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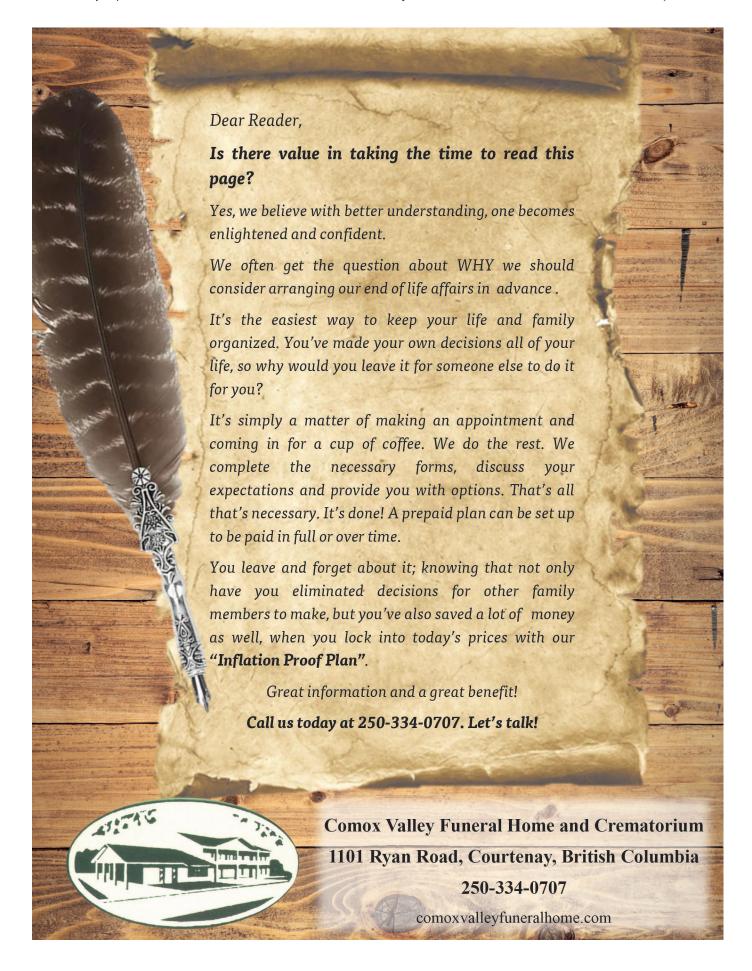
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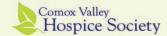
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A: Having a palliative diagnosis means that the treatment and care of an illness or condition is focused on managing symptoms not a cure.

Q: Does having a palliative diagnosis mean that I'm dying?

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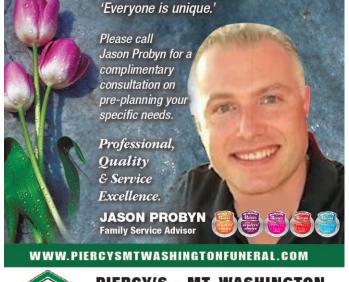
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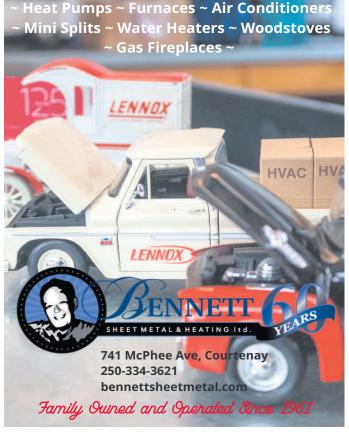
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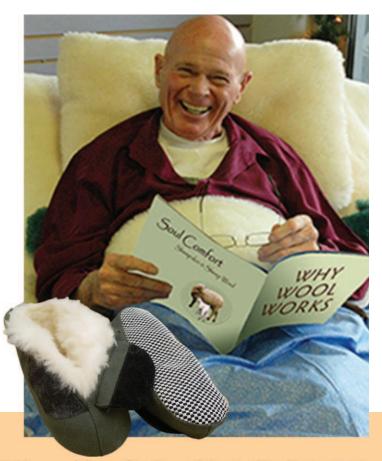
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written by Ocean Varney

Aging is inevitable; however, loss of sexual function doesn't have to be. Older men and women frequently cope with sexual problems by passing them off as a "normal" consequence of aging. Clinical evidence has confirmed that physical intimacy is vital for healthy, loving relationships. Identifying some of the changes during the aging process and effectively addressing them through treatment can lead to significant physical and mental well-being.

Contrary to societal beliefs, studies demonstrate a positive attitude toward sexuality in older age. Self-confidence and increased openness lead many aging adults to feel more comfortable with sexual experimentation. This improves communication and discussion of sexual orientation, preferences, and unfulfilled

Lack of information and lack of rapport with medical professionals can result in older patients feeling uncomfortable seeking help for sexual dysfunction. Dr. Alexandra Bascom and the team at Bascom Medical Therapy are committed to creating a practice that supports open dialogue, education, and positive solutions for both men and women.

For women, part of the natural aging process is menopause. During this time, which includes perimenopause and post-menopause, hormonal fluctuations can lead to several changes in the body that affect sexual health. Loss of estrogen results in vaginal dryness, laxity, burning, pain during intercourse, and mild urinary incontinence. These changes are common and distressing, and they adversely affect sexual satisfaction and quality of life.

Bascom Medical Therapy is excited to offer the MonaLisa Touch laser therapy, explicitly designed to treat these symptoms, known collectively as Genitourinary Syndrome of Menopause (GSM) or Vulvovaginal Atrophy. The Mona Lisa Touch uses a unique vaginal probe to deliver gentle, fractional CO2 laser energy to the vaginal wall tissue. The laser targets the atrophic vaginal mucosa and stimulates a metabolic reaction and neocollagenesis, resulting in enhanced vascularization, elastin, and collagen deposition, leading to increased lubrication in the vagina.

'The MonaLisa Touch has opened the floodgates for women to talk about their gynecologic health." Dr. Bascom

The MonaLisa Touch laser therapy is a 5-minute procedure performed in the office. Generally, it requires no recovery time to return to regular activity. Patients can expect to resume sexual activity within 48 to 72 hours. Three treatments, spaced at 4 to 6-week intervals, are recommended. However, many patients experience relief after just one treatment.

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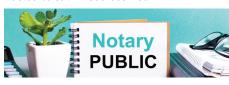
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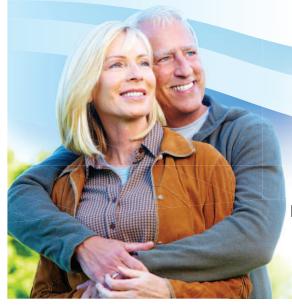
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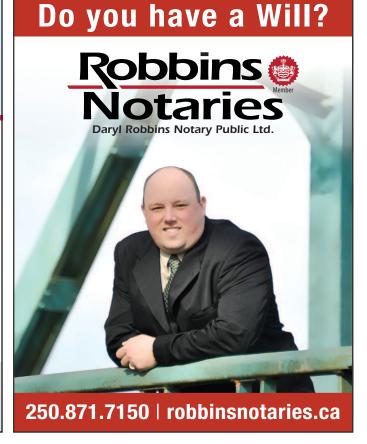
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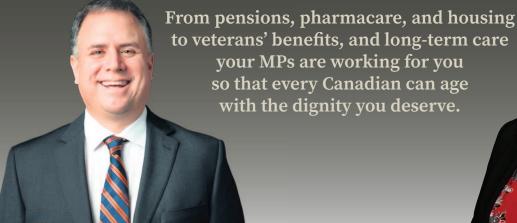
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