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Owners brought their pets to the Church of the Holy Comforter in Vienna, on Saturday, Oct. 10 to be blessed. The blessing of the animals was moved from Oct. 4 because of Hurricane Joaquin.

In Vienna, Animals Lead Blessed Lives

Blessing of the animals resume after bad weather.

BY ABIGAIL CONSTANTINO
THE CONNECTION

The blessing of the animals at the Church of the Holy Comforter in Vienna took place on Saturday, Oct. 10. It was postponed from last weekend due to the effects of Hurricane Joaquin.

Pet owners took their dogs and their cats to receive blessings from Rev. Richard Lord and Rev. Margaret Peel.

"People want to have God's protection for their pets," said Lord. The tradition stems from St. Francis of Assisi and his care of creation and creatures.

"We think it's important that we get [dog Murphy] blessed. It makes us feel good that he is in God's care," said Liz Coulter, of Vienna.

Megan Nealley, of Arlington, felt the same way. She and Marcus Nealley are moving overseas and wanted to make sure their dog Rupert is "well-taken care of as he possibly can be."

Scott Orr, of Vienna, who has been bringing his pets every year to be blessed, said that he felt like it was good for them. "My last beagle lived for 18 years." He hopes that 12-year old beagle Joey will live just as long.

But for Susan, Colleen and Erin-Grace McGuire, of Oakton, their very active and excitable standard poodles Penny and Abby should be blessed because "They need it!"



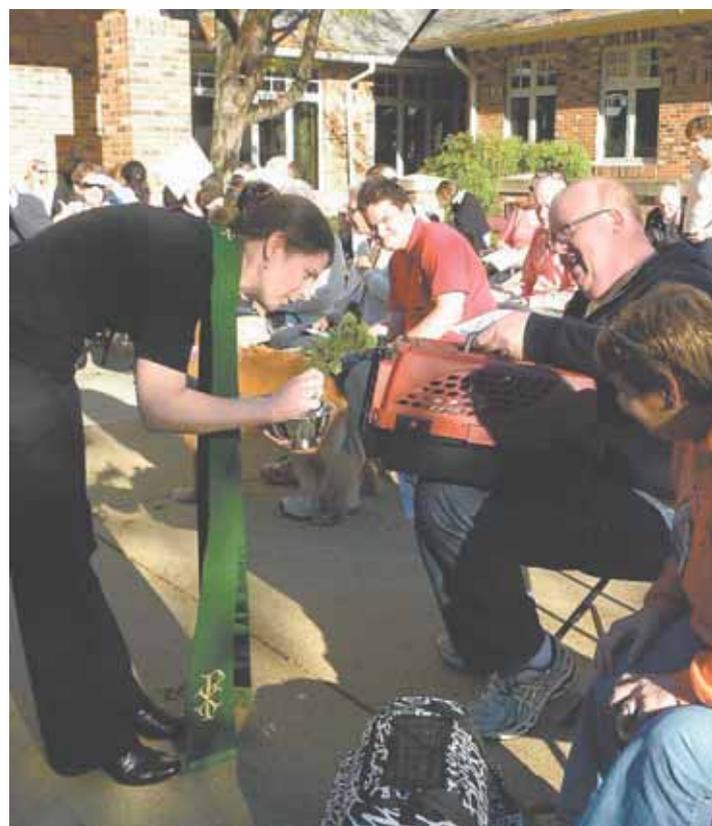
From left, Erin-Grace, Colleen, and Susan McGuire, of Oakton, rein in excited standard poodles Penny and Abby at the Church of the Holy Comforter in Vienna, during the blessing of the animals on Saturday, Oct. 10.



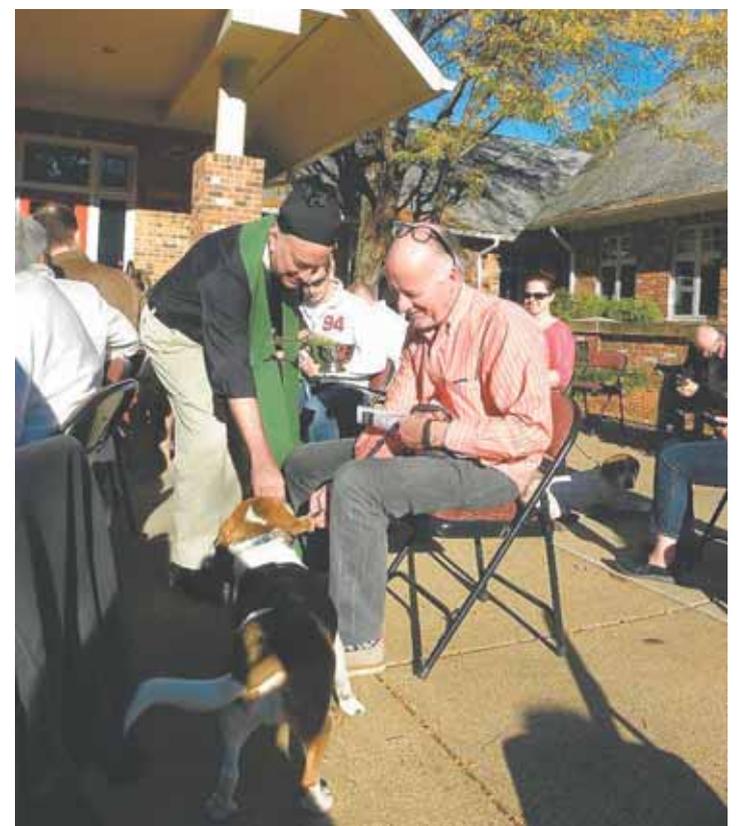
Charlene York, of Vienna, holds back Chow Chow Shadow, who got excited over the presence of cats during the blessing of the animals at the Church of the Holy Comforter in Vienna, Saturday, Oct. 10.



Herb Langford, of Vienna, with newly rescued Dutch shepherd Charley during the blessing of the animals at the Church of the Holy Comforter in Vienna, on Saturday, Oct. 10.



Frank and Barbara Haskell of Vienna, bring their cats Margaret and Blackbeard, to be blessed by Rev. Margaret Peel at the Church of the Holy Comforter in Vienna, on Saturday, Oct. 10.



Scott Orr and 12-year old beagle Joey, of Vienna, receive blessings from Rev. Richard Lord at the Church of the Holy Comforter in Vienna, on Saturday, Oct. 10.

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\$75 Billion Global Cybersecurity Market

Northern Virginia is “hotbed for cyber security entrepreneurship.”

BY KEN MOORE
THE CONNECTION

With all its sophistication and intricacies, cybersecurity starts with a simple premise.

“A lot of bad guys want access to your information,” said William Brennan, Lockheed Martin’s managing director of Global Cyber and Intelligence Practice, who works on five different continents.

“There are a lot of people interested in disrupting your sovereignty,” he said on Friday, Oct. 9 on the 17th floor of the Tower Club in Tysons. “Intelligence is understanding everything about your environment and taking that to defend yourself,” he said.

The global cybersecurity market is worth \$75 billion and will grow to \$170 billion by 2020, according to the Fairfax County Economic Development Authority.

“Cyber security threats are increasing today on an



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Martijn Nuijten, science and technology officer, Dutch embassy; Guido Landheer, deputy vice minister for foreign trade, the Netherlands; Ida Haisma, executive director, The Hague Security Delta; Ulrich Seldeslachts, CEO, LSEC; Gerald Gordon, president and CEO, FCEDA.

accelerating speed,” said Dan Woolley, of MACH37 Cyber Accelerator, in Herndon.

“This is the hotbed for cyber security entrepreneurship,” he said. “Our business is to launch cyber security companies.”

Cybersecurity is a “very serious and big market,” said Asher Kotz, cybersecurity business development manager with the Fairfax County Economic Development Authority.

Proximity to the federal government, to the commercial sector, and to three airports, makes this an influential area, he said.

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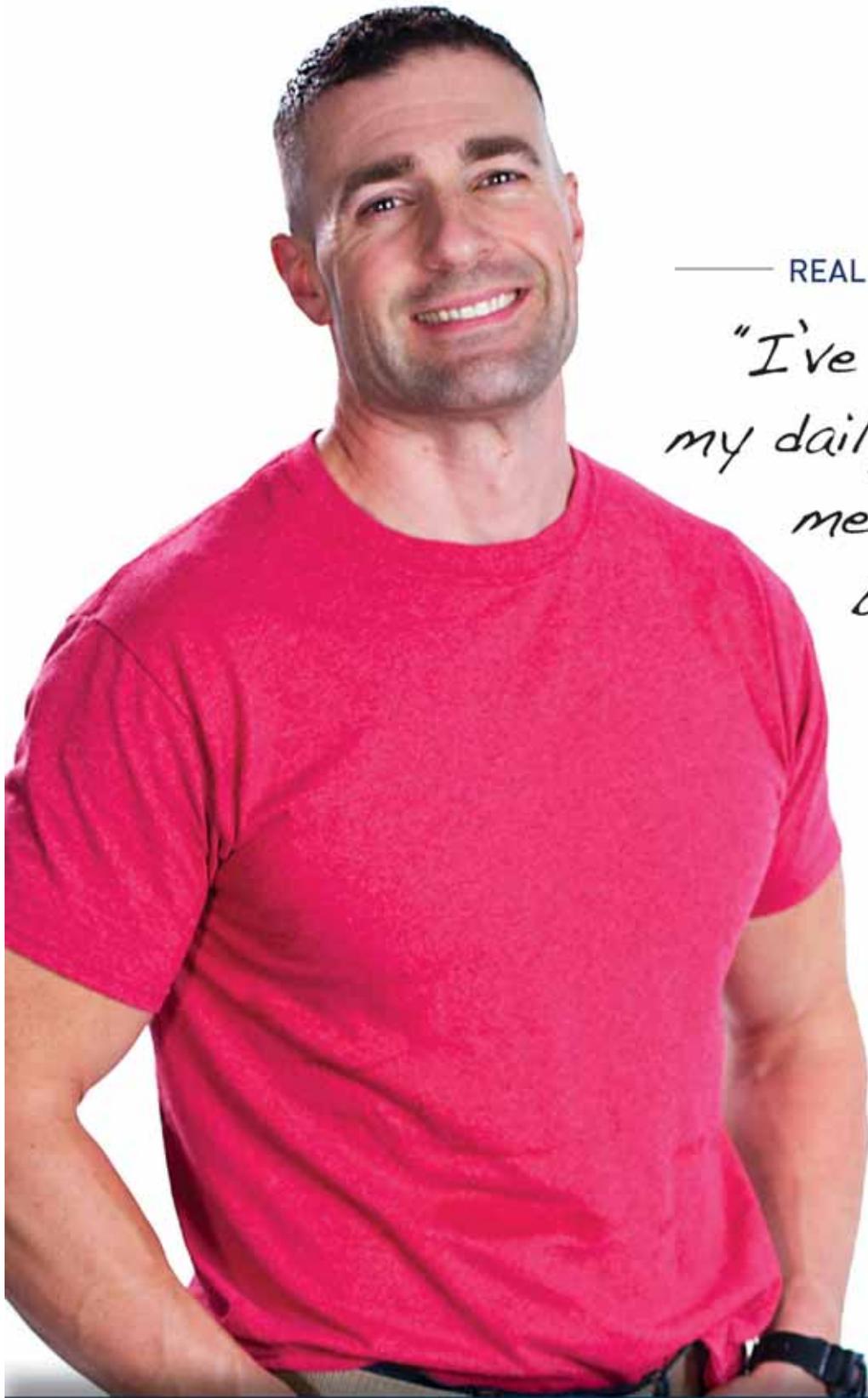
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Closer Look at School Spending

Report: Local schools spend less to educate more challenging students.

Since Fiscal Year 2009, Alexandria Public Schools has reduced per pupil spending by 13.3 percent, adjusted for inflation. Arlington County Public Schools has reduced per pupil spending by 15.7 percent, but still spends the most per student of any school district in the state.

Fairfax County Public Schools has reduced per pupil spending by 6.5 percent over the same period, adjusted for inflation, but FCPS spends significantly less per student than either Alexandria or Arlington.

These numbers are from a draft report released last month by the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission in a report on Efficiency and Effectiveness of K-12 Spending 2015. In FY 2014, the average Virginia school division spent 7 percent less to educate each student than it did in FY 2005.

These numbers are critical to understand as local schools, Fairfax County in particular, face a looming budget gap in the coming budget cycle. It's easy to skip the specifics, look at a large overall budget number and conclude that surely there is plenty of room to cut the budget. These numbers show the problem with that approach.

Fairfax County was among the Virginia school divisions with a reduction in resources and numbers of teachers per student which also had a growing percentage of "resource-intensive" students.

More than 27 percent of Fairfax County Public Schools students were living in poverty in 2014; that's 49,895 students, up from about 18 percent or 28,527 poor students in 2005. Number and percent of students with limited English have also grown over the time period. In 2014, 49,442 students, or 27 percent, in FCPS are limited English proficient, up from 35,091 or 22 percent in 2005. The report calls these students "resource intensive," and what that means is that it costs more to effectively teach them.

The larger chart comes from a different source, the 2015 Washington Area Boards of Education Guide, and shows Fairfax County with far lower per pupil costs and teacher salaries than surrounding school districts.

Arlington and Alexandria school districts also have large percentages of poor students.

Alexandria had 6,160, or 58.8 percent of its students living in poverty in 2005, and in 2014, 7,443 poor students, 55 percent. Alexandria has also had an increase in limited English proficient students, 33.3 percent of 4,510 students in 2014, up from 22.7 percent in 2005.

Public Schools	Fairfax County	Montgomery County, MD	Arlington County	Alexandria City
FY 2015 Cost Per Pupil	\$13,519	\$15,351	\$19,040	\$17,041
Average Teacher Salary	\$66,782	\$75,452	\$76,892	\$73,612
2014 ACTUAL ENROLLMENT				
Total Enrollment	183,895	151,289	23,421	13,563
Percent ESOL Enrollment	17.0%	13.2%	17.4%	25.5%
Percent Free/Reduced Price Meal Eligible	27.5%	34.3%	31.8%	59.7%
Percent Special Education Enrollment	13.8%	11.7%	14.7%	12.6%
2015 APPROVED ENROLLMENT				
Number Increase/Decrease from 2014 Actual	2,890	2,889	792	548
Percent Increase/Decrease from 2014 Actual	1.6%	1.9%	3.4%	4.0%
SCHOOLS				
Elementary	139	133	22	12
Middle	23	38	5	2
Traditional (K-8)	0	0	0	1
Secondary and High Schools	25	26	5	1
Special Education	7	5	2	0
Alternative	2	0	3	2
SOURCES OF REVENUE				
Local	69.6%	66.6%	83.0%	79.3%
State	23.3%	27.9%	12.5%	14.9%
Other	7.2%	5.5%	4.6%	5.8%
AUTHORIZED POSITIONS				
School-Based	93.2%	91.2%	90.9%	89.7%
Nonschool-Based	6.8%	8.8%	9.1%	10.3%

SOURCE: 2015 Washington Area Boards of Education Guide

GRAPHIC BY LAURENCE FOONG/THE CONNECTION

Comparison of local school district finances and enrollment from the 2015 Washington Area Boards of Education Guide.

INFLATION ADJUSTED PER PUPIL SPENDING			
Division	FY 2009	FY 2014	% Change (FY 09-14)
Alexandria	\$20,323	\$17,622	"13.3%
Arlington	\$22,214	\$18,736	"15.7%
Fairfax	\$14,901	\$13,931	"6.5%

Inflation-adjusted to 2014 dollars.
SOURCE: Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission report on Efficiency and Effectiveness of K-12 Spending 2015 <http://jlarc.virginia.gov/pdfs/reports/Rpt472.pdf>

In Arlington, 7,972 students, 33.9 percent were living in poverty in 2014, up from 6,373 students, 35.8 percent in 2005. Arlington has seen a drop in limited English students, from 35.5 percent (6,323 students) in 2005 to 28 percent in 2014 (6,591 students).

As the saying goes, if you think education is expensive, try ignorance. And if you think it's too expensive to effectively educate the population we have, consider the costs of services to people who don't have the education they need to live successfully later in life.

Effective leaders in Northern Virginia will have to lead the way to funding effective school systems in a challenging economic environment. But if you hear a candidate claim that schools can get by on less by being more efficient, ask if they have read this report.

According to the JLARC report: School districts reduced per-student spending on instruction through a combination of employing fewer teachers per student, limiting teacher salary growth, and requiring teachers to pay a higher percentage of health insurance and retirement benefit costs. Divisions report that these spending reductions are hindering instructional effectiveness.

School divisions reduced instructional spending by less than one percent, and non-instructional spending by 10 percent, at the statewide level during the time period.

You can read the Virginia JLARC report here: <http://jlarc.virginia.gov/pdfs/reports/Rpt472.pdf>

— MARY KIMM

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MONDAY/OCT. 19

Candidate Debates. 6:30 p.m. The Great Falls Grange, 9818 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Participating in this debate: School Board Member, Dranesville District, Janie Strauss vs. Pete Kurzenhauser; School Board Members, At-Large (voters will choose three), Bob

Copeland, Omar Fateh, Jeannette Hough, Manar Jean-Jacques, Peter Marchetti, Ryan McElveen, Ilryong Moon, Burnette Scarboro, Ted Velkoff; County Clerk, Bettina Lawton, John Frey, Marisa Wissar; County Commonwealth Attorney, Raymond Morrogh (unopposed); County Sheriff, Stacey Kincaid vs. Bryan Wolfe; Soil and Water Board,

At-Large (voters will choose three), Scott Cameron, George Lamb IV, Jerry Peters, Stephen Pushor.

THURSDAY/OCT. 22

How-To Immigration Seminar. 10:30 a.m.-noon. Moss and Company, 1750 Tysons Blvd., Suite 1500, McLean. Complete your

marriage petition and adjustment of status application (Green Card) guided by an attorney. Hands-on seminar where you will be guided in building your package and preparing it for filing. Must register to reserve a spot. Limited space. \$150. Call 407-342-6605 or rmoss@mossimmigration.com to register.

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Cybersecurity

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memorandum of understanding with a delegation of Dutch and Flemish cyber-related businesses brought to the United States by The Hague Security Delta (HSD), the largest security-related cluster of businesses, governments and academic institutions in Europe.

Leading cybersecurity and information contractors in Fairfax County include Booz Allen Hamilton, CSC, Northrop Grumman and SAIC.

Currently, cybersecurity educational programs are available at George Mason University, the ITT Technical Institute, Marymount University, Northern Virginia Community College and Stratford University, as well as UVA and Virginia Tech.

Officials want the county to be a global leader in cyber security, with a cybersecurity campus in Northern Virginia in the future.

Dr. Gerald Gordon, president and CEO of the Fairfax County Economic Development Authority called the event an “extraordinary opportunity to create meaningful partnerships in an area that is a

significant concern for people around the world but also represents an opportunity for businesses, governments and academia to create a more secure planet.”

Henne Schuwer, the Dutch ambassador to the United States, Guido Landheer, the deputy vice minister for foreign trade in the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and representatives of Northern Virginia businesses involved in cybersecurity and other security-related industry sectors attended.

GORDON EARNED the Jeffrey A. Finkle Organizational Leadership Award for a “lasting commitment to the field of economic development.”

The International Economic Development Council (IEDC), a non-profit membership organization serving 4,600 economic developers, presented president and CEO of the Fairfax County Economic Development Authority (FCEDA), with the award Oct. 5 in Anchorage, Alaska.

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The Tour is sponsored by Sun Design Remodeling Specialists Inc., which will have a recently renovated home on display.

www.GreatFallsStudios.com

HomeLifeStyle

Renovated Home Included in Great Falls Studio Tour

12th annual event scheduled for this weekend.

BY JOHN BYRD

A renovated, circa-1970s Georgian Colonial will be featured in the 12th annual Great Falls Studios tour Oct. 16-18. A comprehensive first floor makeover to the home of Joseph and Alison Lopez, the project by Sun Design Remodeling Specialists demonstrates new interior design modalities now being applied to traditional floorplans in older homes.

"There's a design revolution underway in northern Virginia," said Sun Design founder and chairman Craig Durosko. "We find there's a lot of interest in what's being done. An open house is one way locals see what ideas may apply to their own homes."

Sun Design Remodeling Specialists, a 30-year-old design/build remodeling firm, has sponsored the Great Falls Studios tour since 2012. This year, the event will feature the work of more than 40 local artists in 26 locations around Great Falls. Work by fine arts painters Alicia Sommers and Karen Bateman will be on display in the Lopez home.

The Lopez renovation draws attention to space planning and design concepts that "open up" a traditional floorplan by selectively reconfiguring existing interior walls.

The original 2,700-square-foot house, which the family purchased eight years ago, was built around a standard center hall template with a front-facing foyer and living room that segued to a rear dining room, kitchen, and family room configuration. To gain more living space, Lopez converted a 280-square-foot screen porch to a sunroom three years ago, but the changes didn't resolve other inherent problems.

"The rear rooms were too dark and cramped," Joseph Lopez said. "Yet there was a lot of wasted space everywhere."

Other shortcomings:

- ❖ With 8-year-old twins about the house, circulation in the kitchen was problematic. The traditional U-shaped counter space in the kitchen was as much a barrier as an asset. Storage capacity was limited. There was no place to display the children's drawings which hung from cabinets and appliances.

- ❖ The living room and formal dining room



Before: "The old kitchen was too dark and cramped," owner Joseph Lopez said, "and did not offer much of a view of the lovely backyard."

were mostly unused — consuming a lot of first level square footage without much family benefit.

- ❖ The interior to the family room — which included a working fireplace — was notably dated.

- ❖ View and access to the lower-level playroom from the kitchen was obstructed by a landing two steps down that required a 90-degree turn.

- ❖ Despite a setting that backs up to a 50-acre, tree-filled easement, there were no clear sight lines from the kitchen to the back

yard where the boys were usually at play when not in school.

"WE HAD STARTED thinking about making changes before we moved in," Joseph Lopez said. "We had many ideas for improvements — but didn't know what would work."

Enter Sun Design's lead designer Jon Benson and specialty designer Katie Coram. "The first consideration was how to create a space plan that was consistent with how the family actually uses the house," Benson said. "Everyone acknowledged that

PHOTOS BY GREG HADLEY



Sun Design Remodeling is holding an open house in a recently renovated home in conjunction with the 12th Great Falls Studios Tour Oct. 16-18. The residence owned by Joseph and Alison Lopez demonstrates how open floorplans are being effectively introduced into homes that previously employed a more traditional room configuration. Designers enlarged the kitchen by relocating the formal dining room and creating a stronger visual linkage to a backyard filled with old stand trees. Tour hours are Friday, noon-5 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday, noon-5 p.m.

Details

A guide for the Great Falls Studios tour can be obtained at <http://greatfallsstudios.com/gfstour/> or <http://sundesigninc.com/events.html>.

Sun Design Remodeling frequently sponsors tours of recently remodeled homes as well as workshops on home remodeling topics. Headquartered in Burke, the firm also operates an office in McLean. Call 703-425-5588 or visit www.SunDesignInc.com.

dining room to start their homework just steps from their mom in the kitchen.

With space planning issues under control, Alison Lopez huddled on finish work details with Coram.

"It was great bouncing ideas off of someone with her interior design skills," Alison Lopez said. "There were so many details — cabinet styles, colors and finishes; best granite options for the island counter top. Katie recommended a houndstooth pattern for the backsplash — which really improved on the white brick-style design I had been considering."

The stand-out inspiration, though, was Coram's suggestion that the family's "kitchen art" could be better presented in a 9-foot-by-5.5-foot message board mounted on the wall between the kitchen and the entrance to the dining room.

A steel surface covered in porcelain, the board accommodates photos and art held by magnets, but also offers a handy place to jot down "to do" lists written in an erasable felt tip pen.

"It's a fun piece," Alison Lopez says. "Just looking at it makes me smile."

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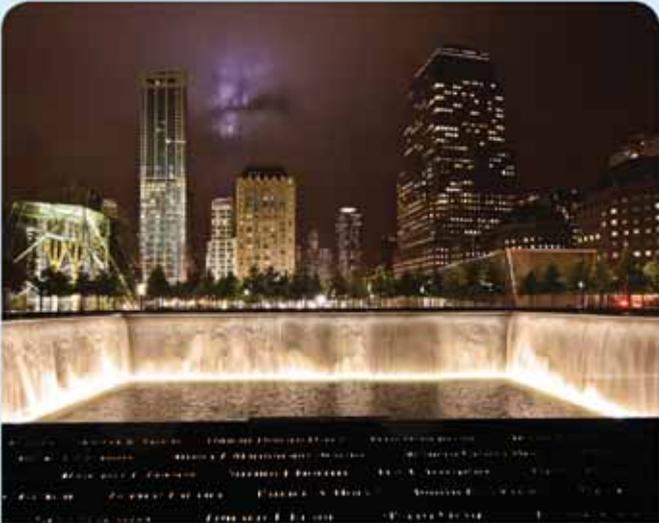
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ONGOING

Two Simultaneous One Man Shows. Through Saturday, Nov. 14. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. The Frame Factory, 212 Dominion Road NE, Vienna. Figurative artists David Cochran's and Joseph Sheppard Rogers' work will be on display.

THROUGH SUNDAY/OCT. 18

Now Comes the Night. 1st Stage Theatre, 1524 Spring Hill Road, Tysons. American journalist Michael Après has been released after being held hostage for 18 months in Iraq. Michael's close colleague and friend, however, begins to suspect that Michael isn't free yet. An explosive television interview puts their



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friendship to the test as secrets, lies, and betrayals haunt both men. For tickets and information, visit <http://www.1ststageTysons.org/>.

FRIDAY/OCT. 16

Family Force 5. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Avenue East, Vienna. <http://www.familyforce5.com/>

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/OCT. 16-18

Great Falls Studios 2015 Art Tour. Travel the back roads and main streets of the village to individual and group studios. Meet more than 40 GFS member artists - quilters, painters, potters, sculptors, jewelers, photographers and more - in their natural environment. Demonstrations, exhibits and hands on activities in creative spaces. Exceptional art for sale. www.GreatFallsStudios.com.

SATURDAY/OCT. 17

Family Halloween Party. 11 a.m. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Avenue East, Vienna. Come join the fall family fun at the Town of Vienna Halloween On The Green event. Activities include a costume parade, spooky crafts, games & prizes, storytelling, moonbounces and more.

Model Trains and Thomas at Open House. 1-5 p.m. 231 Dominion Road NE, Vienna. See and hear model trolleys and steam and diesel trains plus Thomas and some of his friends in the Historic Vienna Train Station along the W&OD trail just past the Caboose. 703-938-5157. www.nvmr.org.

Vale Fall Fair. 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Vale Schoolhouse, 3124 Fox Mill Road, Oakton. The historic Vale Fall Fair has been held since 1934. Pie eating contest, balloons, bake sale, toy and book sale, crafts, music, barbecue, Oakton Eagle Presentation, instrument petting zoo, haunted forest. Kids, bring your Halloween costumes for the parade.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/OCT. 17-18

Tysons Fall Harvest Festival. 12-5 p.m. Lerner Town Square at Tysons II, 8025 Galleria Drive. Arts and crafts, petting zoo, moon bounce, great craft beers, 10 of Virginia's best wineries, and more tastes of fall.

Claude Moore Colonial Farm 1771 Market Fair. 11 a.m.-4:30 p.m. 6310 Georgetown Pike, McLean. Warm yourself by the fires and enjoy the splendor of autumn with crisp local apples, warm savory meat pies and hearty breads, or let Market Fair entertainers, tradesmen and the militia amuse and educate you. Visit www.1771.org.

SUNDAY/OCT. 18

Teen Sex Trafficking: Hiding in our Neighborhood. 2-4 p.m. The Church of the Holy Comforter, 543 Beulah Road NE, Vienna. The program will feature experts involved in the fight against scouting, manipulation and recruitment of teenagers, and there will be displays from several area organizations with information on how you can help.

Passion for Fashion. 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Bloomingdale's Tysons Corner, 8100 Tyson's Corner Center, McLean. SafeSpot's largest fundraising event of the year. The show features delicious brunch, irresistible raffle items and a catwalk filled with on-trend fashions from leading designers in the industry. At the Fashion Show's conclusion, attendees are free to shop at their leisure while sponsor, Bloomingdale's, generously donates 10% of the event's sales to SafeSpot. Contact Melissa Larson, melissal Larsonathome@yahoo.com, 703-598-0720.

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CALENDAR

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Vienna Crop Walk for Hunger. 2 p.m. Meet at the Vienna Town Green, walk up to three miles in the Vienna community & return to the Town Green for refreshments and door prizes. Money raised goes to CHO (Committee Helping Others) locally and to Church World Services (www.cwsglobal.org) for emergency help and disaster relief abroad. Sign up at www.viennacropwalk.org.

TUESDAY-SUNDAY/OCT. 20-25

Washington International Horse Show. 7 a.m.-5 p.m. and 7-10:30 p.m. Verizon Center, 601 F St., NW, Washington, D.C. One of the oldest and most prestigious equestrian sporting events in the U.S. \$15-\$60. <http://www.wihs.org/tickets/>.

TUESDAY/OCT. 20

Art Lecture Series, "Collecting for the Long Haul." 7-8 p.m. The Arts of Great Falls School, 756 Walker Road, Great Falls. Richard Kelly's collection focuses on the Golden Age of American Illustration (1890-1935). The Kelly Collection holds approximately 350 paintings and works on paper as well as 9500 volumes in its reference library. Free. www.greatfallsart.org.

WEDNESDAY/OCT. 21

Bichot Burgundy Tasting. 7-8:30 p.m. The Vineyard, 1445 Laughlin Ave., McLean. Join Guillaume Suss of Bichot as he leads us on a comprehensive tasting of the 2013 wines of Albert Bichot, Domaine du Pavillon, Domaine du Clos Frantin and Long Depaquit. \$20. info@thevineyardva.com. 703-288-2970.

THURSDAY/OCT. 22

Haunted Gingerbread Houses Workshop. 6:30-8 p.m. McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Avenue, McLean. Tickets: \$35-\$45.
Halloween Bunco Night Benefit. 7-9 p.m. The Vienna Art Center, 115 Pleasant Street NW, Vienna. Games, food and wine, and art works. Come in costume, if you like. Space is limited and a \$20 donation reserves your seat. <http://viennaartsociety.org/events-exhibitions/>.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/OCT. 24-25

Autumn Harvest Show. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Colvin Run Mill, 10017 Colvin Run Road, Great Falls. In time for the festivities ahead, potters offer tabletop items fit to grace a Thanksgiving table or haunt a Halloween spread. Credit card, cash, checks accepted.

SATURDAY/OCT. 24

Candlelight Tour of Historic Cemetery. 6 p.m. Tour starts at 7 p.m. Church of the Brethren, 10025 Courthouse Road, Oakton. Local historian Jim Lewis will discuss the history of the cemetery, which dates to the Civil War, and will detail the lives of some of those interred there. Cemetery is located at 2845 Chain Bridge Road, Vienna. Donation of \$10. www.flinthillcemetery.org.

SUNDAY/OCT. 25

Stand-up Comedy. 3 p.m. Oakton High School, 2900 Sutton Road, Vienna. An afternoon of side-splitting stand-up comedy with world-class performer, Mack Dryden. For tickets visit <http://scov.org/fundraiser> or call SCOV 703-281-0538 - \$25 in advance; \$30 at the door.

Halloween Calendar

Halloween events in the area

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SATURDAY-SUNDAY/OCT. 24-NOV. 1

Reston Zoo's Zoo Boo. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Reston Zoo, 1228 Hunter Mill Road, Vienna. Designed for a younger audience, Zoo Boo offers four days of scare-free fun. Join their safe zoo neighborhood of Halloween entertainment, with kid-friendly fun around every corner.

SUNDAY/OCT. 25

Trunk or Treat. 11 a.m. Great Falls United Methodist Church, 10100 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Community event. Children 5th grade and under. Free. youth@greatfallsumc.org.

WEDNESDAY/OCT. 28

69th Annual Vienna Halloween Parade. 7 p.m. Maple Avenue, Vienna. With the theme of "Celebrating 125 Years of the Town of Vienna" come in costume to celebrate Halloween. Visit www.viennava.gov.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY/OCT. 30-31

Water Pumpkin Patch. Friday, 5-7 p.m. Saturday, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Tysons YWCA, 8101 Wolftrap Road, Vienna. Come ready to have fun, swim in the pool with the pumpkins and pick one to go. \$6 per person, \$20 per family. karen@neptune-aquatics.com.

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Fairfax County

Monday, October 19, 2015
Oakton High School Cafeteria (Entrance #1 or #14)
2900 Sutton Road, Vienna, VA 22181

Tuesday, October 20, 2015
VDOT Northern Virginia District Office
4975 Alliance Drive, Fairfax, VA 22030

Visit Transform66.org to view a live stream of this meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Prince William County

Wednesday, October 21, 2015
Piney Branch Elementary School Cafeteria/Gym (Entrance #1)
8301 Linton Hall Road, Bristow, VA 20136

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), in partnership with the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT), will host meetings for the public to review and provide comments on the latest conceptual plans, which reflect the Transform 66 Outside the Beltway project's Preferred Alternative and proposed phasing. The Preferred Alternative involves the transformation of 25 miles of I-66 between U.S. Route 15 in Haymarket and I-495/the Capital Beltway. The project will provide congestion relief and enhanced safety, as well as new travel choices and reliability.

Stop by to learn more about the project, discuss your questions with VDOT staff, and attend the formal presentation.

Review the latest conceptual plans and project schedule at www.Transform66.org or at the meetings.

Give your written or oral comments at the meetings or submit them to Susan Shaw, Megaprojects Director, at the VDOT District Office address above. You may also e-mail comments at any time to Transform66@VDOT.Virginia.gov. Please reference "Transform 66 Outside the Beltway" in the subject line.

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Madison to Host South Lakes in Battle of 5-1 Teams

Seahawks beat rival Herndon Friday, Warhawks beat Marshall.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

Second-year South Lakes football coach Trey Taylor entered the 2015 season with three primary goals: improvement from last year's 2-8 record, making the playoffs and beating rival Herndon, which smashed the Seahawks 49-0 in 2014.

After Friday's performance against the Hornets, the Seahawks have crossed two of three off the list.

South Lakes defeated Herndon 50-13 on Oct. 9 in Reston, giving the Seahawks three wins over the Hornets in the last four years. South Lakes' record improved to 5-1, the program's best start since 2010.

"The biggest thing, I think, is we got beat by them 49-0 [last year]," Taylor said. "To be able to flip the script that much in one year ... shows them stuff we did in the offseason ... is paying off."

South Lakes sophomore quarterback Devin Miles completed 7 of 11 passes for 164 yards and two touchdowns on Friday. He also



Madison's Wiley Counts scored a rushing and a receiving touchdown against Marshall on Oct. 9.

carried seven times for 66 yards.

Eric Kirlaw caught two passes for 37 yards and a touchdown, and carried five times for 53 yards a score.

Albert Mensah carried six times for 60 yards and a touchdown, and Spencer Alston had eight rushes for 55 yards and a score.

Sky Lubreski and Anas Fain each returned an interception for a touchdown.

"That game means so much to the community," Taylor said, "and I was really proud how our guys were able to block out the hype surrounding the game."

Next up for South Lakes is a big Conference 6 matchup against the Madison Warhawks, who are also experiencing a turnaround season.

Madison improved to 5-1 with a 32-6 victory against Marshall on

Friday at Madison High School. The Warhawks, who finished 5-5 in 2014 and 1-9 in 2013, are off to their best start since 2012, when Madison finished the regular season with an 8-2 record and qualified for the playoffs.

After losing the 2015 opener to Oakton on Sept. 4, Madison has won five straight.

"They've responded well and now the challenge is keeping them even keel and keeping committed to each and every ball game," Madison head coach Lenny Schultz said. "... We thought coming into this season we ... had a real good team."

Against Marshall, Madison quarterback Jason Gastrock completed 11 of 21 passes for 173 yards and two touchdowns, with one interception.



Madison quarterback Jason Gastrock threw two touchdown passes during the Warhawks' 32-6 win over Marshall on Oct. 9.

Wiley Counts carried 15 times for 82 yards and a touchdown, and had one catch for 38 yards and a score. Landon Thomas had two carries for 63 yards and a touchdown, and three receptions for 53 yards. John DeSciociolo had two catches for 50 yards and a touchdown.

Kullen Kritsky intercepted two passes for the Warhawks.

"[We've gone from] 'We want to do well' to 'We expect to do well,'" Schultz said. "We've had to change the philosophy. We expect to do well because we've paid the price. ... Now the challenge is: can we handle winning?"

Madison and South Lakes are both 3-0 in the conference and tied with Hayfield for first place. For the Seahawks, the toughest challenge for Friday's matchup could

be dealing with the Warhawks' powerful offensive line, composed of center Ryan Partridge (6-1, 198), guards Dan Sole (6-2, 268) and Sean Rose (6-2, 266), and tackles Drew Smith (6-5, 298) and John Bingham (6-3, 256).

"They're huge up front," Taylor said. "They don't really do anything crazy. They're not a real gimmicky offense."

For Madison, the test will be trying to contain South Lakes' speed.

"They're very well coached this year," Schultz said. "They're much improved, have a lot of team athleticism [and] a lot of team speed. ... They seem to be a little faster than us, and we have to keep them hemmed up."

Kickoff is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 16 at Madison High School.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Oakton Football Beats Centreville

The Oakton football team defeated Centreville 28-24 on Oct. 9, improving the Cougars' record to 3-3 overall and 1-2 in Conference 5.

Oakton will travel to face Chantilly at 7 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 16.

South Lakes XC Competes at Glory Days Invite

The South Lakes cross country teams competed at the Glory Days Invitational on Oct. 10 at Bull Run Regional Park in Manassas. The girls' team finished 15th, led by Monica Lannen, who took 63rd place out of 221 competitors with a time of 20:27.

The boys' team finished 31st, led by Sean Casey, who came in 131st out of 244 harriers with a time of 17:44.



Cougars Improve to 4-7

Sarah Clinton and the Oakton field hockey team defeated Chantilly 2-1 on Monday, improving the Cougars' record to 4-7. Oakton will travel to face Centreville at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 15. The Conference 5 tournament is scheduled to begin Oct. 20.

Madison to Host Lacrosse Tournament

James Madison High School's girls' la-

crosse program is hosting its 5th Annual Lax O'ween Tournament on Saturday, Oct. 31. The all-day tournament begins at 9 a.m. and will run until approximately 7:30 p.m. on Madison's turf field. Come on out to sup-

port some of the area's most competitive girls' lacrosse teams. On-site concessions including hot/cold drinks, Chick-Fil-A, pizza and Vienna Inn chili dogs will be available throughout the day. The team will also be collecting donations on behalf of the Committee for Helping Others (CHO) and welcomes contributions of dried canned fruit, small-sized toiletries and gift cards to local grocery stores.

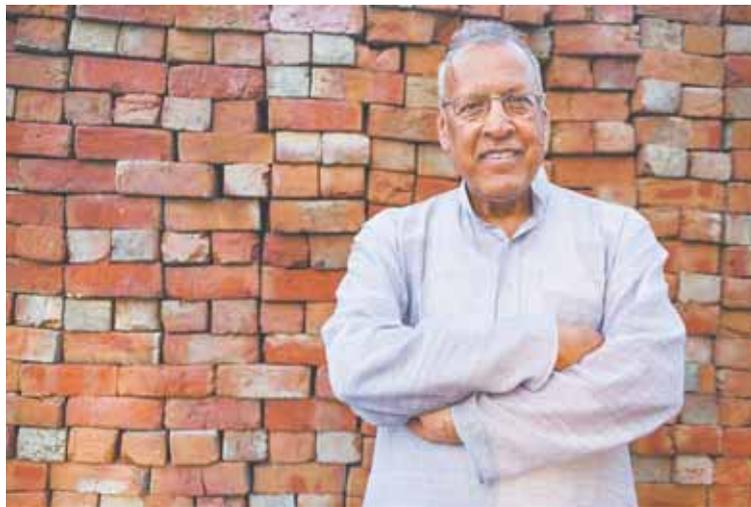
Herndon Field Hockey Beats Marshall

The Herndon field hockey team defeated Marshall 4-0 on Oct. 9, improving the team's record to 11-3.

The Hornets faced Robinson on Tuesday, after The Connection's deadline. Herndon will conclude the regular season with a road game against Westfield at 5 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 16 — a rematch of last season's conference championship game.

NEWS

Vienna's Bhagwati Agrawal has been named one of CNN's Top Ten Heroes of 2015 and is in the running to be its Hero of the Year.



CNN PHOTO

A Hero in Vienna

Vienna's Agrawal is one of CNN's Top Ten Heroes of 2015.

ABIGAIL CONSTANTINO
THE CONNECTION

What is the difference between a stray animal and a human being? That was the question Vienna's Bhagwati Agrawal's mother asked him when he ignored an elderly woman who asked him to help her pull a few buckets of water from the well when he was a young boy in Rajasthan, India.

Agrawal has returned to Rajasthan but he is no longer the boy who refused to help. Now, he helps thousands of people get water in one of India's driest states.

Agrawal is one of CNN's Top Ten Heroes of 2015 and has a chance to be the CNN Hero of the Year and win \$100,000. He was nominated in 2013 by, he suspects, his daughter Nayna. After a thorough check by CNN, the network contacted him and informed him that he was in the top 25 and that they would like to go to India with him to film the work he is doing.

With his Fairfax-based NGO Sustainable Innovations, he delivered Aakash Ganga, River from the Sky in Hindi. Aakash Ganga provides safe drinking water to vulnerable people and rural communities. Ten thousand people in six villages have been provided regular access to clean water.

AGRAWAL looked at how utilities work in the United States and the concept of passage rights, which allows for utility groups to have access to properties to provide services. He came up with something similar, acquiring rainwater harvesting rights.

"I want to rent your rooftop. I will pay you 1,000 rupees, about \$15 to \$20. People thought this was free money. But then, they thought, 'If he takes all the rainwater, there's nothing left for us.'"

So, he proposed that they share the cost and the water. "Half the rainwater is mine, half is yours."

He funnels his share from each household reservoir to a village reservoir, which serves the rest of the people who are not able to collect rainwater.

His system of water delivery rhymes with the local culture. "We will not ask people to change their behavior. The only person who needs to change is me. How do I find a solution that is compatible with their behavior," he said.

Agrawal had to think about the cultural, social and political attitude of the community. He knew that there was a mindset of entitlement and complacency from years of relying on government promises. He knew that political corruption was rampant and there was a distrust of local officials. And, he knew that the model in place for public services was build, neglect, rebuild.

He went to a local government office and he asked them if they want to provide water for their people. Officials there said, "We are poor people. We don't have anything to contribute." I said, that's not true. By accepting that you are poor, someone told you that you are poor and you accepted it. In that process you lost your dignity. So don't ever call yourself poor." They offered 10,000 square meters of land at no cost for a whole year's worth of water.

Agrawal moved to Vienna in 1982 and worked for GTE. He also founded Information Gateway that was based in Vienna. With his wife, Vimal, he raised three children, Nayna, Nilam and Abhinav, who are alumni of James Madison High School.

"They thought I was crazy," he said when he started his project in 2003 after his business closed. "From their perspective, I'm not

bringing money home. It was tough."

He could have restarted, "Maybe I can make a million dollars more. I can have a big car, big T.V., big house. But is that what I want?"

THEN WHAT HIS MOTHER TOLD HIM when he was a child grew on him. A stray animal is one who fills her own tummy. A human being is one who fills someone else's tummy.

Go to <http://www.cnn.com/specials/cnn-heroes>, for more information on CNN Heroes and how to vote. Voting ends Sunday, Nov. 15. To find out more about Agrawal's work, go to <http://si-usa.org/>.

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It's Essential, Apparently



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

From what little I know, and even less from what I read, but mostly from what I hear – from Rebecca (my certified holistic health coach) – essential oils (lemon, lavender, peppermint, frankincense, to name a few) are the possible/potential answer to many questions and conditions: insomnia, indigestion, anxiety, stress, muscle tension, and even cancer and immune system health, among many others. Unfortunately, one never knows for sure of the outcomes because, other than The Ten Commandments, especially as it concerns science and medicine, very little is written in stone. In this context, if a patient wants to pursue alternatives to standard/a.k.a. Western medicine, there are ample avenues on which to travel. Information will flow freely on the Internet, and of course, numerous books have been written outlining non-conventional treatments for pretty much anything that ails you, especially cancer. Knowing what to do is difficult – to say the least; and impossible, to say the most.

Sifting through the many choices and filtering out the advertising and self-promotion are skills with which I was not blessed. I'm fairly gullible and inclined to accept and embrace a reasonable-sounding premise. My problem is that – other than sports and chocolate, writing a column, and selling a non-tangible – I know very little about a lot of things. As such, I am ill-equipped to deal with the many issues and decisions common – and recurring, in a cancer patient's life: life and death mostly; sustaining the former and avoiding the latter in particular. And in that struggle, one is faced with many challenges. Challenges which my heretofore normal/uneventful and healthy life did not and likely could not have prepared me for, beginning with the words I unexpectedly heard from an oncologist in February, 2009: "You have stage IV, non-small cell lung cancer. I can treat you but I cannot cure you. Your prognosis is 13 months to two years." Sentences which, almost seven years later, I can still see and hear. Try falling asleep every night with that advisory/scenario rolling around in your head.

But sleeping is a must, as is being open to new/non-traditional ideas/remedies. Standing pat and/or going along with the standard program has merit certainly, and decades of success way beyond this mortal man. However, when your doctor uses the "t" word (as in terminal), standing pat no longer seems prudent – at least it didn't for me.

The incredulity of it all is almost overwhelming. It's akin to being knocked off your feet, almost literally. Eventually though, you pick yourself up emotionally and begin to consider – not that day of course (you'll note I didn't say decide) – how you're going to live the rest of your life: as a victim or as a victor. Are you going to live and learn or just wait your turn? It's an extremely personal choice and one that didn't come easily or naturally for me. The process took/takes time and one size – so to speak, does not fit all. For all I know – and it's very little, actually – I'm still alive in spite of the alternatives I've incorporated into my routine. Nevertheless, life is still going on and I am still open to adding new anti-cancer-sounding products/pursuits. Essential oils are simply the most recent tool in this cancer patient's arsenal. Will its use matter? I can only hope. But as long as I'm still in the game, I'll continue to believe that "oil's well that ends well."

Kenny Lourie is an Advertising Representative for The Potomac Almanac & The Connection Newspapers.

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Petitioner, Jhon Caceres has filed a Petition for an Order of Protection From Abuse against you in the Family Court of the State of Delaware for New Castle County. Petition No. 15-29228. A court hearing has been scheduled for 10/16/2015 at 11:30 am. The Family Court is located at 500 N. King St, Wilmington, DE 19801. If you fail to appear the hearing may proceed without you. There is Ex-Parte Order in effect. If you wish to obtain the information on this filing prior to the hearing, please respond to the Family Court location noted above.

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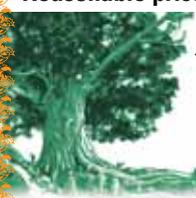
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