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Ryan, 10, and Sofia Gaffney, 6, play a game of Twister in the '60s games section at the Reston Festival Sunday, July 10.

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WEEK IN RESTON

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Residents 'Taking Back Their Community'

The Hunters Square Community, one of the Reston Cluster Associations, is joining millions of residents across the country to fight against crime and drugs during this year's National Night Out.

National Night Out held on Aug. 2, "is designed to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness; generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime programs;

strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back."

The Hunters Square Community is planning to involve as many of its residents as possible and have a community block party to celebrate neighborhood watch and community spirit. Target and some of its employees will be present as the National Sponsor for the event. The Reston police and Supervisor will be in attendance as well as activities such as face painting and a moon bounce for the neighborhood children. A local band will also be in attendance for entertainment as well as a community raffle of prizes donated by local businesses. For more information regarding visit nationalnightout.org. Also, contact Michael Dees, Community Manager, at 703-437-5800 or mdees@twcmanagement.com for more details.

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Brian Mandell and his friend Stefan Sutich run in the 2010 Boston Marathon. Mandell, a resident of Reston, will be running in this year's Pan-Massachusetts Challenge, which is a bicycle ride to raise money for the Jimmy Fund of the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.



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PHOTOS CONTRIBUTED

Restonians Ride to Remember

Local residents participate in Pan-Massachusetts Challenge.

BY ALEX McVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

In March of 2008, Brian Mandell's daughter Emily was diagnosed with an Atypical Teratoid Rhabdoid tumor (AT/RT) when she was only 15 months old. The aggressive tumor is rare, affecting about 30 children per year. Mandell found the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in Boston had cases of success with treating the tumor, so Mandell and his wife, both teachers, made arrangements for Emily to receive treatments there.

"The treatment lasts around 52 to 78 weeks, so we rented an apartment in Boston and my wife stayed there, while I would teach during the week, fly up Friday and fly back Sunday night," Mandell said. "We met some unbelievable people there during that time, but unfortunately Emily passed away in March of 2009. Since then, we've committed to do everything in our power to combat AT/RT."

Mandell is one of several Reston residents who will be participating in the Pan-Massachusetts Challenge, a charity bike-a-thon that is one of the top fundraising athletic events in the country. More than 5,000 riders will participate in this year's challenge, with the goal of raising \$34 million to support lifesaving adult and pediatric cancer care and treatment at the Dana-Farber Institute.

Since its inception in 1980, the PMC has raised more than \$300 million for the Jimmy Fund, the fundraising initiative of the Dana-Farber Institute.

THIS YEAR'S EVENT, which will take place Aug. 6 and 7, features 11 routes that range from 25 to 192 miles throughout the state of Massachusetts. Riders range from age 13 to 87 in this year's event.

"Our cyclists come from all walks of life, from stay-at-home mothers to corporate CEOs to police officers," said Billy Starr, founder and executive director of the PMC. "The PMC unites them with one mission: finding cures for cancer."

Mandell, who ran in the 2010 Boston Marathon with the Dana-Farber team, says he wasn't much of a bike rider before getting involved in the event.

"I just started biking on the road," he said. "I'll be

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Norma Morris and daughter Margaret (Maggie) Morris

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Mother and Daughter Art on Display

Reston Community Center at Hunters Woods exhibits works by Norma and Margaret (Maggie) Morris.

BY ALISON ROSS
THE CONNECTION

From June 18 through July 31 the Reston Community Center at Hunters Woods will be showing an art exhibit featuring the creations of a mother and daughter team. The mixed media paintings are by Norma Ruiz Morris, while the photography is by her daughter Margaret "Maggie" Leigh Morris. Their pieces are presently displayed in the main Community Room, where an open reception will be held to celebrate their work this Sunday.

Norma Morris relocated to Virginia from Texas, "which is very flat and dry." She finds inspiration in the green environment of Reston, and her art reflects the local area. Subjects include everything from the Chesapeake Bay to the flora surrounding the nearby Hunters Woods Elementary School, where she currently works as one of the art teachers. Starting with a vivid painting as the foundation, many of her pieces become mixed media when she adds layers of material such as colored sand or raised dot patterns. Norma hopes that some of the children she teaches will get to see the exhibit, "to come and get a feel for art, especially Maggie's [as a role model], since she is trying to build up her portfolio."

Maggie Morris is currently enrolled in the Art Foundation Program at the Virginia Commonwealth University, and she will be working as a scenic assistant this summer with the RCC's Young Actors Theatre program. Her photography, a concentration in lighting, is also primarily focused on landscapes although they feature more than just her hometown of Reston. Along with scenes of Northern Virginia nature, there are photos of a Washington, D.C. Red Line Metro station, her aunt's old-fashioned period piece of a house, and even an abandoned tuberculosis factory. Maggie recalls having "to wear a protective suit and mask" in order to safely shoot in the location. There are also pieces that include her family and friends.

Both Norma and Maggie work closely with the Reston Community Center. Norma previously worked at the Lake Anne location as the Arts Education Assistant, and her successor Gloria Morrow "found her to be so creative" when they worked together. She also noted that Maggie "is well regarded by the Arts and Events department" at the Hunters Woods location.

The public reception for Norma and Maggie and their artwork will be held on Sunday, July 17, 4 to 6 p.m. at the Reston Community Center.

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NEWS

Gardening in Reston

Waiting list for 270
community garden plots.

BY AMIEE FREEMAN
THE CONNECTION

Reston gardeners are growing more than just tomatoes. During a tour of two of Reston's four community gardens, Claudia Thompson-Deahl, Reston Association's environmental resource manager, introduced a prize-winning daylily grower and a beekeeper.

Pat Cochenour has been gardening at the Lake Anne Garden off Wiehle Ave. for about 20 years, raising prize-winning daylily hybrids. She spends about two hours a day tending to her numerous plants. Her goal with the daylilies is to create hybrid plants by placing the pollen of one plant on the pistil of another plant. "If I'm lucky in a couple of days, I'll have a seed pod. These seeds will then create a hybrid plant," said Cochenour.

She was first attracted to daylilies after seeing some wild ones growing near an intersection. After doing a bit of research, Cochenour began growing daylilies in her garden plot. "That was 20 years ago. I got addicted to growing these flowers and it just snowballed." Her love for daylilies grew into a position with Meadowlark Garden in Vienna; currently, she is a volunteer at Meadowlark and a hybrid daylily contributor.

Cochenour's garden plot is full of colorfully named hybrids: Back to the Fuchsia, Framboise, Halloween Magic and Orchid Moonrise. On July 10, Cochenour showed some of her hybrids at the National Capital Daylily Club Daylily Show at Brookside Garden in Wheaton, Md.

At nearby Golf Course Island Garden on North Shore Dr., Todd Harding is raising bees. Harding approached RA several years ago to ask if he could use the space near the gardens to raise bees. The hives were put in place two years ago.

In his view and in RA's, it was a win-win arrange-



PHOTO BY AMIEE FREEMAN/THE CONNECTION

During a recent tour of Reston community gardens, Reston gardener Pat Cochenour, left, explains how she creates hybridized varieties of daylilies at her Lake Anne Garden plot off Wiehle Ave.

ment. Harding has a hands-on opportunity to learn beekeeping and gardeners benefit from increased pollination provided by the bees. There was some concern about having bees so close to gardeners, said Thompson-Deahl. The hives were moved a bit further away from the plots, but still within range. Bees travel two to three miles to find water, pollen and nectar, said Harding.

Harding is not raising the bees for their honey, but rather out of a concern to "keep bees in our environment." There has been concern recently among agriculturalists and environmentalists that the bee population is dwindling.

There are 270 garden plots, which are available for rent from RA at 20 cents per square foot, in four community gardens in Reston. Three of the four plots are organic, with the Lake Anne Garden being the only non-organic garden. The plots are so popular that there is currently about a 50-person wait list. A prospective gardener generally waits about a year before being assigned a plot, said Thompson-Deahl.

BULLETIN BOARD

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

FRIDAY/JULY 15

Lunch n' Learn: Integrating Social Media and Email Marketing.
11:45 a.m. Dulles Regional Chamber of Commerce, 3901-S Centerview Drive, Chantilly. Learn how to combine the newest marketing tools in social media with email marketing. \$13 with lunch, free without lunch. info@dullesregionalchamber.org.

SATURDAY/JULY 16

Aging in Reston: A Community Forum for Hunter Mill District.
2 p.m. Reston Community Center, Lake Anne, Reston. Hosted by Hunter Mill District Supervisor Catherine M. Hudgins. A community forum to report on Phase I and discuss Phase II, to include neighborhood networking, advocacy, projects and organization sustainability. aginginreston@gmail.com or 703-672-1116.

MONDAY/JULY 18

Assistance League of Northern Virginia. 9:30 a.m. at the Sully

Government Center, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd., Chantilly. A nonprofit, volunteer organization promoting literacy and well-being for women and children through community based programs, such as Operation School Bell: New Clothes for Kids and Weekend Food for Kids. Meetings are the third Monday of every month. 703-878-1928.

TUESDAY/JULY 19

Chantilly-Centreville Day Kick Off Mixer. 5:30-7:30 p.m. M&T Bank, 14245-R Centreville Square, Centreville. Learn about the upcoming 19th Annual Centreville Day, a community tradition begun in 1992. Participate in supporting historic Centreville Park, by providing any new local Centreville Chamber members a vendor table (\$100 value) at the 2011 Centreville Day event on Saturday, Oct. 22. \$15-\$25. info@dullesregionalchamber.org.

MONDAY/JULY 25

Be Prepared for Your Children: Learn Legal Aspects of Child

Support, Custody & Visitation. 7 p.m. Floris United Methodist Church, 13600 Frying Pan Road, Herndon. Discuss how courts determine what financial support is required based on spousal income(s), what is deemed to be in the "best interests" of the child and what to expect during the custody proceedings. A support group will be available. \$55 non-members, \$45 members. Register at www.thewomenscenter.org

TUESDAY/JULY 26

Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce Luncheon Meeting and Awards for Chamber Excellence. 11 a.m. Westin Washington Dulles Airport Hotel, 2520 Wasser Terrace, Herndon, Va. Governor Bob McDonnell will address transportation issues, how chamber of commerce and business incubator programs can aid in job growth, and what is to come in the closing two years of his administration. ashleyo@restonchamber.org or 703-707-9045.

FISH Elects Janet Hyman as New President

Janet Hyman of Reston was elected President of Herndon-Reston FISH, a nonprofit organization that helps those in need. Janet will lead a newly elected Board of Directors starting in July. She has been a clinical social worker in private practice in Reston for more than 22 years. She has advanced degrees from the University of Maryland and Virginia Commonwealth University in Human Development and Clinical Social Work. Hyman has been active in the Reston community since 1970 and she has been associated with FISH since 2007.

"Janet has volunteered for the community for many years and I have been privileged to work with her in the past. She is committed to what she does and knows how to get things



Janet Hyman

done," said a former President of FISH, Marcia DiTrapani. FISH provides short-term emergency assistance to residents in Herndon and Reston, in cases where immediate help is not available through government or other social welfare agencies. FISH donates over \$270,000 annually in direct payments of rent, utilities, prescriptions, and similar necessities to those in need.

Meeting the Challenge

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doing the full, two-day 192-mile ride, which will definitely be a challenge. I rode 59 miles yesterday, and I'm feeling it today."

To date Mandell has raised \$5,168, but he is still aiming for more. He's raffling an iPad2 for \$25 a ticket, and is looking to get more people involved in his fundraising efforts.

"So many community members, friends and students have been involved so far, it's been amazing to see," he said. "A lot of these kids' lives have been touched by cancer, and when they hear my daughter's story, they want to help.

Mandell's PMC website can be found at www.pmc.org/profile/BM0244.

Mark Brightman of Reston is another local who will be riding the full 192 miles. He has been riding in the PMC since 1991, and has raised more than \$62,000 since then.

"I began riding in the PMC after my older brother Steve lost his battle to melanoma on Nov. 23, 1986. During the latter stages of his fight with cancer, my brother visited the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute for a consult," he said. "True to his unselfish approach to life and death, Steve said he

wished he could help the children he saw being treated at DFCI, DFCI's focus is on pediatric oncology. My younger brother Tim, who is riding in his 24th PMC [and I] endeavor to carry out Steve's wish."

BRIGHTMAN'S TEAM will be matched up with 2-year-old Joey Griffith this year as their "Pedal Partner," a cancer patient they meet before the challenge. Griffith is a choroid plexus tumor patient, which is a rare type of cancer that occurs in the brain.

Brightman says his goal is to "continue riding in this worthy event as long as I am physically able to do so and I continue to have incredibly generous sponsors to support me."

Brightman has raised \$5,492 so far. One hundred percent of all funds raised go directly to the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

"The emotional reward of riding the PMC in memory of my brother is equaled by the thought that I can participate on behalf of the many other who have suffered the effects of cancer in the past and by the fact that we are helping to find a cure for this dreadful disease one mile at a time," he said.

Brightman's PMC page can be found at www.pmc.org/profile/MB0015



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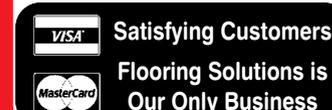
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OPINION

Hot Races? Primaries? Uncontested?

Northern Virginia awash in uncontested races; but there are several hot primaries on Aug. 23.

First of all, there are some very important races taking place on Aug. 23, and absentee voting is already underway. If there is any chance you might either be away on vacation on Aug. 23 or you might have a combined work day and commute of 10 hours (that is to say, if you work), or you might be away for any other reason, you can vote in person absentee or by paper ballot absentee.

EDITORIAL

PRIMARIES AUG. 23

❖ Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, Braddock district Democrats, Janet Oleszek and Christopher Wade compete to face incumbent John Cook (R) in November.

❖ Senate District 30, Democrats Adam Ebbin, Libby Garvey and Rob Krupicka are in a three-way race for the nomination to replace retiring state Sen. Patsy Ticer. The winner will face Tim McGee (R) in November. This district, including parts of Arlington, Alexandria and Mount Vernon, trends to Democrats, so the primary could determine the winner.

❖ Senate District 31, Democrats Jaime Areizaga-Soto (D) and Barbara A Favola (D) face off; winner will face Caren Merrick (R), to replace retiring Sen. Mary Margaret Whipple. If you live in McLean, Great Falls, parts of Herndon or Sterling, listen up, you are likely in this newly configured district that used to be almost entirely in Arlington.

❖ Senate District 36, Republicans Jeffrey M Frederick (R) and Tito Muñoz (R) compete to face state Sen. Toddy Puller (D) in this district that includes Mount Vernon, parts of Lorton and much more of Prince William County than before redistricting.

❖ Senate District 39, Republicans Miller

Baker and Scott Martin compete to challenge incumbent state Sen. George Barker (D) in November. This district encompasses parts of Centreville, Clifton, Lorton, Fairfax Station, Springfield and the City of Alexandria.

❖ House of Delegates 49, Democratic primary, Stephanie Clifford (D) v. Alfonso H Lopez (D). So far there is no Republican or other candidate so the winner of the primary could be uncontested in November in this Arlington district.

UNCONTESTED:

Parties could still add a candidate up until Primary Election Day, Aug. 23, but at this point it's unlikely that many of these seats will be contested. This is not an exhaustive list.

Fairfax County, Hunters Mill Board of Supervisors, incumbent Cathy Hudgins (D) is so far uncontested. Also on the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, Pat Herrity (R-Springfield), Jeff McKay (D-Lee), Gerry Hyland (D-Mount Vernon), Michael Frey (R-Sully) are uncontested.

House of Delegates District 35 in Vienna, Del. Mark Keam (D) is so far uncontested

House of Delegates, District 86, Del. Tom Rust (R) is so far uncontested in this district in parts of Oak Hill, Herndon, Chantilly and Loudoun.

House of Delegates, District 41, Del. Eileen Filler-Corn (D) is so far uncontested in this district that covers parts of Fairfax, Burke and Springfield.

House of Delegates, District 53, Del. Jim Scott (D) is so far uncontested.

House of Delegates, District 43, Del. Mark Sickles (D) is so far uncontested.

House of Delegates, District 44, Del. Scott Surovell (D) is so far uncontested in this Mount Vernon district.

House of Delegates, District 45, Del. David Englin (D) is so far uncontested in this district that includes parts of Mount Vernon, Alexandria and Arlington.

House of Delegates, District 46, Del. Charniele Herring (D) is so far uncontested in this City of Alexandria district.

There are some hotly contested races for November, but more on those races later.

To register to vote, to vote absentee, contact:

Fairfax Board of Elections, 703-324-4700, www.fairfaxcounty.gov/eb/

Be Part of the Pet Connection

The summer edition of the Pet Connection will publish on July 27, with contributions and submissions due July 21.

Send in photos of you or other members of your family with your pet or pets along with a caption that includes the full names of everyone pictured, the ages of the pet(s) and any children, information about the pet(s) and a description of what is happening in the photo. Include your town name as well. Good to include: who, what, where, when and why.

We welcome photos, drawings or other artwork; stories and anecdotes about what makes your pet special, how you came to adopt your pet or anything other story you'd like to share about your pet; advice for others on adopting or caring for pets.

Send photos and other submissions by July 21.

For Vienna/Oakton, McLean, Great Falls, Reston, Oak Hill/Herndon Connections, send to kemal@connectionnewspapers.com



COMMENTARY

Decision Time

BY KENNETH R. "KEN" PLUM
STATE DELEGATE (D-36)

The Wiehle Avenue Station on the Silver Line is taking shape. The major support structures for the station are already in place. Across the Access and Toll Roads to the north the transit oriented development Reston Station is underway with an excavation about the volume of FedEx Field to house a parking facility for more than 2,300 cars and bicycles and with a bus port and new streets to support the station. Topping off this joint venture between Comstock Corporation and Fairfax County will be residential, office, and hotel facilities.

West of Wiehle Avenue is the beginning of Phase 2 of the Silver Line. No progress is being made on it because of an inability on the part of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority (MWAA) Board to control costs to the satisfaction of its funding partners, every elected official I know, and the federal government. For a couple of members of the

MWAA Board to simply dig in their heels on a design that is not financeable and that has raised serious questions about the Board's ability to make important decisions has left me and virtually all the persons I have worked with over the years on this project shaking our heads in disbelief. A list of reductions in cost of over a half-million dollars is readily available, but it has taken the intervention of the U.S. Secretary of Transportation to get MWAA to look at the options.

Central to the discussions of reducing costs of Phase 2 is the location of the rail station at the Dulles Terminal. Original plans showed a tunnel of a couple miles with a station essentially under the daily parking lot. Preliminary engineering found that plan to be prohibitively expensive. The MWAA Board considered several other options including an above-ground station next to the North Garage and a shortened tunnel. The shortened tunnel option was chosen by the Board even though it was more than \$300 million more expensive than the

above-ground station. Since all other costs associated with Phase 2 had risen over the original guesstimate it was clear that value engineering would need to be done on the project and savings would have to be identified.

Phase 1 went through a somewhat similar experience when planning for the project was put on hold for consideration of a tunnel under Tysons Corner. That option proved too costly as well. In a perfect world where costs are not a consideration an underground system would be nice, but in a suburban setting it is neither necessary nor cost-justified. Public officials and members of the press have walked the alternative routes at Dulles and concluded that the above-ground station is safe, accessible, and practical.

Wonderful progress is being made on Phase 1 looking to an arrival date at Wiehle in December, 2013. It's decision time to move Phase 2 forward to keep a 2016 expected completion date.

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LETTERS

Disappointing

To the Editor:

It is repeatedly disappointing that your frequent columnist, John Lovaas, just doesn't get it.

1. Density in land developments is appreciated by those people interested in community. It is idle to denigrate such people, to categorize density as undesirable as Lovaas consistently does, just as it makes no sense to criticize large lot subdivisions. The best large scale planning accommodates preferences of both groups, those who make privacy their priority and those who make interaction with others their priority.

2. For me, a professional developer, it is a bit weird to find that, to Lovaas, all developers are a breed, interested in dense development so as to earn unseemly profits. Some developers prefer to function in low density areas, and other developers are content to limit their profits, achievable in higher density development, to achieve what they consider to be community good.

3. In the last analysis, all development is subject to approvals granted by employees of publicly or privately elected officials. It makes little sense to pillorize developers when officialdom is responsible for protecting the common good.

Bob Simon
Reston Founder

Skate Park: Too Close

To the Editor:

Alex McVeigh's report (Skaters Plan Park at Lake Fairfax, Reston Connection, July 6-12) omitted several salient details about the June 15 meeting. I attended the meeting along with my spouse and a member of our homeowner's association board. The Lake Fairfax Estates HOA, in principle, does not

oppose a skate park, but David Bowden's announcement at the meeting that it would be located in an area immediately adjacent to several of our properties came as a total surprise. First, our HOA liaison officer with the Park's Supervisor had met with him a short time before the June 15 meeting and had been assured that the site for the skate park would not be in an area adjacent to our neighborhood property line. The Park Supervisor did not attend the June 15 meeting. Instead, Mr. Bowden made his announcement.

The 2001 Master Plan Revision for park development states that a skate park is envisioned in the park but it does not state that it would be located in an area immediately adjacent to our properties. Indeed, the Master Plan, approved by the Park Authority, lists one specific recommended location for a skate park, and it is far from any community bordering on the park. Moreover, prior to Mr. Bowden's announcement there had been no Park Authority consultation with our HOA board about the site for a skate park as called for in the Master Plan. When I asked Mr. Bowden about what steps would be taken regarding noise, night lighting, and hours of operation, he replied that the contractor would take steps in construction to mitigate noise emanating from use of the skate park. He said that the Park Authority had made no decision about lighting and whether the park would be open for use after dark and that it would determine when the skate park could be used and whether there would be a user's fee. At the end of the meeting I submitted a brief statement expressing my concerns regarding location of the skate park and noise and light pollution that could emanate from it once it is in operation. None of this information was in your newspaper's report. Nor were other concerns, such as litter, water run-off, construction noise and

dust, security and other issues.

The board of the Lake Fairfax Estates Home Owners Association has met and sent a formal letter raising our concerns to Mr. Bill Bouie, Mr. David Bowden, and Ms. Cathy Hudgins. We have requested consultation on further plans to develop and locate a skate park within Lake Fairfax Park.

It is the consensus of members of our HOA that the Park Authority select another site away from proximity to our properties for the skate park, and we have expressed this in our letter. We believe that there is ample room adjacent to the playing fields in the upper area of the park to construct an 18-20,000 sq. ft. skate park as recommended in the officially approved Master Plan that went through a rigorous 9-stage process of site analysis, option consideration, design development planning, public hearings, and comment.

Finally, we plan to participate in further meetings regarding the planning and design of the skate park and encourage other residents around Lake Fairfax Park to take part.

Bruce K. Byers
Reston

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BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

Interior designer Deborah Wiener isn't afraid of a messy house. In fact, she finds the chaos challenging, and says she tackles it with "the common sense of a Jewish mother [and] the muscle of a professional wrestler."

When Winkle Nemeth approached her to get help decorating her McLean home, Wiener was in her element. Nemeth, a mother of two college-aged sons who live at home, wanted new furniture for her living room. The family's two mixed-breed dogs have free rein of the room. Nemeth was searching for stylish yet durable pieces that would accommodate both her active family and her fondness for entertaining friends.

"My two dogs like to get up on the sofa so that they can look out the window," Nemeth said. "Their claws had destroyed the fabric on the back of my old sofa."

Wiener came up with a design for the room that took Nemeth's desire for elegance and durability into consideration. She chose substantial furnishings that were chic but sensible and able to withstand everything from spilled soda to muddy paws. She included pieces from Slobproof!, Wiener's own line of furniture that is made from a fabric called Crypton. The designer says it is virtually indestructible and can be easily wiped cleaned.

Color was one of her secret weapons. "Color is camouflage, but beige is like having another child in the house. It needs protecting and watching," Wiener said. "Get out of the beige rut and use color to camouflage spills and stains."

Nemeth settled on a deep blue sofa and pale green arm chairs. Wiener helped her rearrange the furniture to create a sense of openness in the room, and suggested a brightly colored area rug to cover the existing hardwood floors.

"I am not there to judge a client's budget or taste. I am there to give them advice to make their lives better."

— Deborah Wiener

Wiener said the goal is to design living spaces that match the realities of your life. "I am not your typical designer," she said. "I am not there to judge a client's budget or taste. I am there to give them advice to make their lives better."

Wiener's advice also comes in the form of unconventional design tools such as Wite-Out and permanent ink markers.

"Keep Wite-Out on hand at all times," Wiener said. "It may be obsolete for correcting typos, but it's a miracle when it comes



Winkle Nemeth with her dogs Sid (black) and Annie in her McLean living room.



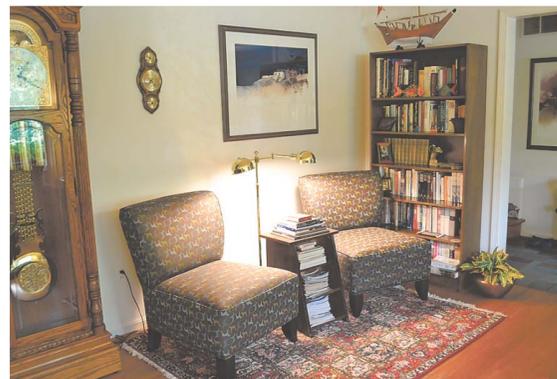
The living room of the Mansfield home in Chantilly. On the sofa are 6-year-old twins Will and Josie Mansfield.

to camouflaging dings and scuff marks wherever you have white trim around your house — like door frames, baseboard molding or chair rails. Permanent ink markers can cover a lot of dings and scratches."

Melinda Mansfield said that she has one of the most active households in her Chantilly neighborhood. She and her husband Rob have 6-year-old twins, two dogs and three cats.

"I have a face painting and glitter tattoo business for children," Mansfield said. "I am the troop leader for my daughter's Girl Scout troop, and my husband is the leader of our son's Boy Scout troop. All the kids in the neighborhood come to my house to play."

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A reading nook in Winkle Nemeth's McLean home.

Wiener's Tips for Active Households

- ❖ Laminate your most heavily used dining chairs. Almost any fabric can be laminated. Just ask your fabric store or decorator where to send it. New flat finish laminations provide an invisible, moisture- and stain-proof barrier on fabric, making it virtually indestructible and inconspicuous, too.
- ❖ Protect wood finishes from wet glasses, hot cups and scratching with clear glass tops made to fit your table tops. Sure, you'll have to wipe them, but you'll protect what's underneath from everything your slobbs may put on top.
- ❖ Nothing lasts longer or looks better than a well-finished hardwood floor. Wiener recommends durable wool rugs as well.
- ❖ For family-friendly furniture, you can't beat protected leather. For more see www.mydesigningsolutions.com

Solid Marble Bathrooms?

BY JOHN BYRD
THE CONNECTION

Susan Cassell, of Great Falls Design Build, recalls the chain of events that convinced her some of the fundamentals of bathroom design were about to change.

"We were remodeling a bathroom that had been seriously damaged from leakage caused by cracked grout," Cassell said. "This is a common homeowner concern, so I contacted Shawn Daghigh at EuroStoneCraft who had developed some ideas for dealing with this longstanding problem."

Cassell had worked with EuroStoneCraft — a local marble and granite importer and fabricator based in Herndon — for many years. But she'd heard that the firm had a new branchchild — a custom-made solid marble shower floor which they were introducing under a new division, Verona Showers.

"The shower floor pan is a solid stone slab custom-made to your shower width ... so

there's no water-exposed grouting, no cracking or leakage," Daghigh said. "This means there's no mold build up, and no need for time-intensive maintenance."

"It struck me as a breakthrough," Cassell said. "I've found this a really effective solution for bathrooms, and the color options are impressive. I've been regularly introducing it to my clients."

EuroStoneCraft's already well-honed milling capabilities mean "everything they offer is one of a kind," Cassell said.

The firm's skill at shaping natural stone, granite or marble to precisely fit surface specifications eliminates any need to sectionalize or use exposed seams requiring grout.

Homeowner Lisa Schultz is pleased with the EuroStone/Verona design advantages, which allowed her to distinguish the interior of her spacious Great Falls colonial while greatly reducing maintenance needs. Schultz selected an array of custom-fitted surfaces for strategic parts of the house throughout an extensive five-month remodeling process,

Seamless stone showers, walls and floors point to new direction in high-end bathroom design.

including finishing the master bath in contrasting shades of Verona marble hand-picked from the EuroStoneCraft showroom.

"The vanity, shower floor and tub surround are stunning — a very original shade of dark brown," Schultz said. "The floor, tub facing and shower walls are a kind of mocha. The whole is nicely balanced — there's a restful symmetry."

The bathroom's "invisible shower" consists of a custom-made MarbaFloor pan, two solid marble walls converging in one corner and dual sheets of unframed glass forming the other.

Schultz said the master bathroom's new interior seems substantially larger than its previous incarnation, even though the footprint is mostly unchanged.

Schultz added a prized oriental rug, just for effect.

After 15 years at the same address, Schultz said the changes have reinvigorated her appreciation of her surroundings:

"It feels like a whole new custom house, which is exciting."

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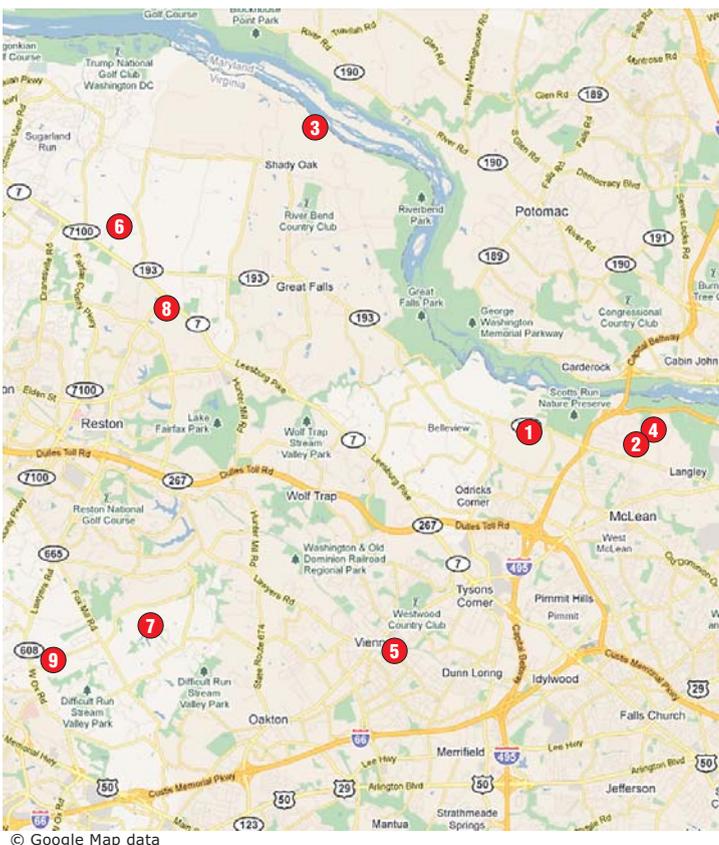
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Design for How We Live Now

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Mansfield said that she likes a lively household, but not the mess that often comes with the territory. She wanted to decorate her home to accommodate the chaos without sacrificing style. "I like really nice things," Mansfield said. "I always have. I wanted a fresh, clean look with good fabrics that will stand the test of time."

When Mansfield found interior designer Wiener, she knew that she'd found a good match. Wiener started Designing Solutions to specialize "in real life, pet-friendly, family-friendly design."

Wiener's design for the Mansfield living room and lower level that took Mansfield's desire for style and durability into consideration.



PHOTO BY MARILYN CAMPBELL

For one couple, furniture that can stand up to life with two Great Danes.

Wiener started with a grey area rug with large circular patterns in shades of blue and yellow, and added a blue sofa and matching arm chair. She completed the look with two gray dining chairs and a gray ottoman that also serves as a coffee table.

Stephens said her furniture has already passed one important test.

"When the furniture arrived my dog had just taken a drink from his water bowl and was dropping water on the new sofa. It was like watching Niagara Falls coming from this Great Dane's mouth. I wiped it up quickly with no evidence that [the water] had been there."

CARLENE STEPHENS and her husband Gary Sturm live in Alexandria with two Great Danes who have free rein of the house. She was searching for stylish but durable pieces that would accommodate both her active household and desire for fashionable furniture.

"I was so tired of having messed-up furniture or no furniture at all," said Stephens.

Sturm and Stephens had completed a home renovation project and added an open kitchen, dining and family room space. Wiener came up with a design for the room that took the couple's desire for style and durability into consideration.

"She began with a rug," Stephens said. "And the other furniture was chosen around it."

Solid Marble Bathrooms?

FROM PAGE 8

date almost any design I could dream up," Smith said. "Since the process eliminates surface seams by customizing to my space requirements, it was as though the countless hours I usually spend on shower maintenance had been given to me as a gift."

Smith was also impressed with the aesthetics of granites and marbles cut to reveal their signature color, texture and strain.

"No one could have designed a more compelling backsplash or vanity than what I selected for our master bath," Smith said.

As a final nod to the nirvana of perfect personalization, Smith had Daghigh fashion the Marbafloor shower base as a French drain.

"Why not? This is really a revolutionary bathroom concept," Smith observes. "It replaces grouted ceramic

... the way the computer replaced the typewriter."

David Prakken of Fairfax was impressed with both the functional and aesthetic outcome resulting from Verona Shower upgrades to his 25-year-old bathroom.

"The variety of choices is really impressive. The color, texture and patterns in natural granite or marble yield a design statement that only gets lost when there's too much cutting and patching."

Prakken notes that his remodeled bathroom, which includes a spacious shower and a Jacuzzi embedded in a marble platform, is "completely cohesive ... a lovely place to just relax."

He also appreciates the performance of the solid slab materials fabricated to specification: "There's no leakage, no cracking, no molds ever. It's a whole series of aggravating maintenance concerns that have been completely eliminated from my life."

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Faith Fitzgerald, 12, watches as a member of Cirque-tacular swallows several needles and a length of yarn, before spitting them out with the needles perfectly threaded at the Reston Festival Sunday. Cirque-tacular was one of several street performances that took place during the festival.



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'Reston Through the Decades'

Reston Town Center Hosts 47th annual Reston Festival.

BY ALEX McVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

As temperatures rose to the mid-90s during last weekend's Reston Festival in Reston Town Center, Jeremy Lee of the Reston Youth Association was in the most enviable position of all. He was perched several feet above a tank of water, and anytime someone hit the target next to him with a football, he was able to take a plunge into the water.

The Reston Youth Association was one of many community organizations on display during the two-day festivals, and the money from prospective quarterbacks went to raise funds for their upcoming season. "We just try and do everything we can do to get kids off the streets and into helmets and uniforms," said Rob Shorts of the association, which runs fall flag and tackle football teams. "But we also want to be involved in the communities around us, we donate our old uniforms to other teams in the area that aren't as fortunate as we are."

While the Reston Youth Association is one of the many groups that are presently helping make Reston a better community, there was plenty to see from Reston's past at the festival. This year's theme was "Reston Through the Decades" and there were various displays filled with memorabilia from the '60s, '70s, '80s and today.

Herndon High School junior Kerry Burtschi designed the festival T-shirt this year, beating out more than 30 other entries from Herndon and South Lakes High students.

"In following the Reston Festival's main idea of 'Reston Through the Decades,' I wanted to create a piece of art that created the illusion of going through time," she said. "To do this, I warped a clock and positioned it as the focal point. [Then I] used arrows to point out the different stops in time that the Reston festival would be 'visiting.'"

BURTSCHI'S DESIGN features a rainbow flowing into a clock, and on the other side each color is separated representing a decade featured at the festival. She has been taking computer graphics classes at Herndon High for the past two years, and credits the

classes for kickstarting her imagination.

In the 1960s booth, children could participate in activities that were popularized in the '60s, such as hula-hoops, Twister and the limbo.

"I was surprised the games were that old, we all still play Twister and use hula hoops," said Sarah Earle, 13, of Reston. "It's funny to imagine my parents trying to play those games when they were kids, now they barely play [Nintendo] Wii with us."

By walking a block further down Library Street, guests could move from the swinging '60s to the rockin' '70s, including activities such as sand candles and balloon art. Bandanas and tie-dyes shirts were in full effect at the '70s section with some visitors looking back on those days with fondness and a little bit of embarrassment.

"As a child of the '70s, this sure brings back some good memories, especially when it comes to the stuff we played with as kids," said Ian Sharpe of Reston. "But then I see some of the pictures of the clothes we wore, and all I say is what on earth were we thinking? I'm actually afraid to look at the '80s section for that reason."

THE '80S SECTION brought back memories of stonewashed jeans and Pac Man video games, but it also hit much closer to home for some.

"I saw the display with a Time Magazine cover with Ronald Reagan on it, and I remembered I have that same issue in a box at home that I saved from the week my son was born," said Caryn Waller of Reston. "It's very sobering to see that magazine that I can remember buying at a Safeway what seems like a week ago, and now it's part of a historical exhibit."

This was the 47th annual Reston Festival, which began in 1967 at the Lake Anne Village Center. It moved to Reston Town Center in 2003.



A crowd at the Reston Festival watches a hat-tossing street performer Sunday at the Reston Festival.

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THURSDAY/JULY 14

SteveSongs. 11 a.m. Wolf Trap Children's Theatre-in-the-Woods, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. For ages 2-10. 11AM. Sing and dance with "Mr. Steve," cohost of the PBS KIDS preschool show. \$8 day pass (includes Baba Jamal Koram show at 10 a.m.), under age 3 free. 1-877-WOLFTRAP or www.wolftrap.org/TITW.

Small Wonders. 10:30 a.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Interactive storytime. Age 1-2 with adult. 703-689-2700.

Book Discussion Group. 7:30 p.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. American Creation by Joseph Ellis. Copies available at the circulation desk. Adults. 703-689-2700.

FRIDAY/JULY 15

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SATURDAY /JULY 16

Latin Pop Rock group Maná. 8 p.m. George Mason University Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax. Tickets are \$55-\$91, available at www.ticketmaster.com or 703-573-SEAT. www.mana.com.mx.

Bucky Pizzarelli, Chuck Redd and more. 7:30 p.m. Reston Town Center Pavilion, 11900 Market St., Reston. Jazz. www.reston.com.

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Neighborhood Plant Clinic. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. The Fairfax County Master Gardeners Association gives tips and strategies. 703-242-4020.

Reptile Wonders. 10:30 a.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Meet and learn about these animals with Reptile Wonders' Nature Center on the Go. Age 6-12. 703-242-4020.

Fiesta! 10:30 a.m. Herndon Fortnightly Library, 768 Center St., Herndon. Join Cantaré on a musical journey through Latin America. All ages. 703-437-8855.

Blue Sky Puppet Theatre presents "Three Not So Little Pigs." 10 a.m. Reston Town Square Park, Town Square St., Reston. Free. www.restontowncenter.com.

Legendary performer Bryan Bowers will perform at 7 p.m. near Sunset Hills and the W&OD Trail at a house concert in Reston. He is winner of both the National and International Autoharp Championships, was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 1993, and at age 70, maintains a robust schedule of festivals, workshops, gatherings and concerts year round. Bowers has agreed to jam with concert attendees after his

regular concert, so attendees are invited to bring musical instruments. Seating is limited but still available. For tickets and details please contact towne@myhome.org or call Holly at 703-438-8533.

WEDNESDAY/JULY 17

NOVA-Annandale Symphony Orchestra. 7:30 p.m. Ernst Community and Cultural Center, NOVA College, 8333 Little River Turnpike, Annandale. Broadway and popular melodies, light classics and more. Featuring the children's work "The Adventures of Stormalong," an American folk hero known as the Captain of the Seven Seas. Adults \$15, seniors and teens \$10, children free. 703-569-0973.

MONDAY/JULY 18

English Conversation. 10:30 a.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. English practice for adult non-native speakers. 703-242-4020.

Play Ball. 2:30 p.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Discover the science in sports. Presented by Maryland Science Center. Age 6-12. 703-689-2700.

TUESDAY/JULY 19

One-on-One Computer Tutoring. 2 p.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Learn the basics of the Internet, Word and Excel. Adults. 703-242-4020.

Paint & Personalize a Mug. 7 p.m. Herndon Fortnightly Library, 768 Center St., Herndon. Presented by Clay Café Studios. Glazed and fired mugs will be returned to the library two weeks later. Age 12-18. 703-437-8855.

Mommy and Me. 10:30 a.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Participating in the class with your child as they learn motor skills, coordination, balance and very basic ballet. Age 2-3 with adult, no younger or older siblings allowed. 703-689-2700.

WEDNESDAY/JULY 20

Lunch Bunnies. 12 p.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Bring a blanket and lunch, enjoy stories while you eat. Birth-5 with adult. 703-242-4020.

One-on-One Computer Tutoring. 3 p.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Learn the basics of the Internet, Word and Excel. Adults. 703-242-4020.

Jammin' Beach Party. 2:30 p.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Cody & Bj take you to a musical beach party with surfing, limbo, singing and dancing. All ages. 703-689-2700.

THURSDAY/JULY 21

All Stars Rock the House Benefit for Ronald McDonald House Charities. 7-9 p.m. Reston Town Center Pavilion, 11900 Market Street, Reston. The All Stars group includes 4 musicians from Northern Virginia and DC. Free concert under the stars. Bring a lawn chair. Face painting for kids. www.rmhc.greaterdc.org or 703-698-7080.

After the Storm, RSTA Swimmers Shine

Reston Swim Team Association swims into second half of its season.

After the torrential downpours that struck our area last Friday evening, there were fears that Saturday's RSTA (Reston Swim Team Association) meets might be postponed. But by the following morning the sun had risen, making way for a glorious Saturday. And with that, four more meets unfolded as RSTA moved into the second half of its season.

Entering its fourth week, three teams remained unbeaten: Hunters Woods, Lake Audubon and North Hills. With two of them facing off against each other (Hunters Wood versus Lake Audubon) the undefeated list was sure to fall to two. Indeed, Hunters Woods bested perennial powerhouse Lake Audubon, 604-537, to put themselves in the driver's seat as the season winds down. North Hills kept pace with a victory over Lake Anne, 617-458. With their last two meets taking place against Lake Audubon and Hunters Woods, there is a strong sense of anticipation by the North Hills Hurricanes.

In the midst of all of the team drama that took place last Saturday, Eric Tang set a new pool record for Hunters Woods. His time of 31.82 in the Boys (13-14), 50-Meter Backstroke broke his old record of 31.93 set last Saturday.

Eric also was a participant in a new Hunters Woods pool record for the Boys (13-14), 200 Medley Relay. Eric, along with Connor Herron, Alex Li and Jair Valenzuela, bested the old record of 2:16.46 that was set last summer with a new time of 2:14.94.

Scores and highlights of Saturday's meets follows:

HUNTERS WOODS BLUE MARLINS 604, LAKE AUDUBON BARRACUDAS 537: For Hunters Woods, triple event winners were Alex Li and Nina Dawson. Double event winners were Kathryn Evans, Thomas Evans, Varun Iyengar, Philip Pan, Sean Shada, Rachel Tang, Victoria Thai, Jair Valenzuela, Chris Yang and Dylann Nasr.

For Lake Audubon, triple event winners were Matthew Fritz, Sabrina Groves and Julia Sofia Nassau. Double event winners were Sasha Avilov, Bannon Brazell, Austin Chute, Jacob Cole, Alaina Cordts, Kaliyana Haering, Nathan Ide, Fiona McHugh, Seretha McHugh, Julia



PHOTOS COURTESY OF RSTA

North Hills swimmers, left to right, Christina Mazziotta, Lindsey Hill, Emily Deker and Catherine Swarts celebrate their win in the girls' 13-14, 200 meter medley relay.

Nielsen, Aidan Scanlan and Sierra Scoggin.

LAKE NEWPORT LIGHTNING 523, GLADE GATORS 472: For Lake Newport, triple event winners were Meryl Hollender, Juliana Plescia, Casey Storch, Katie Storch and Ryan Williams. Double event winners were Jenna Colturi, Nicole Corner, Vincent Kahng, Annie Klaff, Dan Ni, Avery Wauben, Amy Zhao and Meghna Sharma.

For Glade, triple event winners were Emmalyn Barlow, Ryan Benedetto, Ronak Cuthill, Emily Landeryou and Sophia Landeryou. Double event winners were Natalie Bardach, Morgan Barlow, Andrew Benedetto, Alec Brown, Alexander Graves, Dean Hartke, Monica Lannen and Jack Thomas.

NORTH HILLS HURRICANES 617, LAKE ANNE STINGRAYS 458: For North Hills, triple event winners were

Nathaniel Bochtler, Courtner Clark, Marlee Czarny, Catherine Swarts and Rachel Swarts. Double event winners were Allison Boone, Jacob David, Anna Dlott, Benjamin Livaudais, Alexandra Lutz, Teresa Poirier, Joseph Sciortino, Oliver Shi and Grace Tierney.

For Lake Anne, triple event winners were Jason Fu, Julian Hartmann and Morgan Stup. Double event winners were Andrew Heffernan, Mascha Jorch, Greg Mayo, Brady Nelson, Topi Oladimeji, Fred Zhang and Brian Marquet.

RIDGE HEIGHTS SHARKS 679, AUTUMNWOOD PIRANHAS 358: For Ridge Heights, triple event winners were Haley Borko, Ryan Coghlan, Tessa Hawley, Harrison Hughes, Anna Liang, Dodson Piotrowski, Emily Sennett, Mac Sogandares, Olivia Stibel and Hailey Wang. Double event winners were Matthew Allen, Ian Champney, Anton Coghlan, Nicholas Diewald, Delaney Duchak, Joel Ladwig, Shannon Murry, Khai Nguyen, Khang Nguyen, Grace Qian, Margo Somer, Julia Thomas and Anna Tignor.

For Autumnwood, double event winners were Brendan Carrick, Jimmy Luehrs, Kalista Majoros, Paul Robertson, Jake Xeller and Danielle Yakubisin.



Getting ready! Max Daum, an 8-and-under swimmer for Lake Audubon, awaits the starters signal in his heat last Saturday against Hunters Woods.



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Need To Know



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

There are people I know, with whom I interact irregularly, who I would characterize as more than acquaintances but less than friends, who know I've been diagnosed with cancer but who, for a million different and acceptable reasons are not exactly current with my most-up-to-date health circumstances. These are people who fall just outside my social circle but who might fall within that hypothetical concentric circle where the interaction and intersection with my ongoing activities is somewhere between random and likely, depending on varying time intervals. These intervals are months at a time (give or take) and might include health care professionals, local and/or business people I see routinely but not predictably, out-of-town friends, former co-workers, as but a few examples. People who you don't contact, necessarily, and who don't contact you, unless by happenstance, sort of.

Then you see/talk to them and converse as normally as the depth of your relationship/association warrants (I do, anyway). But the elephant in the room, the fact that yours truly has stage IV lung cancer, eventually rears its ugly head. Typically I try to make light of it, say I'm doing fine (which I am, miraculously, comparatively), and segue into some less Kenny-with-cancer-centric topic. All of which is generally no problem, and after 28 months of it (post diagnosis) fairly normal – for me, in my accepted scheme of things.

My thought about these kinds of exchanges has to do with the other party though, not me (mostly). I wonder about the substance of the conversation we're having at that moment, but also whether this person is thinking about how much time has passed since our last interaction and likewise wondering if, having not heard from me/seen me for sooner, perhaps I had succumbed (died is so final) to my disease. I mean, it's reasonable to think that, not having heard from a terminal cancer patient for a few months might not exactly be a benign set of said-happenstance. Silence may be golden, but in this circumstance, it might be permanent. And the nature of our geometric relationship might delay the communication of certain facts.

Obviously it's not something I worry about – too much, but given my rather introspective obsession with my cancer-affected life, it's practically impossible to not focus, more-than-occasionally on the myriad levels of cancer's insidious hold on my (not over me though) life and its effect on others as well. At least that's my working explanation.

Nevertheless, 28 months into an original "13-month-to-two-year" prognosis, I am able to live with, and balance my ongoing obsessions. However since my brain is still working reasonably well (comments from the peanut gallery welcomed), it sort of has a mind of its own and sometimes takes me places I had not intended or anticipated. What brought this column out is an appointment I made recently to get my hair cut with my regular hairstylist, a lady with whom I have minimal – make that zero – contact between my every-three-month's haircut. I wondered, since she knows the seriousness of my underlying problem, if not having heard from me in 11 weeks, approximately, is worrisome for her, as in whether I'm still alive. I'll have to ask her. Her answer will probably generate another column.

I know what I think, but I do wonder what others might be thinking, and who needs to know what – and when.

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