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Seven American Legion Post 270 World War II veterans stand to be recognized for their service.

Heroes Remembered

McLean honors veterans with 'Heroes Live Forever' Memorial Day tribute.

BY JESSICA LEVINE
THE CONNECTION

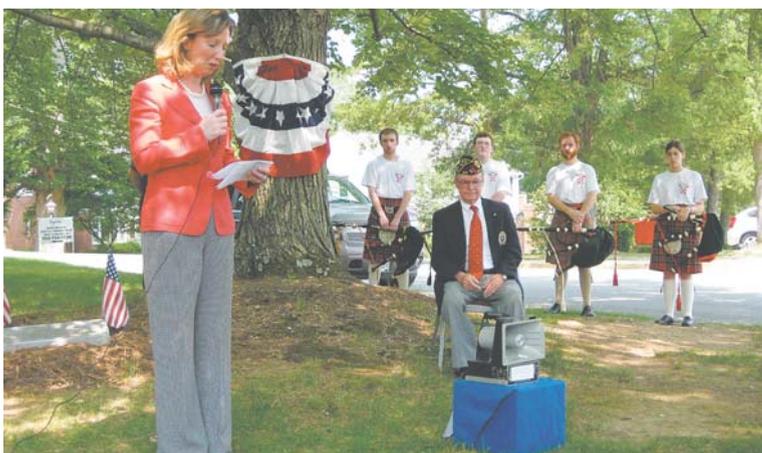
Followed by a Boy Scout's bugle call to arms, the opening notes of a bag pipe trio marked the beginning of the American Legion Post 270's annual Memorial Day tribute on Monday, May 31.

American Legion Post First Vice Cmdr. Tom Lukas gave welcoming remarks to the crowd that gathered at McLean High School's Memorial Grove to honor military and public service personnel.

Speakers at the event, titled "Heroes Live Forever," included former Del. Vince Callahan, American Legion Unit 270 President Marian



American Legion member Carol Lukas, left, reads the words to 'Taps' while American Legion Post First Vice Cmdr. Tom Lukas assists.



Del. Barbara Comstock (R-34), left, speaks at the Memorial Day tribute, while American Legion Post First Vice Commander Tom Lukas, center, looks on and bagpipe players stand at attention.

Chirichella, Del. Jim Scott (D-53) and Del. Barbara Comstock (R-34).

"It is such a great honor to be with you who served this country," Comstock said.

School Board member Janie Strauss (Dranesville) thanked the "people who put their lives on the line for all of us, every day."

Strauss stressed the importance of "service learning" to "help young people understand the importance of giving back to the community" and to prepare the next generation of service men and women.

"It is important that these heroines are educated well because we know one day they will be called upon to help all of us," Strauss said.

TOWARD THE END of the event, seven World War II veterans were called to the front to be recognized for their service.

Jim Wheeler, an American Legion member and one of the veterans honored at the ceremony, said it was important to commemorate Memorial Day to "keep the history going."

Wheeler was one of the six Marines who raised the American flag on Mount Suribachi at the Battle of Iwo Jima.

"One out of every three soldiers at Iwo Jima was a casualty," Wheeler said. "Hopefully, they'll always remember the history and the sacrifices we made at that time."

American Legion member Jack McMahon helped organize the event, which has taken place in

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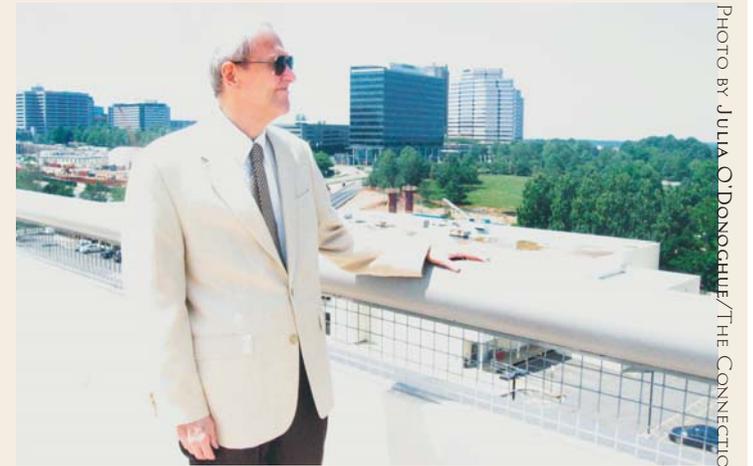


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Planning Commissioner Kenneth Lawrence (Providence) helped draft the new guidelines for Tysons Corner redevelopment that his colleagues approved May 27.

Tysons Corner: The Next Generation

Planning Commission approves redevelopment of Fairfax's "economic engine."

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE
THE CONNECTION

Tysons Corner is a place where a lot of people go to work and to shop. It is not a place where very many people want to live or to play.

At least, that was the conclusion drawn by Katie Jacobson, 24, and Elizabeth Cox, 25, as they sat outside Starbucks and looked out over a half empty parking lot at the Pike 7 Plaza strip mall.

The two women spent a lot of time at Tysons Corner Center as teenagers growing up in Fairfax County. Jacobson lived a few minutes down the road from the mall in Vienna. Cox said her house is about two miles outside of Tysons in Great Falls.

The troubled economy has kept both women at home living with their parents for the time being. Neither comes to Tysons very often anymore, even though it is nearby.

"There is nothing really fun to do here," said Cox. If she were to move out of her parents' house, Cox would want to live in Washington D.C. or Arlington County, where there is more nightlife.

Jacobson, who went to George Mason University,

would rather live in the City of Fairfax or Reston than Tysons Corner.

"Reston is cool because you can actually walk around Reston Town Center," said Jacobson.

"When you come here, you come here to work and to shop. That's it," she said of Tysons Corner.

FAIRFAX COUNTY hopes Tysons will come to be known for a lot more than office space and shopping malls over the next two decades.

On May 27, the county Planning Commission approved 10-1 a new set of guidelines for Tysons development that are intended to transform the business district from a suburban office park to pedestrian-friendly city.

"You really don't want the living environment to be centered around the automobile at all," said Planning Commissioner Walter Alcorn (At-large), about the Tysons of the future.

In the new Tysons, larger buildings would be clustered around four future Metro stations, set to open in 2013. New paths and sidewalks will also encourage pedestrians and bicycle use.

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THE COUNTY LINE

School Board Passes Athletic Participation Fee

High school students will pay \$100 for each sport they participate in.

BY RICH SANDERS AND REED ALBERS
THE CONNECTION

It was an example of high school sports at its finest. Madison High baseball players, coaches and fans, following the Warhawks' first round Northern Region playoff win over visiting Hayfield on Friday night, May 28, did not want to leave. And they didn't have to.

All around the ball field environs, people were talking about the just-completed 5-0 Madison triumph. Clusters of parents, Vienna townspeople and former Madison graduates converged behind the home team's third base dugout. Other Warhawk faithful conversed behind the backstop or around the soon-to-close concession stand. Even on the first base side of the ball field, Hayfield players and team followers spent several minutes talking about the wonderful, successful season just completed. The Hawks had lost, but they wanted to extend the evening as long as they could before heading back to Alexandria.

"High school sports is the best," said Madison senior pitcher Matt Moore, when asked about the importance of high school sports in a student-athletes' life. A left-hander, Moore had pitched a stellar game in leading the Warhawks to the win over Hayfield.

High school sports, free to students over the years, is a wonderful, meaningful, learning and recreational forum for most athletes. Student-athletes have experienced glorious wins and heart-breaking losses, learned to become better teammates and how to successfully balance time spent on athletics and time studying. The privilege of competing in sports has been at relatively no cost.

But that will now change.

ON MAY 20, the Fairfax County School Board passed a motion, 9 to 3, to require a \$100 fee for high school athletes to participate in a sport.

The fee will be applied to all sports and will be required for each sport a student participates in. School Board members Tina Hone (At-large), Sandy Evans (Mason) and Patty Reed (Providence) voted against the fee.

"These fees touch such a large swath of students," Hone said.

Evans, Reed and Hone supported a motion to remove the fee entirely that failed. The three, along with School Board member Dan Storck (Mount Vernon), supported another motion to make the fee a one-time expense for students, but that failed as well.

"Sports are clearly a game changer for some kids," Storck said.

While Storck supported the fees, he said he wants the school system to monitor the situation closely.



COURTESY PHOTO

Athletes from all Fairfax County high school sports teams, including these boys' lacrosse players from McLean and South Lakes high schools, will be required to pay a \$100 participation fee.

"Kids come out to play sports, make friends in high school and to get exercise. I don't think kids should have to pay for that."

— Langley High girls' lacrosse goalie Mary Riley Pembroke

Money generated from the fee will go into the county's general fund and is expected to generate \$1.8 million in revenue for the county.

Exceptions to the rule exist.

Students who qualify for a free or reduced-priced lunch will be exempt from paying the fees. However, that standard is extremely low. A family of four must be living on \$41,000 per year in Fairfax County to qualify for reduced-priced lunches.

The average median income for Fairfax County households is more than \$100,000.

Some are worried the fee might prevent students from participating in as many as three sports in a year, or any sports at all.

"Small schools are afraid they won't be able to field teams," Reed said.

Evans said that some schools in near-by Loudoun County with needier populations have seen an impact since their high school sports fee went into effect. Park View High School has seen a drop off in the number of students participating in track this spring.

High school sports, like most other enterprises or businesses around Fairfax County, the State of Virginia and the United States as a whole, are being hit hard by the current economic crisis. The high school sports culture is far from being the only educational curriculum taking hits.

"It's unfortunate that athletes are going to have to pay to play, but at the same time cuts are being made in every part of our school system, so it seems only fair that ath-

letics is affected as well," said Greg Miller, Herndon High baseball coach. "I would have to guess that most athletes would rather pay to play, than to have their sport cut altogether. My only hope is that this doesn't deter an athlete from playing a sport because they can't afford it. Hopefully, this is something that only has to last a couple of years until the economy can bounce back."

IT IS HARD TO IMAGINE high school student-athletes not playing their sports of choice in the future because of it being an affordability issue for certain families. Could it actually come to that?

"I don't think Fairfax County would allow a kid not to play if he couldn't afford it," said Chuck Welch, the Centreville High baseball coach. "Fairfax County is a very strong county and will take care of those who need taken care of."

Welch indicated the sports cutbacks could have been worse.

"[The \$100 fee] is better than getting rid of sports," he said.

Hopefully, no athletes would have to sit out a high school sports season as a result of the new fee. But it's possible.

"I don't think [the fee] is a good idea," said Chantilly High boys' soccer player Kevin McBride. "It's going to leave some people out who can't pay."

"Kids come out to play sports, make friends in high school and to get exercise,"

said Langley High girls' lacrosse goalie Mary Riley Pembroke. "I don't think kids should have to pay for that."

Moore, the Madison baseball pitcher, understood the need for the sports fee.

"It makes sense because the county needs money," said Moore. "Hopefully, people who have a tough time will get the [financial] help they need. High school sports is totally worth the \$100 needed to play."

Perhaps schools or teams could raise money for a general fund to go towards student-athletes who need the assistance in paying their sports fee. Money, as it often is for high school sports teams or athletic offices, could be raised through car washes, golf tournaments, spaghetti dinners and other avenues.

High school athletics has so many benefits — learning how to compete in fairness, playing as part of a cohesive group and attaining to a goal or goals both from individual and team perspectives.

Grant Massey, the Madison High girls' soccer coach, said he would likely pay the sports fee for a player himself if he needed to. Undoubtedly, numerous other coaches, teachers, parents or relatives would do the same thing. It's hard to imagine there not being a way to get a youngster out on the playing field or court due to tight or non-existent family financial aspects.

"Coaching at Madison, it might not affect as many kids as it will at other schools," said Massey. "I think [the sports fee] is unfortunate. Athletes shouldn't have to pay for sports. I would probably pay for a kid to play at Madison. I hope [the new fee rule] is one year and then done. But I don't see the budget getting better."

JULIA O'DONOGHUE
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NEWS

Diversity at TJ?

Just four black students are accepted into Jefferson's freshman class of 480; 276 are Asian.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE
THE CONNECTION

Five years ago, Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology's rising freshman class had 160 Asian students, making up approximately 32 percent of the student body.

This year, in a freshman class that is roughly the same size, 276 Asian pupils are attending the school, making up 57.5 percent of the student body at Fairfax County's only magnet high school.

The increase in the number of Asian students admitted to Jefferson has been particularly dramatic in the last four years and has mirrored a decline in the percentage of Jefferson's freshman class that is white.

In 2007, Asian students made up only 35 percent of Jefferson's incoming class while white students comprised more than half of the elite high school's student body. Among next year's ninth graders, those percentages are reversed for the two racial subgroups.

This shift began to take place in 2008, when the number of Asian students admitted as freshman increased by 10 percentage points over the year before, from 35 percent to 45 percent. And Asian students became the largest racial or ethnic cohort in that entering Jefferson freshman class.

At the same time, the percentage of white students admitted to

Jefferson dropped by 10 percentage points, from 52 percent in 2007 to approximately 42. percent in 2008.

Last year, Asian pupils comprised more than half of the admitted freshman class at Jefferson for the first time ever.

MINORITY STUDENTS collectively make up more than half of Fairfax's high school students population overall, but the make up of the student body is generally diverse at the high school level, with no one group dominating an entire student body.

Jefferson's 2009 freshman class was the first Fairfax County high school class in several years where a racial or ethnic group other than white students made up a clear majority of an entire grade's student body.

But even as the population of Asian students at Jefferson has exploded, Fairfax's overall population of Asian high school students has remained relatively stable, with the Asian population making up between 18 to 19 percent of students grade ninth through 12th over the past five years.

In the same time period, the percentage of high school students that are white has fallen from approximately 54 percent of Fairfax's upper school students to 49 percent of Fairfax's upper school students.

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SCHOOL NOTES

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Twenty-three students have graduated from Oakcrest School in McLean: **Laurel Ruth Conrad, Bernadette Jane Corso, Mary Bridget Corso, Alexandra Mary Crafton, Karolina Teresa Dechert, Rachel Nithya Dhanaraj, Margaret Elizabeth Esmond, Therese Irene Franco, Katrina Marie Herbert, Victoria Marie Jensen, Anne Merideth Kehrl, Marie Therese Keith, Sarah Kathryn Kenis, Eileen Kelly Kuzma, Julia Morgan Larsen, Caroline Marie Livaudais, Nicolette Marie Maimone, Rebecca Elizabeth Maples, Colleen Anne O'Donnell, Alicia Beatriz Patterson, Alexis Nicole Ramirez, Sandra Maria Ramos, and Cecilia Marie Zischkau.**

Katie Pruitt, a Spring Hill student, was selected as the state winner for Virginia in a poster contest addressing sun safety issues, such as wearing sunscreen and sunglasses, and covering up during the day when the sun's rays are most intense. Students made posters showing how to practice sun safety and entered the posters in a contest co-sponsored by the Environmental Protection Agency's SunWise Program and the SHADE Foundation of America and WeatherBug Schools.

James M. Byrne of McLean has been awarded a corporate-sponsored scholarship from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation. Byrne, who attends Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology and intends a career in engineering, will receive a National Merit Lockheed Martin Academic Scholarship.

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MCC Elects Officers, Welcomes New Board Members

Board members discuss priorities.

BY DONNA MANZ
THE CONNECTION

On May 26, the McLean Community Center [MCC] Board of Governors welcomed its new board members and thanked the outgoing Board. At the same time, the MCC Board elected its 2010-11 officers, who were also 2009-10 officers. David Sanders was re-elected chairman of the board; Kevin Dent, vice-chair; Risa Sanders, secretary; and Sean Dunn, treasurer. All candidates were unanimously elected.

David Sanders has served on the MCC Board of Governors for six terms, including one spent as a McLean High School student member. He was on hiatus as a college student and young adult.

THE BOARD was elected on McLean Day and by absentee ballot by residents of the Small Tax District I, which includes McLean and a small area around it.

Seven hundred and eighty adult ballots were cast during McLean Day and 199 absentee ballots were counted. An additional 86 youth ballots were counted for the high school representatives.

The MCC Board of Governors sets policy for the community center and provides oversight over its programs, special events, planning and finances.

Between June and September, the board is soliciting community input for programs, events and capital improvements. Surveys are being produced to that end.

Sanders cited three areas of focus for the McLean Community Center Governing Board. The centerpiece of the board's enhancement plans is the development of a new downtown McLean facility. MCC staff has prepared, and the

board has reviewed, a concept paper outlining some of the programming offerings the board envisions for a new MCC facility in downtown McLean. These include educational and instructional offerings, a small "black box" theater, which could be used for cultural offerings, meeting space for community groups, and space to replace the current teen center activities. The original community center will remain as programming base with the new complementary facility slightly smaller.

"We will be actively seeking input from the public on our plans and we will be conducting a feasibility study in the near future to determine the viability of the project from the physical, engineering, planning and zoning, cost and design parameters," Sanders said.

OF THE TWO KEY PIECES affecting the construction of a new facility, Sanders said, finding suitable land and securing financing,



PHOTO BY DONNA MANZ/THE CONNECTION

MCC Board members, outgoing and incoming, at elections meeting, are front row, Sun Park and Craig McKenzie, student Board members; Risa Sanders and Robin Walker. Back row, are Susan Bourgeois, Lee DiCenso, David Sanders, Jay Howell and Craig Richardson.

has been something that the board has been working on this for the past 20 years.

The board hopes to have plans in place by the end of the calendar year.

While not as "spectacular" as a new facility in a future downtown McLean footprint, two other areas of the board's efforts would continue to be addressed.

One is the expansion of oppor-

tunities for active recreation for McLean residents. Partnering with existing facilities or developing its own, the MCC Board is looking for locations to create added gymnasium space.

McLean, said Sanders, is the most under-served area in the county in relationship to fields and physical activities. This remains an active interest of the board, he said.

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nancial support for youth summer camps and seminaries. \$50 per person. 571-216-4695.

Oakton Church of the Brethren's Family Fun Day will be Saturday, June 12, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., at the church at 10025 Courthouse Road, Vienna. Painting a peace mural, face painting, crafts, games, a moon bounce, a bake sale and more. Free. 703-281-4411 or www.oaktonbrethren.org.

Redeemer Lutheran Church, 1545 Chain Bridge Road in McLean, will collect for a Food Drive, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. June 19. Donations can be dropped off outside of music suite A. Volunteer sort-

ers, drivers and special needs shoppers are also needed. dmheier@yahoo.com or 703-573-2969.

Antioch Christian Church, 1860 Beulah Road in Vienna, invites the community to Vienna Family Fun Night, 6-9 p.m. on Saturday, June 26. Food, activities and games, including a movie, for all age groups, with prizes for certain events. Free. 703-938-6753 or www.antiochdoc.org.

Church of the Holy Cross, 2455 Gallows 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 3-1/2 to 12 are welcome. \$15 includes registration, a t-shirt and a CD. pammicholson@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.

Chesterbrook 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.ChesterbrookUMC.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 Chesterbrook United Methodist Churches invite the community to a 20-minute weekly service of prayer and Holy Communion in the Charles Wesley sanctuary, 6817 Dean Drive in McLean, at 12 p.m. Thursdays. At the conclusion of the service, there is a time of individual blessing, anointing and healing prayer. 703-356-6336.

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OPINION

Together, We Can Make an Impact

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BY AMBASSADOR NANCY G. BRINKER
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For nearly three decades, millions have walked or run to honor a loved one and to both raise awareness about breast cancer and to raise funds to discover the cures of tomorrow and fund breast health services that might save the lives of their neighbors today.

We can be proud of how far we've come. What started out as 800 women walking around a shopping mall in Dallas, Texas has grown to include more than 1.5 million people walking or running in more than 140 Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure® events worldwide this year. People are walking in Richmond and Rome; Cleveland and Cairo. It has truly become a global movement.

ALL THIS WALKING has paid off too. In the U.S. we have entered into a new era of awareness, early detection and personalized medicines. This new era is saving lives and providing hope of one day putting an end to the suffering for good.

Yet for all of our successes, this hope is not universally shared. In capitals across the globe, women and their families do not yet fully understand this disease or appreciate the benefits of early detection. And they live in communities with health care systems which are unable to adequately screen or treat the disease.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Fairness Goes Out the Window

To the Editor:

The Fairfax County School Board turned its back on the middle class by deciding that only those that can afford it should be allowed to take more rigorous classes and only those that can afford it should be allowed to play high school sports. They have thrown the most basic American concept of educational equality among the socio-economic classes out the window. It was truly a sad day in Fairfax County. School Board Members Sandy Evans, Tina Hone and Patty Reed were the only three who stood up on behalf of those who don't live in McMansions.

By requiring – for the first time in the history of Fairfax County – that student athletes must pay \$100 for each sport they play and that students taking Advanced Placement (AP) and International Baccalaureate (IB) classes must pay \$75 for each AP and IB class

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And let me be honest – we have a lot of work to do.

In recent years Komen has sought to raise awareness about breast cancer, particularly in low-income and underserved communities, and to break down barriers that have prevented some women from getting the care they need. And we've had some great successes, such as drastically decreasing the time women at some clinics have to wait in order to get a mammo-

gram. They take, the School Board, at the recommendation of Superintendent Jack Dale, Budget Committee Chair Jane Strauss of McLean and School Board Chair Kathy Smith of Chantilly have ensured that thousands of students who benefit tremendously by playing sports and taking rigorous classes may very well no longer have that opportunity. What many of us thought were rights are apparently just privileges. A student taking, for instance, three AP or IB courses and playing one sport a semester would have to pay \$525 a year. A high school senior pursuing an International Baccalaureate Diploma would have to pay \$450. If she or he had the gall to also play one sport per semester their fees would total \$750! The school board had information before it from the City of Manassas, a neighboring middle class community where median family incomes (MFI) are far less than they are in McLean (\$182,000 MFI) and Chantilly (\$127,000 MFI), indicating that one-third of the students taking AP classes dropped those classes

when such fees were instituted. To be precise, the board did include a fee waiver for the truly poor but that will do nothing for the middle class or even for those on the very low end of that spectrum. The school board was also presented with ample evidence showing the many problems associated with the implementation of such waivers.

But as angry as families should be with the majority of the school board who turned their backs on the middle class, the real problem is with the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors (BOS), who, in their zeal to get re-elected, turned their backs on the entire school system. In three days of BOS hearings this year, witness after witness pointed out how important the schools, parks, public safety programs and libraries are to Fairfax County. Many indicated those services are in fact why they moved to our county to begin with and the BOS is fully aware that our success in luring businesses is in great part due to our schools (i.e., the prime reason cited by the

gram.

Yet we are far from satisfied. Komen just finished a comprehensive review of the National Capital Area, and what we found has given us a renewed call to action. Despite our success in raising awareness, women diagnosed with breast cancer in Washington, D.C. are still more likely to die from the disease than women in the rest of the country.

While there are many reasons for this, two things popped out at us.

WE LEARNED that awareness is not enough – women need to truly understand breast cancer, including how it's detected and treated. We found that myths and misconceptions are still widespread. Many women are afraid of screening, thinking it is painful and that a cancer diagnosis equals a death sentence. Others are confused by media reports with conflicting messages about who should get a mammogram and how often. This confusion is not limited to the health care consumer, but is also prevalent among health care providers.

Notably, we also found that the region's overly fragmented health care system produces substantial barriers to accessing care for major segments of the population. Many women cannot access affordable screening because there is too little funding for programs that provide free and low-cost mammograms. These women face economic and transportation barriers that keep them from seeking help.

No woman should have to die just because of where she lives or where she was diagnosed. While we've come a long way, we are not yet at the finish line. We must keep running. Will you join us?

Volkswagen Corporation). These witnesses told moving stories of key county programs some of which have had life and death consequences and begged the Supervisors to set the real estate assessment rate at the advertised rate of \$1.12 per \$100 of assessed value. Instead the Board set the rate at \$1.09 reducing what would have been available for our schools, police and other services by \$57 million. (It is noteworthy that the rate was \$1.23 in 2002.) It would have taken only \$3.8 million of that \$57 million to have obviated the need for these damaging fees or Athletes Tax as the school's sports booster clubs are calling them. Those clubs, who essentially pay for much of the costs to operate our high school's sport teams, are very concerned that parents who now must pay these fees will not have enough left over to continue their contributions to the boosters. That may not be a problem for many in Chantilly, McLean or even my neighborhood but for

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LETTERS

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much of middle income Fairfax County, it will be.

So now the Supervisors can prepare their reelection leaflets contending that they cut the total amount of real estate taxes we will be paying by an average of \$48 per household, the pre-ordained outcome before hundreds of residents wasted three days testifying. Had the rate been set at \$1.12 the average homeowner would have paid a whopping \$10.80 more per month. The question is can the residents of Fairfax County, which has the second highest MFI in the United States, afford the equivalent costs of three Starbucks coffees more a month in taxes or should we make sure our Supervisors can print their tax-cutting leaflets; even if it means that middle income students whose families are struggling may now have to drop their AP and IB classes and involvement in sports? How does the BOS cut school funding at a time of increased enrollment? How is that we have all apparently fallen down the rabbit hole with Alice? Certainly the economy has played a role but the real answer can be found in our mailboxes as we get our regular

dose of increasingly inflammatory mailers from Pat Herrity and Keith Fimian each claiming to be the bigger tax cutter than the other and each promising to cut, cut, cut!! Cut what? The always alleged "waste and fat" no doubt, which, if it ever did exist, is now long gone. Because of this manipulative and disingenuous practice of convincing people that there is such thing as a free lunch our teachers won't, yet again, even get a cost of living increase. The school board also eliminated summer school. Won't that be great for the kids that need remedial help? Well at least they can play sports and benefit by the leadership, discipline and grade point averages it requires. Oh wait, maybe not.

When did policy making in my beloved county turn into a situation with the reckless leading the feckless?

George Waters
Falls Church

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Riverdance. 8 p.m. at Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. \$46-\$192. 703-938-2404 or www.wolftrap.org.

Brendan James and Chase Coy. 6:30 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$12 advance, \$15 day of show. jamminjava.com.

Johnny A. 9 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$15. jamminjava.com.

"Tinner Hill: Portraits in Black and White." 7:30 p.m. at ArtSpace Falls Church, 410 South Maple Ave., Falls Church.

Theater based on the stories of local civil rights pioneers. \$15 for Adults, \$10 for students and seniors. www.creativecauldron.org or 571-239-5288.

Langley High School Choral Department Spring Show. 7:30 p.m. in the LHS auditorium, 6520 Georgetown Pike, McLean. The choir will present song and dance selections from a variety of Broadway hit shows. \$5. GendellC@aol.com.

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FRIDAY/JUNE 4

Summer on the Green: Alchemy. 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.

Riverdance. 8 p.m. at Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. \$46-\$192. 703-938-2404 or www.wolftrap.org.

Ari Hest and Sarah Siskind. 7 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$15. jamminjava.com.

Sarah Borges and the Broken Singles with Memphis 59. 10 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$12. jamminjava.com.

Cloudism. 8 p.m. at The Soundry, 316 Dominion Road, Vienna. A performance piece with two actors, a poet, a cellist and you. mikemaggio@mikemaggio.net.

"Tinner Hill: Portraits in Black and White." 7:30 p.m. at ArtSpace Falls Church, 410 South Maple Ave., Falls Church. Theater based on the stories of local civil rights pioneers. \$15 for Adults, \$10 for students and seniors. www.creativecauldron.org or 571-239-5288.

Artist's Reception. 7 p.m. The GFFETA Gallery, 1144 Walker Road, Great Falls. "Celebration of the Non-Linear," figurative works by Joyce McCarten based on women in the Bible. Free. rjanduncan@cox.net.

Langley High School Choral Department Spring Show. 7:30 p.m. in the LHS auditorium, 6520 Georgetown Pike, McLean. The choir will present song and dance selections from a variety of Broadway hit shows. \$5. GendellC@aol.com.

English Conversation. 10 a.m. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. Group for

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Internal Revenue Service Open House. 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at Bailey's Crossroads: 5205 Leesburg Pike, Room 200, Bailey's Crossroads. IRS staff will be available to help taxpayers work through problems and walk out with solutions. Taxpayers will be able to get assistance with notices and payments, return preparation and help with a variety of tax issues. <http://www.irs.gov/>

Haven of Northern Virginia Bereavement Workshop. 2-4 p.m. at Haven of NoVa, 4606 Ravensworth Road, Annandale. Free. Registration required at 703-941-7000 or www.havenofnova.org.

T'ai Chi Beginners' Practice. 8 a.m. on the outdoor basketball court behind Dolley Madison Public Library at 1244 Oak Ridge Ave., McLean. 703-759-9141 or www.FreeTaiChi.org.



The McLean Community Center Swing Dance is back for a second year with a brand new band: Live music will be provided by For Dancers Only. The dance will be Friday, June 4, from 8-11 p.m. at the Center.

non-native English speakers of all levels. Adults. 703-938-0405.

Summer Swing Dance. McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Dance lessons by Fred Astaire Studios, 7 p.m. Open dancing 8-11 p.m. \$25 per person, \$15 McLean district residents. Live music by For Dancers Only. 703-790-0123, TTY 711.

SATURDAY/JUNE 5

The Sippy Cups. 2 p.m. at the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Age 3 and up. 703-790-0123.

Riverdance. 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. at Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. \$46-\$192. 703-938-2404 or www.wolftrap.org.

Northern Virginia Country Western Dance Association. Luther Jackson Middle School, 3020 Gallows Road, Falls Church. Line dance lessons beginning at 7:30 p.m., couples specialty dance at 8 p.m. Open dancing 8:30-11 p.m. Couples and singles welcome. Admission \$5-\$12. www.nvcwda.org or 703-860-4941.

Nathaniel Rateliff. 7 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$10. jamminjava.com.

Mista Forty's Birthday Special with DIA, Mista Forty, Sonny Black and Soez and DJ StarChild. 10 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$10. jamminjava.com.

Church Yard Sale. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at Andrew Chapel United Methodist Church, 1301 Trap Road, Vienna. Household items, clothing, toys, garden tools and more. 703-759-3509.

Multi-Family Rummage Sale. 8 a.m. at Antioch Christian Church, 1860 Beulah Road, Vienna. Coffee and Krispy Kreme donuts for sale in the morning and hotdogs, chips and drinks for sale at 12 p.m. All proceeds go to youth missions work in Haiti. 703-938-6753 or www.antiochdoc.org

Batala Washington. 5 p.m. at the Palladium Civic Place Green, 1445 Laughlin Avenue,

SUNDAY/JUNE 6

Ostomy Support Group. 1:30 p.m. at Physicians Conference Center, INOVA Fairfax Hospital. With Dr Paul Savoca, colorectal surgeon. 703-802-3457 or www.ostomysupportofnova.org.

MONDAY/JUNE 7

Housing Association of Nonprofit Developers Annual Meeting & Awards Luncheon. 12 p.m. Hilton McLean Tysons Corner, 7920 Jones Branch Drive, McLean. Speaker, FDIC Chair Sheila Bair. suzanne@communi-kproductions.com or 301-365-2662.

TUESDAY/JUNE 8

Telephone Support Group for Caregivers of Older Adults. 7 p.m. Discussion topic: Long-Term Care and Medicaid Waiver. Share

McLean. Percussion band. Free. 703-288-9505.

"Tinner Hill: Portraits in Black and White." 2 p.m. at ArtSpace Falls Church, 410 South Maple Ave., Falls Church. Theater based on the stories of local civil rights pioneers. \$15 for Adults, \$10 for students and seniors. www.creativecauldron.org or 571-239-5288.

Polyhymnia Chamber Choir. 8 p.m. at Immanuel Presbyterian Church, 1125 Saville Lane, McLean. Works by Cornish, Taneyev, Guastavino and more. Polyhymniainc.org.

Dance to The Helmut Licht Band. At the Colvin Run Schoolhouse, 10201 Colvin Run Road, Great Falls. Traditional ballroom, latin and swing music. Waltz lesson at 8 p.m., \$5; dancing 9-11:30 p.m., \$12 per person. 703-795-2003 or www.colvinrun.org.

Fun Fest 2010. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at Vinson Hall Retirement Community, 6251 Old Dominion Drive, McLean. Music by the Fairfax Youth Symphonic Orchestra and Bach 2

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Fairfax County Master Gardeners Association, Inc. 10 a.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Horticultural tips, techniques and advice. 703-293-6227.

Rock for Haiti Benefit Concert. 6:30 p.m. at McLean Old Fire House Center, 1440 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. Performances by four local

experiences, gain support and get important information without having to travel. Sponsored by Fairfax County Department of Family Services' Fairfax Area Agency on Aging. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices or 703-324-7948.

Tyson's Corner Kiwanis Club Meeting. 7:30 p.m. at George C. Marshall High School, Room 229A 7731 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. Meeting is public and individuals looking to volunteer in their community welcome. www.tysonscornerkiwanis.org

Body & Soul Strength & Flexibility class. 12 p.m. at McLean Presbyterian Church, 1020 Balls Hill Road, McLean. Exercise led by ACE certified instructor Dana Elsnick. Tuesdays and Thursdays through June 24. Register at 703-847-9814 or great314dane@yahoo.com.

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 9

Multiple Sclerosis Support Group. 7 p.m. at Vienna Presbyterian Church, 124 Park St. N.E., Vienna. Sponsored by the National Capital Chapter of the MS Society. The group meets the 2nd Wednesday of every month. Free. 703-768-4841.



Western Electric will open the 2010 Summer Concerts on the Green at the Great Falls Village Centre on Sunday, June 6, 6-8 p.m.

high school bands. All proceeds will benefit Haiti earthquake victims through AmeriCares Foundation. atehrani@cox.net.

SUNDAY/JUNE 6

Great Falls Village Centre's Summer Concerts on the Green: Western Electric, 6-8 p.m., sponsored by tottieBEAN and Georgetown Learning

Centers. **Summer on the Green:** Cletus and Lori - Folk. 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.

American Youth Philharmonic Orchestras. 3 p.m. at George Mason University Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. New musical director Daniel Spalding's inaugural concert as conductor of the American Youth Philharmonic. Tickets are \$14 adults, \$10 age 62 and up, \$10 students with ID, free for ages five and under. Tickets can be purchased at www.aypo.org or at the door.

Riverdance. 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. at Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. \$46-\$192. 703-938-2404 or www.wolftrap.org.

Sacred Music by the Masters. 4 p.m. at Saint Luke Church, 7001 Georgetown Pike, McLean. With organist and recording artist Paul Skevington and works by Bach, Vierne, and others. Donations accepted. 703-356-0670 or www.musicinmclean.org.

Athlete and Carney. 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$12. jamminjava.com.

Washington Balalaika Society Tribute to Nikolai Budashkin. 3 p.m. at Langley High School, 6520 Georgetown Pike, McLean. Alexander Tsygankov on domra, Andrei Saveliev on balalaika, and soprano Irina Petryk, along with the Society's 60-

TUESDAY/JUNE 8

A Time for Resilience and Reinvention. 6 p.m. at Gannett Corporate Headquarters, 7950 Jones Branch Drive, McLean. Leadership Secrets of Hillary Clinton, with Rebecca Shambaugh, a leadership strategist, who will sign books to benefit The Women's Center. Register at www.thewomenscenter.org.

Cary Hudson with Judd and Maggie. 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$10. jamminjava.com.

Fairfax Bibliophiles Book Collecting Group. 7:15 p.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Topic to be announced. Adults. 703-293-6227.

THURSDAY/JUNE 10

Quarterly Meeting, Oakton Mill Estates Homeowners Association Board. 8 p.m. at the Clifford residence, 2908 Oakton Ridge Circle, Oakton. Jim Whipp, 703-281-1873.

FRIDAY/JUNE 11

VTRCC Business 2 Business Trade Show. 8 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Tysons Corner Marriott, 8028 Leesburg Pike, Vienna. Register at www.vtrcc.org.

SATURDAY/JUNE 12

T'ai Chi Beginners' Practice. 8 a.m. on the outdoor basketball court behind Dolley Madison Public Library at 1244 Oak Ridge Ave., McLean. 703-759-9141 or www.FreeTaiChi.org.

Brinker Toastmasters. 9:30 a.m. at Vienna Presbyterian Church, 124 Park St. N.E., Vienna. Meets second and fourth Saturday of the month. brinker.wordpress.com.



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Honoring Those 'Who Didn't Come Home'

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McLean for about 15 years but is only in its fifth year at a new location, known as Memorial Grove. The grove is located at the front of McLean High School and contains a plaque dedicated to McLean High School graduates who gave their lives in service to the country.

McMahon noticed that there was a larger turnout of Boy Scouts than in past years, a change that he attributes to greater youth outreach.

"We're trying to involve the young people more and more and more," McMahon said.

AMERICAN LEGION member Dave Wrausmann, assistant scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop 1130, said the troop has attended the event for several years.

"It's the scouts' way of showing respect

for those who went before," Wrausmann said. "You want to remember what took place, the sacrifices that people made before us."

Comstock said it is important "for everybody in the community to honor and see and remember [the veterans], both living and those who passed away, and to understand the high price of freedom."

American Legion member John Bowman served as a U.S. Marine in the Vietnam War and knows from experience that "freedom is not free," he said.

Bowman planned to visit the grave of his college roommate, a Marine helicopter pilot, at Arlington National Cemetery later that day.

"People have to understand the sacrifices," Bowman said. "That's what Memorial Day is all about ... but for me, especially, it's for those who didn't come home."

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— John Bowman, Vietnam veteran

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New Tysons Envisioned

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The plan is far more modest than the initial proposal put forward 18 months ago by the Tysons Corner Land Use Task Force, a county advisory group.

The task force, which included several Tysons landowners, had floated development caps for the business district as high as 127 million square feet by 2050. Tysons currently has about 47 million square feet, according to a George Mason University study.

The Planning Commission concluded that the task force density recommendations would be unsustainable. That amount of density would likely overwhelm local infrastructure.

BUT SOME DEVELOPERS have called the Planning Commission too conservative. They have also complained about other requirements — mandatory contributions to roads and parks as well as a requirement to provide middle income housing.

Ultimately, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors have the final say on the plan. They have scheduled a hearing on the Planning Commission proposal June 27 and will take their own vote later this summer.

Unlike the planning commission, the supervisors are elected by the public. Tysons landowners are some of the largest contributors to their election campaigns.

Housing Over Office Space

The Planning Commission has gone to great lengths to encourage residential development in Tysons Corner over the next 20 years.

Currently, Tysons houses about 112,600 workers during the day but only 18,500 residents. This imbalance makes it difficult to sustain a vibrant nightlife and exacerbates traffic congestion, since most people with jobs in Tysons do not live in the community.

“The more residential development we get in Tysons Corner the better the impact will be on traffic,” said Alcorn, who was one of the architects of the proposal.

The Planning Commission decided not to place a limit on residential development in Tysons. However, they have capped office space to 45 million square feet before 2030. Currently, 27 million square feet of office space exists in Tysons Corner with another 6 million approved to come online.

According to the plan, no more than 65 percent of most developments closest to the transit stations can be office space. Such developments must also be at least 20 percent residential.

Building proposals within a quarter mile of the Metro would also have to seek a special exception if they ask for more than two square feet of office space per one square foot of land.

No Bonus for ‘Green’ Building

The Planning Commission decided against providing extra density to builders who decided to make their developments “green” by getting special certification.

This is a departure from the task force recommendation, which suggested developers should receive automatic density bonuses for going “green.”

The commissioners said there is a market demand for environmentally friendly development and developers did not necessarily need incentives to employ “green” building techniques.

“Two developers at the meeting for the Reston Master Plan said their base standard in all buildings is [LEED] gold. And these were not small developers making these statements,” said Planning Commissioner Frank de la Fe (Hunter Mill).

The commissioners agreed to look into whether the Virginia General Assembly might allow them to offer a tax break to developers who pursue “green” buildings.

Moderate-Income Housing Required

Despite grumbling from developers at public hearings, the Planning Commission held fast to a requirement for 20 percent of the units in most residential projects to be priced for moderate-income households.

The units would be reserved for people making from 50 percent of the average median income in Fairfax County to 120 percent of the average median income. Currently, this includes households earning \$61,000 to \$120,000 per year.

As written, the Tysons affordable housing requirement, at 20 percent, is higher than a similar countywide requirement of just 12 percent.

“Yes, it is higher than elsewhere

in the county. But the density is much higher as well,” said Jim Zook, Fairfax County’s Planning and Zoning director.

Planning Commissioner John Litzengerger (Sully) also added that developers still make a profit off units sold to people making between 90 percent and 120 percent of the average median income.

“They do make money off them, just not as much,” he said.

In some cases, developers may be allowed to pool their moderate-income housing and create one large community, instead of mixing the units in with the market price homes.

This made Planning Commissioner Earl Flanagan (Mount Vernon) uncomfortable. He did not like the idea of segregating workforce housing from market-rate housing.

Other commissioners were less concerned.

“This is not low-income housing. This is basically middle-class housing,” said Alcorn.

“I would be pleased if someone let me live next to them and they made \$61,000 per year,” said Planning Commissioner Suzanne Harsel (Braddock).

Those building non-residential development will also be required to contribute three dollars for every square foot of non-residential floor space to an affordable housing trust fund.

Concerns Over Public Facilities

In the end, Planning Commissioner Jay Donahue (Dranesville) became the only member to vote against the redevelopment plan.

“I am not going to support the motion. I am concerned about the impact on Dranesville and Dranesville facilities,” said Donahue, who represents McLean and Great Falls.

Specifically, Donahue was upset that language in the plan called for 20 new playing fields to be built in Tysons as well as the surrounding area. He said this would have too much of adverse impact on the surrounding communities.

“I would like a little more language that we are committing to building these fields in Tysons itself,” said Donahue.

But Fairfax County planning staff said it would be very hard to find space for 20 new playing fields inside the boundary of Tysons.

“It is going to be exceedingly difficult to find space for those 20 fields in Tysons,” said Zook.



Front, from left, Churchill Road teachers and staff: Corinne Almquist (sixth); Jennifer Ezzell (fifth); Jill Hamlin (fourth, back to camera); Sarah Finger (fourth); Willia Hennigan (advanced academics); Claire McHale (third); Fran Turner (fifth); Erik Dahlin (technology); and Meredith Drye (fifth). On stairs, from left, Dave Ickowski (fourth); Mike Romanelli (fifth); Don Hutzel (Principal); Sarah Provence (Librarian); Meghan Roman (sixth); Jinhai He (sixth); Lisa O'Donnell (ESOL); Cheryl Bamdad (fifth); and Nate Geer (third).

Thinking Strategically at Churchill Road

Monday, May 3, was the first Churchill Road School’s Strategies Night for students in grades 3-6, and many teachers wore T-shirts with a “Think ... strategically” logo. Willia Hennigan (Advanced Academics Program), with the help from Erik Dahlin (Technology Specialist), who designed the T-shirts, and Cheryl Bamdad (fifth grade teacher), who wrote game instructions, organized over 25 strategy games from CRS Strate-

gies Lab into a fun evening for students and parents.

More than 120 third-sixth grade students, along with their parents and some siblings, had an engaging and challenging evening. A large group of CRS teachers and staff helped the event run smoothly. CRS PTA made this evening and weekly lessons in the Strategies Lab possible by providing funding for the purchase of the games for CRS students.

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Churchill Road fifth grader Benjamin Welland and his mother Cinamon Welland, work cooperatively on ‘Zen Blocks.’

SPORTS

McLean Softball Returns to Region Final Four

Breakout sixth inning paves the way for coach Tawil's Highlanders.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

Westfield High girls' softball coach Dean Ferington could not have been more pleased with how his team's Northern Region quarterfinals round playoff matchup against heavy-hitting McLean was going on Monday. The Bulldogs, in the Memorial Day evening playoff encounter against the Highlanders at Falls Church High School, had built a 3-0 lead and had just two more innings remaining in a game which would send the winner to the region semifinals.

"I thought we were doing a good job of keeping them in check for five innings," said Ferington, whose team entered the 16-team region tournament as the champions of the Concorde District. "Our pitcher was rolling along."

But McLean, which had been shutout just once all season long — that coming in a 2-0 loss to area private school power house Bishop O'Connell on April 29 — finally broke through with a game-changing, five-run top of the sixth inning on way to a 5-4 come-from-behind win.

With the win, the Highlanders (23-4-1), the Liberty District runner-ups this season, were set to advance to the semifinals on Wednesday evening, June 2 where they were to meet South County at Robinson Secondary School. It marks the second straight year in which McLean has gone to the region final four. Last year, McLean was eliminated there by the same Stallions team it was ready to face on Wednesday.

Just getting by Westfield and back into the region semis looked to be unlikely to most onlookers in Monday's holiday matchup when the Bulldogs broke a scoreless tie with three runs in the bottom of the fourth inning.

But one person who never lost heart was McLean coach Maurice Tawil, who on numerous occasions in recent years has seen his team's bats change the course of a game. And that was the case Monday against the talented Bulldogs as McLean, which had managed just two hits over the first five innings off of Westfield pitcher Alex Tenney, burst through for five runs on six hits in the top half of the sixth to take a 5-3 lead.

"People were writing our eulogy when it was 3-0," said Tawil, with a smile. "But I know we can explode offensively."

McLean batted around the order in the decisive

sixth. Leadoff hitter Lauren McColgan doubled into right center field to begin the inning before Jamie Bell walked to set up runners on first and second. One out later, with runners now at second and third, Carolyn Gilbertson, the team's catcher, got McLean onto the scoreboard when she knocked a two-run single into right center field to get the Highlanders within 3-2. Allison Wilhelm then hit a ball off the center field fence but was held to a single because Gilbertson, the base runner on first, was unsure whether Westfield center fielder Kacey McMahon would be able to get back and make a catch or not.

So, with runners on first and second, Lauren Sutherland came to bat. She sent a ball deep into right field for a run scoring double which tied the game at 3-3.

Ferington then made the decision to replace Tenney on the mound with reliever Jen Goodman. Later, the coach blamed himself for waiting too long into the inning before making the pitching change.

Megan Sullivan, McLean's No. 7 hitter, hit a two-run single into right field off Goodman to give McLean its first lead at 5-3. Goodman, a senior, retired two of the next three batters to finally end the tough half inning for her team.

"We had a real hard time hitting [Tenney] but we knew we could still hit the ball," said Gilbertson, of her team's breakout inning. "We realized it was [score some runs] or go home."

"We hit some balls into the gap," said Tawil, of his team's sixth inning breakout.

Westfield, in its half of the sixth, got a two-out, solo home run from sophomore first baseman Carrie Otroba, who sent a soaring ball over the left field fence to get the Bulldogs within 5-4.

Later, in Westfield's final at-bats, Bell, the McLean pitcher, finished up a demanding, up and down

complete game outing with a 1-2-3 inning to end the game.

"It was real, real hot out there," said catcher Gilbertson, talking about her batterymate's gritty mound showing over seven innings. "We're not used to playing in 90 degree weather. She did real well and I'm real proud of her."

Bell, McLean's steady, innings-eater pitcher, allowed just four hits all game - three singles and the homer by Otroba. She struck out just one and walked two.

WESTFIELD used all its resourcefulness to scratch out three runs in the fourth inning to go ahead 3-0.

Shortstop McNamara (two hits, one run), Otroba (home run) and Tenney (single) provided Westfield's base hits in the game. McLean's hits came from McColgan (double), Jessie Straub (single), Gilbertson (two singles), Wilhelm (single), Sutherland (double), Sullivan (single), Mary Spulak (single) and Grace Henry.



McLean's Carolyn Gilbertson hit a key two-run single in the pivotal sixth inning of the Highlanders' win over Westfield on Memorial Day.

Highlanders Fall In Quarterfinals

The McLean High base ball team's season ended on Memorial Day afternoon with a 13-11 extra innings loss to W.T. Woodson in a Northern Region quarterfinals playoff game at Oakton High School. The Highlanders, the Liberty District runner-up this season, finished with an impressive 19-5 record.

McLean captured the regular season district title this spring before ultimately falling to No. 2 seed Madison in the district tournament finals early last week. Then, in a first-round region playoff game on Friday night, May 28, the Highlanders defeated Mount Vernon, 4-1, to advance to Monday's holiday game against Woodson.

McLean, in a back and forth affair versus the Cavaliers, broke through for five runs in the bottom of the fifth inning to take a 9-6 lead. Key hits in the inning came from Denis Buckley (2-run double), James Oldenburg (double), and Jordan Ghannam (RBI double).

Earlier in the game, McLean had jumped in front, 2-0, in the bottom of the first inning. The key base hit that inning was an RBI single from Oldenburg. In the second, after Woodson had tied the game at 2-2, McLean's Bruce Beatty sent a solo homer over the right field fence to give his team a 3-2 lead.

Woodson scored three in the top of the third and one in the fourth off McLean starter Sean Fitzgerald to go ahead 6-3 before the Highlanders scored a single run in its half of the fourth, that coming on an RBI



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In Monday's playoff loss to Woodson, McLean High's Denis Buckley hit a two-run double during the Highlanders' five-run fifth inning.

single by Beatty to get the Highlanders within 6-4.

Then McLean exploded for its big five-run fifth inning to go ahead 9-6.

Woodson, though, scored three runs in the sixth to tie the game at 9-9 and that was still the score after seven regulation innings. Woodson took a 10-9 lead in the eighth on a solo homer from Ryan Lluy, but McLean tied the score in the bottom half of the inning on a sacrifice fly.

In the ninth, Woodson catcher Connor Reilly belted a three-run homer over the left center field fence — his third homer of the game — to give the Cavs a 13-10 lead. Reilly had earlier hit two-run homers over the right field fence in both the second and third innings.

McLean's Charlie Geiger hit an RBI double for McLean in the Highlanders' ninth to finish the game's scoring.

— RICH SANDERS

New Girls' Volleyball Coach at Marshall High

George Marshall High has announced the hiring of Frank Johnson as the school's new girls' volleyball head coach. Coach Johnson comes to Marshall from South Lakes High where he was a varsity assistant coach. Originally

from Cherry Hill, N.J., Johnson has coaching experience in a number of sports. He is dedicated to building and sustaining a strong program at Marshall. Mr. Johnson is also an educator endorsed to teach in three academic areas.



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Longfellow's Science Olympians 10th in the U.S.



Longfellow's 10th place national ranking was the best ever for a Virginia team.

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Longfellow Middle School's Science Olympiad Team achieved their goal of finishing among the top 10 in the United States at the May 22 National Tournament at the University of Illinois. Longfellow's 10th place national ranking was the best ever for a Virginia team. Science Olympiad has organized science com-

petitions for 26 years (www.soinc.org), with nearly 6,000 teams from 49 states currently participating in engineering and academic events based on National Science Education Standards.

At the National Tournament, 61, 15-member middle school teams competed in 23 events ranging from anatomy to airplanes. Every team member competed in multiple events and the overall team scores comprised all team members' event scores.

Longfellow's National Team members included Joe Downs, James Eagle, Daniel Fontenot, Owen Gray, Munyong Jang, Kunal Khurana, Julie Kim, Alex Kwon, Billie Malès, Avand Lakmazaheri, Nick Mariam, Roshan Sajjad, Daniel Suzuki, Nisha Swarup, John Wilkes and trial event competitors Michael Anthony and Alex Wendt. The team was coached by Susan Boomer and Ann Gray.

Several Longfellow team members also earned individual medals at the National Tournament: Owen Gray and Kunal Khurana (second place in Disease Detectives); Munyong Jang and Avand Lakmazaheri (fourth place in Junkyard Challenge); Avand Lakmazaheri and John Wilkes (fifth place in Elevated Bridge); and Owen Gray and Munyong Jang (sixth place in Ecology).

This is the ninth consecutive year that Virginia schools have participated in Science Olympiad. This year, Longfellow represented Virginia in the National Tournament after winning the State Science Olympiad Championship on April 24 against 21 other Virginia schools in their division. Since 2002, Longfellow has represented Virginia at Nationals six times. The school's previous best finish was 16th place.

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Langley High School recently received The Blue Ribbon School Award 2009-2010 from the Virginia Music Educators Association. This award is presented annually to schools throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia based on the performance of their choir, band, and orchestra. The VMEA selected Langley based on the school's top performing groups all achieving superior ratings in district festival assessments.

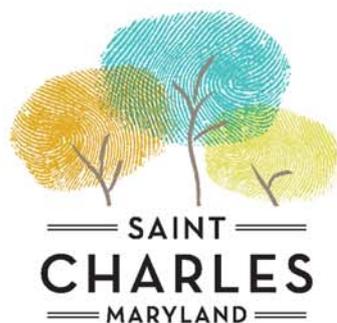
Oakcrest School senior **Colleen O'Donnell** finished in second place in the 2009-10 Virginia Mathematics League. Senior **Marie Keith** finished 19th and senior **Cecilia Zischkau** finished 26th. The Oakcrest School team finished seventh place overall out of ninety-six schools.

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	Applied	Admitted	Applied	Admitted	Applied	Admitted	Applied	Admitted	Applied	Admitted	Applied	Admitted
Total	3,119 (100 %)	480 (15.3 %)	2,953 (100 %)	480 (16.2 %)	2,577 (100 %)	485 (18 %)	2,800 (100 %)	489 (17.3 %)	2,795 (100 %)	507 (18.1 %)	2,902 (100 %)	495 (17.1 %)
White	1,277 (40.9 %)	166 (34.9 %)	1,296 (43.9 %)	175 (36.4 %)	1,159 (45 %)	205 (42.5 %)	1,340 (47.9 %)	254 (51.9 %)	1,388 (47.9 %)	254 (50.1 %)	1,370 (47.2 %)	262 (52.93 %)
Black	184 (5.9 %)	4 (0.8 %)	173 (5.8 %)	8 (1.7 %)	139 (5.4 %)	9 (1.9 %)	166 (5.9 %)	7 (1.4 %)	145 (5.2 %)	10 (1.97 %)	176 (6.1 %)	12 (2.42 %)
Hispanic	225 (7.2 %)	13 (2.7 %)	188 (6.4 %)	6 (1.1 %)	149 (5.7 %)	10 (2.1 %)	157 (5.6 %)	13 (2.7 %)	186 (6.6 %)	18 (3.6 %)	227 (7.82 %)	19 (3.84 %)
Asian	1,243 (39.9 %)	276 (57.5 %)	1,098 (37.2 %)	260 (54.2 %)	975 (37.8 %)	219 (45.5 %)	975 (34.8 %)	188 (34.5 %)	960 (34.6 %)	192 (37.87 %)	902 (31.8 %)	160 (32.2 %)

Changing Demographics at TJ High

FROM PAGE 5

The percentage of Jefferson's applicant pool that is Asian has increased slightly, from 32 percent to 39 percent, since the school saw large growth, approximately 25 percentage points over the last five years, in the portion of Asian students admitted.

For the past three years, Asian students have also been the only ethnic group to comprise a higher

percentage of the freshman class at Jefferson than the overall percentage of students who applied.

All of the other large racial and ethnic subgroups, including white students, make up a larger percentage of the Jefferson applicant pool than the admitted class.

BLACK STUDENTS, in particular, appeared to lose ground in Jefferson admissions. Since 2005, black students have made up 5.5

percent to 6 percent of Jefferson's applicant pool but the percentage of black students in Jefferson's freshman classes has continued to decline.

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