \$9.75 million in extra modular classrooms and \$40.76 million in building additions overall. The school system said it needs the extra modular classrooms and building capacity to address higher student enrollment. School officials said the number of students enrolled in Fairfax County Public Schools has increased by 5,200 students over the past two years and will continue to grow in the future.

By 2013, school officials predict 50 schools would be over building capacity by 10 percent and 31 schools would be over building capacity by 20 percent. School officials said the nine schools slated to receive building additions could not address their capacity problems through other means, such as school boundary adjustments.

DURING deliberations over which projects to fund through the bond, School Board member Stu Gibson (Hunter Mill) attempted to eliminate South County Middle School from the construction list. His motion failed.

Gibson has frequently said he thinks the current capacity issues at South County Secondary School could be addressed in less expensive ways than building a new middle school, such as boundary adjustment.

In his amendment, Gibson proposed using \$10 million of the \$50 million now allocated to South County Middle School for an addition to South County Secondary School instead. He wanted the remaining \$40 million to be used for a renovation at Thomas Jefferson School For Science and Technology.

— JULIA O'DONOGHUE

Remembering on Memorial Day 2009

On Memorial Day, we recognize that here in Northern Virginia, many local families continue to bear the personal sacrifice of having lost a loved one in Iraq or Afghanistan.

Nearly 4,300 U.S. military members have been killed in Iraq and more than 680 more have been killed in Afghanistan since Sept. 11, 2001.

Lance Cpl. Daniel Ryan Bennett, 23 of Clifton died Jan. 11, 2009, in Helmand province, Afghanistan. "Danny really had a heart of gold," said his mother. "He loved his country, and we're so proud of him."

2Lt. Sean P. O'Connor of Burke died Oct. 19, 2008 while stationed at Hunter Army Air Field, Savannah, Ga. O'Connor was an athlete in soccer, baseball and football who attended Fairfax County Public Schools and was a 1999 graduate of Bishop Denis J. O'Connell High School in Arlington. He graduated from West Point and was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Military Intelligence branch.

Pfc. David Sharrett, 27 of Oakton, died Jan. 16, 2008 in Iraq. On Oct. 24, 2008, his father, David H. Sharrett, was on hand along with former U.S. Rep. Tom Davis as the Oakton Post Office on White Granite Drive was renamed to honor his son.

Army 1st Lt. Thomas J. Brown, a George Mason University graduate and Burke resident, died on Sept. 23, 2008, while serving in Iraq. His unit came under small arms fire, and Brown, 26, died from his wounds.

Brown, a leader who often insisted on riding in the lead vehicles of convoys, the ones most likely to be targeted in an attack, was three weeks away from completing his tour of duty.

HERE ARE the names of some of the local men and women who have died in Iraq and Afghanistan. We repeat these names several times a year to honor their service and to keep their memories in our consciousness.

If you know of someone who should be included in this list, or if you would like to share how you are honoring the memory of a family member or friend lost, or about the progress of someone injured, please let us know.

Sgt. Scott Kirkpatrick, 26, died on Aug. 11, 2007, in Arab Jabour, Iraq. Kirkpatrick, who graduated from Park View High School in Sterling, and also considered Herndon and Reston as his hometowns, was a champion slam poet. His father, Ed Kirkpatrick, calls him the "warrior poet," and he and his wife help injured vets at Walter Reed through the Yellow Ribbon fund (www.yellowribbonfund.org).

Ami Neiberger-Miller of Sterling lost her brother, U.S. Army Specialist Christopher Neiberger, in August 2007 when he was killed by a roadside bomb while serving in Baghdad, Iraq. He was 22 years old when he died. Since

her brother's death, Neiberger-Miller has devoted herself to the Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (www.taps.org), which provides peer-based emotional support and other services for families of the fallen, and provides intensive services and activities, including during Memorial Day weekend.

Staff Sgt. Jesse G. Clowers Jr., 27, of Herndon, died when an improvised bomb exploded near his vehicle in Afghanistan on Aug. 12, 2007.

Jonathan D. Winterbottom, 21, of Falls Church, died in Iraq on May 23, 2007, of wounds inflicted when an "improvised explosive device" exploded near his vehicle.

Nicholas Rapavi, 22, of Springfield, died Nov. 24, 2006, of wounds suffered during combat in Anbar province in Iraq.

Army Cpl. Andy D. Anderson, 24, was killed by enemy fire in Ar Ramadi, Iraq on Tuesday, June 6, 2006. He had been a respected football and basketball player at J.E.B. Stuart High School and had proposed to his high-school sweetheart about three weeks before he was killed.

Airman 1st Class LeeBernard E. Chavis, 21, was killed Oct. 14, 2006, by sniper fire in Iraq, trying to protect civilians from a roadside bomb.

Spc. Robert Drawl Jr., 21, a 2003 graduate of T.C. Williams High School, was killed by a bomb in Kunar, Afghanistan, on Aug. 19, 2006.

United States Army Specialist Felipe J. Garcia Villareal, 26 of Burke, was injured in Iraq and flown to Washington Hospital Center, where he died Feb. 12, 2006. He was a graduate of Herndon High School.

Capt. Shane R. M. Mahaffee, 36, a 1987 graduate of Mount Vernon High School, died May 15, 2006. He was a lawyer, married, with two children. His parents live in Alexandria.

U.S. Marine Lance Cpl. Nicholas Kirven, who, at age 21, was killed in Afghanistan in 2005 during a firefight in a cave with insurgents. He enlisted while still in high school after 9/11.

Maj. William F. Hecker III, a 1987 graduate of McLean High School, was killed in action in An Najaf, Iraq, Jan. 5, 2005.

Staff Sgt. Ayman Taha, 31, of Vienna, was killed Dec. 30, 2005, when an enemy munitions cache he was prepping for demolition exploded.



U.S. Army Specialist Christopher Neiberger's headstone at Arlington National Cemetery.

Army Capt. Chris Petty of Vienna was killed Jan. 5, 2006.

Staff Sgt. George T. Alexander Jr., the 2,000th soldier to be killed in Iraq, was literally born into the Army here in Northern Virginia, at DeWitt Army Hospital at Fort Belvoir. Alexander died at Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio, Texas, Oct. 22, 2005, of injuries sustained in Samarra, Iraq, Oct. 17.

Lt. Col. Thomas A. Wren, 44, of Lorton, died in Tallil, Iraq on Nov. 5, 2005.

Marine Capt. Michael Martino, 32 of the City of Fairfax, died Nov. 2, 2005, when his helicopter was brought down in Iraq.

Fairfax Station resident Pfc. Dillon Jutras, 20, was killed in combat operations in Al Anbar Province of Iraq Oct. 28, 2005.

1st Lt. Laura M. Walker of Oakton was killed on Aug. 18, 2005, in Kandahar, Afghanistan.

CW4 Matthew S. Lourey of Lorton died from injuries sustained on May 26, 2005 in Buhriz, Iraq.

Operations Officer Helge Boes of Fairfax was killed on Feb. 5, 2003, while participating in counterterrorism efforts in eastern Afghanistan.

Among other local lives lost: Lance Cpl. Tavon Lee Hubbard, 24, of Reston; 1st Lt. Alexander Wetherbee, 27, of McLean; 1st Lt. Jeff Kaylor, 25, of Clifton; Coast Guard Petty Officer Nathan B. Bruckenthal, 24, of Herndon; Army Chief Warrant Officer Sharon T. Swartworth, 43, of Mount Vernon; Command Sgt. Maj. James D. Blankenbecler, 40, of Mount Vernon; Capt. James F. Adamouski, 29, of Springfield; Sgt. DeForest L. Talbert, 22, of Alexandria; Marine Cpl. Binh N. Le, 20, of Alexandria; Staff Sgt. Russell Verdugo, 34, of Alexandria. Army Capt. Mark N. Stubenhofer, 30, from Springfield; Marine Gunnery Sgt. Javier Obleas-Prado Pena, 36, from Falls Church; Marine Sgt. Krisna Nachampassak, 27, from Burke; Army Staff Sgt. Nathaniel J. Nyren, 31, from Reston; Marine Lance Cpl. Tenzin Dengkhim, 19, from Falls Church, Navy Chief Joel Egan Baldwin, 37, from Arlington; Maj. Joseph McCloud, of Alexandria; Major Gloria D. Davis, 47 of Lorton.

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McLean Woman's Club President Nancy Lang poses with the award recipients.

Woman's Club Honors Musicians, Patrol Guards

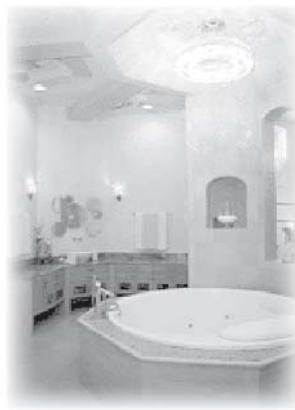
Music students from Longfellow and Cooper middle schools performed musical concertos at the McLean Woman's Club recent luncheon and general meeting. In attendance were honorees, Club members, parents of students and school faculty. Education Committee Chairpersons Iris Reimann and Polly Gross and President Nancy Lang presented music awards. Receiving awards from Cooper School were Nick Server (tuba) and Christie Goddard (oboe). Longfellow award recipients were

Samantha Hoegle (oboe) and Daniel Suzuki (violin). Monetary awards were presented to each school in honor of these talented musical students.

Student Safety Patrol honor awards were presented by Safety Chairperson Cece Kimble, Lang and Police Officer Amanda Cox. Kimble and Cox spoke of the dedication and selflessness of the Patrol guards and the privilege the Club feels in honoring the service of these elementary school students.

Receiving trophies were: Chesterbrook School, Anna Penn

and Michael Robbins; Churchill School, Rosy Zhang and Drew Bender; Franklin Sherman School, Elizabeth Maness and Cameron Stork; Kent Gardens School, Gabriel Cucaion Casals, Evan Scholl and Gabriela Corredor Romero; and Spring Hill School, Erin Calpin and Andrew Berkin. The Club presented Cox with a check to assist with the tuition for students attending the Fairfax County Police Patrol Camp. Monetary awards for the Safety Patrol programs were presented to each school.



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Congressman fields questions and comments at citizens association's annual membership meeting.

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Ted Alexander was displeased with both parties over the way economic stimulus money was being spent. On Thursday, May 21, he got a chance to talk to his congressman about the matter.

U.S. Rep. Frank Wolf (R-10) was the guest speaker at the McLean Citizens Association's (MCA) annual membership meeting Thursday night, allowing members of the crowd in the McLean Community Center's Community Hall to ask their House representative about issues local and global.

Wolf noted that he had voted against the stimulus package because he thought it included too much pork and not enough infrastructure spending, and that he had opposed the buyout of the two automakers because he thought they should have gone into a managed bankruptcy earlier on.

WOLF took the opportunity to talk further about the economy and about a bill he had introduced with U.S. Rep. Jim Cooper (D-Tenn.), which would create a bipartisan commission to look for ways to start balancing the country's budget. "I worry deeply," Wolf said, noting that this year's deficit was \$1.84 trillion, with projections for a deficit of about \$1 trillion next year and then \$500 million "as far as the eye can see."

"We are sort of at a fork in the road and you can't just keep on kicking the can and kicking the can and kicking the can," he said. "And whatever you do has to be done in a bipartisan way, because if it's not done in a bipartisan way, it doesn't get done at all." Wolf said he was confident that the bill would pass.

Darren Ewing thanked Wolf for working with the MCA to curb airplane noise in McLean, but he said helicopter noise was becoming

more of a problem with a new Homeland Security building in the area. "They're not flying friendly," Ewing said. "This is something that still is very critical for us."

Wolf said he was aware of the problem and was working on it.

Del. Margi Vanderhuy (D-34) wanted to know if the bus rapid transit (BRT) plan that Wolf had been pushing for could alleviate traffic in the Tysons Corner area.

Wolf said he was still working on a plan for the bus system with the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT). "I think it can go a long way at much less cost than a guided rail system," he said.

"Virginia has a lot of potential for off-shore wind," said Rekha Nadkarni, asking whether Wolf supported the idea of placing windmill farms off the state's coast.

"I favor drilling off the outer continental shelf," said Wolf, adding that he thought the money from such operations ought to



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U.S. Rep. Frank Wolf addresses the McLean Citizens Association at the group's annual membership meeting.

come back to the states, with some being used for efforts in wind and solar energy. "You would take those resources and put them into renewables," he said, adding that some of the revenues could also be dedicated to mass transit.

Ray Pickles said illegal immigration had dropped by 95 percent in areas where high, double fences had been built along the Mexican border, and he said more money should be spent to add to the fence. "And not the virtual fence. That's a burglar alarm," he said.

Wolf said he supported the

fence, noting that illegal immigration was contributing to the country's gang problem and particularly affecting areas along the border, such as Phoenix, where he said kidnappings were occurring nearly every day.

AND HE TALKED about his efforts to keep Guantanamo Bay detainees out of Virginia. Among these detainees are 17 Uighurs — Muslims from far west China — who are to be released in the D.C. area. They trained in terrorist-run camps, but it was found that they had not intended to fight the U.S. government.

"I've been a leading proponent of the Uighur community in China," Wolf said. But, he said, "A terrorist is a terrorist is a terrorist." He noted that Americans could have been killed in attacks that Uighur militants had threatened to unleash on the Olympic games in Beijing. Also, he said, they could have become radicalized in prison. "If you put me in Guantanamo for seven years, you might radicalize me," he said.

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2500 block of Holly Manor Drive.

GPS unit and satellite radio stolen from vehicle.

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The Art of Easy Appetizers, 7-9 p.m., McLean Project for the Arts, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Learn the shortcuts to delicious and beautiful appetizers. MPA board member Jill Young shares her catering secrets and there will also be a short talk on the current exhibition "Disambiguation: New Work" by Franz Jantzen. \$10/per person donation suggested. Reservations required; RSVP to info@mpaart.org.

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FRIDAY/MAY 29

The Pirates of Penzance, 8 p.m. at



The Loudoun Ensemble will provide the music for a summer swing dance Friday, June 5, 8-11 p.m. at the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Members of the Fred Astaire Dance Studios will give lessons from 7-8 p.m. \$25/resident couples, \$15/residents, \$25/person all others. 703-790-0123.

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Charles McCain, 7 p.m., Barnes & Noble, Tysons Corner Center, 7851 L. Tysons Corner Center, McLean. Charles McCain, author of "An

Honorable German," about a German naval officer and U-boat commander who fights for morality instead of the Reich. 703-506-2937.

"Pavilion", 8 p.m., 1st Stage, 1524 Spring Hill Road, McLean. The Hub Theatre presents Craig Wright's "The Pavilion." \$15-\$25. 703-674-3177 or www.thehubtheatre.org.

SATURDAY/MAY 30

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McLean Orchestra 'An Intimate Affair', 8 p.m. at the Oakcrest School, 850 Balls Hill Road, McLean. Music from Bach, Beethoven and Brahms. 703-893-8654 or info@mclean-orchestra.org.

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McLean Burglary Nets Two Arrests

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An investigation revealed that in an attempt to flee, he broke into another home in the 7200 block of Thrasher Road.

The first suspect arrested was charged with burglary, grand larceny and possession of burglarious tools. He was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Crime Solvers by phone at 1-866-411-TIPS/8477, e-mail at www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org or text "TIP187" plus your message to CRIMES/274637 or call Fairfax County Police at 703-691-2131.

Correction

The last week's article ["Two Teens Honored"] contained a spelling error. The Teen Character Award winners' names and schools should read: Chloe Yazdani (McLean High) and Sarah Mendelsohn (Langley High).

SCHOOLS

Next Generation Meets Next-Generation Technology

Franklin Sherman students get sneak peek at area's first carbon-neutral home.

BY MIKE DiCICCO
THE CONNECTION

An accidental tumble by one student's hardhat into the empty Kohler dual-flush toilet may have stolen the show, but the idea of putting grass on a rooftop, as well as the bucket of dirt that was to illustrate the concept of geothermal climate control, also captured the interest of a group of Franklin Sherman Elementary School first-graders that toured West*Group's GreenHouse last Wednesday afternoon.

The GreenHouse, still under construction in downtown McLean, is being built with a variety of environmentally friendly technologies and techniques. On Tuesday and Wednesday, May 12 and 13, developer West*Group and builder GreenSpur, who are



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Tasso Flocos of West*Group displays some of the recycled wood that will be used on the home's floors.

partnering on the project, offered sneak peeks to students of the nearby elementary school.

During the early afternoon tour on Wednesday, GreenSpur Presi-

dent Mark Turner showed the first-graders how grass on parts of the house's roof would reduce runoff,

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SCHOOLS

GreenHouse Attracts Attention

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pouring a bottle of water onto a piece of sod.

The house will also minimize the use of water indoors. "We're going to put a waterfall in the house, so you can take a shower under a waterfall," Turner told the children, explaining that the water would recycle through the waterfall. After the hardhat was recovered from the toilet, he explained that the dual-flush system would allow the user to control whether each flush was full-volume or half-volume, thus saving water. Also, motion sensors will control the faucets, like those in airport bathrooms, he explained.

The roof will be made of metal. "If this roof is taken care of, it'll last 100 years," Turner said, noting that the material was also recyclable.

Hardwood floors will be made with recycled wood, said Tasso Flocos of West*Group, while other wood in the house will be made from cork. "Do you guys know where cork comes from?" he asked.

"Wine," one student replied.

Cork, Flocos explained, is made from tree bark, which can be harvested without killing trees. Wood from bamboo will also be used, because bamboo, a type of grass, grows back rapidly.

At this point, the hardhats created another brief distraction when some students realized that they generated enough static elec-



PHOTO BY MIKE DICICCO/THE CONNECTION

A group of Franklin Sherman students files into the unfinished GreenHouse for a tour.

tricity to make hair stand on end when held a few inches above the head.

Mark Lowham of West*Group regained their attention. The building, he said, was expected to be finished in July, "but the house wouldn't be very much fun without furniture in it." So, in October, the house will be opened for three weeks, during which 21 local interior designers will offer their ideas for comfortable, sustainable living.

Also during those three weeks, Lowham said after the tour, the public will be able to buy tickets to tour the house, and the proceeds from ticket sales will be donated to McLean Project for the

Arts and Friendship Public Charter School.

The house has been under construction for about a year, he said. "Mark Turner came to us and said, 'I want to build the first carbon-neutral house in the area.'" West*Group doesn't normally build homes, Lowham said, but the company figured that any strategies for making the house environmentally friendly could also be used in commercial buildings. "So it's been a great educational opportunity for us."

After the house is completed and furnished, it will be put on the market. Lowham said a number of potential buyers had already expressed interest.

gory Sullivan and Sozeen Mondlin of McLean, was awarded a Bachelor of Arts in economics with a leadership certificate at Sweet Briar College's commencement ceremony.

Cara Roddy of McLean received her undergraduate degree in Professional Studies at Champlain College's commencement exercises held May 9.

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SPORTS

Highlanders Win District Title

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The McLean High baseball team celebrates a moment during its Liberty District title win over Stone Bridge last week. (Go to connectionnewspapers.com, and then go to McLean Sports to read about the win over the Bulldogs). The Highlanders' season ended with a 1-0 loss to Centreville in a first round Northern Region playoff game on May 22. McLean, under coach John Thomas, finished with an outstanding record of 16-4.



McLean High Softball Reaches Higher Ground

In breakthrough season, Highlanders defeat West Potomac to advance to region semis.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

Maurice Tawil's three years as head coach of the McLean High girls' softball team would make for a successful manual on how to get progressively better with each season.

The Highlanders, who have shown steady improvement since Tawil took over the program in 2007, won their biggest game during his time at the helm of the program when they defeated a tough, scrappy West Potomac squad, 7-2, in a Northern Region quarterfinals round playoff game over the Memorial Day weekend. The postseason contest, played under the threat of showers on Monday evening, took place at Falls Church High School.

McLean (20-4), the Liberty District regular season champion, will next move on to Wednesday's semifinals meeting against South County. Game time for the May 27, round of four meeting will be 7 p.m. at Robinson Secondary School.

West Potomac (10-9) saw a fairly successful season end under first-year head coach Rich Anderson. The Wolverines, the fourth

place team from the Patriot District, won a first round region playoff game over Yorktown before the season-ending setback to the Highlanders.

"It was a great year," said Anderson. "We had lots of fun and the girls played really hard. The seniors adapted well [to the new coaching staff], drove the team well and were enthusiastic. We have a lot to build on."

McLean, meanwhile, is experiencing a breakthrough season. The Highlanders have never before captured a region crown, but are now two wins from accomplishing just that. Should McLean get past South County, it would advance to Friday night's finals at Madison High School against the Robinson-Centreville semifinals winner. Also, a win over South County would automatically place the Highlanders into next week's state AAA tournament.

In Tawil's first season at McLean in 2007, the Highlanders made it to regionals before losing in the first round. Last year, they made it to the second round before losing to Westfield, 3-1. This spring, McLean has taken the next step forward.

"Our goal was to get past this game and [hopefully] get to

states," said Tawil, moments after his team's win over the Wolverines. "This team has gotten better and better over the course of three years."

MONDAY'S HOLIDAY evening game, played under overcast conditions and some light rain, saved its dramatics for the later innings. McLean looked well in control of things through five innings. Sophomore pitcher Jamie Bell had limited West Potomac to just three hits in five shutout innings of work. The McLean offense, meanwhile, had scored a second-inning run, thanks to an RBI double by Allison Wilhelm, and tallied two more in the third inning on an RBI single off the bat of Megan Sullivan. On the Sullivan groundball base hit into right field, a second run ultimately crossed the plate as a result of a West Potomac defensive error.

But West Potomac, which had not scored after loading the bases on three walks in the fifth, finally got onto the scoreboard in the top half of the sixth inning. Jess Harrington started the inning with a walk. Bell, however, retired the next two hitters and was one out away from keeping the shutout intact. But Wolverine hitter Maggie Berrigan reached on an infield single to set up runners on first and third.

That set up the strangest play of the game. Kelly Wood, the Wolverines' No. 9 hitter, grounded a single into right field. One run

scored on the hit. Wood, however, was caught in a rundown between first and second and appeared to be tagged out at first before a second run had crossed the plate.

But following a lengthy umpires' meeting, Wood was ruled safe at first as a result of a McLean infielder dropping the ball on the tag. Thus, the second run was allowed and the Wolverines drew within 3-2. Bell escaped the inning by retiring the next batter and the game moved into McLean's bottom half of the sixth.

There, any hopes of a West Potomac comeback pretty much ended as the Highlanders busted things open with four runs. The big blow was a two-out, three-run home run off the bat of No. 3 hitter Lauren Sutherland that made the score 7-2.

West Potomac went down in order in the seventh and McLean won.

"She's a big, strong girl and possibly our best athlete on the team," said Tawil, of centerfielder and offensive game hero Sutherland. "She's a girl we want in that No. 3 [batting] position."

McLean's mound hero was Bell. When the rain picked up in the later innings, she struggled with her command, walking four batters over the fifth and sixth innings combined. But she worked through the control issues.

"It was almost impossible to keep the ball dry," said Bell.

The game's best and most important defensive play came in the fifth inning. West Potomac, down

"Our goal was to get past this game and [hopefully] get to states. This team has gotten better and better over the course of three years."

— McLean Coach Maurice Tawil

3-0, had the bases loaded and two outs when Jasmine Picini roped a line drive down the left field line. The ball hung a bit and McLean leftfielder Wilhelm, racing toward her right in the slick, wet grass, reached out and snatched the ball. The brilliant catch saved two runs and ended the inning.

West Potomac, in the loss, received a fine pitching effort from freshmen Morgan Maniglia, who held the Highlanders at bay most of the game.

"She pitched a beautiful game," said Anderson, who said Maniglia was his team's choice for the All-Tournament team. "It was a good game and we hung in there."

For McLean, it's on to new territory in reaching the region semis.

"It's something none of the girls on this team have ever done before," said Bell, of getting this far in the postseason. "It's thrilling."

It's Not Fun or Funny



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

The re-escalating price of gasoline is starting — or rather accelerating — its impact on my digestive system; that is to say, it's giving me more than indigestion. It's beginning to eat away at the layers of tolerance that I've built up over the years, and is likewise effecting, adversely I may add, my sunny disposition. In spite of the many suggestions one hears about driving to maximize one's use of gasoline as efficiently as possible (properly inflated tires; clean air filters; slowing down, generally, smoother accelerations and more gradual decelerations, etc.) the fact of the matter is, I wonder how much any of it really matters — in the big picture. Picture this, with less mattering, to me, I'm getting madder at more people for indiscretions, oversights, forgetfulness and so forth that I might otherwise have ignored when the price at the pump — and some of the related product and service increases — were not returning to previously painful highs.

Now I haven't quite gone public yet, with any of my observations and suggestions as the actual circumstances have presented themselves. But if anybody was telepathic or could read lips — or understood muttering — I'd have already gotten into a number of fistfights; well, verbal confrontations, at least. And it's not like I wrote the book on social discourse or proper behavior when push comes to shove (figuratively speaking, of course; I don't condone violence). But, there does seem to be a dollars and sense correlation. If I were to guess, and make a casual, non-scientific, not-supported-by-any-empirical-evidence observation — as the price of a gallon of gasoline goes up, people's behavior has an inverse reaction to it: it goes down, as in it gets worse. As the dollars needed to fill the tank become almost indecent (again), so too does the corresponding behavior of the person filling that tank.

I don't know if it's simply that we feel helpless against the forces combining (I didn't say conspiring, many others did, though; others with a great deal more knowledge and insight than I will ever have.) to prime the pump, but the loss of any control over a portion of the family, business and/or government budget allocated for such expenses, creates a stress unhealthy for mere mortal men. Moreover, the victimization and exploitation us mere mortal men feel as the Oil and Gas companies quarterly profits are announced simultaneously it seems, to the still-increasing unemployment rate and bankruptcy protections being granted to some of America's oldest and most familiar companies, gives one pause to reflect: Has America passed itself by? Is what opportunity and quality of life, which many of us have experienced — and some even taken for granted — indeed been compromised by circumstances many in a position of responsibility say is mostly beyond our country's control? And if so, does that mean that our future is not nearly as bright as we thought it was? And if the future is likely to be more difficult than the past, then my attempts at humor concerning the minutiae of everyday life seem rather unimportant.

But I can't solve any of these problems; I can only write about them — and complain (a little ignorance goes a long way). I have to tell you, though, from where I sit — and write, it's getting ugly. People (myself included) are getting irritated, and unless something changes soon, the American consumer will be an endangered species.

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At 11:00 a.m.

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