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A January sunrise over
the forest in Potomac.

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REAL ESTATE

November, 2022
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1 11705 Centurion Way
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3 13305 Evening Ride Way
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5 12705 Greenbriar Road — \$2,218,000



4 10213 Riverwood Drive — \$2,298,000



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6 9612 Halter Court — \$1,845,000



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1 11705 CENTURION WAY671 ...	POTOMAC.....	\$3,300,000.....	Detached.....	4.00	20854	PALATINE.....	11/17/22				
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NEWS

On Day On Learning about hunger in Montgomery County.



Board member Margaret Peng Rogers gave County Council President Evan Glass a tour of the Manna Food Center.



Board of Education member Lynne Harris with County Councilmember Gabe Albornoz (at-large). Albornoz was a member of the roundtable talking about ending childhood hunger.



County Councilmember Laurie-Anne Sayles (at-large); Jenna Umbriac, Manna director of programs and policies, Councilmember Kate Stewart, and Board of Education member Shebra Evans were among visitors to Manna Food Center to celebrate the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King and for a roundtable on ending childhood hunger in Montgomery County.



County Councilmember Andrew Friedson (left) listens and learns more about Manna and hunger in Montgomery County.

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Dedicating River Road to Late Fire Chief James P. Seavey Sr.

On one of his last days in office, Governor Larry Hogan wrote a letter in support of honoring Fire Chief James P. Seavey Sr. Seavey, longtime and beloved chief of the Cabin John Park Volunteer Fire Department, died in 2018.

“I am writing to express my unconditional support for the request of River Road, from the Washington, D.C. line, to Falls Road in Potomac, be dedicated in honor of the late Fire Chief James P. Seavey, Sr. of the Cabin John Park vol-

unteer Fire Department,” Hogan wrote to the Maryland Transportation Commission. “As Governor of the State of Maryland, I am confident that Chief Seavey’s innumerable acts of selflessness and unwavering commitment to public service warrant this notable dedication.”

“Chief Seavey has made a positive contribution over the last 40 years as a vocal advocate for the advancement of the volunteer fire service. During his tenure, he worked as a first responder in the greater D.C. area. Chief Seavey served as the Maryland repre-

sentative on the Board of Directors of the National Volunteer Fire Council from 2005 until his passing in 2018, as well as a Board Member on the Volunteer and Combinations Officers Section of the International Association of Fire Chiefs. International Rescue Symposium, the National Fire/Rescue Group Purchasing Order, Maryland Fire Chiefs Association, and Montgomery County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association, and as President of the Eastern Division of Fire Chiefs.

“In addition to these accomplishments, Chief Seavey was nationally recognized by

Fire Chief Magazine as Fire Chief of the Year, receiving the Leslie B. Thompson Award for Lifetime Achievement by the Maryland Fire Chiefs Association, the group’s highest honor, and was recognized locally by the Montgomery County Volunteer Fire Rescue Association as Firefighter of the Year for life-saving efforts. Chief Seavey passed away on Sept. 4, 2018, after a courageous five-year battle against Non-Hodgkin’s Lymphoma, which has been linked to his work as a Firefighter.”

Poetry and Creative Writing

Students in Mrs. Bryant's
Grade 6 English class
Hoover Middle School
Potomac, MD

Kate Albert

Age : 11
We were sitting at his house
My grandfather's house
And he cut the cake
The pumpkin cake
Made every year
By him
And himself
It was very hard
To create the perfect piece
But he did it
Every time
Every single time
We would miss the pumpkin pie
We would miss him
And everything about him
Every Thanksgiving
We would go
To the house
We would miss him
And everything about him

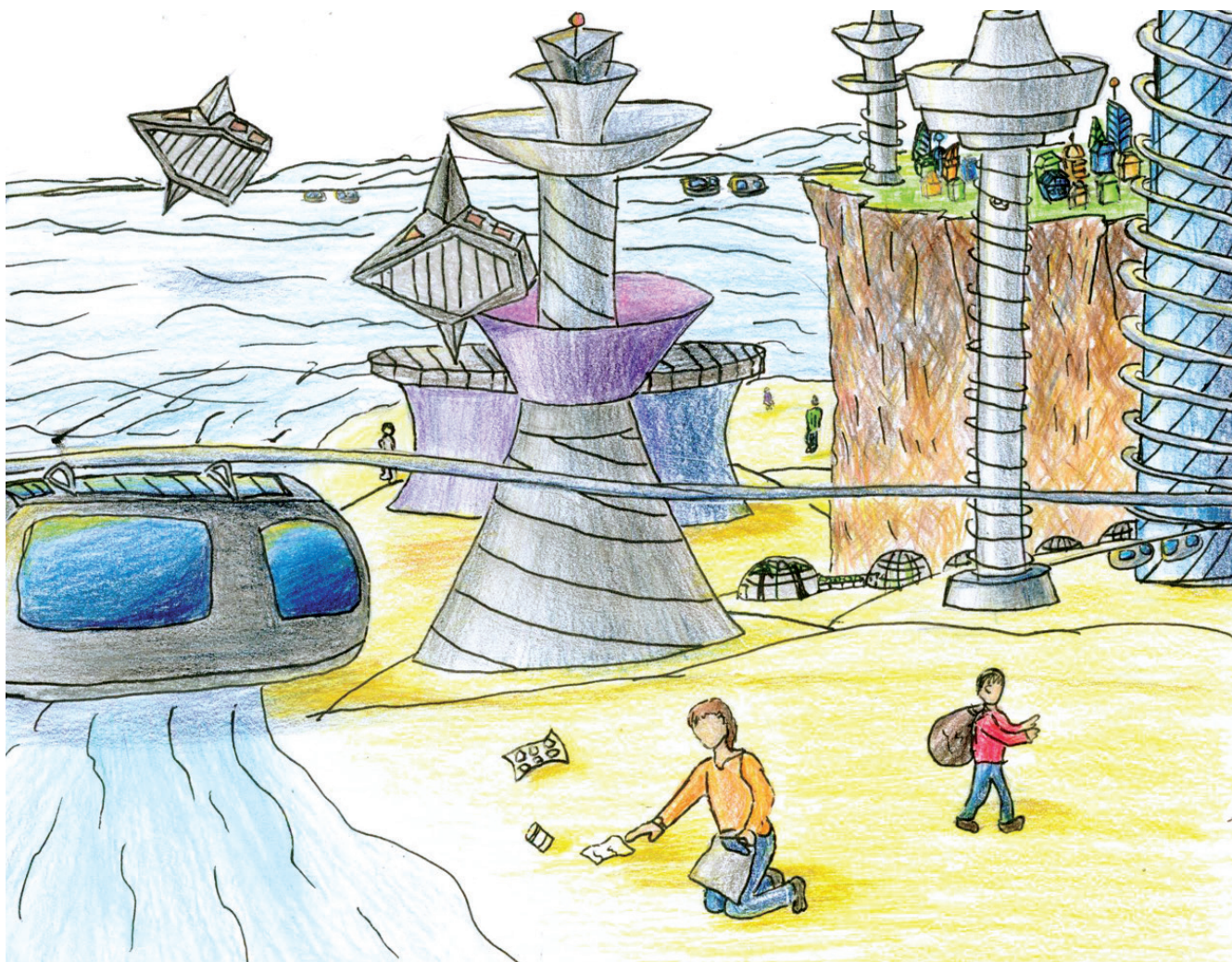
Siya Palmer age 11

On Christmas morning,
My brother wakes us at 4:30
My mother is still half asleep
Frustrated to be awake so early.
She instructs him to wait until 6:00 to wake her.
So he sneaks into my room to bother me
Reading my books and talking to me rather loudly.
Until I tell him to "shut up" and wait
Until 6:00 exactly
He shakes me awake (He shakes harder by the minute.)
My mom always asks "Did you go back to bed?"
The answer is always "No" with a giggle
My brother's dwindling patience to rush towards the tree is visible.
Sure, I'd get extra sleep-
But I would miss his cold, soft, hands shaking me back and forth,
I would miss the quiet laugh he lets out when my mom asks him "Did you go back to bed?"
The scattered binders and books on my floor.
I would miss it.

Mackenzie Fox

Age : 11
Through a Dog's Eye

Sniffing through the alley, as dark as can be. The moon reflected off of the scene. It glimmered and



Serena Huang, 11 years old, 6th grade of Cabin John Middle School, Potomac, MD

glistened, so I stepped forward. The whirling wind gave me the shivers. Creeping forward, unsure what to do. I heard a whisper, soft yet frayed. I felt the cold ground underneath my paws. A small little shiver ran down my spine. Scared and afraid, frozen on the ground.

A creature, a big one, came running out. Startled by the creature, I jumped back dismayed. Once again, I was helpless and alone. The creature bent over me, trying to catch me. I struggled furiously, stuck in its big arms. It carried me far away. My home was out of eyesight so I tried to escape once again, but the struggle got me nowhere. I gave up, in despair thinking it would be the end of me. I closed my eyes, ready for it to end.

Suddenly the wind stopped swirling. I could feel the warmth surrounding me. I opened my eyes to see bright colors around me. I smelled warmth, for the first time in forever. I ran down the hall, nervous and curious. I wasn't scared anymore, now I was just excited.

Summary of Tintin, Red Rackham's Treasure.

By: Dylan Brady

Age: 11

Tintin, a reporter and helper, is the main character with his dog Snowy and his friend Captain Haddock, who is a captain of the ship S.I.R.I.U.S. Tompson and Tomson are detectives and friends of them. Bill is the cook on the S.I.R.I.U.S. This story is about Tintin, Snowy, Tomson and Tompson, and Captain Haddock sailing out to sea to find treasure. This story takes place in the ocean. There are a lot of challenges, one being avoiding the sharks.

First, Captain Haddock is reading the newspaper. which gives away their secret to the world which is finding treasure. As a result a lot of people came to Tintin's door claiming the treasure. But when Tompson and Tomson were coming up the stairs, the crowd ran down the stairs and trampled Tompson and Tomson and squashing their hats. So, they rang their friend Tintin's doorbell to get their hats off. Then they met Professor Calculus who made an underwater machine to help them find the treasure. But he was deaf! Next, Tintin, Captain Haddock, Snowy and Bill set sail for the treasure.

But then, a radio message came saying "Slow down, motor boat coming to you." The people inside the boat were Tompson and Tomson. They said "[We're] coming with [you]." But then, Tintin and the captain heard someone sleeping in the lifeboat and that someone was Cuthbert Calculus. In the night Captain Haddock goes down to the hold and opens a case of whiskey but instead he finds a bomb! So he wakes Tintin up and he finds out that it was not a bomb, it was steel plates. In the morning they find Cuthbert Calculus put them in the whisky box for his machine. So then, they tried to go to the island. But Tintin said Sir Francis Haddock, who is the ancestor of Captain Haddock, used a "French chart" so they had to go two degrees west.

When they got to the island, Captain Haddock tripped over little wood under the sand. Afterwards, Tintin, Snowy and Captain dug up the remains of the lifeboat the Sir Francis Haddock went in.

Soon after, Tintin and Snowy located the ship called the Unicorn. Then Tintin went down in the ocean and picked up a gold cross and a cutlass to give to the Captain. Then, they found some old documents. They go back because for eleven days they found nothing.

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Claire Soh

Age : 11
Our World

We go to sleep every night, and wake up in the morning.

Sea animals sometimes go to sleep and never wake up again.

Because of one thing.

Fish never wake up again because they have drifted too far into pollution.

Some baby turtles go up to the surface while resting and get caught in plastic, never to be heard of again.

Because of one thing.

Pollution.

You don't think about that plastic wrap that you tossed in the flower beds

You don't care about how harmful that is.

You may not care, but I do and so do the animals.

We don't normally think about these things, but even one more voice can save any life, big or small, anywhere in our world.

Rishit Jha

Age: 11
We were sitting at the table
Listening to the stories,
Eating the food,
Even though it had all happened before
And thinking "I can't wait to go outside

And play,"
Even though it was boring,
I still wanted to be back
At the table
Each year
Listening to the boring old tales
Again and again
Because it was all part of the aura
If it were gone,
It would be a hole in our hearts.

Katelyn Ragheb

age:11
A Long Walk to Water (retelling of excerpt from Linda Sue Park's book)

The hot salty sand squirmed between his feet. The hot air hugged him till he sweated. No one knew when they would drop and stay stranded till the vultures picked one by one-- the big mean vultures. He took a tiny sip of water when his body felt like dying and his body would make him chug, chug the whole gourd of water. The darkness cooled him down as if he was taking a nice bath back when he was with his mom. She would calm him and give him a nice gourd of milk oh how he missed those days. He felt water running down his back as he slept. He woke, he needed to puke. He couldn't look at himself; the more he looked the worse it got wave after wave. The rushing- he could feel everything leave his body. He blacked out.

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GREAT FALLS TAVERN

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Garland made of fresh green adorns the Great Falls Tavern.



Members of the Little Farms Garden Club of Potomac spent three hours decorating the Great Falls Tavern for Christmas.

Wrapping Up the Holidays

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE ALAMANAC

Deep in the heart of the C&O Canal area at Great Falls sits the Great Falls Tavern, one of the most popular spots along the trail.

Each December, for the past 44 years, the women of the the Little Farms Garden Club of Potomac have transformed the historic landmark into a Christmas card-perfect structure that harkens back to the Victorian era. This year was no different.

"During that period, holiday decorations were elaborate," said Traci Hoffman who has coordinated the project for the past 10 years. "We try to create that celebratory feel when we decorate it. We want to bring holiday joy to visitors."

It took three hours, eighteen volunteers and more forty yards of garland to pull-off such their famously festive feat.

"What's wonderful is that we're strong independent women and we did all of it ourselves," said Hoffman. "We listened to holiday music while we worked and really enjoyed working together."

Using branches from White Pine, Holly and other hearty trees, indigenous to the

area, club members created a display that exudes Christmas charm.

"Park service was generous enough to give us live greens," said Hoffman.

So meaningful is the decades-old tradition, that the club members maintained it even during the COVID quarantine period, "We couldn't do much, but we wanted

to keep it going, so we hung a wreath on the door," said Hoffman. "We do it every year because we hope to bring peace and joy to visitors."



For more than four decades, members of the Little Farms Garden Club of Potomac have decorated the Garden Falls Tavern each Christmas.



Park Ranger Mark Meyers handles some of the higher level tasks at the Tavern at Great Falls

Friday with Friedson

Virtual Friday with Friedson on Jan. 27 at 11 a.m. Potomac's councilmember Andrew Friedson invites residents to join in and share questions and concerns.

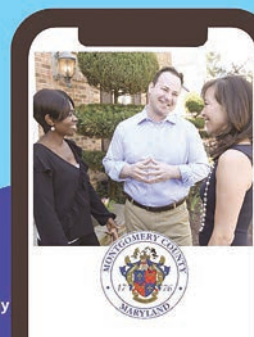
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Virtual Friday with Friedson

Friday, January 27 - 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Join Councilmember Friedson on Zoom to ask your questions and share your thoughts!



Next Event: Tentatively Scheduled for Feb 17

BULLETIN BOARD

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

RECREATION CENTER FITNESS PASSES WILL BE FREE IN 2023

Montgomery County Recreation fitness passes will be free for Montgomery County residents in 2023. Starting Jan. 3, 2023, the free pass will provide access to fully equipped fitness rooms, open gym (drop-in) activities and game rooms at any recreation center during regularly scheduled hours.

This membership makes it easy for residents to work out close to home, near their office or at any center location that is convenient for them. Beginning Jan. 3, 2023, residents can register for the fitness pass in-person at the centers.

Proof of residency (a valid photo ID with an address or a photo ID with a current utility bill) must be provided by County residents to receive the free pass. Visit the website for more information.

The free fitness pass does not include access to aquatic centers. For aquatic center pass information and prices, visit the website.

SATURDAY/JAN. 21

Acoustic Rooster's Barnyard Boogie. 11 a.m. At Robert E. Parilla Performing Arts Center, 51 Mannakee Street, Rockville. Author Kwame Alexander brings two of his beloved children's books—Acoustic Rooster and Indigo Blume—to the stage in a world premiere Kennedy Center commission. For tickets and information, call the Box Office at 240-567-5301, Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and 3-6 p.m. To order tickets online, visit the web site at www.montgomerycollege.edu/PAC.

FRIDAY/JAN. 27

Lviv National Philharmonic Orchestra of Ukraine. 7:30 p.m. At Robert E. Parilla Performing Arts Center, 51 Mannakee Street, Rockville. For tickets and information, call the Box Office at 240-567-5301, Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and 3-6 p.m. To order tickets online, visit the Web site at www.montgomerycollege.edu/PAC.

SUNDAY/JAN. 29

Waltz Dance. 3:30-6 p.m. At Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo Park. Featuring the ensemble Sugar Beat playing a lively mix of folk waltzes with a few other couple dances, including Hambo, Schottische, Swing, Tango, and Polka. The 45-minute dance lesson begins at 2:45 p.m. with a half-hour introductory Waltz workshop and a more advanced move presented the last 15 minutes. Social dancing follows until 6 pm. Admission is \$15, \$5 for full-time students with student ID. No partner required. For more information, call Joan Koury at 202-238-0230 or Glen Echo Park at 301-634-2222, go to www.WaltzTimeDances.org or e-mail info@WaltzTimeDances.org.

SUNDAY/FEB. 5

Waltz Dance. 3:30-6 p.m. At Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Featuring the ensemble Devine Comedy playing a lively mix of folk waltzes with a few other couple dances, including Hambo, Schottische, Swing, Tango, and Polka. The 45-minute dance lesson begins at 2:45 p.m. with a half-hour introductory Waltz workshop and a more advanced move presented the last 15 minutes. Social dancing follows until 6 pm. Admission is \$15, \$5 for full-time

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MONTGOMERY COUNTY SEEKING APPLICANTS TO SERVE ON SPORTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Montgomery County Executive Marc Elrich is seeking applicants to fill 17 public and organizational vacancies on the newly established Montgomery County Sports Advisory Committee. The committee, staffed by Montgomery County Recreation, will study sports participation and opportunities in the County, make recommendations to the County Executive and the Montgomery County Council and recognize outstanding teams and athletes. Members will help conduct research, advocate for enhanced sports opportunities, and identify and address discrepancies found in youth sports to raise the quality of life for residents.

SUMMER CAMPS REGISTRATION BEGINS

Montgomery County Recreation is hosting safe, fun and exciting camps that promote children's active and healthy lifestyles this summer. Camp registration begins at 6:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 17 for County Residents. Non-County residents will be able to register beginning Thursday, Jan. 19.

A digital guide is available online. <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/rec/howto/guide.html>

Montgomery County Recreation camps offer a broad range of summer programs located throughout the County. Campers will spend most their time outdoors with an emphasis on safety and fun.

Applications are currently being accepted for 2023 Rec Assist, which provides eligible County residents an opportunity to receive a scholarship to use toward Recreation programs.

Registration will also be available by mail or drop-off. For more information about registration, visit the website or call the customer service team at 240-777-6840.

HOLIDAY TREES FOR RECYCLING

The Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) is encouraging residents to put live-cut Christmas trees curbside for recycling and give the trees a second life after the holidays.

Cut Christmas trees are accepted year-round for residents of single-family homes and townhomes who receive Montgomery County-provided weekly curbside recycling collection service.

Residents should place their trees curbside by 7 a.m. on their regularly scheduled recycling day.

Wreaths, roping and other decorations made with live branches and needles are also accepted for recycling if they are separated from any wire and metal used to bind them. All trees, wreaths and other live branches must be free from lights and decorations.

Collected trees are taken to the Shady Grove Processing Facility and Transfer Station, where they are shredded and chipped for mulch. The facility is located at 16105 Frederick Rd. in Derwood.

Residents also can take their trees to the Transfer Station and drop them off for recycling.

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Still Struggling



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

If any of you regular readers thought one week would be enough content for me to write any wrongs concerning my brother, Richard's premature death, you were mistaken. Given the depth of the loss – for me, and even more so for Richard's wife, Vanessa, one week of literary substance is not nearly enough (your real concern should be that writing forward, this space will become Richard-centric, brotherly driven). Nevertheless, for this week at least, the subject of my brother's death is front and center, again.

Practically speaking, life goes on. Still, when one of your foundational pieces is destroyed (for lack of a better description) and replacing it is completely impossible, where does one go to rudder-the-ship back on track. Unfortunately, I don't think there's any place to go, and that's what scares me. Moreover, being the sole survivor of the Barry Lourie family (neither Richard nor I had natural-born children) carries a certain weight/finality to it that seems awfully heavy.

If either of your parents are living, you feel connected to previous generations. However, when your surviving parent dies, you become – in essence, an orphan, and often your connection with the family is adjusted, sort of. It's just not the same. Combined with the passing of time – and simple geography in many instances, many of these connections don't stand the test of that passing time. I'm not admitting, exactly, but I'm something I wasn't prior to my brother's death: lonely. I'm not alone, but the loss/his passing is palpable. It's as if the connection to myself has been severed. And it will be impossible to reconnect. Because for me, being the one surviving sibling, is all it's cracked up to be: lousy. It's not as if there's any accrued benefit in surviving, as in a last-man-standing scenario where assets, associations, memories, et cetera, accrue – to some unspoken benefit. Granted, the memories are priceless, but I'd rather talk to him – in person, not remember him. It's almost an injustice to remember him, as if that's sufficient. It's not. He deserves so much more but there's nothing I can really do to change that. I must accept it. He's gone. Never to be forgotten, for sure. Nevertheless, it seems a hollow testament to a life well lived.

What bothers me as much as anything is the age when he died: 73. I thought that he (and I) would live at least as long as our parents did (presuming the succeeding generations live longer) who were 87 and 86 respectively, and who had minimal health problems until their final years. Yet, Richard has already passed at age 73 and yours truly, who is five years younger, has a "terminal" form of papillary thyroid cancer, which likely makes me mortality challenged as well and unlikely even to reach my brother's age at death. In summary: what a rip!

This column is not at all an admission that only upon my brother's death did I realize how lucky I was to have had Richard as my older brother/caretaker. I knew, very clearly during his life, how fortunate I had been to have Richard in my corner. As a few examples: when I was hospitalized for a week in early August 2015, my brother was at the hospital every day, all day – and I knew it. A few years ago, I was again hospitalized, for nearly another week due to elevated calcium, the aftereffects to a previous month's thyroidectomy. Again, every day, my brother was present at the hospital, advocating, when necessary, but mostly supporting. In the two most significant cancer-related hospital admissions (not to mention all the oncology appointments and infusions where he, as a founding member of Team Lourie, was always present and accounted for) my brother didn't just talk the talk, he walked the walk, on my behalf. When I had the chance, this past summer, to return the favor and commit to his welfare/recovery from sepsis, I was, along with his wife, Vanessa, likewise present and accounted for every day. I had learned from the best how to act in a family crisis.

And it's that commitment which makes his passing difficult to process. Vanessa and I put so much time and effort into his recovery (happily so) that it's hard not to feel cheated by his semi unexpected death. Certainly, we were aware/had been educated as to the severity of septic shock, which precipitated his emergency room visit that mid-July evening, and subsequently left him comatose for almost two weeks; still, his miraculous recovery made us all so proud and hopeful that since he endured the worst of it, perhaps we all might be rewarded with the best of it: his return to a normal-type life. We thought he had dodged a bullet and that his future was bright. When he died that early Dec. morning, we were surprised but not shocked. Still, it's been difficult to process. He was doing so well.

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