

Council's New Look

New Vice Mayor Elected Freshman Takes Seat

Monty Tayloe

The Loudoun County Board of Supervisors is only a few weeks away from a resolution concerning the lawsuits filed against its new zoning regulations, according to Supervisor Jim Burton. Supervisor Burton announced the upcoming decision at the July meeting of the Middleburg town council, describing rigorous closed session Board meetings leading up to the decision.

"Sometimes the discussions are civil, sometimes they become very spirited . . . it's going to come down to a 5-4 vote one way or another. It's time to fish or cut bait," remarked Burton. If the Board of Supervisors votes not to defend the lawsuits concerning the new regulations, the zoning situation in western Loudoun could return to the same state as in 2002 or to some sort of settlement option.

Salamander Visioning Steering Committee

The Salamander Visioning and Steering Committee submitted their report concerning the issues and land use options for the in town portion of the Salamander Inn to the Middleburg town council at the July meeting. The committee used work sessions with the Middleburg community to gather together possible ideas and goals for the piece of Dr. Sheila Johnson's upcoming Salamander Inn project that would physically be part of Middleburg.

"Visioning fell on the public. They gave their look ahead as to what they saw for that property," said Steering Committee chairman George Linghauer. The chairman was also careful to point out that the Steering Committee's submitted report does not address the funding and cost issues that might be associated with the ideas put forth although some could be covered under Middleburg's capital program. Chairman Linghauer also pointed out that many of the ideas in the steering committee report that were most supported by the community would be covered under Middleburg's Comprehensive Plan. That Comprehensive plan has a five year deadline and will come under review in February 2005. Mayor Dimos suggested that the public response to the steering committee's hearings would be taken into account as part of that review. The public hearings held by the steering committee to create the report were very well attended by members of the Middleburg community, and Town Manager Mike Casey considers this an endorsement of the current Comprehensive Plan.

"This was more public involvement than we've ever had on a land use issue . . . this exercise reinforced the decisions of the planning commission," commented Casey. The Steering and Visioning Committee's report will be available on the Middleburg town

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The Governor Comes to Town

Governor Mark Warner stopped by Market Salamander one afternoon in late June to catch up on the progress of the Salamander Inn project with Sheila Johnson. Governor Warner was very impressed with the plans for the Inn, and said it promised to be even more lovely than Keswick Hall near Charlottesville. As he browsed through the Market and enjoyed a refreshing soda, the Governor encouraged Johnson to see the project through to a successful conclusion for the benefit of Middleburg and of Virginia.



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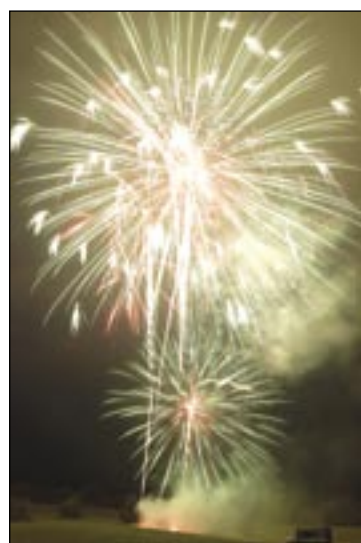
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Middleburg Community Center Holiday Celebration

Holly Beth Hatcher



Fourth of July is a great day at the Middleburg Community Center. Many families enjoyed their picnics in the park using the picnic benches and grills. Later in the day the big party started. There was plenty of music and games for children. Several vendors set up around the perimeter of the baseball field. The most popular was Carol Collins with her face painting. She painted the face of any child



who presented themselves. "I like doing animal faces on the younger children," she said. "They often become the cat, getting down on all fours." Later on she switched to playing with great, big bubbles and making animal shapes out of balloons. "This is my second event for the day. I go to lots of birthday parties and plenty of other events." Carol learned most of her skills from a friend who is a professional clown.

Several groups took this opportunity to do a little fund raising. The newest kid on the block was the Middleburg Elementary

School ice cream and water wagon. This is their first year and it seemed to go well enough to consider doing it again next year. It was fun to see kids swinging on their new swings while eating ice cream. The only thing that was missing was funnel cakes! The American Legion has their biggest raffle on the 4th. Several groups were raising funds by selling the most popular items, things that glow: necklaces, sticks, and finger socks. DJ's provided musical entertainment until the fireworks started. The fireworks display was well worth the wait.



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website starting July 9th, and will be forwarded to Dr. Johnson as the community's plan.

New Appointments

The Middleburg town council sported a new look at their July meeting as this was the first meeting for new council member Bundles Murdock and the first meeting without departed council member and former vice-mayor Mark Tate. Tate's departure from the council left a vacancy at the Vice Mayor position and after some debate the council unanimously voted Betsy Davis into the position. Vice Mayor Davis is serving her third term on the council and has lived and worked in Middleburg her entire life. Bundles Murdock's own recent ascension to the council left two other vacancies in town government. Prior to winning the council post Murdock had been serving on both the Board of Zoning Appeals and the Planning commission but had to give up those seats to serve at council. After a

closed session with the resumes of three applicants for two positions the council appointed Town Council runner up Lisa Patterson to the Board of Zoning Appeals and Kevin Passarello to the post at the Planning Commission.

Other business

The town council voted to approve the current version of the employee handbook, which outlines Middleburg's policies regarding town workers. Members of the council expressed concern about the handbook's wording regarding several issues including exit interviews and overtime, and the council clarified that this version was being approved only to provide a starting point for further retooling, including some changes to the section dealing with employees who are called up for active military duty.

The town council was also treated to a presentation by Vicki Bendure of the public relations firm Bendure Communications.

Bendure is employed by the town to promote tourism and public relations for Middleburg. Bendure showed the council various magazine articles about Middleburg from around the country, including an article in the Los Angeles Times Magazine which lists Middleburg as an "exotic location" along with South Africa and Hawaii. Bendure also pointed out that since the beginning of the Salamander Inn and Spa project she has been better able to arrange stories with high profile national magazines such as Travel and Leisure. "The spa provides a nice hook for them. That's really what they're all about," Bendure explained. Also shown in the presentation were clips from the ESPN series "Super Retriever" which recently chronicled a hunting dog contest in the Middleburg area and included many scenes from the streets of Middleburg. According to Bendure the show reached a national audience of 8 million viewers and is still be-

ing occasionally shown on ESPN. Bendure also expects an upcoming Fox 5 morning news story on Middleburg and told the council to expect a TV camera on the street.



Betty S. Kirk

Middleburg Remembers

Holly Beth Hatcher

In Memory of Betty S. Kirk, 1934 - 2001. It is a simple plaque that now adorns the stone pilaster in front of the Middleburg Health Center. Finding it impossible to list all the things that Betty had done for the Health Center and the Town, it was decided to leave it up to the individual to ask for special stories. Mayor Dimos opened the dedication ceremony on Saturday, July 3rd with a short speech that celebrated Betty's tenacious spirit. He reminded us of the danger of judging her by her slight stature, which did not match her interior resolve that never quit. Following Mayor Dimos was Betty's daughter Darlene. She had a tough time keeping the tears from flowing while reminiscing and thanking a lot of the people that worked so closely with and were honoring her mother.

The Health Center, located on South Madison St., is owned by the town and rented out to various health practitioners and the Police Department. All profits are donated to local organizations. Last year approximately \$30,000 was donated. All thanks to Betty Kirk. When she joined the advisory board the building was in disrepair and losing money. The month before she joined the board the minutes from

the meeting were a few paragraphs on one page. The following month the minutes were several pages of fix roof leaks, gutters, plumbing and on and on. Eventually all the repairs got done and one tenant even wrote a letter of gratitude.

Next to the Health Center is the building that housed Madison Street Saddlery, a woman's dress shop owned by Betty and her sister, Nancy. They were very close throughout their lives. "She was like a second mother. She was 3 years older and always took the lead," Nancy remembers. Thelma, Betty's sister-in-law, who also worked in the shop remembers her with one word, "Coffee. I always had the coffee ready for her when she got there in the morning." And Betty always had some candy ready for anyone who stopped by for some advice or a friendly chat.

Certainly, Betty is missed by many. But you don't have to look far to see the fruits of her efforts.

Following the dedication was the first Bluemont Concert of the summer. Yet another of Betty's activities.



Betty S. Kirk



Darlene Kirk



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News of Note

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The Big Green Signs is Out of Here or is It

Katie Leach-Kemon

While the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors may not agree on issues like preserving green space, the issue of green signs has succeeded in uniting them. During the BOS meeting on July 5, the board unanimously approved a motion to allow each supervisor to remove the "Welcome to Loudoun County" signs at his or her discretion.

Jim Burton, supervisor of the Mercer district, was eager to appease his aesthetically-minded constituents: "I'm getting inundated by people who don't like the sign," said Burton.

In a rare moment of accord with Mr. Burton, Supervisor Eugene Delgaudio of Sterling enthusiastically

supported Burton's motion for the removal of the signs. Ever wary of cutting costs, Delgaudio implied that he would donate his chainsaw to the felling effort.

Though unpopular in much of the county, the residents of the Catocin district seem to appreciate the distinctive lime-green signs. "My citizens haven't complained about the signs," said Supervisor Kurtz.

Mr. Delgaudio, Mr. Burton, and Chairman Scott York offered to donate their signs to the Catocin district.

Eager to recoup any portion of Loudoun taxpayers' estimated \$24,000 investment for the notorious green signs, Lori Waters, su-

pervisor of the Broad Run district, made a recommendation. "We can sell them on e-Bay," she said.

Ultimately, the saga of the green signs is scheduled to end in 2007, when new way-finding signs will be erected in honor of Loudoun County's 250th anniversary. Prior to voting on the issue of the welcome signs, the board approved the way-finding motion in an eight-to-one vote.



Meet Officer Lester Jones

The Newest Member of the MBPD

Lisa Leonard

Middleburg's new police officer, Lester Jones, is a highly seasoned senior professional with many notable assets, one of which is his exceptional smile.

Officer Jones' broad experience includes assignments on both the tactical and fugitive squads; undercover work on the vice squad; domestic violence expertise and Sheriff's shift supervisor. He is a State Certified Officer who has trained police dogs, and keeps a photo of his German Shepherd on his desk.

His 16 years of service began after college with the Virginia State Troopers before he joined the Campbell County Sheriff's Office.

Middleburg's need for a City Police Officer coincided with his need for a change, and when he drove over to see Middleburg and meet its citizens, he was very impressed with both.

"Everyone I met was nice to me, even though they didn't know who I was. I was so impressed by the people here and how they accepted me."

After his interview with Chief Webber, he was convinced that this was a highly professional department, one in which he would be proud to serve.

Members of Officer Jones' family also serve in law enforcement, which was a major factor in his choice of careers. More importantly, he likes people, and he



believes that communication is the key to positive interaction with individuals. To be a good officer, you must like people in order to interact with them successfully.

He has always been very involved in sports, does weight training, ran track in high school and college, and has been a track coach.

"I like to get involved with kids," Officer Jones said. "I've helped with the Law Enforcement Explorer's Program, and the Big Brothers and Sisters," he continued.

"I was very involved with the churches back home, helping kids stay off the streets and get them interested in basketball. I've coached volleyball and basketball."

Middleburg will welcome Officer Jones. He's going to be a valuable member of the community.



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The "Next Time" is Here

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Think back to the years 2000 through 2002 when, quarter after quarter, your investments in the stock market dropped in value. These are painful memories for investors who were seduced by the "irrational exuberance" of the late 1990s. Whether intentional or not, many found themselves over-exposed to the stock market in general, and technology stocks in particular. When the NASDAQ dropped from 5,000 to 1,500, and the DOW plummeted from a high of almost 11,000 to 7,000, investors were faced with an ugly reality. Many had seen a third of their account values evaporate on paper.

The sentiment many shared was that "next time" we would avoid the costly mistakes that allowed this train wreck of our investment portfolios. However, hu-

man nature being what it is, many investors are reluctant to face the pain of change. Rather than being overly aggressive with their portfolios, we are now seeing a dangerous tendency to ignore them altogether and just hope for the best.

With this year's rise in the market, now is that "next time". It is critical for serious investors to take the time to review their investment portfolios and ensure that basic prudent investment principles are being followed.

Appropriate asset allocation:

Your exposure to equities (stocks and stock mutual funds), fixed income (bonds, bond mutual funds, treasury notes) and cash (CDs and money markets) should be a deliberate decision, not a by-product of market activity. You should intentionally include an

appropriate allocation among the various asset sub-classes to reduce risk while potentially enhancing returns. Many investors fail to understand the specific role that each asset class should contribute to a portfolio, and are reluctant to rebalance their portfolios when market returns overweight one asset class over their desired allocation.

Diversify, Diversify, Diversify:

Not only should a portfolio be diversified among several asset classes and sub-classes, it should also be diversified within each asset class to reduce volatility. One or two stocks, even a concentrated portfolio of 10-15 stocks, is inherently more volatile than a broadly diversified portfolio of stocks. Ask anyone who owned Worldcom, PSInet, or Enron stock how valuable diversification can be. If you still own some of those "dogs from

the bubble", now is the time to bite the bullet and take those losses. Many investors are waiting until their stocks return to the original purchase price, but if these are stocks you would not purchase today, then they should be sold.

Ignore the media:

Remember the headlines that were screaming the death of conventional financial principles? How magazine after magazine, month after month chastised investors for owning anything but dot.com stocks? How often were the terms "new economy" and "new paradigm" used on the 24-hour financial news programs that sprung up on cable TV? Is it any wonder that a sensible investor felt anxious and overwhelmed? We are already hearing the rumblings of that same old song. The news media assumes that because

everyone uses Google, everyone should own the stock. Do yourself a favor. Turn off the television and spend some quality time with your portfolio statements.

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SBA & Main Street Loudoun Come to Town

Representatives from Main Street Loudoun and the Small Business Administration will visit Middleburg businesses on Wednesday, July 21st as part of their business assistance road tour.

Martha Semmes of Main Street Loudoun and SBA's

Georgeanna Emery and Randy Nossaman will join forces to acquaint citizens and small businesses with the many business assistance services available to the community. This walking tour will outline management and technical assistance and other information necessary to help

small businesses gain access to credit and capital.

The size of the business community will not allow the team to visit every Middleburg business, so plans are being developed to acquaint the business community with these services at an MBPA mixer later in the

year.

If you want to ensure that your business is included in the tour contact Martha Semmes at msemmes@loudoun.gov or Randy Sossaman at randall.nossaman@sba.gov.

Topic of Cancer

Continued from June Issue

Glenda Cudaback

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 according 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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From the Editor's Desk

Wake Up and Smell the "Waste"

Smell the Waste? Yes, the waste that is wasted open space, wasted fresh water, wasted sewage capacity, wasted opportunities. While appearing disparate, there is a linkage.

As you read this, the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors is considering whether to uphold the AR-2 zoning passed by the former board of Supervisors. The minimum lot size allowed with AR-2 is 50 acres. The Board has been sued over the zoning and are determining whether to defend, settle or walk away from the suits. It doesn't look good for the AR-2 zoning. This means that what we thought might be one house per 50 acres, may become one house per 3 acres – a developer's dream come true.

If the Salamander Inn and Spa is built, that will result in 68 acres being developed and 202 acres put in a conservation easement. If the Inn is not built and the land sold, under AR-2 there is the potential for about five houses in the county property. If the AR-2 zoning is reversed, there is the potential for 90 houses on the county property. The topography of the land will not support the full build out, but you can visualize the impact of 60 to 90 houses with the associated roads, parking, septic fields, etc. The Inn is a by-right use up to 120 rooms - one owner, one responsible party. With R3 zoning there is the potential for 90 owners and 90 responsible parties. What would you rather see? Make yourself heard.

Whitman, Requardt & Associates submitted an "Evaluation of a Potential Extension of Water and Sewer Service to the Harriman Tract" report to the Middleburg Town Council on 21 June 2004. With the addition of Well 4 and the current growth projections, Middleburg has enough water through 2027. However, there are still major problems with the water system. The town is still paying to pump over 30% more water than reaches the houses and businesses due to leaks in the system. The citizens and businesses of Middleburg are paying for the cost of this water.

The report declares that wastewater is the bigger problem right now. Can your checkbook support a 10.% yearly increase in the water and sewer usage fees over an expected 3 year period at the very least? According to the Capital Improvement Plan, that is what it will take for the sewer system capacity to remain at status quo. That means no new taps – in other words, no new building.

The town has just released the report. It is available at <http://www.middleburg.org/report.pdfs/wra.pdf>. READ IT!

This report details where we are and where we are projected to be. It highlights the need for 4-5 million dollars of improvements to the sewer system, approximately \$10,500 per water customer. The majority of these improvements aren't needed because of massive growth estimates, but due to modest growth projections based on Middleburg's Comprehensive Plan.

Don't just take my word for it, don't rely on someone else's seven second sound bite, read the report, get a copy of Middleburg's Capital Improvement Plan, educate yourselves.

Who will pay for these improvements? What happens when we have no more sewer capacity?

Find out; talk to your town council members; get involved. This is an issue to be addressed by the residents and businesses of Middleburg. We are at a turning point and need to wake up and smell the waste. The Salamander Inn will be built. The report recommends a partnership with the town and the Inn to address the sewer issues. Salamander can manage their sewer on their property, but as the report says it would be better to combined efforts.

Get in this game before it is over. Why should the residents and businesses of Middleburg be saddled with the total cost of the improvements? Sewage plant improvements are necessary with or without Salamander. It is time the Middleburg residents and businesses make their voices heard, and do what is best for the town. This is going to take courage and initiative from our elected officials. Why don't you help to motivate them?

Can you afford the Waste?

Letters

Editors Note: the following correction of inaccuracies about Heronwood and its owner, Robert H. Smith, in our article on the stable tour in our May 2004 issue are offered with our apologies.

For the record:

- The ownership of Heronwood prior to Mr. Smith was Mr. Jack K. Cooke, but prior to that there were several owners after Rear Admiral Phillips. Admiral Grayson never owned Heronwood.
- Robert H. Smith, not his father, Charles E. Smith, is the "creator" of Crystal City; Charles E. Smith, who died in 1995, started the company that carries his name.
- Mr. Smith has not flown out to Heronwood in a helicopter in over 9 years, and he spends the better part of each week here, not just weekends.

We Need Your Help:

On behalf of Middleburg Beautification and Preservation, Inc., I want to ask that our town shop owners take a more protective attitude toward their container plantings. One can not help but notice that there are either dead or dying plants adorning our sidewalks. These beautiful planted containers give so much pleasure while asking very little in return. All they need is a little water!

As you know, our organization has worked diligently toward funding many beautification project in our village. There are the lovely teak benches with foxes carved in relief provided for you and our visitors to "sit a while" and enjoy the small town atmosphere, there are the attractive trash cans provided to keep Middleburg clean and tidy and there are the specimen standard shrubs in pots under planted with colorful petunias at each crosswalk. We have provided funding for the research and publication of the Middleburg Walking Tour booklet and are also preparing for the street side beautification project in front of the Safeway.

Please join us in our common goal of keeping Middleburg beautiful. We ask that you ensure your containers get the water they need. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Elaine Burden
Vice President
Middleburg Beautification and Preservation, Inc.

Rants & Raves

A Faint Heart....

In the 1950's, Actor James Garner starred in a Saturday night Western comedy series, about an itinerant gambler called 'Maverick'. Some of the most memorable parts of the series were Maverick quoting his fictional "Daddy," for example: "'As Daddy once said, 'A faint heart never filled a flush.'"

The leadership in our society is becoming more "faint of heart", less and less willing to engage in activities which involve any degree of institutional or personal risk, no matter the potential reward.

I attended a July 8th public hearing of Congressman Tom Davis' Committee on Government Reform, where the subject was Telework, in particular the inability of the Federal Government to institute a meaningful telework program for Federal Employees. We in this area painfully aware of the impacts of government employee traffic on our local roads, the congestion during the long morning and evening rush hours, the pollution, the staggering costs of roads and other infrastructure. From the experience of commercial companies, we also becoming aware of the potential benefits of telework to our Federal Government in, for example, reduced real estate costs, increased worker productivity and employee satisfaction and retention.

Unfortunately, Federal workers are subjected to Draconian telework policies and 1980's technology to support their telework. For example, the Federal Telework Guidelines outline "duty hours" to be agreed upon between supervisor and telework. Only work during these "duty hours" is authorized, and any work done outside these hours can be cause for termination from the telework program. So, for example, you walk by your home computer at 10:00 pm, after the kids are in bed, and decide you'll spend a few minutes finishing up some work—wrong! Without your

supervisors prior approval. The phone, fax, e-mail and access to your workplace files are the only supporting technologies for government telework. In contrast, current commercial telecommunications and computer technology has reached a point where workers can be highly interactive with others in remote locations. From the desktop PC at home or office, workers can see (video) and hear others as well as and share work documents using the public Internet.

In spite of clear mandates by Congressmen Tom Davis and Frank Wolf for Federal Agencies to take action on Telework the Agencies continue to "slow roll" Congress. Davis pointed out that less than 14% of the eligible Federal employees are teleworkers. Also in an attempt to spur action, Congressman Wolf as Chairman of the House Appropriations Subcommittee for Commerce, Justice and State, has threatening to withhold FY 2005 funds from agencies that continue to provide their employees only token telework programs.

When asked to comment on the major barriers to telework in the Federal Government, the Directors of the Federal entities responsible for Telework policy and implementation, OPM and GSA, pointed at the "attitudes of managers and supervisors" toward telework and the "long time" that is needed to institute a "cultural change", such as telework. To this end, OPM has conducted, what could be best described as "grief counseling" courses for Federal managers and supervisors, who are faced with the prospect of having to manage by employee results, rather attendance of subordinates surrounding the manager's office.

In contrast, there are no "faint hearts" in the leadership of Loudoun County publisher, Amendment One. Faced with the problem of publishing the award-winning Loudoun Magazine with a home-based editorial staff, which was spread out

from Leesburg to Berryville, Brett Phillips CEO of Amendment had the courage, in spite of impending publishing deadlines, to commit to a "virtual office" telework environment. The beautiful Loudoun Magazine, Summer 2004 issue currently on the newsstands was produced by the home-based staff, utilizing a Swedish video PC software for "face-to-face" conferencing and an electronic whiteboard for developing and editing the text and layout. Amendment One did not spend years in developing telework policies, hold counseling session for its management and staff to prepare them for the cultural change. The leadership committed, adopted a new way of doing business, assumed significant financial risk and they won.

Well done, Brett Phillips and Amendment One.

Federal Government, please take notice.

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.

Size Matters ~ The Geezer at Large

In this new world where unexpurgated language and pornographic communication have become the norm, it is truly important to appreciate this well-worn maxim: Size Matters.

Why? Because size, in fact, does matter. What exactly do I mean? I mean, quite simply, that we, as Americans, have a collective responsibility to value, appreciate, and honor the most singular and remarkable thing that makes us citizens of this great purple-mountain-majesty'd land of ours----the right TO VOTE.

The importance of the vote cannot be overestimated. Rather, it is, sadly, and all too often, undervalued. What an incredible right it is! What have we, communally, as a people, NOT gone through to guarantee this right for all of our citizens?

Remember that voting is so important, so precious, that its results are even stolen, tampered with, hidden away in order to acquire and maintain power and control. This is an age-old truth, not only in recent history, but throughout the ages; for as long as there have been voters, there has been voter-fraud. Some might even call it flat-out election-theft.

History is littered with examples of tyranny and abuse of peoples, cities, states, and, yes, even nations as a direct result of electoral manipulation. In the 20th and now the 21st centuries, we have only to look at the daily press to confirm this reality: where there are votes to be had, there are those who will take them, by hook or by

crook.

In free nations, and particularly in ours, (in AMERICA, of all places!), the apathy that leads to the acceptance of such tactics can and does set in. "My vote doesn't matter," I hear people say; "I've got more important things to do than vote," they say. HOGWASH! This is the biggest danger to us, the citizens, and it is the very thing that those whose goal is simply to govern without opposition, without dissent, without a singular, contrary voice, in a society they reassure us is "free," count upon.

The reason Size Matters today is that America is at a crossroads; the last Presidential election was compromised, plain and simple. While opinions may vary (but not THIS geezer's!), the fact remains that if more of us had taken the time to grasp that most inalienable of rights four years ago, we'd find ourselves in infinitely clearer waters today. There wouldn't be any of this "could'a, would'a, should'a" nonsense.

SIZE DOES MATTER and EVERY VOTE COUNTS - whatever vote one casts.

We must get BIGGER.

We must PARTICIPATE.

We must VOTE.

Remember: SIZE MATTERS.

Seymour Surnow
Director
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Of Doing Battle and My Pet Goat

Paul Fussell, soldier, scholar, and curmudgeon of Baltimorean scale entitled his autobiography biography, *Doing Battle*.

Fussell was the Regan Professor of English Literature at Penn. He taught poetry, though he writes and has written about many other things: the Great War and Modern Memory, the transcendent values of certain editions of the Boy Scout Handbook, the idea

of Class, a controversial essay in praise of the Atomic Bomb, and memoirs of his own experience of combat during the Second World War.

A man of my father's all-too-stoic generation, he once wrote that in his final years in the classroom there were some poems he simply could not read, some music he could not hear in public, and some people and places of which he could no longer speak, be-

cause they inevitably moved him to tears.

The poetry and music were not always the predictable: A Song to David . . . The Scholar Gypsy . . . Eliot's "New Hampshire . . . Emerson's "Concord Hymn". . . "To Daffodils" . . . "Amazing Grace" . . . "O Canada" . . . "Abide with Me." In words that almost blush on the page, he writes "It's hope ritualized that gets to me or evanescent beauty and youth

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Places to Go

Old Town, Winchester, VA

Day Trippin'

Ed and Sandy McGushin

Winchester is a 30-mile drive west of Middleburg and features many interesting attractions. Once you get beyond the McDonalds restaurant and the Sheetz glow-in-the-dark service station at the intersection of Route 340 and negotiate the complex of all-you-can-eat buffets that mark the crossing of Interstate 81, you'll find the self-proclaimed "Apple Capital" offers both historic and highly popular attractions.

Anchoring the northern end of the Shenandoah Valley, Winchester has served for nearly three centuries as a transit hub for travel along the Valley Pike running between the Blue Ridge and Appalachian Mountains.

Settled in 1732 by Pennsylvania Quakers, Winchester witnessed the very formation of our country, serving as the early training ground for future general George Washington. The Valley Pike, now Route 11, was a natural conduit used by both the Union and Confederate armies throughout the Civil War and the town of Winchester is said to have changed

hands more than 70 times during the fighting.

More than 7,000 Civil War combatants are buried in Winchester's National and Confederate Cemeteries.

Winchester attracts more than 250,000 visitors each spring to its four-day Apple Festival, preceded by the world's largest Fireman's Parade. However, if you want to avoid the crowds, you'll find plenty to see and do throughout the year. It is the site of the office where George Washington worked while supervising the construction of Fort Loudoun and also the headquarters of both Confederate General Stonewall Jackson and Union General Philip Sheridan.

Of course, every fan of country music knows that Winchester is the birthplace of Patsy Cline, born Virginia Patterson Hensley on September 8, 1932.

One of the city's most popular attractions, Shenandoah University's Ohrstrom-Bryant Theatre, rests prominently on the right side of Route 50 shortly after crossing over Interstate 81 as you enter Winchester from the east. It is the

site of almost non-stop year-round theatrical performances presented by professional actors as well as students of what was once the Shenandoah Music Conservatory.

The summer musical theater season is currently in full swing, with performances of such popular productions as Seven Brides for Seven Brothers, The Pirates of Penzance, and Carousel.

For a gentle day trip when the weather cooperates, visit the pedestrian mall in the heart of Old Town. It has ample shops to browse, activities to explore, and good choices for a bit of nourishment.

Follow the roadside markers toward "Old Town" along Pleasant Valley Road, where you might choose to stop at the Winchester Visitors Center. The Old Town directional markers will guide you onto Cork Street, and then Cameron Street.

Cameron parallels Loudoun Street, which forms the pedestrian mall extending from Piccadilly Street on the north to Cork Street on the south. Metered parking is located off of Cameron at various



points convenient to the walking mall, and there is ample street parking.

One essential stop is the Old County Courthouse located near the mid-point of the mall. Now a modest but fascinating civil war museum, it served as the Frederick County Courthouse from 1840 until 1984. During the Civil War it was a hospital and a prison for soldiers from both the north and the south, many of whom left their graffiti-style messages carved in the courthouse walls.

In the continuing building restoration the Courthouse bell tower is intentionally left exposed through a glass base and visitors

are invited to pull the rope and ring the bell. A \$3.00 fee provides access both to the courtroom and the upstairs museum.

Shops are diverse and interesting. For children or grandchildren there is The Doll Boutique, with hundreds of handcrafted little friends of every imaginable style. Almost directly across the brick walkway is the Shenandoah Valley Discovery Museum, a repository of interactive learning experiences for patrons of all ages. The \$5.00 fee provides unlimited access to simple but fascinating hands-on exhibits.

Lining the broad walkway are diverse shops selling jewelry,

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Rants and Raves

Of Doing Battle...

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in any form."

Like many, if not most cynics, Fussell is of course a hopeless romantic. Despite a life devoted to criticism, much of it directed at the United States of America itself, he wrote that, "The very idea of the Constitution moves me for there's an implication in it of the essential decency of ordinary people . . ."

For southerners of my generation . . . old men now . . . and still, disproportionately, and hopelessly romantic . . . there are moments in time which have similar power.

For most of us they seem to occur when events seem most overwhelming and severe consequences most inescapable . . . those horrifying moments in which a person's resolve or courage or character is inescapably and all too often publicly defined, often in spite of any effort by those who find themselves in peril or at risk.

One such moment I share with Fussell. The image of Dwight Eisenhower, in the darkness and rain of June 5, 1944, drafting a speech taking full and personal responsibility if the D-Day landings should fail never fails to move me.

There are many others, some particular to Southern boys of the late '50's and early '60's who grew up reading Faulkner and Foote.

There's Lee riding out to meet Pickett's defeated division, telling them they'd done all that men could do and that the disaster was all his fault. There's Jackie Kennedy in Dallas and Anthony McAuliffe at Bastogne. There's Martin Luther King in the Birmingham jail and Willy Brandt falling to his knees in Poland. Lenny Skutnik leaping into the frozen Potomac. Teenagers passively resisting nightsticks in Selma. Firemen dragging hoses up the stairways of the doomed Twin Towers.

Perhaps, with age, one is touched more deeply by such behavior because one knows, from personal experience, how difficult it is to do the right thing in such circumstances, even when the consequences are less profound, and the behavior less visible, than that of those heroes whose determination, modesty and raw courage we were taught to admire.

Which brings us to Septem-

ber 11, a classroom in Florida, and President Bush. How difficult it must have been, with the second tower in flames, knowing that his country was at war and that he, as Commander in Chief, must act.

What could he have been thinking?

We know what he did.

As the children around him read passages from *My Pet Goat* he listened . . . for seven minutes . . . and once fetched, retired to an anteroom and decided to proceed at once to Air Force One.

But what was he thinking? And what must he think now? I wish that, as soon as he'd heard, he'd stood up, patted one of the children on the cheek, and said nothing more than, "I have to go to work now."

Instead he sat, and thought, for seven minutes . . . all of captured for posterity.

On the one hand one might argue that nothing in all of American History was analogous to the situation he faced in that classroom. Perhaps, indeed, his was a conscious decision to appear calm and unafraid for the sake of the country.

On the other hand, one might argue that this was his Bastogne, or Dallas, or Gettysburg.

Under fire in Viet Nam John Kerry, faced a similar decision. Arguably the situation was by no means of similar global import. Those at risk should he have made a foolish decision or no decision at all, would have been little noted nor long remembered. They were just simple soldiers and sailors, brave men risking their lives for each other and in service to what even their commanders would later admit, was an unworthy cause.

Kerry's decision was to turn his Swift Boat into a firefight for the sake of a Green Beret, a man he'd never met. It was not the last time he would make such a decision, quite literally, under fire.

"Any wounded veteran will assure you that for him the war has never ended," Fussell wrote in *Doing Battle*. There are times when we need such men in the White House. This, I believe, is one of them.

Daniel S. Morrow



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Things to Do

Christmas Celebrity

Lisa Leonard

Sleigh bells ringing and the thought of nutcrackers marching to the tune of the Little Drummer Boy is not what crosses the minds of most of us on a warm July day in Middleburg, unless you're a serious nutcracker collector.

On July 2nd Middleburg was the Mecca for nutcracker collectors when The Christmas Sleigh shop in Middleburg hosted a special collectors' signing

of the world famous Steinbach Nutcracker Collection. This was a rare opportunity to meet Herr Christian Steinbach and have his personal signature on your nutcracker.

Herr Christian Steinbach is the President and award-winning nutcracker artist of the world-famous Steinbach factory. He came to Middleburg from Germany to meet his nutcracker collectors during a two-

month tour of selected cities in the U.S. This was his first visit to The Christmas Sleigh shop, a real treat for Virginia collectors who would have had to travel to New York to meet him in the past.

For the last 172 years, people from all over the world have collected Steinbach nutcrackers and smoking figures. Each legend is recreated with exacting attention to detail. They are carved from the finest Northern European woods and all in limited and numbered editions.

Each piece is handcrafted by skilled artisans who have trained for many years in the fine arts of woodcarving and painting.

Herr Steinbach represents the fifth generation of this great legacy that began in 1832. His daughter, Karla, now manages their two artisan factories in Germany and will carry on the tradition.

Collectors young and old had scheduled appointments with Herr Steinbach from 2 p.m. until 7 p.m. All arrived with their treasures in hand to meet the delightful gentleman, and hear his funny anecdotes and stories.

He is a charming individual of 85 years who dresses in trademark lederhosen and bright red jacket and makes time for everyone.

Each collector has their picture taken with him and, when he returns to Germany, he

writes to every person he met and encloses the photo that was taken of them together.

He happily signed either new or old pieces for collectors and he and his assistant performed any needed repairs on the spot.

Herr Steinbach also keeps up with the times. He knows all about the Internet, and answers all his own email. With a

twinkle in his eye he said in his thick German accent, "I love this eBay, look at it often, my Steinbach collectors' are always buying and selling my collectibles on it, and the prices keep rising!" As we parted, Herr Christian Steinbach promised he would return to Middleburg next year.





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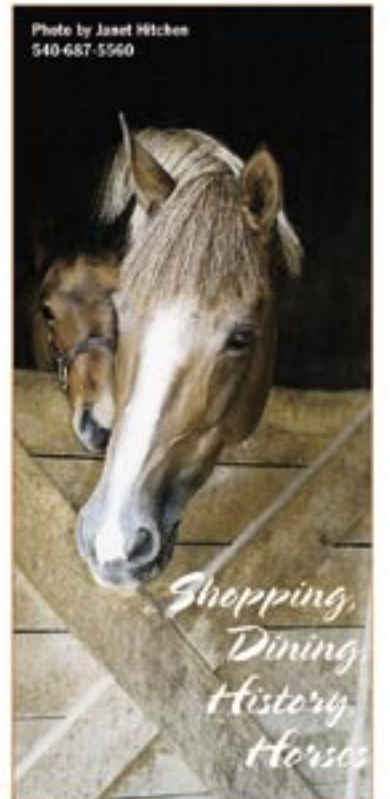
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Starting in mid-July, Market Salamander has arranged for a new schedule of cooking classes featuring the culinary talent of Chef Todd Gray and Chef-in-Residence Brendan Cox. The classes will be held at the Market "courtyard" under the faux cloud sky, offering an intimate class experience. This demonstration class will offer cooking techniques as well as expert wine pairing advice from the Market Sommelier-in-Residence, Stephen Bailey. A light dinner will be included as well as wine tasting from the Market wine cellar.

Classes start at 6:30 pm and conclude by 8:30 pm and are \$40 per person, include light dinner, and recipe cards. Reservations are required. Call (540) 687-8011 to make reservations.

The schedule includes:

July 16 "Celebrating Summer's Bounty using Local Corn, Tomatoes and Strawberries"

August 10 "Secrets to Cooking with Summer Herbs"

September 14 "Understanding the Principals of Wine and Cheese Pairings"

October 12 "Autumn in the Blue Ridge – Game Birds and Fall Squash"

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December 14 "Gingerbread Workshop for the Whole Family"

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News of Note

Best Wishes and God Speed to Middleburg's Olympians

Holly Beth Hatcher

Only the very determined can make it to the Olympic level. An uncommon level of discipline and ability are required of both rider and horse. Out of the thirteen short listed riders, half have called the Middleburg area home. The 2000 Sydney games Bronze medal winning team and Individual Gold Medal Winner, David O'Connor are all hometown folks. David and his new horse is short listed for 2004 along with Holly Hepp, Abigail Lufkin and John Williams, all of Middleburg. Stephen Bradley of Leesburg and Jan Thompson of Purcellville, also hope to make the trip to Athens this year. Upperville's Alison Firestone aboard Casanova has been named alternate for the Show Jumping Team.

With local excitement building around the Olympics, Berk Lee and Rachael Hansen of The Tack Box hosted an autograph session with these hopefuls and past Olympians, Nina Fout, Karen O'Connor, Linda Wiesman and Mara DePuy. "It's just like Survivor!" a friend exclaimed to Abigail Lufkin as she was explaining the process of becoming an Olympic participant. First you have to apply and then do well at specified competitions both nationally and internationally over the last eighteen months. Since this is about the horse and the rider, each combination is considered a single entry; the same person can be considered twice with two different horses. The Selection Committee picks 15 combinations for the Short List. That group participates in two training sessions in July, here in Middleburg and in New Jersey.

The training session, here in Middleburg, started with gallops on Wednesday, July 7th to judge fitness. Then Thursday through Saturday there were sessions with a very elite

trio. The first trainer, Capt. Mark Phillips, the Chef D'Equipe to the U.S. Equestrian Team's Three-Day Event Team was a Gold Medalist on the British Olympic team in Munich in 1972. Additionally Capt. Phillips is an AHSA/USCTA National Course Advisor, greatly elevating the safety and quality on our cross-country courses. The second trainer is his wife, Sandy Phillips, a mem-

ber of the U.S. Dressage Team at the Los Angeles Olympics in 1984 and a successful Eventing rider placing second at Great Britain's renowned Badminton event in 1981. The third trainer, George Morris, an inductee of the Show Jumping Hall of Fame and considered to be one of the most influential trainers in the history of equestrian sports, completed the training. He reminded all the rid-

ers on Saturday that "Pace is your friend." and "It is all about give and take."

Two days of veterinary examinations follow these training sessions after which the five member team with five alternates are chosen. These ten will travel to England for more training where the final team and one alternate will be selected to go on to Athens.



To learn more about how the
 events are scored and how our
 neighbors are doing, you can visit
 one of these web sites: The
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 States Eventing Association, www.usaeventing.com; or stop by David
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 eral Streets, Punkin always has the
 most recent, insider's knowledge!



"It is all about give and take."
 --George Morris



Art of Citizenship

Glen Ora Farm Fundraiser

Benefits Schools for Afghan Women

Lisa Leonard

A 'Silk Road' bazaar settled into the Virginia countryside Sunday, June 27th to benefit Afghanistan Women's Education and Economic Development Projects. Glen Ora Farm was transformed as Nathaniel York, Executive Director of Solace International continued his passionate crusade to help the women of Afghanistan educate themselves and achieve financial independence.

Exotic rugs woven with ancient designs, shimmering silk scarves and woven garments of brilliant colors surrounded York as he spoke softly but clearly about his determination to help these women help themselves out of poverty and ignorance.

Imagine an entire village of 50,000 people in which not one woman or girl can read or write.

This accurately describes the northern province of Jawzian in Afghanistan and it is common though out the region.

In the next village a group of girls use a tree as their classroom as they surround one teacher, huddled together for warmth, their lips

to create community partnerships to establish self-sustainable economic development in emerging nations.

Their focus with the Afghanistan Girls School Project is to build schools for girls in northern Afghanistan. Another project with

the Central Asian Women's Cooperative opens a market for traditional crafts in the U.S. to the village crafts-women, thereby economically empowering these Afghani women and elevating their community status.

Solace International didn't wait for contributions from donors or grants to launch their initiative. Instead, they created a unique form of fundraising. Solace members purchase hand-made goods from markets in Afghanistan, Central Asia, and Turkey and export them to the US selling these em-

broideries, fabrics, and carpets at fundraising events.

Not only does this provide capital to build schools, it creates trade and opportunity for craftsmen and women in developing countries.

Last year, 85% of the money raised and 100% of the cash donations went directly to provide labor and materials to construct schools and purchase school supplies.

Only three members are partially compensated with a small stipend from the 15% budgeted for administrative needs, the other key members are not paid, and often pay their own travel expenses. Individuals may donate frequent flyer miles to Solace on their website, www.solaceinternational.org.



almost blue from the cold of this desert mountain region. Starved for the opportunity to learn they will endure these hardships as minor inconveniences in comparison to the years of oppressive rule under the Taliban, where educating any female was punishable by death.

They know the freedom to learn is a precious one.

So does Nathaniel York, so much so that he founded Solace International in 2002 to respond to the needs of women in Afghanistan with education and home-based industry. The Solace mission is



org, to help offset their personnel costs.

Solace's streamlined organization of dedicated people, are all passionately devoted to their mission. To date, they have built four schools for Afghani girls using only small budgets of from \$12,000 to \$25,000 per school. Two more schools are scheduled to be completed before the end of 2004.

Solace also equips the schools with blackboards, desks, heat, plumbing, uniforms and backpacks full of school supplies for every child, boy or girl in these villages. The backpacks including the school supplies are bought locally in Mazar-i-Sharif for only \$2.10. This infuses capital into the local economy and invigorates local trade.

Solace invests their money in the local economy. The organization employs a local builder, and his two sons who are the core building team at each site. The community must contribute most of the labor to complete the project.

By including village elders in decisions and encouraging local donations of land and labor, Solace has managed to complete projects quickly and efficiently. This also adds to community unity, and

ensures that citizens have equity, pride and involvement in their schools.

The Central Asian Women's Cooperative project is expanding this year by adding adult education and child care facilities. Presently it is organized as a cooperative business with the artists using traditional embroidery and silk-weaving skills to produce new fashions attractive to Western markets.

Solace's goal is to assist local Afghan women artists as they establish small businesses. Their project planning includes setting up micro-loans for these women, helping them develop business skills and the education they'll need to succeed. York and his colleagues know this will take time but as they build schools to educate the children of Afghanistan, they are confident that the next generation will be able to manage the operations and have complete ownership.

If you would like to lend support or donate to Solace International, or learn more about this remarkable organization, please visit www.solaceinternational.org. Contributions are tax deductible by using the ID number 81-0622816.

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Mozart and Copland Perform at Llangollen

Lisa Leonard

The two great composers of course did not perform June 13th at the Llangollen Estate in Upperville, the Middleburg Chamber Players did, and it was an exceptional concert to attend. Mr. George Etheridge, Artistic Director, and conductor of the 'Players' had chosen Mozart's Divertimento in D and the Concerto for Clarinet in A to conduct as the first two performances of the afternoon. They received a standing ovation. Lisa Kadala was the featured soloist for the Concerto for Clarinet in A, also she is the Principal Clarinetist of the US Marine Band, serv-

ing under four Presidents Lisa has played at the White House for many functions.

Mr. Glenn S. Quader, Associate Director, and conductor for the Middleburg Chamber Players conducted Aaron Copland's Appalachian Spring Suite in the original 13-instrument version. It was a spectacular performance of this piece that Copland had written as a ballet for Martha Graham. A piece that spans broad emotional moments from a vibrant excitement to the gentlest soft breath of the flute. Fortunately for the music lovers that could not at-

tend the concert on Sunday a CD will be available for purchase, contact Mr. Etheridge at 540-687-6026, or email your request to mcpinfo@glennquader.com.

The next performance will be on Sunday, October 10th, 2004 at 3:00pm at the Sheila C. Johnson Performing Arts Center located at the Hill School in Middleburg, Virginia. The Middleburg Chamber Players takes a journey into the early influences of jazz on classical music of the early 20th Century. For the musical selections visit www.glennquader.com/mcp.html.

Health & Well Being

Lifesaver over Sweet Potato Fries

Dinner the other night for my husband and me was out at a small restaurant we'd been told about, away from both towns and traffic. The menu was countrified but promising, and the smells from the kitchen were appetizing, so we settled into a booth and ordered sweet potato fries to start us off. An older gentleman had entered after us and took a booth at the other end of the dining room.

We munched the (tasty) fries, placed our dinner orders, sipped our iced teas (unsweet) and relaxed. Our main courses arrived, and we casually chatted as we ate.

Behind us, we had barely noticed the waiter talking to the older gentleman. We hadn't noticed at all when his meal arrived. What we did notice, however, at some point, was the waiter's voice raised with a concerned question: "Sir, are you all right?" Followed by, "Sir, can you talk, can you breathe?" Then "He can't breathe!"

I turned around half out of my seat, my husband half raised himself out of his. The young waiter was bending over, patting the older gentleman on the back, but the man was raising his hands up to his neck, his mouth open, no sound, his eyes huge, all of it hap-

pening in slow motion until the man started to slump over onto the table, at which point everything jumped into fast forward. "Help," yelled the waiter, "Help. He's choking."

My husband and I both jumped up, and as I was thinking "No, he's not choking, he's choked," I shouted "He needs the Heimlich maneuver." The two of us lunged over to the table where the man was slumped, and we could both see that his face was not a good color. He was fully unconscious, not moving. As we bent down to try to lift him up, he was dead weight. The waiter, panicked now, had never heard of a Heimlich maneuver. He shouted again for help and another waiter came over. "Get him up," my husband yelled to them, and it took all four of us to lift the man to his feet.

He was not a huge man, but big enough; the space was cramped, and it was hard to move. I ended up behind him, and I wrapped my arms around him and gripped my fists together and gave that hard jerk of pressure below his ribs into his diaphragm that you're supposed to do. Nothing. The skin on the man's face and neck was getting very dark, and it looked blue. "I'm not strong enough," I yelled,

and instantly somehow my husband took my place.

My husband did the maneuver, his own face red with the strain of holding the man's weight. Drool came out of the man's slack mouth, but nothing else. He was not breathing. I had a flash glimpse of a waitress's wide-eyed face, heard her saying that she'd called paramedics but they were 10 minutes away. I knew the man didn't have 10 minutes. My husband did the maneuver again. The man gurgled. "Do it again!" I yelled, and he did. The man made a harsh, guttural cough and something wet flew out of his mouth and more something rolled down his shirt. He gasped, and his skin colored back to pink. Another gasp or two. His eyes opened. He lifted his head and then his feet staggered, finally holding his weight.

"There, are you there, can you breathe, can you talk, are you OK?" All of us were on him at once. One of us dragged a chair over for him. The waitress was talking into a phone, to the dispatcher for the paramedics. I hadn't even noticed she was holding a phone.

The man sat down. "I'm so sorry," he said over and over. "What happened, I don't know what happened. I'm so sorry."

I looked at his table. There was a thick, partially eaten, medium rare steak on a metal platter, with a steak knife. The fork was lying sideways on the table next to it and the water glass had spilled. The placemat had praying hands drawn on it and printed prayers.

We talked to the man until he seemed calm, and then eventually the paramedics came and took him outside and checked his ribs and pulse and blood pressure and did the things that paramedics do. One of the paramedics asked us to tell her what had happened. We told her.

"If he lost consciousness, you saved his life," she said quietly. "We wouldn't have been in time."

Here's what every waiter and all of us needed to know:

THE HEIMLICH MANEUVER FOR CHOKING:

A choking victim can't speak or breathe and needs your help immediately. Follow these steps to help a choking victim:

1. From behind, wrap your arms around the victim's waist.
2. Make a fist and place the thumb side of your fist against the victim's upper abdomen, below the ribcage and above the navel.
3. Grasp your fist with your

other hand and press into their upper abdomen with a quick upward thrust. Do not squeeze the ribcage; confine the force of the thrust to your hands.

4. Repeat until object is expelled.

UNCONSCIOUS VICTIM, OR WHEN RESCUER CAN'T REACH AROUND VICTIM: Place the victim on back. Facing the victim, kneel astride the victim's hips. With one of your hands on top of the other, place the heel of your bottom hand on the upper abdomen below the rib cage and above the navel. Use your body weight to press into the victim's upper abdomen with a quick upward thrust. Repeat until object is expelled. If the Victim has not recovered, proceed with CPR. The Victim should see a physician immediately after rescue.



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The Plant Lady

Karen "The Plant Lady" Rexrode

Late summer fills the perennial sun garden with lots of yellow daisies.



They dominate the landscape with the harsh gold-yellow of Rudbeckia 'Goldsturm' to the softer yellows of the much taller, 10 foot Silphiums. Solidago or goldenrod are also beginning to flower with their chartreuse to pure yellow sprays. I like to blend blue flowering perennials in with all of the yellows, dotted among the almost countless forms of yellow composites. Favorites are many of the asters which spread their bloom time from August to October. Some of the earliest flowering types are the many New York Asters like

'Wood's Blue' or 'Woods Light Blue', both very compact only reaching a foot in height and just beginning to bloom. The Michaelmas daisies include the assorted Aster frikartii types and their pale lavender-blue daisy flowers which bloom all summer into fall but are not always perennial. With their prolonged flowering period many people feel that Aster Frikartii is worth purchasing year to year if indeed, they don't return. They have been in flower for many months this summer, with no sign of letting up.

Two notable aster species also send up stalks with beautiful blue daisies, the entire Aster oblongiflorus group which flower much later with blooms that open in October. Stiff stemmed, not prone to leaning or fall-

ing over, Aster oblongiflorus 'Raydon's Favorite' is a favorite, reaching 2 to 3 feet in height with countless blue daisies that never seem to tire. A recent introduction, Aster o. 'October Skies' is more compact and forms a loose mound rather than a stiffly upright shape. None of the A. oblongiflorus suffer from powdery mildew or leaf spot, handsome from the ground - up. The foliage of this group is also aromatic which is great for the gardener with deer problems, these two are completely ignored by grazing deer.

Other blue flowering perennials to consider are Perovskia or Russian sage and Salvia azurea, two lovely perennials that downplay the yellow glare of the late summer garden. Russian sage is generally very stiff in the full



sun garden where the soil is not too rich. The stiff flower sprays bloom from late June to frost and can be repeatedly cut for flower arranging. The softness of the lavender-blue flowers spikes are a perfect foil for the more horizontal yellow daisies. Drainage is essential to grow Russian sage well and they prefer a location where you do not use woodchip mulch, especially during the winter months. Salvia azurea on the other hand is very lax and is best planted as a weaver, allowed to meander between other

perennials with long stems that lean here and there. The flowers are the most shocking blue, matched only by the clear blue skies of fall. This unusual salvia is handsome weaving through the upright stems of fall flowering boltonia or interplanted with Miscanthus 'Morning Light', with its fine white striped foliage. In both situations the salvia will dutifully weave itself in and out of upright foliage and eventually weight itself down with spectacular blue flowers.

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The most important decision you can make when planning your landscape is where you ask your plants to live. This decision can make the difference between a peaceful coexistence and a life of confrontation with plant choices.

In the past, we looked at plant selection and placement in the following order: AESTHETICS > SIZE > MAINTENANCE > ENVIRONMENT.

This method of planting prioritizes our needs and desires without regard for the plant's genetic requirements. In other words, we often change our planting environment to match plant choice, when in reality the opposite should occur... Try to choose plant species as dictated by the environment in which they must grow. It would look something like this: ENVIRONMENT > SIZE > MAINTENANCE > AESTHETICS.

Make sense??? To clarify we'll look at our four categories closely. Trial and error has proven this method reduces plant loss, poor health and leads to the myriad blessings we share with an adult garden.

ENVIRONMENT

What is your soil make-up? Is it native or interrupted? How about water table, debris, contaminants, pH, salinity, compaction, aeration, organic matter and your soil's ability to hold nutrients and moisture?

What are your sunlight requirements? Sun, shade, intensity and duration. Remember things may grow in both shade and bright sun, but different environments may cause your plants to grow with a different look. For example, evergreens become "leggy" when grown

in shade.

In what temperature zone will you be planting? What is the plant's heat/cold tolerance/hardiness? Are there separate macro/microclimates to consider?

What about air movement and wind velocity? Think about your broadleaved evergreens on windy knolls during cold winter days.

Have you considered topography? Elevation and slope may have a great deal to do with where runoff occurs or where excess water remains.

What is the existing vegetation? Can that be a guide to your planting? Will there be root competition or allelopathy; the toxic affect one species can have on another while sharing the same root zone. Can you think of a species where this may occur?

Now take a look at the above environmental considerations. How reasonable would it be to change any of these situations? These environmental factors are constant and will more that likely remain the same, with some exception. So why fret over things we cannot control when we can make good decisions about each and every plant we install. The choice is ours to do the right thing. With forethought, planning and education, we can make the difference. That too is a choice! And... here's an interesting physiological point. In general, those plants that like wet areas will usually do well in a dry site, but to reverse that situation is taboo.

Let's look at SIZE.

How big the plant is when you install it is almost meaningless! Ask yourself, "How big will this plant be in 10-20 years?" Let the

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Middleburg Library Scholarship

2004 Winners Announced

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William and Mary. Each student was awarded \$400.00 to be spent on books for the Fall Semester.

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Right Tree, Right Location

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plant's future be your guide. As Arborist and ASCA Consultant, Edward Milhous always says, "If you are pruning your plant out of your way every year, you have the wrong plant". Plant size below and above ground as well as height and spread is important now and into the future. I often hear, "I can't believe how large my plants have become"!

What is the plant's growth rate, and how will environmental considerations affect its growth?

How much root space is there between curb and sidewalk? How close to the foundation do you really want to be, and how big is that Nellie Stevens holly going to get? We can't move the house but we can adjust our plant selection and location.

Plants do one thing better than any other organism on our planet, they get BIGGER every year.

MAINTENANCE

How transplantable is your plant?

Are there seasonal requirements for planting and maintenance?

Site preparation?

How difficult will it be to mow the surrounding area? Should I use grass, ground cover or mulch? What is best for the plant, and what

is easiest for me?

Pest management? By installing plants better suited for the site fewer insect and disease issues may arise.

How often will this plant have to be pruned or forced into position?

Is water available?

Is your plant messy; is the fruit offensive, i.e. female ginkgo?

Will your tree fall apart? Should we chat about Bradford pears?

To this date I have not found the "maintenance free garden" within the urban forest. Plants need to be tended, some less than others. Space is an issue as are property laws and human courtesies. Plants do not respect boundaries but will react to site situations. We again have a say in whether those reactions are positive or negative... which brings us to the all important issue of... **TO BE CONTINUED IN OUR AUGUST ISSUE.**

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Thanks to Dr. Bonnie Appleton, State Extension Nursery Specialist in Virginia Beach for supplying this information. It was taken from her class I attended on Landscape Tree Selection.

Middleburg Lions U-14 Boys Basketball Team



Front Row: R.C. Clark, Josh Mallory, Drew MacMahon, Calvin Crosky, and Kyle Condon.
2nd Row: Brock Pennington, Mike Cleary, A.J. Mallory, Brian MacMahon, Matt Johnson, and Coach Paul MacMahon. Not Pictured: Landis Harvey, David Miller, Brian Bates, and Coach Bill Condon.

The Middleburg Lions U-14 Boys Basketball Team have qualified for the 2004 AAU National Championship to be held July 31st to August 7th at Disney's Wide World of Sports in Lake Buena Vista, Florida. The Lions have compiled a 95-15 record this year as they have won tournaments in San Juan, Puerto Rico, Philadelphia PA, Greensboro, NC, Richmond, VA, Harrisonburg, VA, to name a few and captured the 8th grade level of the Beltway League, which is comprised of the Premier AAU Programs from Baltimore, MD, to Richmond, VA.

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Pastimes

Elephants Arrive at the Farmers Market

From Behind the Stove

Brian Lichorowic

The name itself invokes strange images. Unfair, and “John Merrick” inspired as they may be, elephant garlic is one of the healthiest, tastiest spring vegetables available to us. And it’s here now, fresh and delicious at the Middleburg Farmers’ Market.

Elephant garlic (*allium scorodoprasum*), which has very large, extremely mild-flavored cloves, is not a true garlic, but a closer relative to the leek. The smaller you chop garlic, the more pungent it becomes. Whole cooked garlic cloves are quite mild, with a nutty flavor.

It’s possible to use cloves of elephant garlic as a vegetable—sliced and sautéed in butter or olive oil—as well as a flavoring agent. Each clove slips easily out of its papery skin, and, in theory, one clove of elephant is equal in size and weight to about 5 to 10 cloves of regular garlic. Elephant garlic is a good choice if you want to impart the taste of garlic into a something without the fear of overpowering it.

Elephant garlic texture is different from common garlic cloves, whose texture is more like that of a raw peanut. Elephant garlic is more like a radish, more porous and crisp throughout. Once cooked, grilled or roasted, elephant garlic takes on a gentle, sweet taste. Eat it by itself or spread it on a piece of crusty Italian bread.

Because it’s milder and less pungent than garlic, elephant garlic can be sliced and added raw to salads. Be aware that it cooks more quickly than conventional garlic; therefore, it will brown right away and may yield a bitter taste. Baking mellows the garlic and brings out a nutty flavor. It is great to spread on bread or meats.

Hundreds of books and articles

for cardiovascular health. Herbert Pierson of the National Cancer Institute, calls garlic “a veritable pharmacopoeia” because it:

- Reduces Blood Pressure
- Improves Circulation
- Lowers Blood Sugar Levels
- Helps Fight Cancer

Elaine Lanza, nutritionist for



are available on the benefits of garlic to the human. It even comes in pill form but I’ve always had a problem sautéing little white pills. Far too “Star Trekkie” for me. Common wisdom says that elephant garlic is healthier for you because you can eat more of it! Makes sense to me.

Studies have shown garlic can suppress the growth of tumors, and is a potent antioxidant good

the National Cancer Institute, says, “Garlic tops the list...”

As always, most, if not all the ingredients used are available at our local Farmers’ Market.

Roasted Elephant Garlic

- 4 heads elephant garlic
- 6 glugs olive oil

Preheat oven to 375 degrees.

Slice off about 1 inch of the pointed top of a head of garlic so that each clove is slightly exposed and will lay flat. Place on a baking pan and drizzle with olive oil. Roast in oven for 20-30 minutes or until garlic is very tender. Serve as a spread with your favorite crusty bread or mash up and stir into a favorite sauce.

Roasted New Potatoes with Elephant Garlic

- 2 pounds small new potatoes (Red Bliss, Yukon Gold, Yellow Finns, or Fingerling potatoes)
- 4 glugs olive oil
- 3 tablespoons butter
- 4 cloves elephant garlic – peeled, thinly sliced
- 2 tablespoons fresh thyme, chopped
- 2 tablespoons fresh flat leaf parsley, chopped
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Leaving their skins on, wash the potatoes to remove any dirt or blemishes. Leave whole, or cut in half or in quarters, depending on the size of the potatoes. Pour the olive oil into a roasting pan or large cast iron skillet and heat in a 350 degree oven for ten minutes before adding the potatoes. Roast the potatoes for 45 minutes, until

crisp. Shake the pan several times during cooking, so that the potatoes roll around to brown evenly. Remove from the oven. Drain the potatoes on paper towels or a cloth to absorb the excess oil, then place in a serving dish.

In a sauté pan, melt the butter; add the garlic, and sauté until light golden brown. Add the chopped herbs to the garlic butter, stir together quickly, and remove from the heat. Pour the garlic herb butter over the potatoes, season with salt and pepper.

Elephant Garlic With Goats Cheese

- 6 bulbs elephant garlic
- 2 bay leaves, snapped in half
- 4 sprigs rosemary
- juice of 1/2 lemon
- 4 glugs olive oil
- 6 oz goats’ cheese
- 1/8 pt heavy cream (2 fl oz)
- 2 sprigs fresh coriander (cilantro), chopped
- 1 plump red chili peppers, deseeded & chopped
- 1 lemon, quartered length-ways
- hot crusty toast
- salt & pepper

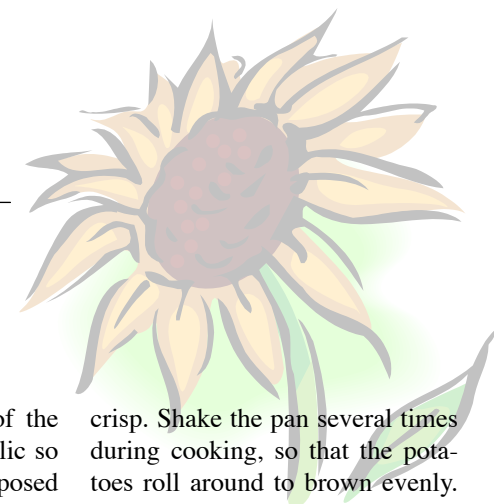
Preheat oven to 375 degrees.

Cut away the thick central stem from the garlic bulbs and slice about 1/4 in off the top of each bulb. Pack the bulbs into a small baking dish, tuck half a bay leaf into each bulb, season generously with the salt and pepper and firmly place the sprig of rosemary on top. Squeeze over the lemon juice and anoint with olive oil. Cook, basting a couple of times, for 45 minutes or until the garlic is soft and squashy to the touch.

Mash the goats’ cheese and stir in the cream to make a smooth, thick paste. Mix in the coriander and chili. Chipolte or any of your favorite peppers can be used. Just be aware that seeds = heat.

Allow the garlic to cool slightly and serve it in its dish. The thing to do is to let everyone help themselves to a bulb of garlic and some of the cooking juices. Serve the goats cheese separately, with plenty of hot crusty toast and lemon wedges to squeeze over the top.

The last recipe a personal favorite. It keeps well in the fridge and is great with nice bread and that summer’s night glass of wine before dinner.



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Day Trippin'

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books, stained glass, furniture, antiques, shoes (the locally famous Wilkins shoe emporium), pottery, art, and clothing. There is a gunsmith, a knitting supply store, a shop for musicians, and a flag company.

There is clearly enough shopping and browsing to hold your interest and work up an appetite for one of more than a dozen restaurants and food specialty shops, which brings us to a recurring dilemma. We would love on some occasion to sample the fare at Brewbaker's Restaurant, the Old Town Café, The Daily Grind, Sweet Caroline's and the other eateries that beckon to pedestrians along the way. Unfortunately, we are inevitably drawn to the ultra-charming Violino Ristorante Italiano at 181 North Loudoun Street, just one storefront south of Piccadilly Street.

Under sunny skies, the umbrella-shaded outside tables are hard to resist, but we recommend

plates. The dinner menu adds such house specialties as ossobuco and Liguria-style braised rabbit.

I can't resist the mussels steamed in olive oil with garlic, tomatoes, herbs, and spices. Sandy gravitates automatically toward the simple but rewarding spaghetti pomodoro, one of six sauces offered with spaghetti at lunch for under \$10.00. Meat and seafood dishes are accompanied by your choice of vegetable or a side of pasta. The daily array of specials should not be ignored especially when it includes Franco's Three Tenors, a composition of 3 different house-made pastas.

Occasionally the chef surprises with a morsel of house-cured venison prosciutto or a sample of wonderful vitello tonnato, the classic rendering of thinly sliced veal sauced with a mild tuna preparation. You can also expect a table-side visit from Franco or Riccardo to ensure your dining satisfaction and you should not be surprised



doing so because the real charm lies inside the front door. Sandy describes the ambience without mentioning the decorum. She says that walking through the door makes her happy.

You quickly discover that Violino is a family run restaurant in every sense of the word and, by your second visit, you are very much part of the extended Stocco family. The patriarch, Franco Stocco, was born, raised and trained in the culinary arts in the Friuli region of Italy. In 1987, after nearly twenty years working in some of Italy's finest restaurants, he brought his young family and his culinary skills to the US. In 1996, he and his wife and partner, Marcella, opened Violino, where his son Riccardo, a graduate of Johnson and Wales, soon joined as Sous Chef. Marcella serves as hostess and offers expert advice on the modest selection of fine Italian wines.

The décor reflects another of Franco's passions, his love of all things musical. Violins and other musical instruments, along with musical art and artifacts, set the tone, so to speak, for a truly harmonious dining experience. Everything brought to the table is made from scratch in Franco's kitchen – the pasta, the focaccia, even the bread sticks.

The lunch and dinner menus are similar, offering a half dozen appetizers and salads, more than a dozen fresh pastas, and an equal number of meat and seafood

if at some point Franco, a gifted tenor, offers an impromptu aria accapella.

To end your meal on a high note, save room for desert, each of which is personally prepared by Franco or Riccardo. On one visit, Sandy asked if she could have the recipe for a marvelous meringue cake filled with amaretto sabayon sauce, which she thought would nicely compliment our upcoming Easter dinner.

Rather than produce a copy of the recipe, at the end of lunch Franco escorted her into the kitchen where together they made the cake. After all, that's what family members do!



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Pastimes

Utah Strawberry Pie (Jell-O Free)

Sweet Revenge

Susan Williams

In 2001, the Utah legislature, faced with resolving critical issues like war, pestilence and the Mormon cricket infestation, spent considerable time and taxpayer money debating the choice for the official Utah State “snack”. The winner, after much spirited debate, and the threat of a boycott by the Crispy Creme lobby, was “Jell-O”. Yes, the stuff made from animal parts, including animals of the kind now grazing in the lush fields of surrounding Middleburg.

Utah, where I spent the first 23 years of my life, leads the nation in consumption of this quivering stuff. At every church social, potluck dinner and wedding, I was subjected to Jell-O camouflaged in various ways: lime Jell-O with grated carrots, with cottage cheese, red jell-O with canned fruit cocktail, red jell-O with candied green and red cherries topped with Miracle Whip (I’m not kidding). I think I was once served Jell-O in Portland cement.

But I digress. The enclosed Jell-O free recipe for Strawberry Pie was given to me by the Utah Anti-Jell-O Coalition. This under-

ground movement, dedicated to a Jell-O-free world, smuggled this recipe to me, highly encrypted, on the back of a photo of Senator Orrin Hatch.

A word about strawberries. The recipe, below, calls for “2-3 boxes.” This assumes the normal, supermarket size strawberries. However, I have recently seen some huge hybrid strawberries coming from California, which they must pick with front-end loaders! In case you encounter these mammoth strawberries, simply use a chainsaw or axe and chop off a 2-3 box equivalent amount.

Utah Strawberry Pie

- 2 - 3 boxes strawberries
- 1-cup sugar
- 3 tablespoons cornstarch
- Pinch of salt
- Red food coloring
- 2 tablespoons of freshly squeezed lemon juice

- 1 baked 9-inch piecrust
- 2 tablespoons red currant jelly, melted

(You can keep your piecrust from becoming soggy by melting 2 tablespoons of red currant jelly in a pan. Using a pastry brush, brush the liquid red currant jelly onto the piecrust prior to baking. This will work for all fruit pies.)

Mash together 1 box of strawberries and add 1-cup sugar, 3 tablespoons cornstarch, and pinch of salt. Pour into a saucepan. Cook until boiling, reduce heat to medium, and cook 5 to 7 minutes until starch taste is gone. Remove from heat and add a few drops of red food coloring and 2 tablespoons of lemon juice. Let cool for at least 30 minutes.

Place the other 2 boxes of whole strawberries into the cooked pie shell. Add the filling over the whole strawberries. Place in refrigerator for at least 30 minutes prior to serving.

It is delicious served plain or with whipped cream or vanilla ice cream.

This pie is best when made the same day as you are planning on serving it.

Best Hamburger in Town

Holly Beth Hatcher

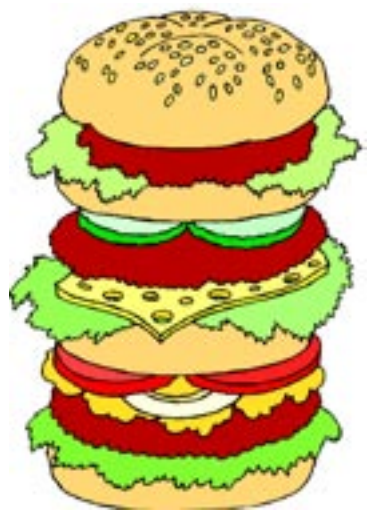
Out of all the places you can get lunch in Middleburg (12), more than half (7) have hamburgers. I guess it would be safe to say that Middleburg’s favorite lunch is a hamburger. But which one? Luckily, there’s a burger for everybody’s taste. I, and a panel of judges, conducted a blind taste test of all 7 hamburgers to let you know where to go when the mood strikes. Since all the judges were familiar with the restaurants’ presentation, we phoned in our order of a cheeseburger to go, medium rare. Dank’s didn’t answer their phone, so one judge went in, ordered and then went back later to pick it up. Only two places asked what we wanted on it and two different places asked what kind of cheese. When we got them almost all came with lettuce, tomato and red onion. We cut the burgers in 4, put them on numbered plates and proceeded to do our job. It was tough but someone had to do it. The best overall goes to Black Coffee Bistro. We all agreed that this was cooked to perfection. It had been seared on the outside and was still a pretty pink on the inside. The meat had a

good grill flavor, as if you were in your own backyard. It came with blue cheese, which luckily, we all liked. The one issue with this burger was its size. It was huge. The good side is that it was huge; the bad side is that the roll wasn’t and it fell apart easily. It came with hand cut french fries and fruit.

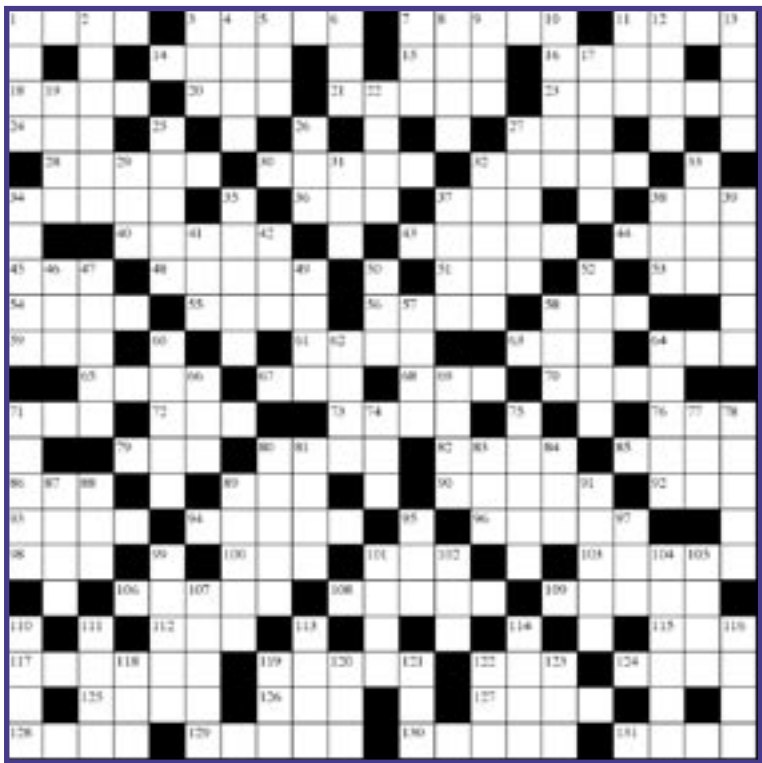
It actually was very difficult to agree on a second favorite. Red Fox and Hidden Horse burgers were cooked to exactly medium rare and had a good beefy taste with a hint of charcoal. One judge thought the Red Fox’s roll was too thick but liked the taste. Another judge noted Red Fox’s cheese was good. The Hidden Horse burger arrived with no toppings, however the bread was good. The Coach Stop’s had a good taste but seemed average after the grill taste of some of the other’s. The roll and toppings were all exactly right for all of us.

We all argued about Maxwell’s. Unfortunately the attempt at searing the outside went a little overboard and tasted more burned. One judge thought there was no taste but burned and another thought it was good. That same

judge also stuck up for Dank’s burger because it had so many toppings while another argued that it was all toppings and the burger got lost. All we can say about Teddy’s burger is that we can’t wait for the pizza taste test. I didn’t want to get into who had what kind of meat and whether it was hand formed or not. I think those issues are secondary to what my mouth tells me as I chew. Amazingly, the judges mostly argued about what kind of roll we liked on a hamburger. All were about the same price. Not all restaurants serve hamburgers at dinnertime. Enjoy!



July Crossword



ACROSS

- 1 Fruit
- 3 Constellation : The ram
- 7 Material in the form of a liquid or a gas
- 11 Capital City of Ukraine
- 14 Small songbird
- 15 Atmosphere
- 16 Ardent
- 18 Weapons
- 20 Adult males
- 21 Broaden
- 23 Formulator of the laws of planetary movement
- 24 Wreath of flowers
- 27 Possesses
- 28 Battery terminal
- 30 First series in the spectrum of hydrogen
- 32 Main artery
- 34 Gridiron
- 36 Adult male
- 37 Class
- 38 Mischievous person
- 40 Threnody
- 43 Venomous snake
- 44 Vigor
- 45 Ten decibels
- 48 His gas law applies at constant temperature
- 51 For what
- 53 Needlefish
- 54 Migrant farm worker
- 55 Heroic
- 56 Capital City of Western Samoa
- 58 Chatter
- 59 Negative
- 61 Illustrious warrior
- 63 Yelp
- 64 Admiration
- 65 Thermal energy
- 67 Brine-cured salmon
- 68 North American nation
- 70 Rich soil
- 71 Spout
- 72 Invest with nickname
- 73 Its capital is Lima
- 76 Body of water
- 79 Louse egg
- 80 Entrance
- 82 Jump
- 85 The constellation in which Canopus is located
- 86 Exploit
- 89 Outer edge
- 90 Its capital is Nairobi
- 92 Pronoun
- 93 Its capital is Vientiane
- 94 The physical unit

- measured in coulombs per volt
- 96 Grassy plain
- 98 Printer’s measures
- 100 Son of Jacob
- 101 Alcoholic liquor
- 103 Unpaid
- 106 British scientist ... Newton
- 108 Heavenly body having a tail
- 109 Dropsy
- 112 Armed conflict
- 115 Small seed
- 117 The unit of gas pressure
- 119 Urticaria
- 122 Become firm
- 124 Its capital is Bamako
- 125 Glass device used for focussing light
- 126 Black bird
- 127 Auricular
- 128 Retail store
- 129 Its capital is Nuku’alofa
- 130 Its capital is Katmandu
- 131 Plant having fronds

DOWN

- 1 Young horse
- 2 Constellation : The twins
- 3 Upper limb
- 4 Grass
- 5 Tavern
- 6 Plant
- 7 Craze
- 8 Falsehoods
- 9 Vase
- 10 Capital City of Senegal
- 11 Hide of a small beast
- 12 Doing nothing
- 13 Alter
- 17 Third largest asteroid
- 19 The back of
- 22 Its capital is Tehran
- 25 Freely
- 26 Gymnasium
- 27 Mawkish
- 29 Advanced in years
- 31 Impair
- 32 These radiation particles are helium nuclei
- 33 Hip bones
- 34 Its capital is Libreville
- 35 Its capital is Cairo
- 37 Hawaiian honey-creeper
- 38 Unit of energy
- 39 That which causes a change in the motion of a body
- 41 Fish eggs
- 42 Biblical high priest
- 46 Supplement

- 47 Visible electromagnetic radiation
- 49 Reflected sound
- 50 Ingot
- 52 A substance in the gaseous state
- 57 Superfuse
- 58 Girl or woman
- 60 Communication method using electromagnetic waves
- 62 Public exhibition
- 64 Cupboard
- 66 Exclamation of contempt
- 69 Remain sullen
- 71 Work is measured in this unit
- 74 Period of history
- 75 Virile
- 77 Gone by
- 78 The scientist who first performed the “double slit” experiment
- 80 He predicted the existence of the positron
- 81 Its capital is Muscat
- 83 Snake-like fish
- 84 Monetary unit of Burma
- 87 Identical
- 88 Greek goddess of the dawn
- 89 Radio location system
- 91 The positive electrode
- 95 Derelict
- 97 Be in debt
- 99 Dam extending across the Nile
- 101 Capital City of Italy
- 102 13th letter of the Hebrew alphabet
- 104 Pierce
- 105 Metal fastener
- 107 City in central Belgium
- 110 Monkeys
- 111 Capital City of Norway
- 113 Burbot
- 114 These radiation particles are electrons
- 116 Alternative name for Pi Meson
- 118 Brown-capped boletus mushroom
- 119 A dynasty in China
- 120 By way of
- 121 Hub of the solar system
- 122 Dip in liquid
- 123 Sesame plant

Solution on page 28



Giovanni

An Original Cartoon

When an educator and an entrepreneur collude, construe, and collaborate, the creation is a colorful cartoon series "Giovanni" which makes its proud debut this month in the Middleburg Eccentric.

Giovanni is a struggling Renaissance artist and owner of "Joan of Art Custom Framing and Art Studio" in Florence. Her employee is a wise-cracking, song singing gargoye, Goya. To make ends meet, Giovanni boards and teaches students with a full time pre-pubescent protégé, Sardo. Giovanni rents space to other budding artists, such as Raphael, and receives a Vatican grant from her patron, Pope Sicola. Other charming characters appear sporadically.

Gina and Lynn Marie Hilleary, creators of "Giovanni" take a tongue in cheek approach with their cartoon series faceting their own lives: a large interacting family, 'growing up Catholic', the trials and tribulations of life. The two sisters hope to be picked up for syndication making cartooning their second, but stress free mid-life profession with a line of greeting cards are already in production.

Gina is an owner of Joan of Art Custom Framing in Middleburg and Marshall. Lynn Marie is a master teacher in a nearby public school system.

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Emma's pups- These little kids are adorable, healthy and looking for love! Mom is a 25 pound Spaniel mix, ? dad. Born on 6/1/04, they will be ready to go home after July 19th. All

have started their vaccines and dewormings. Emma's pups will grow to be small to medium sized dogs. They have grown up here at our shelter with tons of socialization with cats, kids and other dogs. This is truly a great group of puppies!



Kimmy & Paige- Kimmy, the mom dog, and her 2 daughters Paige and Sammy, were all surrendered by one woman to a county shelter. All 3 were pregnant and very malnourished. MHF rescued all 3 girls and provided immediate medical care. They are now well on their way to a full recovery. Young beagle mixes, kind hearted girls- wonderful family dogs!



Ramey- The perfect puppy! This little girl is exceptional; she is quiet, loving and absolutely adorable! 4 month old Retriever mix found wandering the streets. She was thin and flea infested but is now happy, healthy and looking for a family to call her own.

Kittens- Boy do we have kittens!!! Lots and lots of very healthy, absolutely adorable kittens in need of homes. Everyone is Felv/Fiv negative, have started their vaccines and dewormings and the spay/ neuters are included in our adoption program. Ask about our buddy program to help keep friends together!

Harriett- The cutest little girl in the world! Harriett



is a 3 year old poodle mix with big banana ears. She was rescued from a county shelter in need of medical care and grooming. She is now very healthy and very sweet! This little girl would be the love of your life.



Dixie- 1-2 year old 20 pound ? mix! Super sweet temperament, loves to sit on your lap and hug. Rescued from a county shelter where her time is up. She is doing beautifully and is super special. Dixie would be a terrific little dog for anyone.



Moon- 1 year old gorgeous yellow lab mix. Moon has grown up on a horse farm so he is good with other animals. moon is very large and strong, he plays well with other dogs- a kind hearted guy with a true love for life!



Bam Bam & Boomer- brother and sister Beagle/ terrier mix puppies! 12-14 weeks old, super adorable, will grow to be medium sized dogs. They will need a fenced yard due to the Beagle in them!

Starksy, Sierra, and friends- we have several very healthy, easy keeper horses that are perfect lawn ornaments/ companions who are desperate for homes! All are current on all medical, farrier and dental and truly deserve



a second chance at a safe and loving retirement.

Rikko- Super gorgeous purebred Rottweiler. 3 years old, housebroken and good with kids, Rikko is a very nice dog. He is quite large and strong, needs a home with a large yard and no cats.

Julie- 2 year old medium pony mare. Cute chestnut with excellent ground manners, has a big future ahead!

Maizey- 5 year old dappled grey Arab cross pony mare. 12.2 H, has been ridden at a walk trot only. Only suitable for leadline or as a lawn ornament. Call for more info!

Willow- Do you like BIG cats?! Willow is a big and beautiful girl! She is 16 plus pounds, medium hair, declawed and FULL of personality!

Ray- The super bug patrol officer of the century! Ray is great for "pest control"! He will help you out with any bug or mice issues! An awesome barn kitty.

Breeze- a special young lady who would be the love of your life. Breeze is a medium hair calico with tons of personality and affection.

King- A very sweet and lucky dog! Rescued from a life of neglect and isolation, King is a terrific dog! 1-2 year old Yellow Lab mix. He has been with us for a few months now and loves to play ball and interacts well with other dogs. He would do best as a farm dog

or in a large yard. A deserving young man with a big future ahead!
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June Crossword Solution

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Janet Hitchen

Albert's Corner

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



It's a great time to be a dog! The United States is increasingly crazy about

canines, and that means lots of terrific things for those of us with four paws and a wet nose. It means there are many options for healthy food, safe and durable toys, and wholesome treats. It means that more people seem to be viewing their dogs as part of the family.

The only danger in all of this is that more and more people are humanizing their pets. There is nothing wrong with regarding us as important little souls who need lots of nurturing and inclusion in family activities. Problems arise, however, when people attribute human motives and emotions to us, expecting us to automatically comprehend how to live harmoniously in human environments. When we do not act accordingly, everyone loses. The worst scenario is the all too common one of frustrated owners giving their pets to shelters because of bad behavior.

As dogs, we have very powerful instincts that differ quite a bit from those of our human counterparts. That's why building good relationships between people and dogs is a complex endeavor. It is truly amazing that a dog ever learns to respond to human requests – often overriding instinct to do what his person wants. Only when people approach dogs with compassion, realistic expectations, and a commitment to positive training can a human-canine relationship reach true success.

I've heard people say that a dog misbehaved because of jealousy or spite. In reality, the dog was just being a dog and engaging in the completely different

set of behaviors and motives that characterize his species. It's not that we have to be allowed to behave in unacceptable or unsafe ways; it's just that we have to be taught correct behavior in a way that we understand. Yelling at us, banishing us outside, or jerking our leashes are methods that do not build trust between dogs and humans.

If a puppy has an accident on the rug and his person rubs his nose in it hours later, the puppy is utterly vexed as to what he has done wrong. However, when a person watches a puppy diligently and takes that puppy outside at the first sign of nature calling, the puppy eventually makes a connection that the powder room is outdoors. When we are rewarded for good behavior, it reinforces the good behavior. When we are punished for bad behavior, it is highly ineffective.

There are wonderful books that help to foster the bond between people and dogs. I recommend *The Other End of the Leash* by Patricia McConnell and *If Bones Could Rain from the Sky* by Suzanne Clothier. There are many other excellent books. Positive trainers usually have great reading suggestions.

So go ahead and treat us like part of the family. Feed us wonderful food and give us the best toys. Take us on trips with you and spend time petting us every day. Always have water with you so that we're never thirsty. Give us healthy treats. Put coats on us to keep us warm in cold weather. All we ask is that when we disappoint you, understand that we did not do so on purpose. If you correct us in a way we can comprehend, we promise not to do it again.

When people understand the minds of dogs, dogs mind their people!

The Annual Middleburg Humane Foundation Gala at Rose Marie Bogley's Bolling Brook "Peace and Plenty" Farm Once Again is a Great Success



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Hunt Country Yarns

Steven Schwartz

Bob Kelly looks like he'd be more comfortable changing a tractor tire than helping a woman and her mother select yarn for their knitting projects. A big guy, and one of the few male owners of a yarn store, he is more than comfortable; he's on a mission. The two women are having a little trouble selecting colors, so he grabs a few skeins and puts them together on the counter. "What do you think of this?" He asks. The women like what they see and leave with their purchases.

Since 1997, when he and his wife moved to Virginia from the West Coast, Bob Kelly has pursued his love of color and texture that started in art school, but was sidetracked by a Silicon Valley career in software application engineering. Now happily surrounded by a shop stuffed with bright colors and a variety of textures, Bob enjoys helping people start their first project or find that elusive last skein of yarn needed to finish a knitted gift.

"People knit because it's relaxing, kind of like meditation. It's also a way to utilize time that



Steven Schwartz

would be wasted, like riding in a car, or watching TV or a movie. I was taught at age 10 by my uncle, but really got into it in college. Since I was trained as an artist, I've always been interested in color and texture, so I buy yarns based on what I think looks good." A customer chimes in, "This store's got great yarns!"

With hundreds of loyal customers, Hunt Country Yarns is strong on service. Special orders shipped across the country, no problem. Have some yarn left over and want to return it even years later, no problem. Need classes to learn new techniques, Bob teaches 'em. "I run my store how I like to be treated myself." Apparently this is a winning formula,

and Bob Kelly is in the right place at the right time. "There is such a strong demand for yarn and supplies we can't keep up." For those interested in learning how to knit, or for long time fiber aficionados, you won't find a more pleasant resource than Bob Kelly at Hunt Country Yarns.

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Wisdom Gallery

Steven Schwartz

Wow!
Oh my!
I've never seen so many unusual things in one place.

These are some of the comments heard in the Wisdom Gallery on South Madison Street in Middleburg. The store's owner, Pauline Wisdom, just celebrated the store's 15th anniversary. She knows where everything is, which is a good thing for people needing everything from chocolates to home furnishings, to wedding invitations.

"We're kind of like a department store," says Pauline in her charming British accent, "with a little bit of everything." Besides fine chocolates and a selection of greeting cards, the store specializes in personalized stationary and wedding invitations - people trust the gallery to help choose just the right words for their occasion. Horse people can find a

wide selection of horse-related stationary and cards.

The Wisdom Gallery offers home furnishings like paintings, lamps, imported decorative pieces, ceramics, Blenko glass, antique furniture, and a vast selection of silk flowers. Chandeliers, marionettes, dolls, and figurines sit next to cast aluminum wine coolers by Arthur Court. Elizabeth Arden cosmetics and fragrances fill the checkout counter. There are candles, crystal, and needlepoint, hand-painted, and tapestry pillows.

"People just have to come in and see for themselves," laughs Pauline Wisdom. "I tell my customers, If you can't find it, just ask; it's here somewhere."

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FELDSPAR FARM



Charming Circa 1800 farm on 13+ rolling acres • Beautifully renovated w/beamed kitchen & luxurious master • 3 additional BR's w/2 BA's • Private office/studio • Original fireplaces • Finished lower level • Wonderful 5-stall stone bank barn • Gorgeous pond and spring house • Stone walls • Ideal for horses • Located on a picturesque country lane **\$1,390,000**

NEVERWOOD



Completely updated custom contemporary 3 BR, 3 BA situated on the edge of woods w/beautiful vistas among neighboring horse properties & estates • Many extras complement this house; massive stone fireplaces, faux painted walls, vaulted ceilings w/beams, new kitchen, French doors to lg painted deck, 1-level living • 6+ acres in the center of OC Hunt Territory **\$950,000**

PAXSON RD



17+/- acre horse farm located just 2 miles from Round Hill • Black board fencing & stone walls surround this charming 5 BR, 3.5 BA all brick Colonial home • Bright new sunroom w/radiant heat flagstone floor • 4 FP's • Full basement w/separate entrance • Pool • 2-car garage • 10 stall barn w/tack room • Several paddocks • Run-in shed • 3 ponds **\$895,000**

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