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Instructional assistant Sandy Adams sits with Rick Froehlich on one of the reading walls in the memorial garden for Jennifer Cooper Friedman at Newington Forest Elementary School.

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Paying Tribute to Fairfax's Fallen Soldiers

VFW Post 8469 and American Legion Post 177 host Memorial Day observance.

BY VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION

Monday's Memorial Day ceremony at the Old Fairfax County Court House was like many solemn and reverent observances across the nation.

It included the ceremonial laying of the wreath, the bugler who played "Taps" and the retiring of the colors by the color guard.

But it was the personal stories of loss, service and sacrifice that struck a chord with guests assembled on the Old Court House lawn during the two-hour observance, hosted annually by American Legion Post 177 and the Blue and Gray Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8469 of Fairfax Station.

On a hot, sweltering Monday morning, City of Fairfax Council member Steve Stombres shared the story of his best friend, Capt. James F. Adamouski, the first Fairfax resident killed in Iraq.

"Jimmy was just a kid when I met him. He was a talented athlete and played soccer, football, and ran track. He was small, but he was a ferocious competitor," Stombres said.

He and Adamouski both attended Robert



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Members of VFW Post 8469 stand behind the wreath after the Memorial Day ceremony and reading of the Honor Roll on the lawn of the Old Fairfax Court House. The ceremony was hosted by American Legion Post 177 and VFW Post 8469.

E. Lee High School and came from military families. Stombres served in the military and was a U.S. Army reservist for 21 years. Stombres said Adamouski learned to fly Blackhawks after graduating from the elite West Point Military Academy.

"His mother was understandably concerned about her son's safety when she learned that he would be deploying to Iraq with the 3rd ID in early 2003," Stombres said. "He told her 'Don't worry Mom, I'll fly

low and I'll fly fast.'"

James Adamouski was killed in Iraq on April 2, 2003.

"I first heard of his death while driving in my car listening to WTOP radio," Stombres said.

"My generation of soldiers is only beginning to understand the pain and sorrow that previous generations of soldiers, sailors, airmen and marines have known for decades," Stombres said. "When the bell rings for

"They did not lay down their lives in America's wars for us to forget them."

— Floyd Houston

Jimmy, I hope you will think of the talented athlete, the dedicated soldier, the loving brother, and the devoted husband that he was."

With the clang of a WWII-era bell, Adamouski was the 287th name read by veterans, as family members, community leaders and elected officials bowed their heads on the lawn of the Fairfax County Courthouse to honor the fallen soldiers.

Some veterans were visibly moved as the last three names were read, men who had died in the past year:

❖ Pfc. Benjamin J. Park, U.S. Army of Fairfax Station, who was killed in Operation Enduring Freedom on June 18, 2010 at the age of 25.

❖ First Sgt. Eddie Turner, U.S. Army, of Fort Belvoir, killed in Operation Enduring Freedom on June 22, 2010, at the age of 41.

❖ Sgt. Ronald A. Rodriguez, U.S. Marine Corps, of Falls Church, killed in Operation Enduring Freedom on Aug. 20, 2010, at the age of 26.

"They did not lay down their lives in America's wars for us to forget them. Here

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Memorial Garden Dedicated to Beloved Teacher

Newington Forest Elementary School garden honors memory of Lorton woman.

BY VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION

Beshert is a Yiddish expression that roughly translates into a "situation that was meant to be."

That's how Carol and Rick Froehlich sum up their relationship with Newington Forest Elementary teacher Jennifer Cooper Friedman, who died at the age of 38 on Oct. 12, 2010, of neuroblastoma, a rare and aggressive brain cancer.

"Jen always said that Rick was at the right place at the right time, that he was her guardian angel," said Carol Froehlich, a

former school counselor who volunteered in the kindergarten class at the elementary school. "She was such a gifted, inspirational teacher. You couldn't meet her and not love her."

As a way to honor Friedman, the Froehlichs helped fund a memorial garden in front of Newington Elementary School. The garden, which includes stone walls and several hydrangeas and crepe myrtles, was dedicated on May 12 during a ceremony

that included Friedman's husband, Jason, and her two young sons, Josh and Sam, who attend Laurel Hill Elementary School.

"The community hopes the memorial gar-

den will continue to create a living presence of a most beloved teacher and a very special human being," Carol Froehlich said.

"A garden is something that lives on forever, and a soul is something that lives on forever," said Rick Froehlich, "that how we like to think of Jen."

Rick and Carol Froehlich met Friedman when Rick, a business executive, took a leave of absence from his job as CEO of Dulles Greenway and decided to volunteer at the school in 2008. "I got to know Jen's class, and the entire third-grade team, very well. After she became very ill, they had a series of substitutes and her class was not adjusting. I adored those kids, and I could see they were floundering," he said.

Rick Froehlich eventually substituted for Friedman when she became too ill to teach in March 2010, nearly a year after her cancer diagnosis.



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Jennifer Cooper Friedman

"It pushed him to get back into the classroom," said Carol Froehlich. "It doesn't happen too often that a volunteer becomes a member of the teaching community. They both had a math bond and unconditional regard for teaching." "Jen had an attitude of gratitude," said Sandy Adams, Friedman's teaching assistant who taught Sunday School with Friedman at Christ United Methodist Church in Fairfax Station. Adams, along with Friedman's fellow teachers, family and community, rallied around the teacher as she battled cancer.

"We had 'Team Jenny' T-shirts," Adams said. "We did a walk for brain cancer, and every day, someone would bring her something from her wish list. One day she asked to see the film 'Eat, Pray, Love,' and we

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Improvements Ahead for Parkway

North Loop widened to ease bottleneck near Rolling Rd.

By VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION

As traffic continues to swell on the stretch of the Fairfax County Parkway from Fort Belvoir to the intersection at Rolling Road, local drivers like Christine Wells often get caught up in the traffic snarls and bottlenecks trying to access the “North Loop” that drivers need to take to stay on the parkway as they head west.

Wells, a resident of Davenport in Springfield, wants to continue straight onto Rolling Road when she returns home with groceries from the Fort Belvoir commissary. But she has to contend with multiple lanes of traffic trying to merge into the single lane of the North Loop.

“It’s getting more congested every week. I almost got side-swiped the other day by a truck trying to merge into the one lane. We need two lanes, especially for all the trucks that want to stay on the parkway. It’s a serious safety issue, and very hairy,” Wells said.

Supervisor Pat Herry (R-Springfield) agrees with Wells and said that widening the North Loop is just one of several changes coming down the pike for 35-mile secondary highway that cuts a swath through most of Northern Virginia.

The north-south arterial route is officially named the John F. “Jack” Herry Parkway, in honor of Herry’s father, the county’s longtime chairman of the Board of Supervisors who pushed for the construction of the \$70 million parkway, which first opened in 1987.

“We’ve identified the funding to address the traffic problems at the North Loop. I worked with the secretary of transportation, and the North Loop project, which will add another lane and fix the merge issues at the top and the bottom of the loop, is in the state’s six-year transportation plan,” Herry said.

Herry calls the parkway one of the county’s main streets, and said he wants a long-term vision for the road currently plagued with potholes, bottlenecks and cut-through traffic.

“What got me started on this issue was hearing that route 123 was going to be repaved. I thought, ‘why are we repaving 123 when there are no potholes and the parkway needs some attention?’”

The answer was Federal stimulus money that’s specifically tagged for primary roads. Since the parkway is labeled a “secondary road,” no funds were available.

“This is one of those common-sense issues. The board is supportive of moving forward with getting Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) to make the road a primary road. This should lead to an increase in construction and maintenance efforts by VDOT. I was tired of explaining that Route 123 has been repeatedly paved because stimulus money was limited to primary roads,” Herry said.

Herry also said the parkway is slated to be widened southbound between Route 29 and Braddock Road to eliminate a bottleneck at that location.

On Wednesday, June 1, VDOT started construction of an interchange at the Parkway and Fair Lakes Parkway. The first step in the plan for a new interchange is to close access at the parkway and North Lake Drive to ease merging congestion.

“These are steps in the right direction, but we need to develop the vision for the futures of Parkway. I’m going to working on this long-term vision of what the future of parkway,” Herry said.



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Above, Victoria Tran and Mike Muldoon were named Prom King and Queen at the Woodson High School prom on Friday night, May 27.

Left, Kayoung Park and Nicole Dierolf enjoy themselves during the Woodson High School prom at the Fair Oaks Waterford in Fairfax on Friday night, May 27.

Cavaliers’ Big Night

Woodson students celebrate 2011 Senior Prom.

Students from Woodson High School got dressed up, dined out and dance the night away at the Fairfax school’s 2011 Senior Prom. The dance took place Friday, May 27, at the Fair Oaks Waterford.



Will Grey shows off his dance moves.



Several Woodson High School students cheer for the Prom King nominees as their names are announced at the school’s annual prom in Fairfax on Friday night, May 27.

FAITH

Jubilee Christian Center, 4650 Shirley Gate Road in Fairfax. The Children's Ministry Department will hold Vacation Bible School, with a theme of "Pandamania," at the church on Friday, June 24 at 7 p.m., Saturday, June 25 at 12 p.m. (includes lunch), and Sunday, June 26 at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. VBS is for ages 3 years-6th grade, and costs \$5. Register by June 19. 703-383-1170 or www.jccag.org.

St Mary of Sorrows Church, 5222 Sideburn Road in Fairfax, is hosting a White Elephant Sale on Friday, June 3 from 5-8 p.m., Saturday, June 4 from 8 a.m.-8 p.m. and Sunday, June 5 from 8 a.m.-1:30 p.m. 703-323-0345.

A new Women's Bible study, "Discovering Who We Are in Christ - Part III," will be at Jubilee Christian Center, 4650 Shirley Gate Road in Fairfax, 9:45 a.m. Tuesdays through May 31. \$15. Child care available. Register at 703-383-1170 or www.jccag.org.

Lord of Life Lutheran Church, 13421 Twin Lakes Drive in Clifton, offers three levels of ESL Classes every Tuesday and Thursday at 7 p.m. Cost for semester is \$35, including student book. To register, come to the next class. www.lordoflifelutheran.com or 703-323-9500.

Interested in the Catholic Faith? Classes will be held at St. Leo the Great Catholic Church in the Guadalupe Room in the Parish Center, 3700 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax, 7:30 p.m. every Wednesday. Contact Carolyn Smith at carolynsmith.stleos@gmail.com or 703-273-5369.

The Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax, 2709 Hunter Mill Road in Oakton, offers services on Saturdays at 4:30 p.m., in addition to Sunday services at 9:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. www.uucf.org.

The Parkwood Baptist Church, 8726 Braddock Road in Annandale, Bible Study Fellowship will study of the Old Testament Book of Isaiah. The Day Women's Class meets at 9:30 a.m. Wednesdays, and offers a children's program for ages 6 weeks-6 years. rdmarotto@cox.net.

Burke Presbyterian Church, 5690 Oak Leather Drive in Burke, worship services are Saturday Coffeehouse at 5:30 p.m. and Sundays at 8:30 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. www.BurkePresChurch.org.

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Friends Remember Vet Raymond Van Lienden

Celebration of Clifton veterinarian's life planned for June 12.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

When longtime Clifton resident Raymond Van Lienden died May 4 at age 58, he left a hole in the hearts of those who knew and loved him. So on Sunday, June 12, at 4 p.m., at the barn on Main Street, they'll conduct a celebration of his life.

"He was an awesome character, a one-of-a-kind, throw-away-the-mold kind of guy," said Randy Thompson, who knew him almost 20 years. "He was one of my best friends. We were both musicians. He was a really gifted harmonica player. He played with the Jimmy Cole Band, but often played with different people, including me. He played all kinds of music but, with the blues, he could especially shine."

Van Lienden also ran the Animal Clinic of Clifton out of his house. "He was an old-fashioned, country vet who made house calls," said Thompson. "He was beloved in

our community. Everyone has a Raymond story about how he went above and beyond for their animals."

Although Van Lienden never smoked, he died of lung cancer that started in his pancreas. "He was in stage four when he was diagnosed; 3-1/2 months later, he was dead," said Thompson. "He worked as long as he could, but got weaker and weaker."

Van Lienden's only child, son Rhys, 24, left college at VCU to spend his dad's last month with



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Raymond Van Lienden

"I'm devastated by his passing. It's a big hole in my life."

— Randy Thompson

"You can't really prepare yourself for something like this," he said. "I have good and bad days. But when he actually passed, it was really a blessing because he was in so much pain. He said he knew his time was coming and he was ready to go."

Growing up, said Rhys Van Lienden, he and his dad liked watching old horror and sci-fi movies together. Music also played a big role in their family. "He brought me up

on all the classic blues-rock bands from the '60s and '70s," said Rhys Van Lienden. "I was raised on Led Zeppelin and Blue Cheer."

Describing his dad as a caring man who loved animals and had a good heart, he recalled his father treating and healing a bird who'd flown into their yard with a broken wing. Another time, they were driving down Newman Road and discovered a turtle that had been hit by a car, and Raymond Van Lienden saved its life.

"Its shell was almost destroyed, so we took it home, and he got some Fiberglas and patched the shell," said Rhys Van Lienden. "He gave it some shots, kept it till

it was better and set it free. He'd always try to save wild animals because they didn't have owners to take care of them and were the most helpless when injured. At his office, people would bring in squirrels clinging to life and he'd fix them up."

But try as he would, he couldn't save all the animals. "Thirteen years ago, I had a cat that was poisoned, and Raymond tried several things to save him," said Thompson. "He told me he couldn't and, later, I saw him sitting by himself in a field, visibly upset. He was a true, country veterinarian, one of the last of his breed."

"When I asked him why he didn't become a physician, he said he felt that animals needed an advocate," said Jimmy Cole. "He was like a personal, family physician to the pets."

Noting that Raymond Van Lienden chose the motto, "Where your pets are treated as family," as the slogan for his veterinary practice when it opened in 1995, friend Robyn Witschey said he really lived those words. "He was always going the extra mile to make sure your pet was safe and healing," she said. "I received calls from him, Sunday mornings, to check up on one of our cats who had surgery on Friday."

Besides that, she said, "When our neighbor's home burned down and their cats spent three hours huddled in the basement hiding from the smoke and water, Raymond took them in after hours. He gave

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Area School Plants Garden in Teacher's Memory

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watched it with her. She always looked for the bright spot in everything."

When Friedman became weak from repeated rounds of chemotherapy, the Froehlichs would take her for rides in their convertible, or back to their home so she could float in their pool.

Friedman's mother, Louise Tignor, who lives near Richmond, said her daughter always wanted to be a teacher.

"All of her students were so special to her. If a student couldn't afford to go on a fieldtrip or needed a coat, Jen would find a way to help out."

Tignor, who attended the memorial garden dedication, said the garden would have made her daughter happy. "I think it's an absolutely wonderful way to remember her. It's very peaceful, and Jen had an inner peace. I liked to call her my Amazing Grace, because that's what she was."

Tignor said she was devastated when her daughter first told her about her cancer diagnosis.

"She had a husband and two little boys

she adored. She loved teaching, and I thought God would see that He needed her here," Tignor said. "But she was an amazing fighter. At one point, she got a strep infection in her leg and had to learn how to walk again. She underwent three surgeries in seven days. At the end, it was just one thing after another."

"She was just one of those special people that you don't forget."

— Rick Froehlich

Friedman's memorial guestbook is filled with notes from students, teachers and parents.

"It's not often you meet someone who is so gifted and vibrant as Jenny," wrote Kate Achelpohl of Springfield. "Someone who makes a difference, as she did for my son. While I am truly sad about her death, I feel honored to have known her and blessed that my son had such a good, caring teacher. She was an example for all of us."

One student wrote: "She was my teacher in third grade. She would remember me. I caused so much trouble. Rest in peace, Mrs. Friedman."

"She was just one of those special people that you don't forget. She had a way of connecting with so many people," Rick Froehlich said.



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Jennifer Cooper Friedman, of Lorton, taught third grade at Newington Forest Elementary School. She died on Oct. 12, 2010, of neuroblastoma. On May 12, her family attended the dedication of the memorial garden in front of the school. From left are Richard Gray, Friedman's uncle; Wilmer Tignor, Friedman's stepfather; Ann Dvorak, Friedman's aunt; Louise Tignor, Friedman's mother; Carol and Rick Froehlich, holding their grandson. In the front is Friedman's husband, Jason, and her sons Josh and Sam.

Musician

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them a full exam, bathed them and boarded them for two days while my neighbor found new housing."

Another good friend, Town Councilwoman Deborah Dillard, said Raymond Van Lienden "gave me six more months of my bird's life. And when our dog Cody was limping and could barely move, Raymond asked us where he'd been and how he'd been, the past week. He was compassionate and didn't do needless tests."

"After we told him Cody had been running hard in a park, he gave Cody a shot and gave us some pills to give him," said Dillard. "He said Cody had 'weekend-warrior disease', after not moving much all winter, he'd done lots of activity and was sore. Raymond said, 'Your dog's middle-aged now.' He had good sense like that, and he was right. His death is a loss for this community, the animals he treated, the music scene, his family and friends."

His wife of 25 years, Corlis Van Lienden, said Raymond Van Lienden had "a verve for life. He played in blues bands since the 1970s, played at Clifton Day and did volunteer work for the Lions Club, Cub Scouts, 4H groups and church preschool groups. He was friendly and outgoing, always telling jokes, and whatever someone needed, he'd do."

She said he loved dressing up at Halloween to "scare" the children at the Clifton Haunted Trail, plus those who trick-or-treated at their house. "That was his favorite thing, and the kids always looked forward to it," said Corlis Van Lienden.

Raymond Van Lienden was also a painter and sculptor, and Rhys Van Lienden helped him build sculptures in their backyard. He was fascinated with Christian symbols and his works carried messages about religion. "He also did clay sculptures, watercolors, ink drawings and photographs," said Rhys Van Lienden. "He was a deep, intellectual person and a man of many talents, but modest and down-to-earth."

"Raymond was a true, renaissance man," said Cole. "He played with my band since 1977 — jazz, country-western, bluegrass, gospel and blues — in thousands of concerts over 34 years. Harmonica is a difficult instrument to play properly, but he knew what to do and was also a great improviser with his own style."

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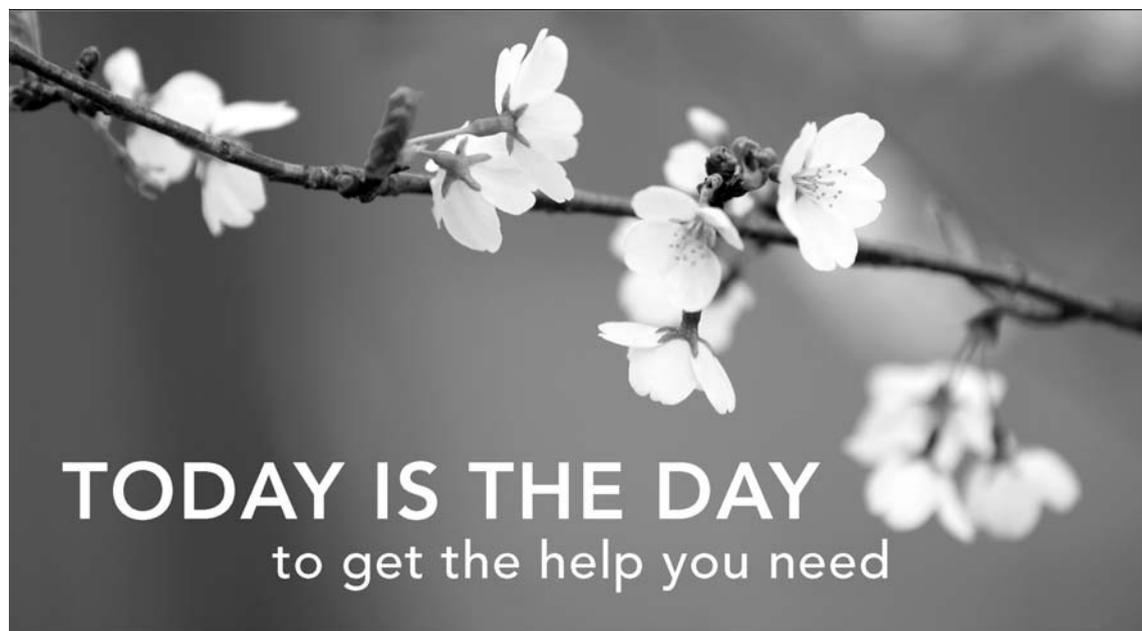
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OPINION

Together, We Can Make an Impact

Susan G. Komen Global Race for the Cure takes place on June 4 on the National Mall.

BY NANCY G. BRINKER

For nearly three decades, millions have walked or run to honor a loved one and to both raise awareness and funds to fight breast cancer — both for those battling the disease today and those who may be impacted in the future. This bold statement of unity has given hope to millions and has helped fuel critical investments in breast health programs and cutting-edge research that is saving lives every day.

We can be proud of how far we've come. And we can be proud of the work that we do in communities everywhere. 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. 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. In many communities, health care systems are unable to adequately screen or treat the disease.

Here too, in the communities surrounding our nation's capital, many women do not fully understand the disease and are often confused

about the importance of early detection. Many women still struggle to get off work or find the time to navigate a fragmented health care system that sends them far from home or work for screenings and doctor's appointments — especially if they are under or uninsured.

Together, we can make an impact, both right here and abroad. On June 4 on the National Mall, we will host the 22nd running of the Susan G. Komen Global Race for the Cure. Up to 75 percent of all the funds raised by the

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rest will go to support our efforts to share the lessons we have learned educating low-resource women in the U.S. with women in low-resource countries of Asia and Africa and Latin America.

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

OVER THE past two decades, we have invested more than \$28 million in education and outreach programs in the National Capital Area. These investments are increasing awareness and improving the care women in our region receive. We've had some great successes. In Montgomery County, Md., for example, we have helped to reduce mammography wait times from 100 days to five days, and we have cut the wait between diagnosis and treatment nearly in half. In many instances, this improved efficiency not only increased patients' chances at survival, it also likely reduced the cost of treatment by starting at an earlier, less costly stage.

the end of the war and took care of them after the war. Just as the soldiers mobilized for the war, the great American people mobilized for them after the war; sending their sons and daughters to college, hiring them in huge numbers in industry, providing home loans, and providing them the medical care they needed. In return, these

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heroes again provided the nation a great service as they moved into business, science, medical, arts and political fields. There they helped catapult our cherished nation into a great economic, military and political superpower; able to exert our influence on a global scale.

I stand here before you today to tell you that, we as a nation need to remobilize behind our nation's heroes, our national treasures. We need to consistently think about them, understand them and support them. Since the Vietnam War, our own sons and daughters, our military personnel, have fought

just as long and just as hard as their forbearers did. However, we as a nation have not always backed them like we backed their predecessors. The military today is just as important as ever, as the complexity of the world increases. They are there to defend us and our national interests. And they have consistently done so in truly remarkable fashion. However, they are sometimes forgotten as we Americans move through our daily lives. Today's military represents only about three-quarters of 1 percent of our nation's populace. It is still represented from most corners of the country, but no longer in such depth and no longer from most walks of life. Mostly gone are soldiers from doctors' families, lawyers' families, politicians' families, and soldiers from wealthy families. It is left to the rest of society to send their children to protect and defend us. But that is OK, so long as we support and defend them in return. We must mobilize for them as they return home.

Yet we are far from satisfied. 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.

Awareness is not enough. Women need to truly understand breast cancer, including how it's detected and treated. We find 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.

The region's overly fragmented health care system also produces substantial barrier 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. We need to make it easier for women to take good care of themselves.

Thanks in large part to the funds raised last year, we're investing \$4.5 million this year in local programs to increase breast health education and to break down barriers to accessing care. Through these grants, we're reaching more women, elevating their understanding and teaching nurses and doctors how to more effectively serve this incredibly diverse population. And we're leading an effort to get the system to work together, in a more efficient and effective manner, so that women don't fall through the cracks and treatments aren't needlessly delayed.

While we've come a long way, we are not yet at the finish line. We must keep running. Will you join us?

Ambassador Nancy G. Brinker is the founder and C.E.O. of Susan G. Komen for the Cure. The 22nd Annual Susan G. Komen Global Race for the Cure will take place June 4 on the National Mall. For more information or to register, visit www.globalracefortheCure.org

My fellow citizens we will start today. Start to recognize and mobilize around our own sons and daughters, our own soldiers, our own national treasures. They are part of our nation's heart and soul. Our national conscience dictates that we think about them, thank them, support them, send them to college, hire them in industry and provide them the medical care they need. They sacrificed greatly for us and our great nation. We must now return the favor. We are Americans, and that is what Americans do. So I ask you to join me in creating the next Great Generation. The generation of Americans that will win the War on Terror, then move on to other areas of our society to help jump start our economy, to solve the hard issues of today and tomorrow, to help maintain our nation's status as a great economic, military and political superpower.

Lt. Col. Curt Nutbrown
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Next Great Generation

To the Editor:

My fellow citizens, we are blessed to have the greatest military that this earth has ever seen. It is well manned, well equipped, well trained and well respected. It is also under represented, underappreciated and under cared for. However, this is about to change.

I reflect back on the Greatest Generation. Emerging out of the Great Depression, we enlisted over 16 million military personnel into the Armed Forces of the United States as we prepared to fight and win World War II. This was fully 11 percent of our nation's populace. They came from all corners of the country and all walks of life. From Los Angeles, Calif., to Westfield, N.Y., from laborers' sons to lawyers' daughters. The nation consistently backed them during the war, welcomed them home at

Honoring Their Fallen Friends

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in Fairfax, too, we revere the sacrifice of our fallen sons and daughters," said Floyd Houston, outgoing commander of VFW Post 8469, during the ceremony. Houston is a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy who served in Mogadishu.

U.S. Army Capt. Mark Little, 28, who grew up in Fairfax Station, was one of the veterans who read a list of names of those killed during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

AN IRAQ WAR veteran, Little said he "realizes that we are the fortunate few who survived." When another veteran pointed out that Little had earned two Purple Hearts, Little talked about what experiences led to those honors.

In September 2007, he was on combat patrol just south of Baghdad when an EFP (explosively formed penetrator), or what Little calls and "IED on steroids," blasted through the driver's side door and ripped off both his legs. "I didn't realize what happened until I started to slide down in my seat, and I couldn't use my legs to push back up."

EFPs, which use explosives to form a solid copper penetrator and have proved deadly against mine-resistant vehicles and tanks, are widely used in IEDs by insurgents in Iraq.

Known as the jokester of his platoon, Little told the medic in his vehicle that he was hurt. "He kept telling me to stop joking around, that he was busy. And I kept saying 'Doc, really, I'm not joking this

time,'" Little said. "I was lucky. He saved my life."

His wife, Alicia Little, attended Monday's ceremony. She met and married her husband after he returned from Iraq. "I loved his personality," Alicia Little said. "He is always upbeat. He is always thankful that it was him, and not someone else that day."

U.S. Army Sgt. Aaron Coffin, 37, one of Little's best friends, attended his first Memorial Day ceremony Monday. He said he joined the military because he believes in the ideals of freedom and service to others before oneself. "Today is a reminder that other people have sacrificed and died to protect our freedom, our way of life," he said. "I am proud and humbled to be here today."

Guest speakers including U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11), Fairfax County Supervisor John Cook (R-Braddock) and City of Fairfax Council member Eleanor Schmidt.

After the ceremony, several veterans gathered at the "rock," the Fairfax War Memorial near the corner of Main Street and Chain Bridge Road, and talked about their wartime experiences. Jerry Wolf, who, at 87, is one of the oldest members of VFW 8469, was shot down flying near Berlin in WWII. He survived after being held as a prisoner of war for nearly a year.

"People ask, 'Was it worth it?' Absolutely," Wolf said. "Every veteran knows the sacrifice is worth the freedom we have."

As the retired veterans chatted, several cars honked and yelled "thank you" to the soldiers, who returned the comments with a salute.



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Witness a Meeting of Theatrical Minds

National Theater Conference comes to George Mason June 9-11.

BY DAVID SIEGEL
THE CONNECTION

Shaping the future of live theater will be center stage at George Mason University in the upcoming days.

“Audiences have so many options for entertainment these days,” said Heather McDonald, co-artistic director of the Mason Theater of the First Amendment (TFA). “But, live theater dazzles in ways that a solitary event such as watching television or interacting with a computer screen or watching a

YouTube video cannot. Theater, what the audience sees and hears, is a wonderful communal event, not done in isolation.”

McDonald and Kevin Murray, the longtime TFA managing director are two of the keys planners for

a national conference, Playwrights in Mind, A National Conversation sponsored by the Dramatists Guild of America in partnership with George Mason. The conference meets June 9-11, at the George Mason Inn Conference Center.

McDonald, the conference is essential and timely. “Since there has been a shift in how

audiences are being entertained, now it is not just the printed page and Broadway that tell stories,” she said.

For Murray, the conference gives Fairfax County the opportunity to be spotlighted on the national theater scene. Also, the conference is geared to helping and serving playwrights.

“The public can attend and listen to some of this country’s foremost theater minds and great playwrights.”

— Kevin Murray, Mason Theater of the First Amendment managing director

Expected presenters at the conference include Tony Award Winning playwright Edward Albee, Pulitzer Prize Winning Marsha Norman, Tony Award Nominee and Pulitzer Prize finalist Christopher Durang, Oscar and Grammy Award winning Stephen Schwartz, MacArthur Genius Award and Pulitzer recipient Suzan Lori-Parks.



Heather McDonald



Kevin Murray



Molly Smith

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The opening keynote will be given by Molly Smith the artistic director of Washington, D.C.’s Arena Stage for the past 11 years. “There is nothing like the live theater experience to carry an audience away,” Smith said. “Each night a new story is created between the audience and actors. It’s the ultimate interactive engagement. Real human beings telling the story through their own bodies, hearts and minds.”

Gary Garrison, executive director, Creative Affairs of the Dramatists Guild, said that “theater is essential to the culture of our country ... a live performance has a way of involving an audience to stimulate thought, to provoke actions, to engage in emotional discourse that film, television and the internet simply don’t.” The Dramatists Guild is the professional association of playwrights, composers, lyrics and librettists with over 6,000 members.

Why is a national theater conference at

Mason? The environment will be “away from chaos ... and George Mason has the extraordinary Theater of the First Amendment, a theatre company devoted to the development of new plays,” said Garrison. “What a perfect situation for a national organization.”

When & Where

Playwrights in Mind, A National Conversation at George Mason Inn Conference Center and Hotel, 4351 Mason Pond Road, Fairfax, VA 22030. Registration fees for non-members of the Dramatists Guild or students range from \$125 to \$425. Registration details for one-day or full conference, go to www.theaterofthefirstamendment.org/playwrights-conference/.

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FRIDAY/JUNE 3

New Majority Comedy Tour Starring Gabriel Iglesias & Russell Peters. 8 p.m. George Mason University Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax. With Lisa Lampanelli. Tickets \$49.50-\$75 through www.ticketmaster.com or 703-573-SEAT, 202-397-SEAT and 410-547-SEAT. www.patriotcenter.com.

Loudness, A Sound of Thunder, The Maiden Project, Dirty Passion (from Sweden), War Machine, Seelow Heights and more. 7 p.m. Jaxx, 6355 Rolling Road, Springfield. \$23 advance, \$25 at the door. 703-569-5940 or www.jaxxroxx.com.

SATURDAY/JUNE 4

Skirmish at Fairfax Court House Reenactment and Living History Day.

Historic Fairfax Courthouse, 4000 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax. A reenactment of the first organized land engagement of the Civil War will occur from 1-2 p.m. west of the Courthouse grounds at the corner of North and Main Streets. After the skirmish reenactment meet the Cavalry and infantry reenactors at Historic Blenheim, 3610 Old Lee Highway, to talk about the reenactment, what it was like for soldiers in the 19th century, and explore the historic Blenheim Estate. Also at the Blenheim Estate will be the Virginia Historical Society panel exhibit, An American Turning Point: The Civil War in Virginia, from May 23 to June 6. Free. 703-591-0560.

Barney Live in Concert: Birthday Bash! 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. George Mason University Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax. Celebrate Barney’s birthday with more than 25 upbeat sing-along tunes. Tickets \$20-\$30, \$45 Gold Circle Seats and \$75 Dino Seats also available. 703-573-SEAT or www.barneylivetour.com.

Urban Decay II Opening Reception. 7 p.m. Workhouse Art Center, Gallery W-16, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Live music, artist demonstrations, a designer vinyl toy competition open to the public, art

raffle and more. Urban Art Film Series: “Toys Are Us.” (Film contains adult content.) www.WorkhouseArts.org.

Spartan Jamfest Benefit Concert and Music Festival. 10 a.m.-7 p.m. West Springfield High School rear parking lot, 6100 Rolling Road, Springfield. Bands include Loose Lips, Tejas Singh, Subtle Body, Puppet, The Fielding Melish, Threat Level Midnight, Ghost Town, The 6th Degree, Manticore and Lucky 13. \$5 pre-sale plus a non-perishable food item at gate, or \$10 at the gate. All canned food will be donated to

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Springfield Art Guild Reception. 2-4 p.m. Springfield Mall Community Room, 6500 Springfield Mall, Springfield. gibene1123@yahoo.com.

SUNDAY/JUNE 5

A Dance for Japan Relief. 1 p.m. George Mason University Harris Theater, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Kikuyuki Dancers of America, Inc. present Onoe style Japanese classical dance, a raffle and silent auction of Japanese textiles, arts, and crafts. All proceeds donated to the Japanese Red Cross Society. \$40 general admission, \$25 students, available at 888-945-2468 or www.japandance.org.

City of Fairfax Band. 7:30 p.m. Mason District Park, 6621 Columbia Pike, Annandale. A pops-style symphonic concert of light classical, Broadway, jazz, film, and marches. Weather permitting. Bring a blanket or lawn chair and a picnic basket. Free. 703-757-0220 or

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5701 TINKERS LN	6	4	0	FAIRFAX STATION	...	\$620,000	Detached	1.00	...	FAIRFAX STATION
14019 MARLEIGH LN	5	3	1	CLIFTON	...	\$604,000	Detached	0.21	...	COMPTON HEIGHTS
9528 5TH PL	4	2	1	LORTON	...	\$593,500	Detached	0.51	...	SHIRLEY ACRES
8594 CROSSPOINTE GLEN CT	4	2	1	LORTON	...	\$582,500	Detached	0.30	...	CROSSPOINTE GLEN
9601 SLOWAY COAST DR	5	4	1	LORTON	...	\$560,000	Detached	0.10	...	VILLAGE AT LORTON VALLEY
6305 CLEAR SPRINGS CT	5	3	1	CLIFTON	...	\$550,000	Detached	0.24	...	LITTLE ROCKY RUN
9023 JAMESON ST	5	4	1	LORTON	...	\$549,000	Detached	0.74	...	LORFAX HEIGHTS
6122 SANDSTONE CT	4	3	1	CLIFTON	...	\$530,000	Detached	0.24	...	LITTLE ROCKY RUN
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South County's 'Beauty & Beast'

Stallions stage classic Disney musical.

BY SUSAN SWICEGOOD
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Truly a "tale as old as time," "Beauty and the Beast" is a story that has been passed down through generations, from the original fairy tale, to the classic animated Disney movie, to the live musical production. South County Secondary School's production of "Beauty and the Beast" adds its own spark to the ages old story of true love.

Similar to the classic tale, the story follows a handsome Prince, plagued by his intense vanity and selfishness. Due to an unfortunate encounter with an Enchantress, the Prince is transformed into a terrifying Beast, cursed to his horrid form until he can find someone who can love him even in this state. Then along comes Belle, a beautiful, but slightly peculiar girl, whose love of her father finds herself prisoner to the Beast's castle for life. In this enchanted castle, full of magical objects and dear friends, "Beauty and the Beast's" famous love story unfolds.

Embodying Belle's strong yet gentle personality, Chelsea Smith's beautiful voice rang clear and pure from the stage to the hearts of the audience. As the Beast, Dean Maldonato, added his own flair to the

character, taking on a more sullen teenager personality, that actually fits the background of the Prince. Yusuf Alizo, also added his own flair to Gaston, heightening the energy every time he walked on stage.

With Brennan Bridger as Lumiere, Michael Lichstrahl as Cogsworth, and Kathryn Blair as Mrs. Potts, the objects of the enchanted castle worked together as a cohesive unit, playing off each other's energy and comedic timing. They displayed their own developed characterization during "Human Again" and Bridger truly shined as Lumiere in "Be our Guest."

CAPPIES REVIEW

Vocally, the cast worked seamlessly combining the right amount of emotion and direction, however the physicality was a bit far behind. The strong vocal acting was seen through great musical numbers, like "Gaston" and "Belle," supported by an energetic ensemble. Featured Dancers also displayed true talent and versatility, with Nikki Custodio as the "Rug" and Angie Vergel de Dios as the "Russian."

The sets were detailed and lifelike, and the use of drinking mugs in the choreography was an excellent use of props and effects. The costumes were well executed and fitted, especially for such a large cast. The colorful dresses of all the "Silly Girls" also added a layer of interest to the performance.

With true vocal talent and an energetic ensemble, South County's production of "Beauty and the Beast" was a truly heartwarming production.



Lexy Gorospe of Burke receives a pass during warm up at the Rugby Prom hosted by the Fairfax Police Youth Club Lady Jags Rugby Team at Lanier Middle School on May 27.

Action-Packed Prom

Lady Jags host rugby fundraiser.

On Friday, May 27, the Fairfax Police Youth Club Lady Jags Rugby Team of league Rugby Virginia hosted a Rugby Prom fundraiser on the playing fields of Lanier Middle School in Fairfax. Players from the other five teams in the Northern Virginia Conference and team friends were invited to come out for a rugby match wearing old prom dresses. The fundraiser will help the Lady Jags buy equipment and fund a trip during next year's season. On June 4, the team will be playing in the state rugby championships hosted at TC Williams High School.



Players in the Rugby Prom hosted by the Fairfax Police Youth Club Lady Jags stretch before the match on May 27 at Lanier Middle School playing fields. Pictured from left are Lady Jags Assistant Coach Phil Selz of Burke, Slovakian exchange student Lea Minarikova of Fairfax, Amelia Johnson of Herndon and Marisol Heisley of Fairfax.

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CALENDAR

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Dixie Melody Boys. 7:30 p.m. Mt. Calvary Community Church, 6731 Beulah St., Alexandria. Southern gospel. 703-971-0165 or www.mtcalvarycc.com.

SATURDAY/JUNE 11

2nd Saturday Art Walk. 6-9 p.m. Workhouse Art Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Meet each building's featured artist, a reception in W-16 from 6-7 p.m. and more. www.WorkhouseArts.org.

Urban Art Film Series: Guerilla ART. 5 p.m. Workhouse Art Center, Gallery W-16, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. The film portrays a new generation of street artists led by UK stencil artist Banksy. Adult content, mild nudity in art and strong language. www.WorkhouseArts.org.

Apex Booking Presents: Lakeview and more. 2:30 p.m. Jaxx, 6355 Rolling Road, Springfield. \$10 advance, \$12 at the door. 703-569-5940 or www.jaxxroxx.com.

SummerJam with Nipsey Hussle, RDC ENT, Juicy Slutty Boyz, Young Moe, E-Galotto, DJ Schemes, DJ Reece and more. 10 p.m. Jaxx, 6355 Rolling Road, Springfield. \$20 advance, \$25 at the

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SUNDAY/JUNE 12

Quantico Marine Band Jazz Combo. 2 p.m. Workhouse Art Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Music including latin, swing, bossa nova, samba, blues, and jazz ballads. www.WorkhouseArts.org.

Punch Drunk Poets, Ethan Douglas Band, Upper 90, Rogue Mind, Shrine, Allison's Degradation, Dhamma Etomi and more. 7 p.m. Jaxx, 6355 Rolling Road, Springfield. \$10 advance, \$12 at the door. 703-569-5940 or www.jaxxroxx.com.

FRIDAY/JUNE 17

Faster Pussycat, Baby Jayne and more. 8 p.m. Jaxx, 6355 Rolling Road, Springfield. Age 21 and up. \$17 advance, \$20 at the door. 703-569-5940 or www.jaxxroxx.com.

SATURDAY/JUNE 18

Father's Day Weekend Train Display and Show. 1-5 p.m. Fairfax Station Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station. Northern Virginia NTrak will display running N-gauge trains. Adults \$3, children \$1. www.fairfax-station.org or 703-425-9225.

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FRIDAY/JUNE 24

Civil War Document Scanning: A Virginia 150th Anniversary Legacy Project. 10 a.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. The Library of Virginia and their Civil War 150 Legacy Project would like to scan your letters or photographs from the Civil War Era for archival purposes. Free. Adults. Schedule an appointment with Linda Gifford at 703-324-8324 or Linda.Gifford@fairfaxcounty.gov. Appointments required.

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Cinema Under the Stars: Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Rodrick Rules. 7:30 p.m. Workhouse Art Center, Gallery W-16, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Pizza, snacks, drinks available for purchase at 7:30 p.m., film screening begins at 8:30pm. \$5. For more information, visit www.WorkhouseArts.org.



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Cavaliers Sign on Dotted Line, Commit to Colleges

Twenty-nine athletes at W.T. Woodson High sign papers to play college sports.

BY BENJAMIN PACZAK
THE CONNECTION

On Thursday morning, May 26, 29 senior athletes of W.T. Woodson High School signed on to 22 colleges in 12 different sports, completing the final task of accepting a college's recruitment to play for their new school while studying in higher education.

"I've definitely learned all the normal things like leadership, communication and determination," Melissa Vinall said, going on to play lacrosse at the University of Mary Washington. "Mostly, I've learned really how hard it is to be able to lose games and just pick yourself backup again. Because you can't quit. You have to keep going. So I've really gotten a strong sense of how that relates to real life. You win some, you lose some, but you have to keep going."

Dan Checkosky, Woodson's director of students activities, spoke about how the Cavaliers' athletes have learned about success and failure, joy and hardships, gains and



PHOTO BY BENJAMIN PACZAK/THE CONNECTION

Twenty-nine student athletes participated in a college signing ceremony on Thursday, May 26, at Woodson High School.

losses, and what it meant to be a part of a team.

Each coach then spoke and had nothing but praise for each of their athletes as they recalled fond memories and gave advice about their future while parents listened, smiled, and applauded for each student moving on.

"I anticipate success," Joseph McGillicuddy said, going to Marshall University with his brother John to play base-

ball. "Freshman year we're going to have to catch up with the game because the college game is so much faster, so freshman year we plan on furthering our game a lot more. Sophomore year we will hopefully contribute to the team and get somewhere."

The students have their hearts set on having the best sports experience possible while weighing in on the opportunities that come with attending college.

"I chose American University because,

"Our Woodson team was really like a big family, so it really helped with playing on the court."

— Marina Randall

first of all, it's a great education, I like the campus and I like the school," John Schoof said, heading to AU to play basketball. "And I really like the coaches and the basketball program they built there. I feel I could be successful there and hopefully play a lot."

Marina Randall has her sights set high as she plays tennis at Methodist University N.C., wanting to study either professional tennis management or sports medicine.

"They have a great program in professional tennis management, and it's one of three schools in the country that has that," she said. "I would go there either for sports medicine, because they have a great sports medicine program and a great tennis team, or for the professional tennis management. It just seemed like an all around fit for me."

As for playing on Woodson's tennis team, Randall said: "It's definitely taught me how to be a team player. Our Woodson team was really like a big family, so it really helped with playing on the court, and off of the

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Woodson's Season Ends in Regional Quarterfinals

Cavaliers tally nine hits but lose game amid flurry of strikeouts.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

The Woodson softball team had ample opportunities to bury Westfield early in a regional quarterfinal matchup on Monday, May 30 at Falls Church High School.

Woodson pounded eight hits in the first three innings, but produced just two runs. The Cavaliers' inability to come up with enough hits with runners in scoring position cost the team a chance to advance to the semifinals and ended their season during a 4-2 loss to Westfield.

Woodson had no trouble putting the ball in play early against Westfield sophomore pitcher Keona Gaines. But each time Gaines got in trouble, she

found ways to get strikeouts and strand Cavalier baserunners. Gaines scattered nine hits over seven innings and struck out 11.

"She got us when she needed to," Woodson head coach Robert Coleman said. "We were putting it in play and then she came up with the big pitch when she needed to. She did a great job."

In the first inning, the first three Cavalier batters reached base, but Woodson managed just one run as Gaines struck out the next three hitters.

Woodson sent four batters to the plate in the second inning and came away with three hits and a sacrifice bunt, but failed to score due to a pair of baserunning blunders.

The Cavaliers opened the third inning with three consecutive hits, but again managed just one run as Gaines struck out the next three batters.

Woodson finished with nine hits. Courtney Purtell, Eliana Budoff and Shannon McCloud each had two hits for the Cavaliers. Kelsey Schwartzbach, Marissa Lynch and KJ Johnson each had one. Purtell had a double and Johnson produced an RBI.

I was "just trying to hit my spots," Gaines said. "A strikeout would be nice, but [I was] really just trying to hit my spots and focus in."

While Woodson fell short against Westfield, Coleman said the Cavaliers accomplished "more than I ever thought we would. It was the best season we've had at Woodson in 12 years. I couldn't be more proud of them."

Woodson finished 17-4, went undefeated at home and finished atop the Patriot District standings in the regular season. Coleman said the team's three seniors — pitcher Naomi Kennedy, catcher McCloud and center fielder Johnson — were the key to Woodson's success this season.

"The three seniors made the team: KJ Johnson, Shannon McCloud and Naomi Kennedy. They took the group, molded them, carried them on their back the whole season. Without those three, we would have been lost."

McCloud said she is proud of the team's accomplishments.

"We didn't even know what we were going to have coming into this year since we



PHOTO BY LOUISE KRAFFT/THE CONNECTION

Woodson senior Naomi Kennedy suffered the loss against Westfield on May 30 in the regional quarterfinals.

lost so many starters last year," the catcher said. "Coming into this year, we were able to bring each other together and have one of the best years yet. It was amazing to watch. Everybody improved."

"She got us when she needed to. We were putting it in play and then she came up with the big pitch when she needed to. She did a great job."

— Woodson head softball coach Robert Coleman about Westfield pitcher Keona Gaines.

South County Softball Heads Back to Region Semis

Martin, Stallions hold off late Chantilly rally in region playoff win.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

For most of the final few innings of the Northern Region girls' softball quarterfinals playoff game on Monday, May 30, between South County and Chantilly, there was the sense that the game was already in the books for a Stallions' team, which was enjoying a comfortable five-run lead.

South County, which a week earlier had won its fifth consecutive Patriot District tournament title, had simply hit and pitched better throughout the game. Chantilly, experiencing a successful breakout season this spring, seemed a bit lifeless both in the field and at the plate. It was as if the scorching Memorial Day holiday sunshine was taking its toll on a Chargers' team which had surpassed most expectations just by getting this far into the postseason.

But as it turned out, Chantilly would not go down so easily. The Chargers came alive to put together a final inning rally that nearly resulted in a stunning comeback. When the final out was finally made, South County had barely held off the Chargers, 5-4, to advance to Wednesday's region semifinals against defending state AAA champion McLean.

"It was a little nerve-racking," said South County senior center fielder Julia Kastner, a Stallions team co-captain, on Chantilly's final inning charge.

But Kastner said she was confident South County freshman pitcher Rebecca Martin, with the Chargers one run down with two outs and runners on first and second, would make the pitch to help secure

the win for the Stallions. Martin, who had thrown six shutout innings before the tough seventh, did in fact record a strikeout for the game's final out, to the relief of South County's fans and the disappointment of the Chargers' faithful. "I knew Rebecca could hang in there and get a groundout or a strikeout," said Kastner, of her younger teammate.

FOR CHANTILLY, which finished with a 15-7 record, it was a frustrating way to end the season — being shut down for six innings before mounting a rally that had to leave the Chargers wondering why they had taken so long to get their bats going.

"It's tough when the bats aren't awake," said Chantilly coach Carmen Wise, whose team had two infield hits through six innings before putting together five base hits in the four-run seventh. "Fortunately, they came alive in the last inning. They made things happen in the last inning. I'm proud of the girls for making it this far."

"It was a little nerve-racking."

— Julia Kastner

Chantilly had a losing record a year ago and did not make regionals. But the Chargers put things together this spring and, in the postseason, made a rousing run to the Concorde District tournament finals where they lost to Westfield.

Wise's squad, following the district finals lost, came back with a lopsided 19-1 first round region playoff win over visiting Mount Vernon last Friday to advance to the quarterfinals and the holiday afternoon meeting with South County, a program which captured the region crown just two years ago and reached the region semifinals last year.

South County, in its first season under head coach Gary Dillow, who in prior years had served as an assistant coach under former head coach Al Thompson, was 7-6 at the mid-point of the season. The young Stallions, with five freshmen starters, were still rounding into form. Then over the second half of the season, the team took off, winning five of its final six games of the regular season, than winning



PHOTOS BY CRAIG STERBUTZEL/THE CONNECTION

Stallions pitcher Rebecca Martin held Chantilly scoreless for six innings before the Chargers rallied for four runs in the seventh. Nevertheless, she held on to earn the complete game win.

district tournament games over Annandale, Woodson, and West Potomac to gain the district crown. Following region playoff wins over Langley, 10-5, and the Chargers, the Stallions are 17-7 going into Wednesday's semifinals meeting versus McLean.

"It's just a surprise," said Dillow, of the team's success. "We lost a lot of close games early in the season. I think [those tough defeats] taught us how to win. We played real good at districts and have played two good games so far [at regionals]."

Wednesday's region semifinals round game versus McLean will mark the third consecutive year in which the two teams have met in the round of four. Two years ago, the Stallions defeated McLean in a semifinals affair on way to capturing the region championship. Last year, McLean defeated the Stallions in the semifinals to earn an automatic bid to states.

"This is our third year at the semifinals and we've faced South County every year," said Jamie Bell, the McLean pitching ace.

Game time is scheduled for 7 p.m., following the other semifinals round contest between Westfield and Oakton. The two semifinals round winners will meet for the title game Friday, June 3, at 6:30 p.m., at Madison High in Vienna.

MARTIN, South County's starting pitcher, is not a hard thrower but hits her spots well and changes her pitches up. The only hits she allowed over the first six innings against Chantilly were infield singles to junior shortstop Bryanna Kerbuski in the second inning and sophomore third baseman Laura Conaghan, who drilled a line drive off the third baseman's glove in the fourth. For the game, Martin struck out nine batters and walked one.



Whitney Burks, South County's freshmen shortstop, takes a swing at the plate during the Stallions' Northern Region quarterfinals playoff game versus Chantilly this past Monday at Falls Church High School.

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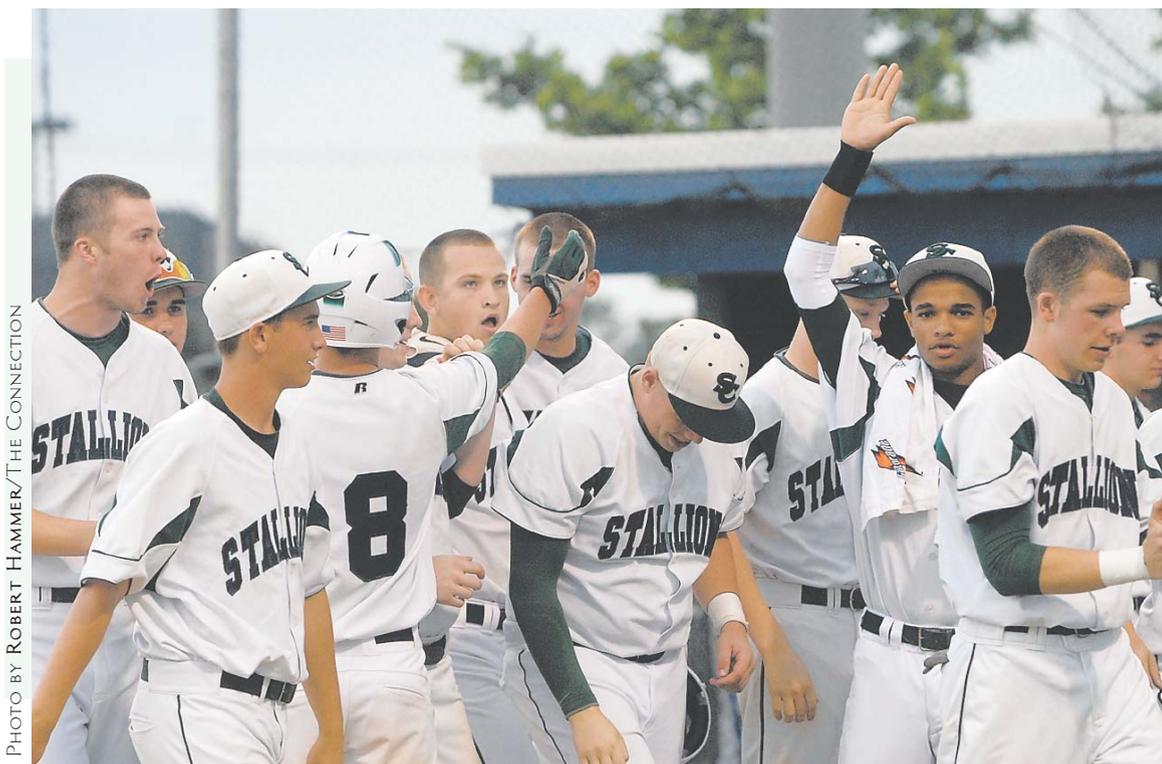


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Delayed Victory

The South County baseball team celebrates on May 27 during a 4-2 victory over McLean in the opening round of the regional tournament. The game started on Friday and was suspended due to inclement weather. It was finished the following day

Lady Stallions Fend Off Chantilly Drive

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In Chantilly's big seventh inning, Kerbuski, with one out, grounded a single into right center field. Freshmen first baseman Colleen O'Brien then reached base on an error. That was followed by an RBI single into left center field by pitcher and leadoff hitter Alex Salberg to plate the Chargers' first run of the game and get them within 5-1. Following a strikeout for out number two, junior catcher Victoria Doherty lined an RBI single into center field to make it 5-2. An infield base hit by Rachel Major loaded the bases. Wendy Sloan, Chantilly's senior center fielder and a fourth-year varsity starter who will attend the university of Alabama next school year, then knocked a two-run single into centerfield, getting the Chargers within 5-4. Martin finally got the final out by strikeout and the game was over.

"She pitched great," said Dillow, of Martin's complete game outing. "I think she might have been getting a little tired at the

end. She definitely came through and kept throwing strikes."

During the Chantilly seventh inning rally, Dillow paid his pitcher a mound visit at one point.

"Just to make sure she knew I still had confidence in her," he said. "She's a pretty cool kid and doesn't get rattled."

Wise, the Chantilly coach, credited Martin with pitching a fine game.

"She had good ball movement which made it hard for us to hit," said Wise.

For Chantilly, Salberg, the team's sophomore starting pitcher, kept South County at bay over the first four innings, allowing two runs (1 earned). In the fifth inning with one out and Chantilly trailing 3-0, Wise elected to go to senior relief pitcher Emily Gembarowicz, who pitched a solid 1-2/3 innings of ball.

South County scored single runs in both the second and third innings to go ahead 2-0. Meghan Patterson's RBI double, just beyond a diving effort to catch the ball by outfielder Jennifer Loh, plated the game's

first run in the second. The third inning run came on an RBI single from catcher Haylea Geer, who grounded an RBI single into left center field.

South County scored three times in the fifth inning. The highlight play of the inning came when a heads-up Kastner scored from second base on a wild pitch to make it 3-0.

"You've just got to be aggressive," said Kastner, who crossed home just ahead of the tag. "The ball went right up in the air and the catcher was looking for it."

Later in the inning, third baseman Caitlin Maglich tripled down the right field line to make it 4-0. The final run for the Stallions came when the following batter, first baseman Brittnee Haynes, knocked a sacrifice fly to left field to make it 5-0.

It was a huge win for the Stallions and Dillow.

"He was an assistant coach last year," said Kastner, of Coach Dillow. "It's been an easy transition this year [with him as head coach]. We really respect him."

Cavalier Athletes Commit to Colleges

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court it was really just a great experience to have that whole family, surroundings, and environment."

Each team means a lot to the players as they move on further into academia. They made family ties and went through countless wins and losses.

"The baseball team was my family for high school," John McGillicuddy said, "Even though we're going to college, we have a bunch of guys on our team that are going to college to play baseball, so we can always check up on them and see how they're doing and just motivate one another to do

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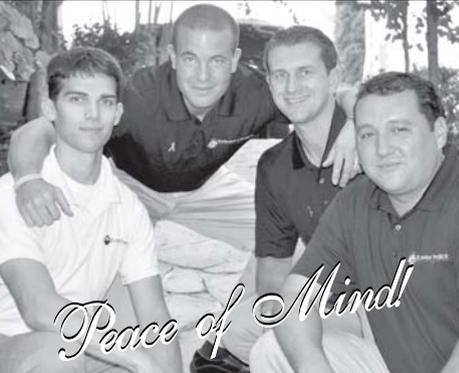
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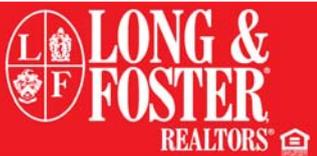
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