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**### 1. Photo of Campbell with My Grand-Niece Kaylie**



**## 2. Treat of the Month**

This month, I am pleased to present an article written by a good friend of mine for our Treat of the Month.

Terri Winaught is an intelligent and courageous writer who has chosen to share with me and others this valuable information concerning both personal and professional experience and knowledge.

Terri sent this well-written article to me after I made an appeal to readers of The Neighborhood News and others for any information they could give me concerning mental health issues or illness that concerned them, people they knew personally, or people they worked for or with.

My desire was and is to raise more awareness of both the treatments currently available and those that are not, as well as awareness of the issues that still remain unresolved for many.

I hope that the article below will interest all of you.

Please note that this is also being published in *The Consumer Vision*, which is owned and published by Robert Branco, one of our subscribers and sponsors.

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NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH

by Terri Winaught

 Since 1989, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMSHA) has celebrated September as what came to be called National Recovery Month. When it was implemented 26 years ago, this initiative was designated "Treatment Works" month, in acknowledgement of drug and alcohol service providers. In 1998, that designation was changed to National Alcohol and Drug Abuse Month, with the focus of raising public awareness that persons experiencing substance abuse disorders can and do recover.

The most recent name change to this initiative was made in 2011, when September became known as National Recovery Month:  [www.recoverymonth.gov](http://www.recoverymonth.gov) . Each year during September, over 200 federal, state, local, and nonprofit organizations collaborate on a different theme and disseminate information to offer hope that recovery from mental health, substance abuse, and co-occurring disorders is possible.

To use my story as an example: With help from supportive friends and mental health professionals and the importance of spirituality, my recovery is such that I have had no hospitalizations since January of 1988, and I am currently employed in the mental health field at the Pittsburgh Mercy Health System (PMHS) as a Recovery Services Coordinator. In that capacity, I lead a team of Peer Support specialists who promote Mercy's mission of being a healing, transforming presence in the communities that this agency serves.  As team members, we do this by reaching out to persons served by Mercy programs and facilities to promote wellness of mind and body. Wellness, hope, and recovery may sound like abstract concepts unless they are your lived experiences.

If you or a loved one needs help, call 1-800-662-4357 (1-800-662-HELP).

If you are feeling suicidal or are in significant emotional distress, phone the 24-hour suicide prevention hotline at 1-800-273-8255 (1-800-273-TALK).  To use TTY, call 1-800-799-4889.  By calling that hotline, you will be directed to the closest crisis line.

If you are not in crisis but simply need someone to talk to, there are warmlines throughout the United States. Warmlines are telephone support services that are staffed by persons in recovery from mental health diagnoses, substance abuse disorders, or both. For a list of warmlines, visit [www.warmline.org](http://www.warmline.org) . By reviewing the listed services, you will find that some are multilingual, some accept calls nationwide, and still others limit their services to persons who live in the county or state in which the warmline is located. There is a warmline in Arizona that people from anywhere in the United States can call once an hour, and there is a warmline in Orange County, California with speakers of English, Spanish, Vietnamese, and Farsi.  This California-based support line also offers services to TTY users.

To learn more about behavioral health recovery, do any of the following: Like SAMSHA on Facebook, follow them on Twitter, listen to their YouTube channel, or sign up for RSS feeds. To contact Terri Winaught with questions or comments, email her:  [t.winaught@verizon.net](mailto:t.winaught@verizon.net) . Or phone 412-263-2022 (home), or 412-506-2004 (cell), to which text messages can also be sent.

**### 3. Neighborhood News**

**### Recap**

As Campbell andI reported, we placed six books on consignment at a local bookstore called I Love Books, in the Kingsport Town Center. So if you’re in that area, stop by and take a look.

We also still have books with another local business. That’s Dilly’s Curiosity Shop, at 1121 N. Eastman Road in Kingsport, Tennessee, in the Greenacres Shopping Center. Should you ever find yourself in their neck of the woods, stop in and say hi. Tell ’em Patty and Campbell sent you! Their attractive website: <http://www.dillyshop.com/>

By the way, if you enjoy The Neighborhood News, you’re bound to enjoy Dilly’s Curiosity Shop’s newsletter as well. Make sure to take a look at their website, and sign up today!

**### Another thing going on here in The Neighborhood:**

Campbell and I have a new Facebook page called Campbell’s Rambles. It’s for the promotion of books, ezines, blogs, Facebook pages, and groups. We are always putting up new things, so make sure to stop by and take a look, and invite your friends to like it as well. We are happy to promote folks other than ourselves, so be sure to stop by. Share a link, a blog post, or anything you think will help get the word out about whatever it is that you love to do. If it’s your passion, we want to help let everyone know!

Also, with Bob Cat’s help, we have created a Facebook group called Bob Cat and Friends. This is similar to Campbell’s Corner—which, by the way, is now Campbell’s Corner: The Comfort Zone. The purpose of these groups is to give people a place to go and write, to talk about things that are important to them. It’s a place where cat and dog lovers alike can go to discuss their similarities and unique differences, to let their hair down, put their feet up, and relax and be themselves. It’s a place where they can bring their furry friends along if they like. No furry friends? You’re still welcome. So look us up today!

**### What’s New?**

The first awesome tidbit to share is that an episode of Campbell’s Calamities, called “Rescued” (which is also slated to be Chapter Two in my second book, *The Raw Truth: Campbell’s Rambles, Book Two*), is being included in an anthology. The name of the anthology, the time of release, etc., will be announced. I am very excited about having my work published with the work of other authors, some of whom have been published before. Included in the book will be my book, bio, and website information.

I’m still a bit amazed to be the recipient of such wonderful blessings in my life at the present time. Even with the struggles that Campbell and I have faced, we are still experiencing each month the most awesome things that we have ever known in our world before. We are truly happy to be able to share them with you in The Neighborhood News.

We are also on the hunt for new and interesting things to write about. All topics are welcome.

We are hoping to be able to interview both staff and students from different guide dog schools. While I am a strong supporter of The Seeing Eye, I have come to realize the benefit of having different schools around the country. More and more, I am learning that one school doesn’t always fit all. If you’d be interested in participating in this project, email me at the email address given in Administrative Details.

Make sure to stop by again to see if I get any of this done! ☺

If you have anything going on in your world that you’d like to be interviewed about, or if you know of a neat organization, group, person, or event you’d like to see profiled in an interview, give me a shout out. My contact information is below, in the Administrative Details.

**### Coming Soon**

Campbell and I have been continuing to play catch-up. We’re back up to snuff, but some the things we have been working on have had to be scaled back or put on hold due to the two of us being sick for the last couple of months. We’re better, now, and what’s coming up follows here.

We will soon appear on a local radio show called Community Forum. This can be heard Saturday Mornings on WETSFM Radio. For information about this or any other show, please see

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| Last but not least, I have begun a new writing project. After much consideration, I have decided to put away the draft of my second book, *The Raw Truth: Campbell’s Rambles, Book Two*—at least for a while. Instead, I want to work on a more positive writing project. That is putting together a book of humorous or uplifting inspirational true stories about my life, covering the period from just before I acquired Campbell to the present day. I had that in mind a while back, but for a time, I got caught up in a lot of madness that was simply unnecessary and for sure my own fault. I not only allowed someone to abuse me, but I allowed folks I thought had my best interest at heart to influence me in ways I wish I had not. It is my deepest wish that this humorous and uplifting book of stories will help to dispel some of the darkness that has befallen me in the last few years. Please stay with us to see if I accomplish this goal. |  |

**### 4. Literary Submission**

*Murder in Grafton Center, Part 1*

by Stephen Halpert

Dedicated with appreciation to Robert B. Parker

Copyright October 1, 2015

I picked Gypsy up at Logan airport. She kissed me as she got into the car. "Dancer," she said. "When you called. What a horrible surprise."

We got onto the Pike west to Grafton. Last night on the phone, I had told her about Bob Park's sudden death. She insisted on leaving her Jungian conference in Cleveland and flying back to Boston.

The calling hours were at Bob's home on Brigham Hill Road from 2 to 8. We had time to stop at Grafton's historic inn for lunch.

Gypsy looked ravishing. A new chocolate cashmere jumpsuit outlined her sleek figure. Her streaked blond hair was perfect and her makeup gave the impression she hadn't used any.

Gypsy studied the men. "Bob never ate right," she said. "And all that booze was noticeable, especially in his recent writing."

I nodded. "And he'd always gloat over some artery-clogging recipe he'd invented."

Gypsy sipped her sparkling water. "You'd best be careful too. At your age, eating poorly is best replaced by having fun doing something other than dining."

I decided on the grilled tuna and seaweed salad.

We sat by the window and looked at the three churches around the town Common. The cute waitress with a blond pageboy recited the luncheon specials. Gypsy chose the Cobb salad. She looked around the inn's rustic interior. "Tell me everything."

"He died at his desk. Juno found him when she got home. Massive coronary."

My mind went back to the night before, when Juice had called. "Boss is gone," he said. "Right in the middle of a new chapter, his ticker gave out!"

I was in my office overlooking Arlington and Marlborough and Arlington Street. "Just like that? Nothing funny?"

"How should I know? You're the private eye. I'm just your faithful African American sidekick."

The waitress brought out lunch. I asked her if she had known Bob.

"Everyone in town knew him," she said wistfully. Then she grinned. "Especially the ladies. He liked to teach them about gourmet cooking."

"Anyone in particular?" I asked.

"Everyone in particular." Then she looked blank and beat a hasty retreat.

"The plot thickens." I tasted the tuna.

"What plot? From everything you've said, it sounds like his heart gave out. Happens every day." Gypsy noticed another couple taking a nearby table. "Hello there, Sherry!" she waved.

"Gypsy!" The hefty brunette smiled. "I'm so sorry we have to run into each other this way. I'd like you meet my friend Jeff Slate, Chief of Police of Divinity, MA."

Gypsy smiled at Sherry. "Just like you said, he does resemble Clint Eastwood."

Jeff seemed to enjoy the compliment. "And you must be Dr. Gypsy Silva, the well known Cambridge shrink. Sandy keeps telling me to sign up for sessions."

Gypsy smiled but didn't respond.

"If I ever dared to call you a shrink …" I mumbled.

"And you're Al Dancer." Her eyes lit up. "I'm Sherry Burke. My father always speaks well of you."

"Is he enjoying his retirement from Boston PD?"

"He'll never completely retire," Sherry said. "Now he's a weapons analyst for Homeland Security. He couldn't stand being alone at home 24/7 with mom."

The blond waitress appeared at their table. "Can I bring you something to drink?"

"Iced tea," Jeff said with a sigh. He looked across at Sherry.

"Same," she smiled.

"Here for calling hours?" Gypsy said.

They nodded.

"This whole thing's blowing my mind," Sherry said. "Just the other day, we talked and Bob told me he was planning a European vacation with his wife over Christmas. Apparently she's been on the go and they hadn't had much quality time together."

The waitress brought their iced teas and they ordered.

"Look," Gypsy said. "There's Juice."

My buddy Juice, trim and muscular and Rita Danvers, tall, curvy and attractive took a table near ours. Rita smiled cordially at Gypsy. "Hi, Dancer. She must be your main squeeze."

Gypsy smiled. "And you must be that lady lawyer Dancer speaks so well of."

"I'll take that as a compliment," Rita grinned. "Considering…"

The blond waitress reappeared. "Can I bring you something to drink?"

Juice, wearing a black turtleneck and jeans, looked up. "Imported French Champagne. Tragedy calls for something more bubbly than soda pop."

"I'll check with the bartender." She scurried off.

I introduced Rita and Juice to Sandy and Jeff.

"How are you, Chief?" Rita gave him an imperceptible wink and Sandy wondered how well acquainted they might be.

Jeff nodded and gazed around the rustic dining room. "I'd have thought Bob would have lived in Boston or even Manhattan. I can't quite picture him out here in the woods."

"Grafton's not too far from Clark University in Worcester, where he lectures on detective fiction," I said.

"Or even somewhere on the North Shore near Divinity," Sherry said. "I wonder if there's any night life around here? Or do people in Grafton watch PBS and lights out by ten?"

"Night life's easy to find," Jeff said. "All it usually takes is booze and two people drinking it."

"We don't know anything about Bob's private life," I said.

Rita frowned and examined her manicure. "You mean our Mr. Monogamy led a double life? Is that what you're insinuating?"

"I wouldn't make any assumptions," Gypsy said. "He adored his wife. Or the next thing you know, one of us might start suggesting foul play."

(To be continued)

To contact Stephen and learn more about him and how to see more of his work, email him at: [StHalpert@aol.com](mailto:StHalpert@aol.com) . That is a good way to reach him, also on Facebook, as Stephen Halpert.

**### 5. In The Hood: Link of the Month, and Part 1 of Interview with Business Owner Bobby Donald, licensed Tennessee Business Enterprises Manager**

This month, I chose to make a change in The Neighborhood News. I hope you will approve of and enjoy this change. Please be sure to pass any comments on to us through the Twilight Bark. King Campbell monitors it daily.

In addition to the Link of the Month, I have added the first of what I hope will be many interviews or reports from or about people who are active participants in the neighborhoods in which they live. I hope you will enjoy reading this interview as much as I enjoyed putting it together.

The Link of the Month entries and interviews like the one you are about to read here are designed to enhance the lives of all, and hopefully bring us closer together as hardworking and fun-loving individuals who aren’t quite so individual after all.

First, our interview.  —

Bobby Donald and I are old friends from high school. He and I reconnected via Facebook some months back, and as I have been getting reacquainted with him, he has been telling me all about his work. I knew of the Tennessee Business Enterprises program but never truly understood it. Being around Bobby on a regular basis has shown me both benefits of and drawbacks to this type of business for a blind or visually challenged individual. Bobby has been gracious enough to take the time to sit down and talk with me a bit, and now I wish to share what I have learned with you. Who knows? Someone reading this might just be looking for work, and this might be the ticket. We hope it helps—or that, at the very least, you find the interview informative and enjoyable.

**### Introduction**

Hi, Bobby. Campbell and I, along with all the readers of The Neighborhood News, would like to welcome you to the Neighborhood. Please introduce yourself and tell us a bit about who you are and what it is you do for work and fun. Then we will get down to the questions of how, when, why, and more. First, just tell us in your own words a little about Bobby: where he comes from and what makes him tick.

 ### Hello, my name is Bobby Donald. High Myopia is my visual impairment diagnosis. In other words, I have been nearsighted since birth. At present, I am 51 years of age, living independently in Knoxville, Tennessee. My hometown is Tuscaloosa, Alabama, but I have lived most of my adult life in Tennessee. I hold a Bachelor’s of Business Administration degree from East Tennessee State University, a degree I obtained in the spring of 2004. Cycling, adaptive technologies, and college football are hobbies I enjoy.  Professionally, I am a licensed Tennessee Business Enterprises Manager. I operate a vending facility located in the United States Postal Service sorting center in west Knoxville. The journey toward this employment opportunity began back in the winter of 2007.

 Q) Great! Can you tell us a bit about what made you decide to go into this program?

 A) In 2006, I made the decision not to continue with my postgraduate studies at ETSU. I was employed at that time, but still seeking new opportunities. As I was doing research regarding Tennessee Business Enterprises, I derived a plan to successfully meet my personal obligations while attending entry level training in Morristown, Tennessee. I was unsure about the income potential with Tennessee Business Enterprises; hoowever, I was comfortable with the business model and its risks.

 Q) If you could name just three positives that come from working in your chosen field, what would they be?

 A) 1. Tennessee Business Enterprises training programs are very informative.

2. TBE Consultants provide encouragement and problem-solving skills when necessary.

3. Vending, food service, and commissaries are the core businesses a licensed manager can operate. This gives the individual the ability to advance or to downsize if needed.

Q) If you could name just three negatives that come from your chosen work, what would they be?

 A) 1. It takes 12 weeks to complete entry-level training.

 2. It is difficult for me to leave my business for more than two days.

3.  I am a price taker in the marketplace when it comes to purchasing merchandise for resale.

Q) Bobby, I’d like to thank you for stopping by to chat with us this month. If any of our readers want to learn more about how this program got its start and how they can get involved, where can they go to get the best information?

 A) I’m happy to answer those questions. If the readers of The Neighborhood News want to learn more, there are two links below. One provides additional information concerning the Randolph Sheppard Act, and the other is the Tennessee Business Enterprises website.

<http://www2.ed.gov/programs/rsarsp/index.html>

<http://www.tennessee.gov/humanservices/article/bvis-tn-business-enterprises>

\*\*\* Campbell and I, as well as all the readers of The Neighborhood News, would like to thank you, Bobby, for taking the time to stop in and talk with us about this career opportunity. We are looking forward to learning about both the challenges and successes that the training you took brought your way. We will also be curious to learn what it was like for you when you took your first job. Not to put you on the spot or anything, but we’d love a little story from you. You know how King Campbell and I are about stories!

Come back next month, folks, to find out what awesome things Bobby has to tell us. If you readers have any questions for him, make sure to submit them to The Twilight Bark before the 20th of October. We want to have time to go over them and let Bobby answer as many as he can without taking up too much of his time.

**### And now the Link of the Month**

This YouTube Video is designed to get you thinking in a whole new and exciting way: another way of thinking about disability.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SE_VNRGYtU0>

This link was provided by Becky Frankeberger of Butterfly Knitting.

**### Administrative Details**

First up, a note from one of our subscribers and new sponsors. —

Robert Branco, Bob to his friends, hosts an awesome Telephone Chat Room where folks from all over the U.S. gather to socialize and have fun. He offers things such as weekly trivia games and open chat time.

He also provides an informative show called Branco Broadcast. On this weekly 1-hour program, which is conducted by telephone conference, the guests present their topics to listeners. The moderator is author Bob Branco, of New Bedford, Massachusetts.

After the guest presents his or her topic, there is always time for a Q & A period. To access the program, do the following: Call 712-432-3645. When you hear the man's voice after the computer voice, press 1 for the main menu, 1 for the rooms menu, and 6 for Bob's conference room. You do not have to say your name. Hit pound to be in the conference. Please mute your phone if you are not speaking. Contact Bob if you are having any trouble with this: 1-508-994-4972.

\*\*\* Patty and Campbell here to say that we have been privileged to be on the Branco Broadcast twice. Both times, we were treated well, had great attendance, and were fabulously rewarded for our time spent; that was with business that resulted from our having been guests on his show. When we attended the open chat, we found it to be fun and friendly. It was the kind of atmosphere that made me hate to leave and want to visit again. Even though I knew no one personally, I was still completely comfortable.

Give Bob a try as a listener participant or guest today!

Bob’s website, with full information about his four books and more contact information, is: [www.dvorkin.com/robertbranco/](file:///C:\Users\User\AppData\Local\Temp\www.dvorkin.com\robertbranco\)

**### 6. Products and Services**

Just a note from all here in The Campbell Kingdom: The following items seem to me like very good things for birthday gifts, Christmas gifts, and any other holiday shopping. I’m sure that some of you have friends or relatives who have birthdays just around the bend, and of course the season will soon come to life with all the various wonderful holidays, giving us all plenty of reason to give! So make sure to pay close attention to the awesome Products and Services below.

An important note from the editor about the ads:

I have made very slight changes to the wording of a few of the ads that you will see below. Those changes were to correct any obvious typos or to make the text read a bit more clearly. I also made the font more consistent, so that in almost all cases, it’s now in 12-point Calibri, with black lettering, except for the ad for the *Grimoire*, which was submitted in purple. (I also left the poem in Section 10 in its original font.)

Patty has been asking for feedback on this issue, and most readers and other authors have voted in favor of consistency in the appearance of the lettering. My own personal preference is for 12-point Calibri, as it is both highly readable and very common for online texts. I will have more to say about this below, in Section 7, Submission Guidelines. Please read that section very carefully.

For now, let me say that if you have very strong feelings about having your ad appear in some special way, or if you do not like what I have done with your ad, please contact me directly. My email is [leonore@leonoredvorkin.com](mailto:leonore@leonoredvorkin.com) . Patty and I aim first and foremost to keep her readers and advertisers happy, and I will do everything I can to comply with people’s requests.

Leonore Dvorkin, Editor of The Neighborhood News

Now for the diverse and attractive ads!

**### Great coffees and many other great products available from me!** I am an Independent Kat’s Coffees Representative, and all the available products can be found at [www.katscoffees.com/ourproducts.html](http://www.katscoffees.com/ourproducts.html)

Pumpkin Pie Spice, Mocha Java, and Tiramisu Coffees are just a few of the many products you will find. I have price lists for the Varietals and Blends, Flavored Coffees, and Gourmet Coffees, with a bit lower prices on the 1-lb. bags of coffees. Questions, orders, and payments, made via PayPal, are sent directly to me at [inahurrycoffee@gmail.com](mailto:inahurrycoffee@gmail.com)

A note about ordering: Please wait until you receive the shipping cost of your order before sending your payment so that your order will not be delayed!

**### Large dog crate for sale**

My name is Phyllis Stevens, and I am in Northeast Tennessee. I still have a large, three-door, wire dog crate for sale. It is made by Kong. Asking $80 but will negotiate. It is slightly used, but in excellent condition, no rust, and all doors are in working order. Easy to break down and reassemble. The reason for sale is due to the size. I need to purchase a different type so that it fits into our living space more easily. So I must sell this crate ASAP! To contact me about this, please write to: [catlady1949@charter.net](mailto:catlady1949@charter.net)

**### Butterfly Knitting**

Looking for an awesome birthday or Christmas gift? Maybe you have a new baby coming? Here’s the lady to call. Becky and her sidekick Jake can hook you right up. Give her a shout-out today! Becky Frankeberger and Guide Dog Jake

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[becky@butterflyknitting.com](mailto:becky@butterflyknitting.com)

An added comment from the editor: For those readers who cannot see Becky’s website and her products, I can assure you that they are flat-out gorgeous, and they appear to be of the highest quality. She is very talented indeed!

**### Nonprofit Consultant**

Hello!

Are you a nonprofit with half a dozen invitations to things like luncheons, where you know that if you say you can come, they are sure to ask you to speak? Do you have a whole calendar filled with information fairs to attend? Is there not enough time in your busy schedule to make them all, or do you simply not have enough volunteers to cover it all?

I have the solution to those and other issues as well.

My name is Patty L. Fletcher. I am a self-published author and motivational speaker, as well as a nonprofit consultant.

I can cover many different positions and will be happy to do so for a onetime fee for each event or a set fee for several events.

What can I provide?

* I can learn what your organization does, what services it provides, what types of volunteers it needs, etc., and go out and do presentations or work information fairs for you.
* I can learn your organizational training methods and provide training services for you.
* I can give motivational talks to your staff/volunteers, talks designed to energize and motivate them to work hard at their service and feel great about doing so.

For more information about these services, please contact me by phone or by email:

Phone: 423-963-9476 / Email: [patty.volunteer1@gmail.com](mailto:patty.volunteer1@gmail.com)

We can discuss price for services at that time. Costs will vary.

Thank you for your time and your attention to this very important matter.

Patty L. Fletcher

Author and Motivational Speaker

Book: *Campbell’s Rambles: How a Seeing Eye Dog Retrieved My Life* (C 2014)

In e-book and print on Amazon, Smashwords, and other online buying sites.

Website: [www.dvorkin.com/pattyfletcher/](http://www.dvorkin.com/pattyfletcher/)

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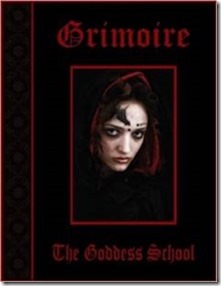
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**###** **Books by Abbie Johnson Taylor**

For detailed descriptions, excerpts, and ordering information, visit <http://www.abbiejohnsontaylor.com>

1. *We Shall Overcome*. Lisa, visually impaired, is afraid of policemen because of an incident that happened to her brother years earlier. When she meets John, a bicycle patrol officer, she must re-evaluate her apprehension.
2. *How to Build a Better Mousetrap: Recollections and Reflections of a Family Caregiver*.The poems in this collection were mostly inspired by the author’s experiences while caring for her late husband, totally blind and partially paralyzed by two strokes.
3. *That’s Life: New and Selected Poems*.In this chapbook, the author gives advice to teenagers, shares more memories of her younger years, and touches on other life-changing events, including her wedding and her late husband’s death.

All three books are available on Bookshare, and you can download a recording of *That’s Life* in mp3 format from the author’s site.

**### *The Glass Family*, by Leonore H. Dvorkin (C 2012)**

A play in one act, in which the transparent characters—Glenn, Glenda, Gladwin, and Glennis Glass—offer their opinions on such matters as being half full or half empty, accepting oneself as one comes from the Great Factory, the restricted lives of their costlier neighbors in the locked china cabinet, and much more.

The characters:   
  
Glenn Glass, the oldest and largest of these vessels. Glenda Glass, Glenn's faithful wife and the only painted one of the four. Gladwin Glass, the son, a sturdy and inquisitive young chap. Glennis Glass, Gladwin's sister, who considers herself quite the sophisticate.

Excerpt:  
  
GLENNIS  
I think we're much more attractive than those scratched and banged-up plastic glasses next door to us. They hardly shine at all, and they're so—well—*plastic!* And can you imagine being that garish bright green? It's just too revolting!   
  
GLENDA  
Glennis, dear, acting superior does not become you or any other transparent glass. Perhaps it's not easy being green—or pink or blue. How can you know for sure? And of course they are just as real in their own way as we are in ours. Their basic material is simply different.   
  
GLENN  
Your mother's right, Glennis. We all have to accept ourselves and others as we came from the Great Factory: tall or small, heavy or light, clear or shaded, glass or plastic, ribbed or smooth.

E-book: $1.99. Paperback: $9.95. For more details and handy buying links, see:  <http://www.leonoredvorkin.com/gfam/index.php>

Comment from Patty Fletcher: I absolutely loved this sweet, funny little play, so I hope you’ll give it a try! It would be fun and inexpensive for any theater company to put on, even a high school theater department. It’s suitable for teens or adults.

###  From Cortina Jackson

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**On Earth As It Is In Hell**

Hell, a word that not only describes a dark, fiery underworld, but also defines periods in our lives. Thus is the case for the three characters, Clara, Nick, and Toni, portrayed in this thriller.

The storyline follows: Clara, the unbeliever, due to God’s lack of intervention; Toni, Clara’s friend, homosexual by nature, faithful friend by design; and Nick, a pastor who endures his own trials. Their lives intersect as they each experience turmoil and tragedy in their lives. However, no matter the trials and tribulations that they face, choices must still be made, choices that will determine their future.

The story starts out with a conversation that takes place in Hell. Satan gives orders to demons, imps, and all of the other inhabitants in Hell, directing them to go to Earth through portals that lead directly to homes, schools, churches, police departments, record companies, everywhere, and wreak havoc in the lives of people on Earth.

The story has sex, mystery, and intrigue! It is not intended to scare you into not going to Hell, but rather to scare the Hell out of you! With elements of life that seem all too familiar, it is sure to captivate you, encompass you, consume you, swallowing you whole, only to regurgitate you, releasing you to your own thoughts about its existence.

Life is scarier than fiction; the fate of the world is scarier than this!

**### *Chance Encounter*, a new novel by Tony Medeiros (C 2015)**

Reviewed by Leonore H. Dvorkin

This second novel from the talented Tony Medeiros is a Cinderella story with a twist. The well-to-do narrator, Joseph Perry, has big dreams for Carolyn Laplante, the intriguing young housecleaner he observes at a café one morning as she tries to drum up business. It takes him a while to find her again, but find her he does. Things go from there, both professionally and then very personally, as Carolyn rises in the world.

Of course it requires more than the wave of a wand to transform Carolyn from someone who earns a very low income and looks it to a glamorous and self-confident executive running a thriving business. But together, Joe and she accomplish what he always knew was possible for her. Eventually, though, Carolyn’s ambition becomes her downfall. Both she and Joe have to suffer in different ways before she gets on a sustainable career path and he realizes that his own work is no longer bringing him self-respect or happiness.

Other characters in *Chance Encounter* include Joe’s bosses, colleagues, friends, and parents, as well as a sleazy Massachusetts senator. There is a fascinating relationship between Joe and Peggy, the wife of his best friend. It's almost brother/sister, but there is some subtle, underlying sexual tension that is never overtly expressed.

For a romance novel, the actual sex scenes are relatively few and rather understated. This is no bodice-ripper. But if you enjoy well-developed novels featuring diverse difficulties and happy endings, this one is for you.

In e-book and print from Amazon and other online sellers. Tony’s first novel was *Blocked*, an entertaining novel about online dating. For more details on both books, as well as a photo of the author, see his website: [www.dvorkin.com/tonymedeiros/](file:///C:\Users\Owner\Documents\www.dvorkin.com\tonymedeiros\)



### **Title:** ***The Distant Sound of Violence***

by Jason Greensides

**Genres:** Literary/Contemporary/Coming-of-age/Mystery

**Synopsis:**

Do we ever escape the decisions we make when we’re fifteen?

Nathan Dawes, the loser from school, an outsider, street philosopher, and member of The Grove Runners gang, needs Ryan’s help to get Stephanie to fall for him. When Ryan’s lawnmower is stolen, Nathan sees this as his chance to enlist Ryan in his plan.

Although Ryan knows that becoming friends with Nathan could lead to trouble, he reluctantly agrees to help.

Stephanie wants nothing to do with either of them. Besides, she’s more interested in the one guy in the world she really shouldn’t be.

As Nathan continues his pursuit of Stephanie, and Ryan gets mixed up with The Grove Runners, soon events overtake them all, haunting their lives for years to come.

This compelling coming-of-age mystery is a heart-breaking tale of bad decisions and love gone wrong. It’s about the choices that lead to violence, loss, and tragedy.

**Links:**

Link to the book on Amazon: [mybook.to/TDSOV](http://mybook.to/TDSOV)

Website of Jason Greensides: [jasongreensides.com](http://jasongreensides.com/)

**###**

***The Devil's Lieutenant***

by Suzi Albracht

In *The Devil’s Lieutenant*, our hero reluctantly enters a dangerous, unholy world where nothing and nobody can be trusted, while attempting to solve a series of gruesome murders. As he investigates, his core beliefs are challenged and still the murderer eludes him.

At the same time, one by one, his loved ones are threatened and struck down. Then his unborn child becomes a target of the Devil’s Enforcer. He has a faithful ally by his side, but will they be able to save their wives, their children, the world? Someone’s wife and child will suffer a horrendous end. Will it be our hero’s, bringing him to his knees? The battle to save humanity has begun, and our hero has no choice except to wage war against the Devil himself and his henchmen.

Come with me and I will tell you the tale of The Devil’s Lieutenant.

At Amazon: [mybook.to/The\_Devils\_Lieutenant](http://mybook.to/The_Devils_Lieutenant)

Video trailer: <https://youtu.be/IPGepsZrm70>

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**### And now a word from another subscriber and sponsor of The Neighborhood News.**

I wrote to **Dave Light** and asked him to give me all the details concerning the wonderful radio show that he and all the stations listed below put on each day. Campbell and I are frequent guests on that show. See below for listening info.

Hey, Beautiful Patty and Handsome Campbell,

Per your request: The show is **“AM Tri-Cities”** (the show has been around for over 60 years—long story ☺) and is on the Holston Valley Broadcasting WKPT/ESPN family of stations. It can be heard at AM 1400, 1490, and 1590 and on FM 94.3, 97.7, and 97.9. Yes, those are six transmitters covering East Tennessee, Southwest Virginia, a bit of Eastern Kentucky, and Western North Carolina, and it’s also streamed live on the Internet at <http://espntricities.com> . I prefer to be contacted—initially, at least—by email at [dave@wkptradio.com](mailto:dave@wkptradio.com) . Non-profits, entertainment, regional heritage, things to do, and topics of general interest that enhance the quality of life in our region are our usual fare.

Many thanks for all you do. Give yourself a pat on the back and Campbell a hug for me.

— Dave Light

\*\*\* Patty and Campbell here: Each and every day, Dave plugs our books that are for sale at the two shops listed above. He also always makes time for us on the show whenever we’re to be involved in any event or are having one of our own.

So, thanks lots, Dave! Y’all make sure to give a listen soon! Dave is awesome, and the show is, too!

**### 7.** **Newsletter Submission Information**

Please read the following information carefully, as some of it has changed. If you’d like to submit something, please have it to me no later than the 20th of the month prior to the month of publication. That is, if you wish to have something appear in the October issue, have it to me no later than September 20th. Please send all submissions to me at: [patty.volunteer1@gmail.com](file:///C:\Users\Owner\Documents\patty.volunteer1@gmail.com)

The costs for inclusion in the newsletter are:

$5 for an ad up to 150 words in length / $10 for an ad of 151 to 250 words

NEW: If you wish to have a small photo of your book cover or of products you’re offering for sale included, the charge for that is an additional $5.

Volume discount: Pre-pay for 5 months and get 6 appearances of your same ad / Pre-pay for 10 months and get 12 appearances of the same ad (1 year)

Note: An ad that is pre-paid for six months can run for six consecutive months or every other month for a year.

$5 for submitting a poem, a short story, or a narrative (2,000 words maximum)

That is, you pay me to have your work published. Granted, that may be a bit unusual, but in return for your $5, you will have your work published, gain some exposure, and also be able to advertise your website or your blog. I can also put in any contact information that you wish to have included. Your literary work will be protected by a Common Copyright.

Word limits: 250 words for an ad / 2,000 words for a poem or story

Links and Treat of the Month submissions are free of charge. Treat of the Month submissions can include Musings, Making It Happen, and similar things, such as the submission from Terri Winaught this month. Just keep it to a maximum of 500 words.

However, links may not include advertisements for your own products or services. Those are paid or trade out ads only.

Also, we are now offering advertising such as the write-up provided by Dave Light, host of AM Tricities, and the information about author and talk show host Robert Branco.

To become a sponsor, you can either agree to advertise The Campbell’s Corner Neighborhood News in your show, blog, or other publication, or you can send a payment of $20 via PayPal to me at: [patty.volunteer1@gmail.com](mailto:patty.volunteer1@gmail.com)

Please note: Due to many helpful comments both public and private, the layout of what is now an ezine has changed. This ezine can be received via email subscription and also seen on Facebook. The publication has also lengthened a bit to include certain things that were requested. It is always under construction, and we encourage you to send feedback at any time.

- Patty Fletcher

From the editor: After much discussion of this issue with Patty, and after feedback that she has received from multiple readers and other authors, beginning with the November issue, we will be aiming for more consistency in the appearance of ads and other texts. So here are the new guidelines.

1. Please submit your text in 12-point Calibri font, with black lettering. If you feel very strongly that you need another size or style font or lettering color, an exception can be made. As I said above, we aim first and foremost to keep our readers and advertisers happy. You will note that in this issue, a few different styles were maintained, given that we had not made the above request before now.

2. For any given ad, we are requesting just one photo and one link. If you are an author, we assume that you have your full contact information and purchasing info about your book or books on your website. Thus, for most authors, a website URL is the most useful link to provide. If you do not have a website, feel free to contact my husband, David Dvorkin, about setting one up for you. He is a retired computer programmer and tech writer, and we get a lot of compliments on our own websites and those he has set up for others. We aim to make them all clear, easily navigable, and accessible. David’s email is [david@dvorkin.com](mailto:david@dvorkin.com) .

3. If at any time you have a problem with what has been done with your text or ad, please contact me directly. I am the author of four published books and many articles, and I have been editing full-length books by other authors for the past six years; thus far, David and I have edited and produced 25 books by other authors, both fiction and nonfiction. (The books are then published in e-book and print by CreateSpace, Amazon, and Smashwords.) However, this newsletter is the first that I have ever edited, and there is a learning curve for sure. So I am certainly open to suggestions as to how I might improve my work.

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**### 8. Subscription Information**

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**### 9. Author’s Corner and The Twilight Bark**

Well, I asked for comments concerning keeping readers’ comments in or out of The Neighborhood News, and the response was huge. Most wanted to keep them in, and they also wanted to give the section a name—hence “The Twilight Bark.”

In July, I asked if anyone could tell me where the name “The Twilight Bark” comes from. Now we have a winner for the Twilight Bark Contest. Reader/subscriber Phyllis Stevens was the only one who answered correctly. The source was the Disney movie *101 Dalmatians*. The Twilight Bark was the method by which the dogs transmitted information to one another each evening and was used to find the missing puppies in the movie. The observant Ms. Phyllis will receive a $25 Amazon gift card which will be active on October 3rd. Thanks to a generous donor, we were given a prize to give away, and so the prize is hers. Thanks, Phyllis!

\*\*\* An apology to Phyllis Stevens for the delay in the activation of the certificate. I did not know all I thought I knew about buying and transmitting it with the money given.

On that note, for those who would like to donate such things in the future, simply donate the item you wish given away, not money. It makes it easier.

In the meantime, here is some of what you readers are barking about.

First up is our praise corner. Now, while we love all these compliments, remember that we’re doing this for you, so we want to know if there are any parts of The Neighborhood News you’d like to see done differently. So don’t hesitate to send a suggestion or even a complaint. Of course we can’t promise to act on all those suggestions, but it is for sure always going to be no if you don’t let us know what you’d like to see!

Here are some of the comments we’ve received recently.

**###** Thanks for sending the Newsletter. You do a nice job.

Warm wishes, Tasha

**###** Patty and Campbell back again to bring you up to speed with our continuing Positive Challenge.

If you remember from last month, I challenged you to try to list some memories of people, places, or events that were of a positive nature and that truly changed your life.

Before we revisit my top three, I’d like to show you what a couple of contributors sent in.

First up is Sam, who has had quite a few terrific things to bark about over the last few months. He visits The Neighborhood again this month with more good news.

Take it away, Sam!

**###** Hey, Patty. I've been reflecting on this month's assignment and have come to the realization that I have been blessed with a life full of great moments. There was May 25, 2009, when I was matched with my Seeing Eye dog, Mason, and got to experience true freedom for the first time. Then there was January 25, 2013, when I stepped into my first Celebrate Recovery meeting and learned that I no longer had to carry life's burdens alone. How could I forget the time I decided I needed to move out of my mom's house in order to salvage our relationship and grow as a person, and how could I forget the day I graduated college despite some people thinking I couldn't? All of these times involved traveling some tough roads, but I wouldn't trade them for the world. It's because of these experiences that I am who I am today, and I can't wait to see what life has in store for me next. I want to thank you for using these monthly assignments to have me dig down deep within myself and think about what is beneath the surface. Keep them coming.

Sam and Mason

\*\*\* Patty and Campbell back to say: Once again, Sam, that was great to read, and we are truly thrilled that The Neighborhood News is having such a good effect on your life.

We hope that you will be able to share this work with at least one other person this month. In fact, while we’re at it, King Campbell will simply encourage each of you to please pass The Neighborhood News on.

**###** It also seems that Phyllis Stevens, another dedicated reader, has sent in a couple of positive memories to add to our list. How about it, Phyllis? What do you have to share?

I got my first dog, a German Shepherd named Ola, at the Seeing Eye in 1974.  I had been really bummed out when I went to the University of Tennessee, when I couldn’t just zip around campus as I’d seen other dog users do! I found it all so exhilarating when I got home to Nashville and was able to travel safely, efficiently, and all without running into parking meters, trying to turn corners too soon, or getting that blasted cane stuck in a crack in the sidewalk. I had thought that I was a good cane traveler, but after getting the dog, I knew that no cane traveling could ever match up to this!

 I am on dog number five, now, and haven’t looked back!

\*\*\* Patty and Campbell here to say: “We’re way glad you did not look back, Phyllis, else we would never have gotten together, and I would never have looked *forward*!”

**###** Hi, Patty and all,

I will respond to this. The three most positive experiences I have ever had are the following.

In 1964, the summer of my junior year in high school, I received my first Seeing Eye dog, a black Lab named Tempest. What a thrill to get this dog, and to be able to be so independent. As   
you all know, these dogs are my love. My current one, Iggy, is my sixth.

The second most powerful thing I experienced was receiving my MSW (Master of Social Work) from Fordham University. Tempest also received one, as the students, unbeknown to me, wrote a diploma for her. She received this because she truly learned the task of communicating so well with non-verbal communication. Also, they mentioned her privilege of being able to sleep through a boring lecture with no negative consequences. We both got a standing ovation from the audience in the auditorium, and I was thrilled.

My third positive experience was finally being hired in 1979 by the Department of Education as a social worker in New York City. I am still working in two schools, but I hope to retire three years from now. I love working with my teams and the little kids. However, I am getting very tired. I consider myself to be very lucky.

Linda and Iggy

\*\*\* Linda and Iggy, we are very glad you dropped in to tell your tale. Six dogs! That’s some accomplishment! And your career record is nothing to sneeze at, either. Great, positive stuff for sure! Thanks for letting us know, and please drop in again any time.

**###** Now from me, Patty:

I think that just about everyone knows the most thrilling times in my life, but I’ll write of them here anyhow. The first most thrilling time in my life was the birth of my daughter, Polly Telucia Hensley. I will never forget the first time they laid her in my arms, all soft and snuggly. She was all bundled up in blankets, tiny mittens, and a tiny hat. They like to have them wrapped up—or, as the old term is, swaddled—to keep them very warm, as they are not yet used to the outside world.

Of course I put everyone out of my room, and then proceeded to take off the mittens one at a time, count each finger in turn, and put each mitten back. Then I removed the booties and counted the toes the same way. I never believed it was true that mothers did that, but I had to. It wasn’t just wanting to see her, but to make sure she was all right and as she was supposed to be. Then I fed her. I held her to my breast, and when she found her place, there had never been before, and has not ever been since, a feeling quite like that.

Then flash forward 24 years, and there’s Dog Day, the Most Wonderful Day Ever, on April 4, 2011, around 3:00 or so in the afternoon. That was when Drew Gibbon, Sr., Instructor of The Seeing Eye, changed my world forever when he placed Campbell’s leash in my hand and introduced this magnificent beast to me.

Again, there never was before, and never will be again, a feeling such as that. We sat for what seemed hours, although Drew would tell me later that he’d only been gone about 30 minutes. Campbell and I began the bonding process right there on that bedroom floor on a rainy New Jersey afternoon. I had no idea what was in store for me after that day, but I have not had any regrets as far as having Campbell and being a Seeing Eye dog owner-handler.

I can think of other thrilling moments, and those have been the births of each one of my grandchildren. I rejoice in them even now, and I hold that positive energy close. I send it forth, and I have faith that there is a higher power that can take that energy and place it where it should be.

Now I am going to cheat and list one more thrilling moment. That was the publication of my first book. Just before midnight on July 31, 2014, was when the first publisher, Smashwords, announced the release of *Campbell’s Rambles: How a Seeing Eye Dog Retrieved My Life.* It was a great moment indeed. I had worked very hard, had poured all my heart and soul into the book, and it was truly a labor of love. That was a most awesome time for sure, and even if I am able to write 100 books in the future, there will never be a feeling as wonderful as the publication of the first one was.

A closing comment from Leonore Dvorkin: I agree, Patty. David and I have a total of 31 published books of our own, but we both agree that there is no thrill like having that very first book of yours in print at last.

**### 10. Wrap-Up**

Campbell and I want to say that we have truly enjoyed putting The Neighborhood News together this month. We are excited about the changes, and we hope that the new format gets you howling with excitement, too.

We’d also like to add that we are very grateful for your having stuck with us during this most difficult recent period in our lives. First, my Campbell Lee was sick. In midsummer, he was finally diagnosed with a liver infection and a serious allergic reaction. Then I became ill and was recently hospitalized in the Crisis Stabilization Unit.

Now the two of us are recovering, and I am reinventing myself, which means that Campbell is adapting to my changes as each one of them comes along. I might add that, as usual, he is doing an awesome job.

Check out our services, book, and website info below, and come back next month for another fun-filled visit!

— Patty L. Fletcher

Author, Motivational Speaker, and Nonprofit Consultant

Book: *Campbell’s Rambles: How a Seeing Eye Dog Retrieved My Life* (C 2014), in e-book and print on Amazon and other online selling sites / The e-book is text-to-speech enabled.

Website: [www.dvorkin.com/pattyfletcher/](http://www.dvorkin.com/pattyfletcher/)

**###** Before we go, we have one more special thing to do. It’s kind of a surprise. A dear friend of mine, Donald Marotta, sent me a submission just before the submission deadline for October. I wrote him back to say I was sure I could get the poem he’d sent me in next month, in the November issue, but as I was rereading his comments, something he wrote stirred a feeling in my heart.

He wrote the following to me:

“Here is a poem I offered a member of the Statler Brothers. I wish you would publish it.”

Well, Don, because I totally understand the wish to have something published, your wish is my command. So, take it away!

### Take Care, Who’s to Blame?

by Donald Marotta

**Way Beyond Mere Blame**

**by Donald Marotta**

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**Mr. Coffee’s on for twelve cups,**

**and five cigarettes you’ve smoked.**

**Tearing at the rug the new pups,**

**Annie fussing ‘bout your folks.**

**Wishing for a peaceful morning,**

**you’re disturbed by slamming doors.**

**Is it Annie’s early warning,**

**that you’re bound for hurting wars?**

**In your arms she says she’s sorry,**

**but she’s bound to fuss sometimes.**

**This may start to make you worry,**

**that you have a long, hard climb.**

**Keep the delights in Annie with you**

**before you walk a sundown lane.**

**To miss the real sad ends,**

**get way beyond mere blame.**

**If your dreams seem gone away,**

**walk up to the trees above.**

**Hear a message from a blue jay—**

**“Make jolly fun the ways of love.”**

\*\*\* Don, that is AWESOME! I think they should make a song out of that! Anyone here write songs? Want to give it a try? I’ll bet Don wouldn’t mind. If you like, drop me a line. I’ll forward it to Don myself.

**### 11. Editor Information**

This newsletter was edited by Leonore H. Dvorkin, of Denver, Colorado. She also edited my book, *Campbell’s Rambles: How a Seeing Eye Dog Retrieved My Life,* as well as all of Brian Nash’s six books and three of the four books by Robert Branco. (See the third and fourth editions of this newsletter for titles and details.) Both Brian and Bob are blind.

Leonore is the author of four books:

1) *Apart from You*, a novel / Revised edition: C 2010

2) *Another Chance at Life: A Breast Cancer Survivor’s Journey*, about her 1998 breast cancer and mastectomy, with no reconstruction / Third edition: C 2012

3) That same book in Spanish, entitled *Otra oportunidad a la vida: El camino de una sobreviente de cáncer de seno.* The English text was beautifully translated by Gloria H. López.C 2012

4) *The Glass Family*: a humorous, one-act fantasy play about a family of drinking glasses in a kitchen cabinet and how they view their world. Photos by the author. C 2012 See above, under Products and Services, Section 6, for more details.

All four books are available in e-book and print from Amazon and other online buying sites. The English version of Leonore’s breast cancer book is also available in audio from Audible.com. For review quotes, excerpts, and buying links, please see Leonore’s website: [www.leonoredvorkin.com](http://www.leonoredvorkin.com)

Leonore and David Dvorkin, who are the authors of a total of 31 published books, also offer editing and self-publishing services to other authors for very reasonable rates. They offer a 20% discount to clients who are disabled and/or low income. Most of their clients are blind.

Since 2009, they have edited and produced 25 books, both fiction and nonfiction, by other authors. Book #25 is a thrilling crime novel entitled *Red Eyes*, by Tennessee author Gary H. Hensley. The story is set mainly in Virginia and Tennessee from the 1920s to the 1970s and is filled with local color. The novel is due to published before the middle of October 2015. A summary of it and an ad for it will appear in the November edition of this newsletter. Please visit Gary Hensley’s website: [www.dvorkin.com/garyhensley/](file:///C:\Users\User\AppData\Local\Temp\www.dvorkin.com\garyhensley\) Buying links will be added as soon as they are live.

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Besides books, Leonore is also willing to edit shorter pieces, such as short stories, essays, ads, or business letters. She usually charges $25 per hour for her work, but the price for those who are disabled and/or low-income is only $20 per hour, with a minimum charge of $15. Payment can be made via check, money order, or PayPal. Leonore works at home six days a week, so turnaround can usually be fast.