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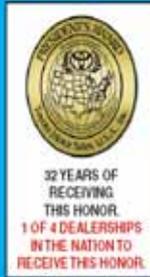
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Eric Grossman (center) is congratulated by co-campaign chairs John Brookbank and Evelyn Akers.



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From left, are Ethan, Eric and Alex Grossman; Eric's girlfriend, Desiree Termine; his mother, Myrna Hyman and her husband, Paul Hyman.

Grossman Named LLS 2019 Man of the Year

Fairfax City man raised money for Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

Fairfax City resident Eric Grossman has been named the 2019 Man of the Year for the National Capital Area's chapter of the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (LLS). Vying against 23 other people, he raised the most money of the male candidates during a 10-week fundraising campaign.

As a result, he and the LLS Woman of the Year, Jessica Burgess of Annapolis, Md., were honored June 1 at a grand-finale gala at The Anthem in Washington, D.C. They received glass statuettes and will have their names linked to an LLS-funded research portfolio connected to groundbreaking, innovative, blood-cancer breakthroughs.

"My grandparents, who are no longer with us, long ago imparted the wisdom that – while it's nice to do well – it is imperative to do good," said Grossman. "Supporting an organization as impactful as LLS is unquestionably what it means to do good. These fine folds are going to cure – are curing – blood cancers."

FROM MARCH 20 THROUGH JUNE 1,

all 24 candidates raised money in honor of this year's Boy & Girl of the Year, leukemia survivors Grant and Lucia. LLS Senior Campaign Manager Allie Krafft said they were chosen because "They are sources of inspiration for their positive attitudes and determination to never give up."

Beth Gorman, Executive Director of the National Capital Area chapter, also praised the "incredible men and women who participated in the campaign and help us make strides in treatments for blood cancers. These 24 candidates are true champions of the LLS mission."

Grossman, an attorney and partner at DLA Piper LLP in Reston, was inspired to get involved after being nominated by his friend, Erika Chambers, who'd previously participated in the competition. And, said Krafft, "He also has two, young boys and wanted to set a good example for them."

He raised \$517,078 through his corporate connections and personal donations. "He also brought in some big-ticket, auction items for our grand-finale gala," said Krafft. "People could raise money until 9 p.m. that night." Noting that 82 other LLS chapters also do this campaign, she said Grossman is now in the running for the LLS

national Man of the Year.

"The money goes toward funding research, including for pediatric cancers," said LLS Marketing Manager Jasmine Clay. "We also do patient advocacy and make sure patients are able to get the services they need."

Grossman's fundraising page will stay open for contributions until June 30. To donate, go to www.mwoy.org/nca and click on candidates and then his name. Proud of his efforts, Krafft called them "amazing. We are so thankful; he left no stone unturned and really put his all into this."

"I have been very fortunate to build a trusted relationship with many successful companies and entrepreneurs, over the last decade, as a corporate partner at DLA Piper," explained Grossman. "That network of generous souls did not need much convincing to step up and contribute in a big way because they knew this was important to me, and I wouldn't have asked, otherwise. And more importantly, they knew LLS was a game-changing organization serving patients and families in need in our community and beyond and that their contributions would actually make a difference."

In his acceptance speech, he said, "This is truly a humbling and amazing honor."

Then, acknowledging all the others who competed, Grossman said, "You know, the LLS team advertises this as a 10-week sprint. But they fail to mention the four months they make you prepare before you even get in the starting blocks, so I know what you have given of yourselves, and we would all agree it is well-worth it."

He expressed appreciation to campaign leaders John Brookbank and Evelyn Akers for their leadership and support, as well as all the LLS staff members. And he recognized Grant and Lucia and to their families "for being a daily reminder during this campaign of just how important this mission is."

GROSSMAN next thanked his team, Blood, Sweat & Tears, for joining his fundraising efforts. Members included his brother Lanny; his sons, Ethan and Alex; his girlfriend Desiree Termine; and his parents. "I was blessed to be supported by literally hundreds of different people and organizations along the way," he said.

"Taking on this challenge was about living up to the values my family modeled for me," continued Grossman. "Both of my parents, my brother and even my kids – at only 12 and 14 – have routinely and meaningfully given of themselves for those in need."

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Britepaths Named Nonprofit of the Year

Fairfax-based Britepaths was named Nonprofit of the Year by the Northern Virginia Chamber of Commerce, June 7, at the Greater Washington Good Business Awards. Accepting the award for Britepaths was its executive director, Lisa Whetzel.

"We were humbled to be in the impressive pool of nonprofit nominees and are so honored to have been named Nonprofit of the Year," she said. "This award is a testament to the fantastic work of Britepaths' staff and board, and to our community who supports our work."

Britepaths is in its 35th year^o of providing help and hope to struggling residents^o in Fairfax County and helping them^o thrive.^o It offers resilience pro-

grams, including financial literacy and workforce-development services at Britepaths and at the Financial Empowerment Center at South County. And all these programs help their clients plan for their financial future and obtain better jobs.

In addition, its stability services, emergency and short-term food assistance, plus financial assistance grants, help families stay in their homes while they work through a crisis. And Britepaths' seasonal supports, back-to-school and holiday assistance programs provide further help to local families in need during a time of crisis.

— BONNIE HOBBS



Britepaths Executive Director Lisa Whetzel (second from right) pictured with all the Greater Washington Good Business Award recipients, including Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova (second from left).

New Majority on Board of Supervisors

Eight things to study, get up to speed.

One thing we know for sure, Fairfax County is about to lose a lot of institutional knowledge on the Board of Supervisors. Here are a few suggestions for areas where those who might find themselves on a fully reconstituted Board of Supervisors should bone up.

❖ **Affordable Housing:** The market is not going to produce the affordable housing we need on its own. Mixed income apartments and condos that serve workforce housing all the way down through vouchers and supported housing managed local by nonprofits, all in the same building, must be leveraged by subsidizing infrastructure, providing partnerships, land and bonus densities. Move outside the box. Let large employers build housing, next to, on top of, in the parking areas, of their buildings. Let churches make room for housing. Put mixed income housing on top of every government building including libraries, community centers, government centers. Make room for housing in vast county parking lots. Try everything.

❖ **Homelessness:** While in many ways,

Fairfax County has succeeded in reducing homelessness as much as possible, preventing a continuing cycle of homelessness will require more attention. Fairfax County Public Schools counted 2,600 students experiencing homelessness at the end of the school year, most of them Latino. The county's Office to Prevent and End Homelessness counted somewhat fewer, most of them African American. The definition is different, and the differences reveal places for improvement. The board is losing two major advocates for affordable housing and ending homelessness in Chairman Sharon Bulova and Hunter Mill Supervisor Cathy Hudgins.

❖ **Roads:** We are on the cusp of unprecedented innovation in transportation. Overdesigning roads now will continue to divide communities, suburban and urban, in the future even with a decline in vehicles on the road and car ownership. Think ahead. Self-driving cars. Ride sharing. Service for people with disabilities and older residents.

❖ **One Fairfax:** Data and other efforts related to equity and One Fairfax are already revealing expected and unexpected issues.

❖ **Police Reform:** While Fairfax County now has two forms of independent oversight of police, consider that the police have chosen to remain silent on recommendations and reports by both the Independent Police Auditor

and the Civilian Review Panel. Members of the current Board of Supervisors acknowledge that they assumed the Fairfax County Police Department would make a public response to such oversight, but apparently it will need to be an explicit requirement. Transparency remains a concern.

❖ **Criminal Justice Reform:** Don't forget what voters told you on June 11 about the importance of a progressive approach to criminal justice reform. Figure out and heed what leads to racial injustice in the criminal justice system.

❖ **Demographics:** Residents of Fairfax County are getting older. Schools are getting more diverse. Data will offer many clues about what the county will look like in 10 years.

❖ **Change:** We are on the cusp of unprecedented innovation. Don't double down and lock in solutions for yesterday's problems in a way that precludes more elegant technological solutions later.

Transportation is the most obvious of these. But anything that reduces barriers to entry will change the landscape.

Better meetings via camera, including medical appointments, therapy, drug treatment, business meetings. You can be face to face with anyone anywhere. Soon it will be seamless and generally available. There are many other examples.

Answering the Call

BY LOLITA YOUMANS
PRS CRISISLINK VOLUNTEER

I was treated like royalty this past month by PRS, a local nonprofit that helps people facing life crises and mental health challenges, as part of a variety of volunteer appreciation events. Although I appreciated being recognized, my work with PRS has become more than a volunteer job...it is a calling.

My journey to become a PRS volunteer started a few years ago when I lost three people in my life to suicide within 18 months. The first was a coworker who had just survived a heart attack in the summer, and came back to work full of energy. He died by suicide over Labor Day weekend. The next was a young friend of my daughter. They were all in their first semester of college. Her death by suicide was devastating. She had been a cheerleader, active in youth groups and just a sweet free spirit. The third death by suicide was a dear friend of mine, a few days before her 50th birthday.

Each of these heightened my awareness of suicide, and ignited a feeling that I should do something. I don't have a background

in social work or counseling, so I was lost as to what I could do. One day a song came on the radio about the suicide hotline, "1-800-273-TALK" by Logic, and that's when I knew.

I called PRS and signed up to volunteer for their CrisisLink program, which runs Northern Virginia's 24/7 suicide prevention and crisis intervention hotline.

From the first day of training, I felt like I was in the right place. It is so gratifying. Crisis workers serve as the containers into which callers pour their deepest hurts and disappointments about life. We don't try to fix things; we offer a safe haven for people to share their feelings without fear of judgement.

As I got involved, the biggest surprise for me was the vast range of circumstances that lead someone to consider suicide. We get calls from older adults who feel isolated; young children buckling from the pressures of school and their families; and successful people who feel they have achieved great professional success and come home to an empty house.

Last year during the holidays, I took a call from an older gentle-



The CrisisLink runs Northern Virginia's 24/7 suicide prevention and crisis intervention hotline.

man. He was in a nursing home and didn't have family to check on him.

He talked about feeling lonely and didn't see any reason to keep living. He told me about his love of music. We started talking about all his musical interests, and I could sense his mood lifting. As we were wrapping up, he sang "Let There Be Peace on Earth." It was beautiful and peaceful...and reinforced for me that I was in the right place.

I answered the call, but it's so

much more. Now other crisis workers have become friends, bonded by our shared desire to serve. After having been here for a year, I know that I have found my "tribe!" Of course, the need is great, and we always need more to join our tribe.

PRS CrisisLink is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week - 1-800-273-TALK, 703-527-4077 or text 'CONNECT' to 855-11. To learn more about becoming a crisis worker, visit www.prsinc.org/crisislink.



Farewell at Woodson High

W.T. Woodson saw their senior class of 2019 graduate Tuesday, June 4 at Eagle Bank Arena surrounded by hundreds of family and friends. This class has made its mark at Woodson as 2019 was one of the most athletically successful years in school history. The main speaker for the ceremony was principal Carlyn Floyd who expressed her high hopes for the graduating class, stating that she believes "this class will go on to change the world." When Woodson seniors were asked to raise if they achieved an average GPA of 4.0 or higher it was hard to keep count of

how many students stood in a moment that defined the talent of this class.

Graduation caps were decorated with logos from various schools from both instate and out of state schools such as Clemson, University of Pennsylvania, Virginia Tech as well as University of Virginia. The ceremony also featured student participation including speakers from SGA and other clubs as well as a student conducted national anthem at the beginning of the ceremony.

—CHAMBERLAIN ZULAUF

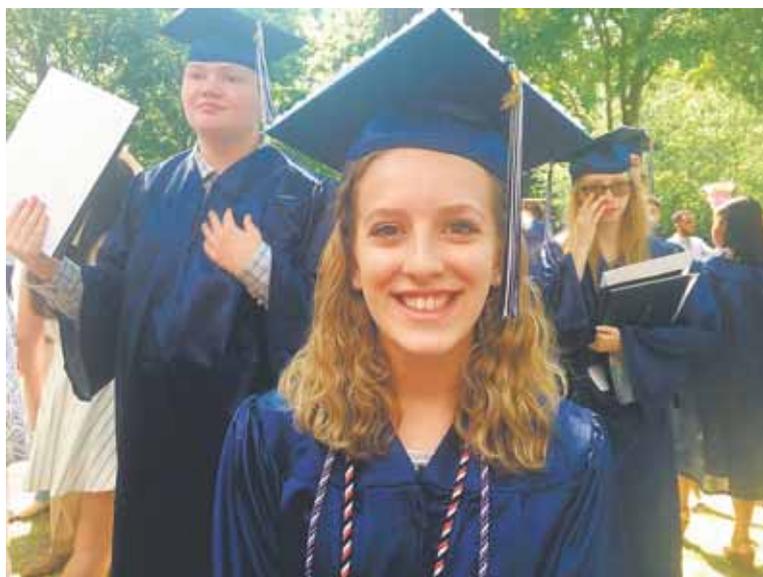
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Woodson High Graduates Look at Years Ahead

Grace Cryblskey: "I'm going to Indiana University of Pennsylvania and will be studying physical and health education and minoring in special education. In 5 years I'll be working in a school."



Charlotte Bushman: "I'll be going to East Carolina University and will be studying to be a nurse. I hope to eventually work in a hospital."



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Cooking, Counting, Drama

And other fun ways to preserve skills during the summer.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

During the summer, Glenda Hernández Baca and her children can be found in the kitchen measuring and mixing, stirring and sautéing. They cook together as a family, but what the children don't realize however, is that their mother is helping them maintain their math and reading skills.

"You can do math no matter what you are doing, and cooking is also a great way to do math," said Hernández Baca, Ph.D. of the School of Education at Montgomery College. "My kids love to cook with me and they help me with the recipes. We engage in reading, organizing and sorting, and discussing and analyzing fractions and conversions. They are doing so much learning but they do not know it."

The key to preventing that reversal, say educators, is finding creative ways to make learning fun while maintaining the light-hearted and carefree nature of vacations, camps and trips to the pool.

"The more students practice their academic skills in the summer, the more prepared they will be for the next school year and the less review and relearning they will need to do," said Hernández Baca.

For students who don't enjoy reading, infuse reading with drama, suggests Ana Lado, Ph.D., Professor of Education at Marymount University in Arlington, Va. "Pick ... books with lots of dialogue and either lots of active verbs or actionable scenes," she said. "You and the child read the parts as dramatically as you can together ... totally exaggerating the spoken parts as well as the actions as much as possible."

"Have them make a video with their favorite scenes in a book," continued Lado. "It forces them to read for scenes that have drama and to reread as they rehearse. It gives them a goal and making a film is a concrete goal. As they read through the book looking for drama and action let them put a sticky note on each good page they find."

In fact, infusing reading with drama can change the mindset of a child who doesn't enjoy reading. "Some students will benefit if they watch a movie version of a classic text like something by Jane Austen, for example, while they are reading it," M.A. Mahoney, Dean of Academics and Faculty at the Madeira School in McLean, Va. "This approach is sometimes the gateway to a lifetime of reading pleasure of an author."

For children who have challenges or difficulties reading, Hernández Baca suggests choosing short passages that allow them to explore a subject that piques their curiosity. "Consider cutting out an article or something shorter about an interest they have such as a band, music [or] sports," she said.

Everyday conversations can lead to math, science and language learning opportunities. "Often, children will make comments about something they are curious about such as how something grows or why the sky is changing colors, Hernández Baca said. "Maximize that opportunity and tell them what great questions they have and look up information. You could even make it a library trip to learn together. This is a wonderful way to show and model that we as parents, are always learning, too."



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M.A. Mahoney of Madeira School believes that during the summer, students can develop a lifetime of reading pleasure.

Even a short car ride or setting money goals can help support math skills, says Hernández Baca. "Talk about how much money a certain toy costs and how much they would need to purchase it. Have them come up with different equations that would help them reach that goal and talk about it. ...

"You can do math no matter what you are doing," she continued. "For example, in the car you can count how many trucks you see or how many blue cars."

Another way to practice math is to engage children in predictions and estimates, says Hernández Baca. "Asking 'How long do you think it will take us to get there?' or 'How many steps does it take to walk to the car or to the house?' You can then break it down and ask questions such as, 'Why do you think mommy had to take fewer steps?' or 'How many miles an hour would we have to go if we needed to reduce the trip time to get here?'"

A family vacation can provide an opportunity to practice language and writing. "Keep a vacation journal by printing out your child's favorite photos and have them write about them," said Carly Flanigan, Lower School Learning Specialist at St. Stephen's and St. Agnes School in Alexandria, Va.

When parents model a positive attitude toward reading, a child might find it more pleasurable "Have a family book club [and] meet once a month at everyone's favorite restaurant," said Flanigan "Make connections about books you and your child read or listen to. Ask questions about characters, setting and action in the plot ... Have your child read one of your favorite books that you love."

"Read aloud no matter the age of the child," said Elizabeth McConnel, Lower School Learning Specialist, also at St. Stephen's and St. Agnes School. "Make this a fun family event. Utilize different genres of text including magazines for your child's reading. Use audio books, Audible, or podcasts."

Current events can provide fodder for mental stimulation. "I always encourage students and families to read an editorial daily from a news source, and then to discuss it at a family meal," said Mahoney. "This builds reading comprehension skills, civil discourse skills, and increases familiarity with essay construction, not to mention making meal time more lively."

No matter the method, parents should be intentional about prioritizing and setting summer learning goals for their children, advises Hernández Baca. "Your kids do not need to know your structure or plan, but it will help you stay consistent with activities that specifically target learning in reading, writing, math, science or anything else."

Fairfax Man Dies after Crash

Fairfax resident Audelio Pacheco-Sales died Saturday, June 15, as a result of injuries he sustained June 2 while riding his moped. On that date, at 7:54 a.m., City of Fairfax police responded to the intersection of Chain Bridge Road and Eaton Place for a report of a traffic accident involving a moped and a motor vehicle.

According to police, investigation determined that the driver of a minivan traveling south on Chain Bridge failed to yield the right of way while making a left turn onto Eaton, causing the collision. Police identified him as Medet Andagulov, 33, of 6513 Old Carriage Drive in Alexandria.

He remained at the scene and cooperated with investigators. Meanwhile, Pacheco-Sales was transported to Inova Fairfax Hospital in critical condition. Police charged Andagulov with reckless driving and driving without a license. They say alcohol was not a factor in the crash.

Bundt Cake Fundraiser Friday

Nothing Bundt Cakes is opening a new shop this week in the Fair Lakes Promenade Shopping Center, at 12233B Fair Lakes Promenade Drive, next to California Tortilla. And on Friday, June 21, from 9 a.m.-7 p.m., 20 percent of the sales will benefit Britepaths to help the clients it serves. The fun also includes a wine and cake tasting, between 5-7 p.m., featuring the bundt cakes plus wine from The Wine House.

Free, Hands-Only CPR Training

The City of Fairfax Fire Department will offer free, hands-only CPR training, Saturday, June 29, at 9 a.m., at Fire Station 3 at 4081 University Drive in Fairfax.

Stuff the Bus for Britepaths

A Stuff the Bus food drive for Britepaths' food pantry will be held Saturday, June 29, from 11 a.m.-4 p.m., at the Walmart at 11181 Lee Hwy. in Fairfax. Donations of nonperishable food items will help local families in need.

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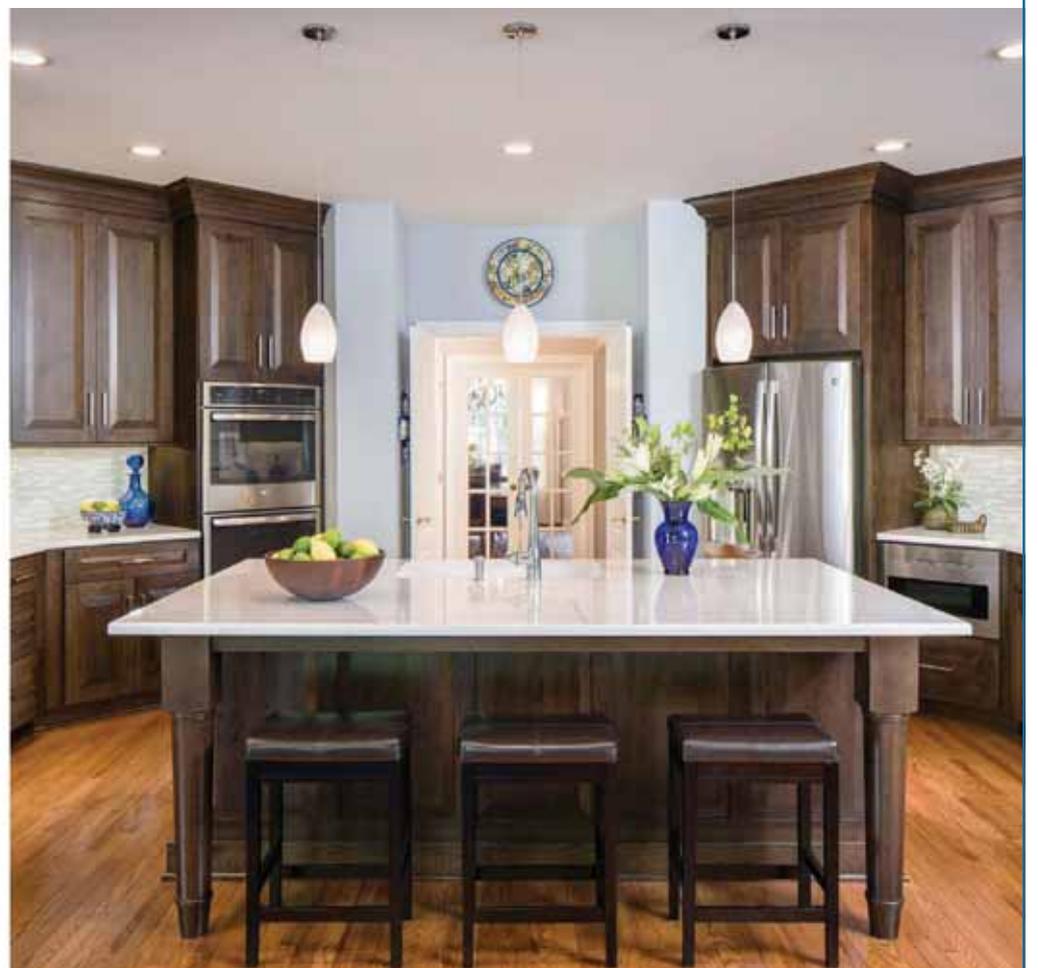
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ONGOING

Art Exhibit: Somewhere Between You and Me. Through July 20, Fridays and Saturdays, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at Olly Olly, 10417 Main St., 2nd Floor, Fairfax. In Somewhere Between You and Me, young nonbinary transgender artists intimately seek to understand and bring understanding to what it means to experience life as a nonbinary person. Call 703-789-6144 or visit ollyollyart.com for more.

Art Exhibition: Virginia Watercolor Society. Through Aug. 2, gallery hours in the McGuireWoods Gallery, Workhouse Arts Center, Workhouse Arts Center, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. Virginia Watercolor Society (VWS) is organizing its 40th annual juried painting exhibition with about 85 paintings on display. Free and open to the public. Visit www.workhousearts.org/ or www.virginiawatercolorssociety.org/ for more.

Crafters Wanted for 2nd Annual Fall Craft Show. The Fairfax Station Railroad Museum will hold its 2nd Annual Fall Craft Show and LEGO (TM) Train Show on Saturday, Oct. 12, 2019, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. For crafters interested in joining the event, booth space is enough room for a 10x10 canopy and cost is \$50 per space. Email dmueller@fairfax-station.org for an application and further information. Visit www.fairfax-station.org or call 703-425-9225.

Kingstowne Farmers Market. Fridays, through Oct. 25, 4-7 p.m. in the Giant parking lot, 5870 Kingstowne Towne Center, Alexandria. Farm fresh eggs, local honey, berries, fresh picked vegetables, fresh local fruits, baked breads and treats, chicken, tamales, salsa, hummus, gourmet sausage, fresh roasted coffee beans, and more. Call 703-642-0128 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/kingstowne.

Wakefield Farmers Market. Wednesdays, 2-6 p.m. through Oct. 30, at Wakefield Park, 8100 Braddock Road, Annandale. Eleven local farmers and producers will sell fresh produce and fruits; meats; breads and pastries; jams; dairy products and eggs; herbs; flowers, and more. All products are grown or produced by the vendors and come from within 125 miles. Master Gardeners will provide horticultural information to home gardeners in Fairfax County. Call 703-642-0128 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/wakefield.

Lorton Farmers Market. Sundays, 9 a.m.-noon, through Nov. 17, in the VRE Parking Lot, 8990 Lorton Station Blvd., Lorton. Eleven local farmers and producers sell fresh produce and fruits; meats; breads and pastries; jams; dairy products and eggs; herbs; flowers, and more. All products are grown or produced by the vendors and come from within 125 miles. Master Gardeners will provide horticultural information to home gardeners. Call 703-642-0128 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/lorton.

Springfield Farmers Market. Saturdays, through Nov. 23, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Springfield Town Center, 6699 Spring Mall Drive, Springfield. Visit www.community-foodworks.org or call 202-697-7768.

Burke Farmers Market. Through Dec. 21, 8 a.m.-noon at the VRE parking lot, 5671 Roberts Parkway, Burke. Fresh produce, baked goods, seafood, and dairy. All vendors make their own food or grow it locally within 125 miles. Call 703-642-0128 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/burke

FRIDAY/JUNE 21

B-I-N-G-O. 7 p.m. at Fire Station 3, 4081 University Drive, Fairfax. Enjoy free coffee, entertaining callers, a friendly atmosphere, \$1,000 guaranteed jackpot, progressive raffles, and good food for purchase. All proceeds help purchase fire and rescue equipment. www.fairfaxvfd.com or call 703-273-3638

Celebrate the Year's Longest Day. 9-9:55 p.m. at Burke Lake Park, 7315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station. Cozy up to a campfire at a "Summer Solstice Campfire." Learn to separate fact and fiction regarding celestial events. Head out on a hike while waiting wait for the sun to set and enjoy roasting marshmallows around a campfire. The minimum age to attend this program is 6 years. \$7. Call 703-323-6600 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/burke-lake

FRIDAY/JUNE 21-SATURDAY/JULY 6



Springfield Farmers Market

Vendors include Cascade Beverage, Celestial/Fossil Farms, Chilanga Tortilla, Conecopia, Greenwich Farms, Iganacio's Produce, Kingdom Gourmet, Lola's Kusina, Lund's Produce, Smiths Mecklenburg, Taste Old Country, Three Puppies, Tyson Farm, and Windmill Meadows. Saturdays, through Nov. 23, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Springfield Town Center, 6699 Spring Mall Drive, Springfield. Visit www.community-foodworks.org or call 202-697-7768.

Be the Art. ARTSFAIRFAX launches its third Imagine Art Here project on June 21. Imagine Art Here: INOUT:Springfield, a public art installation will feature interactive cuboids that collect community feedback and project community photos, temporarily installed July 13-Aug. 9 at Old Keene Mill Shopping Center and Aug. 10-23 at Springfield Town Center. The public will be able to take their picture, individually, as a group, with pets or with their family, and answer six questions about their role in the community and their opinions on art. Visit www.INOUTEXPERIENCE.com.

Photo booths will be Pop Up at the following locations:

- ❖ June 21, 4-7 p.m., Kingstowne Farmers Market
- ❖ June 23, 1-4 p.m., Springfield Town Center
- ❖ June 26, 5-6 p.m., Lee District RECenter
- ❖ June 26, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Summer Concert in the Park
- ❖ June 27, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Greenspring Retirement Community
- ❖ June 29, noon-2 p.m., Richard Byrd Library
- ❖ June 30, 4-6 p.m. Tower Shopping Center
- ❖ July 6, 6-8 p.m., Old Keene Mill Shopping Center

SATURDAY/JUNE 22

Music in the Parks - "Feast for Young Ears." 10 a.m. at Mason District Park, 6621 Columbia Pike, Annandale. The Fairfax Symphony Orchestra is partnering with Fairfax County Parks to provide free Music in the Parks children's concerts. The performances are engaging and interactive experiences; perfect for young, first-time concert-goers. Each concert offers an introduction to the musicians, their instruments, their roles in creating the music, and features a wide variety of musical selections from classical music to the familiar music of today. Visit www.fairfaxsymphony.org/concerts-in-the-parks.

Children's Entertainment Series. 10-10:45 a.m. at Burke Lake Park Amphitheater, 7315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station. Featuring 123 Andrés (children's songs) Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performance/springfield-nights.

WhoDunit Mystery Letterboxing. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at Kings Park Community Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Celebrate the Golden Age of Detective Novels by solving mystery puzzles while seeking letterboxes through a clue hunt. Letterboxing is a scavenger hunt game. Adults and teens. Free. Call 703-978-5600 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library.

Summer Saturdays. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at Gunston Hall, 10709 Gunston Road, Lorton. Join Gunston Hall each Saturday in summer, stop by for a historic adventure. Call 703-550-9220 or visit www.gunstonhall.org/visit/guide/upcoming-events.

Movie Night: Fantastic Mr. Fox. Dusk. Liberty Lorton, the former prison turned new development, is hosting a series of events that includes barnyard yoga, outdoor movie nights, and the second annual Turkey Trot. Events are open to residents and non-residents of Liberty. Visit thelibertylife.com for more.

Mosaic Harmony Choir. 7-8:15 p.m. at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 3022 Woodlawn Ave. Fairfax-based Mosaic Harmony celebrates diversity and inclusiveness through song. The group has performed at the White House and Washington National Cathedral. Free. Visit www.holytrinityfallschurch.org/music.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/JUNE 22-23

Wireless Society Field Day 2019. Starts 2 p.m. on Saturday, running 24 hours to 2 p.m. on Sunday at Burke Lake Park, 7315 Ox Road,

Fairfax Station. Members of the Vienna Wireless Society will be participating in Field Day at Burke Lake Park. The club will demonstrate radio communications, use satellite communications, and have a station where visitors may operate and talk on the air and experience the fun of amateur radio. Free. Call 703-395-6721 or visit www.viennawireless.net.

SUNDAY/JUNE 23

Hands On Activities. 1-4 p.m. at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station. Operating model trains, decoding and writing telegraph messages as well as observing Tom Boltz demonstrate how an old train order hoop was used by the railroads so that the train engineer and a train station employee could communicate. Ages 16 and older, \$4; 5-15, \$2; 4 and under, free. Visit www.fairfax-station.org, www.facebook.com/FFXSRR, or call 703-425-9225.

Films in the Park: Mary Poppins Returns (2018). 7 p.m. at Strawberry Park in Mosaic, Fairfax. Mosaic's summer movie lineup has something for the whole family. Grab a blanket, friends and family and watch favorite films underneath the stars. Visit mosaicdistrict.com/events/event/films-in-the-park-2/.

FRIDAY/JUNE 28

B-I-N-G-O. 7 p.m. at Fire Station 3, 4081 University Drive, Fairfax. Enjoy free coffee, entertaining callers, a friendly atmosphere, \$1,000 guaranteed jackpot, treasure chest progressive raffles, and good food available for purchase. All proceeds go to purchasing fire and rescue equipment. Visit www.fairfaxvfd.com or call 703-273-3638 for more.

SATURDAY/JUNE 29

Children's Entertainment Series. 10-10:45 a.m. at Burke Lake Park Amphitheater, 7315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station. Featuring The Goodlife Theater (puppets) Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performance/springfield-nights.

Stuff the Bus. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Safeway at Pan Am, 3043 Nutley St., Fairfax (benefitting Food for Others) and 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at Fairfax Walmart, 11181 Lee Highway, Fairfax (benefitting Britepaths). Hunger becomes more acute in the summer when children no longer get school meals. Help area food pantries restock; their shelves run low. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/neighborhood-community-services/stuff-the-bus for more.

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Goat Yoga. Noon. Liberty Lorton, the former prison turned new development, is hosting a series of events that includes barnyard yoga, outdoor movie nights. Events are open to residents and non-residents of Liberty alike. Visit thelibertylife.com

Jailhouse Rock Range Party. Doors open, 5 p.m.; concert, 6-9 p.m. at Laurel Hill Golf Club, 8701 Laurel Crest Drive, Lorton. Laurel Hill Golf Club will be hosting its first concert, Jailhouse Rock on the Range. Bring lawn chairs and find a seat on the range to enjoy live music provided by alternative and rock cover bands Rusty Cage and Skeleton Crew. Food and beverages will be available for purchase. No outside food or drink permitted. Adults, \$15; youth, \$10. Proceeds benefit the First Tee of Greater Washington. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/golf/laurel-hill.

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATIONS

SATURDAY/JUNE 29

Workhouse Fireworks. 5-10 p.m. at Workhouse Art Center, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. This year, the US Navy Band Sea Chanters – the United States Navy's official chorus – will treat guests to a performance that ranges from traditional choral music to opera, Broadway, and contemporary music. Guests at Workhouse Fireworks will also be able to enjoy local food trucks and craft beer and fine wine, as well as soft drinks. Free admission; \$25 per vehicle parking (purchase in advance online). Visit workhousearts.org/fireworks.

THURSDAY/JULY 4

City of Fairfax Independence Day. The 53rd Annual Independence Day Celebration. Visit www.fairfaxva.gov/government/parks-recreation/special-events/independence-day-celebration

- ❖ Independence Day Parade, 10 a.m.-noon, Downtown Fairfax (rain or shine)
- ❖ Fairfax Museum & Visitor Center Open House, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., 10209 Main St.
- ❖ Rattcliffe-Allison-Pozer House Tours, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., 10386 Main St. - free guided tours of the 1812 and the 1927 sections of the house.
- ❖ Old Fashioned Fireman's Day, noon, 4081 University Drive - firefighter competition, food & beverages, fun for the kids.
- ❖ Evening Show & Fireworks, 6:30-10:30 p.m., Fairfax High School, 3501 Rebel Run; rain date - July 5th (fireworks only). Children's activities, live music by the Darby Brothers, and award presentations. Fireworks begin at 9:30.

Declaration of Independence Reading.

Noon-1:30 p.m. in Historic Pohick Church, 9301 Richmond Highway, Lorton. The community is invited to a reading of the Declaration of Independence in Historic Pohick Church by historical re-enactor, the Rev. Dr. Thomas Costa, portraying the Rev. Mr. Massey, rector of Pohick Church in 1776. Free. Call 703-339-6572, or visit www.pohick.org.

4th of July in Clifton. 4 p.m. Join the Clifton Betterment Association for 4th of July in Clifton. Parade begins at 4 p.m. with a BBQ Potluck (bring a side dish or dessert) and games in the park beginning at 5 p.m. Volunteers needed, sign up at www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0b4fafa92ca57-4thofjuly3. Visit www.cliftonva.org for more.

Kidsave Benefit Concert. 7 p.m. at St. George's UMC, 4910 Ox Road, Fairfax. Concert to benefit Kidsave. Kidsave International is a non profit organization that helps kids in foster care find their forever families. Singer-Songwriter Paige Powell and friends, including "Gracious Me" and Kim Gilliam. Free, donations appreciated. Email bonnie@kidsave.org or visit kidsave.org.

SUNDAY/JUNE 30

Dog Days of Summer Craft Day. 1-4 p.m. at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station. Learn about Adopt Don't Shop for finding a new pet. Make pull toys out of old jeans and fleece to be donated to pups waiting for their forever home. Donate old jeans or fleece. Ages 16 and older, \$4; 5-15, \$2; 4 and under, free. Visit www.fairfax-station.org, www.facebook.com/FFXSRR, or call 703-425-9225.

Burke Historical Society Meeting. 3:30-5 p.m. at Pohick Regional Library, 6540 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Ann Shields shares her research on the WWII-era camps for German prisoners of war at Fort Meade, Fairfax, and Fort Hunt, within the context of the national POW-internment program. Free. Email slawski_brian@yahoo.com or visit www.burkehistoricalsociety.org for more.

A Hometown Celebration. 5 p.m. at Veterans Amphitheater, on the grounds of City Hall, Fairfax. Kick-off "A Hometown Celebration" with games, food trucks (from Fairfax City businesses) and a concert by the award-winning City of Fairfax Band beginning at 7 p.m. In case of rain the event will be relocated to the Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center; food vendors will also be on-site. Visit www.fairfaxva.gov/government/parks-recreation/special-events/independence-day-celebration for more.

Films in the Park: Free Willy (1999). 7 p.m. at Strawberry Park in Mosaic, Fairfax. Mosaic's summer movie lineup has something for the whole family. Grab a blanket, friends and family and watch favorite films underneath the stars. Visit mosaicdistrict.com/events/event/films-in-the-park-2/

Rauf Pleads Guilty to Unlawful Filming

One of the victims was just 13 years old.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

In late December 2018, local residents were shaken up when Fairfax County police alerted them that a man had been filming customers in Fair Oaks Mall while they changed clothes in store dressing rooms. And last week in Circuit Court, that man – Mumtaz Rauf, 39, of Alexandria – pleaded guilty to four counts of unlawful filming.

“Are you entering your pleas freely and voluntarily, and because you are, indeed, guilty of these charges,” asked Judge Grace Carroll.

“Yes, Your Honor,” replied Rauf.

The incidents occurred Dec. 22 and Dec. 24 and, according to Rauf’s grand jury indictment, involved filming “non-consenting persons’ exposed genitals, pubic area or female breasts when they had a reasonable expectation of privacy.”

On Dec. 24, around 4 p.m., police were called to the Forever 21 clothing store following a customer’s complaint. A teenage girl said she saw a black device, such as a camera or cell phone, pointing down from

the wall of her dressing room, and she believed photographs were possibly being taken. A store employee then saw a man leaving the store and heading into the mall and described him to police.

OFFICERS FOUND HIM in the fitting room of the H&M clothing store and identified him as Rauf. He was wearing a black jacket, red knit beanie, khaki pants and red shoes, which matched the description provided by the store employee.

Police said Rauf had a pinhole camera, black tape and a battery-powered, Bluetooth transmitter that officers believed he was using to remotely gather video and pictures from various fitting rooms. Rauf was charged with felony unlawful filming of a minor, since the victim was under age 18.

Detectives from the Major Crimes Bureau continued to investigate and found more than 100 videos on Rauf’s phone. They then identified three additional females recorded



Rauf

in store dressing rooms over the holidays, after these victims contacted them. As a result, on Jan. 23, police charged Rauf with three more counts of unlawful videotaping, and he was held on \$7,000 bond.

On March 28, in Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court, he waived his right to a preliminary hearing. Judge Michael Valentine then certified his cases to the grand jury for possible indictment and remanded Rauf back to jail. The April

15 grand jury then indicted him on one felony and four misdemeanors – one of which was later dropped.

Last Wednesday, June 12, Rauf – who is more than 6 feet tall – appeared in Circuit Court to enter his pleas. Carroll made sure he understood that, by pleading guilty, he was giving up his right to a trial, to confront witnesses and to appeal his conviction.

Furthermore, she asked him, “Are you aware that – because of your guilty plea on count one [the felony], you’d lose your right

to vote and to own a firearm?” Rauf answered affirmatively. She also told Rauf he could receive a maximum punishment of five years in prison on that charge, as well as one year in jail and a \$2,500 fine for each of the three misdemeanors – and that she could even run all these sentences consecutively.

Assistant Commonwealth’s Attorney Meghan Gosline then presented details of the prosecution’s case against him, had it gone to trial. She said that, after police responded to the Forever 21 store on Dec. 24, the young victim told them “A man looked over the top of the dressing-room door and photographed her while she was changing.”

And after police caught up with Rauf in H&M, said Gosline, “He told them he’d been in Forever 21 before that. A device was found on him, and he told police he’d put it on top of the dressing rooms and film the victims and then watch the footage on his cell phone. He said he did it in Forever 21, H&M and Old Navy and watched two females who were in Forever 21 and three who’d been in H&M.”

IN ADDITION, Gosline said police executed a search warrant at Rauf’s home and seized two, small, digital cameras – one of which that looked like a pen. She also said

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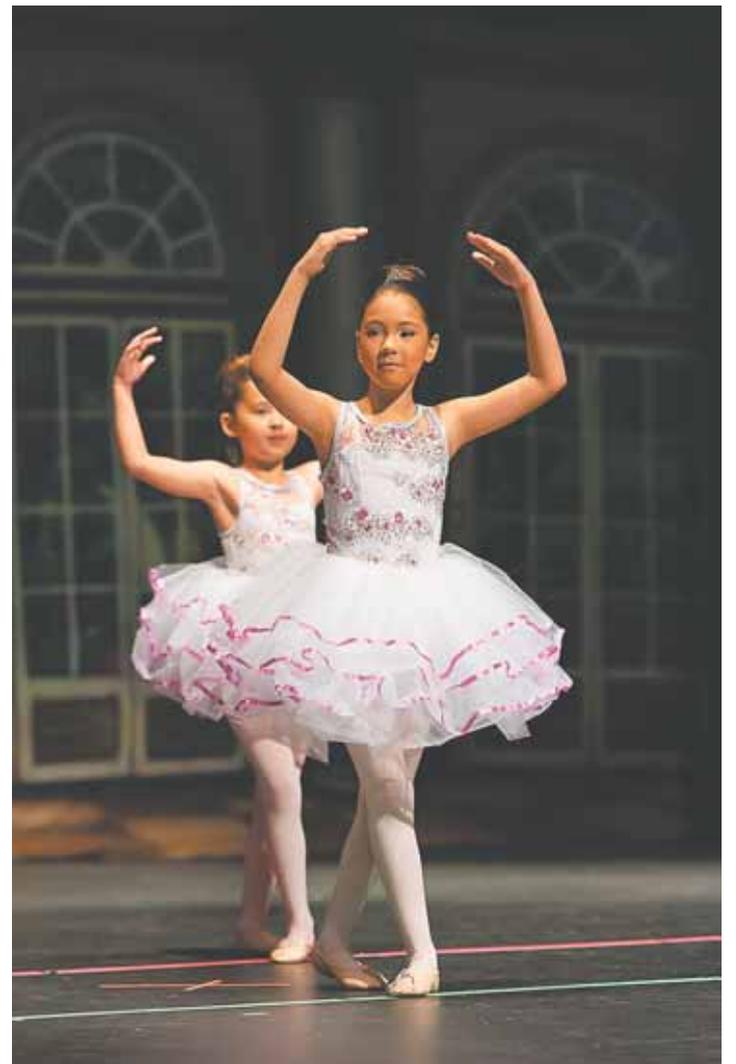
More than 300 young dancers from Tiny Dancers' Mosaic studio performed before a packed auditorium at W.T Woodson High School.

Tiny Dancers Shine at Woodson High

On June 9, before a packed auditorium at W.T Woodson High School, more than 300 young dancers from Tiny Dancers' Mosaic studio wowed the audience of family and friends with two performances of "Beauty & the Beast." Starting with the "Sweetheart Dance," the recital featured the youngest dancers (age 2-3) dancing with a parent as the audience erupted in cheers — and more than a few tears — at the sight of the toddlers in their first recital.

Then the dancers, ages 3-12, performed custom-choreographed ballet, tap and jazz numbers to songs such as "Be Our Guest," "I Feel Pretty" and "Do You Believe in Magic?" in a rousing rendition of the classic tale of love triumphing over physical appearances.

Tiny Dancers, located in Mosaic District, offers a specialized program of ballet, tap and hip-hop for children ages 2-12, and also has



studios in Fairfax City and Alexandria. For more information, visit www.tinydancers.com or call the Mosaic studio at 703-280-5000.

Rauf

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police found the videos he'd taken of the four victims for which he'd been charged. Gosline said the felony offense was because one of those victims was just 13 years old.

Judge Carroll then formally accepted Rauf's guilty pleas and convicted him of all four charges. She ordered a pre-sentencing report be made on him and set his sentencing for Sept. 13. She also ordered him to remain in jail until then.

BULLETIN

Submit civic/community announcements at ConnectionNewspapers.com/Calendar. Photos and artwork welcome. Deadline is Thursday at noon, at least two weeks before event.

SOBER-RIDE FOR JULY 4

Free Sober Rides. Thursday, July 4, 7 p.m. through Friday, July 5, 2 a.m. Area residents, 21 and older, may download Lyft to their phones, then enter a code in the app's "Promo" section to receive a no cost (up to \$15) safe ride home. WRAP's Independence Day SoberRide promo code will be posted at 6 p.m. on July 4 on www.SoberRide.com.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

STEM Professionals Needed. Volunteers are needed to assist K-12 STEM teachers in northern Virginia as part of the American Association for the Advancement of Science's STEM Volunteer Program, stemvolunteers.org, during the 2019-20 school year, beginning in September. Please contact Don Rea at 571-551-2488 or donaldrea@aol.com.

CAMPS

Art Camp Registration. Summer Art Camp in Burke for 5-8 year olds, 8 years and up, and teens/adults. Camp is held through Burke Centre Conservancy at the Woods Community Center, 10100 Wards Grove Circle, Burke. Camp weeks run July 22-26; July 29-Aug. 2; and Aug. 5-9. Call 703-250-6930 or visit www.czartlessons.com.

- Fine Arts & Crafts Camp (8 years & up)
 - Drawing Camp (8 years & up)
 - Drawing Plus Color & Craft Fun Camp (5-8 year olds)
 - Art Boot Camp for teens/adults
- Call instructor at 703-250-6930 or visit www.czartlessons.com.

Vacation Bible School. Monday-Friday, July 8-12, 9 a.m.-noon at Fellowship Baptist Church, 5936 Rolling Road, Springfield. Vacation Bible School with an "In the Wild" theme. Free. Call 571-337-0209 or visit honoringgod.org.

Summer Bible Camp. Monday-Friday, July 8-12, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Harvester Presbyterian Church, 7800 Rolling Road, Springfield. Children will be able to have fun, be safe, and hear about the love that God has for them. For children in grades K-6. Free. Call 703-455-7800 or visit www.harvesterpca.org.

SATURDAY/JUNE 22

Environmental Education Conference. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. High school and college students from around Virginia will learn effective environmental education games and teaching skills to prepare them to educate kids in their community. They will have the opportunity to participate in workshops with experienced environmental educators, enjoy a sustainable meal, and join a network of students passionate about the environment. The event is free for students, but donations are appreciated. Visit www.eslileaders.org for more.

Grossman

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Furthermore, he said, "If we can keep up the tremendous, collective effort embodied in this campaign and finale gala, maybe sooner rather than later, we can make the LLS Man and Woman of the Year campaign obsolete and all just get together once a year for a nice party with the money LLS has left over."

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A Few Weeks Off, Finally



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

After a second successful week of navigating government and private sector websites, I have reached the promised, albeit familiar land: only worrying about the fact that I have non-small cell lung cancer, stage IV. Oh well. What else is new?

Nothing much thankfully so I can continue to try and live the Vulcan philosophy: "Live long and prosper." (Although, I could never manipulate my fingers to support the greeting. My wife, Dina, can however, with ease but she's not a logical person.)

I have to be a logical person.

If I am to endure the ups and downs and all-around of a "terminal" cancer diagnosis, I have to think as unemotionally as possible about any news or assessments I may receive.

Cancer is too insidious to give it any help from the "diagnossee." Moreover, from what anecdotal evidence exists, providing cancer as inhospitable an environment as possible is said to help.

And aside from maintaining a positive attitude and a good sense of humor, keeping cancer things – good or bad, in some kind of perspective/context, is a trek worth taking. One should be reminded of the never-say-die mantra of the 1978 NBA World Champion Washington Bullets: "It ain't over 'til the fat lady sings."

In addition, all us cancer survivors should remember the famous words of Bluto (John Belushi) from 1980's "Animal House" when he implored his fellow Delta Fraternity brothers: "What? Over? Did you say over? Nothing is over until we decide it is. Was it over when the Germans bombed Pearl Harbor? Hell no! ..."

And not that cancer survivors can control our disease any more than the Germans can control this mistaken narrative, funny and famous though it is, but we have to try and laugh – and joke, because it sure beats the alternative. Control? 'Hell no!'

And now that I've completed the arduous and tedious – for me – tasks of the last two weeks, I feel as if I've taken back some control.

Cancer, schmancer.

I've survived the multi-step process required of the Virginia Employment Commission, the Maryland Health Connection, Social Security/Medicare, and the future provider of my Supplemental Medical insurance all within two weeks. Besides me, and anybody who knows me: Who says I can't step my way through this morass of websites, user names, passwords, mouse clicks and keystrokes? But I did. Somehow. An amazing miracle if there ever was one.

Now life can return to abnormal. But it's an 'abnormal' with which I'm totally familiar.

After 10-plus years of it, as Col. Sherman Potter of M*A*S*H said to Major Margaret Houlihan upon her early return to the 4077th from her honeymoon hearing her awkwardly describe a mishap in the shower: "There's nothing new under the sun, Major."

For a long-time cancer survivor, there's nothing new, really. One's life is likely to be more of the same, only different. And I can live with same – or the different – because after a decade, I've been there and pretty much done that.

Now I can add: succeeded in navigating websites "heretofore" (quoting Ben Affleck from 1997's "Good Will Hunting") thought impossible to do. No more do I have to worry about what I need to do, but rather I can bask in the glow of what I've done.

As I finish this column, I realize this is what us cancer patients need to do: reinforce our positives (successes) and minimize our negatives (failures). As many of us attempt to take all this cancer stuff in stride, the truth of it is we're often teetering and tottering on a very fine line. A 'line' to quote the late Ken Beatrice, on which "you wouldn't want to live."

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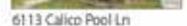
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