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TOWN COUNCIL HONORS CHUCK HOOVLER

The Middleburg Town Council unanimously approved a resolution in appreciation of Charles ("Chuck") Hoovler's seven years of service "to the Glenwood Park Trust and the people of Middleburg" at its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, April 13. The Trust bears primary responsibility for raising necessary funds, maintenance and the operation of Glenwood Park, a 160-acre national treasure, just 1.4 miles north of Middleburg on Foxcroft Road.

Recognized globally as one of the world's premier steeplechase courses, Glenwood Park's races and other events attract thousands of visitors to Middleburg each year. Its grounds and facilities also serve, in effect, as Middleburg's "Central Park" and are made available, free of charge, throughout the year to the public, and for events and activities for which no fees are charged.

No endowment supports Glenwood Park. According to Hoovler the Trust earns no more than \$15,000 per year from the \$2,500 fees it charges to promoters of ticketed events, with the rest of the Park's annual operating expenses, another \$15,000 per year, coming from donations, gifts and other fund-raising activities of the Trust and its friends.

Council Member Bundles Murdock suggested that the Middleburg Business Community might well consider an annual stipend for the Park. Mayor Dimos, in response to a query from the audience, noted that an endowment of just under \$1,000,000 would fund the park's operations easily, and that, ironically, the hard work, dedication and success of Hoovler and his colleagues on the Trust board of directors, had perhaps prevented consideration of establishing just such a trust.

Salamander Inn

Following the County Board of Supervisors' approval of the boundary line adjustment for the Salamander Inn project, Mayor Tim Dimos' regular monthly agenda contained only one item related to the development of the Inn and Spa: the approval of a contract with Glatting Jackson Kercher Anlin Lopez Rinehart, Inc. to examine issues, analyze options and make recommendations to the Town Council about how best to accommodate an entrance to the Spa from Pendleton Street, and how to address a wide range of related issues affecting pedestrian safety.

The project will be supervised by Ian M. Lockwood, the primary consulting en-



CHUCK HOOVLER, MAYOR TIM DIMOS

gineer on the Highway 50 Traffic Calming Project affecting the road between Paris and Gilbert's Corner.

Salamander will reimburse the Town for the cost of the study, fixed by the new contract at \$15,600 plus an estimated \$5,000 in expenses.

Town Administrator Mike Casey told the Council that work on the project should begin in mid May, with results and recommendations available for review and discussion soon thereafter.

New Businesses

The council heard presentations from two new businesses: New owner Keith Hutcheson, a retired Air Force veteran, described plans for his 15-employee, Middleburg Fitness facility; Mimi Stein described a new service at Home Farm, a computer inventory which allows a consumer to trace the history of all meat bought there from "farm to fork."

Highlights of other Reports

Police Chief Steve Webber reported a quiet March in Middleburg, with only 142 calls for service requiring response from his officers, the vast majority traffic-related, with only three arrests required. Mike Casey noted for the record that parking meter fees would go up on Saturday, April 22.

Claudia Dornin, the Town's Economic Development Coordinator noted that Tripp Muldrow's weather-delayed presentation of findings from the Winter survey of Middleburg shoppers' zip-codes was lightly attended. Designed to help merchants focus their marketing and promotion efforts by providing reliable data on just where their customers live, the surveys will be done quarterly. Results of the last survey are available at the Town Office.

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SIX VIE FOR FOUR SEATS CANDIDATES QUESTION AND ANSWER

Middleburg residents will have some choices to make May 2, as six candidates vie for four open seats on the Town Council. Incumbents Darlene Kirk and Mark Snyder are seeking re-election for another four-year term, and they will be up against Frederick "Fritz" Hutchinson, Lisa Hubbard Patterson, Judith Pryor Plescow and Karen "Candy" Robinson. Current council member Betsy Davis is running un-opposed for Mayor

Along with the incumbents, Fritz Hutchinson has previous Town Council experience, Lisa Patterson sits on the current Planning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals, Judith Plescow and Candy Robinson are newcomers to town politics.

The Middleburg Eccentric would like to introduce all the candidates to you and remind the voters to make a difference by voting for your choice on May 2nd.

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NEWS OF NOTE

LOCAL PHILANTHROPIST CELEBRATES
80TH BIRTHDAY BY GIVING



ROSIE & IRWIN URAN

PHOTO BY DEE DEE HUBBARD

On April 9th Irwin Uran, celebrated his 80th birthday with his wife, Betsy Parker, daughter Rosie, friends and numerous community leaders at the Middleburg Community Center.

Mr. Uran has quietly donated millions of dollars to local charities. Of note are his contributions to the

Town of Leesburg, the Congregation Sha'are Shalom synagogue, the Marion duPont Scott Equine Medical Center, and the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia. He and his wife Betsy Parker marked the occasion by making a \$25,000 donation to the Afro-American Historical Association of Fauquier County.

THE HILL SCHOOL ESTABLISHES
NEW ENDOWMENT FUND

The Board of Directors of the Hill School, Middleburg, Virginia, has established The Hill School Endowment Fund in the Piedmont Community Foundation (PCF). The Fund is designated to ensure the beauty and upkeep of the school's 137 acre campus. The property is used and enjoyed not only by the school's students, teachers, and parents, but also by local citizens and visitors to the community. The walking trails, the arboretum, and the athletic fields offer many opportunities for outdoor experiences.

In 1991-1992 the original four acre campus was expanded to the current size through the generosity of the late Stephen C. Clark, Jr. and his daughter Jane Forbes Clark. Former Hill parent and grandparent, Polly Rowley, provided much of the vision, leadership, and energy in helping the Board and administration landscape the campus.

The new fund was created recognizing that many who appreciate or use Hill's campus may wish to assist the school in caring for this open space on the southern edge of the Town. PCF was chosen to house the fund because it will be well positioned to grow while giving and receiving strength through the community investment pool.

Gifts for the new Fund should be made out to the Piedmont Community Foundation, please note "Hill Fund". Send to: PCF, P.O. Box 402, Middleburg, VA, 20118.

For more information please call the Foundation office at (540) 687-5223.

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HORSE SALE RAISES OVER \$40,000



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Cynthia and Jack Holz were high bidders on the beautiful blue horse "Old Home" created by Sarah Gayle Strickland, sponsored by BOWA Builders and displayed at The Marshall National Bank in Middleburg. Over 200 attended the Champagne and Scarlet Gala/Auction. The entire herd sold for over \$40,000

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MIDDLEBURG’S NEW PARKING POLICY

On Saturday, April 22nd, two meter zones will go into effect in the Central Business District. The first, a two hour zone, includes Madison Street and Washington Street between Liberty Street and The Plains Road. Meters here will cost 50 cents per hour and can be “fed” for two hours at a time. The second, an eight hour zone, includes the two municipal parking lots, the western and eastern ends of Washington and all other on-street metered parking in Town. Meters here will continue to cost 25 cents per hour and can be “fed” for up to eight hours at one time. Time restrictions on parking are intended to maximize the turnover of the most convenient and, therefore, the

most valuable spaces. Those planning a longer stay, will have eight hour options in town or may choose to return to the meter to add additional time, a common practice in many downtown settings.

The new Liberty Street Parking Lot is available and under utilized. The lot may be used by merchants and employees as well as business customers. It is located within a block and one-half of the traffic signals at Washington and Madison Streets. Parking spaces on both ends of town are also generally under utilized. And best of all, they are either unmetered or cost only 25 cents per hour and can be “fed” once for an entire eight hours.

TURN THE MILL AROUND CAMPAIGN

The Chapman’s/Beverley Mill received \$500,000 from the Wrinkle In Time Foundation, a charitable organization in The Plains, Virginia. This money will be used to complete the stabilization of the west, north and east walls of the mill. The 63 windows and doors will also be permanently stabilized. Cintec America, the English firm who stabilized the west wall of the mill in 2004, will start this work in the next few weeks. Cintec America is known for having developed the internal anchor system, which stabilizes structures through the insertion of steel rods and concrete into the walls, thus leaving the historical façade in its original state. People interested in this stabilization process may learn more by visiting the Chapman’s/Beverley Mill website, www.chapmansmill.org, for pictures and explanation of the earlier stabilization of the large, south wall. This website will add pictures of the current stabilization process as it ensues.

Chapman’s Mill was built by Jonathan and Nathaniel Chapman, the father and son partnership that oversaw the building of the mill by slaves in about 1742. After a fire in 1848, the then owner, John Chapman, the fifth generation of Chapman’s to own the

mill, built it to its current height, seven stories on the western side. Chapman’s/Beverley Mill is the tallest stone structure in the United States. It is difficult for stone buildings to be erected over four stories. After the mill was burned during the Civil War, it was purchased and rebuilt to its former height, by the Beverley family. From that time on the mill locally retained the name of Beverley Mill; however historians refer to it as Chapman’s Mill.

After the arson fire of the mill in October 1998, Turn The Mill Around Campaign, a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization, composed of local, concerned citizens began the task of restoring the mill walls and opening the site to the public as an interpreted ruins. In 2000 it received a \$300,000 grant of TEA-21 monies from VDOT, as well as numerous donations from other foundations, organizations, and individuals. Ellen Percy Miller, the Executive Director stated that the next phase of the restoration project will be its site development so that it may be opened to the public. This will cost about \$500,000. Donations will be very much welcomed and may be sent to Turn The Mill Around Campaign, P.O. Box 207, Broad Run, Va. 20137. Ellen Percy Miller can be reached at 540-253-5888 or mill@chapmansmill.org

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PASTIMES

INTERACTIVE COOKING FOR KIDS

FROM BEHIND THE STOVE

BRIAN LICHOROWIC

I'm always challenged to get kids to eat things they normally wouldn't. I've seen my share of juvenile facial contortions when speaking words like "liver" or "goat cheese". But say "macaroni and cheese", "hotdogs", "hamburgers" and they go nuts! They seem to never tire of this stuff. It's my opinion that if kids were introduced to "real food" from Day 1, special children's meals found on restaurant menus wouldn't be necessary...and chances are will make the parent's lives a lot easier as they are only preparing one meal instead of two.

I have the best luck by getting kids involved in helping me to prepare the meal. A chance to make a mess, are you kidding! Spring is a great time to try new dishes. Following is a couple of unique, citrus entree recipes that are delicious and refreshing, with a playful dessert for the hardworking cook's helper.

ALL Organic - Virginia Sausage, Fennel, Apple and Goat Cheese Ravioli with Citrus Cream Sauce

Note the fact that I say "ALL organic" which further enhances any meal to my mate as it shows my initiative to take the time to

shop "wherever" necessary to round up these ingredients. Actually most can be gathered at the Home Farm store. Have your kids help in the prep, it's messy and they'll have a ball. Plus this stuff tastes great!

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| 12 oz | Ground sausage |
| 3 med | Apples, sliced |
| 1 med | Onion |
| 1 med | Bulb fresh fennel (take off fibrous outer skin and slice very thinly) |
| | Crumbled goat cheese |
| 8 oz | Egg |
| 1 lg | Breadcrumbs |
| 1/4 cup | |

Stuffing
In a large pan, cook thinly sliced apples, fennel and onions until golden - aiming for slightly caramelized but not burnt. I add a pinch of sugar and a small squeeze of lemon while cooking. Keep heat medium to low and let them get really soft.

Cook sausage in a separate pan until browned. Drain grease and set aside.

When everything is cooked and cooled, mix apple, fennel and onion mixture with the sausage. Incorporate well and add the goat cheese and breadcrumbs. Mixture should be stiff, but pliable. Salt and pepper to taste. Once you're satisfied, add the breadcrumbs a bit at a time - these are just to give the mixture a little body and keep it together. Finally, add one beaten egg.

Homemade Ravioli
You'll need a pasta machine to do this right. But it's not necessary. I've adapted this from a number of recipes.

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| 1 cup | Pasta flour |
| 1/4 cup | All-purpose flour |
| 1/2 tsp | Salt |
| 2 | Eggs |
| 1/4 cup | Warm water |
| 1 tbsp | Olive oil |

To really make authentic pasta dough, pour the flour onto a smooth surface and make a well in the center. Add salt, olive oil and eggs to the center, ideally not letting it spill over the sides of the well. Gently pinch at the sides of the well, incorporating the flour into the eggs and olive oil. Do it right, you end up with a nice ball of dough to which you can add the water as needed until it is a pliable consistency. Knead, and then set aside to rest for about an hour. After it rests, cut the ball in quarters. Put the dough through the widest setting on your pasta machine. Roll through a couple times, patting with a small amount of flour. Continue to increase the setting, making the dough thinner and thinner. Ravioli dough should be thin, but not see-through, to make it tender.



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| | Meyer Lemon Cream Sauce |
| Juice of 1/2 Meyer (or regular) Lemon | |
| 3 tbsp | Butter |
| 3 tbsp | Flour |
| 1 cup | Whole milk, warmed |
| 1/4 cup | Fume Blanc (or a not too dry white wine) |

Melt butter, then add flour, whisking briskly. Cook down the mixture and brown about 2 minutes, but make sure it doesn't burn. Add the warmed milk and stir until you have a nice, smooth sauce. Add the lemon, stirring quickly and the wine. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Drizzle over the top of the raviolis.

Salade de Racine Vegetable et Fruit avec de la sauce à Citron
(Salad of Beet, Oranges, Apple with Citrus Dressing)

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The Goal: Something that the kids will eat while introducing a previously despised vegetable (beets). Kids are happy, eating things they normally wouldn't, spouse is impressed, all is well.

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| 11/2 lb | Fresh Beets With Greens (About 1 Bunch) |
| 1 lg | Orange |
| 2 med | Unpeeled Granny Smith Apples, thinly sliced |
| 1 tbsp | Olive Oil |
| 1 tbsp | Raspberry Vinegar, get good quality |
| 1/4 cup | Raspberry Preserves-warmed or room temp |
| 1/4 tsp | Salt |
| 2 tsp | Unsalted Sunflower Seeds, toasted |

Prep: Coarsely shred beet greens to measure 2 cups. Set aside. Leave root & 1 inch of stem on 2 beets, clean well and set aside. Place beets in a small saucepan & add water to cover & bring to a boil. Cover, reduce heat & simmer 20 minutes or until tender. Drain & cool. Trim off beet stems and roots and rub off skins. Cut each beet into small wedges. Set aside.

Combining: Peel & section orange over a large bowl, reserving juice & membranes; Set sections aside. Squeeze membranes over bowl to extract juice. Discard membranes. Add orange sections, beets and apples. Toss gently & set aside. Combine oil, vinegar, preserves, sugar, salt and garlic in a mixing jar. Shake well and pour over beet mixture. Toss well.

Plating: Arrange 1/2 cup shredded beet greens on each of the salad plates. Top with beet mixture; sprinkle with sunflower seeds. Serve at room temperature or chilled.

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CONVICTION TAKES COURAGE

Our village benefits from a diversity of views. Engaged citizens who have valuable opinions work hard to work together no matter how much their views may differ. This collaboration strengthens our community and contributes significantly to the special spirit and character of this place.

Lately, however, there is a troubling tendency to cower in anonymity when expressing personal views. Letters have been sent to town leaders that convey highly negative or vicious personal attacks. The result is time wasted and the frustration of hard-working and highly committed individuals.

It takes no more energy to take responsibility for your point of view than it does to pen an anonymous critique and drop it in the letter box in the dark of night. And, by taking credit for your opinion, you are ensured a response.

We welcome the opinions and critiques of our readers, but we consider anonymous comment the endeavor of cowards who do not have the courage of their convictions.

Those who are uncomfortable taking credit for their opinions should closely review whether or not they are worth holding.

Middleburg Eccentric welcomes and encourages Letters to the Editor. Letters must be signed and include writer's name, address and daytime phone number. Please submit letter via email: editor@mbec.com or P.O. Box 1768, Middleburg VA 20118

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:

The Price of Development

I drive along our roads and see another forest bulldozed. I see the trees stacked neatly side by side. I see soil overturned. I see the tangles of vines and thickets and shrubs, once shelter for many, now piled, ready to be burned. I see life disrupted.

I see this change and I wonder...I wonder about the life that lived here. I wonder about the box turtles and wood turtles that lived in the leaf litter now pushed to one side - are they buried in the soil? Crushed by the bulldozer? I wonder about the frogs that clasped the tree branches as they fell - did they leap to safety? Where could safety be found?

I wonder about the salamanders that migrated a half mile or more to the secret vernal pool that laid nestled in the forest bottom - a wetland that was never known or noticed....except perhaps by the driver of the bulldozer who wondered why his equipment sank more deeply into that part of the forest floor. Did the 30 year old salamander leave the pool before her home was overturned? What would she return to next year if she had departed in time?

I wonder about the caterpillars and other insects, busily playing their part in this dance of life that was the forest ecosystem. There is no role for them now. I wonder about

Nicole Hamilton
Loudoun Wildlife Conservancy

To the Editor:

To illuminate a clash in values that impact everyone's taxes, I'd like to present an example revealed in the covenants for the new development called Chattin's Run (<http://chattinsrun.com/>) that is going in Fauquier at the Flint Hill Farm on Maidstone Road between the Emmanuel Church and Rectortown near Delaplane. The farm is in the heart of the Orange County Hunt territory and is altogether over 800 acres. When Charles Harris owned the farm just a few years ago, it was one of the more productive cattle operations in Fauquier. Harris was a gentleman farmer in the old tradition, and the farm didn't make a profit, but it generated lots of economic activity in the local agricultural economy.

When the farm was sold to the developer Gretchen Yahn (<http://vintage-countryhomes.com/main.cfm?action=aboutUs>) it made the news as one of the biggest land deals in Fauquier. Ms. Yahn subdivided Flint Hill farm into nine large lots (50 to 158 acres) and nine small lots (2 to 4 acres), which was the "by rights" maximum subdivision she was allowed on agricultural land.

She also established covenants that ban farming.

I quote..." No noxious or offensive trade or activity shall be carried on upon the Property". These activities include sodium lights and sirens but also in the next paragraph include..."The maintenance, keeping, boarding or raising of swine, alpacas or other cameloid and/or cattle, regardless of number, shall be prohibited. Further, the Property shall not be utilized for any commercial purposes, which shall include but not be limited to: (i) in-home businesses that invite or necessitate the entry upon the Property of customers, clients or employees, (ii) timbering or the sale of lumber, (iii) tree farming or plant nursery, (iv) winery, vineyard or the growing of grapes for retail or wholesale purposes, (v) above or below ground mining, and/ or (vi) the raising, breeding, boarding, maintenance and keeping of livestock, domestic pets or other animals for commercial sale or other commercial purposes, training or boarding, except with respect to a horse boarding operation as may otherwise be approved in writing by either the Declarant."

In other words, no crops, no vineyards, no orchards, no cattle, no sheep, no livestock (other than horses).

The irony of all this is that the land is zoned Agricultural, and Ms. Yahn's land management company provides hay-making services so that the new owners can qualify for the agricultural land use tax rate on their estates.

Again, I quote from the covenants..."All fields, lawns and yards within each Parcel shall be mowed or bush hogged by or on behalf of the Owner on a regular basis, with the exception of fields that are being used for growing hay which hay shall not exceed 28 inches in height in the spring and 18 inches in height in the summer... In the event an Owner shall fail to maintain or mow any Lot owned by such Owner, then the Declarant and/or any other Owner may enforce this covenant by pursuing the remedies set forth in Article II be-

low."

Is this hay making or enforced lawn mowing?

tinuance of farming and the economic and social benefits that come with this activity, but for unproductive mowing and vacant lots that contribute to the attrition and decay of the agricultural infrastructure.

Tom Davenport
Delaplane, VA

To the Editor:

Attached is a letter I have written to the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors. Perhaps if you publish it in your next issue it may encourage others to speak out on this important subject.

To the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors:

I would like to express my dismay at the recent recommendations of the Planning Commission. I have been a land owner and resident of Loudoun County since 1956, so I have seen many changes. However, my children and grandchildren remain here because of the quality of life this part of rural Loudoun has uniquely afforded. Here, we have an outstanding horse industry, prize-winning cattle farms, many tourist attractions and historical sites, all of which bring in revenue for the country without expensive services. Now, unfortunately, sky-rocketing real estate taxes and dangerously crowded roads are just some of the results of putting the desires of developers ahead of the needs of the local people. We are beginning to see problems which, if not solved, will destroy the very quality of life that attracts people to the area.

Of course this is a desirable location, so naturally it is going to attract people who would also wish to live here. And if the zoning is done thoughtfully, it can be a winning situation for long time residents and newcomers alike.

Mrs. Evelyn M. Pope
Middleburg, VA
(Former Chairman, Town of Middleburg Planning Commission)

To the Editor:

It is true that the lobbyists who spend the most money in local politics as well as in Richmond and Washington,

D.C. are the Developers, replacing the Trial Lawyers as the most powerful and most blatantly self-serving pressure groups in these United States?

Is it possible that our Board of Supervisors was elected to protect all of our citizens and their property from those private interests that would wantonly destroy what the Good People of Loudoun County and their elected representatives have spent centuries creating?

When my husband bought our ten acres on the mountain at the end of the 1950's, you could not build on less than ten acres, even on the mountain, because those were Loudoun County acres.

What has changed in the last 50 years?

Is the Loudoun County Planning Commission planning Good Things for the Good People of Loudoun County?

When they recently planned to put one mansion on every three acres in Western Loudoun County, did they also plan for the Planning Commission to come to our homes with water to fill our wells when the finite amount of dwindling water resources have dried up and we are all destitute in a chronic drought?

Are they planning for the Planning Commission to pay the astronomically escalating taxes of the poor hapless property owners for the new multimillion dollar schools that will be required to care for the Planning Commission's new charges?

Did the Planning Commission plan to pay for the extra gas that all citizens will need to use as they sit in

Lydia Mefford
Bluemont, VA

RANT & RAVES

SEPTIC SYSTEMS FOR THE GODS

Ask almost any engineer, and they will tell you that it isn't alternative septic systems that are the problem. The technology works fine. The problem is the people who use them—mere mortals. According to a brochure prepared by the National Onsite Wastewater Recycling Association (how's that for politically correct), here's a list of all the things you should NOT put down your sink or toilet and thus into your "onsite treatment system:"

Plastic	Citrus rinds	Metals
Rubber	Eggshells	Disinfectants
Scouring pads	Spoiled dairy products	Sanitizers
Dental floss	Yeast	Floor stripping wastes
Condoms	Antimicrobial soaps	Household chemicals
Kitty litter	Toilet disinfectants	Water softener back flush
Cigarette filters	Mop bucket water	Over 2 loads of laundry per day
Bandages	Bleach	Excessive use of detergents
Hair	Expired medications	Liquid clothes softeners
Mop strings	Antibiotics	Air conditioner discharge lines
Lint	Paint	Floor drains
Rags	Paint thinner	Gutters
Disposable diapers	Solvents	Household water treatment systems, or
Tampons	Volatile substances	Sump pump lines.
Sanitary napkins	Drain cleaners	
Cotton swabs	Automotive fluids	
Paper towels	Fuels	
Facial tissue	Pesticides	
Baby wipes	Herbicides	
Quilted toilet tissue (What?)	Fertilizers	
Animal fats		
Grease		
Coffee grounds		

Those proposing widespread use of alternative septic systems in Loudoun County are confident that proper notification of homeowners (and fines for improper use) will insure that all systems will be used correctly, thus preventing future failures at the rates we have seen lately. That seems unlikely. But, let us not be negative. Please clip this article, have it laminated, and place it on the back of every toilet in your house so that no unsuspecting guest might wipe out your "onsite wastewater recycling system."

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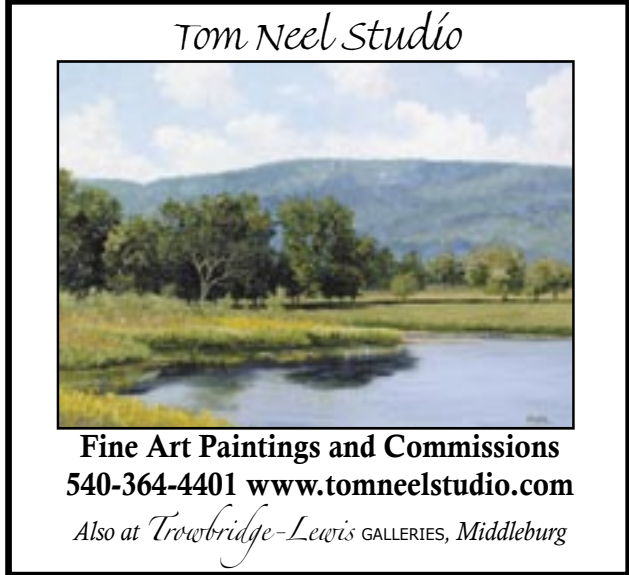
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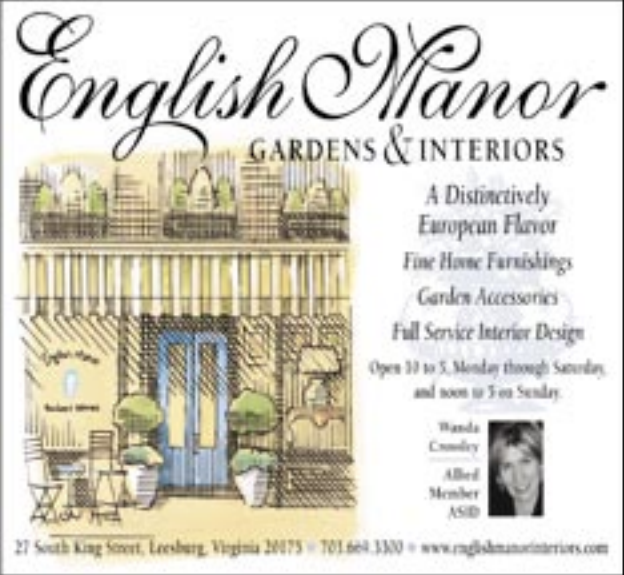
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PASTIMES

THE ART OF MIDDLEBURG

THE ART OF ART

TOM NEEL

It seems these days that Middleburg has gained ground as a serious art destination, with a good handful of galleries offering its specialty shops offering high quality art as well. So, how did this come to be? Middleburg has always been in its own little place in the metropolitan area. That place, “out there where they grow horses” and the art reflected that spirit and theme. Middleburg has been one of the great homes for sporting art for many years.

While the town proudly wore this title, actual housing growth here has been largely avoided, leaving its Hunt Country theme intact, but the broader interests in art (and growth) have crept closer and closer all the while. One must remember, that while we do not think of Washington D.C. first for its art, it is indeed one of the greatest art cities in the world. Just think of what is there only miles down the road. Great museums, great collections, great art schools and galleries. Pitch a big rock like that in a pond and the ripples of water go out like rings, yes, even finding their way out to Middleburg.

With great cities comes eventual growth and as that growth reaches outward, what was you out quickly becomes in reach. Looking for peace and quiet, the growth also continually searches for places regarded as special. But this alone is not what puts Middleburg on the map as an art hot spot. You see there are two types of retail, “utilitarian” and “oh boy, this is fun!” Many towns are just perfect for the first. Nearby Leesburg, as an example, is a great place to go to get so many things we all use, need and want and while this includes art, today Leesburg is largely “utilitarian”. Did this attract its growth or did its growth demand it? You be the judge. I will

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EXPLORING BOOKS:

FROM THE HOLY GRAIL TO LINCOLN'S KILLER IN THE LAND OF BOOKS

GENIE FORD

Now that Dan Brown has successfully defended himself against a copyright suit in a London court, the juggernaut that is *The Da Vinci Code* continues on, with the movie set to open in May. The paperback is now out, but it seems like everyone has already read the book in hardcover, so why bother? The Da Vinci phenomenon has resulted in a whole new literary genre encompassing both fiction and non-fiction. Among the fiction titles out now are *The Last Templar* (Raymond Khoury), *The Templar Legacy* (Steve Barry), *The Secret Supper* (Javier Sierra), and *Labyrinth* (Kate Mosse). On the non-fiction side, *Holy Blood; Holy Grail* by Michael Baigent, Richard Leigh and Henry Lincoln is back on the bestseller list. These are the authors who brought the complaint against Dan Brown, and their book, originally published in 1983, is selling more now than it did the first time out – so there really were no losers in the lawsuit. Other non-fiction titles include *What Jesus Meant*, from the brilliant and analytical mind of Garry Wills, and *Misquoting Jesus: The Story Behind Who Changed the Bible and Why* by Brad D. Ehrman. Even that outrageous social satirist, George Carlin, has gotten in on the act, with *When Will Jesus Bring the Pork Chops*. These titles barely scratch the surface of all the new books about Jesus, the Templars, Judas and other arcane matters related to Christianity.

Pleasures and Delights

For those who love food and travel, Frances Mayes offers *A Year in the World: Journeys of a Passionate Traveller*. In a similar vein, Alex Prud'Homme completes the memoir of his great aunt, the late Julia Child, in *My Life in France*. The *Book Club*

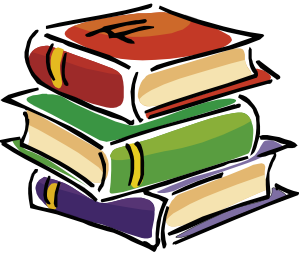
Cook Book by Judy Gelman and Vicki Levy Krupp features recipes and food references in 100 book club selections, ranging from honey cakes from *The Secret Life of Bees* to ambrosia from *To Kill A Mockingbird*. Yum! Stephanie Laurens sets her latest Cynster novel (*What Price Love?*) in the world of thoroughbred racing in the 1830s. Coming up soon are books from well-established authors like James Patterson (Beach Road) and Patricia Cornwell (*At Risk*). There will be plenty of diverting books to savor as summer approaches, but for a more serious read, try *Manhunt: The Twelve-Day Chase for Lincoln's Killer* by James L. Swanson – a story of real-life pursuit better than any movie.

Regardless of Age

There are some books that adults and younger readers alike can enjoy (and not just Harry Potter fans.) Among these are *Flyte: Septimus Heap Book Two* by Angie Sage, illustrated by Mark Zug. *The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak is certain to become a classic, and has already received rave reviews from *The Washington Post*, *The New York Times*, *The Library Journal*, *Publishers Weekly* and more.

Prehistorica: Sharks and Other Sea Monsters continues the trend of extraordinary pop-up books by the grand masters of them all, Robert Sabuda and Matthew Reinhart. In their latest, the prehistoric underwater world comes vividly alive.

Younger readers will also enjoy *Night of the New Magicians*, #35 in the Magic Tree House series, and *Junie B., First Grader: Aloha-Ha-Ha*. Kate DiCamillo gives us Mercy Watson Goes for a Ride, due out mid-May, and of course, there's the ever-popular Walter, who makes another appearance in *Walter the Farting Dog Goes on a Cruise*. Children simply love these books by Glenn Murray.



TOWN COUNCIL

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The Pink Box, Middleburg's official Visitor's Center, had 617 visitors in February and 801 in March. A new "Guide to Middleburg" is on sale there and at several town merchants for \$18.

Council Member Margaret New, speaking for the Town's Health Center Advisory Board, recommended that town staff move ahead on soliciting bids and carrying out repair work on the Health Center building, including among other things the installation of a new heating system, fixing a leaky roof, possible rewiring, and general painting and maintenance. More than \$200,000 remains in the Health Center account, she reported, and the building is fully leased. A \$2,200 project to remove bat-dung from the Health Center attic, she noted, had already been completed.

FROM BEHIND

THE STOVE

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12 oz.

Vegan dark chocolate chips

1 1/2 cups

Chow mein noodles, uncooked

1 cup

Nuts, Pecan, walnut or pistachio, crushed

Lightly grease a baking sheet. Gently melt the chocolate in a double boiler or in the microwave. Combine with the chow mein noodles and the peanuts and fold until the noodles are well coated. Drop by teaspoonfuls onto the baking sheet. Chill for at least 8 hours, or until ready to serve. Makes approximately 24 spiders.

TOMATO PLANTS

THE PLANT LADY

KAREN REXRODE

A trip to your local nursery may find you overwhelmed and bewildered by the array of tomato plants offered for sale. If you're putting out your vegetable garden and have only a certain amount of room reserved for tomatoes, it's nice to know what to look for as you read various plant labels and review assorted descriptions. Tomatoes are always popular but their popularity seems to have increased as more and more folks plan on growing and harvesting their own vegetables. Tomatoes will always earn prime real estate in the context of vegetable gardening.

So what do all of these terms mean and how do I chose the right tomato plants for my garden? Lets look at what this tomato talk is all about.

Determinate and indeterminate

Tomato plants grow and mature in 2 different ways. Determinate tomatoes are often referred to as bush tomatoes. They grow smaller and produce flowers on terminal stalks. The fruit often ripens all at once. New flowers will not continue to develop after the initial production of flowering stems. Naturally this begs the question "Why buy determinate tomatoes?" The answer is simple, these are often the first to ripen and produce fruit as indeterminate vines will provide tomatoes later in the season.

Indeterminate types are sometimes referred to as vining tomatoes. Their stalks will continue to expand and new flowers will become fruit from mid to late season. Single plants can become very tall and wide as the flowering stalks elongate and continue to produce fruit.

Days to harvest

Tomatoes mature at various dates, anywhere from 52 days to 100 days.

These days to harvest refer to days after the plants were set out. Many of the larger types, like Brandywine, mature much later than smaller fruiting types.

Heirloom

Without a doubt, this is the buzz word when it comes to selecting tomato plants. Interestingly enough there are many classes of heirlooms. Some have simply been saved by family members and passed down from generation to generation. The flavor is maintained with these, the seed comes true to type even when open pollinated rather than



planned cross pollination. Commercial heirlooms describes another form of heirloom tomatoes. Introduced by seed companies, they may be orphans or natural hybrids sometimes named by an individual and picked up by a seed company. There is often an overlap between the commercial heirlooms and family heirlooms since this is often how the seed companies came to know a certain variety. As with many heirloom tomatoes, it is hard to track their origins. It is fortunate that seed companies did preserve some of these older types since a family may have lost the ability to preserve one type for hundreds of years. Lastly there are the commercial heirlooms, bred for the best traits using good parents. It is generally accepted that heirlooms should have been cultivated prior to



UPPERVILLE DAFFODIL SHOW



Locally, the Aldie Horticultural Society has shown us how to excel in flora- artistry. For the past three years running (2003, 2004 and 2005) they have shown us what it takes to win artistic blues at the Upperville Garden Clubs' Daffodil Show and have earned the right to retire the Inter-club Trophy. In appreciation for their sportsmanship in re-donating the trophy and their creative triumphs the Upperville presented them with a presentation Mint Julep cup. Worthy Caulk member since 1951 and Sarah Douglass member since 1948, accepted on behalf of the Aldie Horticultural Society with Linda Dodderidge – past chair UGC Daff Show and Diane Ingoo – president of Upperville Garden Club presenting

large yields of tasty fruit. It has always been said that it's better to err on the side of late planting than early planting. As the soil has warmed the later plantings catch up with earlier ones. One of the most popular heirloom tomatoes is Mortgage Lifter which comes with a wonderful history. This particular variety as bred by M.C. Byles using German Johnson, Beefsteak, an Italian variety and an English variety. He planted one in the middle and surrounded it with the others.

I encourage everyone to keep track of what varieties of tomatoes they plant year to year, especially noting those that do well, producing

ing it with 3 other seedlings. After selecting the best plants for 6 years, he had a stable variety. This then became Mortgage Lifter and was sold for \$1 in the 1940's. After 6 years he had sold enough plants to pay his mortgage of \$6,000.

To read more about heirloom tomatoes consider the book "100 Heirloom Tomatoes for the American Garden" by Carolyn J. Male.

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MASTERPIECES OF EUROPEAN AND AMERICAN SPORTING ART

On view at the National Sporting Library in Middleburg, Va. "Masterpieces of European and American Sporting Art: 19th- and 20th-Century," a collection of exceptional paintings and sculpture on loan from Joan Irvine Smith. It includes an array of works by John F. Herring Sr. and Jr., Henry Alken, John Ferneley, Sir Alfred J. Munnings, and others. The exhibit, which opens Friday, April 21, will be on view until spring 2007.

"This exhibit is absolutely extraordinary. The list of paintings and sculptures reads like a who's who of famous sporting artists from England, France and America," said Nancy Parsons, President and CEO of the National Sporting Library.

Many works command the viewers' attention. John Frederick Herring Sr.'s *Start for the Oaks* is a panoramic sweep of spectators and competitors. His *Hunting Mishap* reflects all too well the perils of the chase. Henry Alken Sr.'s *The Start of the Derby* depicts horses racing in a heat.

Physician with H. Edwards Up by John Ferneley Sr., depicts a blue-silked jockey astride an eye-catching bay, Sir Alfred Munnings' Anarchist Going to the Post shows a handsome chestnut, Number 6, heading out to the job he's been so carefully conditioned to do. Not to overlook are also George Armfield's Spaniels with Pheasant; W. Cruikshank's Still life of rabbits and fowl; David Dalby's Birmingham with Pan Connolly Up, and E.A.S. Douglas's Set of Four Coaching scenes.

Other artists represented in the exhibition include Raoul Millais, Charles Towne, Abbot Henderson Thayer, John Lewis Brown, John Wainwright, Arthur Wardle, James Pollard, Samuel Raven, William J. Shayer, J.W. Snow, Sawrey Gilpin, Charles Cooper Henderson, and E.A.S. Douglas.

Nineteenth-century French and American bronzes are also a highlight, including the American



Charles Russell's
Will Rogers
Mounted on
a Horse and
French sculptor
J.J. Bonheur's
Racehorse
and
Jockey.

Exhibition hours are Mon. 1 pm to 4 pm, and Tues.-Fri., 10 am to 4 pm. The Library is closed on Saturdays and Sundays.

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visit www.nsl.org.

Philanthropist and art connoisseur Joan Irvine Smith of San Juan Capistrano, Ca., who is a member of the National Sporting Library Board of Directors, is an active art-preservationist and land-conservationist. With her mother, the late Athalie R. Clarke, she founded the Irvine Museum in 1992 in Orange County, Ca., which highlights California Impressionists. As a board member of the Irvine Company, she was able to preserve a portion of her grandfather's once-extensive 110,000-acre sheep ranch in California's Orange County. She also helped found the Reeve-Irvine Spinal Cord Injury Research Center for Spinal Cord Repair at the University of California.

Smith, who owns a farm in Middleburg, Va., was married to legendary horseman Morton W. "Cappy" Smith from 1963 to 1975, a time when she called Middleburg, Va. home. For 12 years she and Cappy bred, trained and sold horses from The Oaks, the 230-acre property Smith has owned since 1963. Though Smith and Cappy divorced in 1975, they remained close friends and business associates, breeding, training and showing horses until his death in 2002.

JOHN FERNELEY, SR (1782-1860). "PHYSICIAN WITH H. EDWARDS UP," OIL ON CANVAS, SIGNED MELTON MOWBRAY, 1832.



JOHN WAINWRIGHT, 1855-1931. WILD RASPBERRIES
AND THISTLES, OIL ON CANVAS, SIGNED & DATED 1877.



ARTHUR WARDLE (BRITISH 1864-1949), "BULLDOG WITH BABY CHICKS." OIL ON BOARD.

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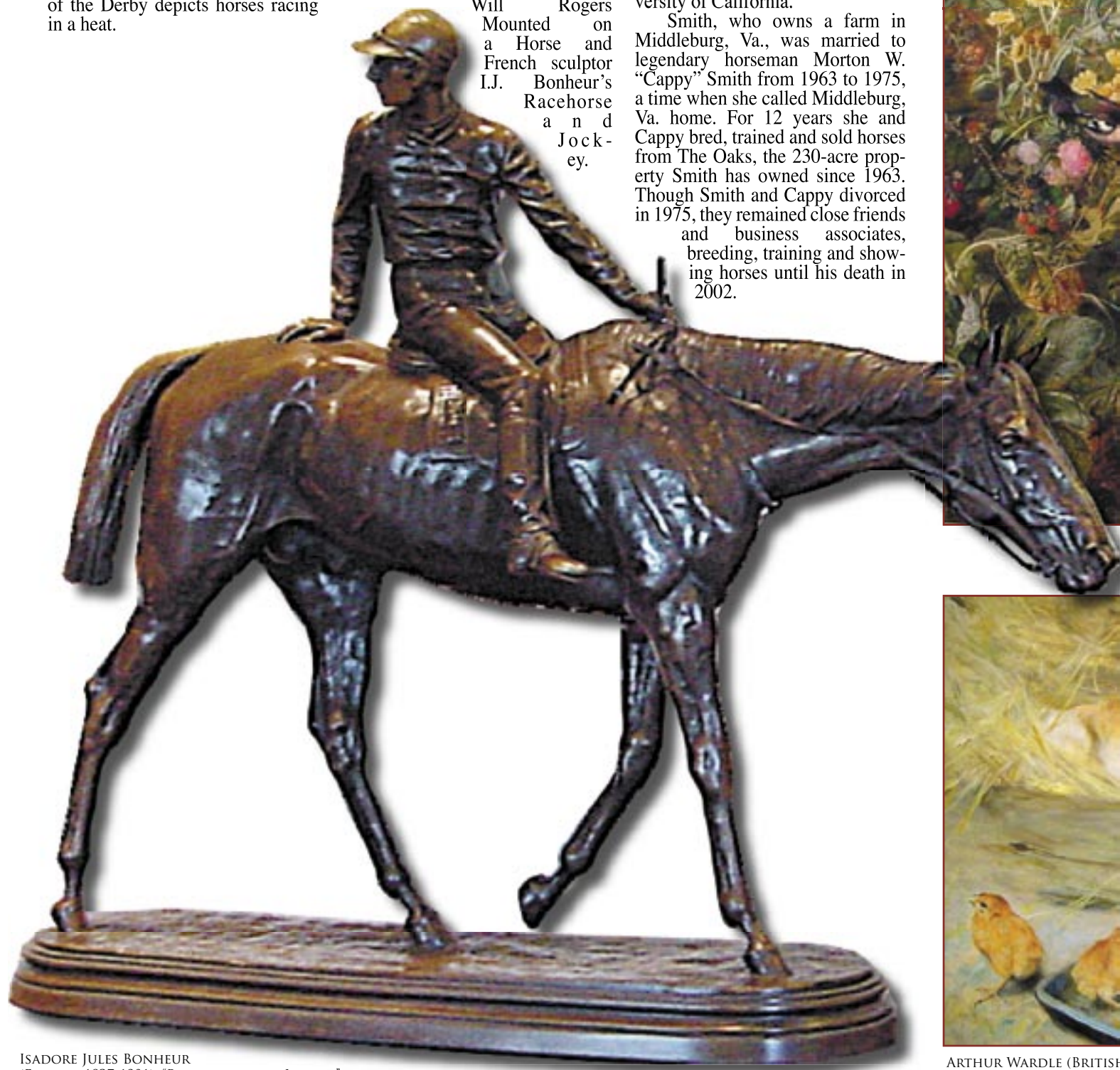
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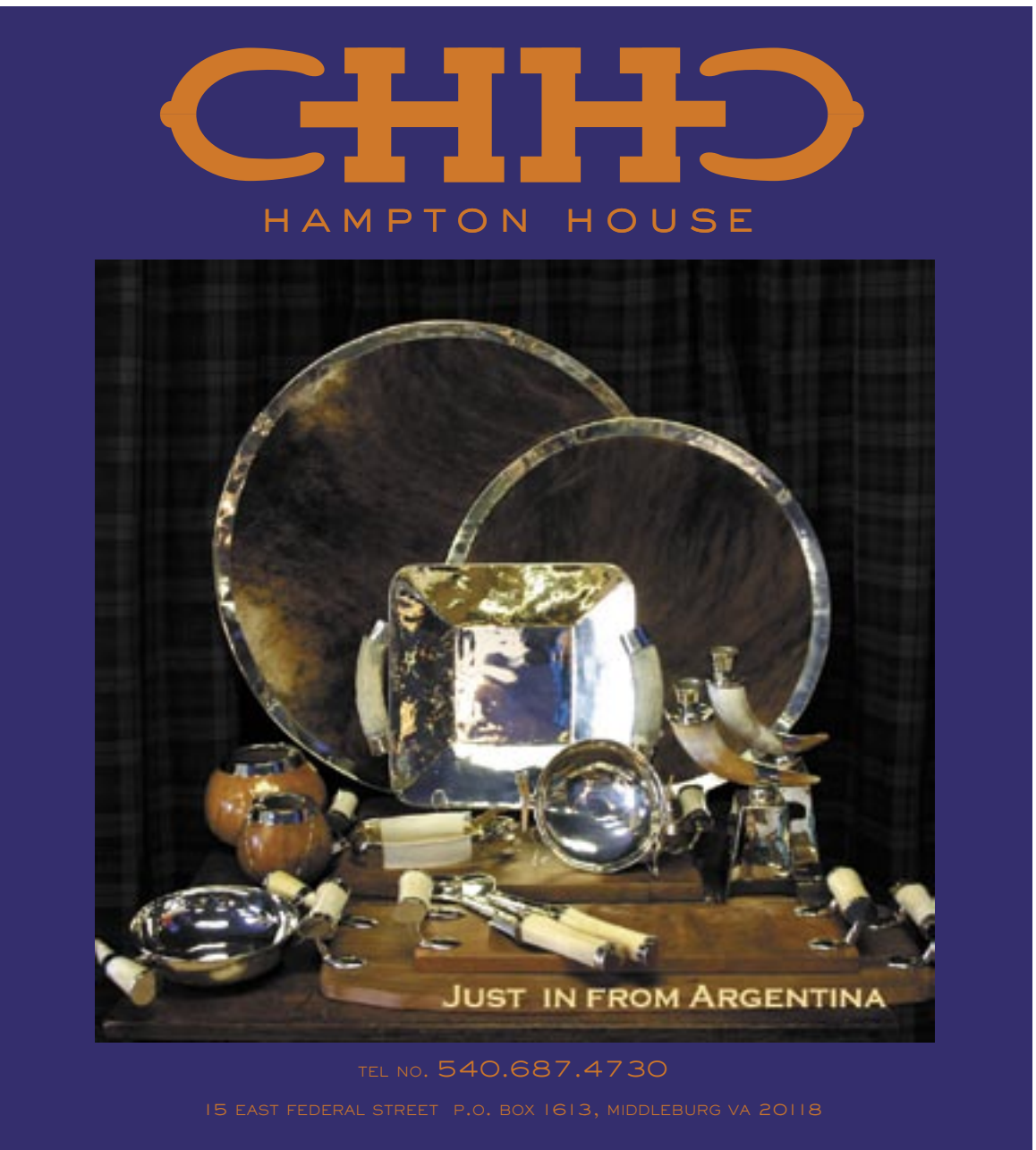
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HEALTH & WELLBEING

LOCAL TEAM JOINS NATIONAL RACE FOR THE CURE



Long time Middleburg resident and Middleburg Animal Hospital mainstay Liz Washington, was diagnosed with breast cancer earlier this year and is currently undergoing chemotherapy following surgery. In support of Liz, and thousands of women like her, the Middleburg Animal Hospital has formed a team to participate in this year's National Race for the Cure in Washington, DC on Saturday, June 3.

We hope you'll support our effort and walk with The Middleburg Animal Hospital! You can register for the race at the website for the National Race for the Cure, www.nationalracefortheure.org. Be sure to select "join a team" rather than "individual registration". Our team name is "Middleburg Animal Hospital."

Or pledge donations to our team. You can do this through the National Race for the Cure website (be sure to follow the steps for Team Pledges), via mail, or by leaving a donation at the animal hospital (please make checks payable to "Komen National Race for the Cure").

Thank you for joining us in the fight against breast cancer!

HCA BRINGS SEASONED EXECUTIVE TO LOUDOUN TO LEAD NEW HOSPITAL INITIATIVE

Healthcare infrastructure is every bit as important as education and transportation, in a county growing as quickly as Loudoun, where citizens worry both about their proximity to the nation's capital in an era of national disasters and about receiving emergency services quickly when their son or daughter is seriously injured at a sports event.

Rapid growth in Loudoun has put the county way behind the national average in available hospital beds. Today Loudoun offers only .7 hospital beds-per-thousand residents when the national average is 1.4 hospital-beds-per-thousand.

Why, then, is HCA, the nation's largest healthcare provider, being met with such resistance about building a second hospital in Loudoun County?

Because healthcare is an afterthought until we need it according to HCA Capital Division President Margaret Lewis.

"Healthcare simply isn't top-of-mind until you need it," Lewis explained.

"No one likes to focus on negative things, even though concern about being able to help our families and friends is very much in the back of our minds. As soon as Loudoun citizens understand that a new HCA hospital will increase the care they receive, I am certain we will be breaking ground for our new facility."

Lewis recently moved from Richmond to Northern Virginia to lead HCA's Capital Division. She is a 30-year veteran of HCA, and who completed all of her three degrees with help from HCA.

"I started as a nursing assistant and, within 26 years, I was CEO," she said.

"My career at HCA speaks highly for the caliber of this company from bedside to boardroom, and I use my clinical background and my understanding of the basic fundamentals of nursing every single day.

"For HCA, it's all about the patient. It's about quickly assessing the need, coming up with a workable plan and delivering the service that is needed, she emphasizes.

Lewis, who describes herself as a poster child for the junior college system across the Commonwealth, works diligently today to help those institutions continue to serve dedicated individuals who simply would not get ahead without a loyal employer and an education system that provides services to part-time students.

In addition to better medical services, economic development also depends on a robust healthcare system.

"I've been speaking to Loudoun business leaders, and they understand that we're an important part of the economic engine of the county," Lewis continued. "When a region is being surveyed as a potential site for a new business, public health and safety are major elements in the decision making. The quality and quantity of jobs being brought to Loudoun will be affected by the healthcare services offered in the county."

Hospitals and Homeland Security

Hospitals are also the primary destination in any type of disaster whether that be weather or terrorist

related.

As the largest healthcare system in the country, HCA's resources were seriously tested during Hurricane Katrina. Tulane University Hospital, an HCA facility, eventually had to evacuate all patients, and did so by using their national network to bring in 24 Black Hawk helicopters that landed on the top deck of the facility which had been readied for choppers.

"After we took care of our own patients and people, we pitched in to help our competition," Lewis said. "We have the benefit of a very large network of hospitals and staff we can dispatch from all over the country to focus on an area in need. We consistently dispatch clinical and human resource staff immediately to any point in the country that needs help in an emergency."

Because HCA has a large network of hospitals in Florida, the organization has a deep understanding of and response strategy for emergency situations. Response to weather-related disasters are simply part of the rigorous training and planning that every hospital in the network offers the communities they serve.

"Sadly, we have lots of experience with disasters, and we are now very well organized across the country for an avian flu epidemic," according to Lewis. "Our headquarters team in Richmond trains just as diligently as our local facility teams because we know that leadership is as important as staff on the ground in an emergency."

"We also have tremendous surge capacity to ensure that our communities receive prompt and efficient care no matter what the situation."



If competition raises the bar for better services and lowers the costs across the board, how long does Lewis think it will take for their new Broadlands facility to be up and running?

"Once we receive the certificate of need, we'll begin to build," she says.

"Because initial resistance was ferocious from the monopoly provider, many citizens were afraid we would simply leave. That's not going to happen.

"We have made a commitment to Loudoun County and we are going to keep it," Lewis concludes. "There are counties in Virginia, like Henrico near Richmond, that have three hospitals and 955 beds. Loudoun has one hospital with 167 beds to serve the fastest-growing county in the country. This doesn't make sense to me, and I'm certain it doesn't make sense to parents and citizens."



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THE HILL SCHOOL EIGHTH GRADE PROUDLY PRESENTED “THE SECRET GARDEN”



The Hill School Eighth Grade proudly presented “The Secret Garden” on April 21, 22 and 23. This beautiful production was directed by Tom Sweitzer. The cast included Aimee Chase as Lily, Margaret Lee as Mary Lennox, Ivan Power-Kronick as Fakir, Leah Dodson as Ayah, Grace Murphy as Rose, Josh Nichols as Al-bert, Chalker Kansteiner as Dreamer/

Lt. Peter, John Ritonias as Dreamer/ Lt. Ian, Patrick Ristau as Dreamer/ Major Holmes, Annabelle Thomson as Dreamer/Alice, Zach Brak as Archibald, Robert Forbes as Dr. New-ille, Lillibet Motion as Dreamer/Mrs. Medlock, Phoebe Krumich as Mar-tha, Daniel Hasse as Dickon, Morgan Hensley as Ben, Mark Price as Colin, Alexandra Wolf as Dreamer/Jane, Dan

Malone as Dreamer/William, Barry Hughes as Dreamer/Timothy, Galen McCleary as Dreamer/Frank, Jillian Chalke as Dreamer/Mrs. Winthrop, Ethan Kidder as Dreamer, Meredith Harris as Dreamer/Maid, Elizabeth Poston as Dreamer, Sarah Dornin as Dreamer, Lauren Davis as Dreamer, Oliver Martin as Dreamer and Pope Pierce as Dreamer.

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MIDDLEBURG ELEMENTARY NEWS

Kindergarten Registration and Open House

Any child who will be five on or before September 30, 2006 is eligible to enroll for Kindergarten at Middleburg Elementary School beginning April 18, 2006. Parents should bring the original birth certificate and proof of Loudoun residency. Please note that if you reside in Loudoun County but live outside the Middleburg boundary, you may request for your child to attend Middleburg Elementary under certain circumstances. However, all Kindergarten students MUST enroll at the school that serves their attendance area. For more information, contact the school at 703-771-6680.

We will also be holding an open house that morning for tours and information about the school. Please stop by between 7:00 and 10:00 am for refreshments and to learn more about this wonderful little school.

Virginia Opera Company Performs “Pied Piper of Hamelin”

Middleburg Elementary is pleased to present the Virginia Opera’s “Pied Piper of Hamelin” on April 24, 2006 at 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. The Virginia Opera has been presenting innovative, age-appropriate opera productions and programs for almost 30 years.

This fully-staged performance includes sets and costumes, and features professional singers accompanied by piano. The interactive programs are designed to draw students into the magical world of opera. The production of Pied Piper of Hamelin includes selected Middleburg students performing key character roles with professional sing-ers, technicians, and a music director. Admission is free so please bring the entire family!

WAKEFIELD SCHOOL PRESENTED NOEL COWARD’S “BLITHE SPIRIT”

FOXCROFT WALK-A-THON RAISED MORE THAN \$15,000 FOR SCHOOLS IN MALAWI



AMBASSADOR SANDE OF MALAWI IS SURROUNDED BY A THROG OF FOXCROFTERS BEFORE THEIR FOUR-MILE WALK.

The wet weather Saturday apparently had no effect on the Foxcroft Walk-A-Thon as approximately 85 students and teachers walked with the Ambassador from Malawi after he praised organizers for their astounding fund-raising efforts, received a Walk-a-Thon shirt and Foxcroft cap from Junior Class officers, and pronounced them all official ambassadors of Malawi. The event has already raised more than \$15,000 for schools in Malawi, another \$1,000 and the Class can say they’ve underwritten the completion of a brand new school. Donations welcome through May 1.

ASHBURN SOCCER CLUB PREMIERE EXTREME U-11 GIRLS CAPTURE FINALIST TITLE



THE ASHBURN SOCCER CLUB PREMIERE EXTREME U-11 GIRLS CAPTURED THE FINALIST TITLE MARCH 26, 2006 AT THE JEFFERSON CUP IN RICHMOND, VIRGINIA. FRONT ROW: ALEXIS BURRIS; 2ND ROW: ELINOR MACGLAULIN, DANIELLE DANGREMOND, SARAH ANDERSON, BAILEY O’GARA, EMILY VOTROUBEK; 3RD ROW: CASH HARTLESS, LAUREN LEUCK, MARCHELLE DAVIES, CASSIDY MCKENZIE, RACHEL IVEY, KATIE SHOAE, SARA MACMILLAN, TRAINERS SHEKA AND SULLY HAMID; BACK ROW: COACH CHUCK KING AND MORGAN HAMMER.

CANDIDATES
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Town Council for 8 years and I feel that I have shown my commitment and dedication to my town. I take my position on Council with seriousness and respect... I care so much about our town and it's future and I would like to be able to finish some of the projects that we have started.

What are the most pressing issues facing Middleburg?

Continuing to keep our town strong and vibrant for our businesses and our citizens.

Protecting what we have within and around our town ...beauty, history, horses, great shopping and dining, peacefulness and a wonderful quiet “way of life”!

Keeping a strong and healthy budget with fair and competitive wages for our employees.

Tell us about yourself, background, interests, etc.

I’m 53 years old and I’ve lived in Middleburg all of my life. My family, Nancy & Howard Allen (my parents) and Page Allen (my sister) and I own The Fun Shop which is celebrating its 50th year in business this year. I am a lifetime member of the Middleburg Vol. Fire & Rescue. I just finished 4 years as a Board Member of the Middleburg Community Center and I am on the Alumni Board of The Hill School. I love tennis and golf. I have a wonderful husband, Mark, who works for the Leesburg Police Dept. and three loving daughters.... Brooke Costin, Liza Costin Taub and Lauren Davis...they are my true loves! And I have a dear granddaughter, Emma Taub (age 20 mos.) who is precious (of course!)



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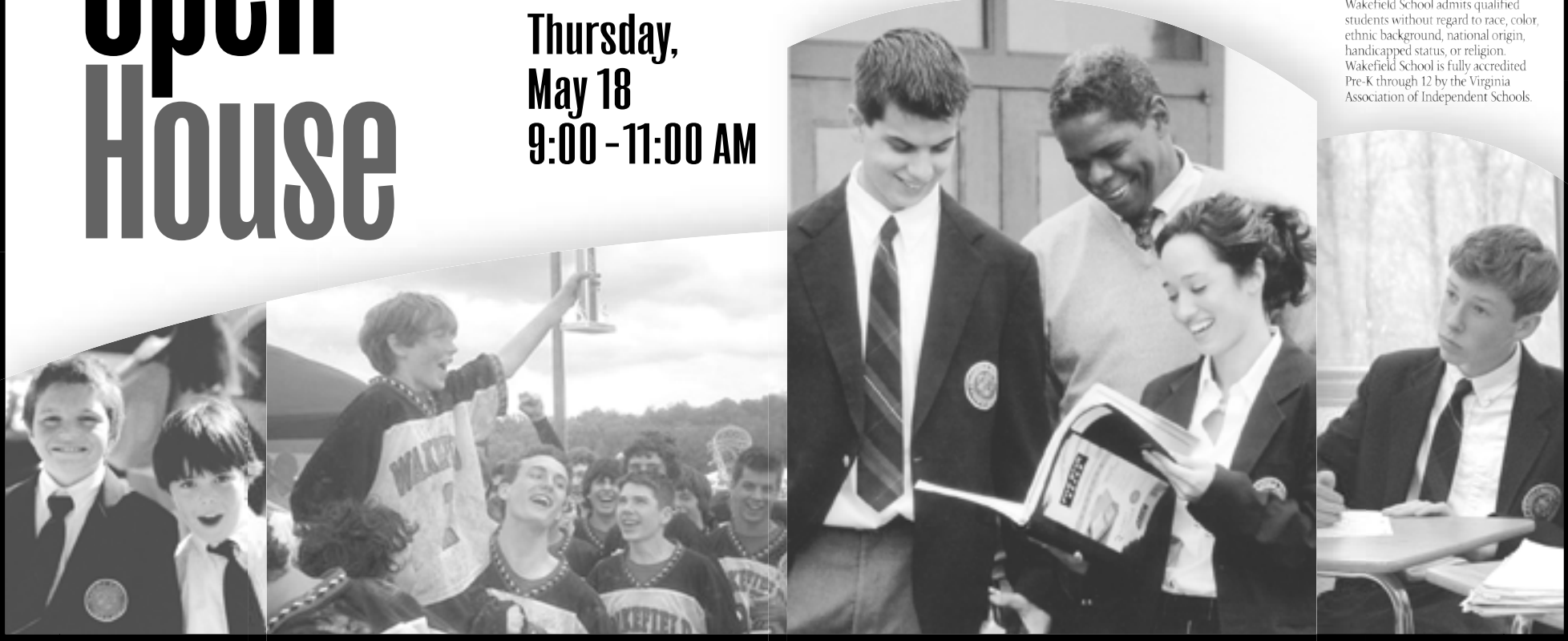
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THINGS TO DO

Middleburg Celebrates Arbor Day
Middleburg's 2006 Arbor Day Celebration will be held on Saturday, April 29th at Middleburg Elementary School at 9:00 AM. Middleburg has once again been named a Tree City USA by The National Arbor Day Foundation to honor its commitment to its community forest. Kelley Wagner, Virginia Department of Forestry, will make the presentation of the award to Mayor Tim Dimos as part of the Arbor Day Celebration. This year's celebration will include the dedication of the 2006 Middleburg Arbor Day Tree, a Sawtooth Oak, donated by Middleburg Beautification and Preservation, Inc. and planted by Tree Movers on the Middleburg Elementary School grounds. Fourth Graders from the elementary school will play a musical tribute in honor of Arbor Day. Mayor Dimos and Middleburg Elementary School Principal Gary Wilkersons will be on hand to present awards to this year's Arbor Day Poster Contest Winners. The theme for the contest was "Leaf Our Trees for Us" and children in Kindergarten through Fifth Grades participated. Poster contest awards will be provided by the Town of Middleburg and Books & Crannies. Refreshments will be provided by the Middleburg Elementary School PTO. Tree seedlings will be distributed in memory of Peaches Lee, a long time Middleburg resident and former Town Postmaster who passed away earlier this spring. Mayor Dimos said, "I remember Mr. Lee as a warm and gentle man whose broad smile and big heart beckoned magnetically. Even as a child, you knew in an instant that there was nothing not to like about this man. His company brought good feelings to all around him - young and old and in between. We will miss him much as we might miss our own parent."

The Arbor Day Celebration is a community effort enjoying the support of Middleburg Beautification and Preservation, Inc., Loudoun Soil and Water Conservation District, Middleburg Elementary School, The Hill School, area merchants and town residents. Questions can be referred to the Claudia Dornin, Economic Development Coordinator - Town of Middleburg on 540 687-5152, ext 205 or cdornin@middleburg.org.

Middleburg Library Advisory Board To Hold Its Annual Used Book Sale
The Middleburg Library Advisory Board, Inc. will hold its annual Used Book Sale from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm on Saturday, May 20 at the library on Reed Street in Middleburg. Thousands of used hardcover and paperback books will be offered for sale. There also will be activities for children and refreshments will be served. The event will be held rain or shine. All proceeds go to the Advisory Board, a non-profit 501(c)3 organization that supports the library by purchasing books, books on tape, magazines, newspaper subscriptions and other periodicals and underwrites events such as the library's annual summer reading program for children. For information, contact the library, 540-687-5730

59th Annual Neighborhood Art Show and Grace Church Concert Series, The Plains, VA
Friday, May 5, 6-8:30pm Gala Opening 59th Annual Neighborhood Art Show & Sale Reception with the artists, food and drink provided. Admission \$15, complimentary for sponsors and adult exhibitors. Show continues through the week-end. Weekend Hours: Saturday, May 6 and 7, 10-5 Sunday, May 7, 10-5 and following the concert. Requested donation \$5 per person, free to all exhibitors & sponsors. Funds raised support charitable ministries of Grace Church. Sunday May 7, 5pm Hesperus with Rosa Lamoreaux, soprano Grace Church Concert Series Suggested donation \$20 A reception follows the performance, 6-8:30pm in the Art Show Gallery, Grace Church, 6507 Main St. The Plains, Va 540-253-5177 www.gracechurch.net

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Book Signing at NSL
The National Sporting Library in Middleburg, Va., will host a book signing with author Patrick Smithwick of Monkton, Md., at 7 pm on Thursday, May 4. Peter Winants, director of the National Sporting Library from 1991 to 1998 and the author of five books himself, will introduce him. Smithwick, who has worked with horses all his life, learned the tools of his trade from his father, legendary steeplechase jockey and trainer A.P. Smithwick. His book, *Racing My Father: Growing Up in the Shadow of a Jockey Legend* is a memoir of this experience. Smithwick exercised race horses as he worked his way through his studies at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore. Like his father, he raced over the challenging timber courses at The Maryland Hunt Cup and Maryland Grand National, and also rode over fences at Belmont Park and Saratoga Springs. A professional journalist with two Masters degrees and another in Education for Ministry, Smithwick has also taught English, philosophy, photography and journalism at both the high school and college levels. He is the author of two other books and has penned many articles for Mid-Atlantic Country, The Maryland Horse, and the Chronicle of the Horse. All are welcome to the free book signing, but reservations are encouraged by calling 540-687-6542, ext. 15. Books will be available for purchase at the NSL during the evening. For information and directions, visit www.nsl.org.

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LAWRENCE, MCTAGGART ENGAGED

James and Leslie Lawrence of Fenwick, Ontario, Canada announce the engagement of their daughter, Jessica Lawrence, to Adam McTaggart, son of John and Mary Ann McTaggart. The bride-to-be, a graduate of E.L. Crossley High School and Brock University, is the Assistant Editor for Dressage Today magazine in Gaithersburg, Maryland. The prospective groom, a graduate of Sir Winston Churchill High School and Brock University, is a Winemaker/Vineyard Manager in Middleburg, Virginia. A July 1 wedding in Maryland is planned.



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Mr. and Mrs. Mark Davis of Middleburg, Virginia, and Mr. and Mrs., Jim Atkins of Delaplane, Virginia, announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Caroline Brooke Costin, to Mr. Nathan Drake Kline, son of Dr. and Mrs. H. Leon Gatlin, III of Charlotte, North Carolina, and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kline of West Jefferson, North Carolina. Miss Costin is also the daughter of the late McKelvy Costin. Brooke is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard O. Allen and Mrs. Jean Costin Gold of Middleburg, Virginia, the late William G. Costin, Jr., and the late Mrs. William C. Schoettle. She graduated from James Madison University, and earned a Bachelor of Science in accounting with a minor in Sociology. Brooke is a Recruiting Manager at Sherpa, LLC. Nathan graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill where he earned a Bachelor of Arts in Journalism and Mass Communication and is currently enrolled in the MBA program at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. Nathan is an Account Executive at Mindblazer. The couple resides in Charlotte, North Carolina. They will be married on September 16, 2006 in Middleburg, Virginia.



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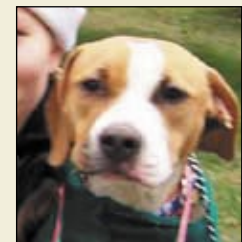
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LORIANNA— Katrina Survivor: Loranna is a funny girl! She was rescued from a devastated home in New Orleans. Loranna is a super sweetie; she actually smiles when you greet her.

MAX — Max is a bubbly 2 year old chocolate lab mix who was found in a ditch, skin and bones and hit by a car. He has fully recovered and is doing great! Max does well with other dogs, he is very playful and would be happy as a clam as an outdoor dog.



BRAMLEY — Katrina Survivor - Bramley is a young gal who we rescued from New Orleans. Bramley gets along well with other dogs, is well mannered and is a great watch dog. She is the perfect barn friend!

MYLES— Myles is an Otter Hound mix who came to us from a county shelter where his time was up. Myles is not comfortable around children though. A gorgeous young man who needs an adult only home.



OLIVIA— The love of your life little Beagle girl. Olivia was rescued from a neglectful owner and she is now the most appreciative little thing in the world! Olivia is great with kids and cats but would prefer to be an only dog.

MIRACLE—10 week old DSH muted calico kitten who was near death when she was rescued. Now very healthy and full of life, boy is she special!



SHORTY- Shorty is an old fashioned short legged Beagle. He looks like he has Dachshund in him; his legs are super squatty- a very cute little guy! Shorty has a fun personality- he is shy when you first meet him but he loves kitties, kids and all other dogs.



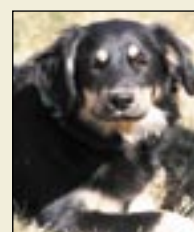
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RUCKER — A terrific young man. Rucker came out of a county shelter where his time was up. 1- 2 year old Cattle Dog who is very smart and loves everyone!



ETNIE — A lovely young lady who came to us with her 9 babies. She was in horrible shape but is now very healthy and happy! Etmie would do best in a home with lots of activity or room to run. She is incredibly sweet!



LINDY-11 month old Katrina survivor. Lindy is an adorable young Retriever mix will grow to be a medium sized gal, Lindy loves everyone! Truly a great family friend.



GIA — 9 month old Pit Bull puppy. Gia has grown up with kids, cats and other dogs. She loves car rides and hanging out in our office. Incredibly quiet, calm and cute! Gia needs a structured loving home.



BAGEL- A handsome chap- Bagel is housetrained, great with cats and plays well with other dogs.



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ANNA — An absolutely gorgeous long haired kitty. She is a 2-3 year old spayed female. Indoor/ outdoor. Anna has an angelic face that matches her angelic personality!

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So what can you do? As a first step, determine when your dog will become a senior citizen. It differs among breeds. Your vet can tell you when you should consider your dog to be in the senior category.

Smart puppies get on the right track early by eating right. Even senior citizens benefit greatly from a healthful change in diet. Feed your dog food that does not contain controversial preservatives like ethoxyquin, BHA and BHT. Avoid food that is corn-based or contains digest or by-products. Give treats that adhere to the same guidelines.

Supplements can be of real benefit to young and old pups alike. My favorites are glucosamine and chondroitin to promote joint health. There are so many ways we can take these supplements — even in the form of flavored treats! Other supplements like digestive enzymes can help those of us who have tummy troubles. Talk to your vet and do your own digging to learn what supplements might be helpful for your four-legged friend.

Dental health is another major component of our well-being. It's not just a nice gesture to brush our teeth, it's imperative. Dental decay is a criti-

cal (and critically expensive) problem if allowed to advance. Unfortunately, no amount of specialty biscuits — green or any other color — can take the place of proper dental care.

Comfort is also important. Just like people, we have aches and pains as we age. A well-padded bed can be a haven for any dog at any stage of life, but for seniors it's a must. And, just like people, a dog's energy isn't what it used to be in early years. Keeping your dog active is very important, but pushing too far is dangerous. Pay close attention to your dog's panting or pace during activities. Think also about how comfortable your dog is when he or she eats. You may want to provide a raised feeding station.

And finally, by all means, exhaust every avenue before "putting us down." A tragic reality is that seniors are often taken to shelters or forced to leave this life simply because they have become inconvenient. Just like aging human family members, we deserve to be pampered in our later years — even if it means extra time and attention. There are wonderful stories of dogs who have lived many years beyond a recommendation to be put down. I know several dogs, for instance, who have used custom carts (www.handicappedpets.com) to give them mobility and a new lease on life when their legs have failed.

I, of course, have a fool-proof aging plan. It involves immediate retirement marked by egregious amounts of biscuits that I will enjoy from my own king-sized bed in my own bedroom nestled in my own 400-thread-count sheets. For some odd reason, my people are ignoring it.

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

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On March 29 just before the stroke of midnight, The Old Guard witnessed the birth of its newest Soldier, Cote, a 70 pound colt born in the stables at Fort Myer.

Cote was born to Betty Boop, a Percheron-Standard bred cross, and both son and mother are doing fine.

It was a surprise birth as the 3d US Infantry Regiment didn't know Betty was pregnant. "We usually take the vendor's word (that the horse isn't pregnant) when we get the horse. But we didn't know Betty was pregnant until it was too late. It was a good surprise though," said Chief Warrant Officer Abdullah Johnson, the Caisson Platoon leader.

Prior to Cote's birth, Caisson Soldiers rebuilt one of the stalls to accommodate Betty in giving birth. Soldiers cut new wood, hung curtains and tore down a wall to make the stable "colt proof," said Maj. Lisa Amoroso, the Fort Myer Military Community veterinarian. Everything sharp was removed and the stall guard was replaced by a stall door, something the newborn wouldn't be able to scoot under.

"The birth went well and Betty



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is a fantastic mother," Amoroso said. She has been protective, but has permitted care of the colt. All of Cote's nutrition — including viral antibodies — come through nursing on which Cote has thrived."

The platoon decided to name the newcomer after Pete Cote, who worked as the platoon's farrier for more than 36 years before retiring last year. Cote is only the second colt born to the Old Guard Caisson Platoon.



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Middleburg, Virginia

Minutes from town in a very protected Fauquier County location, very private. 4 bedrooms, 4 baths, 5 fireplaces, 2-car attached garage, brick home in excellent condition, great main level master suite with fireplace, walk-in closet, exercise room and marble bath with heated floor and jacuzzi. Improvements include 4-car garage with 2nd floor, 3-stall barn, lovely pool, gardens and landscaping on 26.54 acres. \$2,850,000.



Four Chimneys

Middleburg, Virginia

Great location, east of Middleburg. Well-built brick home, high ceilings, detailed molding, 3 bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths, large kitchen, sunroom, 2-car garage, 7.57 open, level acres. 3-stall barn with tack room, large tractor shed, fenced and cross fenced. GEO Thermal heating and air conditioning, low utility bills. \$1,500,000.



23650 Grasty Place

Middleburg, Virginia

Wonderful location, minutes to town but very private lot. Country colonial built in 1997, large front porch, 4 bedrooms, 4 1/2 baths, fireplace in living room, open floor plan with tons of light, rec. room in basement, 3 car garage. House is in excellent condition. \$1,250,000.



Putnams Mill

Orlean, Virginia

Traditional home surrounded by 2 acres of mature landscaping located on a quiet gravel road in Orlean. A charming and immaculate home, tastefully decorated throughout—light-filled rooms, front porch, large rear deck, finished basement, garage and gardener's shed. Perfect setting. Total privacy. \$695,000.

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FRIENDSHIP HILL



Brick manor house on 124 rolling acres w/mtn. views
•7 BR •6.5 BA •4 FP •2 Master Stes. •Huge Fam. Rm. •Library •Finished basement •Elevator •Pool w/Pool House •Turnkey farm •Great location
•Tenant Houses •Barns **\$7,500,000**

LAKEVIEW



Upperville area •Sited at the foot of the Blue Ridge Mountains •New England country house overlooks a 10 acre lake on 167 acre estate •2 bedroom, 3 story guest house •9 stall center aisle stable •Extensive paneled fencing **\$4,350,000**

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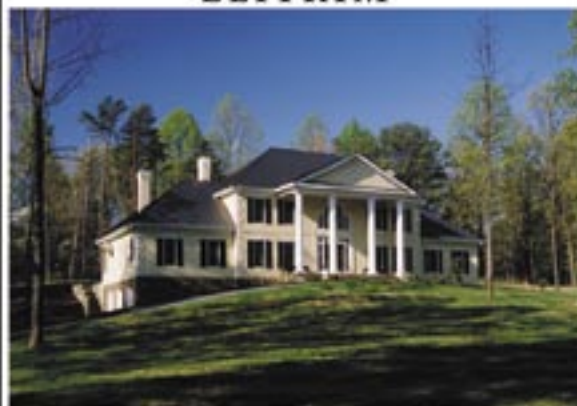
Upperville •Spectacular setting on 50 acres •Perfect for dining, weddings or events •Pavillion seating for 120 •Charming restaurant with beamed ceilings overlooking pond •18 private stes. w/FP's •Log cabins •Swimming pool **\$3,800,000**

STORNOWAY



Beautiful 4 BR, 3 BA home on 70 acres •Near Delaplane •Stone •Random-width heart of pine floors •Trompe-l'oeil •4 marble fireplaces •10' ceilings on 1st floor •Vaulted ceilings off kitchen •Many elegant details throughout **\$2,500,000**

LEITRIM



Exquisite Georgian Colonial •Approx 7000 square foot with high ceilings, wood floors and gorgeous millwork •4 Fireplaces •Gourmet kitchen •Banquet sized dining room •Sun-filled Great Room •Wine Cellar •17+/- acres **\$2,390,000**

RAINY DAY FARM



Beautiful 34+ acre farm in heart of Orange County Hunt •All brick "Southern Living Design" home in excellent condition •High ceilings •Hardwood floors •Beautiful gardens •Great 4 stall barn •New riding ring •Board fenced paddocks **\$1,950,000**

WAVERLY HILL



Elegant Middleburg country residence on 20+ acs •Stunning architectural detail inside & out •4 BR & 3 BA •Gourmet kit. •2 FP •Living Rm, Family Rm & Library •Full Basement •Garage •Lovely views •Walking path to Goose Creek **\$1,895,000**

SALISBURY



Quality new construction •Convenient, quiet location close to village in Middleburg Downs •3.27 wooded acres •4BR, 3.5 BA •Gourmet kit. •Great rm w/FP •HW flrs. & BR on 1st flr •Premium finishes & designer touches throughout **\$1,360,000**

WEATHERLY



Round Hill •4 BR •3.5 BA •Custom Colonial on 6+ gorgeous acs. •Fabulous views of pond & mtns •Superior quality & design •High ceilings •Gleaming HW floors •Spacious sun filled rooms •Deck •Covered porches •Walk-out lower level **\$779,000**

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