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MIDDLEBURG HUMANE JOINS KATRINA RELIEF EFFORT HELP IS ON THE WAY FOR ANIMALS IN NEED

Middleburg Humane Foundation Volunteers left Friday, September 9th in a caravan of three trucks pulling horse trailers to rescue, help and provide sustenance for abandoned animals stranded by the flood.

The team of trained volunteers took three tons of dog and cat food, 110 bales of hay, three tons of horse feed, medical supplies, water and everything needed to save and provide sustenance for animals in need.

They hope to arrive in Mississippi Sunday and provide help wherever it is needed.

Once their supplies are depleted, they plan to return to Middleburg with animals who need either temporary or permanent homes.

The valiant volunteers include Hillary Bogley, who helped establish the Middleburg Humane Foundation, David Braun, Berkley Lee, Jim Furr, Katie Bean and Julio, all of whom deserve high praise and commendation.

MIDDLEBURG TOWN COUNCIL SEPTEMBER MEETING

Mayor Dimos and many members of the Middleburg Town Council arrived early at the Town Offices on Thursday, September 8, to lend their support to Project Helping Hands' latest fund-raising effort, a special project for the victims of Hurricane Katrina.

A special 6:30PM meeting yielded preliminary plans for a public event to be held at Community Center on October 28, with music, dancing, special events featuring the community's school children, a live auction and other activities still to be determined.

Following the Project Helping Hands meeting, Mayor Tim Dimos gave the formal session of the Town Council to order promptly at 7:30 PM. All members present.

Public Comments

Parking and open-space issues dominated this month's public comments.

Virginia Lux, who owns the Glassy Horse on Federal Street, expressed concerns about parking problems, she feared would result if and when a new restaurant owned by David McDonald opens near her in the old Laundromat building. John Deering of Middleburg Auto Parts expressed similar concerns. McDonald wants the town's parking requirements waived for his new restaurant. Sally Bolton who owns the nearby Corner Garden argued that should the town waive the requirements for McDonald's restaurant, justice would require refunding the parking fees paid by businesses like hers, in the past.

Later in the session Marchant Schneider, Town Planner/Zoning Administrator noted that the entire issue of parking and parking waivers in areas zoned C-2 and C-3 needed further study. Waivers had been approved in the past to promote "tourist friendly" business development in C-2 areas. Schneider suggested that seeing whether or not the experiment had worked should precede extending such waivers to C-3.

Tom Patterson, President of the Fox Run Homeowners Association, voiced concern about whether or not open space requirements for Steeplechase Run were being appropriately met by the current plan for the project.

Members noted that both parking and open space will, no doubt, require further ongoing careful attention by the Council.

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NEWS OF NOTE

MIDDLEBURG LOSES DISTINGUISHED CITIZEN HORSE INDUSTRY LOOKS BACK WITH ADMIRATION AT PAUL FOUT'S LIFE

PATRICIA BARRAZA VOS

On August 16 Paul Fout passed away. The world was alerted that one of their greatest horsemen had gone, while Middleburg and its surrounds mourned the loss of a leader and a friend. Mr. Fout was 78.

By the end of his life Paul Fout could look back and see, objectively enough, that he had accomplished much. As a horse trainer he had racked up 236 race wins, \$4 million in purses, and various and sundry awards. As a human he had accomplished even more. When asked what his friend and partner at the Middleburg Training Track would have considered his greatest accomplishment Lewis Wiley doesn't miss a beat. "His family. Without a doubt that's what he was most proud of."

Who wouldn't be. Mr. Fout's wife of 53 years,

Eve Prime Fout, is a renowned artist, and Master of the M.O.C. Beagles. His daughter Nina Fout is a Three Day Event rider with an Olympic medal and countless other awards and accolades to her name. Son Doug Fout follows in father's footsteps as a winning horse trainer. Daughter Virginia Wiley Fout lives in Los Angeles. They are a family with an independent streak. Everyone in town seems to know at least one of them, even if just as a leader in whatever equestrian field they're in (they seem to have just about all those bases covered). And everyone, not just their patriarch, admires them — is proud to count them amongst their neighbors. So why wouldn't Paul Fout count them as his finest achievement?

Still, outside of a fun and full family life Paul Fout managed to build a successful life amongst horses, one he was born

into. He was originally from Syracuse, NY where his parents ran a riding school. It surprises some who only knew him for his decades long career as a racehorse trainer that he started out riding show hunters and jumpers. Indeed it was this pursuit that brought him to Virginia, showing at the Warrenton and Upperville horse shows. According to long time friend and associate Sheila Sisk at one point in his horse showing career he fell and suffered broken bones and thought to himself, "Boy this dumb."

This was said of course with his typical sense of humor. No one who knew Mr. Fout for any length of time can talk about him without referring to his charm and his humor. In any case, having decided that horse showing was not for him he turned his attentions to Eve Prime, his wife from Warrenton whom he met on the local show circuit,

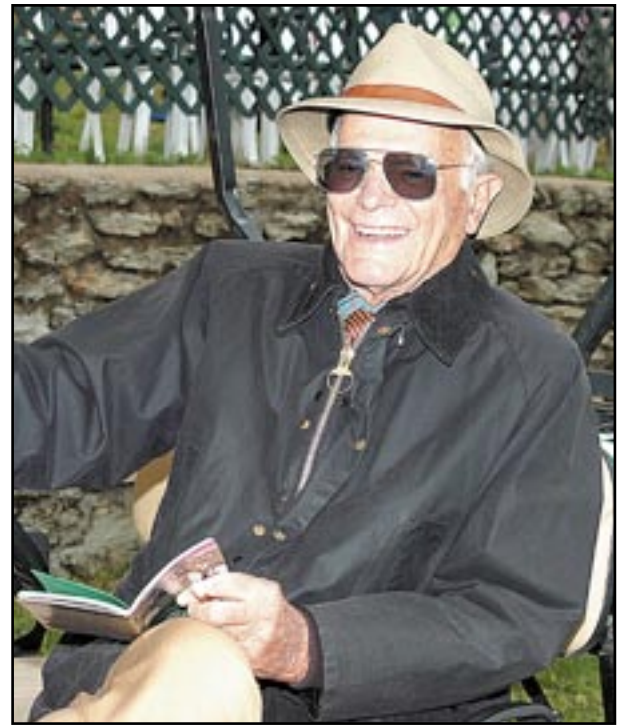


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and to training thoroughbred race horses.

As with any race trainer's careers there were a many winners, some losers and a couple of standouts. Mr. Fout trained horses for racing on the flat as well as over fences and he enjoyed

success in both arenas.

Possibly his most well known horse was Eclipse Award winner Life's Illusion. Mr. Fout trained the mare for owner/breeder Virginia Guest. In 1975 she won the New York

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TOWN COUNCIL

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Staff Reports and Action Items

Town Mike Casey reported that a contractor accidentally cracked an 8-inch water main near the Safeway earlier in the week. Water service to the town was shut down for about an hour and a half until the main could be repaired.

The Council unanimously agreed to hire Karen Pfister to serve as the new Town Clerk. Pfister, a graduate of the University of Virginia, will work 32 hours per week for the Town, beginning September 15. She replaces Clau-

dia Dornin, who leaves her Clerk's post to take up the challenge of serving as the Town of Middleburg's new Economic Development Director.

The Council then authorized the Town Administrator to arrange financing for Utility Improvements listed in the FY'06 Budget.

The removal of a dead (or dying) tree near the Middleburg Real Estate offices on East Washington Street required Council to approve an apparently hotly contested retroactive tree-removal waiver, which it did with one member ab-

staining.

The abstainer was Council Member "Bundles" Murdock, who said she felt honor-bound to pay for the removal of the tree. After the tree had been removed, a question had arisen about what contractor was authorized to remove the tree, and whether proper procedure had been followed approving its removal. Council Member Murdock informed the Council that she had given what seemed at the time sound and logical advice about removing the dead and possibly dangerous tree, and that

it had been removed. Council agreed with her gave the removal retroactive authorization.

The Council's commitment to "slow growth" was reaffirmed unanimously, and Mayor Dimos was named as the Council's "official" representative and spokesperson at the upcoming, September 26, Loudoun County Planning Commission Public Hearing. Whether or not he should regularly represent the town's views on growth at County Board of Supervisors meetings was left for later consideration and decision.

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TROY TAYLOR, MIDDLEBURG HUNTSMAN REMEMBERED

PATRICIA BARRAZA VOS

He loved his hounds. And his hounds loved him. So notes Mr. Jeffrey Blue, Middleburg Hunt's MFH, on the passing of their beloved huntsman Troy Taylor. What better epitaph could any huntsman want for himself? What greater compliment?

Taylor, 39, died in a motorcycle accident on Thursday, September 8 on Foxcroft Road in Middleburg. He is survived by his wife Pamela Taylor, and two sons, Colt, 12 and Conner, 10.

It was the position of huntsman for the Middleburg Hunt that brought the Michigan-native here to Loudoun County in 1996. Taylor was a mere 29, with just a few years of hunting professionally under his belt, but Mr. Blue could tell almost instantly how gifted he was. "He was young. But he showed great sport – he was wonderful with the horn and at hunting

with his voice."

Blue recalls the interview process during which they got to know Troy. "We put him on a horse and sent him up a hill and said basically, 'Okay, tell us what you do. Say we [Blue and his fellow Masters] are the field behind you. Now go and hunt.' And off he went. And he just started yelling like a banshee. The very hairs on the back of my neck stood on end."

The Masters decided to go with the young huntsman despite a plethora of applicants to choose from. They never once regretted the decision. "He was so enthusiastic, a great sportsman, and always ready to hunt one more covert on the way home," recalls Blue. "One of the hardest working people you ever met in your life. And he loved his job. He was not someone who felt he should be Master. He had plenty of confidence and self-worth, and respected the masters and what they did. But he was really comfortable and happy doing

what he was doing, and doing it well."

Fellow MFH Penny Denege agrees his enthusiasm for his job was remarkable. "He wanted everyone to have fun." Blue add, "He realized that that was the aim and object of this exercise."

When not tending his pack, Troy Taylor spent time coaching his son's local youth hockey leagues. He was also an avid hunter, and according to Blue, "He really enjoyed all of the outdoors of Loudoun County and what the outdoors used to mean to people."

Taylor was born and raised in Michigan, went to college for a few years, then headed out West to work as a cowboy. When his father became ill he returned to Michigan to help his family. It was then that his mother noticed an ad in the paper announcing a position at the local hunt kennels. She suggested to her son that since he liked horses and dogs he should apply. And so a career was born. Within two

years they had him working as a huntsman.

In 1994 Taylor moved to Tennessee where he was huntsman for the Mells Hunt. Then in 1996 he came to Middleburg. "He arrived on a Wednesday," remembers Mr. Blue. "And he stopped by the kennels to meet the staff and the hounds. The plan was for him to officially start work that Saturday with a hound walk." By the time they met that Saturday Troy already knew each and every hound by name and sight. They had, at the time, close to 50 couple hounds. "That's a gift," recalls a still astonished Blue. "You can't learn that."

A memorial service will be held Friday, September 16 at 5:00 p.m. at the Goodstone Inn.

Donations can be made to the Troy Taylor Memorial Fund, Middleburg Bank, P.O. Box 5, Middleburg, VA.



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NO "QUICK-FIX" FOR NIGER, AFRICA



KATIE LEACH-KEMON

Pictures of skeleton-like children in Niger seem to be a hot topic in the media these days. While this "emergency" may be news to you, it has been a reality for Nigeriens for many years now. Even before drought and swarms of locusts significantly reduced last year's harvest, however, an estimated 40 percent of Niger's children were malnourished and its infant mor-

tality was the highest in the world. With a population growth of rate of 3.6 percent (again, highest in the world) and rapid decertification, food availability is likely to decrease even more dramatically in coming years.

While the media's recent coverage of the food crisis in Niger has alerted millions of people to the suffering of this nation's children, it has also created misconceptions. By painting the situation in Niger as a momentary crisis, the

media's coverage may lead people to think of food aid as a solution. While food aid may ease hunger pains for some Nigeriens this year, what about those ever-present malnourished children?

As a health volunteer for the Peace Corps in southwestern Niger, I have often asked myself this question. Part of my job includes working with mothers to rehabilitate severely malnourished children. Since January, I have been working with a pair of twins and

their mother in a neighboring village. The twins, Amara and Bou-bacar, weighed only nine pounds each when they reached their first birthday.

My friend Indi, a nurse at the local clinic, and I have been visiting the twins' house over the past eight months. During each visit, Indi and I discuss nutrition and hygiene with the twins' mother. Our instruction has been partially productive: the mother has been diligently preparing a protein-enriched porridge for her children, but she has yet to improve hygiene in her household. Despite Indi's and my constant reiterations about the importance of sanitation, nothing seems to change. Bowls of food left open and covered with flies, chickens eating out of cooking pots, and waste scattered throughout the yard where the children play is the scene that often greets us when we visit the twins' house.

For the past several months, the twins have been showing signs of amelioration, like steady weight gain. Just the other day, however, I saw the twins and their mother at the clinic. Both twins were sick with vomiting and diarrhea, and their frail bodies had lost all evidence of the last eight months' progress. I am hoping that the antibiotics the twins received will restore their health. I am wary, however, knowing that the unsanitary conditions in which these children live may attack their defenseless bodies with a fatal infection any day now. While I have tried to help rehabilitate the twins as best I can, I am convinced that the only

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Middleburg, Virginia

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Turf Writer's Cup Steeplechase and the Lovely Night Steeplechase in Saratoga making her the clear winner of the Eclipse Award Champion Steeplechaser. To this day she is the only filly to have won that.

Now thirty years hence Paul's son Doug, also a steeplechase race trainer, has won the same race, the Grade 1, \$159,200 New York Turf Writers Cup Steeplechase Handicap, with Eldon Farm's Hirapour, a 9-year old gelding. One can only imagine the pride and wonder of the son having achieved that bittersweet victory now, so soon after losing his beloved father.

Mr. Fout's other big horse came later in his life. Her name was Colstar, owned and bred by Beverly Steinman. In 2000 she won the Flower Bowl Invitational Handicap at Belmont Park. Colstar went on win a total of 11 races out of 18 starts, winning over \$1 million. Mr. Wiley comments that though both of Mr. Fout's biggest horses were fillies and mares, "that was most certainly just a coincidence."

Successful as he was Paul Fout was not merely a racehorse trainer but an active member of that community as well. Perhaps his loss will be felt deepest by all those in Virginia who work, as he did, to keep racing a vibrant industry in our state. Mr. Fout was a cheerful advocate of the horse industry in our area and channeled his energies into many different organizations which do so as well. He was on the board of directors of the Virginia Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association. But perhaps most important to all his neighbors and friends in Middleburg, Paul Fout was the General Manager, "head honcho" as Sheila Sisk fondly remembers calling him, of the Middleburg Spring Races.

Sisk went to work for Paul Fout and the Spring Races 20 years ago, first helping to clear leaves off the course and eventually to her long uninterrupted post as Race Secretary. She was witness to his decades of devoted care of the race course at Glenwood Park, including his design work on the Alfred Hunt Steeplechase course. "He went out there every day," recalls Sisk. "Because he loved it. He loved Glenwood Park."

Services were held August 22 at Grace Episcopal Church. Memorial contributions are being accepted by the Middleburg Spring Race Association, P.O. Box 1173, Middleburg, VA 20118.

No "QUICK-FIX"

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way to reduce malnutrition among young children in Niger is to encourage primary school education for girls.

Research has shown that girls' education has a direct impact on infant mortality rates. In Niger, only 16 percent of the population is literate, and a mere 24 percent of girls attend modern school. Increasing school attendance among young girls seems to be the most viable approach in reducing malnutrition and infant mortality in Niger. If the twins' mother had attended school, it is likely that her hygiene and feeding habits would be dramatically different. If nothing else, she would better understand the connection between dirt and sickness, and perhaps be more responsive to my counseling.

While the news headlines scream "CHILDREN ARE STARVING IN NIGER," the solution seems so simple. If they are starving, bring them food. End of story? Not quite. There is no "quick-fix" that will help Niger out of the hole in which it finds itself. The best way to help Niger is to work with its people and its government toward long-term goals, like increasing primary education for all children, reducing population growth, slowing desertification, and improving access to healthcare for all Nigeriens.

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New Orleans is gone. We're heartbroken. The epicurean capital of the USA. Underwater. The closest thing USA had to a Lyon, France. New Orleans was a gastro-nomic empire. New Orleans had it all. From breakfast to lunch and dinner. Not a bad eatery in the lot. It was more unusual to have a bad meal then not have a great one.

By the time you read this, it'll be old news. The mourning, rebuilding and healing will have started, but what about the culture that is New Orleans food? Commander's Palace, NOLA, Brennan's, La Provence. Mothers and even Emeril's. All gone. Along with the massive tragedy of loss of life and suffering, we lament the loss of a culture. All it's history, its atmosphere, its heart.

My wife and I have spent many a time there, at one point making it our New Year's Eve ritual for many years. We'd trek down there to "eat in the New Year". For those that have been, New Orleans was SO much more than the garbage that went on at Bourbon Street and the dark spirit of Anne Rice novels.

As you walked the other streets of the French quarter, Canal, Dauphine and Royal you see the embedded ethos. When you walk through the Garden district you see what southern elegance truly is. The shops and the people. The cast of eccentrics! The essence of what makes a city and a civilization.

We assembled some of our favorite recipes that were given by new friends we made there. Friends that went through hell. Friends we hope are all safe. (At this writing we still aren't certain).

Make a dish or two, sit down to dinner with your family and say a prayer for "The Big Easy". If possible, God willing, may it return to it's wonderful old self.

Commander's Palace
House Dressing

One of those landmark places that you HAVE to experience at least once. Brunch is the best. As uncomplicated as this may sound, I was always amazed by the house salad dressing. Simple but always tasty. The Commander's Palace house salad consists of the usual suspects: iceberg lettuce, hard-boiled eggs, bacon and croutons.

1/2 cup Onion, diced
1 Egg, raw
1 cup Canola oil
3 tbs Cider Vinegar
Pinch Garlic powder
Pinch Black pepper

In a blender, (or food processor) puree onion, a whole egg and blend 2 minutes more. Pulsing the blender add the oil in a steady stream until it thickens to the consistency of mayonnaise. Lower speed and blend in vinegar. Add garlic powder and pepper and blend for 10 seconds more. Then chill.

Bob's New Orleans
Green Gumbo Beaucoup

Cooks talk to cooks. One early morning while jogging off the previous night's dinner, we met a cook named Bob, a silver haired, life long prep cook at Delmonico's and Vieux Carre. A local for 65 years. He was taking a break, out for a smoke in the back alley of a small kitchen in the Quarter. A huge delivery truck blocked our path, the singular reason for breaking our stride but a fortuitous opportunity to engage with this character!

I asked him why he was there so early (6:30AM), and in full cooks whites. He said he was making something for a special family dinner that evening. (it was New Years Eve) After awhile, he asked if we would try a cupful. It was incredible. We proceeded to beseech him for the recipe. He finally agreed, seemingly actually flattered to do so. Bob wrote the whole thing down. The first thing he wrote was the following:

"This is an authentic family recipe that my mother taught me

in 1950 in the Quarters. It makes a great party main dish. Like Chinese food, it is long on chopping and assembling, but goes together and cooks quickly."

1 lg Green Pepper, chopped
1 lg Spanish Onion, chopped
3 Stalks Celery, sliced
2 lb Okra, 1/2" slices
1 bunch Green Onions, chopped
1 lg Tomato, chopped, peeled & seeded
1.5 lb Shrimp (20ct), save shells
1 pt Oysters, small, save juice
1 lb Scallops
2 Chicken breasts, boned
1 lb Andouille or smoked sausage
1 t Tabasco sauce
1 tb Worcestershire sauce
6 Cloves garlic, minced
8 oz Butter (two sticks)
8 oz Flour (one cup)
1 tsp Dried Thyme leaves
1 Bottle Doxee's Clam Juice

2 cups Uncooked par-boiled rice (use Uncle Ben's converted)
1 tsp Dried Oregano leaves
2 Bay leaves
Salt and pepper to taste
4 cups Chicken stock (approx)
Large cast iron fry pan or deep pot.

Shrimp - First peel shrimp, keep chilled, save shells. Put shells in small pot, cover with water, bring to a boil, then reduce to a simmer for 15 minutes. When water has been reduced by about half, remove from heat, cool, and strain out shells. Reserve shrimp water.

Chicken and sausage - Chop sausage and chicken into medium bite-sized pieces, brown in fry pan, drain, set aside. Okra - Cut off stems and tips, slice into 1/2" pieces. Set aside.

Prepare garlic, Spanish onions, green onions, and celery, set aside separately.

Roux - Melt butter in a large IRON pan or deep pot, add flour. Whisk constantly over low heat until mixture starts to lightly brown. Care is needed here because from cooked to burned is a short but tragic step, but you can start over. After light brown, the color is all politics, it tastes good.

Once the roux is cooked, stir in garlic and celery. Turn up heat a bit, say about medium, but stir constantly to prevent roux from burning. After about 1-2 minutes, dump in chopped Spanish onions and green pepper, continue stirring. After another minute or so of cooking and stirring, dump in the okra. By this time the roux appears to have disappeared, but is still there, clinging to the vegetables. Continue cooking for another 2-3 minutes till the okra starts to wilt and become shiny. (If you are using an iron fry pan, rather than a pot, you will now be running out of space and will need to now transfer the ingredients to a larger pot to continue.)

Stir in the chicken and sausage pieces. After another minute, mix in shrimp water, the oyster juice, the bottle of Doxee's Clam Juice (THIS IS THE SECRET TO THE NEW ORLEANS FLAVOR! says Bob), and enough chicken stock to cover the ingredients by an inch or so. Add bay leaves, Tabasco and Worcestershire sauces, spices, salt and pepper. Slowly bring to a boil (over a period of five minutes or more), stirring frequently. As soon as the mixture boils, immediately remove from heat and cover.

After five minutes, remove cover; add tomato, oysters, scallops and shrimp. Give a few more stirs, re-cover, and wait for 20 minutes. The declining heat from the mixture will cook, but not overcook, the seafood. From this point, this mixture should never be brought to the boil again. Now is a good time to make the rice.

Check for thickness. If too thick, thin out with additional



chicken stock. If too thin, add flour in a separate serving bowl before adding to rice. Once flour is added to gumbo, do not re-heat, as this will cause stringiness. Just before serving, mix in the chopped green onions. They should be only slightly cooked, a little wilted but also a little crunchy.

Serve in soup platter, with an island of white rice surrounded by a green moat of gumbo, meat and seafood. Serve with split buttered and broiled French bread, and white wine or beer.

Shrimp Mosca
From: Joe Marcello & Nik Mosca
Owners, La Louisiane Restaurant

I believe I recognized La Louisiane on FOX news. It was reported that it was 90% underwater. Very sad. Chef Mosca has a cult following in the Big Easy. This was one of his signature dishes.

2 lbs Shrimp w/Shells
- Large 15 to 20 count
6 cloves Garlic, sliced thin
2 whole Bay Leaves
1 tsp Crushed black pepper
1 tsp Salt
1 tsp Rosemary
1 tsp Oregano
3 glugs good Olive Oil
3 glugs Sauterne (or sweet white wine)

Over high heat, drop oil in fry pan and add shrimp and spice all at once. Sauté for 10 minutes or until shrimp turn pink. Add wine and simmer for 5 minutes.

Shrimp are to be peeled at the table and served with hot crisp bread for dunking.

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ENHANCING ARCHITECTURAL STYLE

WELCOME HOME

WANDA K. CROSSLEY

The first thing I consider when I begin an interior design project is what the room or house offers architecturally. Whether it is classical or modern, good architectural elements give a home grounding and exude a sense of calmness and style with subtle elegance.

Interesting architectural detail keeps a room from being flat and boring. In older homes, architectural detail draws you into a rich history of times gone by and the families who previously lived there. Architecture speaks from the past and is truly the soul of the house.

Unfortunately, newer homes

often don't come with the detailed interior craftsmanship and architectural charm of many older homes. Right angles, basic dry-wall and minimal baseboards serve their functional purpose. However, once basic shelter needs are met, we find ourselves longing for physical accommodation that reflects a deeper meaning. In this pursuit we typically look to simple solutions, such as textured wallpaper and varying paint colors, but they are only substitutes for built-in style.

Unless you're ready to take on a major reconstruction project, it's not practical to fundamentally change the architectural style of a room. But there are relatively inexpensive techniques to alter and

enhance details to give the illusion of new architecture.

It has always amazed me what a little crown molding will do to add dimension to a room while separating the wall and ceiling. Complementary wainscoting is will also add depth and is very doable for anyone who can swing a hammer.

Instead of wallpaper, consider authentic tongue-and-groove paneling. Avoid the prepackaged and preformed kits, find a local lumber mill and talk with them about customized cut styles, widths and depths. They can create almost any beautiful complex shape into paneled edges. If you decide to paint the paneling you may wish to use less expensive poplar boards

while still creating a very elegant and substantial feel.

To make a stronger statement, you might fashion more conspicuous and captivating architectural accents. Flank columns to frame and separate some space. Add enhanced framing around a door with a simple pediment overhead. Craft the illusion of paneled walls with the creative use of intricate molding in the form of picture frames. And, ultimately, add beams or coffer to your ceiling, which will likely require an expert.

Other more advanced options include built-in furniture, bookcases or a cozy window seat. Moreover, change the newel posts and balusters on your staircase railing. Always remember to keep the

PASTIMES

THE ART OF PICTURE HANGING

THE ART OF ART

TOM NEEL

I was thinking how funny it would be for me to just write, “get a hook, hit it with hammer, hang the picture and you’re done” and frankly, for much of what we all will hang, that has been working pretty darn good, right?

Everyone has that little tool drawer in their house filled with odds and ends, a hammer, measuring tape and such, and in most cases some miscellaneous doodads for hanging a picture. There in that compartment of the drawer organizer, in the back, off to the side, an opened box of picture hooks or some assorted nails. Hey, it gets the job done.

Through the many art gallery shows I’ve hung and home visits I’ve made, I can only guess that I’ve hung in the thousands of paintings, prints, mirrors and such, but it’s the rehanging of things for customers that has given me the most entertainment, (oops), I meant insight into picture hanging techniques.

There have been little nails, big nails, really big nails, little hook-big picture, big hook-little picture, molly bolts and lag bolts. There have been picture wire, but also twine, string and fence wire. Throw in too high, too low, off center and well, you get the picture (no pun intended). So, in honor of this resourcefulness and in the name of picture hanging happiness, I would like to offer up (to the rest of you) a few helpful tips. So, here goes.

1) Hanging is first about weight. There are hooks and wire to safely support that weight. Get it wrong and what you hung could come down, resulting in damaged art and maybe broken glass. If you’re not sure, I say a bigger hook is better.

2) Picture hanging supplies are cheap and easy to find. Hardware stores and frame shops can help. Buy an assortment of different size hooks and maybe even some wire as well to keep on hand.

3) Most things are hung on drywall. Don’t use nails! Okay, stop using nails. Nails are not hooks. Nails can bend, but more likely will not be supported correctly by drywall unless you hit a stud and even then they are not right for the job. Picture hooks are designed to hold the picture and keep the nail from bending down and in most cases you do not need to hit a stud, just have the proper size hook for the piece you are hanging.

4) On anything bigger than the outside dimensions of maybe 12”X16” (ball park), I start using two hooks and not mainly because of safety, but rather just to help keep the picture straight. Bigger things on one hook tend to become crooked. With time, vibration, the earth spinning, etc., the one hook becomes a pivot point. Try splitting the picture’s width into thirds using one of those thirds to separate your hooks. Example- the picture is 36” wide, 1/3 of 36” is 12” or one foot. So, you would place your hooks about a foot apart and then place the picture’s wire across

both, slide the wire back and forth in the hooks until you have equal amounts side to side and then make sure it’s straight and it should stay level.

5) Little rubber stick on bumpers can also be used on the back at the bottom corners to help your picture from sliding on the wall.

6) You can use a level to make sure a picture is straight (I never do), but I find it’s the closest horizontal parallel line that works best to the eye. Example- look at the parallel relationship between the top of your picture and the bottom of the crown molding above it or a piece of furniture below it. In the case of small pieces, it can be best to use the side of the picture and a vertical line such as a door jam molding.

7) Follow the same example for measuring for your hook placement, it’s often better to measure down from the crown molding than up from the floor. In short, you can hold the picture where you like it on the wall and place a piece of tape on the wall indicating the top edge of the frame. Then measure, on the back of the picture, holding the wire like it is on a hook or hooks, from the wire to the top edge of the frame, let’s say that’s 8”. Now measure down from the bottom edge of the crown molding to your tape mark on the wall, let’s say that’s 20”, now add the 8” inches and you have 28” you need to have from the bottom of the crown down to the hooks. Then you need to find center, do so between walls or by the width of a piece of furniture that might

be below it.

8) For height, most things should be hung around your standing eye level unless you are fairly short or tall. Find a happy medium and remember the relationship to other things near the art.

9) For very heavy things (big mirrors, etc.) or things being hung very high, in an unusual place or on a stone wall, things of this



nature, you may be best calling a professional or handyman. These jobs often require wall anchors and holding heavy things while on a ladder. Keep it safe.

UPPERVILLE PLANTS A TREE TO HONOR GORDAN STAPLES

Gordon Staples, who has kept the streetlights burning in Upperville for 60 years, will be honored by the community in a tree dedication ceremony on Sunday, September 25, 2005, at 12:30 pm.

The Upperville Community League, which Mr. Staples helped to found in 1978, has planted a Kousa Dogwood tree at the Upperville Post Office in recognition for all that Mr. Staples has done for the village.

All members of the community and Mr. Staples friends are invited to attend the dedication.

Born in Upperville, Mr. Staples has been a bulwark of the community for eight decades. As a rural postman, he delivered the mail along Upperville’s back roads, sometimes by foot when the snow was too high to drive.

He has devoted countless hours to preserving and maintaining Buchanan Hall, working on



behalf of the Community League to establish and manage the Upperville Street Light Fund, and caring for the historic Upperville United Methodist Church.

Many residents of the village have been the recipients of his anonymous acts of kindness and generosity.

“Gordon is Upperville’s unsung hero,” says current Community League President Doug Gow. “This tree is a small token of the community’s appreciation for the care and dedication he has shown for so many years.”

GET READY FOR SOME FOOTBALL

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ALEX CUDABACK

As of this writing, Super Bowl XL is approximately 146 days and 13 hours away.

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32 teams, 16 regular season games apiece, and you’re talking about 256 regular-season games to be watched, fretted over, analyzed and dissected.

Throw in the post-season, with three divisional winners and one wildcard in each conference and you’re talking about another 12 games leading up to a Super Bowl that will undoubtedly culminate in a spectacle that lives up to and, quite possibly, exceeds its marketers-dream XL billing. Super Bowl 40? Please! February 5 in Detroit will be extra-large, indeed.

What’s your point?, you may ask.

Simple. For those of you who do not or cannot appreciate the next 147 days of 300 pound behemoths trying to take each others heads off, for those of you who cannot see beauty in a post pattern, for those of you who have no understanding of the inherent differences between a 3-4 and a 4-3, a nickel and a dime, a go-route and a curl, a fullback, a halfback, a quarterback, and a tailback, I ask now, politely, to just bear with those of us who do and can.

I’m tempted to tell you that

football represents the most team-oriented sport out there, that any person who every played football and any other sport will agree that the dependence on any one player is vastly diminished in football compared to the other sports they played. You can only ride a gold-en-armed quarterback so long; the best linebacker in the game is not going to win you a championship all on his own. Football is simply not a game that any one person can take over.

But what I really want to do is make a deal. A pact, if you will. For those of you who do not “get” football, I ask for your indulgence. I ask you not complain when you realize, mid-December, that football is spillin’ into February again. Football season is NOT too long. Hockey season is too long, and that’s after giving me an entire season off! I ask that you put up with the mood swings that ripple through the house over four quarters.

I ask that you take the dog around the block when you find him whimpering by the front door because I cannot, I simply CAN-NOT, leave the house between the two minute warning and the end of the game. I ask you not to schedule “dinner-club” at the house, until February 6, and have any expectation whatsoever that I will participate in any way, shape, or form. I ask you not to act befuddled and confused, blind sided



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OUR EARTH

IT'S TIME TO PLANT BULBS

THE PLANT LADY

KAREN REXRODE

It's time to plant bulbs, or at least that what we call the many roundish fleshy roots that become available in the fall. Fleshy roots may be the only common element that unites them, they are in fact broken into a few categories and they grow differently, are propagated differently and require different cultural practices to be grown successfully. By and large they are plants that have adapted to life in arid areas of the world or droughty places and go dormant for summer, growing again as natural precipitation occurs. Not to say that this is true for all, there are the fleshy roots of summer, flowers that open then rather than spring. Most of these are tender in our area and must be lifted and stored in a frost free environment, the most common are gladiolus, dahlias and cannas. Popular bulbs are daffodils and alliums which are safe from marauding animals while tulips take a back seat due to their palatable bulb and flower. I have watched bulb trends change over the years and this can be directly associated with the increase in deer browsing and squirrel populations. Plant other deer resistant bulbs when necessary and these include snowdrops or galanthus, fritillaria, scilla and grape hyacinths or muscari. Voles are the nasty vermin that devour tulip and lily bulbs. They move around in shallow tunnels, readily consuming anything

in the lily family and very fond of tulip bulbs. Bulbs, tubers and corms have evolved differently in order to overcome drought, which usually occurs during the summer. Their swollen underground storage units rest in summer, only coming to life with fall, winter or spring rains. Most are natives of Europe with a few hailing from milder, southern parts of Europe. These usually bloom in fall like some crocus (sternbergia) and colchicums. The more conventional bulbs remain dormant until spring, sending up leaves first, eventually followed by flowers. The majority of the bulbs are from rocky, droughty areas, but a few such as fritillaria meleagris and galanthus or snowdrops come from naturally moist places and benefit with shady, damp sites with rich soil. A true bulb, when cut in half, will reveal the young flower bud, pre-formed deep in the heart of the bulb. These are the true bulbs and it is critical that their foliage is allowed to die down naturally after flowering so that food is restored to the bulb. A new set of flowers will develop for the next year, re-packing their suitcase, so to speak. Not only can one see the small flower bud in their core but the layers that surround it are the leaves that will emerge. To care for true bulbs one must simply make sure that there is food and water available as the foliage cures. Once replenished, these small suitcases are self sufficient until water and soil tem-

peratures tell them to grow. Many bulbs grow best with cool, down-right chilly soil. We are about as far south as one can grow tulips, they are much happier further north. In more southerly climates tulips are stored in the refrigerator, planted in spring and planted annually. One will also finds corms for

sale in fall. Crocus are the most common and these are essentially fleshy units of starch or food. A corm ages, develops and grows in size until it reaches flowering size. Once mature they will flower and that corm will die. New corms will form below and around the original one. When a corm is cut in half,

there is soft tissue, not layering of flower and leaf. The best care is that given prior to flowering, the food and water is stored to produce a better flower. Tubers follow the same care as corms but develop eyes from which shoots appear. For propagation, the eye can be cut from the tuber (with a section of the tuber) and rooted. The interior is also little more that soft tissue. Grow these with regular watering and feeding to produce the best flowers. Tubers include cyclamen and begonias.

Fleshy roots like rhizomes of iris and cannas have developed over time to store moisture during dormancy. They are actually modified stems. Their growth cycles will vary depending on their origins and habitat. The bulk of iris are summer dormant, lift and divide them now. When rain and cool temperatures begin, they send out new roots. Cannas grow rapidly with warmth and will behave like temperate perennials, dying down with the first frost.

It is almost impossible for a garden to exist without some bulbs or bulb-like plants. This month alone brings the pleasure of bright yellow sternbergias, pale pink hardy begonias and the diminutive flowers on cyclamen hederifolium. With our sometimes unsuitable summers, bulbs, tubers and corms may the best deal going!



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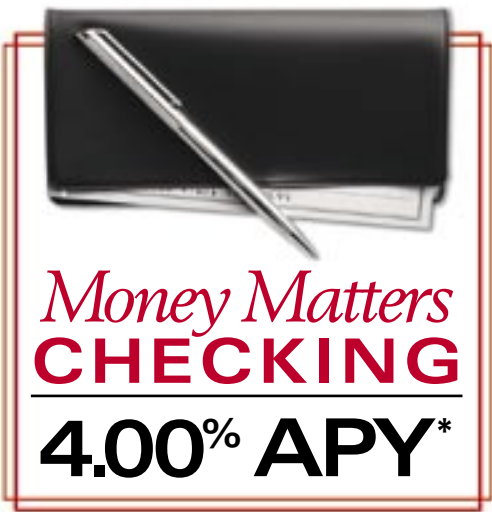
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IT'S YOUR BUSINESS

KEITH W. MEURLIN FORMER DULLES AIRPORT VP, ELECTED TO MIDDLEBURG FINANCIAL CORPORATION BOARD

Middleburg Financial Corporation has elected Keith W. Meurlin to its board of directors. Mr. Meurlin is the former vice president and manager of Washington Dulles International Airport. Major General Meurlin was recently called to active duty and is serving as the acting Vice Commander, Air Force Material Command, providing logistical and sustainment support necessary to keep U.S. Air Force weapons systems ready for war.

Commenting on his appointment to the board of directors, Mr. Meurlin said, "I couldn't be hap-

pier. The board and I share the same vision for what a full service financial services company should be to its community and its clients. I look forward to joining the Middleburg team upon my return and getting started."

Joe Boling, president and chairman of the board was also pleased, "Keith's a great addition. Whether managing operations at Dulles International Airport or directing our troops, he's exhibited an ability to accomplish objectives in stellar fashion, regardless of the hurdles. We greatly appreciate the service he's providing to our country and look forward to his return

soon."

Mr. Meurlin managed Dulles Airport through the most rapid period of growth in its history. During his 24-year tenure at Dulles Airport, Mr. Meurlin added new passenger terminals, quadrupled cargo facilities, established the first ramp control tower at Dulles and created an automated pass and identification function that was recognized as an FAA model for Category X airports.

In addition to his service at Dulles airport, Major General Meurlin continued his military career in the Air Force Reserve. Major General Meurlin attained the

highest rank a traditional reservist can achieve in the Air Force Reserve and is one of only 25 Major Generals. He is responsible for the application of more than 2,000 reservists throughout the command, conducting research, development, testing and evaluation. Major General Meurlin directed maintenance and logistics efforts for the initial combat efforts during Operation Iraqi Freedom and addressed issues related to the massive mobilization of reservists after September 11, 2001.

Mr. Meurlin's community involvement includes the boards of the Reston Chamber of Commerce, the Loudoun Chamber of Commerce, and the United Way, Loudoun County. He was past regional chairman of the United Way, Loudoun County, past board member of the United Way of the National Capital Area, and chairman of the Heart Association of Northern Virginia. In 2000, Mr. Meurlin was the recipient of



Loudoun County's Rotary Citizen of the Year award and in 2002 was the recipient of the Tower of Dulles Award, Committee for Dulles.

Mr. Meurlin received his bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Vermont and his master's degree in systems management from the University of Southern California. He is also a graduate of the FAA Executive School.

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Harmony Hall, the original plantation after which was named the town of Harmony, later to be renamed Hamilton, sits just east of the town limits on old Rt 7 about half a mile below the Beautiful South. With 3 huge stone chimneys and 6 fireplaces, this old fieldstone mansion boasts wide double decker front porches, the very image of Tara itself. The 6 acre property comes with a pre-revolutionary war log cabin, now covered with siding but habitable. A two-level stone smoke house, a spring house, and a chicken house also come with the parcel. Since they were Quakers, no slave house was required.

The main house was built in 3 sections the first by Richard

Tavener, probably around 1820. Records are not exact. His father, George Tavener, had built a separate mansion back in 1788, Wyne-meade, near the Winodee subdevelopment and which is sometimes confused with Harmony Hall.

Making Harmony Hall look like a steal, Thomas and Talbot, the realtors handling the estate, also have for sale, at a slightly larger figure of \$7.5 million, the estate called "Old Welbourne" in Upperville. This is not the antebellum mansion "Welbourne" near St Louis where F Scott Fitzgerald and Thomas Wolfe used to visit and where on a window pane surviving since the Civil War can be seen scratched JEB Stuart's initials. It is instead its cousin a few miles down the road. Built in the 1850s, so authentically antebellum, the mansion of this 328 acre working farm has 10' ceilings, 5 baths, 8 fireplaces, and a barn with numerous outbuildings. Two tenant houses also come with the price, but no mention is made of slave quarters.

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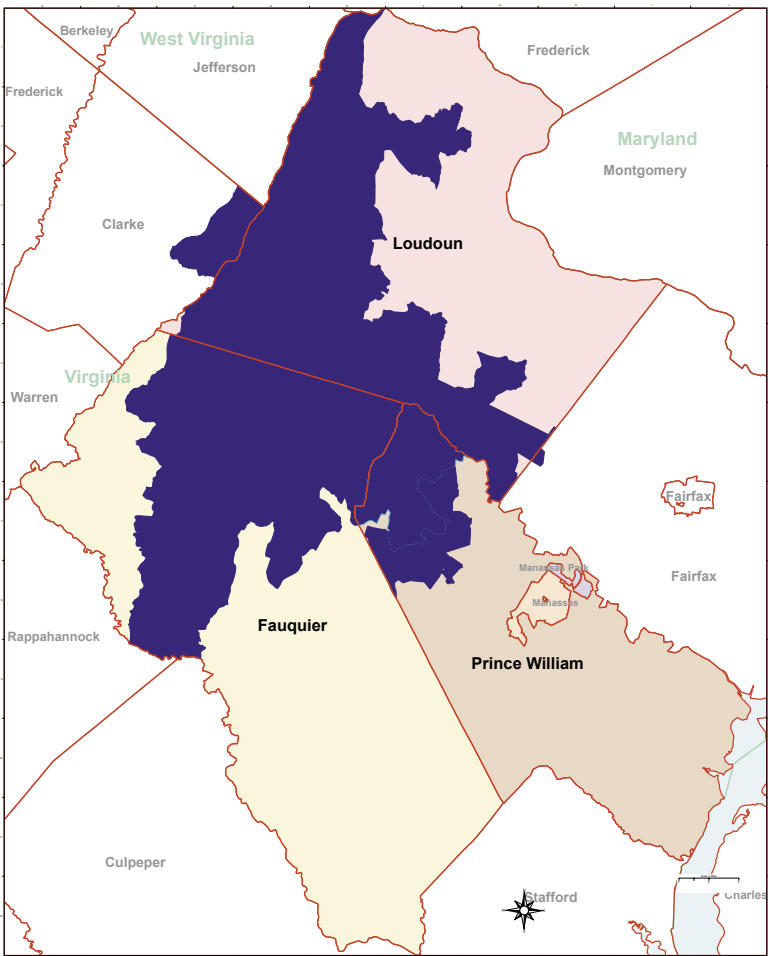
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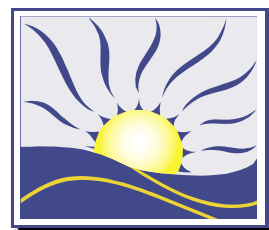
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The highlight of the show is the \$10,000.00 Hunter Classic, held under the lights on Saturday night. A dinner, and special awards presentation precede the competition, along with a few minutes dedicated to remembering friends who lost their battle to HIV/AIDS.

A Silent Auction, with items ranging from a stuffed animal to a week in Paris and/or Ireland is open all week. Bidding closes on Saturday night.

The Middleburg Classic was started in 1993 to promote HIV/AIDS awareness. Since then, thousands of dollars have been given to the Equestrian AIDS Foundation and Food & Friends through the Middleburg Classic.

This year's show will again benefit Food & Friends, a wonderful organization in Washington, D.C. that provides meals and special services to homebound people with HIV/AIDS or cancer. If profitable enough, the show will also make a donation to The Equestrian AIDS Foundation.

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For more information, visit our website at www.middleburg-classic.com or contact Nardeen Henderson at 757-357-1775 or email at middleburg@aol.com.

PORCHES: AN AMERICAN MUSICAL

When PORCHES premiered at Middleburg, Virginia's Hill Playhouse in the spring of 1999, the show played to sold out houses and standing ovations. PORCHES soon found itself invited to The Mishler Theatre in Altoona to celebrate the city's Sesquicentennial. Once more the shows sold out and PORCHES' actors were greeted with standing ovations.

PORCHES was co-written by Tom Sweitzer and Meredith Bean McMath (original concept and music by Tom Sweitzer; book by Meredith Bean McMath). Born and raised in Altoona, Sweitzer is a drama teacher and veteran actor who founded Middleburg's Hill Playhouse Regional Theatre and, more recently, the Creative Youth Theatre Foundation. Meredith Bean McMath is a prize-winning playwright and award-winning historian who serves as founding Artistic Director of Loudoun's Aurora Studio Theatre, Inc. She is currently in post-production on her independent film WATERFORD'S WAR.

Set in Altoona, Pennsylvania during World War II, PORCHES focuses on one neighborhood of four homes whose residents are

struggling with the issues of life, death and survival. One eccentric old lady with an odd way with words is slowly drawing them together. Sometimes it turns out the person who'll change your life is living right next door.

PORCHES will be presented first at Altoona's Mishler Theatre Sept. 30 - Oct. 2 and then at Middleburg's Hill Playhouse October 7-9. The production will be directed by Tom Sweitzer with Musical Direction by Aaron Jodoin. The Hill Playhouse Box Office opens September 12th: 540/687-3761.

To arrange to visit a rehearsal for photos/interviews, please contact Tom Sweitzer at 540/687-5897.

UPPERVILLE LIBRARY TEA

It's annual tea time for the Upperville Library, that tiny 1804 stone building next to Trinity Church on Rt. 50 in Upperville. The public is invited to Buchanan Hall in Upperville on Saturday October 8th at 3pm

Upperville resident John Ross, author of nine books ranging from a landmark guide to public relations for colleges and universities to the Trout Unlimited Guide to America's 100 Best Trout Streams, will be the featured speaker. He is a regular contributor to Sporting Classics and Sports Afield magazines as well as numerous educational journals. John will speak on "The Writer's Life (and Life with a Writer)"

There will be food for thought (free books to take home) and pleasures for the palate (what's a party without good food?). There will also be fun activities for the children.

The Upperville Library has been a resource for Upperville readers since 1927. From 1804 to 1845 the little building served as the office of Dr. T. W. Smith, Sr., the first medical practitioner and obstetrician in the Upperville District. For more than half a century after that, it was used for a variety of purposes, including a tearoom.

Join us and join the Upperville Library (annual dues are \$10), where great reads await you without ever pounding the keys of a computer! The Library is open on Thursdays, from noon to 2:00 p.m. Do come to tea and get acquainted!

WATERFORD HOMES TOUR & CRAFTS EXHIBIT

The Waterford Homes Tour and Crafts Exhibit is not just for crafts and preservation enthusiasts. It's also a popular destination for children looking for unique festivities such as, making pots, magic shows, puppet shows, wagon rides and an 18th century scavenger hunt. The event is Oct. 7 through October 9, 2005 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Waterford, Va. Advance tickets (from Aug. 22 through Sept. 26) are \$13 per person, per day and \$15 per person, per day at the gate. Children age 12 and

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For additional information or directions to the 62nd Annual Waterford Homes Tour & Crafts Exhibit, call the Waterford Foundation at 540-882-3018 or visit the web at www.waterfordva.org.

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Steven Adams' show opening and reception will be on October 1, 2005 from 5 to 8 p.m. The exhibition will continue through the month of October ending on October 31.

The Byrne Gallery is located at 7 West Washington Street in Middleburg, Virginia. Gallery hours are 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Wednesdays through Saturdays and Sundays from noon to 5:00 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays are by appointment. Please contact the Byrne Gallery for more details and information. (540) 687-6986.

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For more information contact the Middleburg Community Center at 540-687-6375, Tiny Dancers at 703-385-5580 or visit www.tinydancers.com.

PETER WINANTS BOOK SIGNING AT NSL

On September 22, at 7:00 p.m., the National Sporting Library will host a book signing for Peter Winants, NSL Director Emeritus, to celebrate his new book, The Sporting Art of Franklin B. Voss.

Franklin Voss (1880-1953), is known as one of America’s premier sporting artists. His works include fine paintings of racehorses, steeplechasers, foxhunters and renowned breeding stock. The extended Voss family has historically been prominent in steeplechasing, foxhunting and art.

Winants, a life-long horseman, is the author of four other books. He was editor, then publisher, of The Chronicle of the Horse 1972-1991 and Director of the NSL 1991-1998. Most of Voss’s art is in private collections having been commissioned; Winants went to great efforts to obtain numerous high quality images of the paintings for the book.

The event is free, but reservations are encouraged by calling 540-687-6542, ext. 15. Books will be available for purchase at the NSL during the evening through Undercover Books of Middleburg, 540-364-4750.

MIDDLEBURG LIBRARY

Sept 10 @ 2pm NATURAL ATTRACTION SERIES: pt 1 Wild bees on tame plants: insects gardeners should love, with T’ai Roulston

Sept 21 @7pm Monty Roberts introduces his new book “HORSES IN MY LIFE” at the Middleburg Community Center Books will be available for purchase.

Sept 23 @ 2pm ART IN THE AFTERNOON SERIES: pt 1 American History of Ceramic Tiles, with Joan Gardiner

Sept 26 @7pm MIDDLEBURG LIBRARY BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP: pt 1 THE HA-HA, by Dave King Books available at the library

Oct 3 @7pm PASSING THE BOOK Share your thoughts on books you’ve read

Oct 6 @7pm Geraldine Brooks reads from her new book “MARCH” at the Middleburg Community Center. Books will be available for purchase.

Oct 8 @3pm NATURAL ATTRACTION SERIES: pt 2 RAPTOR MIGRATION, with Liam McGranaghan

Oct 21 @ 2pm ART IN THE AFTERNOON SERIES: pt 2 DEGAS’S HORSES, with Jeffrey Allison, Paul Mellon Collection educator, Virginia Museum of Fine Arts

Oct 24 @7pm MIDDLEBURG LIBRARY BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP: pt 2 “FLOWERS FOR ALGERNON”, by Daniel Keys

CONFERENCE ON THE ART OF COMMAND IN THE CIVIL WAR

The Mosby Heritage Area Asso-

ciation will sponsor its 8th Annual Conference on the Art of Command in the Civil War on October 7-9, 2005 in Middleburg, Virginia. This year’s topic, The Generals and Their Presidents, will focus on the roles that Abraham Lincoln and Jefferson Davis had as commanders-in-chief with their military commanders in the field.

The weekend begins on Friday evening at 4:00pm with a reception, registration and book browsing followed by presentations by Craig L. Symonds and Emory Thomas. Saturday is filled with six lectures from Gary Ecelbarger, Kim Holien, Robert K. Krick, Steven Woodworth, Robert E.L. Krick, and Brooks Simpson. Brooks Simpson will speak on the relationship of Lincoln and Grant at the conference dinner meeting Saturday evening. Buses will depart Middleburg on Sunday morning for a visit to the Cold Harbor Battlefield, the Museum of the Confederacy and the White House of the Confederacy in Richmond.

For an information brochure or registration form for the conference call the Mosby Heritage Area Association at 540-687-6681, email them at info@mosbyheritagearea.org, or download the registration form from the website www.mosbyheritagearea.org.

LOUDOUN MUSEUM HAUNTINGS TOUR

The Loudoun Museum will present its 14th annual spirited walking tours of haunted sites in

downtown Leesburg on Friday, October 28 and Saturday, October 29, 2005.

Hauntings 2005 tours will begin every 15 minutes from the Leesburg Town Hall from 6pm-10pm each evening. Ticket prices are \$15 for adults and \$13 for Loudoun Museum members. The tours are not recommended for children under 12 years of age.

This year, the museum has added an old-fashioned Halloween party for families to the Hauntings fun! The 19th century restored Aldie Mill, located on Route 50 in Aldie will be transformed on Saturday, October 22 so partygoers of all ages can play traditional games, dance to classic rock and R & B, enjoy a country dinner, hear ghost stories, and enter a costume contest. Costumes are encouraged at this not-so-scary Halloween party.

Ticket prices include dinner and all activities: \$20 for adults, \$10 for children 6-12 years old, FREE for children 5 and under.

Tickets for both events can be purchased by mail, phone, or walk-in beginning Tuesday, September 6. Advance ticket purchase is highly recommended. For more information about ticket sales or the events please call the museum at 703-777-7427 or . email bfriedmann@loudounmuseum.org.

The Loudoun Museum is located at 16 Loudoun Street SW in Leesburg. Museum hours are 10am-5pm Monday through Saturday and 1pm-5pm.

My Dearest Macy,
Last Monday Morning I knew I couldn’t let you suffer, my heart sank with grief. You lived with me and the children for fourteen wonderful years. The entire Salamander Farm staff truly loved you and misses you. I will always love you and miss you.
love, your mom

Miss Macy, Thank you for being such a wonderful friend. You filled everyday with sunshine and so be sure that I’ll always remember you when the days are warm and bright. I miss you but I know that you have moved on to a place where pain can no longer find you.
Love, Kristen

To Macy, A wonderful companion, always patient, always supportive and always a lady. May you rest in peace romping through the fields of heaven,
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Miss Macy, You were truly a special dog. I will miss you. In doggie heaven, don’t get up...let everyone step around you!
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ALBERT'S CORNER

A MONTHLY COLUMN FOR PEOPLE WHO SHARE THEIR HOMES WITH FOUR-LEGGED FRIENDS.



This month Albert asked me to step in as a guest journalist. My name is Tucker and I'm a whip-pet who lives with Albert. I'm the older and wiser leader of our pack. Because I lived in Manhattan on 9/11, Albert thought I might be able to give some perspective to this month's column.

There are so many tragedies that came from Hurricane Katrina, and we have been deluged with images that keep us awake at night. It was the same way during the days and months that followed 9/11, but the thing that kept me and my people going were the stories of heroism, grace and altruism. Many of those stories involved the amazing dogs who searched the rubble tirelessly for the living and the dead. I recently learned of an evacuee in New Orleans who was told he could only bring one of his beloved pets with him to safety. He chose the weakest puppy and left the mother, another puppy, and a cat behind with food and water to last for a few days (thinking he would return in that time). Nearly 13 days later, he was finally able to find someone willing to take him back home to search for his pets. He believed they could not have survived, but he had to be sure. As the boat rounded the corner to his house, all three animals were waiting - emaciated but ecstatic to see him. When the boat was close enough, the dog, the puppy and the cat jumped aboard.

Repeatedly, my people and I heard of residents in New Orleans who would not evacuate because they did not want to leave their animals. I watched a man cry as he sat on his roof with his three dogs and apologized to them for not being able to get them to safety. I was struck, as never before, by the absolute bond between pets and people. In a far different situation last weekend, my people watched as cyclists rode hundreds of miles to raise money for multiple sclerosis. Two hours into the event, a big, burly rider noticed a weeks-old kitten by the side of the highway along the route. He stopped, called the vet for instructions, put the little kitty in the deep pocket of his jersey and provided water along the way. He finished the fundraiser with his newly adopted friend purring by his side. He named her Spoke.

Your Furry Friend,

Tucker



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

MIRACLE PUPPY COMES BOUNDING BACK

Bella, the German Shepherd puppy who needed life-saving surgery, is in fine form and recovering by leaps and bounds. Middleburg area citizens deserve a lot of credit for Bella's recovery because so many cared enough about her plight to dig deep in their pockets for contributions to the Wrapped in Kindness Fund for her at last months Dog Day festivities.

Bella's follow-up appointment at the University of Pennsylvania should go very well according to Kate Bland, founder of Wrapped in Kindness.

When asked what Wrapped in Kindness is focused on now, Bland said she said she had raised over \$1,000 for animal victims of Hurricane Katrina. "We received cash donations of \$550 in only ten days and another \$500 from the sale of pet beds, flip flops and scarves."

"When I let people know that we would send 100% of our donations to help animal victims in the Hurricane Katrina area." I had no idea what that would mean. Summer was quickly coming to a close, and sales of flip flops had slowed considerably. Thanks to Larry and Laura at Wylie Wag, our pet beds

were displayed in the middle of the store and people have responded with amazing generosity."

Wrapped in Kindness donations will be sent to The Mosby Foundation which has already raised thousands of dollars for Katrina's animal victims and has a well-vetted list of organizations in the area who will receive their donations.

The Wrapped in Kindness challenge continues through October. For information about how to contribute, please visit wrappedinkindness.com.

ANIMAL CARE & CONTROL HOSTS WILDLIFE FORUM

On Wednesday, August 24, the Loudoun County Department of Animal Care and Control hosted a forum to address potential public safety issues regarding the recent increase in wildlife contact with the public in Loudoun County. The forum focused on incidents of public contact with black bears as well as other wildlife such as deer, coyotes, raccoons, and foxes.

Members of the Department of Animal Care & Control were joined by special guests Bruce Lemmert, the Virginia State Game Warden for Loudoun County, and John Rohm, Wildlife Biologist from the Virginia Department of Game & Inland Fisheries. Also attending were representatives from the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office, Middleburg Police Department, Purcellville Police Department along with members of the Fairfax County Department of Animal Control.

The forum opened with a discussion of the roles & responsibilities of the various agencies regarding wildlife issues. Mr. Rohm and Mr. Lemmert provided educational information and answered

questions from the group on black bear behavior as well as the background and history of black bears in the Loudoun County area, and on the State's Black Bear Management Plan. They also answered questions regarding legal and regulatory requirements in handling black bears and other wildlife.

The forum discussed the importance of and ways our agencies could work together to educate the public on how to respond to wildlife contact, especially with black bears. According to Game Warden Bruce Lemmert, public safety agencies should strive to "empower the citizens and arm them with this knowledge." He also acknowledged that as the population diversifies and continues to build on land that typically served as habitats for the County's wildlife population, human contact will increase and the cultural tolerance for dealing with wildlife is likely to decrease.

As a result of this forum, Tom Koenig, Director for Animal Care & Control, volunteered his staff and resources to develop a Wildlife Resource Plan for Loudoun County. The Department will

work with the other public safety agencies including our state representatives to author this document in the coming months. Representatives from this forum agreed that public input is vital to developing this plan.

"As Loudoun County's residential and business population continues to grow and expand, we have and will continue to see increased contact between wildlife and the public," explains Koenig. "We facilitated this forum in order to take a more proactive approach, along with our fellow public safety agencies, to develop an informational resource and plan that will help minimize public anxiety over contact with wildlife." Mr. Koenig stated, "I am very encouraged by the discussion and feedback provided by the participants at this forum and believe that this is a significant first step in addressing the public safety concerns with this issue."

For more information on the Public Safety Wildlife Forum please contact Laura Danis, Public & Community Relations Coordinator, at 703-737-8045.

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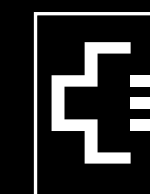
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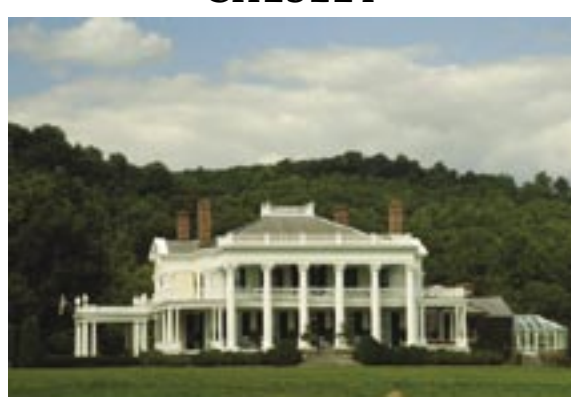
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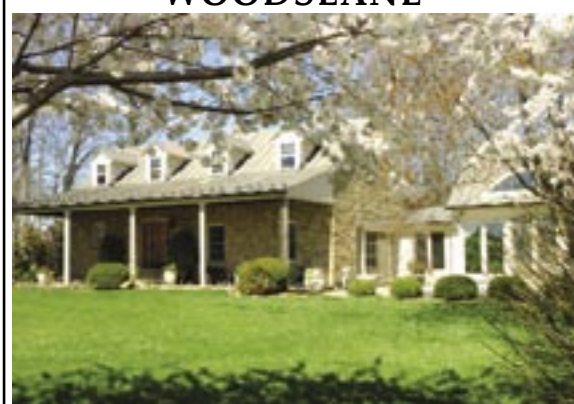
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