

Jay Hubbard

Double Trouble?

Plans Could Double Loudoun County's Population

Andy Petersen

To double or not to double. If you're talking population, that's the question of the moment for Loudoun County's Board of Supervisors. Loudoun is well known as the fastest growing county in the nation, but it could soon outdo itself, if plans currently before the County are approved.

On September 1 developers submitted an unprecedented 20 applications (dubbed CPAMs) which could add 42,000 residential units to the County. Taken together with the roughly 40,000 units already approved but not yet built, Supervisors are contemplating a doubling of the County's population. On October 14, County staff recommended that only three of the applications be accepted for further review, but decisions on which projects will move forward won't be made until October 25 and November 1.

The proposals arrive against a backdrop of simmering controver-

sy over what role local government should play in the area's explosive growth. Critics argue that the current rate of growth is simply unsustainable in terms of traffic, taxes, and the other qualities of life that

ing what will become of Loudoun's famed tranquility.

The current uproar centers largely over a swath of land stretching from Leesburg to the Prince William County line, between Rte 15 and Dulles Airport. The area has been designated as a "transition area" between the County's more populated east and still largely rural west. Some members of the Board have eyed this area for a host of new projects. Earlier this year, the Board approved public sewer and water utilities for the area, a move that makes the large scale developments now under consideration possible. Shortly thereafter, the Board proposed that the Western Transportation Corridor be put back on County plans. That road would slice through existing neighborhoods such as Stone Ridge and Potomac Station, and also provide access to Rte 50, Rte 7, and the Dulles Greenway for many of the projects now under consideration.

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—Scott York, Loudoun Board Charman

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First Time's a Charm

Holly Beth Hatcher

Candace Madigan took home the Champion's silver bowl the first time she entered the North American Field Hunter Championship at Glenwood Park, Middleburg on Oct. 3. Riding Hart Farm's Aladdin, she qualified on her first hunt with Blue Ridge on a rainy, slippery day.

"On our individual round, he galloped strong down to the first fence and came back well when I asked him. He was listening and waited to hear what I wanted. We had complete communication between the two of us." Candace earns her horses keep at her night job as a waitress at The Coach Stop, in Middleburg, where she's worked for six years. "Owners Mark and Mike Tate are very understanding and helpful," she said. "They know the job is essential to pay the bills, but they always let me work my schedule around shows and emergencies."

Candace trains with Olympic Gold Medal winner Joe Fargis.



Janet Hitchen

News of Note

Maps to Save the Battlefields

New Guides to the Aldie, Middleburg and Upperville Fights in 1863

Fred Spencer

The Loudoun County Historical Society, The Mosby Heritage Area Association and the Citizens Committee for The Battles of Aldie, Middleburg and Upperville met on October 2 at Llangollan Farm to receive a brand new series of highly detailed maps representing the areas where those Civil War battles were fought from June 17 through 23, 1863.

While the maps will be eagerly sought out by historians and Civil War buffs, their primary purpose is to help the county preserve its Civil War historic sites from the inroads of 21st century development.

David Lowe, well known Civil War historian and cartographer, completed the maps, funded by a generous grant from the American Battlefield Protection Program. Lowe has been with the National Park Service for 14 years and during that time has been involved in the mapping of 60 different battlefields.

More than four years ago, on May 15th the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors appointed Paul Ziluca of Upperville to the position of Chairman of The Citizen's Committee for the Historic Cavalry Battles of Aldie, Middleburg and Upperville. The Committee's mission was not only to preserve the history, but honor the memory of "... the Horse Cavalry, especially the men and the boys of Blue and Grey who rode through the Loudoun Valley in June of 1863". The new maps will contribute significantly to that work.

In his formal remarks, Robert O'NEIL, author of THE CIVIL WAR BATTLES OF ALDIE, MIDDLEBURG & UPPERVILLE,

gave special tribute to the late John Devine former resident of and historian of Loudoun County for his insight and help on the project. O'Neil himself is not only the author of the best-known monograph on the battles, but responsible for producing a popular audio-tape driving-tour guide of the Mosby Heritage Area. He is especially well known and respected for his insight into the tactics of the three

Maryland, Pennsylvania, and the bloody three-day fight of July 1, 2 and 3, 1863.

From Aldie, along the Snickersville Turnpike (Rte. 734) and the road to Ashby's Gap (Rte. 50) Stuart's cavalry and men engaged and successfully delayed attempts at forcing the passes by Union Cavalry Generals John Buford and David Gregg. More than 18,000 troopers were eventually



battles and his detailed knowledge of the movements of all the military units engaged.

Aldie, Middleburg and Upperville are critical to any real understanding the Battle of Gettysburg, said O'Neil. The battles were fought as part of Confederate General J.E.B. Stuart's successful attempt to prevent the Union Army from finding and attacking Robert E. Lee's Army of Northern Virginia as it moved north, hidden from Union view, down the Shenandoah Valley towards

engaged in the fighting.

"The key to these battles was terrain," O'Neil noted, and without good maps the battles are almost impossible to understand. David Lowe's wonderful new maps will make it infinitely it easier to visualize and comprehend the scope and scale of the fight.

The maps show clearly, for example, that "the key to the Loudoun Valley was the gap at Aldie Gap" and that "Ashby's Gap and Snicker's Gap were the keys to the Shenandoah." To screen

Lee's Army Stuart had no choice but to fight, and fight pretty much when and where he did. On June 21 alone some 6,000 Confederate Cavalry confronted more than 7,000 Union troopers doing their best to push across the mountains to find Lee's Army. O'Neil's detailed descriptions of events, amplified by Lowe's wonderful new maps, were the highlight of the

back lanes of the 1860's to life.

Jim Lighthizer, president of the Civil War Preservation Trust spoke to the special importance of the maps in helping to preserve the region's Civil War heritage. Lighthizer estimates that we are losing 8,000 to 10,000 acres critical to the understanding of historic battlefields each year... and noted pointedly that the resource is not only unique, but finite. "There are only around 290,000 acres still really available for preservation," he noted, "and 4-5% a year is being lost." Lighthizer's goal is to raise \$90 million in the next five years to save 25,000 acres.

"I was taken by the beauty of your area as I drove here today as a visitor, and how uplifting it was," he told the assembled crowd. "The big old stone barns, the magnificent brick Georgian mansions, the hay in the fields rolled up for horses and cattle. It dawned on me how fragile what you have here is. A few wrong decisions by your County Government officials and its all over. Lack of attention by you as citizens who live in this area and it's up. So you know as well as I do the tremendous challenge we face to ward off population growth and density sprawl. We think that the way to prevent that is to make a real concentrated effort to get people to be appreciative of Civil War history, and history here is as rich as anyplace in the United States."

For copies of the new maps contact the Citizens Committee for The Battles of Aldie, Middleburg and Upperville. Email Pziluca@aol.com

Community Help Needed to Carry On Beautiful Tradition

Lucy Wittle Goldstein

Middleburg looked like heaven to me. I never saw a place as pretty as Middleburg when I was a youngster. The prettiest maple trees lined both sides of the street for three blocks - from up The Plains corner on through where the Episcopal Church is. The Winchester and Alexandria Turnpike was paved with stones and over the years they were turned so they were all round. It might have been rainy, but there was never mud on the main streets. (From Middleburg and Nearby).

Such were the words in 1892 of Erman C. Downs, a resident of Middleburg, and so has been the presiding spirit of the town ever since.

Members of the Windy Hill Foundation are now applying that same tree-minded philosophy to its project at Virginia Lane. The newly refurbished duplexes will receive yet another makeover in the next few months, this time with trees, bushes, shrubs, and flowers. Fundraising is underway for this project, which, the Foun-

dation says, is key to the spirit of the Virginia Lane renovation.

Kim Hart, executive director of the Windy Hill Foundation, says that Middleburg has a long history of making the beauty of the town a top priority. In fact, the director of the landscaping fundraiser, Lang Washburn, was also instrumental in the town's preparation for the Bicentennial in 1976, which included the planting of many trees and the installation of brick sidewalks.

Hart says that the Virginia

Lane landscaping project is very much in line with Middleburg's "beautiful place" spirit and offers both citizens and friends an opportunity to help create a beautiful western entrance to the town.

The Foundation, which has already received a private gift of \$50,000 for a stone wall to be built between Route 50 and the houses, plans to raise an additional \$100,000 for landscaping.

Earth Design Associates of Casanova drew up the plans for the project, which will include 137

trees and 151 shrubs. A contract is in place for Dwain Trump of Multiflora Landscape Nursery - a local Middleburg company - to do the actual planting.

Trees will include such species as the Red Maple, Flowering Dogwood, American Sweetgum, Saucer Magnolia, and Eastern Red cedar, 57 of which will be planted in groups as a buffer and wind-break between duplexes.

The remaining trees will act as shade and ornamentals, with each lot receiving eight or nine

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"It appears that developers are running the county and that is just plain wrong," noted Susan Buckley, a Sterling resident who founded the Eastern Loudoun Schools Association. Others see it differently.

What Loudoun County needs, they argue, is more commercial development to offset the costs of residential growth. Supervisor Stephen Snow (R-Dulles) has been a vocal advocate for this position, and an animated character in the local land use scene. He gained particular notoriety by urging citizens questioning development plans to leave the area. "If you don't like what we are going to do, then there's other places - Canada and other places - you might enjoy" (Washington Post, Thursday, October 7, 2004; Page B04). Supervisor Stephen Snow did not return calls for comment by press time.

The attempt to resurrect an outer beltway narrowly failed, but the controversy over the fate of the transition area has not. More recently, the Rt 50 Gateway Taskforce, formed by Snow to look at land use and roadway changes along Rt 50, has been sharply criticized by conservationists. They point out that Snow appointed developers to head each section committee of the Taskforce.

"The very people seeking to increase the number of houses that can be built [via the CPAMs] have been appointed to lead these government sponsored bodies," noted Ed Gorski, of the Piedmont Environmental Council.

Citizen agitation coalesced into a loose coalition of groups calling themselves the Campaign for Loudoun's Future. The group hosted a press conference on October 6 on the two-lane

portion of Rt 50, west of South Riding, where the largest new developments are proposed. Greenvest for instance, is proposing 15,000 homes in just one of the six projects contemplated for the area. Against the backdrop of the historic Mount Zion Church, where 88 acres were recently acquired by the Mt Zion Church Preservation Association in May to protect the historic area, citizens and activists attempted to articulate the enormity of the proposals to reporters.

"42,000 more houses would put nearly half a million additional car trips on roads that are already at a standstill. It would be a traffic disaster for not only Loudoun County, but for Prince William and Fairfax," noted Stewart Schwartz, Executive Director of the Coalition for Smarter Growth, whose group is participating in the campaign.

According to an analysis provided by these groups and based on figures from Loudoun County and the Virginia Department of Transportation, the 420,000 car trips are the equivalent of 14 times all daily trips on Route 50, or almost six times the daily trips on Route 7. The developments, they say, would also attract an additional 23,000 school children. They are alarmed about the annual cost of operating schools, and the costs of new fire and rescue personnel, recreational facilities and other road improvements made necessary by the developments. The group set up a Web site (www.loudounsfuture.org), which they claim outlines the scale and impacts of the proposals.

Some of the proposals include "creative" financing schemes such as special tax districts to account

The twenty applications take the form of amendments to the county's Comprehensive Plan which lays out the future for the county's development and infrastructure. Loudoun is one of just a few jurisdictions in Virginia to provide the CPAM process. During most years, the county receives only two or three applications for Comprehensive Plan amendments. After this initial review from the Planning staff to see if the applications meet CPAM criteria, the Planning Commission will decide whether or not to consider the proposals. While they may follow the staff's recommendation to reject seventeen of the twenty applications, the Commission is not bound to the staff's decision.

Andrea McGimsey is an Ashburn resident working on this and other preservation campaigns in the County. Her warm smile fades when contemplating the CPAMs.

"These aren't amendments, they are 3 1/2 new towns the size of Leesburg," she said. "Shouldn't amendments be for small changes, not for rewriting the growth plan for Loudoun County?"

For a place in the thick of a land use debate with implications for years to come, that may be the question of the day.

The Loudoun County Planning Commission will decide whether or not to accept the CPAMs for further review in a series of work sessions on October 25th and November 1st, with another work session November 8th if needed. Work sessions will be held at the County Government Building in Leesburg. There is no public input session during those times. Applications that are accepted for further review by the Planning

Commission will then go back to Planning staff. Finally, public hearing will be held before the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors decisions on the applications that go forward.

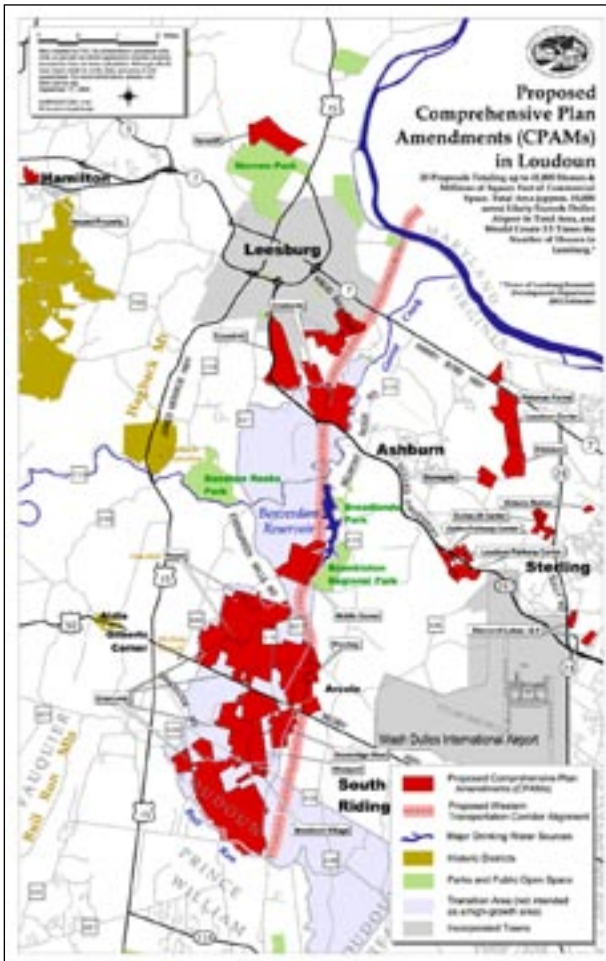
Planning Commission Work Sessions

Monday, October 25, 4:00 p.m.
in the Board Meeting Room

Monday, November 1, 5:00 p.m.
in the Board Meeting Room
(if needed)

Monday, November 8, 6:00 p.m.
in the Planning Commission
Conference Room

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for some of these costs, but there is little agreement on how significant that financing is.

"Sure, the extra money is going to offset a portion of the initial capital costs for buildings, roads and what not," said Gorski, "but they explicitly provide no money for ongoing maintenance and operation costs."

County staff, in recommending that the bulk of the proposals not go forward, echoed this sentiment. In a Department of Planning memorandum dated October 15, staff reported that only three proposals meet the County criteria for review.

"It's not a surprise," said County Board Chairman Scott York. "We'll see what the planning commission recommends. It is my hope that they will uphold what the professional planning staff have concluded."

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News of Note

National Sporting Library Celebrates 50 Years

George Ohrstrom Honored for 49 Years of Service

Patricia Barraza Vos

The National Sporting Library is one of those Middleburg treasures hidden in plain sight.

As it celebrates its 50th anniversary this month with a number of events, this local institution with an international reputation is sure to attract new fans.

The NSL houses a 13,000-volume collection that is a wonder to behold, not just for those of us with an unending curiosity about our favorite subject – horse and field sports – but for anyone who finds themselves in a state of appropriate awe when leafing through a rare book or artifact.

What began 50 years ago as the brainchild of George L. Ohrstrom Sr. and Alexander Mackay-Smith MFH, then editor of the *Chronicle of the Horse*, continues to deliver on its mission to preserve the culture of field sports under the apparently untiring guidance of present day chairman George L. Ohrstrom Jr.

In a show of gratitude towards Ohrstrom Jr., library members are holding their 50th anniversary events as a tribute to their leader of the past 49 years. Amongst the

events scheduled are a coaching exhibit and procession, as well as a gala dinner.

Historic Coaching Event

The coaching event is being touted as the largest of its kind in history. Currently over 40 antique coaches and park drags are expected to gather in the area for the National Sporting Library Drive. On Saturday, October 23, from 10 to 11 am, there will be a procession of coaches open to the public at the Upperville Colt and Horse Show grounds.

Four-in-hand devotees from around the country will be joined by what are sure to be newly converted enthusiasts to view these extraordinary examples of antique coaches and park drags. While many of us may have viewed an antique coach sitting in a museum somewhere, seeing one driven by an appropriately attired whip (driver) skillfully handling four Andalusians, or Cleveland Bays or Arabians will certainly make for a memorable experience.

The gala dinner hosted by Library board members Jacqueline L. Ohrstrom and George A. Weymouth will take place that evening

at Middleburg's Tacaro Farm. Both the Drive and the dinner will benefit the library, which operates as a privately funded nonprofit organization.

While the library is a private institution, it functions under a mandate of a public mission, namely "to serve as a dynamic cultural force in preserving field and turf sports, and the open-space culture vital to these pursuits, by fostering interest and stimulating research and learning in the sporting culture." The library is open to researchers and the interested public.

When asked who a typical user of the library is, both Acting Director Rebecca Tomlinson and Head Librarian Robert Weber suggest such a thing is hard to pin down. "Everything from high school students to PhD candidates," says Weber. Journalists, authors, documentary filmmakers, researchers of all levels have come to mine the wealth of the library since its inception.

Dream Come True

What can be found there is a dream come true for anyone with a professional interest or personal

passion for all things field sports.

Just think – a collection of horsemanship volumes that includes everything from a 1733 first folio edition of Francois Robichon de la Guerinere's *Ecole de Cavalerie* to volumes by recent experts such as Sylvia Loch and Alois Podhajsky – and just about everything in between.

Along with the extensive horsemanship collection are shelves upon shelves of books on steeplechasing, horse racing, angling, foxhunting and falconry.

The library collections are housed in a spacious, open, airily lit 15,000-square-foot building with reading rooms, rare book archives and several rooms for displaying a rotating sporting art collection. Currently on display are artworks pertaining to coaching, including a collection of 19th century oils, models and Dresden porcelains.

The Founders Room is equipped with state of the art audio-visual equipment, and members of the library gather here to watch televised sporting events and hear lectures and presentations.

These monthly lectures are open the public and cover a range of topics pertaining to the library's

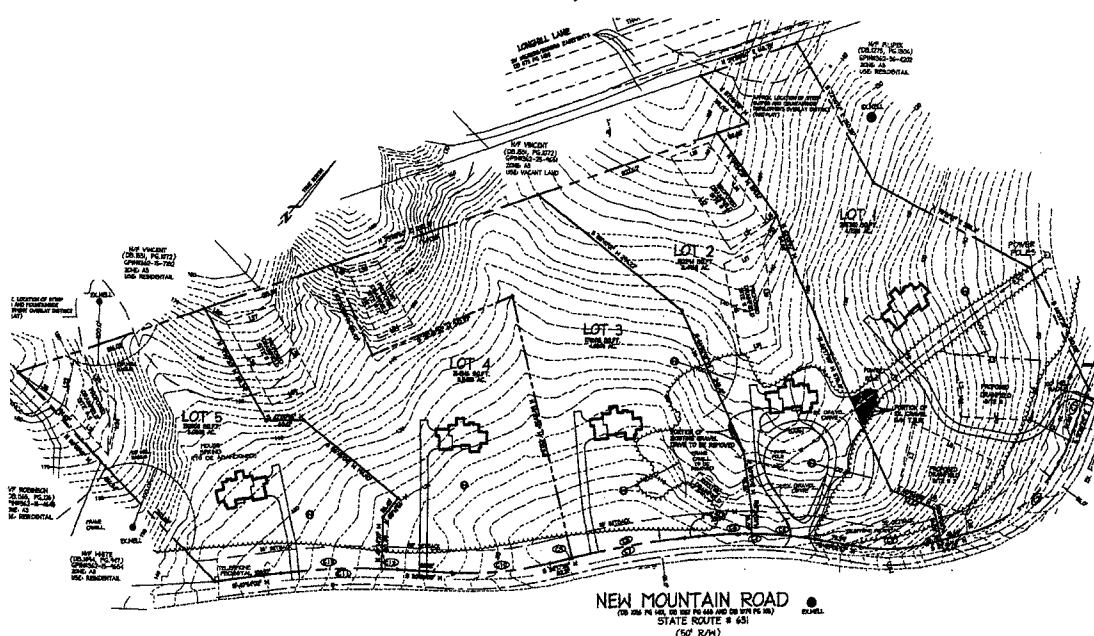
oeuvre. Coming up within the next few weeks are a book signing featuring author Paul D. Cronin, who will read from his latest book, *Riding and Schooling the Sport Horse*, and an Evening with Arthur Hancock III. Library director Kenneth Tomlinson will interview Hancock, his long-time friend, legendary horseman and breeder of Kentucky Derby winner Fusaichi Pegasus.

Duplicate Book Sale

Also on the calendar for this month is the annual Duplicate Book Sale. Serious collectors and avid readers alike are likely to find something in the auction that peaks their interest, be it a rare book or a recent edition of a contemporary classic. Those bidding must be members of the library, but a glance across the list of books on sale may encourage potential buyers to become members.

This is the first year that the library will be accepting electronic bids. More information, including a detailed list of items with descriptions and information on condition, can be found on the library's website, www.nsl.org. Membership information can also be found there. The sale continues until November 5, 2004. ❄

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Public Safety Day

Holly Beth Hatcher



The second week in October is Fire Prevention and Public Safety Week: a perfect excuse to combine fun with learning life-saving basics.

As part of the program this year, the Loudoun County Sheriff's Department offered fingerprint IDs for children, the Middleburg Police turned their radar gun on some pretty fast baseball pitching, and the Fire Department invited visitors into a trailer that simulated a house full of smoke, where they could practice drop and crawl maneuvers.

At a 911 simulator, children practiced how to make emergency calls, and two medivac helicopters from AirCare and MedStar invited children to climb inside and check it out. Fire engine rides rounded out the day's activities.

"We had a small turnout, but the people stayed the whole day," said Rescue Chief Allie Love. "We plan to do this every year during National Fire Prevention and Public Safety Week."

A health care information day is planned during EMS Week, the third week in May. ❄

Water Way to Go

Salamander Addresses the Council

Monty Tayloe

Salamander Development presented the October 14 session of the Middleburg Town Council with a deadline of 40 to 45 days to make a decision on whether or not to connect the new Salamander Inn to the town's water system.

According to Jeff Zell, project manager for Salamander Development, an iron-clad 18-month construction deadline means that Salamander will have no choice but to move forward on building its own water system in the absence of a positive decision by the Town Council no later than December.

Zell then forcefully restated Salamander Development's previous offer to assist in the funding of major capital improvements to the town's water and sewer infrastructure if Middleburg does provide the Inn with a town water connection.

"We have 40 to 45 days until it's too late for us to work together. We think it would be a shame for the town not to reap the benefits," stated Zell.

The Town Council's response was to agree to proposals by Mayor Tim Dimos to refer Salamander Development's offer to a number of Council subcommittees "to gather more information about the question and to review the possible consequences of a decision."

"We need to review this with wide vision, not just limited to the utility question but across the board," said Dimos. "There is a significant project about to become real out there. What does this mean? We need to acknowledge that there is earth-moving equipment out there right now."

Council Member Margaret New proposed an impact study on the water connection issue even though the deadline would severely constrain such a study.

"We're all volunteers, not professionals. We need professional advice on this," said New. Dimos stated that each committee would determine the level of study it felt was necessary.

After the meeting, Zell commented on the council's resolution to study the issue: "The bottom line is, the Inn is going to happen. Whatever they come up with, it's the same. The Inn is occurring. I am in daily communication with the town. I am available for discussion."

Aldie Mill

Tom Graham of Round Hill spoke during the public comments portion of the meeting on behalf of the Aldie Mill, which is currently being offered to Loudoun County by its former owners and operators, the Virginia Outdoors Foundation (VOF).

Graham urged the Town Council to support Loudoun County in taking over care of the mill, which according to Graham "has for 200 years been an integral part of the social, military, commercial and agricultural life of this town (Middleburg)."

The council unanimously approved a letter of support for the county to take over the care of the mill and operate it in "a manner respecting its heritage", a sentence added by the council after some concerns for how the mill might be misused were raised in last month's meeting, when a letter of support was first proposed.

Health Center Budget

Questions about Middleburg's accounting practices were raised in the October session of the town council when donations to charitable organizations from the Town Health Center budget came under discussion.

Last year the Health Center, which is operated and financed by the town of Middleburg, donated its net income to deserving charities selected by the town council.

At this October's meeting, a Town Council committee presented a list of 12 charities slated to receive cash awards totaling \$34,000.

Ironically, as Town Council member New reported on the selected charities, Town administrator Mike Casey clarified that the Health Center's net income for this past year was not a \$34,000 profit, but a \$40,000 loss, with large expenses having gone to building repairs.

This information prompted the council to reconsider donating the money.

"That health project has never been in the red for years and years, and now you all are flaunting and using that money. You need to go back and read the guidelines," said Council member Eura Lewis.

The money problems at the Health center present a large problem for the upcoming holiday season, as the charitable donations from the center's budget represent a sizeable portion of the funding for the Middleburg Business Association's Christmas in Middleburg. The MBA's annual charity is responsible for all of the holiday decorations and lights and also funds the Middleburg Christmas parade. In most other municipalities, the local government usually directly administers the funding for Christmas decorations and parades.

Available Sewer and Water Capacity

The Middleburg Town Council voted unanimously to amend the Town Code to better define the

meaning of the word "available" in the context of new sewer and water hookups.

The previous wording of the law stated that applicants must have approved zoning location permits and that water facilities had to be available. The amendment further defines "available" to mean that the town water system at the time of a new application would not be put over 90% of capacity by a new hookup. The amendment is designed to give the council better-defined guidelines for evaluating new hookups if Middleburg endures another water crisis. ✱

Aldie Harvest Festival



Music, food, crafts and demonstrations were all part of the Aldie Harvest Festival celebration Saturday, October 16th. Artisans exhibited and sold handcrafted furniture, pottery, art, antiques and collectibles.

The annual festival attracts crowds from all over Virginia who tour the historic Aldie Mill and celebrate the change of season with Civil War buffs, children and supportive citizens at a traditional event in a beautifully restored Virginia settlement. ✱

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News of Note

Salamander Inn Permit Approved

Middleburg Town Council Comments

When asked for their perspective on the approval granted to Sheila Johnson for the construction of her Salamander Inn project, Town Council Members commented as follows:

Tim Dimos, Mayor:

Congratulations to Dr. Johnson and the Salamander Development Team. I look forward to working with them in a long and mutually beneficial relationship.

Betsy Davis:

I welcome Salamander. There are always pros and cons to every project. Salamander Inn brings many positive benefits to the Town. We can work together to find solutions to lessen the impact of the concerns that have been raised. It is very important for us to work together as good neighbors.

Helen Hyre:

I don't have any comments. I haven't been down there and am

not sure what they are doing. It has been approved by the County.

Darlene Kirk:

I have mixed emotions about this. I've lived my whole life up one block from the edge of the property, and I wanted it to always be there as it was, but things don't stay the same. As a member of the Town Council, it's my job to put aside my feelings and do what's best for the town and the citizens and that's what I intend to do. I wish Mrs. Johnson the best on the Inn and hope she understands the love and the importance of what the people of Middleburg feel about their town.

Bundles Murdock:

Although there has been a conditional site plan approval, I am still in favor of Salamander Development, LLC building a small inn within the town limits of Middleburg and protecting the rest of the land as field and forest with a conservation easement. Everyone would benefit from this move. The inn could be situated so it could look over the beautiful fields to the North and offer the town and its shops within easy walking distance to its guests. I believe everyone in the town and surrounding areas would applaud this result.

Margaret New:

Unfortunately, the current plans for the inn oppose the tenets of the current Comprehensive Plan for the town (developed, refined and reviewed over many years by the present as well as previous Planning Commissions), which suggest that the Salamander tract would be best used to preserve and reinforce the town's "existing hard-edge of development", and that creation of a separate commercial area is to be avoided. These values and goals of the Comprehensive Plan were recently confirmed by suggestions obtained from community citizens by the Visioning Committee appointed by the Town Council at the request of Sheila Johnson.

The scale of the inn project (now 58 rooms, projected to increase to 120 rooms in the future, plus the commercial areas) is also out of proportion to the existing size of the town. Prior to any contemplation of adjusting the boundary line or annexing this project into the town limits for the purpose of extending utilities, I believe it mandatory to review the Comprehensive Plan as it pertains to this property and to obtain an impact study by an independent third party to determine the costs, as well as revenues, to the town. ✽

James Beard Foundation



Jason Jonilonis, Roberto Donna, Todd Gray

Chefs of great renown and VIPs from Loudoun County, Middleburg and environs enjoyed a superb dinner and excellent company at The 2004 James Beard Foundation Dinner Friday evening at Sheila Johnson's Salamander Market. Many courses of delectable dining were prepared by Todd Gray, ex-

ecutive chef, Market Salamander; Scott Heckert, chef-in-residence, Market Salamander; Daniel Kalber, chef-in-residence, Market Salamander; Roberto Donna, chef/owner, Galileo in Washington, D.C. and Jason Jonilonis, executive chef, Hacienda del Sol, Tuscon, Arizona. ✽

Michel Richard Visits



Citronelle Chef Michel Richard stopped in at Middleburg's Market Salamander recently to see how things were progressing at the bustling purveyor of delicacies. The opportunity

to meet Richard, one of the countries most admired chefs, was a pleasant surprise and real treat for Salamander's resident chefs and the Market's staff. ✽

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Beautiful Tradition

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trees. This reflects what most homeowners would expect, according to Hart.

Shrubs will include Brookside Alder, Common Buttonbush, Forsythia, and Common Winterberry.

Hart and Washburn are encouraging Middleburg residents to donate to the fundraising effort. The nature of the project offers potential donors plenty of opportunities to participate at all different levels.

For instance, prices for each of the 14 species trees range from \$2,100 for a White Ash, to \$1,600 for a Sugar Maple, to \$325 for an Eastern Hemlock, to the least expensive, a White Fringetree, for \$275.

Shrubs are less expensive, ranging from \$48 for a Border Forsythia or Common Winterberry, to \$65 for a Yew, Brookside Alder, or Common Buttonbush. Of course, participants may donate as many of each species as they would like.

Hart realizes that people may question raising such a large investment for landscaping. He counters the criticism by noting that, "...in order to make the overall project and western entrance of town look inviting and more presentable in a short period of time, we will use mature, and thus larger, trees."

"We will use 5-inch caliper trees that are 8-12 feet high and 10-12 years old. It is more expensive to purchase, handle, and install larger trees, but more mature trees help increase the probability of survival once the trees are transplanted."

There are also environmental benefits associated with planting larger, more mature trees.

"We have a very steep slope to deal with from Route 50, past the houses, and into the wetland behind. More mature trees and shrubs will buffer rainfall and stabilize our hillsides to reduce runoff and protect the wetland behind," he explained.

Hart believes that the fundraiser will allow citizens to make a "direct contribution to the beautification of Middleburg's long neglected western entrance where the Virginia Lane project is located." The town of Middleburg provides no funding for the development of Virginia Lane so the success of this aspect of the project relies completely on private donations for its success. ❀

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From the Editor's Desk

Don't Sneeze on Me

The Sunday Morning Shows finally began to tell us what we really need to know about how to get along without a flu vaccine this winter. We all understand how we arrived at this horrendous outcome, in short, it's a simple combination of poor planning, pitiful oversight and outsourcing, {sound familiar?} but the real issue is: what do we do to cope and adjust.

On NBC, Tim Russert encouraged us to sneeze behind our Kleenex and wash our hands much more often than usual. This will undoubtedly address a remarkable percentage of the problem, but we wonder, is this the moment for surgical masks, a la Michael Jackson? Or shall we simply hide under the covers until Spring and hope for the best.

This certainly is not the moment to draw any analogies between this sad situation and the price of gasoline? Because even if we did, nothing would change. It's "hard" to run a country. Just ask the guys who are in charge at the moment.

Lisa Leonard in Memory



Life should NOT be a journey to the grave with the intention of arriving safely in an attractive and well preserved body, but rather to skid in sideways, chocolate in one hand - good red wine in the other, totally worn out and screaming "WOO HOO - What a Ride!"

Letters to the Editor

Destination Place

To the Editor:

"This is going to be the destination place on the East Coast" (Shelia Johnson at the groundbreaking for Salamander Inn and Spa, Washington Post, Loudoun Extra, September 26, 2004)

"The Destination Place"

There'll be crowds in the street
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And mares hot to trot,
All manner of hip recreation.

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I mean, ring-a-ding-ding!
In the best East Coast destination

David C. Stewart
Middleburg, VA

To the Editor:

Some enter politics for power. Others enter to make a difference. As a constituent in the 10th Congressional District for the past 20 years, I know that Congressman Frank Wolf fits the latter category.

Do you know that Congressman Wolf spent New Year's Eve 2002 in Ethiopia and Eritrea? As co-chairman of the Congressional Human Rights Caucus, Congressman Wolf draws attention to egregious violations of human rights worldwide. While politicians fitting the first profile are wining and dining with major donors, our Congressman is trying to make others' lives less miserable.

Congressman Wolf has lived in and owned the same property in Vienna since 1974. He and his wife Carolyn raised their five children there. Their children attended the local public schools. I have seen the Wolf's be a vital part of our community for over 20 years.

Congressman Wolf's performance as my representative in Congress improves the quality of my life and that of my family through his work in the area of transportation. How many of us would be living in Loudoun County without it? Did you know that Frank Wolf was instrumental in reducing the HOV restrictions from 4 to 2 on I-66? Did you know that he worked to keep the Dulles Toll Road from becoming another I-66 with HOV restrictions? I remember his arguments that the road was built with taxpayer dollars thus all taxpayers should use the road. The left HOV lane on the Toll Road is the compromise.

I am safer on the roads today because of Frank Wolf's devoted work in the area of truck safety. As chairman of the House Transportation Appropriations Subcommittee Frank Wolf was instrumental in the creation of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration. Today Virginia receives federal grant money for truck inspections. We shouldn't have to worry whether the trash truck in our neighborhood will be able to stop if a child runs into the street.

Congressman Wolf goes about his business quietly and patiently.

He neither boasts of his accomplishments nor disparages his detractors. His record speaks for itself. Frank Wolf earnestly serves our district's needs. His 2003 voting record shows that he was on the proper side of important issues. Those bills he voted in favor of passed; the majority of those that he opposed failed. He is a principled man who does not compromise his values or subjugate his constituents. He is well liked and respected by his peers.

Recently I looked at results of the Virginia SOL scores. Do you know that over one third of the top 100 Virginia public schools are located in the 10th District?

On November 2nd we have a choice. Our choice can be life-changing. I support Frank Wolf. He represents our interests. He is a senior member of the House of Representatives with much influence and experience. I support Frank Wolf for Congress because he is a good and humble servant.

Krasi Henkel
Purcellville, Virginia

To the Editor:

I want to ask the following questions of the **challenger** to Congressman Frank Wolf's 10th District Congressional seat:

1. What qualifies you to represent our district since you moved to Northern Virginia in 2003?
2. How did your experience on Wall Street "inspire" you to represent Virginians?
3. You do not own a home in Virginia – you rent in McLean. You have not paid real estate taxes in the 10th District, yet you want to represent us?
4. Does attending 4 years at a Virginia university as an undergraduate qualify you to know what the 10th District constituents need?
5. How did you happen to pick the 10th District? If as you state in your bio, you are interested in stimulating the "innovation economy to the future of our country, and especially Virginia," why not pick an area that would benefit from your expertise?
6. Why do you, a New Yorker, care about Virginia? In your bio, you make no mention of your work with Chuck Schumer - why?
7. Why did you choose to rent in McLean? Is that address a prerequisite for your success?
8. What is your connection with special interest groups - NEA; AFLCIO? How does the NEA rate you?
9. Your bio states that you were "chairman of the University's renowned honor system," while in college. Are you not discrediting that "honor" system by misrepresenting Congressman Wolf's record?
10. You state that you are pro-abortion, yet your bio states that you are Catholic. How do you reconcile this inconsistency?

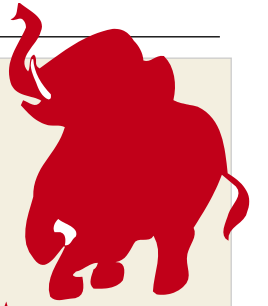
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Red vs Blue



Each month in the Eccentric, Mark Tate (Red) and Dan Morrow (Blue) will offer readers, for the first time anywhere, absolutely definitive, perfectly reasoned and indisputably global solutions to all the world's great problems . . . in 150 words or less . . . from their distinctively left-of-center (Dan) and right-of-center (Mark) perspectives.

This month, Dan has written first, and Mark has replied. Next month, we'll do it the other way around. If you have problems of politics or policy you'd like to have solved, definitively, in 150 words or less, email us at redvsblue@middleburgeccentric.com.



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Dan Morrow

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Post-invasion Iraq: Are we safer?

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Mark Tate

No, but only because the Bush administration so badly mismanaged the war and the "peace" that followed. The list of Bush errors is lengthy, as detailed by Republicans, Democrats, and independent experts alike.

Only Mr. Bush can't think of anything that he would have done differently. Saddam in prison is good, but would surely have been better to imprison him six months later, with Osama bin Laden captured and a truly global coalition in place to enforce his removal?

With a combination of well-managed diplomacy and judiciously applied financial and military pressure, Saddam might be on trial at the Hague at significantly less cost in lives, treasure and international ill will.

And we might have a military reserve in place to deal with Iran, North Korea, or other genuinely imminent military threats. This liberal agrees with George H. W. Bush . . . writing after the FIRST Iraq war.

"[September 11, 2001], this nation saw the face of a new enemy, we discovered that there is no safety behind vast oceans. For our own safety, we resolve to take the battle to the enemy." President George W. Bush

Of course we are safer, much safer after the invasion of Iraq and with Saddam in jail and Osama Bin Laden on the run. We have brought the battle to the homes of the terrorists and we are decisively winning the War. Saddam's army defeated, Saddam in prison, and 75% of Al Qaeda either dead or in prison.

We are safer when there are fewer dictators who hate us in charge of large armies and more people free in the Middle East. Fifty million people have been liberated from despotic, totalitarian regimes in Afghanistan and Iraq.

We are safer, and with four more years of President Bush the entire world will be safer.

This Conservative sides with President George W. Bush and more Freedom for everyone.

Gay Marriage: Should we ban it?

Marriage is a religious institution, a "sacrament" for Christians. Some religious communities ban gay marriage; some don't.

The deeper meaning of religious "marriage" is a purely a matter of faith, and there are great disagreements on what constitutes a "valid" or "appropriate" marriage among all the great religions.

The state, on the other hand, is the guarantor of legal rights and the overseer of legal responsibilities, such as inheritance and child custody. It is duty-bound to define and guarantee related rights and responsibilities from all its citizens.

The state should get out of the "marriage" business entirely, leaving things "sacramental" to the church.

It should, however, get into the "civil union" business more vigorously, for both gay and straight couples, guaranteeing rights for those who live up to the responsibilities they accept upon entering such a "union."

This liberal thus agrees with John Kerry . . . and Dick Cheney.

I agree marriage is a religious institution, a sacrament of the church, not only for Christians but for many people of faith. However the state has gotten into the marriage business. And with this action the state provides economic incentives for marriage and the guarantor of legal rights and responsibilities, like inheritance and child custody.

Marriages should of course be defined by the individual states. Defined by the laws of the state and represented by the duly elected officials in the states. These officials put in place by the voters and doing the will of those very same voters. Traditional Marriage has been recognized as a union between a man and a woman for thousands of years. The reason we are talking about a Constitutional Ban is because activist Judges in other states are trying to change state laws and then trying to impose them on other states.

"Smart Growth": What's that?

One man's "smart" growth is, of course, another man's sell-out to the forces of evil, with either "creeping government control" or "developers" at the top of mutually exclusive and equally satanic hierarchies.

Genuinely "smart" growth recognizes both the inevitability of growth . . . and the value of enlightened partnership. At the very least "smart growth" avoids, for all time, a Route 50 that resembles the worst of Maryland's Rockville Pike. At best, "smart" growth produces results that are more viable . . . and more pleasant . . . than the sum of their parts.

The Middleburg Town Council's approach to the Salamander Inn is an excellent case in point. By refusing to enter into a mutually beneficial arrangement with the Inn's "developer", the Town of Middleburg sacrificed not only trees, but tax revenues, a new town water system, and a partnership with an enlightened and genuinely caring "developer."

Smart growth has become everything to everyone. Originally it was simply the concept that development should occur where the required infrastructure already exists or will soon exist.

The Town of Middleburg has always been ahead of the curve on smart growth. Both the town and the community at Large have worked hard to promote smart growth in the Middleburg area. We have always tried to protect our quality of life and protect our pocketbooks from out of control growth and inappropriate development.

Protecting our historic roadways and minimizing the affects of any development, including Salamander Inn, on our community is not only a good thing but the responsible thing to do.

One of the strengths of the Middleburg Community has always been its ability to come together to achieve the best results for the community and I am sure in the end the Middleburg community will come together do what is best for the town.



Waverly Hill

Middleburg, Virginia

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Fairhaven

Round Hill, Virginia

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Windcrest Lane

Middleburg, Virginia

Log, stone, and frame house circa 1790 enlarged and updated in excellent condition. Exposed log and stone inside and out, 4+bedrooms, 4 1/2 baths, 3 fireplaces, lovely floors. The home is surrounded by mature landscaping and affords mountain views and privacy. Improvements include screened porch and rear flagstone terrace overlooking 4 acre pond with white sand beach, 2-stall barn with tack room and loft, 2 run in sheds, log cabin with stone fireplace and smoke house. 46.61 rolling acres, with new fencing. \$2,060,000.



Kentshire

Delaplane, Virginia

Brick and frame house on 15 rolling acres. Home built in 1988. 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, and 2-car garage. Improvements include 3-stall barn and new fencing, great mountain views. \$675,000.



Briarlea Farm

Purcellville, Virginia

Rare and special 18th century stone and brick Quaker home, completely updated. 4,400 square feet with 5 bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths, gourmet kitchen, 7 stone fireplaces, original chestnut and walnut floors, plaster walls with crown molding, broadband access. 13 acres with mature landscaping, extensive boxwood gardens and views of surrounding mountains. 2-car garage, swimming pool and fencing. \$1,500,000.



184 Eagle Rock Lane

Bluemont, Virginia

Historic Blue Ridge Mountain home, circa 1898, on 49+/- acres of gently rolling, heavily wooded land. Stone and frame colonial, wonderful large front porch. Interior totally updated, featuring 4 bedrooms, 4 fireplaces, new gourmet kitchen, tavern room. All rooms well proportioned, with original, antique heart pine floors throughout. Nice perennial gardens. Improvements include large 4-car garage/workshop. \$1,275,000.



Bonnie Glen

Middleburg, Virginia

1915 stucco Virginia farmhouse with 3 bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths, den with wood floors, built-in bookcases and 2 fireplaces. 24 acres of open pasture make this a manageable horse property in a great location. Extensive perennial gardens, stone walls and mature trees. Bank barn, 3-car garage, large run-in shed, 6 stalls and a guest house overlooking a spring-fed pond. \$1,600,000.



Morven

Markham, Virginia

Morven is a stunning renovation and has been accepted for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. Original portions are from 1826 and 1845. 14' ceilings and original pine floors through parts of this stucco over stone home. The modern addition includes a large kitchen with open family room and fireplace for today's living. Situated on 85 acres of open pasture and paddocks in 4 parcels. Improvements include a stone guest house built in 1819 and a 4-stall King Construction center aisle stable. \$3,500,000.

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News of Note

Salamander Inn Founder Sees the Forest and the Trees

Bonnie Deahl

Whispers from Mosby's rangers can be heard from the rustling leaves of the monarch chestnut oaks located on the 350 acre property that is the future home of the Salamander Inn & Spa. I felt a chill and awe just being near these magnificent trees, the largest of which Sheila Johnson, owner of the property, calls her "Peter Pan tree."

With a spread of 100 feet, a circumference of 187 inches (or 60" diameter), and an approximate height of 80 feet, this mighty chestnut oak may just be a state champion. With Ms. Johnson's permission, this magnificent tree will take its rightful place in Virginia's big tree registry.

It seems abundantly clear that this will delight Ms. Johnson because one of the first things she did when she learned that she had been given permission to build the Inn & Spa was ask Care of Trees to inventory the important trees on the property to ensure that any construction would be planned around them.

Chestnut oaks indicate a rocky habitat and a forest of

related hardwoods that include other oak species, hickory, ash, cedar and other trees found in the Piedmont area.

These oaks have thrived on the property for over 150 years. They have endured wars and storms and changes in owners. Piedmont citizens are greatly in Ms. Johnson's debt because she regards the trees on her property as a first priority in her plans.

These oaks have thrived on the property for over 150 years.

Tree Inventory

So where do you even begin to preserve these trees given the plans to build a premiere facility?

A good place to begin is with a tree inventory.

For Ms. Johnson, the forest contents will be recorded with all notable trees identified as to species, their state of health, size of critical root zones and any recommended activities that can be done to improve or maintain the tree's health. For instance, mature trees that are healthy can

only be maintained by keeping deadwood pruned out of the canopies and their critical root zones mulched.

Tree preservation has become a sophisticated process that guarantees a high rate of success if basic tree care maintenance practices are followed. Trees are living organisms that respond if their environment is changed. If care is taken to keep the root

zones intact with minimal disturbance to the soil, such trees will continue to thrive.

Once mapped, plans are made to protect trees.

Protection Plan

In the early stages of pre-construction, tree preservation fences are placed around the critical root zones of trees to be saved. No construction equipment or vehicle traffic are allowed in these areas to ensure that soil compaction will not occur.

Compacted soil and changes in grade are the most

common cause of declining tree health after construction occurs.

Although in its early stages at Salamander Inn, the tree inventory will pinpoint trees to be saved and those that are in poor health. Construction adjustments can then be made to work around highly valuable trees so root zones are protected.

When tree roots are cut by trenching, cuts are to be cleanly made so the correct healing process can take place under ground. 'After care' may include watering and organic fertilization to keep the soil biology alive.

On construction projects where tree preservation plans are followed carefully, periodic inspections after construction are important to ensure that tree maintenance activities accurately reflect progress. Preserving the forest remnants that remain is also important to provide wildlife habitat.

Important

Healthy trees can increase the value of property by at least 20%. To preserve your trees, have them pruned periodically to remove dead wood. Do not ever top trees. Mulch around mature trees with wood chips to provide as close to a natural setting as possible.

Treat your trees as majestic living beings. Give them a place to thrive, especially in a community with other trees.

As for the Peter Pan tree... thanks to Ms. Johnson, it has a life all its own and will continue to thrive for many years to come. ✿

Bonnie Deahl is a Certified Arborist from the Care of Trees' Dulles office: 703.661.1700 & 540.687.1800 www.thecareoftrees.com





Jay Hubbard



October 28-30, 2004

Friday, October 29 & Saturday, October 30 6-10pm

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Art of Citizenship

Writer John Rolfe Gardiner at Home in Unison

Lucy Whottle Goldstein



Out winding Foxcroft Road, past the horse farms and historic estates north of Middleburg, in the decidedly rural village of Unison, lives Loudoun County writer John Rolfe Gardiner.

Genial and calm, Gardiner, whose newest book of short stories, *The Magellan House*, has recently been published, is thoroughly a part of the ground on which he walks, lives and writes. His fiction is interwoven with the history of northern Virginia, and especially of the on-going tension between preservation and development, of the line between suburban and rural.

Gardiner has observed this tension from a standpoint of relative stability. He and his wife, the artist Joan Gardiner, have lived in their 250-year-old house in Unison for 30 years.

Before that, Gardiner, who was born in New York City to a literary mother and a father who would ultimately serve the government in the 1950s as a foreign service official, grew up in McLean before the advent of strip malls and housing developments, attended Sidwell Friends School in Washington, and then graduated from Amherst College.

After college, he moved back to DC, where he wrote for business and trade magazines until 1968. After researching and writing about the riots at the political conventions in that year of upheaval, Gardiner realized that his Dupont Circle neighborhood was vulnerable to burglars and tear gas, and he decided to quit city life for the bucolic pleasures of the Virginia countryside, first moving to Waterford, then to Bluemont, and, finally, to Unison.

Gardiner met Joan while working on a construction job on her property in Unison. They married in 1976 and had a daughter a few years later. The Gardiners were able to serve their respective artistic interests well in this rural setting thanks to Joan's low mortgage payments and John's carpentry skills – he did most of the remodeling the house needed, and he built a studio for Joan's ceramics and a writing cabin for himself.

Today, Gardiner's writing cabin contains an old-fashioned black typewriter on an antique desk, some empty bookshelves, a hard-backed chair and one wallhanging: a frame containing an award from the Mark Twain Society, which he received in 1976 for his first novel. He no longer uses the typewriter, having converted – grudgingly, it seems – to a computer in the mid-90s, nor does he use the cabin as often as he once did. Gardiner now tends to write in his fully modernized office – complete with Internet access, fax machine, and photocopier – instead.

This recent modernization of his mode of writing does not mean, however, that Gardiner has changed his unique style of writing. The stories in *The Magellan House* are set in such far-flung places as America, Portugal, Canada, England, Norway, and the French Luberon and Pyrenees, but at their heart lie the elements that have made Gardiner's voice distinct in the past – a sense of place

and an ability to write about pivotal moments of change in people's lives.

Many of these stories are based on actual events and experiences from Gardiner's life, as well as from the lives of his close friends. The title story stems from Gardiner and his family's 1988 stay in Portugal, a country still haunted by the Salazar government 15 years after its overthrow. Two families struggle over a revolution's spoils, each stunted in its own way by 50 years of tyranny in which everyone was an informer for the regime. "The Voyage Out," anthologized in *Best American Short Stories* and the O. Henry Prize stories, is based on the two English schoolboys who came to wait out World War II with Gardiner's family after their headmaster had been killed by a stray German bomb. Their Atlantic crossing and its aftermath are imagined in this story.

Other stories include subjects as diverse as American art-school culture abroad during the 1990s; the psychology of the headmistress of a girls' boarding school; the lives of "water-hippies," living on boats in the Anacostia River during the 1960s when revolution was in the air in Washington; the ins and outs of the antiquarian book dealing business; and the "tragic mischief" done in America by recovered-memory enthusiasts from 1985-1995, who convinced thousands of children that they had been sexually abused, thereby ruining the lives of many innocent

adults.

Critics in the past have called Gardiner's prose rich, thoughtful, and tight, while quiet enough to allow the reader to truly understand the characters he so carefully develops. While his past books have for the most part been set in fictional Stilson County, in northern Virginia, Gardiner reaches beyond his Blue Ridge setting with *The Magellan House* and achieves what readers have come to expect from him – a group of stories that are character-based, moving, truthful and illuminating.

John Gardiner will be reading from *The Magellan House* and signing copies of the book on Friday, October 29, at 5:30 pm at the Purcellville Train Station. ✱

Hill School's Sweitzer Establishes Creative Youth Foundation

Confidence, self-realization and happiness are Tom Sweitzer's goals for his new Creative Youth Foundation.

"After teaching and directing youth in the theater for more than a decade, I have learned that the performing arts can have an immensely positive impact on young people," Sweitzer said. "It is my hope that the Creative Youth Foundation will offer programs for young people as well as provide funding, if needed, for them to pursue artistic study."

Sweitzer, who is artistic director of The Hill School, has been overwhelmed by the support he has received from the community of Middleburg and his hometown of Altoona, Pennsylvania.

The Foundation's first fundraiser, "The Creativity Begins," will take place Saturday, November 6th, at 8 pm in The Sheila C. Johnson Performing Arts Center at The Hill School. Tickets are \$25, and seating is limited.

Individuals wishing to help establish the Foundation may contribute \$1,000 as a Creative Producer; \$500 as a Creative Director; \$250 as a Creative Actor; \$100 as a Creative Audience Member or \$10 as a Creative Friend.

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Dahlia Days

The Plant Lady

Karen "The Plant Lady" Rexrode

Dahlias have been on my mind lately. Every fall I end up with dahlia thoughts and it's triggered by my desire to have cut flowers in the house. Deep down I'm probably a dahlia person, few flowers give such a ravishing show in the latter part of the growing season. October is always the month that I start buying cut flowers, it's an irrepresible urge that lasts until I feel guilty about the amount of money I'm spending. If there were dahlias to cut, I could save money and have those gorgeous, big fat blossoms.

Technically dahlias are tubers. Originally from the mountains of Mexico and Guatemala, they are not hardy, the tubers must be lifted each fall and stored in a frost free environment. The Dahlia Society now supports a new way to store the tubers and it's much easier than the old way of digging and layering each tuber between peat moss or dampened wood chips. Now you simply dig them in fall, divide if necessary, just make sure you have an eye for each tuber. Wash the dirt off and allow them to dry. Mix eight quarts of vermiculite to one cup of powdered sulfur in a plastic bag and shake your tubers in the mix, kind of like a shake-and-bake exercise, until each one is thoroughly covered. Lay the tubers aside for a night until dry and then wrap them up in plastic wrap (like Saran Wrap). Seal the wrap with masking tape and write the name of the cultivar right on the tape. This wonderful new method allows the gardener to store lots of tubers in a small space, nicely stacked in their plastic covering. The ideal temperature for storage is 40 degrees, not always possible, but certainly a goal to aim for. The success rate for this new storage is so far superior to the old method that most commercial growers



have switched.

The Dahlia Society itself is interesting. I recall a Washington Post article about a local chapter, many, many years ago, but they seem to have disbanded. There are 12 Dahlia Societies in Washington State, which makes me wonder how well they do in our southern heat. Of some encouragement is the presence of a Dahlia Society in South Carolina, Tennessee and Alabama. The Washington Post article mentioned that the local chapter was 90 percent men. I can't find any statistics on current membership for the American Dahlia Society.

I just want nice flowers to cut into October. I understand they flower well from July to October. Now the cutting types are a little different from regular garden types. Dahlias are split by size, form and use. The Dahlia Society also recognizes 15 colors which really means that these are all ways to divide them for the show bench. The series that starts with 'Karma' is considered tops for cutting. The cutting types produce longer stems and generally need to be staked, given some support for their long necks. They flower better when cut often, supposedly the more you cut the more they produce.

So it all comes down to spring planting and staking, summer and fall cutting followed by fall digging and storage. Maybe I'll just try five. Five glorious colors, just five really good ones. Experts agree that the single best variety for cutting is 'Kelvin's Floodlight', a bright yellow with flowers that are twelve inches across. The 'Karma' series offers 8 varieties, already 4 more than I need. There must be a few ugly ones. I'll need extra vases too. Care to go in on an order with me, just for five, or maybe eight - make that nine? ☼

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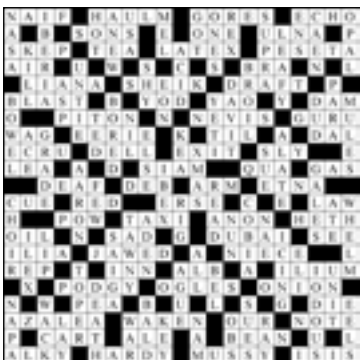
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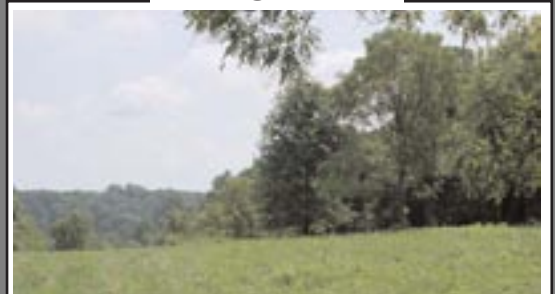
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A Tribute to Vincent Price

From Behind the Stove

Brian Lichorowic

One of my most horrific images of childhood is of a black and white studio portrait of an actor that I discovered in an old magazine. It just scared me to look him in the eye. Upon discovering whom this actor was my fear grew to fascination.

As part of some almost reverential ritual of our society, your chances of seeing one of his over 137 films increase dramatically as we approach October 31, Halloween – also known as All Hallow's Eve, Day of the Dead, or when I proposed to my wife (seriously). And there's a good chance you know of this actor of whom I speak.

He is Mr. Vincent Price. No single, distinct movie comes to mind, "The Raven" maybe, or as Matthew Hopkins in "Witchfinder General," possibly. Maybe his wonderfully morbid scary reading in the song "Thriller" will be forever enduring.

Vincent Price was an epicurean, a very serious epicurean. I count five cookbooks he's authored. In 1965, Price, together with his first wife, Mary Price, authored two cookbooks - "Come In our Kitchen" and "A Treasury of Great Recipes."

Not very exciting unless one

actually sees and reads the books. First editions were beautiful works of art, leather bound with a gold spine. The color photographs reflected the best available printing for 1965. Let's remember - back then we had only three channels, no calculators, and cameras were still the size of a shoebox.

"A Treasury of Great Recipes" is his best work. As a cookbook its complexity is astounding. The Prices' comments on certain recipes entice imagination for improvisation and are insightful. My guess is they were eating as they were preparing and jotting notes down on a pad of paper. Vincent and Mary were visionaries. Before we were blessed with food processors, they concocted over 25 recipes for just the electric blender alone.

The Prices had a custom mobile home that they used on movie sets.

For the day, it was state of the culinary art.

They would invite chefs from the area to cook and break bread with them. They worked and basically enjoyed revelry with chefs, celebrities and friends.

On the Internet, among the underground American epicureans and most of Europe, "A Treas-

ury of Great Recipes" is considered a classic. It's a collection of recipes from restaurants all over the world. I've seen signed copies on eBay fetching as much as \$5000 (for excellent condition and signed), and as little as \$20. It goes to show you, "one man's trash is another's treasure."

In 1975, I was 14 years old and just beginning a three-year run as a line cook's (my big brother's) helper in my family's restaurant. A long time before this October 31, my dad had the idea to prepare a full menu on Halloween from the Price cookbook.

Dad rode the scary angle and gave us strict instructions, "Call it whatever, just make sure everything that comes from this kitchen today comes from this book," he told us. We had a "working copy" of this book behind the line.

We always sold out, and we continued to refer to Price's book for the next 20 years behind the line especially on October 31st.

Space restraints limit what I can share with you, however, I've selected three classic recipes that I've made from this revered book. They are definitely worth the bother to gather all of the exact ingredients and are perfect for this time of year.

Potage Tour D'argent

1. Soak: 1 pound of Kidney beans and 1/2 pound of lentils overnight in water to cover. Drain and put into a large soup kettle.
2. Add 1 stalk celery, chopped, 1 carrot chopped, 2 onions chopped, 4 sprigs of parsley chopped, 2 cloves garlic, chopped, 1 bay leaf, 1 teaspoon salt, 1/4 teaspoon butter and 8 cups of good chicken stock. Bring to a boil, cover and cook over low heat for 1 1/2 hours or until beans are very

tender. Blend cups at a time, in an electric blender on high speed for 20 seconds and strain into and clean saucepan. Reheat, correct seasoning with salt and pepper.

3. Heat: 3 tablespoons butter

4. Add: 4 cups finely shredded sorrel or sour grass, and 1/2 cup minced parsley or chervil. Cook, stirring until sorrel is wilted and loses color.

5. Add sorrel mixture to the hot bean puree. Stir in 2 tablespoons butter, and serve very hot with a sprinkling or freshly ground pepper.

Tour d'Argent in Paris was the Harvard of culinary institutions in the 1970s. Getting any recipe from there was considered inside information. As simple as the method is, this is an excellent stodgy soup that can make a full meal - and particularly exceptional if you have good chicken stock. Use whichever color kidney beans you prefer. In our restaurant, we called it "Bat Wing Stew". We made huge amounts of this, got lazy about puree (just kept the beans whole) and used both parsley and chervil, but it remained on my father's menu for years. Use the small red beans if you want, and for a meatier taste use a large white navy bean. Try a bowl topped with minced hot peppers alongside a good hunk of crusty French bread.

Haricots Verts a la Lyonnaise

1. Boil 1 pound fresh string beans in salted water for 12 minutes, Drain and dry well on paper towels.

2. In a skillet heat: 2-tablespoons butter. Add 2 medium onions, cut in thin slices. Sauté until onions are light brown. Add the cooked beans, 1 teaspoon of salt, and 1/4 teaspoon pepper, sauté



until beans are lightly browned.

Presentation: Sprinkle with 1 tablespoon freshly chopped parsley and add one tablespoon of vinegar. Mix well and serve in a vegetable bowl.

Granted, this is not a complex recipe, but this is the best definition of a true 'Lyonnaise' - which is more a method of cooking rather than a sauce. Make sure to brown the onions well; that way it resembles a worm sauté as we called it! In lieu of string beans, use French haricots verts and lightly steam them so they're not totally cooked when you throw them in with the butter and onions. Substitute red potatoes and leeks also along with larger green beans.

Old fashioned Bread Pudding

1. Measure into top of a double saucepan: 1 cup of dark brown sugar.
2. Butter: 3 slices bread, using 2-tablespoon butter for the 3 slices. Dice the bread and sprinkle over the brown sugar in saucepan.
3. Add: 1 cup raisins
4. Beat: 3 eggs, 2 cups milk, 1/8-teaspoon salt and 1-teaspoon vanilla. Pour over bread. Do not stir. Place over simmering water and cook for 1 hour. The brown sugar will form a sauce.
5. Server warm or cold. Turn out onto serving plate.

This is Price's own recipe so it was the only one we'd attribute to him by name. Use a good white bread or any one from Harvest Bread Company that meets your fancy. A good raw sugar works as well if not better than the dark brown. I use a tablespoon of pure vanilla and a cup and a half of raisins. At our restaurant, we'd add red food coloring in the bread (that we baked) and served it up with a fresh raspberry coulis; we called it "Vincent Price's Blood Pudding Pie". It was the hit of the evening.

I had a strange childhood. ✱
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Cranberry Relish

Sweet Revenge

Susan Williams

The family Thanksgiving dinner ritual in this country has some regional variations, but there some basic rules that we all must follow. For example, the "food carousel," where all the food trays are kept in constant circulation around table, usually for an hour or so, and no eating is allowed until the mashed potatoes and gravy cool to room temperature.

A decade ago, this East Coast woman celebrated a Minnesota Thanksgiving with my then future husband, and was astounded to observe another holiday ritual--ice-fishing. I had viewed the Walter Mathau and Jack Lemmon roles in "Grumpy Old Men" as fiction. The movie was an understatement of fact.

The frozen Minnesota lakes were teeming with men cutting

holes in the ice and dressed in various animal skins that made Mathau's movie wardrobe look like a Gentlemen's Quarterly fashion shoot. Huge multi-ton SUVs and trucks were parked next to each other on one-quarter inch of ice, next to ice houses that sported satellite antenna and three-car garages!

But I digress.

As the Chinese transferred gunpowder technology to the Europeans, so I introduced into this alien culture a Cranberry Relish (recipe below) that my husband, who refers to himself as a Northern Minnesota "Jack Pine savage," absolutely loves.

A second pioneering concept I brought to my husband was the necessity of owning a food processor. If you have ever inventoried the kitchen equipment of the

average male, it looks something like: 12 beer can openers, 7 mismatched plastic cups and glasses with sports logos, a Swiss Army knife and paper plates.

In preparation for the Thanksgiving trip to Minnesota, I called my to-be husband and told him to get a food processor so that I could chop some of ingredients for the Thanksgiving dinner. His response was something like, "It's not necessary, I can chop the stuff with my axe."

Thanksgiving day food preparation went quite well, except for the two hours required for my husband to "finely chop" 4 cups of cranberries using various bladed instruments. One hour of this preparation time was spent corraling the free-range cranberries as they rolled across the floor.

On my next visit I found, in

his kitchen, a new five-horsepower food processor, capable of liquefying an adult moose in a few seconds.

Cranberry Relish

4 cups (1 pound) fresh or frozen cranberries

1 large orange, quartered & seeded

1 lemon, quartered & seeded

1 1/2 cups sugar or Splenda

1-teaspoon cinnamon

1/2-teaspoon cloves

Wash cranberries, drain and remove any stems. Place cranberries, orange, and lemon into a food processor with metal blade and pulse on and off until ingredients are finely chopped.

Add sugar, cinnamon, and cloves to cranberry mixture, and mix thoroughly. Cover and refrigerate overnight.

Serves 12

Note: This relish will last months in your refrigerator. ❄

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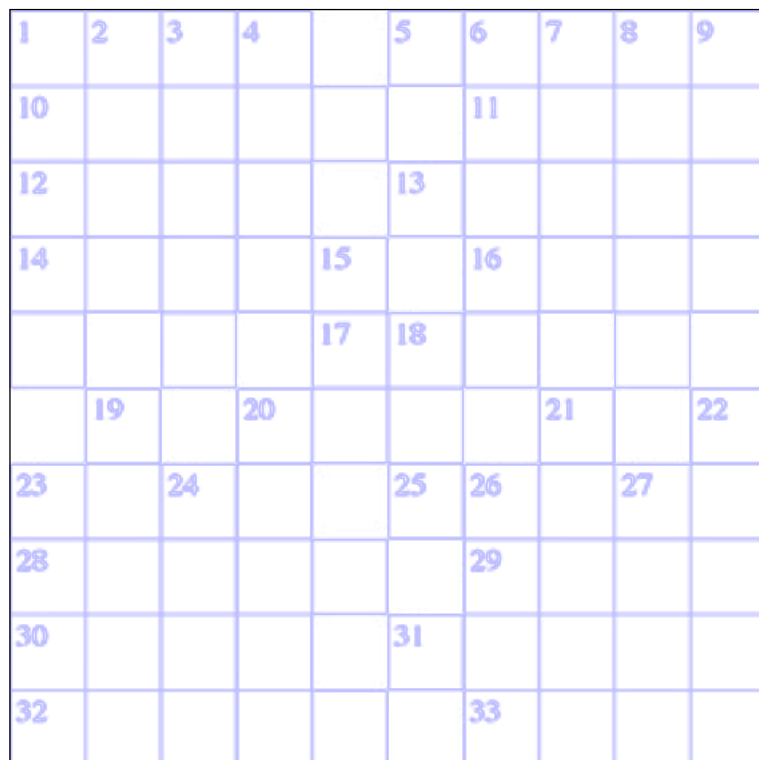
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- 10 Turn outward
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- 12 Western pact
- 13 Adherent of Hinduism
- 14 Talons
- 16 Grass
- 17 Often
- 20 Japanese sash
- 23 Of moderate temperature
- 25 Color
- 28 Bay window
- 29 A single time
- 30 Circular band
- 31 Military chaplain
- 32 Language spoken in S China
- 33 Sullen

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- 1 Freshwater food fish
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- 8 Cowboy display
- 9 Potato
- 15 Weep
- 18 Fruit
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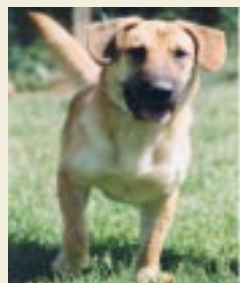
Rae- 14 year old, 13 H Chestnut QH cross pony mare. Rae is a wonderful pony although, she has not been worked with for the past two years and needs an experienced rider to reschool her! She is a beautiful mover and 100% sound. Rae would make a terrific juniors pony.



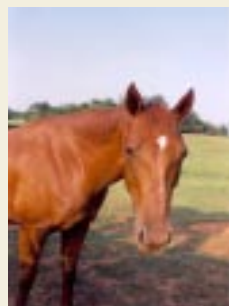
Soprano- 6 year old, 13.1H Morgan/Appaloosa cross pony mare. Soprano is absolutely gorgeous! She has been in training for the past several months,



has attended a few horse shows and has started jumping. Soprano has a big future!



Marmy- A super special young lady! Marmy has a big bubbly personality that goes along with her big bubbly body! She is a Sharpei/ Great Dane cross, about 11 months old. Marmy has started obedience classes and is doing beautifully! Marmy needs a lot of room to play and run, she would make a fun family friend.



Leone- 14 year old, 16H TB Chestnut mare. Leone has never been ridden but she is very personable and is truly



Sydney- 2 year old Lab/Rottweiler mix. "Beauty is only skin deep". I am looking for that special person who recognizes that truth! I used my head to protect my puppies when someone threw a caustic material at us. I'm best friends with all of the animals here at the shelter and I love the kids that visit too! If you're looking for

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Julie- 2 year old 12 H Chestnut pony mare. Julie has completed a 60 day training program and has excellent ground manners. She is currently in foster care with a family that is working with her daily although, Julie needs a new place to hang her hat for the winter months! A fun project pony!



Nikko- Please please please give me a chance! I came here last October so that means I have been trying to find my own family for a whole year now. I don't understand why no one wants me. I am best friends with all of the dogs, in fact, I help out here by making friends with every new dog that comes in.



I give gentle kisses, love to shake hands and I walk very nicely on a leash. Please give me a chance!

"Montel"- Looking for an adorable large breed puppy? You won't find a smarter, cuter and fluffier puppy than



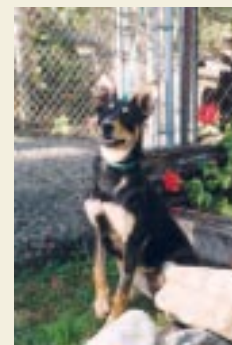
Montel! He and his siblings were rescued from a horribly neglectful situation. They have been with us for a month now with tons of TLC and socialization and now very healthy and happy little pups. New-foundland mix? We're not sure but big feet, (and docked tails) leads us in the direction of these little 12 week old kidlets will grow to be good sized dogs!

"Oprah, Montel & Jeanne"-

Boy do we have some special puppies here! Jeanne (pictured on the far right) is not part of she and her brother Ivan are smaller lab mixes. Ivan unfortunately has to have a front leg amputation soon but he will be just fine. They are extremely friendly



"Minnie"- A wonderful Dobie mix puppy! Minnie is about 10 months old and weighs 40 pounds. She is super fun loving and super cute! Minnie is currently in obedience class and is a quick learner. She LOVES children, cats and other dogs. Minnie needs a home with lots of interaction. She will be a fun family friend.



"Chelsea"- Chelsea has a long sad story. Fortunately she is now with us and we will be sure to find her a wonderful new home. Chelsea is a 4 year old Shepherd mix. She is extremely quiet, gentle and loyal. She would make a wonderful companion for a retired person.

"Becky"- 14 week old kitten who



lost her hind leg due to an injury. But- it hasn't slowed her down a bit! Becky is very people oriented: she purrs and follows you everywhere! Becky needs a home where she can be kept strictly indoors until the spring then gradually allowed outdoors- supervised.



"Jesse"- Jesse was just rescued from being abandoned in a junkyard way back in the woods. His family moved months ago and left him behind- tethered with a heavy logging chain. The neighbors would occasionally feed him but only when they heard him barking. We found him skinny, scared and oh so thirsty. We are still

getting to know Jesse but so far, he is an absolute doll. A middle aged Husky mix who truly deserves a second chance.

"Moses"- A fabulous Lab mix puppy! Moses is about 14 weeks old. He is incredibly smart and very calm for a puppy his age!



Middleburg's Animal Hospital Welcomes New Doctor

The Middleburg Animal Hospital is pleased to announce that Dr. Stephanie Henderson will be joining the hospital staff on November 1. Dr. Henderson graduated from the University of Tennessee College of Veterinary Medicine in 2002. She grew up in Chattanooga, TN

and has practiced small animal medicine in Nashville for four years.

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Albert's Corner

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



This month's column is a bit of a departure because I've been put on special

assignment to cover the upcoming election. Middleburg, with its proximity to Washington, is a hotbed of political activity right now. I would be an irresponsible journalist to let this one pass me by. My readers deserve to know where they should stand, and who can tell them if not the press?

First, let's go over the candidates: G. W. Bark is the Re-pup-lican candidate and J.W. Kitty is representing the Demo-cat-ic ticket. All the usual suspects are covering this controversial election: Mutt Lauer, Kitty Couric, Willard Scottie, Tom Bropaw, Kitty Kelley, Chris Mutthews, and Bill O'Wylie. The debates are crawling with members of the media, anxious to get the first word on a breaking story. Of course, I'm the top dog – darling of the canine press corps. I always get the poop on the candidates before anyone else.

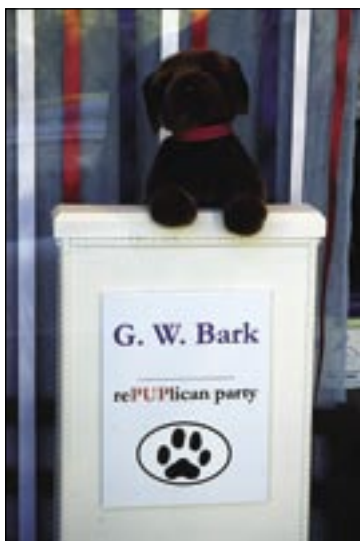
Currently, the polls are showing a dead heat between canines and felines, and the fur is really beginning to fly. The cats think they've got the leading edge because they're so smart. The dogs think they've got the leading edge because they're so strong. Topics like stray marriage, well-fur reform, and the "Just Say No to Cat-nip" campaign are being hurled back and forth between the parties with passionate opinions on both

sides. It's a dog-eat-dog world out there right now, with catfights breaking out daily. In the midst of it all, Ruff Nader keeps begging for votes and trying to mark his territories.

Well, this world-class canine journalist is not going to get caught up in any of the backbiting and pawpointing. I am not going to lose sight of what's important – and neither should you. What's important is voting – be it for the repupicans or the democats. You certainly can't make a difference if you can't make it to the polls.

As for how I plan to cast my vote – in the end it's going to be for the candidate with the best treats. It's that simple. This dog's allegiance is just a dog biscuit away. And if both candidates have good biscuits, I see nothing wrong with flip-flopping just a little. Hear that Bark and Kitty – you've got a couple of weeks to win my loyalty. Bring on the treats! 🍪

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Animal Children Receive Annual Blessing

Holly Beth Hatcher



In Middleburg, when citizens refer to their "children," they may be referring to their animals as well as their offspring, so it makes perfect sense that the annual fundraiser for the Middleburg Humane Foundation would be a Blessing of the Animals.

Reverend Lupton Abshire, previously at Christ Church in Georgetown, presided over the the fifth annual Blessing of the Animals, which took place Sunday, October 10, on St. Francis of Assisi Day at Emmanuel Episcopal Church.

Although Reverend Ab-

shire had presided over the Blessing of the Animals in his previous post, the Middleburg ceremony was his favorite. "I would pet the animals, and as I said the words of the prayer, every animal was calmed."

One animal he didn't touch as he gave the blessing was four-month-old Lola, Barbara du Pont's new Harris' Hawk. "She lives in our kitchen, so she is very used to people and other animals. But all the excitement at the church was a little much for her," says du Pont. ✱

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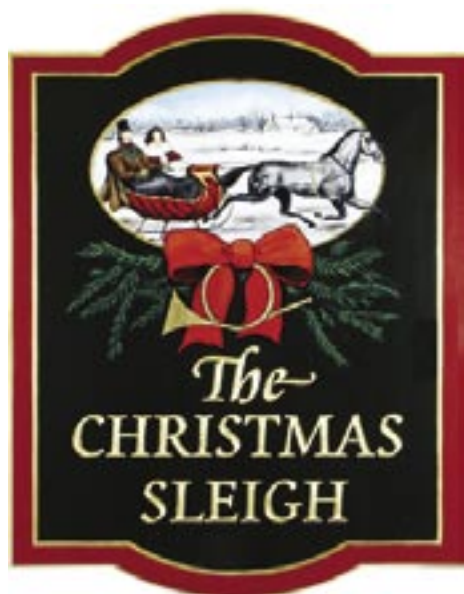
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All Work for Our Pleasure

Christmas as It Ever Was

Steven Schwartz



The cold crisp air of fall in northern Virginia reminds us that the holidays are coming. You can get a jump on the shopping crush and see how Christmases of old were celebrated at a shop in Middleburg called The Christmas Sleigh. People walking in for the first time are amazed at the number and variety of beautiful things for sale. There are dolls that look so real you think they are going to speak, wooden nutcrackers and toys, hand-blown glass ornaments, German smokers (smoking aromatic incense), hand-painted pewter ornaments, marionettes... and where else can you find a pair of lederhosen or an authentic Austrian dirndl?

The shop's owner, Dieter H. Rausch, after a successful career as a Frankfurt, Germany, architect, visited the United States and fell in love with the hand-made treasures of Williamsburg and the rolling hills around Middleburg. He and his childhood sweetheart, Linda Tripp, who spent a lot of time in Germany as a child, have created a gem of a shop for those who appreciate the treasures of Europe and colonial America, and the traditions of Christmas from the Old World.

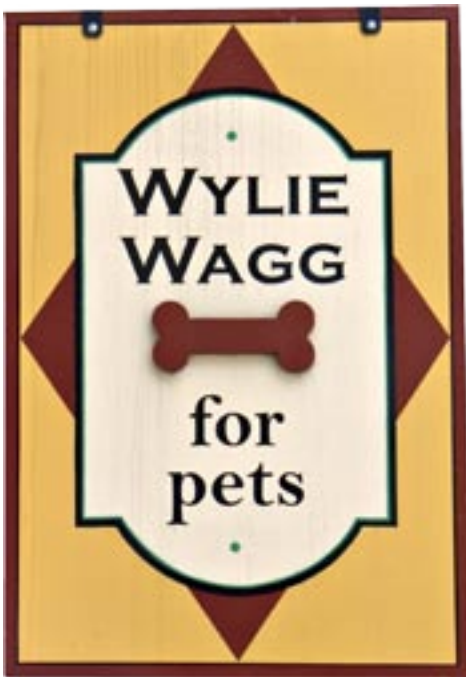
Dieter greets his customers with a big smile and loves to explain how and where each item is made. When you walk in, above the door is an arrangement of fruit around a pineapple. Linda explains, "This door topper is a little-known Colonial Williamsburg symbol of hospitality. We make them with apples, preserved magnolia, and a real pineapple mounted on a half-circle arch. Those who appreciate the 18th Century traditions can buy our wooden arch forms and create their own authentic Williamsburg holiday decoration."

This is a one-of-kind shop for collectors, holiday shoppers, and aficionados of quality items – soon to be open for on-line shopping at www.thechristmassleigh.com. Says Dieter, "I go to Europe four times a year and am always getting new and wonderful things you won't find anywhere else, so please come in and see for yourself!" ❄️

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Bow Wow the Cats Meow

Steven Schwartz

If dogs and cats could drive, there would be a traffic jam in front of a certain store on Washington Street in Middleburg. Luckily for them, their owners have discovered Wylie Wagg, a unique kind of pet store.

Laura and Larry Clark's store is filled with products to keep pets healthy and happy. "Our goal is to provide a one-stop shop for dogs, cats and the people who love them," says Larry. "We do a tremendous amount of research in order to provide the highest quality products and food on the market today."

The Clarks came to Middleburg after spending many years in the corporate world. A move to this area provided a home in what the Clarks consider to be an extraordinarily beautiful place away from the fray. The shop provided an outlet for their longstanding love of animals. Says Laura, "It is a gift when one's work and one's passion can be the same, and we are just so grateful to this wonderful community for their support."

The store sells everything for dogs and cats, including very cute Halloween costumes, food and treats, toys, beds, coats, home decorations and gifts for people. For the Clarks, one of the most important aspects of what they do is to provide healthy food to the area's pets. "If people knew what goes into most commercial pet food and treats, they simply would not feed it to their pets," says Laura. "The regulations on pet food ingredients are weak at best, and I have frankly been horrified by what's passing as nutrition these days."

Wylie Wagg supports the Middleburg Humane Foundation, and, when volunteers are available, holds "adoption Saturdays" in the store. They write "Albert's Corner," a monthly pet-well-being column in this newspaper, and they give a free toy to every rescued puppy on his or her first visit to the shop.

Larry adds, "We offer everything you need for your pet, from the basics to the hard-to-find. Many people do not realize that we're not a high-priced boutique and that our prices are competitive with big chain pet stores. The difference is that we offer genuine concern and personal attention to our customers." Laura wraps it up, "We take the well-being of our customers' pets very seriously, but we try not to take ourselves too seriously in the process. We have a lot of fun here and we want our customers to have fun here too – especially the four-legged variety." ❄



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51 Acres in Orange County Hunt Territory ♦5 BR home w/ gourmet kitchen ♦Wine cellar ♦Master suite on first floor ♦Flagstone terrace ♦Pool ♦Carriage house with 4-bay garage, guest suite, LR with vaulted ceilings, kitchen & work area ♦Extensive horse facilities ♦9 stall barn ♦Covered arena ♦Sand Ring ♦Cross fencing **\$3,200,000**

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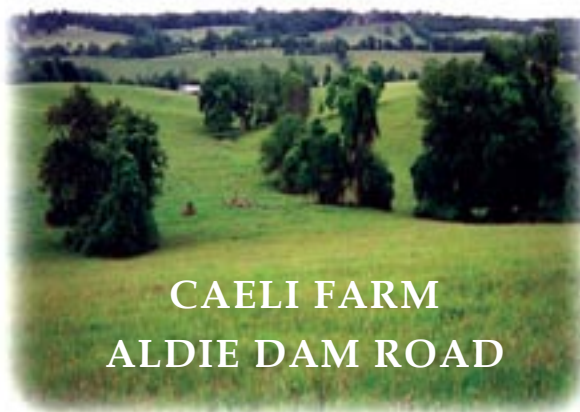
Beautiful property ♦190 acres of rolling countryside ♦Bordered by North Fork Goose Creek and Crooked Run ♦Spring fed pond with dock ♦Attractive 4 bedroom Cape with wrap-around porch ♦Gazebo ♦Eight stall barn ♦Board fenced paddocks ♦Ideal for horses ♦Spectacular Views ♦Middleburg Hunt Territory. **\$2,750,000**

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