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Water Under Way

Council Approves Budget
New Well On Line by August

Monty Tayloe

By the end of August, Middleburg will have a brand new well online. This summer the town will begin to reline the sewer system easing the burden on the existing water and sewer systems and provide sufficient water for the next twenty years.

Discussion at the June 10 Town Council meeting was dominated by water planning and concerns, culminating with a unanimous vote to approve the 2005 capital budget.

The 2005 budget includes a Capital Improvement Plan to provide funding to reline the wastewater system, and a General Obligation Improvement Bond the sale of which will be used to finance bringing Well Number Four and a new water treatment plant on-line.

The incorporation of Well No. Four into the town's water system, which, according to Middleburg Town Administrator Mike Casey, will give the town sufficient water for the next twenty years by the end of August 2004, and the relining of the sewer system are part of the plan to ease the burden on Middleburg's overworked water treatment system.

The sewer system has been operating at about 90% of maximum capacity in recent months, on a scale that calls for Department of Environmental Quality intervention at 95% operation.

This problem is compounded by the town's infiltration problems which relate to storm water entering the sanitary sewer system through leaks in the system.

The new capital improvements budget addresses this problem with allocation of funds to reline the sewers this summer to fix the wastewater problems. This kind of improvement requires time and testing to ensure that all the problems have been fixed.

"We need to be prudent as a community in terms of what we do and how

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Jay Hubbard

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with the Virginia Opera Company's and the Fifth Grade's
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A well lived life rewards the artist, his
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Local Rider Wins the \$100,000 Upperville Classic

Janet Hitchen

Home town favorite, Joe Fargis piloted Fred Graham's Selle Francais Stallion "Caucalis" to victory in the \$100,000 Upperville Classic. Fargis, 2 time medal winner in the 1984 Olympics in Los Angeles also 4th with a beautiful and skillful ride on owner Mary B. Schwab's Edgar 12. Asked about his continued success in a sport sometimes dominated by younger riders, Fargis at age 56 smiled and said "It surprises me sometimes but I love what I do. As long as that's true I have no thought of quitting!"



Janet Hitchen

News of Note

The Best Day at the Upperville Colt & Horse Show

Holly Beth Hatcher

Sunday may be the day that ESPN wants to show the \$100,000 Budwieser/Upperville Jumper Classic but Saturday is the best day at the Upperville Colt & Horse Show. Saturday is local, family day. Saturday is the day for the young and old to show off, have fun and be part of the team. Saturday is the day to cheer on friends beside the ring, to show you care by polishing boots and butts.

"Saturday is family day," says Punkin Lee of Journey-men, "It's really great to see the professional riders that you've watched ride all week lead their children around in lead line."

Lead line is in the morning. A youngsters first chance to feel what it is like to be a participant in a horse show. This year there were probably twice as many entries as last year. It could be the better weather, Upperville's own baby boom or any other reason. Whatever, it is the cutest class to watch. It isn't quite clear who is showing off more, the parent, the child or the pony. After lead line, comes Walk, Trot. The child's chance to shine in front of their parents instead of beside them. The riders may not always be in complete control (but honestly, when you are on a pony, any feeling of control is an illusion) as evidenced when a few begin to excitedly canter during the trot portion of the class. Frequently, the spectators and the announcer try to help by calmly and loudly calling out "Whoa!" What horse show would be complete without the never-ending class. This year, in the main ring, was Short Stirrup, all 82 entries, each going two rounds.

After all the kids only classes comes the family class. This seems to embody what Upperville is all about. Whether it is a family of eight or only husband and wife riding beside each other, it is a special time. Saturday also feels like a popularity contest. As the riders go around the ring different sections of spectators begin to cheer. They cheer the people they know, spectacular performances and amazing saves. Next is a salute to the fact that this is the oldest horse show in the country, The Piedmont Invitational or Silver Fox class. This is for people who showed at Upperville in days of yore. In the spirit, many riders wear their old clothes which are now called vintage. This year the judge was also a rider from past years and local friend, Jimmy Hatcher.

Finally, comes the pomp. Ladies' Side-Saddle at Upperville is probably one of the most beautiful horse show moments. Everyone riding under the magnificent oaks, on (this year) a most beautiful day, in their finest is a pretty picture, indeed. Yes, Saturday is the best day at Upperville, for the show and the community.

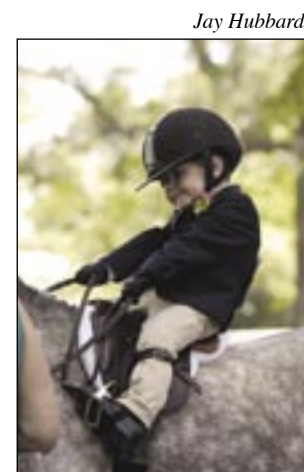
Sidelights on the Sidesaddle

Did you ever think as the horse goes by
How those ladies can ride awry
Sideways sitting but on so tight
With parts on the left and parts on the right

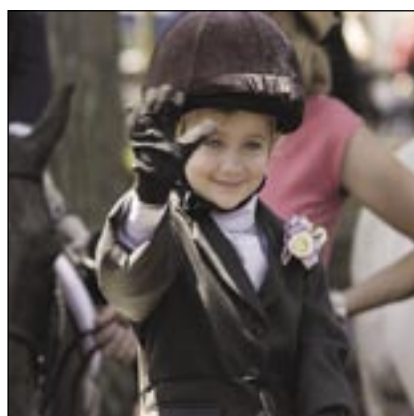
A top hat atop of bounding mane
A dark net covering a face not plain
Jumping sideways, how can they do it
Over a jump instead of through it

My hat's off to those who that way show
Who will not let them their horses throw
Dressed to the nines in dressup gear
What fun to see them every year

Fred Spencer 5/17/04



Jay Hubbard



Water Under Way

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we handle things," Mayor Dimos emphasized. "We can't be sure that we've fixed everything until we've had a rain or two."

Financing Well No. Four

Separate from the capital improvement money provided for in the new budget is the money that will be generated by the General Obligation Improvement Bond. This bond will allow Middleburg to borrow as much as \$1.2 million through the Virginia Municipal League to fund Well No. Four.

"We don't believe we'll borrow that much. We don't expect to go over \$1,050,000," said Casey. "I estimate the town will get a loan rate very close to the 4.11% that the VML was granting last year."

The wording of the council's resolution authorizes Casey to borrow at an upper limit of 6%.

Reduced Costs

The council approved the 2005 budget which reduces costs with no increase in taxes. When designing the budget, Council members were determined to create viable capital improvement for Middleburg with minimal costs to taxpayers.

"I'm just happy we reduced expenditures," said Mark Tate as the meeting concluded. "I feel we've been good stewards for the people."

"Each year we do this better,"

said Mayor Tim Dimos about the budgeting process. "This year we did it better than ever."

Roxene Hill Denied

The Council also denied Roxene Hill's tap-use application based on a procedural ordinance rather than concern for Middleburg's overworked water utility, but the denial touched off a heated discussion about how the town grants water use taps.

A revenue projection of \$300,000 from water use tap fees is built in to the 2005 budget. This projection is based on the town's experience in preceding years prior to the new zoning changes.

Hill, who is purchasing for commercial development a property currently owned by Emmanuel Church, submitted a request for taps without first filing a zoning plan. The early submission was motivated by Middleburg's water problems, and the developer's concern that there might be no taps available by the time a zoning plan could be filed.

Middleburg currently does not allow taps to be reserved until developers are ready to build, and the Council voted unanimously to deny Hill's request without a zoning plan.

"The issue is how do you get the financing to build when you have no assurance {that the taps

will be available}," asked Jim Davis, chairman of the Emmanuel Church Building Commission. "We need a change in policy."

Although ideas such as a moratorium on new taps or allowing the reservation of taps beyond the twelve-month intervals currently allowed were considered, it was pointed out by the Mayor that the town should await the results of the Capital Improvement Program on the town's water capacity and possibly seek information from comparable situations in other towns.

"We're dealing with unknowns here. We have massive infiltration problems," said Dimos.

Other Business

The council also unanimously voted to approve a zoning amendment for a "caretaker's dwelling" that would allow non-residential property to be zoned as a residence with council approval for the purpose of security or agricultural caretaking.

Members welcomed new zoning administrator Marchant Schneider. Schneider brings 11 years experience as a military civil affairs specialist to Middleburg and he recently spent a year in Afghanistan helping with rebuilding. The council regards his combat duty as "helpful."

Officer Down

Middleburg's First

Policeman Killed in the Line of Duty

Dan Morrow

Middleburg Police Chief Steven Webber was amazed When Chris Cosgriff, of The Officer Down Memorial called seeking Webber's help to have the name of Town Sergeant Milton Seaton carved into the granite walls of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial at Judiciary Square near the National Building Museum, in Washington, D.C.

Seaton is, to date, the only Middleburg Police officer to die in the line of duty. He was mortally wounded one dark Saturday night, on November 25, 1899,

Mr. Cosgriff found the story while researching the records of the local department for the National Law Enforcement Officers' Memorial database.

The police records he found, and turn-of-the-century reports from the Washington Post, the Leesburg Washingtonian and other sources, reveal a fascinating tale of murder and manhunts,

rage, and rewards, pardons and the press, lynch law and the simple human charity of the law officer for whom such egregious shameful revenge was sought.

Turn-of-the-century reports indicate that around 11:00 PM on a Saturday night in Sergeant Seaton was making his rounds. Near W. H. Adams' store he ran into Richard "Dick" Thompson. Dick, according to Sergeant Seaton, was engaged in "boisterous" behavior in and around the store.

Thompson was 5'9", weighed about 140 pounds and was described as dark, bent and "stoop-shouldered from inflammatory rheumatism" with the "appearance of a consumptive." He did not appear to be much a threat to the safety of anyone. He was, however, black. In the Middleburg of 1899 that did not help his cause.

Sergeant Seaton apparently knew and liked him, and thus, at

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Swedenburg Winery

Takes a Case of Wine to Supreme Court

Lisa Leonard

Juanita Swedenburg believes she has the legal right to ship wines from her Swedenburg Estate Vineyards in Middleburg to customers in New York State, or in any other state who place orders on her website, and she is not alone.

On May 24, the United States Supreme Court Justices decided to consolidate the Swedenburg case against New York State and another similar case from Michigan into one complaint about whether or not States can prohibit out-of-state wineries from shipping directly to customers across state lines. Arguments will be heard this fall.

More than 20 similar cases are now moving through courts across the country challenging laws that States defend as part of their authority to regulate the liquor industry.

These laws also allow States to control other complex issues

which originated with the doctrine that repealed Prohibition, the 21st Amendment. States enjoy broad authority to regulate the sale and use of alcoholic beverages within state lines, however the Commerce Clause has long been interpreted by the Supreme Court, as sharply limiting the ability of individual states to create economic barriers at their borders.

Many liquor wholesalers and distributors are hoping for a decision in favor of the status quo, and local wineries have traditionally believed they benefit from the trade barriers.

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News of Note

Officer Down

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first, simply warned him to keep quiet.

Thompson, however, who had something of a reputation for using alcohol to help with his rheumatism and consumption, persisted in what the Mirror described as "unruly behavior."

Seaton warned him again, telling him that if he did not quiet down he would have to be arrested.

At this point a Middleburg Town Councilman arrived on the scene. He also knew Thompson, reminded Sergeant Seaton that the old man suffered badly from rheumatism and other infirmities, and suggested that they might best simply send him home to sleep it off.

Seaton quickly agreed and Thompson apparently promised that he would turn himself in on Monday morning.

Thompson, however, was drunk and angry. He appears to have decided to confront Sergeant Seaton, and within minutes he had found and fetched his 28-year-old brother, Harrison, to help him.

"Harry" was younger than Dick, twenty pounds heavier and apparently fearsome to look upon, his face badly scarred and disfigured by clumsy surgery to remove a tumor.

When the Harrison brothers found voices were raised and harsh words exchanged.

Some sources report that Harrison Thompson simply surprised Seaton during the course of the argument and slashed him.

Other accounts report a full-blown fight breaking out as Seaton tried to make good his threat to arrest Dick Thompson. In the midst of the fight, according to these sources, Harrison, grabbed Sergeant Seaton from behind, reached around him with a razor or knife in his hand, and cut him badly, inflicting two wide and deep abdominal wounds.

Sergeant Seaton, seriously hurt and bleeding profusely called for help and then collapsed.

The Harrisons fled into the night, stopping by their house for clothes and money, then fleeing into the nearby fields and forests.

Seaton was still conscious and able to identify his attackers when help finally arrived. Bulletins were sent to nearby police and sheriff's offices, a manhunt started, and by Monday, Middleburg Mayor E. F. (Eddie) Powell announced the offer of a \$125 reward for the capture of the Harrisons.

Middleburg doctor W. J. Luck, who administered first aid at the scene of the crime held out little hope that the Town Sergeant would

survive. But Seaton was tough. He held on longer than anyone could have expected and "plucky to the last" according to the Washington Post, he died of his wounds only after a seven-day fight.

The Harrisons, last seen crossing the Potomac at Harper's Ferry, remained at large.

Now, however, they were charged with murder.

In response to public fear and outrage the Middleburg Town Council swore in 22 new special police officers and ordered all businesses in town to henceforth close at 9:00 P.M.

The manhunt did not go well.

On December 8, 1899, the Washington Post reported Thompson-brother sightings in Cumberland, Maryland. The easily identifiable pair were said to be headed for Hagerstown with a Leesburg officer in hot pursuit.

By December 9 the Governor of Virginia had added \$100 in state money to the reward. The editors of the Leesburg Washingtonian called for the County to add another \$275 to bring the total to \$500. "No effort or expense should be spared to make the murderers suffer for the crime they have committed."

The Loudoun Supervisors came up with another \$100 by mid-December, bringing the total reward offered to \$400. One quarter of the money was offered for the arrest of Dick Thompson and \$300 for his brother, Harry.

The brothers, however, remained at large. A lead in Winchester proved false. A house-to-house search near South Mountain in Maryland yielded nothing. A man who seemed to fit the description of the badly scarred Harrison Thompson was caught hiding in a Western Maryland Railroad Car in Hagerstown. It was the wrong man.

There was some suspicion that the Thompsons had gone to Washington, DC, where Dick had worked as a hack driver for several years. DC Police mounted a fruitless search.

Then, on January 6, 1900, Washington Detective George W. Boyd arrested Richard Andrew Lee Thompson, the rheumatic "Dick" Thompson of Middleburg, as he walked near the corner of 13th Street and New York Avenue in the District.

Thompson had been in Washington for nearly three weeks. While there he had visited friends who were working for Mrs. H. F. Grant, a former resident of Middleburg, living on 14th Street. Thompson's friends told Mrs. Grant. She called the police.

Under Second Precinct police pressure, Thompson provided what was termed a "full confession." He swore, however that he had only witnessed the murder, blaming his brother Harrison for the murder itself.

He had last seen Harrison, he claimed, at the train station at Sandy Hook. Harry had taken a train "west" while Dick Thompson traveled east, into Washington, D.C.

Loudoun County Sheriff Rus-

sell took the train into Washington as soon as he was notified of the arrest. Leaving his Dick Thompson in the Alexandria jail for a night, he returned the Capital, in the vain hope of finding Harrison.

Giving up his search after only a day, Sheriff Russell returned to Leesburg. According to the Washington Post the Sheriff noted that he "... had no fear of mob violence at the present time."

The \$100 reward was shared among several informers.

With Harrison Thompson still at large, and the Loudoun County Courts apparently moving too slowly for some sectors of Loudoun public opinion, ugly sentiments and thinly veiled incitements to racial violence began to appear in the press. "We see reason now why lynchings take place in law abiding communities," the editors of the Leesburg Washingtonian wrote in May 1900.

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The Small Business Corner

Your Company's Reputation is on the (Phone) Line

Jim Patterson

For many customers, the phone line is the main, and maybe the only, entrance to your business. It is therefore amazing to me that so many companies put their newest, least trained employee answering the phone. Poor phone manners can undo all of your hard work promoting a powerful image of your company. According to a study by the Rockefeller Institute, of the 8% to 15% of a company's client base lost each year, 68% is due to indifference or negative phone treatment. Truly, your company's reputation is on the line every time someone answers your phone.

For the most part, telephone courtesy is a matter of common sense. Customers expect two things when they call in: responsiveness and assistance. Responsiveness is conveyed by ensuring that when you answer the phone your voice is pleasant and caring while assistance is provided by helping the customer in every way

possible.

In today's world, many companies have an automated answering system, which is fine as long as the caller has a reasonable number of options to choose from, including an easy way to get to a live person. If I have to listen to more than

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about four or five options then I get irritated and feel this company is hard to do business with.

If you have a receptionist or customer service person answer the phones, their standard greeting should include four parts: a salutation, your company name, the first name of the person answering the call and an offer to provide

assistance. For example, a proper greeting would be "Good Morning..... Office Plus USA.....this is Jim.....how may I help you?" I know one company that answers the phone with simply "Corporate Offices". The first couple of times I called, I was not sure whose Corporate Offices I had dialed.

To avoid a tarnished reputation, prevent hard feelings and lost customers, be sure everyone who answers the phone knows the following guidelines:

Make sure the phone is answered promptly and with a pleasant voice. Phones should be answered within three rings. If the primary person responsible for answering cannot cover the phones in that time, automatically have the call forwarded to a backup. It is an old saying, but put a smile on your face before you answer, that way your voice is sure to be pleasant.

Never reveal personal information. "He is not in his office - he went to the bathroom" is personal information that does not need to be revealed to a caller. Likewise, information on someone being out of town or gone on vacation should never be revealed to strangers.

Give customers an option if there is going to be a long wait. Let the customer decide if he or she wants to leave a message, leave a voice mail or wait on hold. If they want to hold, reconnect with them every 30 seconds to see if they wish to remain on hold.

Use good manners. In phone conversations, there is no body language to help the communication process, only the tone of your voice and the words you choose. It is hard to overuse the words "please" and "thank you" in your conversations. The tone of your voice, however, must be sincere.

By following a few simple guidelines, the phone can be used to build a positive company image. If you fail to follow these guidelines, your phone may stop ringing altogether.

ACTION TIP OF THE MONTH: Pick up a copy of Total Quality Customer Service by Jim Temme and check out Chapter 11 for a nice list of telephone skills.

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The Giving Family

Sandra Costin Atkins, CPA/PFS

Take a look around Middleburg and you will see many examples of the generosity of our local citizens - from the Middleburg Community Center, to the new houses going up at the Windy Hill project, to the fire department's trucks and rescue vehicles, to activities such as the annual Christmas parade - the list goes on and on. The members of our community give willingly of their time, talent and treasure to support local non-profit organizations that enhance and enrich our lives every day.

How do we pass this spirit of volunteerism and "giving back to the community" on to our children and grandchildren? One technique is to make charitable giving a family affair. At the beginning of each year, have a family meeting and share with your children the amount of money you have budgeted for donations for the year. Discuss annual commitments that you make, such as a pledge to your church or synagogue, and identify the amount of discretionary funds available to share with other organizations. In addition to providing monetary support, it is important that your family charitable giving plan includes some actual involvement in the organizations you choose to support by volunteering your time.

This meeting is a wonderful opportunity to discuss causes that are important to each family member, such as preserving the environment, rescuing abused animals, supporting the performing arts, and so forth. The parents or grandparents should share with

the children the types of organizations in which they are involved, as a way to pass their personal values on to the next generation. Each child should be encouraged to identify organizations that support the interests they express. Depending on the age of the children, the family can work together on projects for one or more organizations, or each child can pursue his or her own interests. For example, if helping those who are impoverished is identified as an important issue, the family can set aside one day a month to work at Seven Loaves, in addition to donating food and money to support the effort. An older child, who is interested in helping animals, could volunteer time at the Middleburg Humane Foundation. The goal is to instill enthusiasm for volunteerism in the children by setting an example for them to follow.

The ideal situation is one in which the children can see a clear result from the time they give to a charity, and understand how the cash donation is going to be used for the good of the organization. This is the reason that being involved in local charities is so rewarding, as the results of these volunteer efforts are visible every day.

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Fresh 'n Local Starts Building Businesses

Lisa Leonard

At their very first Business Builder-Forum, Fresh 'n Local convened almost 60 individuals who had never before met as a group with common interests.

In only two hours, the group had agreed on seven major on-going objectives and 26 new members had volunteered to lead a multitude of tasks related to the objectives.

The Business-Builders Forum has scheduled a second meeting

for July 20th.

Founder Tom Pfozter invites individuals from the agriculture and business communities to attend the next meeting. If your background is in finance, capital formation, marketing, supply-chain management, processing or entrepreneurial strategies and you would like to participate, please call Tom at 540-882-9095, extension 100, or email him at Thomas.pfozter@techrocket.com.

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From the Editor's Desk

We Need to Talk

Loudoun County is growing so quickly that we really must create a more collegial conversation among citizens, leaders and planners before decisions are made that affect us all.

From the shock of the big green county signs to the potential river of traffic from the Air and Space Museum to Hunt Country to the desperate need for balanced and accessible health care, citizens too often feel left out of the planning and decision making process.

Although we are all guilty of waiting for someone to invite us to the discussion, there is finally an emerging sense among citizens of Middleburg that too many decisions are being made without the opportunity to be included and more involved.

In this technological age, it is sometimes too easy to rely on websites and cable channels to communicate anticipated changes. We need regular, county meetings at least twice a year, and a series of small, formal discussions on a town-by-town basis to ensure that everyone who wishes to be heard, and that all the Villages and Townships collaborate as partners on the evolution of our infrastructure and our services.

Surprise is seldom the friend of success. A well-informed and involved constituency will serve Loudoun County well.



Rants & Raves

9/11..and the thrashing in America

The growing terrorist threat against the US has inspired a recent spate of public flogging of government officials in the 9/11 hearings, as the panel attempts to find personal or organizational culpability for the 9/11 attacks. We also hear the cry for restructuring the Intelligence Community and observe the building of a "Fortress America" by the Department of Homeland Security.

As disturbing, is to the cacophony of: "We could not have known", "We did the best we could", or alternatively, "We could have known if _____ had done his job". Fill in the blanks according to your political persuasion.

In the terrorist war, our domestic and foreign intelligence services are superb forensic pathologists but weak in preventive care of this country. They invariably are able to reconstruct, after a terrorist event, the entire pre-event planning scenario and the identification of the culpable. However, the societal impacts of the WTC 9/11 attack or future biological and radiological attacks upon our heartland make a policy of building a homeland defense fortress and post-attack response tragically inadequate. Dale Watson, FBI assistant director in charge of counterterrorism at the time of 9/11, used the metaphor of the FBI as a soccer goalie who blocks 99 out of 100 shots, but is blamed for the one he missed. A stunningly disturbing view, but one that is rampant in the community.

We must and can "know" of impending attacks. "Knowing" means that we have significant indicators of who is involved, what is the mode of attack and where will the attacks occur. During the Cold War,

American technologists and industry developed truly amazing tools for military and intelligence analysts to allow prediction of Soviet intent and activities. For example, the visual images and electronic signals we collected from orbiting and airborne platforms allowed us to monitor the "pulse" of the Soviet war machine. Unfortunately, these systems are essentially useless in the terrorist war.

We have a new challenge. Terrorists have chosen, strategically, to embed themselves in the fabric of our society; in look and dress, in means of communication and travel, and in claiming the rights of privacy, free speech and association. They are, in our society, indistinguishable, except in their patterns of activity. We individuals, and groups of individuals exhibit unique behavioral patterns, which if captured can provide a predictive capability--Psychology 101.

The research to develop tools for prediction of terrorist activity was pursued by the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) in the pre-9/11 timeframe. The fundamental hypothesis was that by utilizing computer technologies, and access to public and classified data-sources, patterns of terrorist activity could be distinguished from normal human activity. This hypothesis was proven true. DARPA was able to develop predictive attack models of some Mid-Eastern and European terrorist groups utilizing only publicly available information. The "new sciences", the keys to unlocking the terrorist problem, were from behavioral and cognitive science-not from our cold war science base.

I was at CIA Langley on

9/11, watching television broadcasts in disbelief and horror, as the World Trade Center was destroyed and later that a plane had just struck the Pentagon. Further, I am still haunted by the words of an USAF General as he said, "Bill, the terrorists cannot defeat this nation—it is what we do to ourselves that can defeat us."

Tragically, Congress determined, with the input from civil libertarian groups and, interestingly, from some computer scientists, that these DARPA programs were "intrusive" and "Orwellian", and terminated the funding. These critical programs are gone. Some of these same groups are now protesting the Department of Homeland Security's plan to fingerprint 13 million visitors to this country this year, as a violation of civil rights. I agree with the Draconian nature of these actions and the negative economic and social implications to our Nation. However, you can't have it both ways: either you adopt the tools to separate the terrorist from law-abiding citizen before they reach the INS booth at the airport, or you place blanket suspicion upon all people because you have no way of knowing the difference...

As the cartoon character, Pogo, once opined, "We have met the enemy, and He is Us"

William Mularie, PhD

William Mularie, PhD, served as the Director of the Information Systems Office of the Defense Advanced Projects Agency (DARPA) from 1998 to 2001 and is currently the CEO of the Telework Consortium, a non-profit corporation located in Herndon, VA.

The Geezer at Large

Boy, do these deadlines come quickly, even for a monthly rant. Conspiracy theories are not my metier nor do I pay much attention to them but....it occurred to me, while musing on the state of the world and somehow trying to make sense of some or all of it, that there has to be a reason why everything seems to be and in reality, is so chaotic and out of control.

An unending list of examples came to mind, taxes, the economy, war and unnecessary deaths, escalating gas prices, inability to travel freely throughout the world, aids, Alzheimers, cancer, fad diets, inelegant language and public indecency, media exploitation, rudeness, computer viruses and spam filling our email boxes and suddenly, it became clear as a bell as I was emptying my email box of uninvited solicitations for sex, drugs and rock and roll.

It's all about Viagra and the other similar products that are endorsed by every manner of known politician and sports figure who are splattered all over television waxing brilliant and implying that about their increased pleasure and performance, sexual and otherwise, is due to this or that

little purple pill. Taking this one step further, I began to suspect that because of the success of these stimulants and panaceas, something else has occurred—someone and I don't know who—has taken the opportunity to infuse them with an additional potion, which is responsible for chaos creation, megalomania and its attendant unexplainable behavior.

Why otherwise would there be so much mass arrogance and irresponsible behavior? As far as I am concerned, anyone who uses, abuses or is addicted to using these 'cure-alls' is guilty of every one of the above named ills. More so, if we know Bob Dole is a user, then imagine who else is. The drug dealers who peddle legal drugs are just as guilty as drug dealers who peddle illegal drugs.

Where does this rant end? My suggestion is to scientifically investigate the contents of the Viagra type drugs and their side effects—but let's do it now, before it's too late and we end up all involved in the ultimate and final orgasm.

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It's Your Business

SBA Teams with Main Street Loudoun to Help Small Business Grow and Prosper

Lisa Leonard

Martha Semmes of Main Street Loudoun and Georgeanna Emery of the Small Business Association are teaming to take business assistance on the road to citizens of Loudoun County.

By joining forces on a "Business Assistance Road Tour" this summer, they intend to acquaint Loudoun's citizens and small businesses with the many business assistance services available through these organizations.

Small businesses are the core of America's economy and growth. That is abundantly evident and extremely important in Loudoun County, the fastest growing county in the nation.

Executives at the Small Business Association's Washington Metropolitan Area District Office (WMADO), have been very proactive as they assist Loudoun's small business community with economic growth and development.

But recently, when Georgeanna, Economic Development Specialist, and her staff were asked to focus on job creation in Loudoun

County, she looked for a partner who could build synergies as well as awareness. Martha Semmes and the Main Street Loudoun initiative proved to be the perfect partner for this county-wide campaign.

In Loudoun County, where 10,152 new jobs were created since 2001 and business establishments more than doubled between 1992 and 2002, the district SBA office has approved 134 loans totaling over \$35 million dollars to small businesses.

Take this show on the road

Georgeanna's and Martha's goal is to make certain all present and potential understand how to access these resources. They have scheduled a series of walking tours of Loudoun commercial centers to bring this important information directly to the doorstep of Loudoun's small businesses.

The first three tours will kick off June 23 in Round Hill, Middleburg and Purcellville with precise dates to be announced shortly. These walking tours will outline management and technical assistance, and other information necessary to

help small businesses gain access to both credit and capital.

In this way, the SBA will be confident that all businesses that meet the requirements understand how to use these resources to better serve their customers, enlarge their markets and increase revenue and profit.

Customized information for individuals who wish to start businesses and or create home-based business ventures will also be available.

Both the SBA and Main Street Loudoun provide variety of services to help small businesses start, prosper and grow.

SBA Services

The SBA, offers existing and prospective small businesses technical and management assistance and access to credit and capital for start-ups, expansions, and home-based business ventures.

The WMADO Loudoun County, VA team is targeting viable small businesses that have real potential, but cannot qualify for loans from traditional sources, to offer and administer the 504 and 7(a) 'loan guarantee programs.

The 504 loan program provides long-term fixed-rate, financing for acquisition and/or renovation of capital assets including land, buildings and equipment. The 7(a) eligibility requirements and credit criteria are very broad in order to accommodate a wide range of financing needs. The loan proceeds can be used for: construction, renovation or leasehold improvements, machinery or equipment purchases, fixtures, inventory and working capital.

Main Street Services

Main Street Loudoun, housed in the Loudoun County Department of Economic Development, helps business grow and prosper in Loudoun's historic towns and villages using the successful National Main Street Program.

Since 1980, the Main Street Program has been used in over 1,700 U. S. communities, resulting in over \$17 billion in public and private reinvestment in Main Streets, over 57,000 new net businesses, over 230,000 new net jobs and over 93,000 building rehabilitations.

Main Street Loudoun helps

businesses with the licensing and permitting process, commercial real estate sales and leasing information, business planning resources, demographic and economic data and referrals to other sources of business assistance.

Businesses seeking additional information about the "road tour," or SBA and Main Street Loudoun services should contact Georgeanna Emery at georgeanna.emery@sba.gov or 202-606-4000 x206, and Main Street Loudoun Coordinator Martha Mason Semmes at info@mainstreetloudoun.org or 703-737-8386 to schedule a personal appointment.



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Phoenix Hill
Middleburg, Virginia

Lovely brick colonial with 5 spacious bedrooms and 3 1/2 baths. Located on 14 pristine acres bordering Goose Creek in Middleburg. Improvements include in-ground gunite pool, pond and two paddocks. \$1,975,000.



35389 Paxson Road
Round Hill, Virginia

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News Of Note

Officer Down

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No doubt affected by such sentiments, an all-white jury convicted Dick Thompson and sentenced him to 18 years in prison as an accomplice to murder.

Despite public opinion, however, the bent, rheumatic consumptive Dick Thompson also had his defenders, including Henry Milton Seaton himself. Indeed, as he lay dying the Middleburg Sergeant reportedly told his friends that Dick Thompson was not to blame for his death and had actually tried to help him.

Another Defender appears to have been Susan Noland Haxall, the daughter of a prominent Virginia farmer, Bolling Walker Haxall of Exning. According to Eugene Scheel's History of Middleburg and Vicinity, Miss Haxall made a personal pilgrimage to Richmond to petition Governor Andrew Montague to pardon Dick Thompson.

Governor Montague did so, in July 1903, standing his ground in the face of general outrage in the white community and a petition signed by no less than 73 residents of Middleburg.

Harrison Thompson remained at large for another nine years.

Not until June 20, 1908, did the Washington Post finally report his capture, in a two-inch story buried on page 11. According to the Post, Loudoun County Sheriff Thomas W. Edwards had boarded a train for Carroll, Ohio, where Harrison "Harry" Thompson, had been, at last, arrested.

Now, nearly a century later Middleburg Police Chief Webber expects to close the Seaton case once and for all, with the formal recognition of Sergeant Henry Milton Seaton's sense of duty, and justice, on the walls of the National Law Enforcement Officers' Memorial.

Swedenburg Winery

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ger picture in which their wineries, and tax bases, will benefit more by capitalizing on new technologies to build bigger markets.

How could three New York wine customers find the products of Swedenburg Estate Vineyards? Through the website. If Juanita Swedenburg were selling Virginia jams or peanuts to New York con-

sumers this would not be an issue.

Eliot Spitzer, New York's attorney general, filed a Supreme Court brief, agreeing with Ms. Swedenburg that the court should hear the challenge to the New York law in order to clarify the national situation.

Thank You Middleburg!

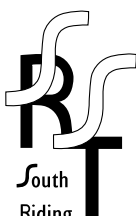
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Day Trippin' in Barboursville

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Those of us who are fortunate enough to live in and around Middleburg recognize that our beautiful little village is one of the premier day-trip destinations in the National Capital area.

Whether you wish to attend an equestrian event, tour the area's immaculate stables, stroll the manicured gardens of local estates, shop in classic village boutiques far removed from the clutter of urban shopping malls, or simply escape to the countryside for a few

um City, the obligatory itinerary for your out-of-town visitors.

This month our destination is the Barboursville Winery and Palladio Restaurant, 75 miles south of Middleburg. Our drive will take us through the village of The Plains in order to reach Route 17 and Warrenton. We suggest ignoring the new southern bypass and continuing into Warrenton on Route 17.

Coffee

Just after passing the Highland School, you will



hours, Middleburg is high on the agenda of our city-dwelling neighbors.

But what about us? Where do we go for new adventures and interesting areas to explore? Each month, in the Eccentric, you will find a description of one of the delightful destinations we have discovered to the north, south, and west of Middleburg that are within comfortable driving reach and offer a rewarding experience, both upon arrival and along the way.

We will reserve for your own planning the eastbound trip to Monument and Muse-

find Gusto di Vita (Flavor of Life), a drive-through coffee hut perched in the parking lot of the Warrenton Center. It's a great place to load up your cup-holders with mocha latte for the leisurely trip ahead.

Stay on Routes 17 and 29 through Warrenton, heading south to Culpeper, then exit onto Route 15 toward Orange. The drive through rolling open farmlands meanders past the Inn at Meander Plantation, a quiet and comfortable bed and breakfast, and its nearby neighbor the Willow Grove Inn. In the town of Orange, turn west on

Route 20, "The Constitution Route", toward Montpelier, James Madison's home, and a worthy spot to stretch your legs and click some photos.

Follow 'Winery' Signs

As you approach the Barboursville area follow the directional signs to the winery, which is located off of side road 777. More than 800 acres comprise the estate, originally home to Virginia Governor James Barbour, who, beginning in 1822, resided there with his family in a mansion designed by Thomas Jefferson.

The skeletal remains of the mansion, destroyed by fire on Christmas day in 1884, serve as a striking setting for the annual summer performance of Shakespeare in the Ruins and other theatrical events.

Legend has it that the fire started in the kitchen that day during dinner and, rather than

interrupt their holiday festivities, the Barbours simply moved the dining table to the front lawn and their meal as the house burned.

Virginia Piemonte

The Zonin wine consortium, based in Gambellara, Italy, purchased the property in 1976 and seven years later Barboursville Winery opened to the public.

The Barboursville wines and the facilities where they are produced, sold, and served reflect a rich Italian heritage blended seamlessly with the viniculture tradition introduced to the Commonwealth by Thomas Jefferson. Owners' Gianni and Sylvana Zonin have faithfully replicated in Virginia's Piedmont the Piemonte region of Italy.

It is difficult to measure a winery solely by the medals awarded at the seemingly endless number of domestic and international wine competitions. Every tasting room from the Shenandoah Valley to Napa Valley displays gold, silver, or bronze medals awarded by someone for something.

For us, the first clue that Barboursville was producing something special came several years ago during



a celebratory dinner at the incomparable Inn at Little Washington. There we discovered that the house wine was a Barboursville cabernet franc.

The Barboursville tasting room is tastefully done, with well-spaced tasting centers and pleasant, knowledgeable and helpful staff. It takes only a few sips of the daily samples to understand why winemaker Luca Paschina was recently named Virginia wine industry 'Person of the Year.'

Palladio

Adjoining the tasting room is Barboursville's gem of a restaurant, Palladio. Executive Chef Melissa Close and her culinary team bring fresh local ingredients to the table where they are paired nicely to showcase the fruit of the Barboursville vines. Both the lunch and dinner menus change monthly and can be viewed in advance on Barboursville's informative web site (www.barboursvillewine.com).

The Palladio dining experience is all about choices. First, you choose between a two, three or four course

meal, including desert. Next you choose among the four or five dishes offered for each course. Finally, you may order a bottle of wine or, for about \$3.00 per course, you may opt for a glass of wine chosen by Luca and Chef Close.

Alessandro Medici from Lombardy oversees the dining room, assisted by his Sardinian born wife, Mia Judd. Alessandro will happily help you make the right choices.

During our most recent visit, Palladio's menu featured such items as a broiled fresh sardine, risotto flavored with wild ramps and studded with magical fiddlehead ferns, grilled marinated quail, and braised baby goat served with fried polenta.

We chose to conclude a memorable lunch by sharing an assortment of imported and domestic cheeses served with dabs of artisan balsamic vinegar, locally produced honey, and house made fruit preserves – saving Sandy's sweet tooth for a homeward bound stop at the Carousel Ice Cream stand in Warren-

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Things to Do

Excitement Returns to the Skies

at Great Meadow 4th of July

The skies over Great Meadow will again be filled this 4th of July with both fireworks and giant scale radio controlled planes flying overhead as some of the many activities planned for this year's huge 4th of July celebration.

Adding to the special aerial excitement will be model rocket launches and parachute jumps throughout the day. All festivities will begin at 4 pm. A spectacular fireworks display choreographed to music will cap

off the evening.

Tickets are on sale now through the secure online store at www.GreatMeadow.org. Save \$10 by purchasing your ticket in advance! A car pass admitting up to 6 people is \$30 in advance, \$40 at the gate. Children 6 and under admitted free. Please call Great Meadow for more information on advance ticket outlets that are opening soon. Rain date is July 5, 2004. Guests are invited to bring their own picnic or food and beverages will be

available on the grounds.

Nestled in the heart of Virginia's Piedmont countryside, Great Meadow is a 200-acre field events center, steeplechase course, and horse sports facility benefiting the preservation of open space for community access. Home of the famed Virginia Gold Cup Steeplechase Races and many other community events, nearly a quarter million people visit Great Meadow annually. Located off I-66 at Exit #31, The Plains.

Day Trippin'

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ton's Waterloo Station. Our three-course lunch for two with wine, tax, and gratuity was \$115.

On the way home we stopped at the Elkwood Corner Nursery, just north of Culpeper on Route 15/29. Paying homage to what we hoped was the long awaited arrival of warmer weather, Sandy filled the cargo deck with a weekend's worth of plantings.

Summer is a special time at Barboursville Winery. The Four County Play-

ers perform Shakespeare in the Ruins during July and August. Palladio offers an accompanying pre-theater dinner or you can bring your own picnic if you choose.

Details on this and other special events are published on the Barboursville web site. For a truly special treat, reserve the Vineyard Cottage for an overnight stay and linger awhile in a very special corner of the Commonwealth.

Bogwanderers Open 2004 Bluemont Concert Series

The Bluemont Concert Series kicks off their 24th summer season in Middleburg on July 3rd with the toe tapping Bogwanderers, one of the top traditional Irish country dance bands on the East Coast.

There will be dancing on Madison Street to the superb vocals and banjo-playing of

Betsy O'Malley with jigs and polkas, and plenty of time to learn. Bring your blankets, your folding chairs and an ice chest full of refreshing treats for either the family, or the whole neighborhood.

The \$5 General Admission, \$3 Bluemont Friends and seniors and \$1 Kids under 6 fees support their Art-

ist-In-Education Program for Middleburg area schools.

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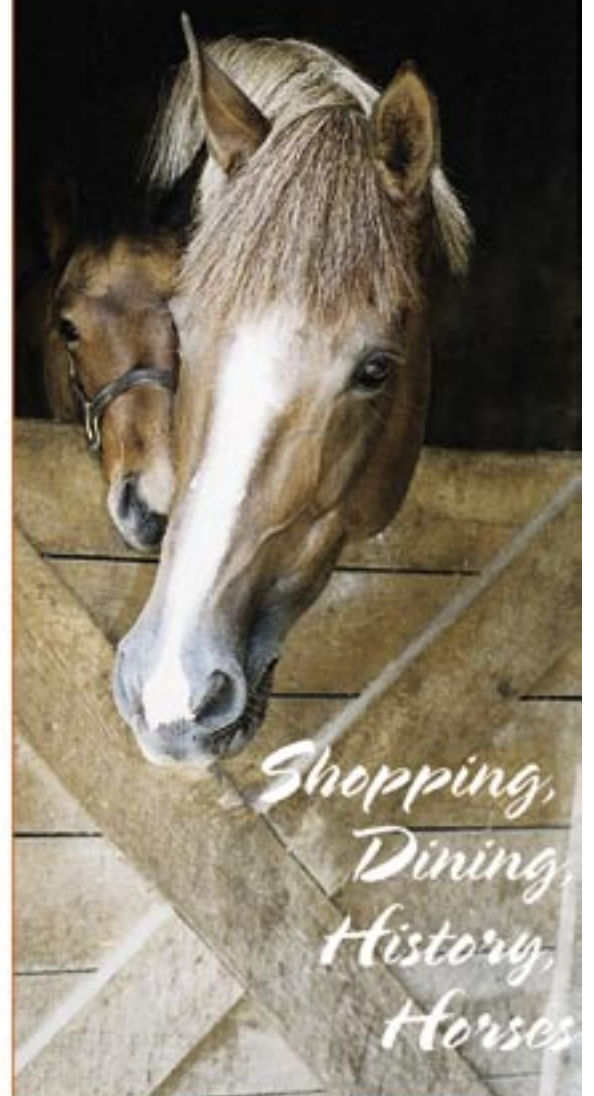
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Art and Citizenship

A Thoughtful Afternoon with Citizen Artist Tom Neel

Lisa Leonard

MANY OF YOU IN THE MIDDLEBURG and surrounding communities know Tom Neel's paintings of Europe and Virginia, or you have seen his work featured in 'Home & Design' and 'Elan' magazines. Perhaps you are fortunate enough to have his work in your home. Recently, Tom talked about his life and work at his studio in Marshall, Virginia.

You've had several careers beginning in the automotive business and, for the last ten years, as a full-time, professional artist. What paths took you to the present?

When I graduated from high school, while I loved art and music, the contacts I had were in the automotive business, making it the most natural direction for me to go. I worked in "that" industry until I was in my early 30's.

During that period, I worked as a mechanic and technician on exotic automobiles such as Ferrari, was in professional drag racing, automotive painting and so on. All the while, I was always actively creative. I was into photography, fine scale modeling and painting.

I ended up in Los Angeles in a management position as national sales manager for Rancho Suspension. I suppose I became burnt out and wanted to look for something that got my juices flowing again, so I left my position and the automotive business altogether and moved back east.

That was very brave, but true to your path.

I suppose so. It didn't really feel that way or risky at the time; I just knew I needed a change.

That is also when I met my wife, Linda. She had opened the very first art gallery in Leesburg in 1983, the Leesburg Gallery of Art. We met in 1987 and became instant friends. Soon after, we both ended up being at the gallery. I started selling my paintings there, watercolors at the time.

Two years later, we were asked by the Greenwich Workshop--at the time the major fine art publisher in the U.S.--to come and manage their East Coast art gallery in Southport, Connecticut.

The gallery in Southport was losing money and was a revolving door for management. We decided to go up there in the latter part of 1990, and we were able to stop the financial hemorrhaging. After

staying for 3 1/2 years, we were able to turn it into a profit center during a period of recession.

We were co-directors of the art gallery: Linda was steering the ship, so to speak, and I was working directly with the artists. It was a natural extension, being an artist myself, to be a liaison to the gallery's and, in many cases, the publisher's artists. Names like Bev Doolittle, Charles Wysocki, and

I want my paintings to be relaxing for people within their homes. If they just look at my painting for a few moments and it helps them have a better day than I'm happy, and I've had many of them tell me this is true. Very few of my customers have only one of my paintings.

Paul Landry became friends.

They knew I was an artist and supported the idea of including my paintings in group shows. This was very successful, and I began selling through other well-known national galleries that were in the family network of the Greenwich Workshop.

I learned so much during those years, as I was surrounded by incredibly talented artists. I got to know them not only in a working environment, but also as friends. We would go on vacations together, and we had the time to talk about life and art. It was a unique experience.

As time went on, the Greenwich Workshop was making a move in a direction that was not natural for us.

I am a big believer that you will always meet people in life who have similar feelings and agendas, or similar paths. Often, you can walk parallel to those people, and it is a great experience. But if you come to a fork in the road, you should avoid realigning yourself away from your natural direction. Otherwise, you may wake up one morning and find that you are someone you never planned to be, in a place you never intended to be.

You learned your lessons well.

I guess that's true, but this time my partner and wife, Linda, was saying the same exact thing: "It is time to move back to Virginia." So we did.

Did you have a plan?

Yes, I would paint full time and Linda

would do some consulting. We knew we could do this for one year without a dime coming in before we would need to look for employment. During that year we realized that my career as a full-time artist was going to be a successful one.

Now, after 10 years, where do you feel you are with your art?

The business of art and my passion for art has really treated me well.

I think part of that is due to my philosophy about wanting to have a connection to the people who purchase my paintings, and for them to have connection to me.

I'm a people person, and I want my clients to know that if they have any questions about art, they can always call me. I am dedicated to the people who are kind enough to have an interest in my work, and who make both a financial and emotional investment in my work. I am dedicated to them and to their interest in art. The relationships I have built in this way are every bit as important as anything I've ever done in the art business.

How may collectors purchase your paintings?

At this point in my career, I sell my artwork in three ways: I sell it directly, which includes commissioned paintings, through one man shows, and in a few select shops like Three Crowns in Middleburg.

I also think it's important to support the community, which I do through my shows and art donations. I'm happy to have built long relationships with The Hill School and the Middleburg Humane Foundation, just to name two.

Your paintings evoke realism and romanticism, but they are also emotionally replenishing.

That's a great compliment, and it is exactly what I try to do. I want my paintings to be relaxing for people within their homes. If they just look at my painting for a few moments and it helps them have a better day, then I'm happy; I've had many of them tell me this is true. Very few of my customers have only one of my paintings, so they must feel comfortable with my work.

What subject matter and places inspire your painting?

I feel very fortunate to live in Virginia; it's a state with such wonderful seasonal beauty, and it gives me great pleasure and inspiration. I know for me as an artist, but likely for all artists, there are the paintings we create and those paintings we just create in our minds. Here, I see paintings everywhere.

I may be thought of as a landscape

painter, but I'd rather think of myself as an artist who paints landscapes because, as you know, my subject matter is broader than that. Good landscapes, especially large ones, need room to breathe, and there is a side of me that loves what I call intimate paintings just as much. Paintings that don't just invite viewers in, but ask them to stay awhile. These paintings, while relaxing, can also be a place of discovery and detail.

Europe influences your paintings.

Yes, as a matter of fact, Linda and I just returned from Tuscany a few weeks ago and I'm planning to go again in early September. I don't think of myself as worldly by any means, but I find the lifestyle and subject matter very relaxing, especially the Mediterranean areas including Provence and Tuscany.

For me, it's not so much the sea itself, but the areas inland--influenced by the sea, the light, the architecture, the age, even the agriculture--that move me. Lavender, which the world seems almost romantically possessed by and rightly so, is just a crop. I think to truly understand lavender and to paint it, you have to stand knee deep in all of its purple glory, looking at it as far as the eye can see in any direction. In Provence, they take Lavender very seriously.



We cannot grow the variety of Lavender here that they grow there. It is so strong a purple in color and mostly grown inland in a more mountain type region, in what is an arid climate, and in rocky soil. Not every artist goes there or needs to, but I do.

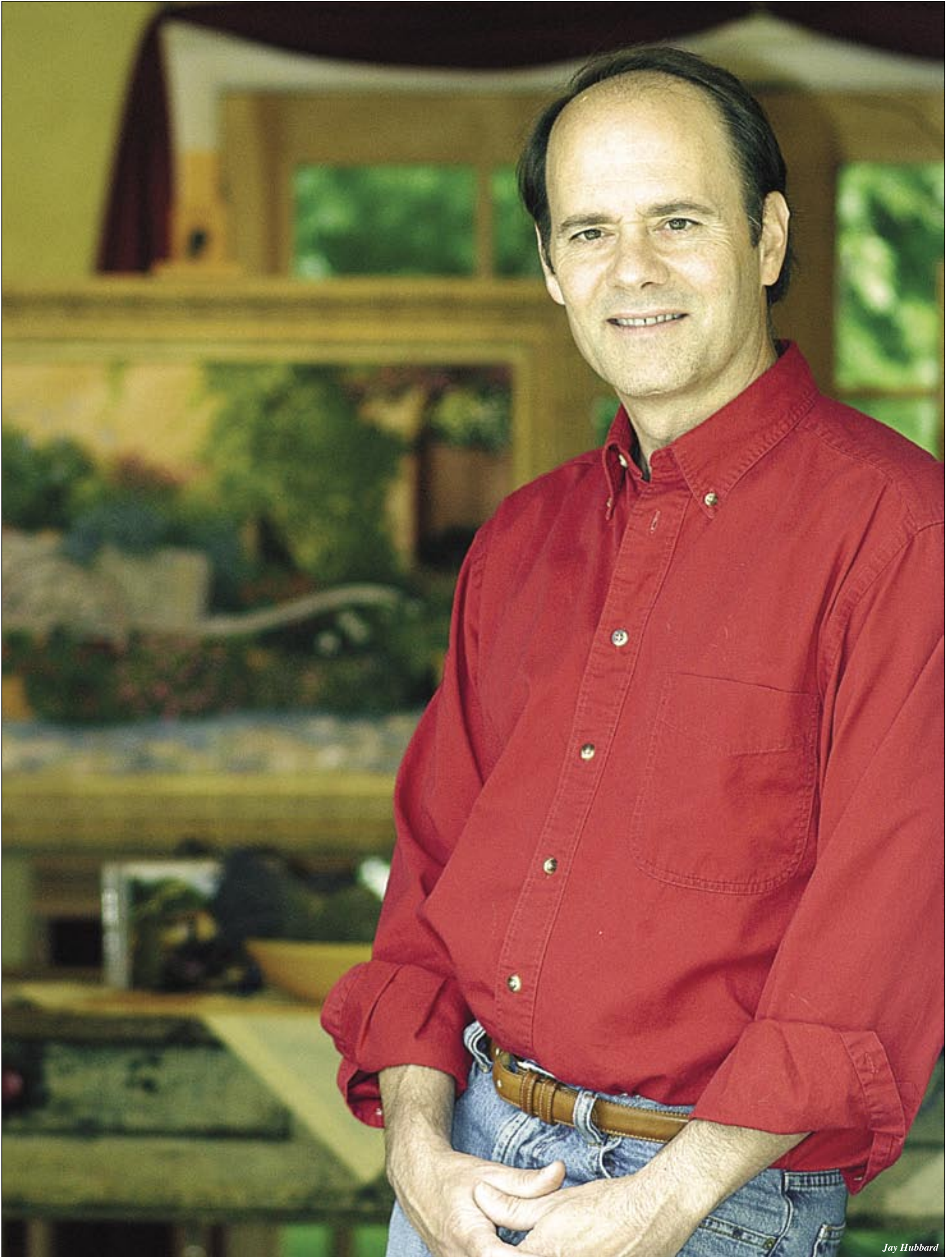
Tell us about your involvement with the Congressional Art Show.

I am very happy about being a judge for the Congressional Art Show. It is a program put together by Congress for all the congressional districts. Students are asked to submit their artwork, which is then divided into several categories, multimedia, oils, pastels, etc.

These pieces are then judged and given awards for first, second or third in each category, and finally a "Best of Show" is chosen for each district. All of the "Best of Show's" from the participating districts in the United States are taken and hung in the Capital for one year. This takes place in July.

I think it is a really interesting program and I've enjoyed being a part of it, and helping youth to enjoy, and or to find a way into art. I'm still a huge believer that creativity helps people in any position they choose in life.





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Topic of Cancer

Survival Strategy: Save Money

Glenda Cudaback

Rationing of new cancer drugs was a topic of conversation at the recent annual meeting of the American Society for Clinical Oncology in New Orleans, Louisiana.

The problem is simple.

Cancer is beginning to be treated as a chronic disease and pharmaceutical companies understand clearly the market value of "chronic" conditions. Chronic means we can 'live with cancer' if we are given new drugs and treatments that are just becoming available.

Now that drug discovery has opened a genetic gold rush, companies know that careful product staging and fear-based public awareness

portend superb shareholder results and rapidly escalating demand for new products.

Living with cancer keeps us edgy and frantic under the calm, resigned exterior we try to project to family and friends. But news of "new drugs that extend life" breaks through the worry like sunshine on a gloomy day.

Matthew Herper, who covered the ASCO meeting for Forbes Magazine quoted Leonard Saltz, a Memorial Sloan-Kettering cancer doctor who helped develop some of the hottest new biotech drugs. "We're

going to have to stop taking the stance that every patient has to get every last shot at survival," Saltz said. "The price tag for treating patients has increased 500-fold in the last decade."

Survival was not offered to me. Within a few days of 'discovery,' I was told I was terminal in the most precise and definite way. "Six months, perhaps...": was the best my oncologist could offer.

My son and husband went into immediate fight mode. We would do everything we could. We would not let it happen. Somehow, some way, we would beat this thing.

Normally I am a top-flight fighter, but, somehow, the word 'terminal' sent me into high exit-planning mode. The certainty of the diagnosis, the devastation a long drawn-out fight would cause my son and husband and the awareness that, if I fought, I would lose control, made fighting very unattractive. I wanted to plan a civilized, graceful exit that would allow me to accept the finality and make it as painless to all of us as possible.

Our very good friend, Dr. Terry Sharrer, who curates The Health Sciences Collection for the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History, was having none of this. He in-

sisted that I have a CA125 test and contact the National Institutes of Health to see if any clinical trials in ovarian cancer were underway.

Meanwhile, I had surgery. Fourteen pounds of tumors, and liters of the toxic liquid, ascites, were removed. The tumors were not easy to diagnose and one, in particular, was so rare it was impossible to understand. We were told that only two researchers in the world study micropapillary tumors, and they disagree emphatically about what these tumors indicate.

Suddenly, my diagnosis was slightly less definite. I viewed this as truly amazing and hopeful news.

At NIH, we met with Dr. Elyse Cohen who directs one of the few ovarian cancer clinical trials. After a day of tests and examinations, she and her brilliant team met with us to say they would love to have me join the trial because I had a tumor they knew so little about, but they could not recommend it.

They thought I should try chemotherapy first. There was a chance, slim and uncertain, that I could be treated.

Treatment, which would be chemotherapy, felt like a positive step. No one told me

Low-Carb Mania

Terry Domanski

The American public has gone "low-carb" crazy since the beginning of 2004.

But, do these programs work?

There is little doubt that a reduced calorie low-carb diet can induce weight loss – a number of recent studies have shown this to be the case, but the dropout rate was high – with only half of dieters adhering to the diet for the full study period (one year).

This strongly indicates that following a low-carb diet is not for everyone but can be effective for the right type of person. If you're currently following or considering starting one of the popular low-carb (or low-fat, or "balanced") diet plans, then you will want to consider the following:

- Low-carb (or low-fat) diets

can certainly result in weight loss – but ONLY when accompanied by reduced calorie intake and ONLY if you can stick to them.

- Most of the new low-carb (and the "old" low-fat) products have the SAME or HIGHER level of calories as their "normal" counterparts.

- It is now being reported that "feeling blue" and unhappy are a direct side effects of low-carb intake.

- Anyone who feels deprived of their favorite foods by following a low-carb (or low-fat) diet will have elevated cortisol levels and thus a tendency for increased appetite and abdominal fat storage. If you don't control the cortisol, carb cravings will get worse and worse – and harder to resist on

your low carb diet.

- Your brain needs at least 100 grams of carbohydrates daily to function optimally (much more than allowed on most low-carb diets and FAR too low for anybody engaging in regular exercise).

So those are the facts about "Low- Carb Mania". Now with this information you can make an informed decision that's good for you, now and tomorrow.

This column is designed to help readers separate fact from fiction in the area of health, nutrition and exercise. Brought to you by: The Middleburg Fitness Club. Excerpts taken from Supplement Watch – Nutritional Newsletter April 2004

I was no longer terminal, but there was a sense of confusion. A diagnosis that had seemed so final was now less so. The professionals were somewhat uncertain.

The power of that slight uncertainty gave me a tiny bit of hope.

Dr. Cohen spoke with Dr. Elizabeth Simms, my highly respected Northern Virginia oncologist, and I agreed to a six-month chemotherapy program. It was fascinating and difficult. But no one sat me down and talked about cost.

I was stunned when the first statement arrived for my chemotherapy, and grateful to my insurance company for covering it in total. But anyone who has gone through this treatment knows that the costs will be \$30,000, \$50,000 or much, much more to complete a six-month series of treatments.

So it didn't surprise me to learn from the Forbes article that new genetic cancer drugs will rapidly enter the market, or that they would be terribly expensive. What did surprise me was the fear among oncologists that rationing might be the only way to get these drugs to cancer patients.

When my cancer was discovered, I was totally unaware of the first genetic test, CA125, for ovarian cancer that Dr. Sharer had insisted I have. Results from this simple blood test read from 0-40 if you are fine. The day after my surgery, mine was down to 180. It had been 542 before surgery.

My doctor had not recommended the CA125 genetic test during the three preceding years when I had consistently expressed my concern to her that 'something was not right.' I now recommend that every

woman insist on this test annually. I am not a doctor. But it is a simple blood test. It costs slightly over \$100 if your insurance company won't cover it. It is a marker for ovarian cancer and the earlier you know you could have it, the earlier you can address it.

Ovarian cancer can be addressed if one catches it early. CA125 is a sensible medical investment that offers critically valuable returns.

Genetic drugs are rapidly gaining the confidence of physicians and of the leaders of the biotechnology and pharmaceutical industries. They all know demand will be high for genetic drugs like Eloxatin, from Sanofi-Synthelabo {nyse: SNY} which offers as much as 22.5 months of survival to cancer patients.

Eloxatin will cost \$250,000 for those 22.5 months accord-

ing to Forbes Magazine. This does not include pharmacy markups, salaries for medical professionals or hospital costs.

Cocktails, or combinations of these new drugs, will be astronomically expensive. But, the word is out. They will extend survival.

Will cancer patients simply move to Canada?

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Summer Bug Wars

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The Care of Trees

A sense of humor is often necessary when it comes to dealing with landscape pests in summer. Cicadas are coming. They may already be here. You have, no doubt, heard plenty about them. I will concentrate, therefore, on the important and more destructive pests.

The onset of summer tempera-

tures signals the arrival of a few landscape pests worthy of our attention. Bagworms will soon be here and will start to feast on your favorite arborvitae and Leyland cypresses (for a little variety). These "bag ladies" of summer are nothing more than reproducing carpetbaggers that love to eat plants and wear what they eat.

They eat any and all plants, but if they were choosy (and they aren't) evergreens would be at the top of their menu. Look for these to hatch when our native Catalpas are in full bloom.

Like kids with an appetite for sweets, bagworms do a lot of damage when they are young and difficult for us to see. If you have trees or shrubs with a history of bagworms, take a look at them now and look for very small pieces of the tree moving around on the plant. Remove them by hand if you can reach them if there are not too many. A larger infestation will require a more aggressive approach, but do it before the middle of July. An arborist can identify and set up treatment at the right time so that a safe material can be applied. Once July rolls around, only a broad-spectrum chemical can kill them.

They're back. Just when you thought everything was under control, your worst enemy comes alive on YOUR plants – Japanese beetles. This imported pest not only chows down on your grass (as it has been doing the past few months already), but also prefers such culinary delights as the following menu suggests:

Starters
River Birch and Linden leaves
(to whet their appetites)
Rose petal salad (dressing not needed)
Main Course
Elm under glass
Dessert

Crape Myrtlettes and Cherries Jubilee (not flambéed, of course)

Feasting on grass roots in the spring and the rest of your garden in summer, the Japanese beetle's



abrupt arrival is signaled by the bloom of the Yucca filamentosa, more commonly known as Adam's Needle.

How do you control them?

4. Turf management that includes infrequent watering in summer. If you allow your grass to remain lush and green during the beetle egg laying period in summer, more of their eggs will be allowed to hatch. If turf dries out between waterings, more of the eggs will perish.

5. Turf management that includes raising the lawn mower height. Raise the lawn mower height to 2 inches or greater. This may mean that you must mow more frequently, but Japanese beetles are reluctant to lay eggs in high turf.

6. Grub control (if necessary) is best applied in mid to late summer to the turf. There are many products labeled for Japanese beetle and other grub control.

7. A special note on roses: a soil systemic will keep the beetles from eating the leaves, but they may still attack the flowers. I like to give up one flush of roses to the beetles, then cut them back later in summer for one last bloom before fall.



Bear in mind a few morsels for thought:

1. Do not hang beetle traps, but tell your neighbors it is okay to do so.
2. Hand pick and squash any beetles that you should see. (It is okay to wear gloves for this process!)
3. Even weekly sprays will only give partial control. There is a soil systemic treatment arborists often recommend for trees that will give adequate control. This must be applied several weeks before the beetles emerge.

Realize that burnout in the garden is common this time of year. Early prevention is the best medicine for what ails your trees and shrubs. Talk to your local cooperative extension office or a certified arborist who can set up a management program for the bug wars in your area. As for cicadas...tolerate them or enjoy them as a curiosity for the short time they are here, because once they leave again, they won't return for 17 more!

Can you imagine a world without trees? Neither can I...

Keep Tree Tops Where They Belong

By Peter Deahl, The Pruning School

How do we look at trees? Do we view them as living organisms with specific biological needs, or as just something to manipulate? As I look at trees pruned on public and private land, I wonder how much we have learned. Some work is good and some not so good.

The not so good is often devastating and usually done without regard to the tree's biological requirements.

Understanding how trees and branches grow is crucial. As a professional arborist in the Washington area, I am often asked to make decisions about a tree's safety, health or

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ad pressures placed on our trees but we expect them to grace us with all the qualities we enjoy in a natural setting. If we are to achieve our expectations, our tree care skills must complement the plant's biological requirements.

Trees are obliged to do one thing, which they perform better than any other living organism. They grow bigger every year. They have done this for millions of years and preventing them from growing could bring negative or quite possibly, disastrous results. Our role as tree stewards requires us to look at trees from the three aspects mentioned earlier, safety, health and aesthetics. We must look at these requirements as guidelines for tree care whether the tree is young or old. The practice of topping trees breaks all of these rules. There are no books that I am aware of which promote this practice, however, there are numerous books, journals and years of scientific evidence showing a topped tree is unsafe, unhealthy and unattractive.

I hear your questions and understand when you say, "How about my fruit trees, ornamental trees or damaged tree tops?" "Treetops that become damaged must be removed. This can occur during storms or from poor branch attachment. Apple trees trained to 8 feet from the start perform better than trees that must be reduced to that height because of neglect. Older, neglected fruit trees can be left taller and pruned as shade trees, which provide flowers and important wildlife habitat. Ornamentals should be planted to achieve their adult growth potential, topping these trees will not allow this natural growth and promotes decay at each point of wounding. Every aspect of maintenance for your ornamental tree will be a direct result of where the tree was placed originally. Site selection must include a consideration of the plant's genetically programmed growth habits and how it will look 20 years after planting. Proper site selection is essential.

Topping is most evident when it is done to large shade trees, these trees lower our cooling and heating costs, while providing canopy under

which we picnic with family and friends. A kindergartner once told me at an Arbor Day celebration, "tall trees are important because that's where the monkeys live!"

From the mouths of babes! What a profound statement. Sometimes, tree professionals and tree owners just need to sit and listen.

Trees that are topped never recover and never become what they could have been. When we change a tree's genetically programmed growth requirements by topping or removing too much of the trees' green biomass, we force them into decline. Trees have a mass to energy ratio that has been dictated for millions of years. We must understand the tree's internal biology, and allow it to do what it does best; get bigger every year!

Finally, trees are art. I call it the Monet/Van Gogh factor. Topping trees and "heading back" branches ruins the structural, artful architecture of any tree. When we assist trees in doing what they do naturally, we move towards a safe, healthy and aesthetically positive environment for people and trees. Trees are an investment, financially and intrinsically. In Wye Mills, Maryland we just lost the National Champion White Oak tree that lived for nearly 500 years. On the West Coast there are Redwood trees 5,000 to 10,000 years old. When humans reach 100 years we revere them as noble people. Some trees are almost 10 times that age. How do we revere them?

Trees can be easily destroyed through outdated methods of tree care. Dr. Alex Shigo, a prominent researcher and scientist, has shown through 5 decades of experiments that we can, through education, be our tree's best friend and can, through practices such as topping, be its worst enemy.

Let's look at trees through their "eyes" and biological requirements. Let's look at them, as an artist would, helping them do what they do best, to grow and become the largest, most magnificent organisms on the planet. Urban trees are at our mercy but we have the power and the knowledge to make the right decisions!

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Daddy-Long-Legs

Karen "The Plant Lady" Rexrode

I was terrified of spiders when I was young, a phobia that was most likely a learned fear from watching my mother's reaction to these common insects. The fear of spiders is known as arachnophobia and it's quite common, up there with a fear of snakes (ophidiophobia) and bugs (insectophobia). Things have changed for me after many years and as an adult I find these eight legged



creatures fascinating.

The summer months are the height of spider season and an early morning walk will find each tell-tale web, heavy with the night's dew. Not all spiders make webs, a few are ground spiders, relegated to life on the ground or perhaps up a tree that they deftly climb. One such spider is very common, especially in the summer months. Regionally referred to as (grand)daddy-long-legs, they are harmless and fun to watch. Technically not a spider, there are more than two-thousand species of daddy-long-legs,

most

Commonly found within the order of "Opiliones". They are distant cousins to spiders, more closely related to mites and ticks. Instead of having segmented bodies, the body parts are fused, leaving them with no apparent waist. People are funny about daddy-long-legs and more often times than not ignore them in passing, understanding little of their life cycles.

Another common name used for daddy-long-legs is "harvest spider" or "harvestmen", derived from their appearance



at harvest. Biologists refer to them as "Opiliones", from the Latin word for shepherd and in Linnaeus' time they were referred to as the shepherd spider. They eat a variety of foods, plant and animal, capable of chewing with forcep-like jaws. There are species that can bite as well as inflict painful pinches with their hind legs, but not in this part of the world. Common foods include insects, ripe fruit and even bird droppings. Daddy-long-legs need a moist area to live, they drink a lot of water and most species are restricted to humid habitats of the world. Much of their time is spent preening, each leg is lifted to mouth, held with pedipalps and meticulously cleaned. It is believed that this helps prevent desiccation and keeps sensory receptors open. They are a marvel in design, well flexed muscular legs are able to nimbly walk through tall grass or over large obstacles. If our legs equaled the scale or length of theirs, we would find ourselves with 40 foot long legs! Typical of most spiders, their eyesight is poor and they rely on their legs to nimbly feel, and possibly smell their way around. Daddy-long-legs have been known to travel over other spider webs to eat their captured prey. The eyes rest on top of the round body, which will go through six molts or instars after hatching from the egg. Eggs hatch in late spring and most daddy-long-legs mature and die by fall. A few winter over as they may not have been able to complete

their last instar. These hopeful survivors will seek warm locations under fallen leaves or protective rocks.

Little is known scientifically about daddy-long-legs. Spiders and kin remain one of the largest but least researched animals. Of particular interest is the usefulness of the fluid put out by their scent glands. Probably produced as a defense mechanism, certain birds and frogs have been observed spitting out daddy-long-legs and subsequently wiping beak or mouth. In one South American species, the fluid works as a fungicide, most likely developed to ward off fungal problems associated with the environment.

I will readily pick up a daddy-long-leg, carefully as to not harm a leg. On rare occasions I notice small red dots attached to the legs, randomly placed. These are trombiculid mites, relatives that also inhabit moist or damp places. The small mites are most likely hitching a ride, as there does not seem to be a symbiotic relationship between the two. If one watches a daddy-long-leg move, it becomes obvious that the most important legs are the second legs. Used to reach and inquisitively feel their way around, much like a walking stick for sight challenged individuals. Beneficial for the garden and fun to observe, reach out and let a daddy-long-leg sense you, their reaction is always the same... a very quick exit.



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Bonnie Deahl, *The Care of Trees*

Do YOU have a big or historical tree in Loudoun County? As development encroaches on our many doorsteps, a strong need to protect our tree heritage (among many other things) calls us to make a move.

A few years ago I arrived in Middleburg one June day to inject a very large American elm on Madison street in front of the police station. The day I arrived was a day too late because the tree had just shown its first signs of yellowing in the tree top, a sign that Dutch elm disease was already in place. The tree was promptly removed like so many others across the Midwest many years back. There are still some beautiful elms in Loudoun...Do YOU have a notable elm on your property?

I know of perhaps the largest bald cypress in Loudoun County (if yours is bigger, give me a call). This tree is reported to have been planted by Yardley



Taylor back in the 1800's. Mr. Taylor was prominent in many circles of his time, including being a cartographer, politician, and an avid horticulturist. Growing next to this tree is also one of the largest gingko trees

growing in this county, also likely to have been planted by the same man.

Big trees are matriarchs to behold. They have seen the passage of time and their growth rings would tell us their age and weather conditions of generations before us. The Wye Oak (Maryland) that grew until it fell after a severe summer

storm a year or so ago gave up its championship status to a Virginia white oak located somewhere in the southern counties. I intend to find that tree and be awed by its test of time and ability to avoid being struck by

lightening. It is reported to be over 500 years old (older than the former Wye oak), 26 Feet in circumference, and is located in Warfield, VA. Anyone going down there soon?

Raising awareness to trees and their beauty is part of the Arbor Day celebrations in many communities each spring. The importance of trees is highlighted with these celebrations, thus planting seeds of growth for those who are so moved.

There is a Big Tree registry in every state as well as for the country. Virginia is updating the big tree candidates this year by finding and measuring trees currently on the list, submitting new candidates, and searching for undiscovered big trees worthy of mention. By Arbor Day next year, an updated Big Tree list will have been updated in the state of Virginia. There are only a handful of big Loudoun trees on this list...I know there are more! This is a call to big

Loudoun trees.

If you think you have a big and/or historical tree and would like to see if it is indeed one of our state's big trees or if you would like for your tree to be included in this list, contact Bonnie and Peter Deahl or Dana Malone at numbers indicated below:

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The 65 young men and women graduating from Notre Dame Academy on June 5 can take great pride in a four year high school career that centered on high academic achievement, and was highlighted by more than \$1.2 million in scholarships, outstanding service to community, success on the competition fields, and being the last graduating class under the direction of Sister Cecilia Liberatore, who will leave the school after more than 20 years of service at the end of this school year.

Wakefield Class of 2004

The following is a list of colleges and universities to which Wakefield seniors have committed to attend in the fall. They reside in Middleburg and the surrounding areas. Congratulations to all members of the Class of 2004 on a wonderfully successful year.

Emory University
Geneva Jann-Lewis of Middleburg

United States Military Academy at West Point
Wolf Hindrichs of Middleburg

From Behind the Stove

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3 bunches of baby beets,
washed well with tops
3 sprigs of fresh rosemary
1 glug of olive oil
3 tablespoons of honey
Salt and pepper to taste

honey over the top.

Server with just about anything,

Gazillions of Tomatoes to Come

In the coming weeks we'll see fresh fava beans, a gazillion different types of tomatoes, eggplant and haricots and kohlrabi. Into the late summer and fall we'll get the fall and winter squashes and, of course, sweet corn. Blue Moon Herbs' Lynne Wright mentioned that some unique herbs are on their way, including varieties such as cinnamon basil, which really grabbed my curiosity.

Cut off the tops, and place the beets in a roasting pan, toss with olive oil and add rosemary sprigs.

Roast at 375° for about 30 minutes. Remove skins while warm, and cut in half. Meanwhile sauté the beet greens in olive oil and season with salt and pepper and place on a plate, top with roasted baby beets and drizzle the



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Eight Dwarfs at the Opera

Fifth graders from Middleburg Elementary School performed "Snow White and the Eight Dwarfs" with the Virginia Opera Company on Thursday, May 26. This was the fifth annual performance with the Opera Company and has become an annual tradition for Middleburg Elementary's fifth graders.

Students prepared for the performance through a residency workshop with the Opera Company, and then the class shared a school-sponsored dinner with the performers.

The cast included fifth graders Sarah Gilmore, Griffin Graves, Dylan Grimes, Catherine Martin, A.J. Neuharth-Keusch, Davina Sosa, Colt Taylor, and Lillian Tolley as the Eight Dwarfs, and Richie Cadenas and Curtis Murray served as the stage hands. Fifth graders Iliana Dendrinou, David Erba, and Ivonne Gasca served as Ushers.

Virginia Opera performers included Sarah Hagstrom as Snow White, Jae-Eun Paik as the Evil Queen, and Arturo Chacon as the Prince. Tony Cho served as the Musical Director, with help from Middleburg's music Teacher, Mrs. Wendy Testa, and Brendon Hoyle served as Technical Director.



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Pastimes

Sweet Revenge

Chocolate Mousse

Susan Williams

My husband, at this moment, is intently watching the National Basketball Association (NBA) playoffs. Sitting in his chair, he intently watches as 10 genetically-altered, tattooed behemoths, who collect paychecks larger than the GNP of some third-world countries, go through extraordinary maneuvers, bumping and grunting to put a little beach ball through a little metal hoop.

Accomplishing this feat on rare occasions, they gesture wildly, grunt, bump chests, scowl at their opponents, but fortunately stop short of publicly marking their conquered territory in the manner of our four-legged ancestors.

Fortunately, for our marriage, the NBA playoffs last only 6 or 7 months after the normal 14-month season. If this were not the case, the frequency of our "intimate moments" would rival that of the 17 year Cicada.

However there is "sweet revenge" for we neglected wives-Chocolate! A recent survey showed that the majority of women would rather have chocolate than have "intimate moments". They had to take a survey to find that out?

So below is my favorite recipe, to be eaten next to your husband as he watches the NBA playoffs. Occasionally yell out "great pick and roll", whatever that means, then have another serving of chocolate. True marital bliss!

Sweet Revenge

This chocolate mousse uses dark chocolate (good for you) and is low in carbs, due to the use of Splenda rather than sugar.

Melt in a heavy saucepan stirring constantly:

* 1 1/2 pounds of good quality dark chocolate

* 1/4 cup fresh orange juice

* 1/4 cup Grand Marnier

Cool chocolate mixture for 20 minutes.

Beat, until lemony in color, 4 egg yolks. Add yolks to cooled chocolate mixture, incorporating thoroughly.

Whip 1 1/2 cups of heavy cream until thickened and gradually add 1/4 cup of Splenda, until stiff. Beat 9 egg whites until stiff. Carefully fold the egg whites into the whipped cream mixture.

Stir about 1/4th of the egg white and cream mixture into the chocolate mixture until thoroughly incorporated. Then fold in the remainder.

Pour the mousse into a large crystal bowl or 12 individual dessert bowls and refrigerate for at least 3 hours.

To serve add dollops of whipped cream with shaved chocolate for garnish.

Note: The chocolate mousse can be frozen for up to one month. Thaw in refrigerator.

Let's Do Lunch

Holly Beth Hatcher

The beef advertisements ask, "What's for dinner?" For some a more difficult question is, "What's for lunch."

Even on days when you know what would make a delicious lunch, you are too tired the night before and too rushed that morning to prepare it and there isn't even time to bring leftovers from last night's dinner.

Then the question becomes, where to go for lunch.

When this happens frequently, value becomes an important factor. Middleburg may not be a big town but it offers enough variety to make eating out every day both a pleasure and affordable.

Following is a rundown of delicious weekday lunch options that will please your pocket book:

Dank's Deli

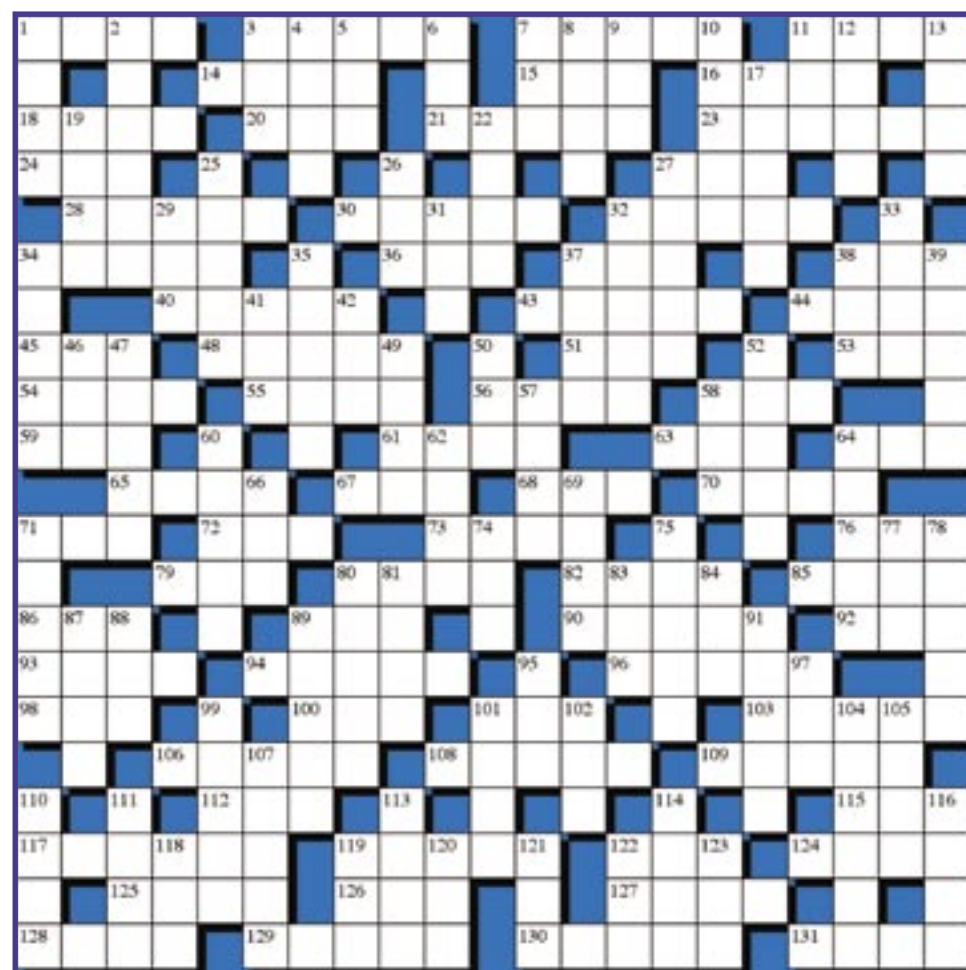
Begin at the east end of town at Dank's Deli. Most everything there is a excellent value because the sandwiches are so good and so filling. The most popular are the Santa Fe Chicken with spinach, tomato and hot & sweet peppers (4.99) and the California Cruiser with Pesto Mayo (5.15). The best value is the daily soup and a half sandwich (4.60).

Your sandwich can be prepared on your choice of bread or completely custom designed. Dank's Deli is open from 10-6. Calling in your order to 540 687 3456 ahead of time is always a good idea. Pasta salads, cole slaw and potato salad are so popular the can disappear before noon, so arrive early.

Coach Stop

Heading west on Washington St., the next place to have lunch is the Coach Stop. The Coach Stop's very best lunch value is their daily special.

Recent daily specials were a Turkey Reuben Sandwich, Quiche or Lasagna. The special is always the same price, \$6.25, and includes iced tea or soda. The Coach Stop is open anytime for lunch, so if your



ACROSS

- 1 A corpse
- 3 The positive electrode
- 7 One of the families of sub-nuclear particles
- 11 Flutter
- 14 Its capital is Muscat
- 15 Large flightless bird
- 16 Capital City of Western Samoa
- 18 Roman poet
- 20 Exploit
- 21 Street urchin
- 23 Its capital is Mexico City
- 24 Sister
- 27 Shelter
- 28 Constellation : The scales
- 30 Constellation : The virgin
- 32 Constellation : The water snake
- 34 Stroll
- 36 Constellation : The lion
- 37 Sweet potato
- 38 Law enforcement agency
- 40 Company emblems
- 43 Capital City of Yemen
- 44 Enemies
- 45 Worthless piece of cloth
- 48 Work done per unit time
- 51 Not (prefix)
- 53 Handwoven Scandinavian rug
- 54 8th month of the Jewish calendar
- 55 Shrewd
- 56 Polynesian carved image
- 58 Spout
- 59 Monetary unit of Japan
- 61 At any time
- 63 Masc. pronoun
- 64 Doctor
- 65 Dash
- 67 Monetary unit of Vietnam
- 68 Diving bird
- 70 These radiation particles are electrons
- 71 Idiot
- 72 Fish eggs
- 73 Glass device used for focussing light
- 76 Understanding
- 79 Sharp projection
- 80 The physical unit for measuring power
- 82 Reflected sound
- 85 Its capital is Bamako
- 86 Large
- 89 Period of history
- 90 He predicted the existence of the positron
- 92 Manipulate
- 93 Republic in SW Asia
- 94 Greetings
- 96 Prevent
- 98 Make lace
- 100 It is
- 101 Extinct flightless bird
- 103 Radio location system
- 106 Third planet from the sun
- 108 That which causes a change in the motion of a body
- 109 Constellation : The whale
- 112 Definite article
- 115 Honey insect
- 117 Ice cream topped with syrup
- 119 Ages
- 122 Plant
- 124 Having wings
- 125 Disease of the nervous system
- 126 Resinous deposit
- 127 Singles
- 128 Spoollike toy
- 129 Its capital is Valletta
- 130 The sense of hearing responds to this
- 131 Finishes

DOWN

- 1 Its capital is Vientiane
- 2 Turning point
- 3 Atomic mass unit
- 4 Initials of the American space authority
- 5 1
- 6 Ovum
- 7 13th letter of the Hebrew alphabet
- 8 Islamic chieftain
- 9 Hub of the solar system
- 10 Titled
- 11 Mend
- 12 Put down
- 13 Alternative name for Pi Meson
- 17 Nobles
- 19 Capital City of Vanuatu
- 22 The constellation in which Canopus is located
- 25 Band
- 26 To be unwell
- 27 First series in the spectrum of hydrogen
- 29 Ten decibels
- 31 Corded cloth
- 32 Capital City of Vietnam
- 33 Comply
- 34 Capital City of France
- 35 Tocher
- 37 Pull abruptly
- 38 In place of
- 39 British scientist ... Newton
- 41 Tibetan gazelle
- 42 Not sweet
- 46 Affirmative vote
- 47 Swindler
- 49 Moon of Saturn discovered in 1672
- 50 Consumed
- 52 Its capital is Sana'a
- 57 Its capital is Tehran
- 58 Triangular sail
- 60 The physical unit measured in coulombs per volt
- 62 The unit of potential difference
- 64 Capital City of Senegal
- 66 Beverage made with beaten eggs
- 69 Secondhand
- 71 Path followed by a heavenly body
- 74 7th letter of the Greek alphabet
- 75 Trio
- 77 Biblical high priest
- 78 Its capital is Niamey
- 80 Angry
- 81 Exclamations of surprise
- 83 Spanish hero
- 84 Cereal grass
- 87 Its capital is Baghdad
- 88 Pistol
- 89 Best of a group
- 91 The largest asteroid
- 95 Rocky pinnacle
- 97 Long-tailed rodent
- 99 Its capital is Doha
- 101 Earth's nearest neighbour
- 102 Very skilled person
- 104 Capital City of Ireland
- 105 Seaward
- 107 Catarrh
- 110 Wan
- 111 Resembling ink
- 113 Thermal energy
- 114 Capital City of Germany
- 116 Greek god of love
- 118 Pair
- 119 Entirely
- 120 Wood sorrel
- 121 Distress signal
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From Behind the Stove

Middleburg's bounty makes delicious dinner fare

Brian Lichorowic

GROCERY STORE PRODUCE gets sparse toward the end of winter and I've been ready for the fresh stuff to get here and to support the local farmers. I'm pretty much "California Broccoli'd" out. I've had my fill of "Brazilian" Cauliflower and "Chilean" Red Grapes.

Farmers markets can be said to be the earliest form of community free market in the country. We've been going to them for centuries. You'll see, touch and sample the fresh veggies, aromatic herbs and colorful flowers. On a spring day these can intoxicate the senses.

The Middleburg Farmers' market holds true to all the above and the great thing is you get to experience it all right in our backyard.

What's available now is some of the best bounty you'll get all year. Spring vegetables are to produce, what a Filet Mignon is to beef. The big difference is spring produce is short lived.

When you walk the Farmers' Market and speak to the grow-

ers you feel their enthusiasm. Ellie Hiller of Blue Swallow Farm has some beautiful spring onions along with fresh garlic flowers. Linda Hart from Vineyard Nursery eagerly shows me the year's first potatoes, new fennel and baby beets along with bunches of fresh dill and parsley.

Many people, greeting each other, walk through looking at all the abundance of fresh fare. Each week as summer approaches, more and more new items appear. It's a weekly inventory turnover that goes unrealized by the masses. New produce arrives every week just as soon as the Earth can turn it out.

I realized that many of the new veggies appear in the nightmares of our childhood. Odd shaped vegetables that appeared at certain times of the year. Each boiled, fried or somehow incinerated beyond recognition by our parents. We were all made to sit there and finish our plate. As we became adults, occasional glances of the

individual vegetable would only bring back those childhood gastric nightmares.

Fennel & Spring Onions

Two of the most misunderstood veggies to cook were the highlight of the market this week because of their freshness. You could smell the fennel across the parking lot!

This is a take-off on a Jamie Oliver recipe that I found delicious and well received by all my dinner guests, specifically vegetarians who, sadly, aren't accustomed to having unique dishes served to them.

This makes a great side dish or a main meal over wild rice.

*2 medium bulbs of fennel
2 medium bunches of spring onions
24 cherry tomatoes
Large handful of pitted black olives
Small handful of fresh thyme leaves
2 cloves of garlic, peeled & crushed*

*1 glass of White wine, Vermouth or Pernod
2 tsb of butter
Salt and pepper to taste*

Remove the feathery stalks from your Fennel and slice them finely into 1/4" strips. Cut your fennel bulbs in quarters and then slice them in half. Put them into boiling salted water for 10 minutes (blanching). Preheat oven to 425°F and prick a small hole in all your cherry tomatoes. Remove the fennel and place in the roasting pan. Add the tomatoes to the boiling water for 45 seconds to loosen the skins. Draining the water and run cool water over them. Pinch or peel the skins away and add the skinless tomatoes to the roasting pan. Add the onions, olives, thyme and garlic. Add 2 big glugs of olive oil and with your hand mix everything together well. Add butter and wine and mix up again. Try to make one layer. Bake in oven for 30 minutes.

Baby its Beets

Beets are a true nightmare for many of us. If you're like me, they were mostly the canned variety and they were always the last things left on my plate. Thank God for my dog, "Bumper" who would quietly take them from my fork under the table or else I'd still be sitting there!

My reintroduction to baby beets came in adulthood where I found that what was on my plate as a kid, was in no way a fair representation to the real vegetable. Facts don't lie; beets are one of the most nutritious vegetables on the planet. My wife juices them!

This simple recipe makes a great side dish for a main meal of any kind. Again, all the ingredients are available at the Farmers' Market.

Baby beets are thinned skinned and it's your choice as to whether you prefer them peeled. The red beets will "bleed" so be sure to keep this in mind when preparing and planning for their use.

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BROAD ROCK, Markham, VA

With its gracefull curves and elegant layout, few would recognise this home as being just a few years old. The building has classic attention to detail with stone exterior, hardwood floors, 3 fireplaces, 4 bedrooms, 4.5 baths, entertainment suite with music, game, exercise, and tavern room. Wood Paneled Library, kitchen with pizza oven, Master bedroom with sitting room.seperate guest house all on 24 acres with mountain views. 3 miles to I-66. Dulles airport approx. 45 miles.

\$1,195,000



MIDDLEBURG, VA ~ Chestnut Street

A delightful bugalow in the village of Middleburg!! This charming home is located on a shady, quiet street within walking distance from shops and restaurants. This home offers a living room with fireplace, dining room, kitchen and sunroom, 2 bedrooms and 1 bathroom on the first level. The lower level is fully finished including a bathroom. Deck off the sunroom overlooks a well landscaped & fenced yard. Property is in excellent condition, with many extras.

\$425,000



ORLEAN, VA

Nestled among tall oak trees with pebbled court yard is a fabulous home in the Orlean area. This home offers fabulous attention to detail from the real stucco and slate roof to the interior woodwork. Living room & den both have fireplaces & built in bookcases. There are 3 bedrooms 3 full, and 2 half baths, with a large family room over the garage. Hardwood floors throughout. 3 car garage and beautiful black bottomed pool. Covered terrace offers great opportunity for outdoor entertaining.

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DELAPLANE, VA, ~ Commuter's Delight!

Situated on 2 acs near Delaplane, this immaculate all brick home is just minutes from I-66 in an convenient commuter location off of Rt 17. The open floor plan that includes the kitchen, living and dining room, 3 bedrooms and 2 full baths. Lower level has a large family room, full bath and extra room that could be an in-home office or another bedroom. The detached garage has space for a work area.

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UPPERVILLE, VA ~ Commercial Opportunity

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\$575,000.00

Let's Do Lunch

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lunch time falls early in the morning, they'll be happy to see you. Reservations may be made by telephoning 540 687 5515.

The Piedmont Gourmet

A few doors down is a fine foods shop that also sells freshly made sandwiches and salads called The Piedmont Gourmet. Their sandwiches are as interesting as the names suggest.

The Heigh Ho Silver is Black Forest ham and Gruyere cheese; the Sly Fox is avocado, Swiss cheese and red onions. These are priced at \$6.50 and \$7.

They also offer Chicken Tarragon or Tuna salad (\$9.99 lb.) and Insalata Caprese (mozzarella, tomato & basil) (\$ 8.00 lb.)

Everything is prepared fresh each morning and special orders are welcomed for large parties. Piedmont Gourmet is open from 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and they may be reached by phone at 540-687-6833.

The Red Fox Inn

Across the street is the widely known Red Fox Inn. The best value for your wallet is probably on the daily special list. The day I visited two items were offered: Pork Barbecue on a Roll with Potato Salad or Burgundy Beef Tenderloin Tips over Rice with a house salad, each was \$8.95.

The most popular item is on their regular menu, the Crab Cake sandwich on an onion roll with Sweet Potato Fries is \$13.75. They are open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and may be reached at 540-687-6301.

Teddy's Pizza & Subs

On the same block, on Federal St. is Teddy's Pizza & Subs. If you aren't too hungry one slice of pizza will only set you back \$1.75. All the small sub sandwiches are \$5.45. They are open every day. 540-687-8880.

Back St. Cafe

Across and up the hill from there is the Back St. Cafe. At \$4.50/lb. their salad bar is a great value. Besides all the ingredients for a good vegetable salad there are pasta and tuna salads and couscous.

A long time favorite on their menu is the curried chicken salad at \$6.95. They are open from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and their telephone number is 540-687-5282.

Mosby's Tavern

North of the light is Mosby's Tavern. Their special is usually a lighter version of something from their regular menu and a bargain at \$4.25. They especially try to cater to their local customers. They are open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., and their telephone number is 540-687-5282.

Black Coffee Bistro

Two doors west of the light is the Black Coffee Bistro. Well-known for their fresh ingredients, the Chicken Club Sandwich is great bang for the buck. Served with hand cut french fries and a salad of vegetables or fruit, \$9.00 is a reasonable price. They are open from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

but they are closed on Mondays. Telephone 540-687-3632 with orders or for reservations.

Virginia Country Store & Creamery

Next door is the newly named Virginia Country Store and Creamery. They have the cheapest lunch in town. An egg salad sandwich with a bag of chips is \$2.95. They also have fresh squeezed lemonade and home made ice cream.

It is great that their lunch is inexpensive because once you've tasted this ice cream, you'll have to have it every time you walk past. Two favorites are Mocha Toffee Crunch and Gold Cup Crunch. They are open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and may be reached by phone at 540-687-4754.

The Hidden Horse Tavern

Around the corner and downstairs is The Hidden Horse Tavern. Their best value is a salad and daily quiche special for \$8.75 or soup and salad for \$9.25. The long standing Spinach Salad with Salmon is only \$9.75. They are open from 11 a.m. to 2:30p.m. Reservations may be made at 540-687-3828.

Upper Crust Bakery

West of Safeway is the Upper Crust Bakery. Famous for their cookies, the bakery, as it is simply called, also has great sandwiches. One of the best is the Hukilaw Holiday. For \$4.95 you'll have turkey, avocado, lettuce, tomato and mayo on sourdough. This way you'll have money for some cookies! Open from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., you may place orders at 540-687-5666.

Maxwell's Pub

At the end of the same block is Maxwell's Pub. The focus here is on the daily special. Usually a fresh and tasty wrap or sandwich for between \$4 and \$6. The other day, they were offering pork loin and stuffing for \$6.

You can sit inside or outside or receive a 10% discount on a to-go order. They will also fax their daily specials to you every day. Open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call 540-687-6443.

Salamander Market

Last but not least is the new Salamander Market. They have an impressive list of vegetable dishes and salads on their lunch menu with several changing daily that are made with local seasonal delicacies.

Your lunch may be a custom combination. The crab cake or barbecue sandwiches are delicious and good value at \$6.79. Lunch is available anytime from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesday through Thursday and 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday. Telephone to place orders at 540-687-8011.

So if you're close enough to lunch in Middleburg, don't worry about making it yourself or packing the leftovers.

Give the leftovers to the dog, and enjoy lunch in town without too much damage to your wallet.

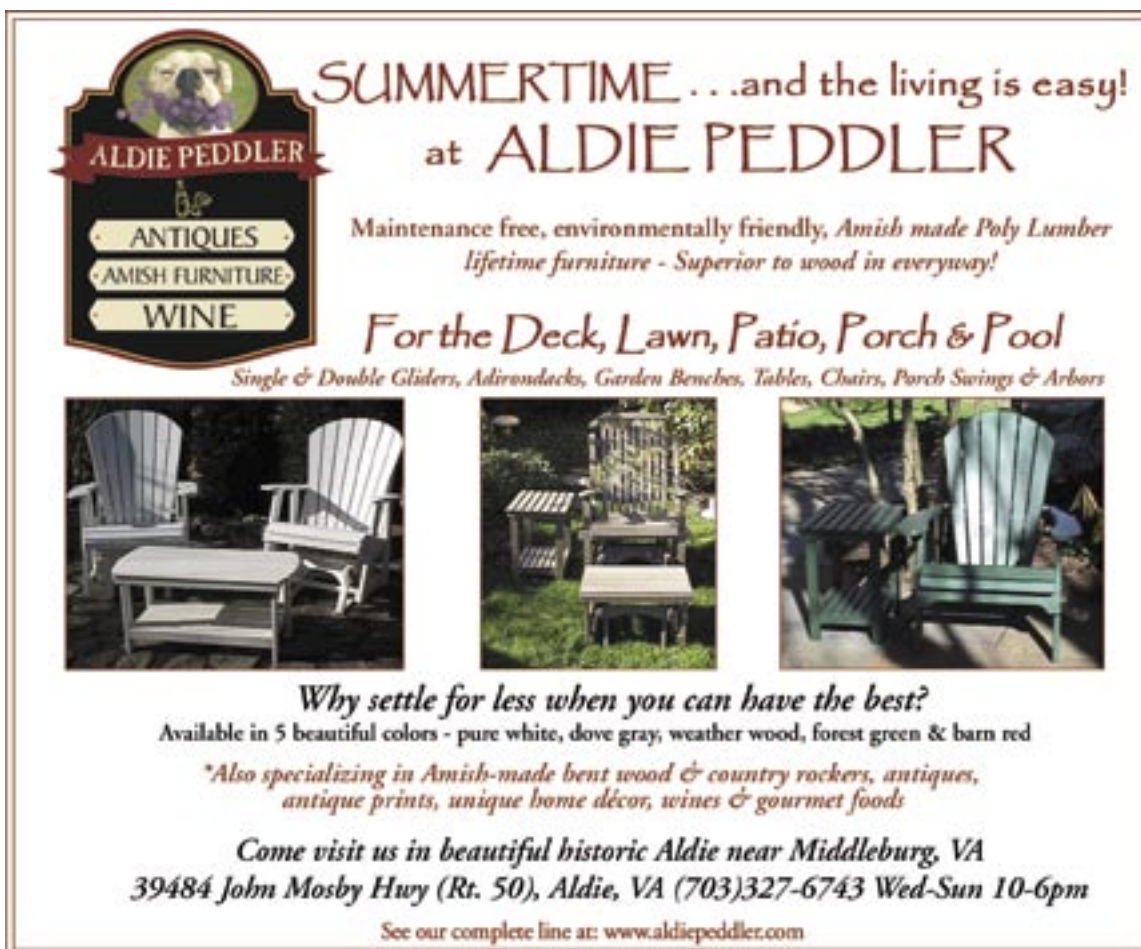


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Friends for Life

Albert's Corner

A monthly column for people who share their homes with four-legged friends.



Despite what you may have heard, being cool really is the most important thing – at least for dogs and cats.

I love to play outside, but when it's hot and humid, I'm better off in the air conditioning – especially between 10:00 and 4:00, when the sun is at its strongest. Dogs and cats are not good at managing heat and humidity. We don't perspire the same way humans do, and efficient heat management is a challenge. Exposure to the heat can cause a host of problems, not the least of which is heatstroke. This condition, which is a fever brought on by high environmental temperatures, can result in impaired organ function and death.

Most people already know NEVER to leave a pet in a parked car for any length of time, even on mild days. A sun-filled car can quickly become a torture chamber. And, though I see people do it frequently, cracking a window makes almost no difference! Any situation, however, that involves heat and humidity – including just being outside on a hot day – can induce heatstroke.

People sometimes make the mistake of assessing their own level of comfort and ascribing it to their pets. For instance, some people exercise with their dogs in high temperatures – not a good idea since many of us will loyally join in the exercise even if we're putting our lives at risk!

So how can you tell if your pet is suffering from heatstroke? Signs include:

- Heavy panting
- Salivating
- Vomiting

- Difficulty breathing
- Bright red gums or tongue
- Increased heart and respiratory rate

• Depression and lethargy
• Seizure, collapse, or coma
All dogs and cats can suffer from heatstroke, but some are at greater risk than others. These include:

- Senior or very young pets
- Animals with heavy coats
- Animals with medical problems
- Breeds with short snouts

If you believe that your pet is a victim of heatstroke, your objective is twofold: to immediately lower your pet's body temperature and go to the vet. Take the animal to a cool spot, preferably indoors, and place soaked towels on the pet's body, especially on the paws and abdomen. If a fan is available, use it. When soaking the towels, use cool, not cold, water. Do not use ice. While you're cooling the pet down, turn on the car and put the air conditioning on high. Once the car is cool, drive to the vet. Numerous problems -- including kidney failure, neurological issues, cardiopulmonary problems, or digestive tract complications -- can arise hours or even days after a heatstroke incident, so going to the vet quickly is imperative.

Of course, prevention is the best medicine. So, with summer's arrival, please keep your pet's safety in mind. While it's hard for some pets to stay indoors for the majority of the day, it's often best. We live in a part of the country that gets very hot and humid, and sometimes shade and water simply do not offer enough protection. I should know, because I'm one cool puppy.

Albert, a Jack Russell Terrier, is Chairman of the Board of Wylie Wagg, a shop for dogs, cats, and their people, in Middleburg.

May Crossword Solution



Middleburg Humane Foundation

Available for adoption

SO...YOU'RE MOVING, having a baby, getting divorced, buying a new home, redecorating... The Middleburg Humane Foundation, along with other shelters, receive numerous calls from owners looking to give up their animals. They have every excuse imaginable! When you adopt an animal it should be considered a member of the family with a lifelong commitment to that animal. Animals give you undying love and devotion. They ask very little, yet give so much. Shouldn't you return that love? Be a responsible pet owner – make a lifelong commitment or don't do it at all.



Nikko - Gorgeous affectionate brindle 2-3 yr. old Cattle Dog mix. Very sweet, kind, and good with other dogs. Nikko needs a home with fencing or a large farm environment.



Tabitha - 2 year old Retriever mix. Fun loving, happy go lucky and absolutely LOVES her ball and playing fetch with the kids! Gets along well with other dogs, good in car, completed obedience classes but needs additional leash work. Loyal & loving will follow you forever! A great family addition.

Patrick - 1 year old small yellow lab/? mix. Full of energy & loves to play ball. We call him the party boy! Currently in OB classes and doing well, willing to please and attentive. Fenced yard would be best and no chickens please!

Teddy - The cuddliest Teddy Bear in the world! 2 year neutered male, black chow mix. Very huggable & loving. Loves to play ball and has been around a lot of little kids! Teddy would do best in a single dog family home and prefers to be outdoors.

Emmett - 1 year old Cattle dog mix. Has been with lots of kids and cats but has strong will herding instincts. A true working dog, would do best on a farm with something to do all day! Emmett is house trained.

King - 2-3 year old Yellow lab mix. King has been chained all of his life so he has no manners but he oozes with sweetness and is very willing to please! He would love a fenced in yard with toys to play with and a dog house to hang

his hat! King loves car rides too. All he needs is a little time and a lot of love!

Heidi - Jenny & Gretchen are the last three Janie pups still looking for homes. A VERY special group of lab mix puppies! They are now 3 months old and have been raised here at our shelter with TONS of socialization (kids, cats, dogs, trips to town etc) Mom is a doll baby- a true kind soul. These pups are truly perfect family friends!

Willow - VERY LARGE and



absolutely gorgeous medium hair silver kitty! Willow is about 7 years old, has a funny swaying tummy and is a talker. She was abandoned at our shelter. Declawed and full of personality!

Pinky & Kenshin - 2 1/2 year old brother and sister adorable black and white kitties. Very gentle, indoors only. Quite clean and very quiet, would do well in an apartment or as companions for a retired person.

Breeze - Super gorgeous medium hair calico. 4-5 years old. Very loving and deserving young lady. She is an appreciative, gentle cat who would be anyone's best friend.

Jessica - Lovely solid white medium haired 1 year old mom cat with beautiful green eyes. Super friendly, affectionate cat- very floppy in your arms! Loves to be carried around- very interactive.

Willy - 5 year old 15H Thoroughbred with a big future! He has completed a 30 day training program- is now under saddle at a walk/trot only. An attractive, kind, and sensible horse!

Jake - 7 year old Thoroughbred cross, large pony sized. Excellent ground manners, companion only- very easy keeper and everyone's friend!

Ashley - Gorgeous 5 year old Appaloosa mix mare- petite- 15H, currently in training for ground manners only. Lots of potential.

Rae - 13 year old Thoroughbred cross mare- was ridden as a trail horse regularly until the summer of 2001. Easy keeper, sound, needs reschooled!

Leone - 14 year old Thoroughbred mare, Chestnut, lawn ornament only- loves to play in the water and be sprayed with the hose!

Summer - 8 year old (Leones son) gelding, super cutie! Has never been ridden, full of person-

ality!

Starsky - 14 year old chubby Chestnut large pony with a big personality! He loves his mares! A wonderful and quite funny lawn ornament.

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Aldie Peddler

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Aldie Peddler is a growing business many people see often when passing through Aldie. Filling three buildings, the shop offers a variety of antiques, Amish furniture, wine and gifts, but the owners first started with a completely different business in mind.

"We first bought the house in 1997 as a real estate venture," said Terry Cotton. "We expected the Loudoun County growth to raise the value of our investment, our plan was to sell in two years and move on."

Co-owner Wally Lunceford, who many in Middleburg know well as that tall guy who makes you laugh as you check out at the Safeway, added, "We got to know the people of Aldie and realized we were part of a community and we didn't want to leave."

The store's many loyal customers shop for quality, reasonably priced wines (10% discount on a case), and are looking forward to the new gourmet cheeses, olives and salsas. The store has wine bags, bottle toppers, and a wide selection of gift items and humorous birthday cards. They enjoy picking through the interesting collection of country antiques, vintage 40's kitchenware and lithographs.

Outside the store is a large collection of Amish outdoor furniture. The story behind these products is that Terry, on a visit home to Pennsylvania, picked up a couple of Amish bent wood rockers for his own house. People kept stopping and asked if they could buy them, so he bought a couple here and there. They were snapped up and all was going well when the Amish family, who fabricates the furniture by hand without electricity, switched over to poly lumber. "We didn't know if people would like the poly lumber, but we put a couple out front and they sold immediately." The sole source, Aldie Peddler's outdoor furniture never needs painting, and is impervious to weather, insects,



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and rot. Terry explains, "As they're made by hand by a single Amish family, delivery is four to six weeks - people who have a deadline should order in advance."

The Aldie Peddler enjoys a large number of repeat customers. "We make friends with our customers, kind of like family," says Wally. "Some of our customers even come to our private parties. They especially love our goats!"

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CELEBRATING ITS 16TH YEAR anniversary, the Finicky Filly buzzes with energy the moment you walk in the door. Owner Judy Casey is a blur as she zips around the attractive, brightly lit store. Here she helps a customer; there she straightens a display, and finally sits to talk about her successful business. "I've been told I have enough energy for ten people!"

When asked about how she started, she tells about how she and her husband Bill were living in nearby Lincoln, Va, and he kept saying how wonderful the people from Middleburg were, and how she would like living there. They bought the building on the corner of Washington and Pendleton streets and Judy, without any experience with retail, worked with her architect to design the store. "I didn't know a thing about running a shop, but over time learned what worked and what didn't."

Today, the Finicky Filly offers a diverse collection of jewelry and clothing from around the world,



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obtained on Judy's annual buying trips to Milan, New York, San Francisco, Dallas, and Baltimore. "You will find clothing by Italian designers like Etro, Piazza, and Sempiony. Our customers are mostly women over 25, fashion and quality-conscious, who are after the unique item."

"Scarves and ponchos are going to be THE hot item this fall," says Judy. She jumps up and gets a cardboard box. "I'm so excited about this," she begins pulling multicolored scarves out of the carton. "I went to buy yarn at Hunt Country Yarns, and Bob Kelly, the owner, told me a story about a group of kids in Appalachia, who got interested in knitting Christmas gifts for their families but didn't have enough money to buy yarn."

At first a little hesitant about talking about her personal project, she went on, "The story about those kids stuck in my mind until I told a designer friend in New York. She gave me 7 boxes of yarn and a new project was on its way."

Under the name "Neck-Purls" Judy commissioned women to produce 300 scarves, Attracting fashion industry attention, Neck-Purls has been nominated for a design award in the

Accessory category at the upcoming Dallas fashion convention. "The proceeds from the scarves go to those kids." Her eyes sparkled, "I'm hoping people will come in and buy a scarf, and donate their leftover yarn at Bob's Hunt Country Yarns."

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