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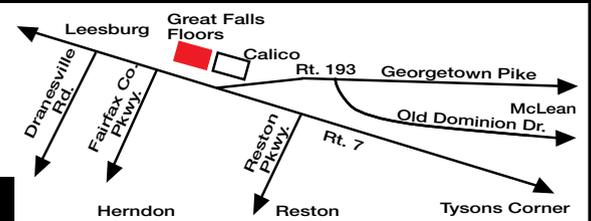
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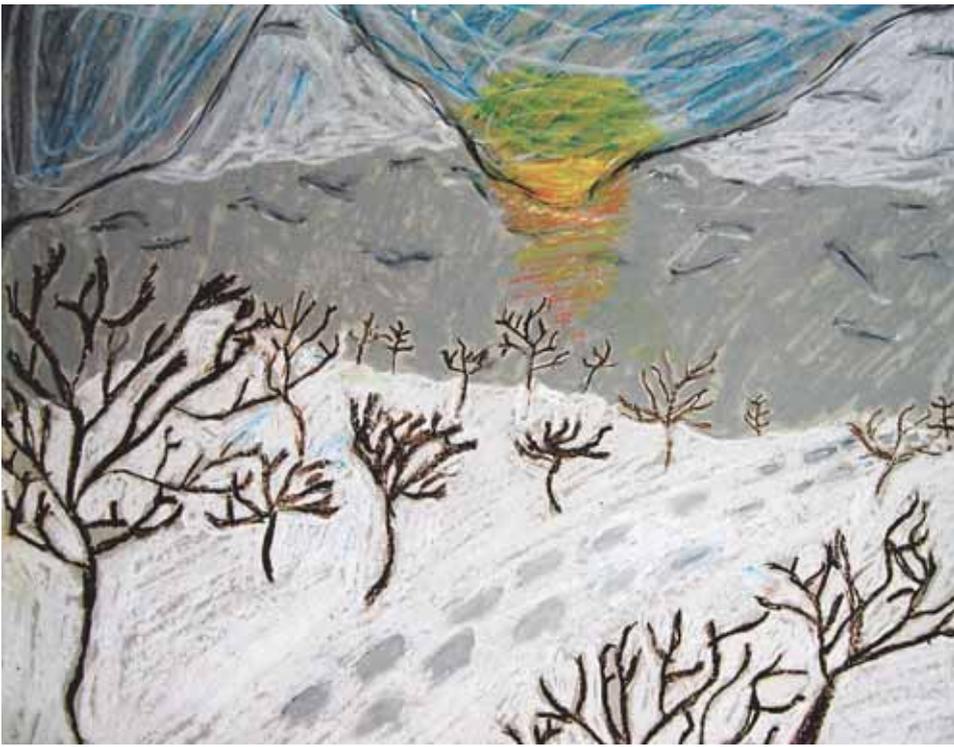
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Welcome

By Hannah Waller, fifth grade,
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Dear Readers:

This week, the Reston Connection turns over its pages to the youth and students.

We asked principals and teachers from area schools to encourage students to contribute their words, pictures and photos for our annual Children's Issue.

The response, as always, was enormous. While we were unable to publish every piece we received, we did our best to put together a paper with a fair sampling of the submitted stories, poems, drawings, paintings, photographs and other works of art.

We appreciate the extra effort made by school staff to gather the materials during their busy time leading up to the holidays. We'd also like to encourage both schools and parents to mark their 2013 calendars for early December, the deadline for submissions for next year's Children's Connection. Please

keep us in mind as your children continue to create spectacular works of art and inspiring pieces of writing in the coming year.

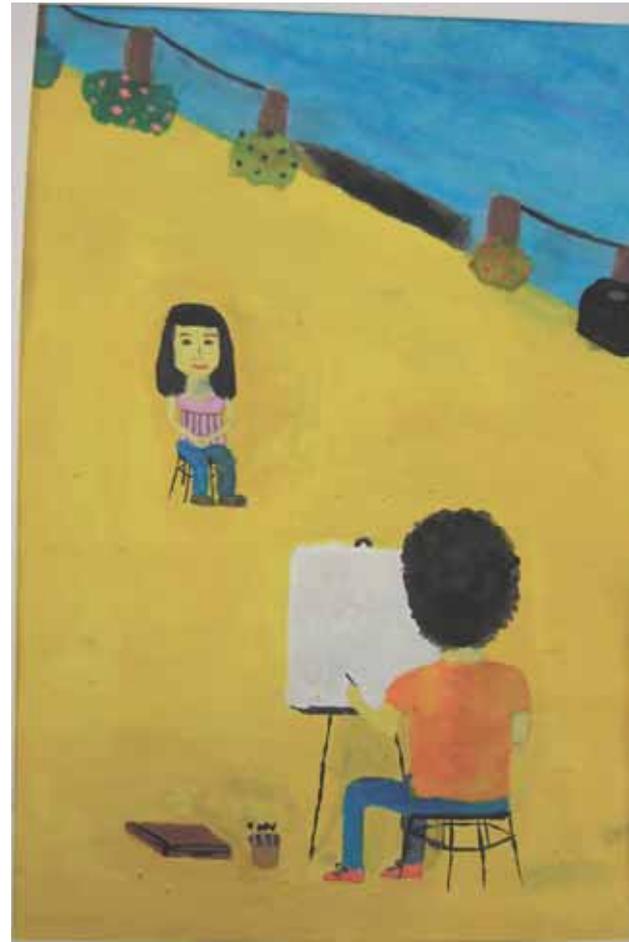
The children's issue is only a part of our year-round commitment to cover education and our local schools. As always, the Connection welcomes letters to the editor, story ideas, calendar listings and notices of local events from our readers. Photos and other submissions about special events at schools are especially welcome for our weekly schools pages.

Our preferred method for material is e-mail, which should be sent to reston@connectionnewspapers.com, but you can reach us by mail at 1606 King Street, Alexandria, VA 22314 or call 703-778-9414 with any questions.

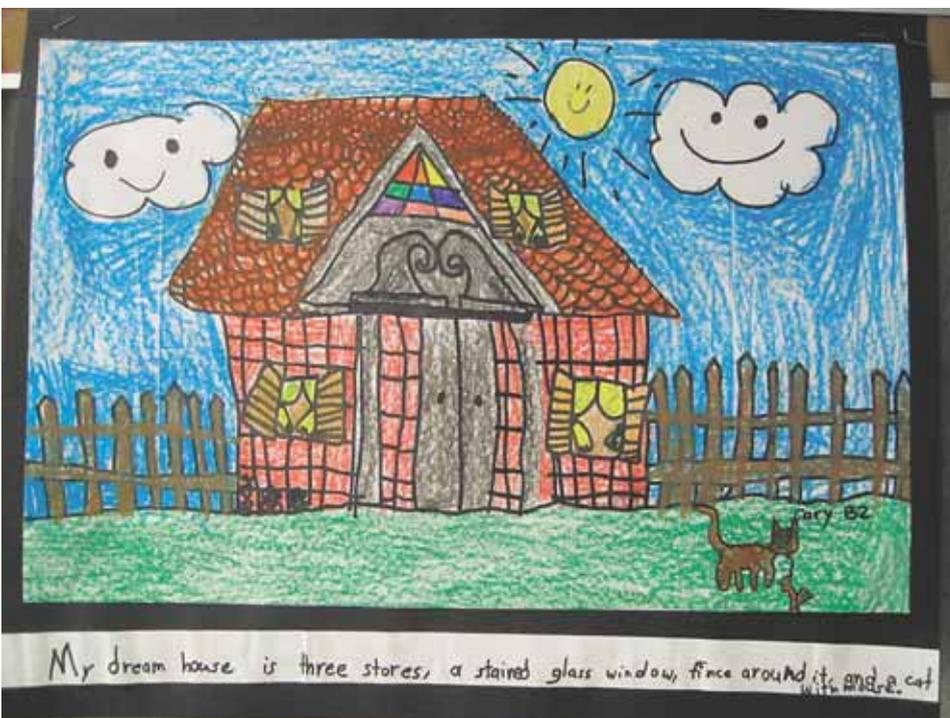
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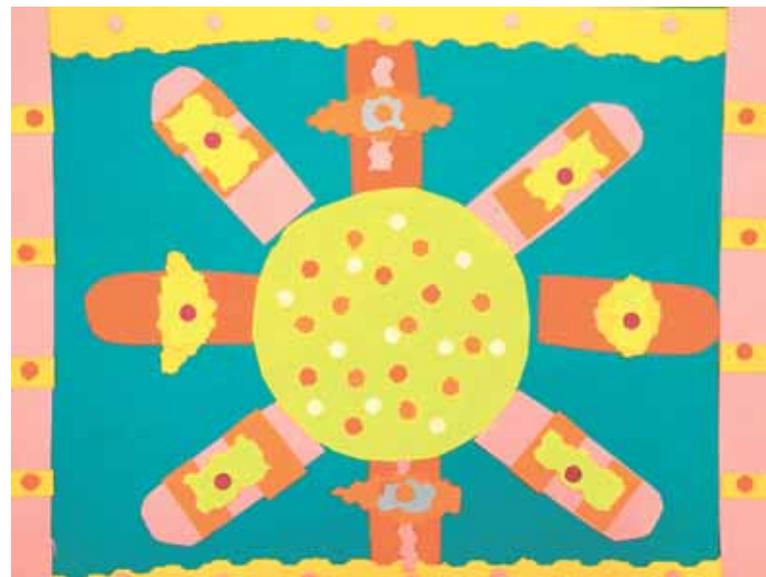


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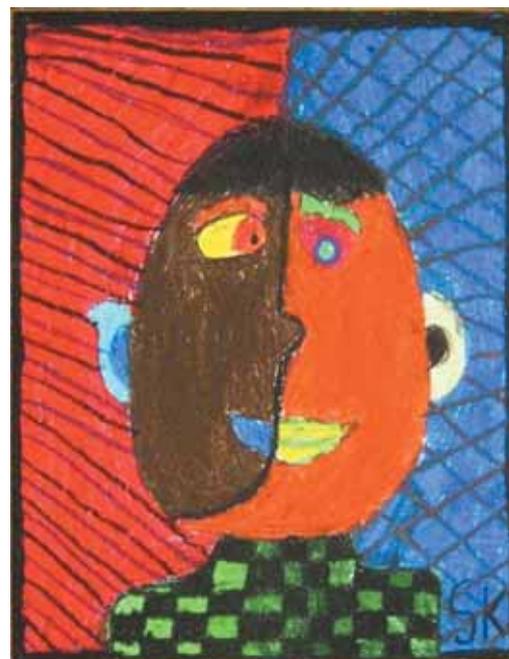
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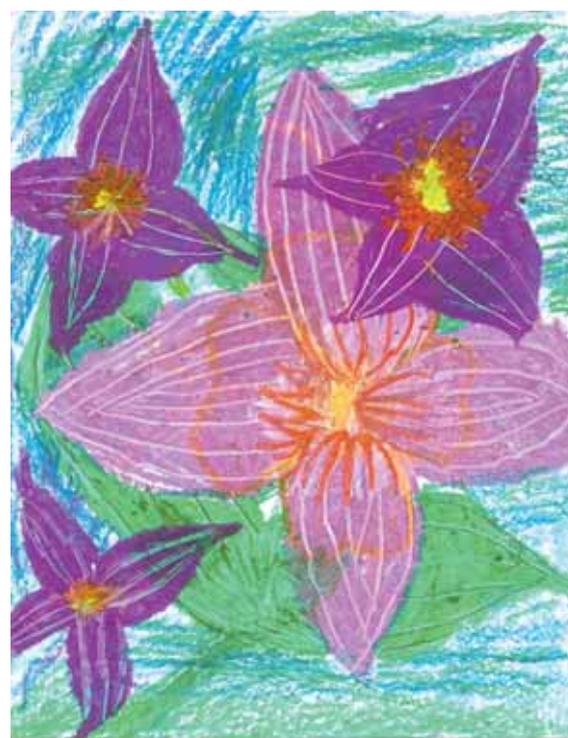
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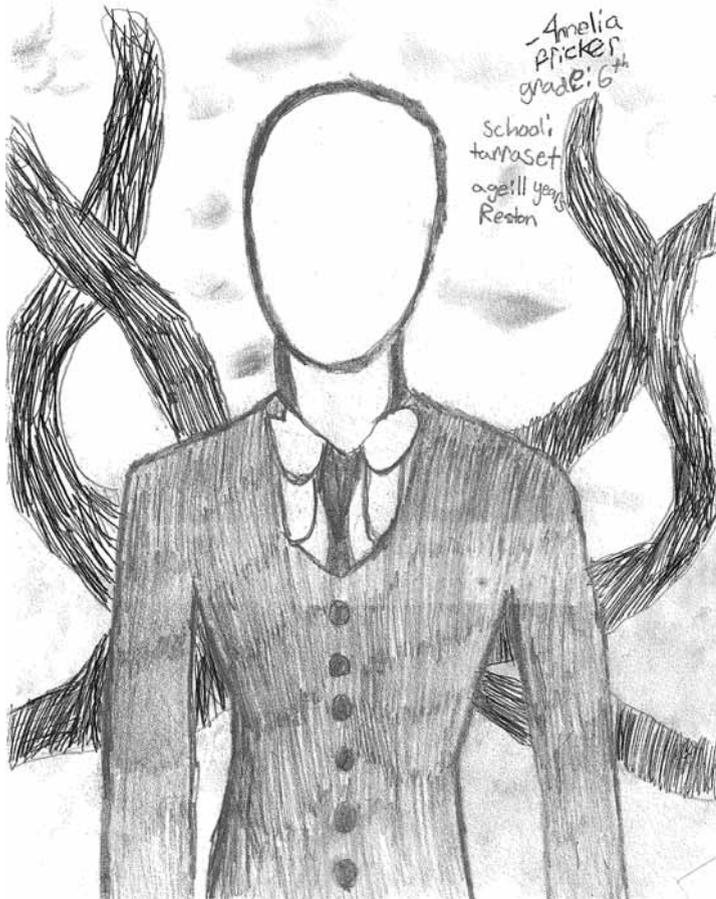
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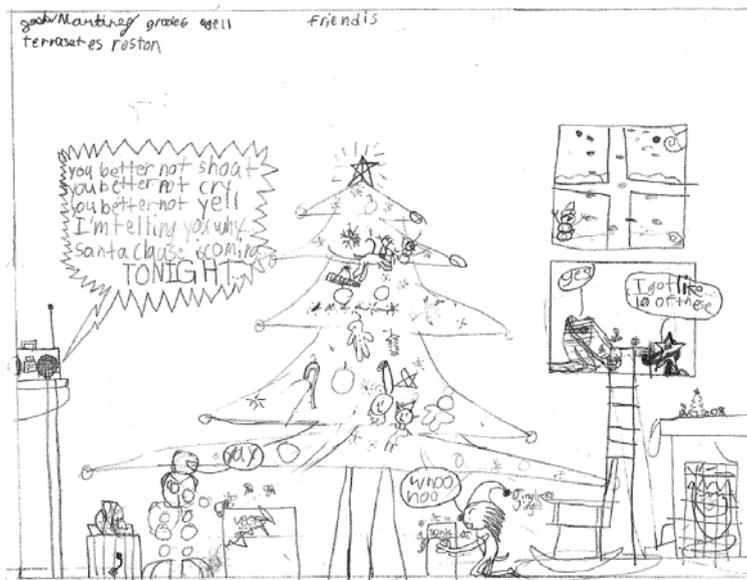
ARTWORK FROM TERRASET ELEMENTARY



By Amelia Fricker,
11, sixth grade



By Trevor Newman, 11, sixth grade



By Josh Martinez,
11, sixth grade



By Dodson Piotowski,
11, sixth grade

REFLECTIONS FROM
TERRASET ELEMENTARY

Best Thing That Happened to Me

The best thing that happened to me was going to Great Wolf Lodge and seeing my Oma there. I even like how my Mom, Oma, and I went to this slide called River Canyon Run. I got to have some fun at Great Wolf Lodge. It was special because there's a water park there. After a few days there, Oma left. It was an awesome time with Oma on vacation.

—CARLO

Hope to Become an Ice Skater

My wish is to become a professional ice skater. I hope to have lessons to get better and better and to show my parents what I can do. For Christmas I hope to get ice skates so I can play with my friends and teach them how to ice skate too. If I get lessons and when I'm old enough I can do performances for all the world to see! I can't wait to be a professional ice skater!

—ANNA/FIFTH GRADE

My Best Gift

My best gift is my friendship with Carlo and his little brother Leo. My little brother Josiah and I meet them at the middle school. We play soccer. We enjoy talking to each other. We also play basketball at the middle school. I get to talk to Carlo at lunch at school. We go to Lego club after school. We both have the game Super Mario Brothers two. We talk about the game. I always wanted a friend like Carlo and Leo.

—JORDAN

My Favorite Animal

My favorite animal is a horse. This is because I want to be a Steeple Chase rider when I grow up. I would like my own horse. The color of my horse is going to be black. The name of my horse is going to be Annie. The number of my horse is going to be 13. I like horses because they are cute. I like horses because you can ride them. I like horses because they are smart. I love horses.

—CORA

My Favorite Sport

I think that soccer is the best sport. I like soccer because you don't use your hands. I like the soccer tricks that you can do with your feet. Soccer is a worldwide sport and it means that a lot of people like to play and watch it. I like watching a team from Spain called FC Barcelona.

—ALEJANDRO

Water Washover

BY TIKI DJOKIC
ALDRIN ELEMENTARY/SIXTH GRADE

Swoosh! Great, I thought, there go the beach chairs. My family left them outside after the campfire sing-along last night. The wave subsided but other ones were on their way. Mom, Dad and I were just having a peaceful day outside when the waves started to get larger. We ran inside for cover and I stayed to look out the windows, apparently the bravest of the bunch. Then we saw what looked like a tsunami.

Every wave that came after that made the water level rise rapidly. One wave was so large that it completely smoothed the dry and hilly sand right in front of our front door. It washed away all of our buckets, pails, shovels and other beach supplies. We were left with nothing outside.

"Zoe! Is everything still okay outside?" asked Mom from the kitchen.

"Uh...well, no. The chairs and toys are gone!" I replied uneasily, remembering that she asked me to take them in before the waves started.

"Well, come here. Dad and I need to talk to you about something important."

I jogged over to the kitchen, my short hair bobbing up and down, all the while wondering what happened now.

"Sweetie, we think it may be best to evacuate the house before the waves get too big," said my dad and looked at Mom.

"Yes, take only your most useful and important belongings. We'll only be staying at a hotel until everything clears up. When the waves are gone and everything is calm again," added Mom.

My stomach started to twist. I didn't think this was such a good idea.

"But Mom, wouldn't our car have enough space to hold a bunch of stuff?" I asked.

My dad looked a bit nervous, which I didn't take as a good sign.

"Well, see, we can't take the car because we're afraid that if we do, the waves won't cooperate with us. They'll come up higher and higher and the car won't be able to drive. Besides, it'll take us at least half an hour to pack and get ready," he answered.

Oh no. Not again. We had to flee this beach house five years ago because of forecasts of fierce winds and I still have nightmares about it. Last time we evacuated, the winds blew away some of the roof shingles and every last thing we left outside. This is my home;

I don't want it to be ruined like a giant foot stepped on it. But these were no "fierce winds." These were enormous waves about to ruin my home. Again.

"But Dad, can't we just wait and see if anything bad will happen? Then we can be sure as sure to evacuate," I asked, almost whining.

"No Zoe. That will be too dangerous," he sternly replied.

That's how I found myself in my room 30 seconds later with my suitcase in one hand and my book in the other. I started looking for my cap when I heard Mom urge, "Zoe! Finished or not, we've got to go now!"

Luckily, I was almost done and grabbed my sixth birthday party picture. I was very small back then with no front teeth and two auburn braids down to my elbows, my green eyes wide with excitement. I couldn't believe that was only five years ago. It seemed like just yesterday with Mom cutting the cake and Dad snapping pictures. Then it became bad. The tide became bigger and small waves coming closer and closer until they were towering monsters right above us. We ran for our lives, not daring to look behind us.

"Zoe Elizabeth Erdlen! Get out of the house now!" Mom yelled and grabbed my arm, shocking me out of my daze and giving me a heart attack.

As we ran out the front door, I turned around to see a monstrous wave only three heartbeats behind us. I froze in panic. Dad saw the terror in my eyes and pulled me away.

Right when we started running I heard a crash and felt the wave rise up to my knees. If this is just getting started, how will it be in five minutes? I ask myself. I erased the image from my mind.

We ran a few more feet when I heard another crash. This time the wave came up to my waist, completely soaking my shorts and the five dollars that were in them. I hardly had time to recover when yet another wave came. This one made the others feel like a splash in the kiddie pool. The wave pushed me over, shoving salt water and sand up my nose and mouth. I had to get up quickly because I couldn't breathe.

When I finally got up, I looked around for Mom and Dad. Mom was lying on her stomach coughing out water, and Dad was helping her up. Both my parents were soaked, like me. But I didn't see my luggage anywhere. I remember letting go of the strap of my suitcase when the wave toppled

me over, but otherwise, nothing. Then I turned around.

"Oh my gosh! Mom! Dad! Our stuff washed away!" I screamed. I remember putting the picture of my 6th birthday party in my suitcase before leaving my house, therefore lost forever, and I turned around to go get it.

Luckily, Dad realized what I was about to do. He grabbed me by the arm and jerked me away.

"No time now, kiddo! We gotta keep going!" he said with equal amounts of urgency and disappointment in his voice.

We kept running, while every second thinking that another wave will come and knock us out. The only noises we heard were the distant waves crashing to the ground and the foam fizzing as it drew nearer. My pants were dripping wet and clinging onto me like glue on paper. I was also very ravenous after the hurry.

My family finally got out of the water's reach. I was so tired I could have dropped on the ground and start sleeping right then and there.

"Ok Team Erdlen," my dad started. "We're going to find a hotel and then I'll go find some food, if any of the stores are still open."

I noticed that my dad still had his wallet in his pocket, which was great news.

A few hours later I was sitting on my hotel bed reading a magazine on sports. We were walking for what seemed like ages, but we found a hotel that looked far enough from the water and relaxed. It was hard finding a room, because it looked like the whole state of Hawaii evacuated their houses and picked this hotel. Dad went to the store and bought all of our essential needs. Then we ate pizza and went to our rooms.

Just then my mom came in my room with some urgent news.

"Zoe, come quick! There's news on the radio about the tsunami."

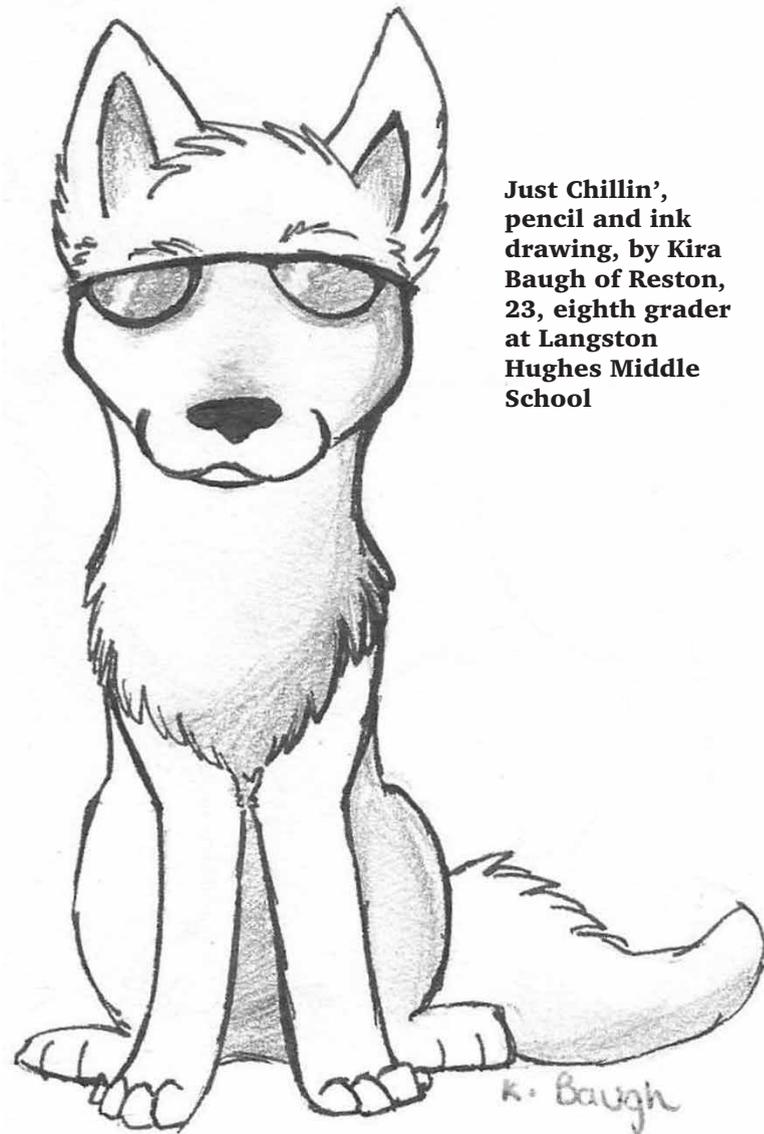
I went to my parents' room and started listening. I could hear very few words because of all the static.

"Tsunami ... houses flooded ... many feared injured ... deadly waters ... Hawaiian nightmare ..."

Then my dad summarized what was said before I came into the room.

"Now, don't freak out Zoe. The police officers have checked to see if everyone is safe. Some houses may be flooded or ruined. I can't say our house isn't one of them. Let's hope for the best."

And on that happy note, I went back to my own room, repeating the words hope, hope as I fell



Just Chillin', pencil and ink drawing, by Kira Baugh of Reston, 23, eighth grader at Langston Hughes Middle School

asleep.

The next day we got all packed up. My dad bought us new clothes and stuff because most of our things got washed away. It took hours to find a taxi because of all the hub-ubb, but we finally found one. The traffic was slow, but it was a lot better than walking two miles. Every few seconds we would stop and wait while cars beep and honk all around us. It was horrible, but at least it was dry.

As we keep going as slow as a snail, I look outside the window. I see the sunset, so it must be something around 8 p.m., since it was summer. It didn't look so bad farther from the water, but near the ocean was a complete disaster. All the houses were wet and shiny, like a killer rainstorm had passed by, which in a way, it had. The majority of them were broken and crumbling. The wooden planks which made up the houses were snapped in half and the roof of one house caved in.

Then I see my house. My stomach felt like it was about to flip a million summersaults. Everything was ruined. The house toppled over onto the backyard. It looked like a piece of my closet was under my parents' bed. Everything was in another thing's place. I started sobbing immediately, my heart feeling like a million pounds.

My mom and dad hugged me. Mom started sniffing and dad squeezed the air out of me. I was so devastated; I leaned on my mom's shoulder and fell asleep.

"Zoe, wake up!" Mom said.

"Ugh," I grunted back. I didn't want to wake up. Instead, I turned to face my poster of Selena Gomez, only to realize that it wasn't there, and that I wasn't in my own bed. Then the memories from yesterday come flooding back into my mind. I almost felt like crying again.

"Sweetie, we're at Granma Rosie's house. She said we could stay here until things get sorted out. Meanwhile, there's nothing we can do but wait," Dad told me. "The good news is that some repair men are going to rebuild our house and make it as good as new!"

"When will that be?" I asked him.

"Oh, pumpkin, I don't know," Dad replied sadly. "It could take weeks, months, or years!"

Then Granma Rosie came in.

"Zoe! How nice to see you!" greeted Granma Rosie while overwhelming me with lots of hugs and kisses. "You'll be staying at my place until your home is repaired. I also bought you lots of new things that were lost in the storm."

"Already told her, Ma," Mom said with a smile.

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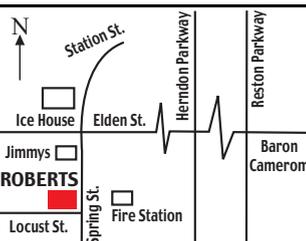
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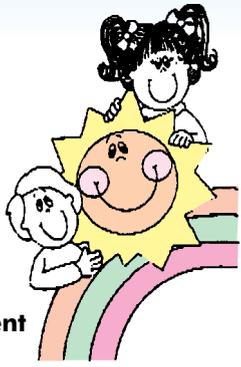
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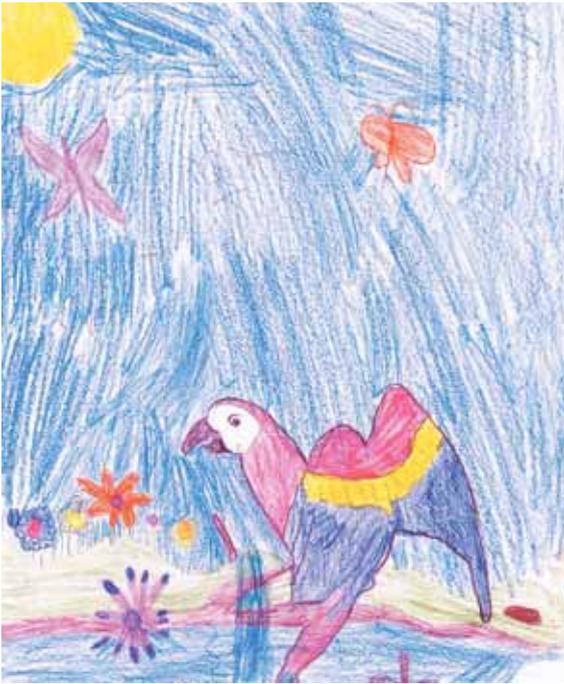


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Flowers

BY VIBHA SANKAVARAM OF GREAT FALLS, 9, FOREST EDGE ELEMENTARY RESTON/FOURTH GRADE

In a meadow there are flowers. Some are blooming and ready to go, some are ready to bow down their head and flow. Patches and acres of rainbows wait



Cable Car, by Vibha Sankavaram of Great Falls, 9, fourth grade, Forest Edge Elementary in Reston.

for all the pictures to take, dazzling colors that are manifest to see, sucking some nectar and the buzz of a buzzy bee. At night they sleep with their other flower friends with soil as their blanket and grass as their pillow. For some the journey ends but others next morning begins. This is what happens in Millie's Meadow.

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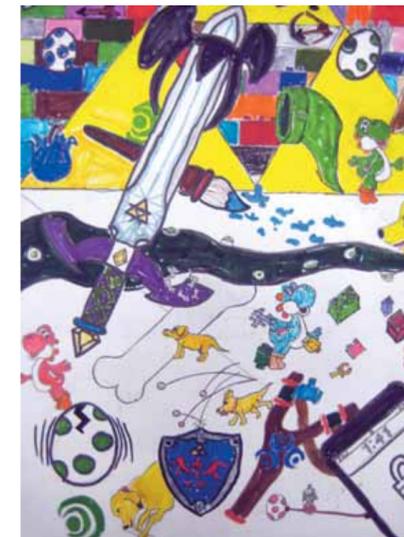
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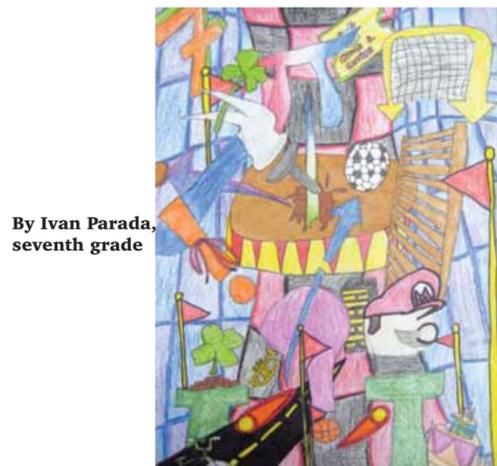
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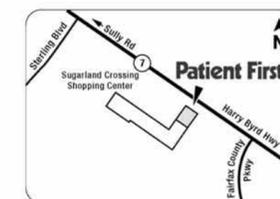
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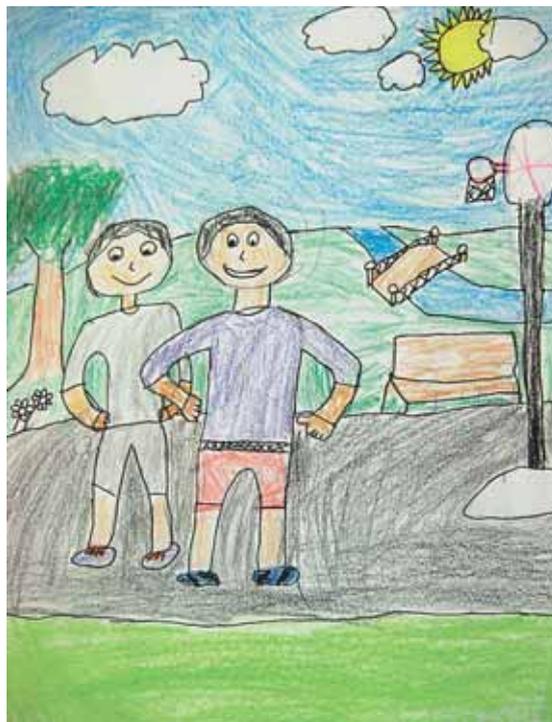
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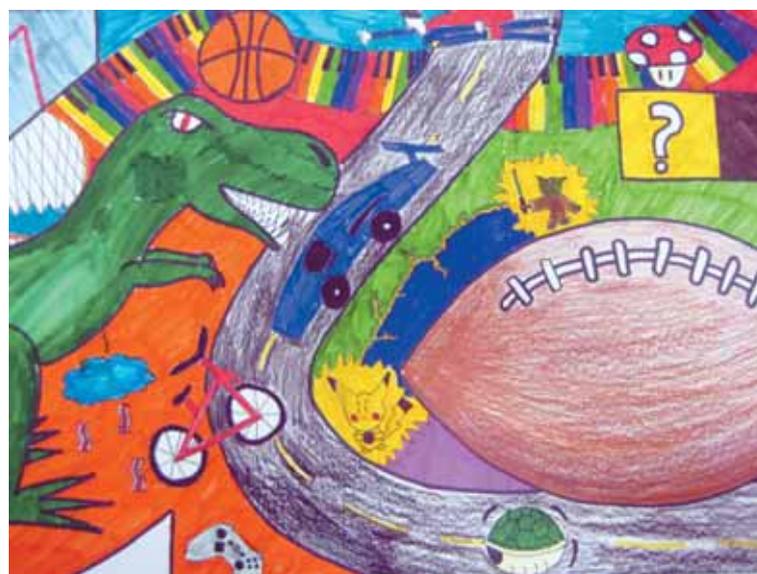
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BY VIRAJ CHEGU OF GREAT FALLS

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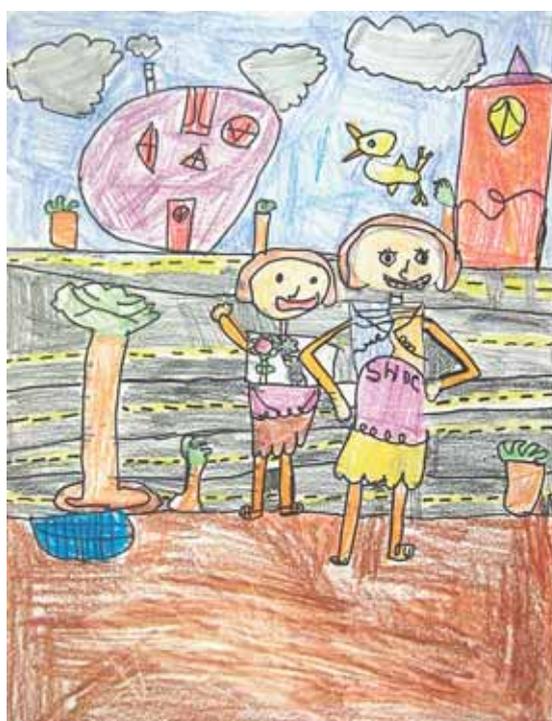
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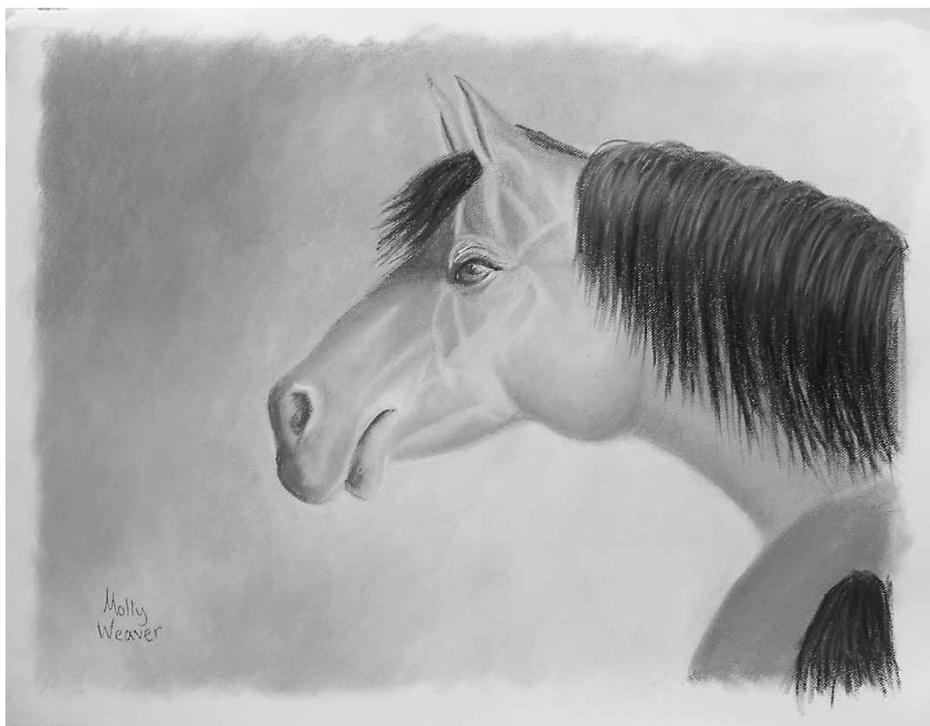
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Never Swim Again!

BY MADDIE KERCHER
ALDRIN ELEMENTARY/SIXTH GRADE

"Kayla and Angela, you guys can go ahead and start," said the short, tan supervisor of the mile swim. Kayla could barely catch her breath, she was so nervous. After all, she was only in the ladybug cabin, the one for the youngest kids in the entire camp. As she waded into the icy cold water of Lake Glorian she had second thoughts. At that point she really began regretting her decision.

"Angela, I can't do it," Kayla said, even though they continued to wade into the incredibly clear lake. Angela gave her a hard push.

"Yes, you can and you know it. Stop being such a baby!"

Once they were finally submerged in the water, everything became worthy of a complaint. The water was cold. It looked like it was about to storm. Swimming the mile was exhausting. But worst of all, the lake version of seaweed tickled their legs like people wrapping scaly arms around them, trying to pull them

into the greenish-brown depths of nothingness. Of course, Kayla knew she would hear about it from Angela.

"I've never been this cold in my entire life! Not to mention, if it storms, we have to swim this stupid thing all over again! I'm so tired, I can barely move! I want to...no, I need to go home!" Angela exclaimed a countless number of times in slightly different variations. Even though Kayla knew it was coming, she still hated all the whining.

"Angela, I think we'd go faster if we swam freestyle...with our heads underwater," Kayla said, annoyed.

"I don't want to look underwater and see the disgusting lake I'm swimming in, but the sooner we're back in our separate cabins, the better."

"Can you guys hear me?" shouted the supervisor into a megaphone in a piercing high-pitched voice, suddenly drowning out the two girls bickering.

"Yes!" everyone shouted back in unison from the water.

"It looks as if it may storm. You guys can continue swimming for now, but if it does happen to storm, it's over. Good luck!" she



'May Birds Forever Fly,' by Bridget O'Boyle, Reston, 14, ninth grade, South Lakes High School.

yelled insincerely.

The dark gray clouds that earlier looked like pure white cotton started to move in over the massive lake like an army of soldiers about to shoot their bullets of lightning and rain. As soon as the drummer boy played an alarming boom of thunder, the soldiers would shoot.

Kayla and Angela made it about halfway around the lake. Just a bit more to go and Kayla would become the youngest person to swim the mile in the entire camp! As she thought to herself how truly great that would be, she smiled. Boom! The drum had finally sounded!

The supervisor shouted through her obnoxious bright red megaphone, and even though Kayla and Angela couldn't exactly tell what she was saying, they were smart enough to figure it out. As a series of shrieks rang out from the terrified swimmers, Kayla and Angela glanced at each other. They were all the way across the lake! Not to mention, they were the only two swimmers that far away from the shore. Could it get any worse?

Suddenly, a terrifying, blinding white light stretched from those formerly cotton-white clouds. As it smacked the surface of the water, it sounded like 1,000 bricks falling from the sky. For a fraction of a second, you could feel the electricity in the air, as it threatened to strike once again. But, to make matters worse, it hit the

water only about ten feet away from Kayla and Angela!

"We have to get out of the water now!" yelled Angela.

"Oh my gosh Angela, I'm so scared!"

Suddenly, it began to pour large, warm raindrops. Once again, thunder boomed randomly as if the drummer boy was playing a new battle order. Lightning lit up the grey sky, and as it scattered throughout the camp, Kayla and Angela just simply became more afraid. Kayla gave Angela a look that only Angela would understand. Angela got the message and they started to swim for their lives.

Halfway to the shore, Kayla and Angela were exhausted. Kayla's legs felt like fragile and limp pasta, ready to break apart with one small movement.

"Girls, now! It's raining really hard, and I need to get inside! Can you believe that I have to wait until everyone comes in? I'm so wet and cold, I think I'm going to freeze to death!" screamed the supervisor.

"So are we, but the difference is, we're alone in a lake in the middle of a thunderstorm." Kayla muttered to Angela.

"Kayla! There is no time for this! Go faster!" screamed Angela.

The duo of swimmers sprinted into the shore. As soon as they felt the squishy sand with the sharp, colorful rocks poking their feet, they knew everything would be

okay.

"That was too close," Kayla told Angela as she dried off with her blue and white striped towel.

"I agree. Everyone else is gone now, probably at dinner, eating warm rolls and delicious taco-salad, and we're here," Angela said, rolling her eyes as she tied her neon green tennis shoes.

"At least no one was hurt, and even if we're late, we still get taco salad for dinner."

As Kayla and Angela were serving themselves heaping piles of salsa and cheese in the buffet line there was an important announcement for anyone who participated in the mile swim.

"I'm sure you guys will be happy with this news! Because of the unfortunate weather and cancellation of the mile swim, most of you think you will have to swim it all over again! Reasonably, we've decided that, no one has to swim the mile once again, and you will receive full credit as if you've completed it!" exclaimed the supervisor.

There was a variety of "yeas" coming from the large group of swimmers. Of course, Kayla and Angela were elated.

"I'm starving! Let's go eat some taco salad!" exclaimed Kayla with a huge smile on her face.

"I am right behind you!" replied Angela happily as they made their way to an empty table.

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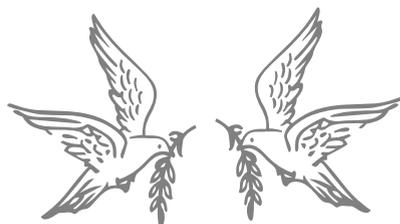
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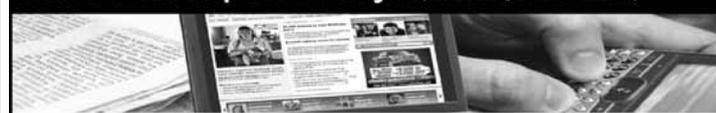
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What Am I Thinking?



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

What I think I feel. What I'm afraid to think I feel. Moreover, is what I feel symptomatic of what I'm afraid to feel? Is it the cancer doing what cancer so often does: create pain and suffering? Or is it simply an older age than I've ever been: middle age, manifesting itself with all the associated mental, physical and emotional adjustments that come along with living longer than you ever have? Unfortunately, the timing of all of it couldn't be more problematic in my determining whether any pain or discomfort I feel is symptomatic of a cancer on the move or characteristic of an age whose effects I'm only beginning to understand.

The underlying and complicating factor to my constant self-assessment is that I don't want to think any of the physical effects I feel are the cancer. I want to believe they're middle age. As a result of this continual denial, I neglect to admit that what I think I feel is potentially cancer-significant and presume instead that it's just another day in middle-age paradise (alive and reasonably well; not terminal) – it's befuddling, sort of. Am I being incredibly stupid, stubborn and irresponsible with respect to not acknowledging certain symptoms that might be e-mail-worthy to my oncologist or, have I found the key to living with cancer: not making too much of anything?

I feel this because I worry that once I open that door, I'm likely going through to the other side – and likely not coming back. As my father jokingly asserted about his car: "If I don't take it to the dealership, they can't find anything wrong with it." The related advisory concerning life and health that I've often heard is: once you're admitted to the hospital, you're not coming out – alive. It's a slippery slope between the fear and loathing (with attribution to Hunter S. Thompson) of being sick and lying in a hospital bed versus what the medical professionals don't know not being able to hurt me. (I know, I might as well be Judy Garland in "The Wizard of Oz" clicking my heels together three times: I don't have cancer. I don't have cancer. I don't have cancer.)

But the fact that I'm still alive and not just beating the life-expectancy odds I was given, but smashing them to smithereens, is a kind of reinforcer to "what I feel" and "what I'm afraid to think I feel." Having survived for as long as I have might just be blind luck or inherited DNA doing what I had no reason or expectation to believe it could: enable me to survive the stage IV non-small cell lung cancer with which I was originally diagnosed and live beyond the "13-month to two-year prognosis" that went along with it. Or, however, why ever I'm doing what I'm doing, or not doing what I'm not doing or not admitting what is likely symptomatic – or not; all this confusion, juxtaposing and double-negative rationalizing might somehow make a positive.

I realize this haphazard approach is hardly a strategy, but perhaps it is and has been so far, a means not to my end. And considering that I haven't reached that end as yet, maybe the means are justified? No one knows for sure, and that's what I'm counting on. It's too late to stop now; heck, why would I? See you next week.

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