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Isaac Ho'opi'i, of McLean, was one of the first rescue officers on site at the Pentagon on Sept. 11 2001, to begin what would be a 72- hour round-the-clock search and rescue mission through the wreckage of the plane and building.



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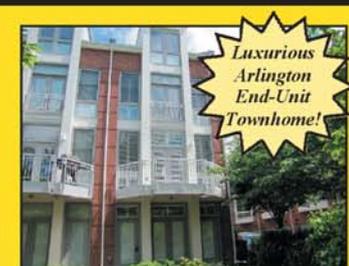
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REMEMBERING 9/11

Isaac Ho'opi'i with his canine 'Lava.' Ho'opi'i, of McLean, was among the first responders at the Pentagon crash site on Sept. 11, 2001.



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McLean's First Responder

Isaac Ho'opi'i revisits memories of Sept. 11 10 years later.

BY BARA MILON
THE CONNECTION

“I just think about the families,” said Isaac Ho'opi'i when asked how he felt as the 10th anniversary of Sept. 11 approaches, “The date spotlights what happened, but it's always there. I think about all the people who continue to grieve the loss of their loved ones on that day, and whose lives were changed forever by that act of terrorism.”

“But I also think about those who were saved,” Ho'opi'i continued, cracking a smile. “Not just the individuals themselves, of course, but the children, and grandchildren, who would not be here today if those people had not survived.”

Sgt. Ho'opi'i, 48, is a 17-year veteran of the Federal Police, Pentagon Force, Canine Section. On Sept. 11, 2001 at 9:30 a.m., he and his German Shepherd “Vito” received the report that American Airlines Flight 77 had crashed into the Pentagon. Ho'opi'i raced to the scene at such speed that he blew the transmission of his vehicle. He was one of the first rescue officers on site, and began what would be a grueling, 72-hour round-the-clock search and rescue mission through the wreckage of the plane and building.

HO'OPI'I PERSONALLY brought 18 individuals out alive, but also many bodies, and body parts, of people who had perished.

“The grief is horrible, of course,” he said, “but there was another aspect as well — relatives who were grateful to at least know what had happened to their loved ones, to have that closure.”

He went on to describe an encounter when he was on duty in the Pentagon parking lot during the one year anniversary Memorial Service, presided over by

President George W. Bush.

“I was directing traffic before the event, when a man in full white dress uniform — a Naval officer — got out of his car and approached me. He had recognized me from some 9/11 coverage, and told me that he had lost his wife in the attack. He then introduced me to his family — kids, grandkids, in-laws — and, with his voice cracking, told them, “This is the officer who brought Mom home to bury.”

“That really hit me. It made me realize just how many people were affected by each individual loss of life.”

Asked if survivors, or the families of victims have stayed in touch over the years, Ho'opi'i responded that he has received many calls and letters of gratitude, and spoke about one in particular, Wayne Sinclair, a civilian Pentagon employee who followed Ho'opi'i's voice to escape the dark, smoke-filled havoc to safety.

“He calls me, or I call him,” he smiled, “he's a great guy.” Ho'opi'i and Gigi, his wife of 25 years, were invited to the Sinclairs' big family reunion in Maryland several years ago. “There were about 80 people,” Ho'opi'i recalled, “four generations — and Wayne, who was hosting the event, took a mike and thanked me on behalf of all of them. That was humbling — I was just doing my job — but, on a personal level, it's very emotional.”

Asked how he dealt with the inevitable trauma of what he witnessed those terrible days following the attack, Ho'opi'i lit up, “This place,” he said, “McLean — people are so great here! We always have weekend breakfasts at McLean Family, and lunch at McLean Pizza, Moby Dick's, Rocco's — all the local places — there's such a feeling of community and reciprocal support here.”

Ho'opi'i, born and raised in Hawaii, and Gigi have lived in McLean since they married. Gigi, a registered nurse, and daughter of former Dranesville District Supervisor Nancy Falk, grew up here and graduated from Langley High School. For 19 years, she has worked for internist/gastroenterologist Ronald E. Gurney, MD on Elm Street. Son Jeffrey is an audio



Isaac Ho'opi'i with his grandchildren Noa and Charlie Viernes.

SEE LIFE LESSONS. PAGE 15



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Pentagon, Sept. 11, 2001.

Honoring Those Who Died

Sept. 11 ceremonies in our area.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 11

Great Falls Freedom Memorial Committee Annual 9/11 Ceremony.

7 p.m. Great Falls Village Green, 768 Walker Road, Great Falls. Remembering especially the six citizens of Great Falls who died when Flight 77 crashed into the Pentagon on Sept. 11, 2001. Choir members from Christ the King Lutheran Church, Great Falls United Methodist Church, and St. Francis Episcopal Church will join to pay tribute in song to those who died. Open to all. In case of rain, the ceremony will be held at the Great Falls United Methodist Church. eheberg@cox.net.

9/11 Remembrance Ceremony. 9:45 a.m. On the grounds of the Freeman House, 131 Church St, N.E., Vienna. With speaker Colonel David A. Lapan, USMC. Sponsored by American Legion Post 180 in cooperation with the Town of Vienna. 703-938-9535.

9/11 Memorial Service. 11 a.m. Antioch Christian Church Sanctuary, 1860 Beulah Road, Vienna. The public is invited to a service of remembrance and hope. Each guest will receive a special edition book titled “Never Forget.” www.antiochdoc.org.

Reston Association Tribute to Reston Victims and Servicemen. 1 p.m. Freedom Grove near Brown's Chapel, Reston. Remembering and honoring all those who died in the events of 9-11. In tribute to the memories of four Reston residents, Norma Cruz Khan and Leonard Taylor who were aboard American Airlines Flight 77 that crashed into the Pentagon, Marine Lance Corporal Tavon L. Hubbard of the Command Element, 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit, and Army Staff Sgt. Nathaniel J. Nyren of the 1st Battalion, 8th Cavalry Division, four stones will be placed at Freedom Grove. Following the ceremony, there will be a musical tribute in the small pavilion at Brown's Chapel. Presentation of the Colors, live music and more. www.reston.org.

Film Screening and 9-11 Commemorative Program. 2 p.m. Sponsored by Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center at The Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center, 3740 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. To commemorate the 10th anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks on the United States, local broadcast journalist Mike Walter will show and discuss his documentary film, Breaking News Breaking Down, examining the reactions and reflections of journalists. Free. 703-385-8414.

The 10th Anniversary Patriot Day Ceremony. 7-8 p.m. Veterans Amphitheater at Fairfax City Hall, 10455 Armstrong St., Fairfax. 703-385-7850.

Tenth Annual AARP-Wiygul Classic Car Show. 10 a.m. Downtown Herndon at the intersection of Lynn and Station Streets. There will be a 9-11 Remembrance Ceremony as part of the Classic Car Show. Car show hours are 7 a.m.-3 p.m. www.aarpdulles.org/_mgxroot/carshow2011/WebRegisForm.pdf.

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SCHOOLS

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Amy Peck of McLean has graduated from DePaul University in Chicago.

Ella Moriarty of McLean has graduated cum laude from DePaul University in Chicago.

Duncan Rudd Olsen of McLean has graduated with a bachelor of science in geology from Clemson University of Clemson, S.C.

Ovidiu Flavius Lasca of McLean has graduated with a doctorate in economics from Clemson University of Clemson, S.C.

Jenna R. Andrews of Great Falls has been named to the spring 2011 dean's list and the president's honor list at the University of South Carolina.

Brian Raymond Trundy of Great Falls has been named to the spring 2011 dean's list at the Thomas J. Watson School of Engineering at Binghamton University, State University of New York.

Emily Kline of Great Falls has graduated from DePaul University in Chicago.

Meggie Bentz of Great Falls has been named to the spring 2011 dean's list at the University of Kentucky in Lexington, Ky.

Tarun Sharma of Great Falls has enrolled at Hampden-Sydney College with the class of 2015 as a Patrick Henry Scholar. The Langley High School

graduate is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Srinivas K. Sharma.

Marine Corps Pfc. **Brian S. Farrell** has graduated from the Marine Aviation Supply Mechanized Course, where he studied ordering, requisition, inventory and stock procedures. The 2008 graduate of James Madison High School joined the Marine Corps in Dec. 2010. He is the son of Brenda S. Farrell of Oakton and William V. Farrell of Reston.

John Wren Sullivan of Vienna has graduated with a bachelors of science in business from Miami University of Oxford, Ohio.

Devin Laedtke of Vienna has been named to the spring 2011 dean's list at Susquehanna University of Selingsgrove, Pa. The 2007 graduate of George C. Marshall High School is the daughter of Robert and Laura Laedtke.

Mark Jeschke of Vienna has graduated magna cum laude with a degree in business administration from Messiah College of Grantham, Pa. Jeschke was a member of the College Honors Program.

Kristen Kimball of Vienna has graduated with a degree in psychology from Messiah College of Grantham, Pa.

Paul C. Gross of Oakton has been named to the spring 2011 dean's list at the University of Vermont in Burlington, Vt. He is a senior philosophy major.

Lindsey B. Williams of Vienna has been named to the spring 2011 dean's list at the University of Vermont in Burlington, Vt. She is a senior elementary education K-6 major.



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Highlanders' Memory Book

McLean High's Yearbook wins highest honors.

BY CYNTHIA CROSS
THE CONNECTION

The start of school was a full week away for McLean High School students, but you wouldn't know that judging from the atmosphere in Room 105 on a recent Tuesday afternoon, where the staff of McLean's award-winning yearbook "The Clan" was busy brainstorming ideas for the 2012 edition. AP Psychology teacher Meghan Percival, who is in her 13th year as Clan Staff Advisor, presides over a lively exchange among the roughly 15 returning staffers intent on producing another acclaimed yearbook.

Living up to last year's accolades will be no small task. The 2011 Clan earned the highest honors from both the National Scholastic Press Association and the Columbia Scholastic Press Association, was one of only 30 schools in the country to be on both the CSPA and NSPA lists and is a finalist in seven categories in the Virginia High School League Writing/Photo/Design Contest. Winners will be announced in October.

But, the energetic debate at the pre-season meeting betrays no lack of confidence that this year's team can turn out another outstanding yearbook. Staffers eagerly pitch ideas for features ranging from the new freshman volleyball coach to vegetarian cafeteria fare to the evolution of a science fair project. Creative energy abounds.

The Clan is led by four upperclass editors-in-chief. Yasmine Panah, a McLean senior in her second year as editor-in-chief, and Mara Corbett, the only junior on the 2012 editorial staff, attribute the Clan's success to the energy and dedication of the students involved. "McLean is the kind of school where you are motivated to do your best," says Corbett, and Panah agrees. "We have tried to start the excitement and enthusiasm for the yearbook," she says, "but everyone seems to want to do a great job."

According to Percival, who was chosen by the Clan's publisher Northern Virginia Yearbooks as Advisor of the Year in 2011, the Clan "is led by students who really care about producing a journalistic yearbook that their school can be proud of and they are willing to put in the incredible amount of time and effort to make sure that happens."

Clan staff members attend weekend redesign workshops and two week-long summer camps with the aim of continually improving the Clan's content and design. Seniors Robin Bleiweis and Emily Winchester, the other editors-in-chief, talk about their efforts to innovate each year.

"One of our goals this year," says Winchester, is to go outside the box a bit. We've gotten inspiration from some other yearbooks, particularly in California, that have taken some risks with photography — making images more dramatic and a little less traditional. We're exploring that more this year."

But accolades and innovations aside, Panah appears to speak for the whole staff when she said "the whole point of the yearbook is to make students happy; this is their memory book."



From left, Meghan Percival, Staff Advisor; Emily Winchester, Robin Bleiweis, Mara Corbett and Yasmine Panah, Editors-in-Chief.



Returning staff of the Clan meeting in late August.

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NEWS



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Churchill Road Celebrates New School Year

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Churchill Road first grade teacher Meredith Banas prepares the wall outside her classroom for her little monkeys, prior to the Open House.

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Rising Churchill Road fifth grader Katie Holzzapfel and brother Jake, now at Cooper, help second grade teacher Jackie Laurenzi set up her classroom library.

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“The last routine radio communication with American Airlines Flight 77 occurred at 8:51 a.m. It seems likely that between 8:51 and 8:54

a.m. over eastern Kentucky, the hijackers made their move and took over the plane.

“Immediately following the takeover, Flight 77 made an unauthorized turn to the south. At 9 a.m., the plane turned eastward from a point near the junction of West Virginia, Ohio, and Kentucky.

“Tracking Flight 77 would not have been easy, even if controllers had been able to identify which plane to follow. Its transponder, a transmitter that broadcasts the course, speed, and altitude of the airplane, was turned off at 8:56 a.m. For air traffic controllers, the lack of a transponder signal meant they could not find the Boeing 757 until it crossed the path of a ground-based radar.

“At 9:33 a.m., Flight 77 turned south and

headed for the Pentagon. Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport tower passed to the Secret Service Operations Center in Washington, D.C. the alarming word that ‘an aircraft is coming at you and not talking with us.’ A minute later, the plane turned south below Alexandria, circled back to the northeast, and flew toward Washington again.

“At 9:37:46 a.m., American Airlines Flight 77 crashed into the Pentagon.

“The Pentagon’s on-site firehouse responded immediately to the crash. Firefighters from nearby Reagan National Airport and Arlington County Fire Department arrived within minutes.

“One-hundred-and-eighty-four lives were lost at the Pentagon that day.”

EDITORIAL

Local People Who Died in Sept. 11, 2001 Terrorist Attacks

The following list of people who lived in Connection Newspapers coverage area and died in the Sept. 11 2001 terrorist attacks, is compiled from multiple sources, including news reports, and is likely not complete. The Pentagon Memorial website offers photos and biographies of most people who died at the Pentagon. <http://pentagonmemorial.org/explore/biographies>

Spc. Craig Amundson, 28, Fort Belvoir, employed by U.S. Army, died in Pentagon

Lt. Col. Canfield D. Boone, 54, Clifton, employed by U.S. Army, died in Pentagon

Charles Burlingame, 51, Herndon, employed by American Airlines, died on AA Flight 77

Rosa Maria Chapa, 64, Springfield, employed by Defense Intelligence Agency, died in Pentagon

Eddie A. Dillard, Alexandria, employed by Philip Morris, died on AA Flight 77

Capt. Robert Edward Dolan, 43, Alexandria, employed by U.S. Navy, died in Pentagon

Charles A. Droz III, 52, Springfield, employed by EM Solutions Inc., died on AA Flight 77

Gerald P. Fisher, 57, Potomac, Md., employed by Booz Allen Hamilton, died in Pentagon

1st Lt. (Ret.) Richard P. Gabriel Sr., 54,

Great Falls, employed by Stratin Consulting, died on AA Flight 77

Diane M. Hale-McKinzy, 38, Alexandria, employed by U.S. Army, died in Pentagon

Stanley R. Hall, 68, Centreville, employed by Raytheon, died on AA Flight 77

Brady K. Howell, 26, Arlington, employed by U.S. Navy, died in Pentagon

Lt. Col. Stephen Neil Hyland Jr., 45, Burke, employed by U.S. Army, died in Pentagon

Bryan C. Jack, 48, Alexandria, employed by Department of Defense, died on AA Flight 77

Steven D. Jacoby, 43, Alexandria, employed by Metrocall, died on AA Flight 77

Ann Judge, 49, Great Falls, employed by National Geographic Society, died on AA Flight 77

Norma Cruz Khan, 45, Reston, Plumbing-Heating-Cooling Contractors Assn., died on AA Flight 77

Terence M. Lynch, 49, Alexandria, employed by Booz Allen Hamilton, died in Pentagon

Ada L. Mason-Acker, 50, Springfield, employed by U.S. Army, died in Pentagon

Lt. Gen. Timothy J. Maude, 53, Fort Myer, employed by U.S. Army, died in Pentagon

Mark McGinly, 26, Vienna, employed by

Carr Futures, died in World Trade Center

Patricia E. Mickley, 41, Springfield, employed by Department of Defense, died in Pentagon

Khang Ngoc Nguyen, 41, Fairfax, employed by Navy contractor, died in Pentagon

Barbara K. Olson, 45, Great Falls, attorney, died on AA Flight 77

Maj. Clifford L. Patterson Jr., 33, Alexandria, employed by U.S. Army, died in Pentagon

Capt. Jack D. Panches, 51, Clifton, retired from U.S. Navy, died in Pentagon

Lisa J. Raines, 42, Great Falls, employed by Genzyme Corp., died on AA Flight 77

Todd H. Reuben, 40, Potomac, Md., attorney, died on AA Flight 77

Charles E. Sabin, 54, Burke, employed by Department of Defense, died in Pentagon

Marjorie C. Salamone, 53, Springfield, employed by U.S. Army, died in Pentagon

Cmdr. Robert Allan Schlegel, 38, Alexandria, employed by U.S. Navy, died in Pentagon

Mark E. Schurmeier, 44, McLean, employed by Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp., died in World Trade Center

Janice M. Scott, 46, Springfield, employed by U.S. Army, died in Pentagon

Michael L. Selves, 53, Fairfax, employed by U.S. Army, died in Pentagon

Diane M. Simmons, Great Falls, died on AA Flight 77

George W. Simmons, Great Falls, retired from Xerox, died on AA Flight 77

Lt. Col. Gary F. Smith, 55, Alexandria, retired U.S. Army, died in Pentagon

Norma Lang Steuerle, 54, Alexandria, died on AA Flight 77

Lt. Col. Kip P. Taylor, 38, McLean, employed by U.S. Army, died in Pentagon

Leonard E. Taylor, 44, Reston, employed by XonTech Inc., died on AA Flight 77

Sandra C. Taylor, 50, Alexandria, employed by U.S. Army, died in Pentagon

Sandra D. Teague, 31, Fairfax, employed by Georgetown University Hospital, died on AA Flight 77

Karl W. Teepe, 57, Centreville, employed by Defense Information Agency, died in Pentagon

Meta L. Waller, 60, Alexandria, employed by U.S. Army, died in Pentagon

Ernest M. Willcher, 62, North Potomac, Md., employed by Booz-Allen Ha.m.ilton Inc. died in Pentagon

Maj. Dwayne Williams, 40, Lorton, employed by U.S. Army, died in Pentagon

Vicki C. Yancey, 43, Springfield, employed by Vredenburg Co., died on AA Flight 77.

VIEWPOINTS



Cindy Stewart, Vienna

“I am more anxious about big crowds and using mass transportation. However, I find myself more conscious of the preciousness of life — of the ordinary and soothing routines that comprise each day. I also value in a deeper way the connection to family and friends and the blessings bestowed upon me.”

How has your world changed since 9/11?



Diane Abel, Vienna

“I was in New York watching the finals at the U.S. Open on Sept. 10 with a good friend. We took the train home on Sept. 10. The next day I was cleaning, watching TV, and saw the plane going into the Twin Towers. I went back to the U.S. Open again last year but I just can’t go this year, it being the 10th anniversary of 9/11. I wouldn’t say it’s scary but it’s a feeling.”



Brian Cramp, Vienna-raised

“September 11th affected me on a very personal level. I lost my long-time friend Mark Ryan McGinly. Mark was on the 92nd floor of the North Tower of the World Trade Center. What I’ve learned since Sept. 11 is to not take life for granted. Each and every day I tell my family and friends how much I love and miss them.”

— DONNA MANZ



Ingrid Knowlton, Reston

“The security, all the security, everywhere. For me, it’s being prepared for an attack the best you can, and stressing the importance of it to your children without frightening them. You have to be prepared the best you can but you can’t stop living your life.”

Who Makes Cancer Research Possible?

An invitation to get involved.

BY JEAN CARD
THE CONNECTION

How does a relatively shy person ask friends and family, let alone complete strangers, to donate their hard-earned dollars? We are all asked many times over to give to worthy causes. How do you ask people to make your cause their priority? I'm trying to figure that out right now.

In February, I was diagnosed with Acute Promyelocytic Leukemia (APL). It was quite a ride, but today I am in remission with fantastic prospects for a "normal" future. I am incredibly lucky.

It started with a lot of unexplained bruising ... actually two matching bruises on the back of my hands. A couple of weeks later, my partner Stuart pointed out a massive bruise that covered my entire lower back; so on a Monday morning I went in for a rou-

tine blood test.

That evening, I received a phone call from the advice nurse. After what seemed like a million questions, she had me go to the emergency room, with the following admonishments: I was not to drive myself, I was not to use anything sharp and I was under no circumstances to fall down. I had almost no platelets, the type of blood cells that clot, and so was at risk of severe, potentially life-threatening bleeding.

I was sent home that night with an appointment for a bone marrow biopsy in the morning. Everything seemed to go fine with the biopsy; we stopped for some lunch and by the time I got home, I was gushing blood from my biopsy site. While I was in the process of calling to find out what to do, the triage nurse from the oncology practice called to say they were booking a room for me in the hospital for transfusions. My platelets had dropped even more and I had absolutely no immunity to anything (my kind of leukemia features white blood cells that do not mature properly to provide natural protection to infection). I would



PHOTO BY STUART MOLL

Stuart Moll and Jean Card. "Stuart cut his waist-length hair to support me, while I took the opportunity to play around as my hair thinned dramatically during chemotherapy treatment for leukemia. Happily, all the gray went first, and has yet to come back."

probably be home that evening, she said, but pack a bag, just in case it ends up being overnight. One day shy of four weeks later, I left the hospital.

When I left the hospital, because I was immuno-compromised I saw very few people, beyond my family; I saw friends a couple of times

when I had confirmed my counts were good and they definitely felt healthy; had to limit what I ate (nothing fresh and uncooked); and avoided a lot of places, especially crowds. I was home from work for almost six months.

I am incredibly lucky. I responded to all treatments as expected and tolerated much of the chemotherapy with relatively mild side effects — at least as far as anything I have to compare it to. But there are many, many families still looking for their luck: the discovery that will make treatment easier, or more effective, or less scary.

In the case of APL, it turns out a form of super-charged vitamin A is the miracle drug. My mother and I have had more than one conversation about how it's possible for someone to figure that out. Who comes up with an idea like that? Who keeps coming up with the ideas to try this or that, in this or that combo, for this or that duration?

And it seemed like I had the most bizarre, specific chemotherapy treatment (it appears all cancers have their own bizarre,

specific treatments ... I didn't know that before). Four days of one medication intravenously, every other day. A month later, four days, in a row, of the same medication, at half the dose; then a month later, three days, in a row, of a different medication. And finally a month later, two days, in a row, of the original medication at the original dose. All the while, still taking my super-charged vitamin A.

And now I have an equally bizarre, specific maintenance routine. For four 90-day cycles I will take nine pills (five in the morning, four in the evening, with food) for the first 15 days. For all 90 days I will take another medication once a day (four pills, on an empty stomach) and once a week I will take another medication (12 pills, because it only comes in a small dosage, also on an empty stomach). Who figures this out so that I can have the best prospects for a leukemia-free future?

I guess I don't really care who, I just care that someone does. I care that they have money to fund re-

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FAITH

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St. John's Episcopal Church, 6715 Georgetown Pike in McLean, will hold their Homecoming Celebration on Sunday, Sept. 11. The Worship service is at 10 a.m., followed by the annual Homecoming picnic, Church School registration, and Ministries Fair on the front lawn. There will be a moon bounce for the children. 703-356-4902 or www.stjohnsmclean.org.

Christ the King Lutheran Church, 10550 Georgetown Pike in Great Falls, will mark the beginning of the Sunday School year for all ages on Rally Day, Sunday Sept. 11. To celebrate, the Church will host a Rally Day BBQ on the front lawn following the 11 a.m. service. Members and visitors are invited to join in the fun, including burgers and dogs and all the fixings. www.gflutheran.org.

Epiphany United Methodist Church, 1014 Country Club Drive, N.E. in Vienna, has an Adult Sunday School class that will begin studying John B. Cobb's book *Spiritual Bankruptcy: A Prophetic Call to Action* on Sunday, Sept. 11. Coffee at 9:30 a.m., class at 9:45 a.m. office@epiphanyumc.com or 703-938-3494.

Antioch Christian Church, 1860 Beulah Road in Vienna, is hosting a Memorial Worship service for the 10 year Anniversary of 9-11 on Sunday, Sept. 11 at 11 a.m. in the church sanctuary. The public is invited to this service of remembrance and hope. Each guest will receive a special edition book titled "Never Forget." www.antiochdoc.org.

Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax, 2709 Hunter Mill Road in Oakton, seeks female actors for production of "Mother Wove the Morning", a play by Carol Lynn Pearson. All ages and types needed. Play will be performed Oct. 21-22 and proceeds benefit The Fistula Foundation. Auditions will be held on Tuesday, Sept 13. Sched-

ule an audition appointment at www.uucf.org or scbennett@cox.net 703-281-4230.

Andrew Chapel United Methodist Church, 9201 Leesburg Pike in Vienna, has a 10 a.m. Sunday Worship Service through Sept 4. Beginning Sept. 11 Worship is 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m., Sunday School 9:30 a.m., and Youth Fellowship at 6 p.m. September study groups are Monday night's 'Companions in Christ', and Tuesday 10 a.m. Bible Study. Bell Choir practice is Wednesday at 7 p.m. and choir practice at 8 p.m. Call 703-759-3722 to register for Preschool and Mother's Day Out. 703-759-3508.

Antioch Christian Church, 1860 Beulah Road in Vienna, is celebrating National Back to Church Sunday on Sept. 18 at 11 a.m. worship. Antioch is participating in Back to Church Sunday, a national movement of churches to encourage formerly churchd people to rediscover church and try it again. www.antiochdoc.org.

Epiphany United Methodist Church, 1014 Country Club Drive, N.E. in Vienna, is celebrating its 50th anniversary with a special worship service on Sept. 25 at 11 a.m. Reserve by Sept. 10 for luncheon after services. office@epiphanyumc.com or 703-938-3494.

The Jewish Social Services Agency (JSSA) offers a wide variety of support groups for those with emotional, social, and physical challenges. www.jssa.org/growth-learning.

HAVEN of Northern Virginia offers a variety of free bereavement support groups, meeting on a weekly basis. Contact 703-941-7000 or www.havenofnova.org for schedules and registration information.

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On Thursday, Sept. 8, from 4 to 7 p.m., Saks Fifth Avenue Tysons Galleria celebrates Fashion's Night Out with DC Magazine, the March of Dimes, The Office of Minority Health and "A Healthy Baby Begins with You" celebrity spokeswoman Tonya Lewis Lee to celebrate the beauty of healthy living at a celebration dubbed "In Good Taste and Health."

Party-goers will shop the newest fall collections, bid on unique experiences and rare items, sample gourmet goodies as top chefs prepare folate-filled food live. Saks Fifth Avenue will donate 10 percent of the evening sales and all auction proceeds to March of Dimes.

From 5 to 6 p.m. Laurent Amzallag, former trainer for Oprah Winfrey's "Live

Your Best Life" tour and Dr. Jen Faber, owner of Kinetic Health Alternatives who has served as chiropractor to Lady Gaga's dancers, deliver fitness tips that everyone can incorporate into daily life, on the first floor of the store.

Throughout the evening on the second floor, attendees will enjoy mini makeovers while student health ambassadors give you tips on healthy living. Sample gourmet goodies from top area restaurants, including Chima Brazilian Steakhouse, Bar Manager Jo-Jo Valenzuela from Jack Rose Dining Saloon and Vegan Chef Levita Mondie. Saks will also unveil the newly launched collection from B By Brian Atwood. Party-goers can immortalize themselves

trying out the new and much anticipated shoe line, tag themselves on Facebook and take home their pictures from the B by Brian Atwood Photo Booth.

Beginning at 6 p.m., the finale of the party will take place on the third floor, where attendees will learn how to prepare healthy gourmet foods filled with folic acid. Tonya Lewis Lee will partner with: Former "Top Chef" Contestants Tamesha Warren of The Oval Room; Timothy Dean of Prime Steak House and T.D. Burger, LLC; and Vegan Chef Levita Mondie.

Interested attendees can RSVP to rsvptysons@s5a.com or call 703-269-1206 for more information.

Supporting Cancer Research

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search. I care that amazing ideas keep happening. I care that miracles keep coming our way.

So, here I am, asking for your hard-earned dollars: My team, The APL Dumpling Gang (named after a favorite childhood movie), will be walking in the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's annual Light The Night walk at Reston Town Center on Oct. 1.

I hope you'll support my "gang." I know we all get lots of requests

for a variety of causes to support ... so no pressure to make this particular one your priority. But, if you are looking for a place to put that \$5, \$10, or \$25 donation, please send it our way.

Or, just as important as finding new miracles, share one you already have at no cost: donate blood or platelets. I always knew it mattered, but until I was watching bag after bag going into my body, helping save my life, I didn't really know. Visit <http://www.redcrossblood.org/gcp> or

www.inova.org and click Get Involved and then Blood Donor Services.

Learn more about the event or The APL Dumpling Gang at www.lightthenight.org, click on Donate, and search Jean Card or APL Dumpling Gang.

And if you'd like to know more about my personal adventures with leukemia, e-mail me at jcard@connectionnewspapers.com.

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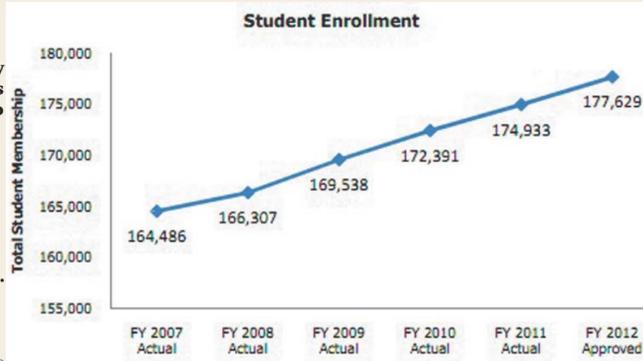
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Fairfax County Heads Back to School

New year brings employee raise, full day kindergarten, but issues still remain.

BY ALEX McVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

As the 2011-12 school year begins, 177,629 students are projected to attend the 194 Fairfax County Public Schools. This represents an increase of 2,696 from Fiscal Year 2011, leading to a requirement of 629.9 new positions. FCPS is the largest school system in Virginia and the 11th largest in the country.

According to a Feb. 26 Fairfax County School Board report, Virginia ranks seventh in the country in per capita income, but 38th in state support for K-12 education. Since Fiscal Year 2009, state support has been reduced by almost \$1 billion, from \$5.6 billion to \$4.8 in Fiscal Year 2012.

Despite these numbers, Superintendent Dr. Jack Dale says this year FCPS was able to give employees a 1 percent cost-of-living salary increase after a two-year salary freeze.

The county's Capital Improvement Program for FY2012-2016 kicks off this year, and the new plan calls for acceleration of their renovation schedule, because of the closing of Pimmit Hills Alternative High School and Clifton Elementary schools, as well as lower construction costs. According to FCPS, they have saved \$31 million in capital improvements over the past three years, and Dale said he expects that trend to continue.

"We're fortunate we got the votes from the Board of Supervisors to continue with the CIP," he said. "With the economy down, we've gotten some very low bid prices which allows us to do more projects."

THIS YEAR is the first school year where all 138 elementary schools will be offering full day kindergarten. Before this year there were 36 schools, mostly in the Dranesville district that did not offer full day kindergarten.

Dale called the countywide full day kindergarten "a great accomplishment that will benefit the entire system."

Since students aren't being split over morning and afternoon kindergarten, new staff was hired at many of the schools, 152.2 positions overall. According to FCPS's FY2012 budget, the total cost for implementation is \$8.2 million. But the implementation also saved around \$900,000 with the elimination of the no-longer-needed kindergarten School Age Child Care program as well as the sav-

ings of eliminating half-day bus runs.

Ann Malekzadeh, whose daughters attend Colvin Run Elementary School in Great Falls, was a vocal proponent of full day kindergarten.

"We're very excited the school board found a way to make sure we all have full day kindergarten," she said. "A lot of kids are excited they'll be able to be in school with their older siblings all day long, and my daughter is excited about being able to actually eat in the cafeteria, which kindergartners couldn't do when they were split."

Several community groups still have issues to work on in future years, and many of them say those issues will be key in this November's school board elections.

FAIRGRADE, part of the Fairfax Education Coalition (FEC), is still working to fight the phasing out of upper-level, high school honors courses for English and Social Studies. This year, FCPS will give high schoolers a chance to take World Studies and English classes online. These courses are called honors courses.

"We're offering these classes as a scaled-back option for students, so they don't have to take an AP exam or attend classroom courses," Dale said. "For those who take it, the online courses will allow them to customize their opportunities." Catherine Lorenze of the FEC and FAIRGRADE, says these new online options do not solve the problem.

"I think it's a very last-minute solution that had zero input from the school board," she said. "We're asking for honors versions of these classes, not AP Light."

Start Later for Excellence in Education Proposal (SLEEP) hopes to make school start times later, saying that early start times are causing high school students to suffer from sleep deprivation. Phyllis Payne of SLEEP says that early hours are interrupting natural sleep patterns and school with earlier start times show higher car crash rates for 16-18 year olds than ones with later times.

"I don't think the school board will truly address this problem this year, but hope administrators do something immediately to help the students who literally can't function with the status quo," she said. "Some students who are dropping out, frequently tardy or absent and/or suffering from depression or other illnesses need relief sooner rather than later."

BACK TO SCHOOL

School on Cutting Edge

Named best public school in the country for the past four years, Thomas Jefferson offers students chance to expand their boundaries.

BY ALEX McVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

A silver sculpture featuring two circles and two triangles bisecting each other is a familiar sight about a half-mile south from the intersection of Braddock Road and Little River Turnpike. It's the logo for Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology. While the sculpture itself might catch drivers' eyes, it's the work being done in the school that has the attention of educators from around the country.

Thomas Jefferson has been named the best public school in the nation for the past four years by U.S. News and World Report. Founded in 1985, the school's population is made up of six local jurisdictions. Eighty percent of the school's approximately 1,850 students come from Fairfax County, with Loudoun, Fauquier, Arlington and Prince William counties and the cities of Fairfax and Falls Church making up the remainder.

"We offer a unique curriculum tailored to emphasize science, technology, engineering and math (STEM)," said Principal Evan Glazer. "We pull in students from across the region because we offer a curriculum no other school can."

Say there are two students in Herndon who are interested in robotics. They wouldn't have a place to study that locally, but here we can take them in with other students from around the area who also might be interested."

THE SCHOOL has 13 different labs within its walls, with applications as diverse as the students' interests. One lab could easily be mistaken for an auto body shop, with car parts strewn about. It's the school's Energy Systems lab.

Just down the hall, the Oceanography and Geophysical Systems lab is abuzz with aquariums and terrariums containing a host of animals and plants to study. Further down, in the Biotechnology and Life Sciences lab, thousands of dollars of genetic imaging equipment is there to satisfy students with questions about the building blocks of life.

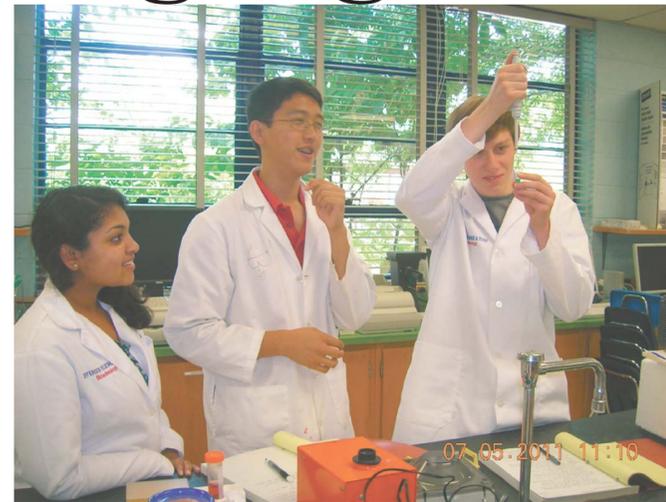
"The mindset we have here isn't just to help students pass their tests, but to get them excited about the joy of investigation and discovery, the critical aspects of learning," Glazer said.

In addition to normal sources of funding, the Thomas Jefferson Partnership Fund helps fund programs at the school through donations, corporate partnerships and capital campaigns.

Other technology organizations and companies have taken notice of the aptitude of Thomas Jefferson students. The Siemens Foundation, a nonprofit which provides STEM education grants and scholarship, named two members of TJ's Class of 2011 with their annual Advanced Placement Award, and not for the first time.

"Thomas Jefferson is an example of a school that is really working and educating its students, we almost always have an [Advanced Placement award] winner from there every year," said Jennifer Harper-Taylor, president of the Siemens Foundation. "It's a phenomenal platform for moving students forward and immersing them in partnerships with top research labs and organizations."

While the school's name features the term "science and technology," the humanities also have a place



Students from Thomas Jefferson High School of Science and Technology perform an experiment during a Fairfax County Public School summer course on Biotechnology.

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at Thomas Jefferson. For example, freshmen spend their early time at TJ in a Biology, English and Technology course that helps them form a multidisciplinary approach.

"With Biology, they learn how to do the research, the Technology teaches them about the instrumentation needed to collect and analyze information. The English part teaches them to communicate what they find, to the right audience, in a coherent way," Glazer said. "And it's great socially, these freshmen who are coming from all over get to spend three-eighths of their schedule with the same 70 to 80 person group."

This combining of the disciplines has proven successful for many of TJ's alumni. A.J. Smith, who graduated in 2009, is currently

studying Computer Science and Music Composition/Film Score at New York University.

"At Thomas Jefferson, I was able to really create a connection between music and technology, two things I love," he said. "I also learned to love the theater while at TJ, learning to step outside myself and take over somebody else's mind for a bit."

Smith is well on his way, he recently won a talent competition using a blend of computer-programmed music and his own singing and playing.

GLAZER SAYS the school is also dedicated to working with other Fairfax County Public Schools with their outreach efforts, and students constantly travel off-campus to

work with other schools, such as Dogwood Elementary School in Reston, Centre Ridge Elementary School in Centreville, Garfield Elementary School in Springfield and more.

"As a regional school, we're not only educating the 1,850 students who attend school here, we want to provide outreach that inspires the community," Glazer said. "People don't come to Thomas Jefferson as a destination, but to inspire the communities they come from with a love of STEM."

Every year the school has a "One Question" that students, faculty and staff try to answer with their work throughout the year. This year's question, "How can we, the TJ community, take action to help prepare students to confront difficult moral and ethical decisions, both now and in the future?" was submitted by senior Andrew Martin.

"I'm inspired every single day by the students and the teachers here, they're constantly on the cutting edge of whatever they're working on," Glazer said.

This year's \$252.7 million school bond referendum that will be on the ballots for the Nov. 8 election includes \$84.6 million for a renovation of Thomas Jefferson.

"Our building is way past due for improvements and our community is very excited and grateful at the prospect of being able to attend classes and work in a school that is up-to-date and designed for our unique needs," said Denise Bunting, president of the Thomas Jefferson PTSA.

More information on Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology can be found at www.tjhsst.edu.

Teaching the Love of Learning

High schools' principals reflect on challenges, priorities this year.



Matthew J. Ragone, Principal, Langley High School,

"Langley High School's main focus this year is to improve upon an already excellent academic program. How to extend learning, stretch the potential of every student, and teach the love of learning so they are authentically prepared for the world is an extraordinary challenge especially in these hard times. However, Fairfax County Public Schools has provided us with the resources and expertise to do just that

while at the same time catering to our students' individual needs. Not stressing students out in the process is also a challenge we will be addressing this year.

Physical improvements will also be coming to Langley High School. We have a major effort on to install a turf field. Langley is one of a few schools that does not have this safer, more reliable playing surface. Please help the effort by visiting www.langleyturf.org. Also, we have begun the planning process for a full-scale renovation of our school with ground breaking beginning sometime around 2014.

The second annual Langley Read is in full swing with Laura Hillenbrand's Unbroken. This community reading project spurs everything from art projects, intellectual discourse, lesson plans, and service learning ventures. Join the conversation by visiting our website starting in September."



Dr. Deborah Jackson, Principal, McLean High School

"McLean welcomes 2,021 students on Sept. 6, 2011. Academic excellence remains a priority at the school. To that end, when students arrive, they will first see renovations on campus and then some new faces. Academic excellence remains a priority. We will open a new computer writing lab to coincide with a new Advanced Composition Writing elective course. Another new humanities course is Project Enlightenment. Our world is more interconnected — socially, politically and economically — than it was even a few decades ago. At McLean, we are looking closely at what that means for our students. What do they need from their high school experience? How can we best prepare them to be global citizens? The school's School Improvement Team, comprising teachers, students and PTSA representative continues to examine the impact of these and other issues on how we educate today's high school students.

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Jay W. Pearson, Principal, George C. Marshall High School

"Marshall enters a new school year with two significant changes. Over the summer, work started on the building expansion and renovation project. Students, parents, and staff will see a change in their routines with the addition of 26 trailers behind the building and the relocation of some staff members to new locations around the building. Everyone will need to be flexible, adaptable, and patient as the project moves forward.

A second change for the coming school year is a new bell schedule. After eight years with Lunch and Learn, population growth and the renovation necessitated a change. Students now have four 45-minute Learn periods each week and a separate 30-minute lunch each day.

Our teacher collaboration is now held on Wednesday, not Friday. Change is never easy. However, I am confident students, parents, and staff will adjust as we remain focused on high levels of achievement for all of our students."

BACK TO SCHOOL

Keeping a Promise of Excellence

School Board Chair, her opponent list school system priorities and challenges in a new school year.

As the new school year begins, The Connection asked the current Fairfax County School Board Chair Jane K. Strauss and her challenger in November elections as Dranesville District representative on the School Board — Louise Epstein — to respond to the same five questions regarding the county schools in 2011-12. Here are the questions and their responses.

Q: How is the FCPS system doing? What could be done better?

STRAUSS: Student achievement, the most important measure of the success of FCPS, is at an all-time high. The Washington Post ranks all our schools in the top 6 percent nationally. Ed Week calculates that our graduation rate is 14 percent higher than would be expected given our student demographics. Overall student achievement continues to rise, as measured by SAT and SOL scores, AP/IB enrollment and pass rates and student earned industry certifications. The minority student achievement gap is narrowing and has closed in some schools. As for improvements, we need to place less emphasis

on high-stakes, fact-based standardized tests that tend to narrow the curriculum and stifle higher-level thinking skills.

EPSTEIN: FCPS has an excellent reputation. To be a world-class system, however, FCPS must provide better academic instruction to all students. Too many FCPS parents feel compelled to seek remedial tutoring and/or more advanced instruction outside of school. This makes it difficult for our children to enjoy activities like sports and music, to spend time with their family, or to get enough sleep.

Q: What is the impact of budget reductions on the quality of education?

STRAUSS: Proportionately, more budget cuts were made in nonschool-based areas, such as central offices, maintenance and transportation. The central offices are at the lowest level in 10 years. Going forward, maintenance, equipment and bus replacement will eventually need more funding. Also the pay freeze must end if we are to keep quality in the classroom. Our teachers and staff will get a much-deserved raise this year.

EPSTEIN: Budget reductions affect schools differently. In some schools in Fairfax County, most classes have 17 to 25 students. However, our area has the largest classes

in the county. In some of our schools, classes routinely have 25 to 35 students. This inequity is due to FCPS-designed staffing formulas that my opponent supports, which divert FCPS budget resources away from our area.

Over time, FCPS has increased spending on equipment and initiatives called “instructional support,” while reducing funds spent on classroom instruction. FCPS did not have to increase class sizes, freeze teacher salaries, or charge high school athletes fees to survive the recession. We would be better situated if FCPS listened to teachers’ suggestions to reduce the use of eCART SOL-prep and other FCPS headquarters initiatives.



PHOTO BY LOUISE KRAFFT/CONNECTION

The Langley High School Class of 2011 applauds before taking their seats for the graduation ceremony at DAR Constitution Hall on Thursday, June 16, 2011.

Bio Note

Jane K. Strauss

I have served 18 years on the School Board, am currently the Chairman and have been Budget Chair many times. I hold a master's degree in teaching from Harvard and am a former classroom teacher, school PTA president and county PTA president. I am the mother of four FCPS graduates whose needs spanned special education, general education and advanced academics. I have 35 years of educational experience and advocacy in Pre K-12.



Louise Epstein

is an experienced advocate who co-founded two bipartisan groups, FAIRGRADE and Fairfax Education Coalition, and is endorsed by Fairfax Zero Tolerance Reform. Epstein also served as a PTSA and Booster president at TJHSST, PTSA budget chair at McLean HS, PTA vice president at Longfellow MS, Cluster 1 representative on the FCCPTA, and president of FCAG. Epstein graduated from Harvard College and Harvard Law School and lives in McLean with her husband and daughters.



Q: What do you think is the single most important challenge for the school system at the beginning of the new school year?

STRAUSS: The logistics of a smooth opening of the school year are critical. Our classrooms are fully staffed, equipped and ready, including the new 36 full-day kindergarten programs. Over 1,300 new teachers have been hired and trained out of an applicant pool of 30,000. Bus routes are established

and practiced and schools have held open houses. All is ready.

EPSTEIN: The biggest challenge is to make all students feel as comfortable as possible with their new teacher(s) and classmates.

Q: What do you think of the recent controversy over the disciplinary policies in the county's public schools? How did the School Board handle the public's concerns?

STRAUSS: After listening carefully to the community, we have made thoughtful changes to the disciplinary process. Parents will be called immediately if it is suspected that their child is involved in serious misbehavior. For the 1 percent of students who do go through the discipline process, immediate academic and social/emotional support will be provided, the entire process will be shortened and fewer transfers from neighborhood schools will be made. Parents who are going through the hearing process will be surveyed to gauge how the changes are working.

EPSTEIN: I am the only Dranesville School Board candidate endorsed by Fairfax Zero Tolerance Reform. After student suicides resulted in adverse press, School Board members initially denied that FCPS had a zero tolerance process and claimed that state law mandated FCPS' punitive rules. When those assertions were discredited, FCPS fixed some problems. However, the School Board fell short on a critical reform — parental notification. My opponent voted no and I will fix this. If schools can call a parent when a child is ill, they should be required to call when a student may be suspended.

Q: You are both running for the School Board in upcoming elections: What would be your top priorities if elected?

STRAUSS: Class sizes need to be reduced by reversing the one-student increase in the staffing formula made early in the recession. Regular summer school must be restored and the remaining portion of the athletic fee eliminated. Over time, we must increase the use of online learning in order to maximize the high-value teacher/student face-to-face class time. A better mix of online and traditional courses would also give students more flexible use of their own schedules.

reaucrats — know best about what works and what doesn't. Often, valuable improvements need not increase costs. For example, adopting FAIRGRADE's proposals to bring back upper-level, high school honors courses in English and social studies should cost nothing.

I also will improve transparency and accountability. Information used to make decisions should be published without a Freedom of Information Act request. FCPS should also restructure its Audit Committee and internal audit and program evaluation programs, to ensure independent and objective evaluations of FCPS management.

EPSTEIN: My top priority will be to improve instruction by working closely with our classroom teachers. Teachers — not bu-

REMEMBERING 9/11

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Isaac Ho'opi'i received many awards and accolades for his service after the Sept. 11 attack.

Life Lessons of Sept. 11

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engineer with his own studio in Alexandria; daughter Bess Viernes teaches 1st Grade at Kent Gardens Elementary School; and younger daughter Kukana is a sophomore at Christopher Newport University, majoring in biology and math.

Isaac and Gigi together coached McLean Little League Girls Softball from 1997 to 2009, and were extremely popular amongst the kids, families, and the MLL organization.

"After 9/11, I really threw myself into my work on the force," he explained, "but it was coaching that helped me cope with the emotional aftermath."

"We had the greatest team that year," Gigi added, "the nicest kids, the nicest parents, and we won everything, swept the awards. Seeing the kids enjoy the game just took over Isaac's mind. We have always called it our gift from God."

BEFORE 9/11, Ho'opi'i always came home at night and played his guitar to shake off the day's pressures.

"That stopped for about six months after 9/11," Gigi said, "and it worried me. Then one night, his bandmates came over, and Isaac got back into his music, which was so therapeutic."

Ho'opi'i is the frontman for the "Aloha Boys," a trio that plays traditional and original Hawaiian music. They have appeared locally at The Birchmere and Strathmore, as well as at the United States Capitol and the Smithsonian. In 2009, Arlington County sent them to its sister city Champagne, France as part of their cultural exchange, and they performed at President Barack Obama's Inaugural Ball, as well as in New York City. They are the premier Hawai-

ian band on the East coast, and this year, Ho'opi'i won the Wammie Award for Best World Music Vocalist.

Ho'opi'i received many awards and accolades for his service after the attack, and plaques line an upstairs hallway of their McLean home.

"The kids enjoy them," he explained. One standout is a striking portrait by famed fashion photographer Richard Avedon, a copy of which the photographer donated to the "Bearing Witness to History" exhibit at the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History.

Along with the demands of his job, music, and family life, Ho'opi'i also coaches at McLean High School, assisting with football and basketball.

"Staying busy helped me after 9/11, and I like to keep it up, give back wherever I can," Ho'opi'i added.

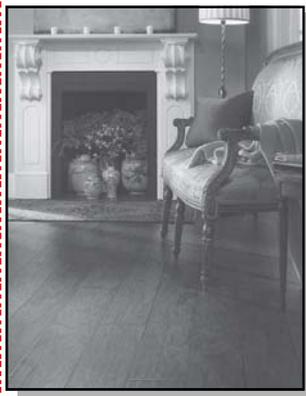
"He was always a family man," Gigi explained, "but he has become even more so since the attack. One of our driving forces that year was realizing how much a part of families people are, that nothing is only about an individual."

"I wouldn't wish on anyone what I saw and did those days," Ho'opi'i said, "But I learned a lot — all the old cliches of life is short, take life as it comes, and don't take anything for granted."

"I don't like to refer to terrorism as something relating specifically to the Middle East, as was 9/11 — obviously we have internal, or domestic terrorism here as well," Ho'opi'i went on, "but we live in a highly international area, and we have to be aware that things like that can happen. I've learned, as they say, to expect the unexpected."

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Kyle Andrews, Ernie Halter and Taxicab Racers.

7:30 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. www.jamminjava.com.

The Brothers Cazimero with Brother Noland.

8 p.m. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. Hawaiian chants, dances, and songs. Accompanied by the men of Halau Na Kamalei and the ladies of the Royal Dance Company performing hula dances. \$38 in-house, \$22 lawn. www.wolftrap.org.

THURSDAY/SEPT. 8

Murphy's Kids, Future and Teddy and the Purple Funk.

8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. www.jamminjava.com.

"A Funny Thing Happened On the Way to the Forum."

8 p.m. James Lee Community Center, 2855-A Annandale Road, Falls Church. Musical comedy about mistaken identity and young love. \$6-\$15. 703-615-6626 or zbleck@aol.com.

Vienna Arts Society Monthly Meeting.

7:30 p.m. Vienna Art Center, 115 Pleasant St., NW, Vienna. With a demonstration of still life oil painting by Jill Banks. Free and open to the public. 703-319-3971 www.ViennaArtsSociety.org.

Judy Collins with Shawn Mullins.

8 p.m. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. Traditional and



"On the Half Shell," pen and ink by Teresa Ahmad. There will be an Awards Reception on Saturday, Sept. 10 from 6-8 p.m. at the Vienna Art Center, 115 Pleasant St. N.W. in Vienna, for "Square It!," a display of original art judged by Lynn Goldstein. The exhibit will be on display through Oct. 1. Show hours are Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-4 p.m. 703-319-3971 or www.ViennaArtsSociety.org.

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FRIDAY/SEPT. 9

Friday Night Steak Dinner. 5:30-8 p.m. American Legion Post 180, 330 North Center St, Vienna. Grilled rib-eye steak, baked potato and salad. \$9. 703-938-9535.

Banjo Man. 10:30 a.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. www.jamminjava.com.

We Were Kings CD Release and Dance Party, Big Hurry and Breaking Borders. 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. www.jamminjava.com.

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Koi and Bonsai Show. 12-4 p.m. Meadowlark Botanical Gardens, 9750 Meadowlark Gardens Court, Vienna. Koi displays, judging, informational seminars, pond and koi vendors. Bonsai will also be on display. Free and open to the public. 703-255-3631.

Eddie from Ohio with Martin Sexton.

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Pokemon League. 3 p.m. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. Learn and play. Age 5-18. 703-938-0405.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 10

Virginia Indian Festival and Showcase for Native Arts.

10 a.m.-4 p.m. Riverbend Park, 8700 Potomac Hills St., Great Falls. Members of seven native tribes present a cultural demonstration of the arts and their ancient way of life. Tribal dancing, rhythmic drumming, pottery, crafts, food, hands-on activities and more. Use chopping tools to help build a dug-out canoe, hit the mark at the archery range or throw spears with the atlatl. Admission \$5. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/riverbend/ or 703-759-9018.

Championship Boxing. George Mason University Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax. Jimmy Lange to fight Raul Muñoz for WBU title. Tickets \$35-\$500, available at www.ticketmaster.com and 703-573-SEAT.

James Madison High School Marching Band Tag Day.

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Kids Show: The Diggity Dudes.

10:30 a.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. www.jamminjava.com.

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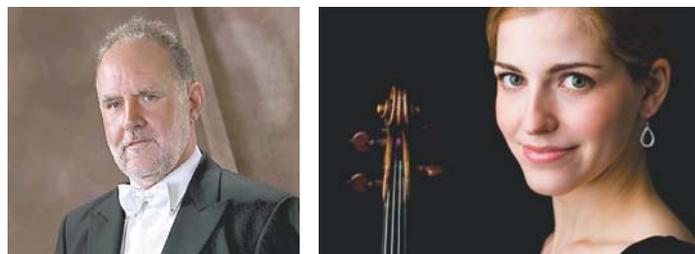
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"Don't Dress for Dinner, or Pajamas for Six." 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. 1st Stage, 1524 Spring Hill Road in Tyson's Corner. A farce by Marc Camoletti about mistaken identity and infidelities with more twists than a corkscrew. Tickets \$25. www.1ststageysons.org/jeeves or 703-854-1856.

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Sing-A-Long Sound of Music. 7 p.m. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. A screening of the classic Julie Andrews musical, complete with subtitles so that the audience can sing along. Tickets from \$15-\$38. www.wolftrap.org.

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ABBA—The Concert. 8 p.m. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. Performed by tribute group ABBA—The Music. \$38 in-house, \$25 lawn. www.wolftrap.org.

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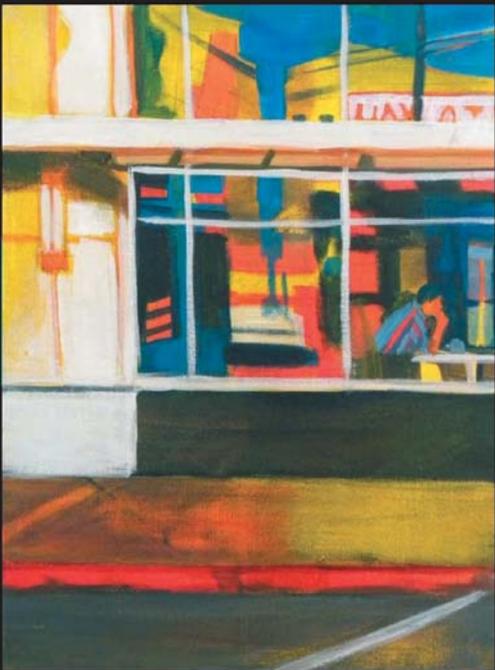
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NEWS



Guests at the 18th annual Middle Eastern Food Festival enjoy their meals in the shade at the Holy Transfiguration Church in McLean Sept. 4.

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Middle Eastern Culture on Display

Holy Transfiguration Church hosts 18th annual Middle Eastern Food Festival.

BY ALEX McVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

The Holy Transfiguration Church in McLean was the site of the 18th annual Middle Eastern Food Festival, where people of all backgrounds came to sample the bounties of Middle Eastern culture. Featuring live music, tours of the church and dancing groups, this year's festival brought hundreds of people to the church Sept. 4.

"Whether you have come to taste the delicious food, experience our rich cultural and religious heritage, jump on a moon bounce, or dance a Middle Eastern dance, we welcome you," said Protodeacon David Baroody, chair of this year's festival.

Inside the church, hungry guests could dine on roasted lamb, kibbeh (baked ground beef with spices and stuffed ground lamb, onions and pine nuts), loobyeh (green beans cooked with tomato sauces, spices and onions), or a variety of vegetables and sandwiches.

Outside, bakers made thin flatbread by spreading dough over a heated dome just long enough for it to cook, and some bread was covered in za'atar, a condiment made with sesame seeds, sumac, salt and other spices.

Vendors also sold cooked chicken kebabs and roasted lamb and beef. For those with a sweet tooth, pastries and desserts such as atayef (nut or cheese filled small pancakes dipped in syrup) or awameh (fried dough balls dipped in Arabic rosewater syrup).

"I think this is a great opportunity to not just enjoy Middle East-

ern food, which you can do all year round at a number of local restaurants, but to actually immerse yourself in the culture for a bit," said Stephen Jeannette of McLean. "I came expecting to fill up on kebabs, which are one of my favorites, but found a few other dishes, especially the loobyeh with rice to be fantastic."

Nasser Al-Muwallad, a native of Saudi Arabia who currently lives in Vienna, said he was impressed by the authenticity of so many of the dishes.

"I've been to places that advertised Middle Eastern food before, and sometimes you can tell the grape leaves came from a can or the fattoush (an Arabic salad with lettuce, cucumber, tomato, mint,

garlic and more) came from some supermarket," he said. "But not here, I was amazed at how authentic everything was. I picked up some desserts for some relatives coming into town next week, and I think they'll be wowed when I tell them where I got them."

Right Reverend Joseph Francavalla, pastor of Holy Transfiguration, said that the church's main purpose was to provide hospitality for the community.

"Not only do we offer tasty food items and delicious sweets, but we offer our hospitality to one and all," he said. "For us, hospitality is a sacred duty. We are convinced that whoever welcomes a guest under his roof welcomes Christ Himself."



Lani Kankary prepares some pastries for a customer at the 18th annual Middle Eastern Food Festival at the Holy Transfiguration Church in McLean.



Hanan Moore packages some atayef (small pancakes filled with nuts or cheese) at the 18th annual Middle Eastern Food Festival at the Holy Transfiguration Church in McLean.

Saxons, Highlanders Both Victorious in Week One Football

Both teams utilize strong running games to win low-scoring affairs.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

It was a victorious opening week of football for both the Langley and McLean High teams this past week. The Saxons of Langley, coming off a successful 2010 season which saw them qualify for the Northern Region Div. 6 playoffs, defeated Herndon, 14-7, last Thursday night, Sept. 1 in a non-district road win. Meanwhile, McLean, coming off an 8-3 season and a trip to the Div. 5 playoffs a year ago, defeated visiting non-district opponent Washington-Lee, 7-6, last Thursday.

McLean, under head coach Jim Patrick, won over a Generals' squad which went as far as the Div. 5 regional semifinals last year. The Highlanders also qualified for last year's Div. 5 playoffs. Both McLean and Washington-Lee lost to Hayfield in last year's postseason — the Highlanders losing in the quarterfinals and the Generals in the semifinals.

“We were very fortunate to come up with a win against Washington-Lee. Defensively they were pretty strong.”

— McLean High Coach Jim Patrick

So as expected, Thursday's week one meeting between the two play-off teams of a year ago was tightly contested. All of the game's scoring took place in the second quarter. McLean senior running back Ryan McColgan scored on a 61-yard run for the Highlanders' lone touchdown of the game. That was followed by a successful point-after kick by junior Chris Rosenbaum to make the score 7-0. Washington-Lee scored its second quarter touchdown on a pass play but did not convert the extra point and still trailed 7-6.

That was all of the game's scoring. For the night, McColgan rushed for



Langley running back Philip Mun rushed for 161 yards in the Saxons' 14-7 win.

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Philip Mun reaches out for the end zone on this first quarter touchdown play.

157 yards on 23 carries. As a team, the Highlanders rushed for more than 260 yards.

Even with the success on the ground, Coach Patrick said there is room for improvement.

“We moved the ball inconsistently,” said Patrick. “We had a 61-yard run and a couple of other big runs but weren't able to consistently move the ball. We showed flashes of

what we could do but weren't consistent.

“Washington-Lee crowded the box [defensively] against the run on us which is what everyone does against us because we run the ball so much,” he said. “Washington-Lee did a real nice job.”

McLean hurt itself with 12 penalties on the night and the offense turned the ball over four times, hurting the Highlanders' chances of scoring more points.

“That's unlike McLean,” said Patrick, of the numerous mistakes. “We were very fortunate to come up with a win against Washington-Lee. Defensively they were pretty strong.”

McLean will travel to Falls Church High this Friday night, Sept. 9 for a non-district game versus the Jaguars. Falls Church is coming off a tough 37-0 loss at Jefferson.

LANGLEY, in its win at Herndon last week, scored touchdowns in both the first and fourth quarters. The host Hornets found the end zone in the third quarter.

A year ago, the Saxons had one of the region's best passing attacks behind quarterback Braden Anderson, who was a key factor in Langley's solid 6-4 regular season. Anderson graduated last spring and Langley's new signal caller is senior Austin Vasiliadis.

In Thursday's win, Vasiliadis, a key member of the Saxons' Liberty District championship boys' basketball team during the winter sports season, completed six-of-10 passes for 48 yards. His seven-yard scoring toss to senior receiver A.J. Holtberg in the final quarter broke a 7-7 tie and paved the way to the Saxons' 14-7 win.

While Vasiliadis was keeping the Hornets' defense honest with some completed passes, the biggest difference in the game was Langley's prolific running game which accounted for 230 yards. The Saxons' top ball carrier was Philip Mun, who rushed for 161 yards on 34 carries. Vasiliadis added 56 yards running the football on 16 keeper plays.

Mun scored the game's first touchdown on a one-yard run in the first quarter. Brian Ocha's extra point kick made it 7-0 Saxons.

Herndon quarterback Ky Gilmore-Parrott broke free for a 63-yard touchdown run in the third quarter as the Hornets tied the game at 7-7. But Holtberg's scoring catch in the fourth quarter proved to be the game-winner.

Langley, under head coach John Howerton, will be at home this Friday night to take on Jefferson, which won at home last week, 37-0, over Falls Church.

PEOPLE

Heading to Paraguay

Rebecca Cooper of McLean receives Fulbright Award.

Rebecca H. Cooper of University of Virginia has been awarded a Fulbright U.S. Student Program scholarship to Paraguay in Economic Development, the United States Department of State and the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board announced recently.

Cooper graduated from Langley High School in 2007 as one of the valedictorians and has lived in McLean her whole life with her parents Wayne and Bonnie Cooper. She graduated in May from UVA's McIntire School of Commerce with a BS in Commerce (concentrations in international business and marketing) and a second major in Spanish. She became interested in international sustainable development, particularly micro-finance after a January term study abroad program with UVA professor Brad Brown in Nicaragua. They worked with and learned about sustainable projects in Nicaragua and around the world, particularly Bangladesh.

Last summer, Cooper applied for a grant and received money to fund an internship that she did in Cochabamba, Bolivia. She was placed with a small micro-finance institution giving loans primarily to small and medium-sized businesses through the San Francisco based organization, Foundation for Sustainable Development (FSD). She lived with a host family for more than two months and commuted to work every day by bus. The internship assured her interest in micro-finance and



Rebecca H. Cooper, of McLean (middle), with her host family in Bolivia.

made her consult Brown on how to begin a proposal for a Fulbright scholarship.

Cooper's project in Asuncion, Paraguay, the capital, starting in January will be to study the effectiveness and impact of micro-loans on different populations such as women or the indigenous Guarani population. Over 10 months, she will be following the quantity to which these groups become less "impoverished" over 50 different indices including health, self-empowerment, home condition, education, etc. In the meantime, she has an internship with the US Advocacy Team at the ONE Campaign in D.C., which focuses on raising awareness in congress and on college campuses and subsequently action for eliminating extreme global poverty, particularly in Africa.

Cooper is one of more than 1,600 U.S. citizens who will travel abroad for the 2011-2012 academic year through the Fulbright U.S. Student Program.

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For further information about the Fulbright Program or the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, visit: <http://fulbright.state.gov> or contact James A. Lawrence, Office of Academic Exchange Programs, telephone 202-632-3241, or e-mail fulbright@state.gov

Celebrating 60th Anniversary

June and Earle Williams celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on Sept. 7. They were high school and college sweethearts in Auburn, Ala. where they were married.

Earle served his country in the Army and was President and CEO of BDM International, a defense contracting company. June was the stay-at-home presence.

With their sense of patriotism, charity, compassion and community, they are the cornerstone for their three daughters, sons-in-law and grandchildren.

Earle and June currently reside in McLean.



Earle and June Williams

Timothy Higgins Commits to Cornell

Great Falls resident will play basketball in Ivy League.

Timothy Higgins, 16, a Great Falls resident and junior at Paul VI Catholic High School in Fairfax, provided his verbal commitment to Cornell University basketball coaches on Aug. 28, confirming that he will play for the Big Red. In doing so, Higgins is the youngest and earliest basketball commit in the history of the Ivy League. Higgins is 6'10", left-handed and plays basketball for two national powerhouse teams: Paul VI, a member of the Washington Catholic Athletic Conference (WCAC), as well as Nike Team Takeover during the travel season.

Higgins, who plays seven musical instruments, has always had a desire to play in the Ivy League.

While many Ivy League schools were interested in Higgins, his interest in Cornell was piqued by Cornell's recent run to the Sweet Sixteen. In attempting to accelerate his goal, Higgins took the SATs during October of his sophomore year and scored 750s across the board for a 2250 (as well as perfect scores on various subject matter tests) and has taken many accelerated courses at Paul VI, earning a perfect 4.3 GPA. His very early academic success, coupled with his experience playing for Paul VI in the WCAC, as well as Team Takeover, made him an extremely attractive candidate for the Ivy League teams, as well as other high academic schools.



Timothy Higgins

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THURSDAY/SEPT. 8

Happy Hearts Senior Adult Fellowship Potluck Lunch. 12:30 p.m. Antioch Christian Church, 1860 Beulah Road, Vienna. Discussion about the effects of 9-11 and games. Open to the public. Bring a favorite food dish. Chicken provided. \$2 donation. 703-938-6753 or www.antiochdoc.org.

Vienna Tysons Regional Chamber of Commerce Lunch in Luxury. 11:30 a.m. 2941 Restaurant, 2941 Fairview Park Drive, Falls Church. With speaker John Evans, author of "Embrace the Tiger." \$40 members, \$50 non-members.

www.vtrcc.org.
VTRCC Young Professionals Mixer. 5:30-7:30 p.m. Sofios, 1477 Chain Bridge Road, Suite 201, McLean. Complimentary appetizers, wine and beer. Free, reservations required. www.vtrcc.org.

FRIDAY/SEPT. 9

Mothers First Monthly Support Group. 10 a.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Support group for at-home mothers. Moms and children welcome. www.mothersfirst.org.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 10

Estate Sale. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Claude Moore Colonial Farm at Turkey Run, 6310 Georgetown Pike, McLean. Prints, paintings and other wall art, estate furniture including wicker, over 30 boxes of children's books,

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Avoiding Divorce Court I: How to Negotiate or Mediate a Property Settlement Agreement. 10 a.m. The Women's Center, 127 Park St. N.E., Vienna. An experienced divorce attorney on a comparison of mediation and

negotiation and provide tips, strategies and pitfalls to avoid and a general discussion of issues commonly addressed in an agreement. \$30-\$70. Register at www.thewomenscenter.org.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 11

DivorceCare and DivorceCare for Kids. 11 a.m. McLean Presbyterian Church, 1020 Balls Hill Road, McLean. First of thirteen weekly sessions. 703-821-0800.

MONDAY/SEPT. 12

Why Good Wills Go Bad. 10 a.m. Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St. S.E., Vienna. A free presentation by attorney David G. Hoffman with a discussion of Virginia will law, organizing assets, when to change your will, talking to an executor, reducing probate, will

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2, 4, 6, 8; Who Do I Appreciate?



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

My parents. Why? Aside from all the obvious reasons; the trigger, most recently, was the television coverage of the Little League World Series on ESPN in August and seeing the parents in the grandstands watching their children play baseball. Not that any of the teams I played on ever made it to a Regional-type Championship, but I had my share of success – as a poised, right-handed, non-power pitcher. I made All-Star teams and pitched for City Championships on and off throughout my “wonder years.” And my parents accommodated that pursuit: planning meals early or late, depending; being driven to and from (and/or making the necessary pick-up, delivery and return-home arrangements); providing the required hardware (bats, balls, gloves, spikes, hats, uniforms, etc.) and most importantly, having a father who, whenever possible, was happiest being my primary practice partner: playing catch by the side of the house or hitting me grounders and fly balls while I stood up against the backstop at my Junior High School.

My father loved to watch me play baseball. (My mother was “too nervous about watching me,” she always said, and rarely attended – which I certainly understood.) My father more than made up for her absence, however. Whenever his work schedule allowed, there he was, front and center in the grandstands, encouraging me from a distance when I was pitching, and up close and personal between innings when I wasn’t, when he would come over to the team’s bench to talk with me – and offer more encouragement. Everybody knew Barry Lourie: the coaches, my teammates, even some of my opponents, and maybe a few of the umpires. (However, he never crossed the line; he wasn’t one of “those” parents.) If I was pitching, my father was sitting in the stands. I could always count on him being there.

Watching the Little League World Series these past few weeks evoked memories of a well-spent youth, centered around baseball. There was success and failure, the pursuit of a common goal, the melding together and camaraderie of a team, and most importantly, the involvement of my parents, especially my father. And 45 years later, baseball remains one of the most important aspects of my life. Throw in a cancer diagnosis and deceased parents – for a little context, and you see the past and your present priorities clearer than you ever have.

The “Baseball, Ray ...” speech by Terrance Mann (James Earl Jones) spoken in the movie, “Field of Dreams” sums up the emotion and connection of baseball between the generations far better than I ever could. Suffice is to say: It mattered to my father, it matters to me (if I had children, no doubt it would matter to them), and the longer I survive a terminal diagnosis/prognosis (stage IV lung cancer), the more I remember – and savor – the moments that matter to me. A significant portion of these moments included baseball and/or my father, all of which came rushing back to me while watching the kids – and parents, at the 2011 Little League World Series.

If I saw my father sitting/standing on the grandstands watching me pitch once, I must have seen him there 100 times – literally, from my age nine through 18; every spring beginning with Little League, through High School and during the summers as well on miscellaneous Babe Ruth League teams.

I was there. He was there. We were there. No wonder I miss him.

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Heading to China

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Tomoko Davis practices her hula moves with members of a local hula group, which travels to China to perform at two festivals; one in Shanghai and the other in Kuoyang. Members from two hula groups, Hui O Ka Pua Ilima from McLean and Hui Hula O Na Pualani from Arlington are combining into one for this trip. The group was invited to perform at the Chinese festivals by the George Mason University New World Bilingual Institute and is the third time that the local hula group has been invited.



Judy Titus and other members of a local hula group perform their last full dress rehearsal Monday evening before they leave for China on Sept. 7 to perform in China’s Gala Festivals. Members from Hui O Ka Pua Ilima and Hui Hula O Na Pualani join forces for the cultural trip as well as members of the Hawaii State Society Ukulele Hui, which provides the musical support.



Members of a local hula group, Tomoko Davis and Trippi Penland, practice their dance moves during a dress rehearsal on Monday evening in Arlington.



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