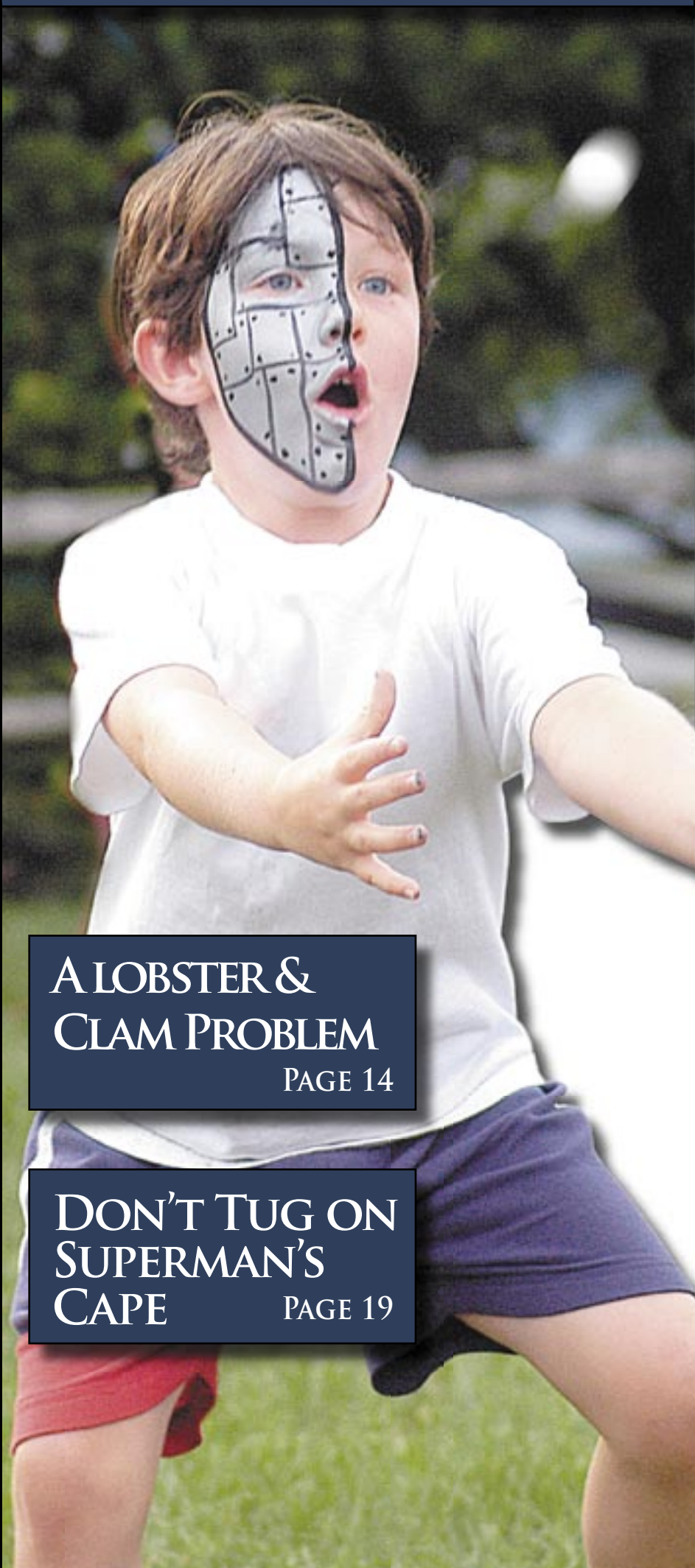




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MIDDLEBURG TOWN ADMINISTRATOR FIRED

The Thursday, July 13 regular meeting of the Middleburg Town Council ended with a call for the immediate convention of a closed session to discuss personnel matters. Town Manager Mike Casey told the Middleburg Eccentric he had known nothing of the meeting until it was called. Earlier in the evening he was unanimously approved to act as interim Town Clerk.

Helen Hyre's motion to reconvene in "closed session" was read from a prepared script and citing "the provisions of Virginia Code allowing such meetings when personnel matters are under discussion, was immediately seconded by Council Member Catherine ("Bundles") Murdock. With no objection to the motion, the town's new Mayor, Betsy Davis, thus ended her first public session and then immediately reconvened a private session.

After another closed session, convened at 7:00 PM on Sunday, July 23, Council voted unanimously to terminate Town Administrator, Mike Casey, effective immediately.

Young People Lodge Complaint

During public comments Damon Davenport, speaking on behalf of a group of young people from

in and around Middleburg, rose to say he had some comments about "... the Middleburg Police Department, Windy Hill, the Community Center and the Exxon." "It's really unfair how they're treating us, young people," he said, "and I really don't like it, for real. "I came to y'all first," Davenport continued in a halting voice, "because I don't want to do anything to hurt the Town, so I took it up with you all first."

Later in the session Council Member Eura Lewis asked Police Chief Webber for a clarification of the incident, asking him directly about the town's curfew laws.

Chief Webber, who had volunteered to address the matter earlier in the evening, noted that there is, indeed, a legal curfew in the Village, and that "juvenile complaints" typically rise during the summer months. With few exceptions, people under the age of 18 are not allowed on the streets of Middleburg between 11PM and 6AM. Without going into detail, Webber then volunteered that Davenport's complaint had nothing to do with the town's curfew.

Council Member "Bundles" Murdock also addressed the issue urging Mayor Davis to make sure

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BACK TO SQUARE ONE FOR UPPER BROAD RUN AND UPPER FOLEY?

VDOT CHALLENGES COUNTY TO CONDUCT MORE CONSEQUENTIAL ANALYSIS

DANIEL MORROW

The Virginia Department of Transportation has called on Loudoun County to "conduct a more consequential analysis" of the long-term impact of allowing the construction of some 28,000 new homes, near Dulles Airport, predicting massive traffic jams from an estimated 250,000 to 300,000 new vehicle trips-per-day on the region's already strained road system.

In a July 12 letter, Dennis Morrison, VDOT District Administrator, charged that "... Loudoun County's review did not consider the impacts ... on several major roadways in Loudoun County ... nor on major regional transportation arteries in Fairfax and Prince William Counties."

According to VDOT, the proposed changes to the County's comprehensive development plan for the "Upper Broad Run and Upper Foley sub-areas" would, by 2025, produce:

- On the Greenway - "between two and six hours of stop and go traffic conditions, daily."

- In Prince William County - "between two and six hours of stop and go traffic conditions, daily" on Route 29.

- In Fairfax County - "over six hours of stop and go traffic conditions, daily" at the intersection of Route 50 and Route 28, and on portions of Braddock Road near Pleasant Valley Road.

To make matters worse, the VDOT analysis assumed "the construction of ALL the transportation facilities included in the Constrained Long Range Plan, including the Dulles Metrorail extension, and the widening of Route 50, Braddock Road and the Greenway."

Further discussion between VDOT and County officials are planned, and Morrison assured Loudoun's Julie Pastor that it "would be pleased to help facilitate a broader regional view of not only this proposed comprehensive plan amend-

ment, but also future land use decisions of similar consequence."

Steve Hines, speaking on behalf of "Families for Dulles South" cited VDOT's letter as further evidence of "spin" deception and half truths, if not bare-faced lying, on the part of developers, their paid representatives, and supporters on the Board of Supervisors.

Residents of the affected areas, Hines said, bought their homes believing, among other things, that the County had developed a 25-year comprehensive plan they could count on. They have been betrayed," he said, "and find it difficult, if not impossible to fight back, lacking as they do the financial resources and time at the disposal of those who are paid by developers to change the minds of planners and legislators."

"The County has a duty to not only develop a comprehensive plan, with appropriate input from all those affected ... which it DID ... but to articulate the vision for the county embodied in the plan effectively, and stand by it.

The VDOT review of Loudoun's planning was done as a "test case" anticipating the July, 2007, implementation of new Virginia legislation requiring local jurisdictions to allow the State to evaluate the impact of new development on roads and traffic.

Virginia Delegate Bob Marshall, in a July 20 open letter to the long divided Board of Supervisors, urged them to "work closely" with VDOT, comparing the Dulles South/Greenvest proposal for road improvements to those proposed for a much smaller Hobie Mitchell development near Leesburg, and deeming the proposed Dulles investment "inadequate."

Supervisor Stephen Snow's reply to Marshall called on the Delegate and Governor Tim Kaine to "... stop playing politics ..." and to work with Loudoun "... to solve the problem ..." charging that the Governor, VDOT and other opponents of development were "... jeopardizing the potential for a four-year university, ... hospital, ... park and ... museum ... "currently "envisioned" for the area.

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NEWS OF NOTE

SALAMANDER HOSPITALITY ACQUIRES WOODLANDS RESORT
MIDDLEBURG TO BE HEADQUARTERS FOR LUXURY HOTEL SERVICES GROUP

Woodlands Resort & Inn in Summerville, South Carolina, recently acquired by Salamander Hospitality, will be the first of several acquisitions according to President Prem Devadas, as he and owner Sheila Johnson create a luxurious collection of hotels, resorts and inns that compliment their planned ultra-luxurious Salamander Resort and Spa in Middleburg.

"I am thrilled to add this world-class property to our Salamander collection," Johnson said. "Guests who are looking forward to staying with us at Salamander Resort and Spa will love the experience of Woodlands."

Devadas, who oversaw \$200 million of development at the Kiawah Island Resort near Woodlands in the Charleston, S.C. area, believes the acquisition will be a tremendous asset as he and Johnson introduce and position Salamander Hospitality for success in the hotel, marketing and management services sector.

"Woodlands is a world class property," Devadas said. "It is one of only three properties in America to be awarded Mobil's Five-Star rating and the AAA Five Diamond Award for both lodging and dining. Woodlands is also a member of the highly esteemed Relais & Chateau guide."

Only a half-hour drive from Charleston, Woodlands is also known for its consistently high level of service and extraordinary facilities for private meetings.

"Woodlands has maintained its reputation for luxurious service by continually refining and improving what they do. That is precisely what Sheila and I intend to do at Salamander Inn and Resort, so Woodlands will be a perfect first acquisition for us."

According to Devadas, the Middleburg resort is on track for its early 2009 opening.

"We are primarily focused on the development and various stages of decision making for Salamander Inn and Resort," Devadas said. "We're also launching Salamander Management Services in a month to help manage both new and historic properties."

The Woodlands acquisition brings a tremendously talented group of professionals to our organization, he continued. "I look forward to hearing from our friends in the Middleburg area when they decide to visit Woodlands. They should give me a call at my office, and I'll make certain they have a lovely time."

Devadas also described the expansion plans for Salamander Market. "Our Middleburg market has become the prototype for a group of



markets, the second of which will open Palm Beach, Florida in October. We plan to open our Washington, D.C. market before the end of this year."

To introduce Salamander Spa and Resort to important destination and event planners, Johnson plans to open a model of the Resort's King Room in newly refurbished space on East Washington Street in Middleburg.

"It is critically important to us to introduce the resort to destination and event planners well before we are open," Devadas explained. "We want to open with bookings on the first day

of business. The Salamander Lifestyle shop will also give us an opportunity to introduce our branded product line well in advance of our opening to generate interest and excitement among our target customers."

Devadas concluded by emphasizing that he and Johnson are committed to put in the time, investment and effort it takes to create a truly discriminating luxury brand.

"Middleburg is the perfect match for our initiative," he said. "It is a unique, beautiful, special place."

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MIDDLEBURG’S MARK TATE DECLARES FOR 27TH DISTRICT SEAT

Mark Tate, co-owner of Middleburg’s Coach Stop Restaurant, and conservative political columnist for the Eccentric, has announced that he is running for the Republican nomination for the State Senate seat for the 27th District, mostly likely against Warrenton Lawyer Jill Holtzman Vogel and incumbent Russ Potts.

Tate first entered politics at 24, running successfully for a seat on the Middleburg Town Council. He served three terms, including a stint as Vice Mayor, and has remained active in Republican politics in Virginia ever since.

Seven out of ten Loudoun County voters chose Tate over Russ Potts in the 2003 Republican Primary, which Potts won by just over 100 votes, with the help of significant cross-over voting by Democrats.

An outspoken conservative, Tate ran his first political campaign as an opponent of a proposed increase in Middleburg’s meal tax. Opposition to big government and high taxes remains at the heart of his political ethic.

Tate believes that more State money for transportation projects should come from the General Fund rather than from sources traditionally “earmarked” for roads and related infrastructure.

He also agrees with Democratic Governor Tim Kaine and Republican Delegate Bob Marshall that “land-use planning and road-building should be intimately related, and well thought out.” He characterizes himself as a “controlled growth” rather than “slow-growth” or “no-growth” Republican.

He supported the Middleburg Town Council’s recent agreements with Salamander Development, noting that the arrangement provided more control over development for the Council. Tate also believes the arrangement put development outside Town limits in the hands of a developer with absolutely nothing to be gained (and much to be lost) by alienating the town, its neighbors or destroying the ambience of the countryside.

Tate is “pro-life” and, though opposed to gay “marriage” draws a sharp distinction between religious sacraments and state laws governing inheritance and hospital visitation rights.

Tate has also taken a stand on evolution and “intelligent design”, asserting that the latter deserved a place in the state’s high school biology curricula.

He has nearly \$40,000 in campaign funds left over from his 2003 battle against Potts, and almost \$200,000 in hand total.

The State Election Commission recently called on Tate to file required financial reports due since the end of the 2003 campaign, which Tate says has now been done.

Russ Potts, denouncing Tate as “to the right of Attila the Hun” has declared that he beat him once, and can beat him again.

Tate says, “Funny, Russ agreed with me on most of the issues last time, and won with 100 Democratic votes. I think this campaign will be VERY interesting.”

HOOPS MAGIC SPORTS ACADEMY SHOOTS FOR SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

IDEAL VENUE FOR SPORTS, EVENTS, EDUCATION, FAMILY ACTIVITIES AND FUN

Curtis Symonds has wanted to do this for the last ten years, at least. Realistically, it’s been much longer than that.

“My mother instilled in me at a very young age, and reinforced continually, the importance of giving back to the community,” says Symonds as we sit his offices. “I hope, and earnestly believe, that what we are doing here will give the community at large, from kids to adults, a place to call their own, a place that will help them grow, individually and as a community.”

Here is Chantilly, Virginia, just fifteen miles down Route 50 from Middleburg, and this is the newly opened Hoops Magic Sports Academy, a sprawling 65,000 square foot recreational facility, complete with seven all-wood basketball courts (six of which are high-school dimensions and one of which is college dimensions) which can be transformed in an instant into volleyball courts, practice space for football, baseball, lacrosse and wrestling, a fully padded running track, weight-lifting equipment and probably the cleanest locker-rooms these eyes have ever seen.

Events

Before the facility’s grand opening this past April 1, Symonds also hosted the local Boys and Girls Club for a semi-formal event and dinner; out went the basketball courts, in came the protective carpeting, dining tables and chairs, and voila, the “basketball” facility had been transformed into a perfectly serviceable event space.

“This is probably my favorite room,” Symonds says as we walk down a light-flooded hallway, past rows of sparkingly maintained exercise equipment. He opens a door, flips on the light switch, and we find ourselves in a sprawling room filled with laptop computers, A/V equipment and newly refurbished office chairs and desks along three of the four walls.

“It’s our Education Room,” he says, and you can hear the capitol E and capital R in his voice. “Right

now, people come here for the basketball and the sports facilities, which is wonderful: helping young people build their bodies is important when they are growing up. But even more important is helping them build their minds, giving them a place to learn, to share their thoughts and feelings with each other, to build their confidence and sense of self, giving them a place that is their own, where they feel safe and where they want to go. That is what’s so important, and what I’m really excited about.”

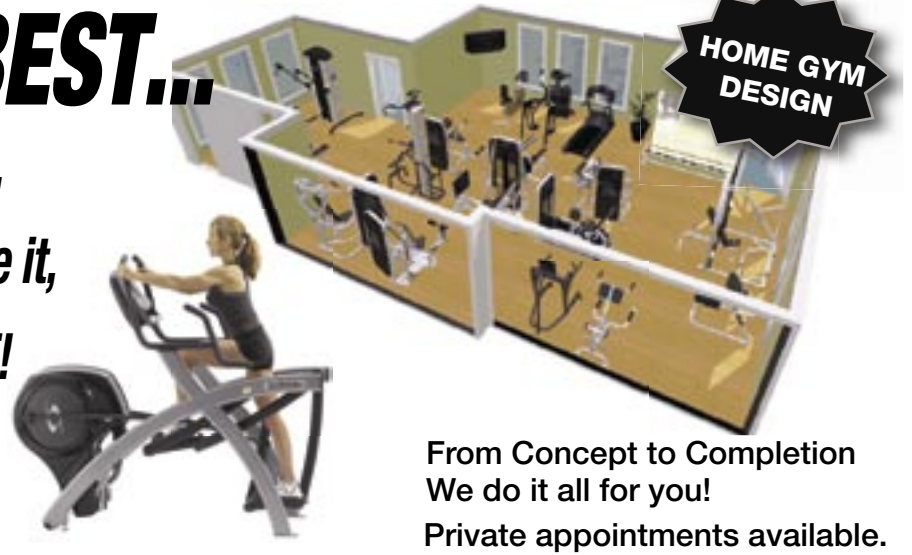
The Education Room operates as a separate not-for-profit facility within the larger building and Symonds has tapped into vast network of connections, amassed over nearly thirty years working in the cable and entertainment industry, securing contributions to make the Room a reality from the likes of Northrop-Gruman, Cox Communications, and ESPN. Other partners and backers in the facility include Access Bank, Intermediate Partners in New York City, and Fairfax County itself; the Summer of Service & Fun Program brings community children to the Hoops Magic facility for a combination of sports and community activities.

Symonds, whose other day job is COO of the Washington Mystics, arrives at Hoops Magic by 8 a.m. most mornings, driving to Chantilly from McLean, where he works until about 11, overseeing the facility’s 9 o’clock opening before he heads into Washington by to oversee the Mystics’ basketball operations for the rest of the day, and then makes his way back to Chantilly to work for two or three more hours and help close the facility at 9 p.m.

“This is something that I’m completely invested in,” he says. “I learned long ago to never be satisfied, to never take anything for granted. I love the work I’m doing here and believe in completely. People will catch me every once in a while washing the floors, or helping move the equipment.”

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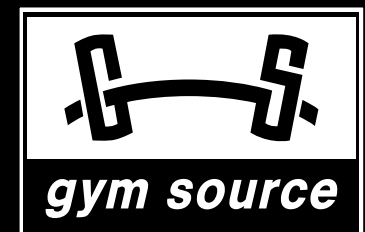
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L'Apogée Creates Perfect Balance for Horse and Rider



Kitty Garrity was born into a family of New England innovators so it is perfectly logical that, as a lifetime equestrian who trained with Olympic dressage riders, she could not stop imagining potential improvements in the equipment she used every day. L'Apogée Saddlery, the equestrian equipment company she founded with her husband, Bob, in Middleburg, Virginia, is the culmination of Kitty's conviction that the design of everything from stirrups to saddles can be improved to better serve both horse and rider.

Kitty's equestrian equipment is handsome, functional and highly innovative but you would have to sit in one of her saddles to enjoy the difference. L'Apogée pieces are so classically beautiful and impeccably made that they compete successfully with the very best of the French makers.

After completing her pre-vet BA in equine science at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Kitty went to England to study dressage.

When she returned to the United States, she settled in Middleburg to represent a leading riding equipment manufacturer in an eight-state territory. "As I listened to our customers, I had many ideas about how to improve our equestrian equipment," Kitty said. "But I learned the hard way that you have to keep good ideas for yourself."

For twenty years, Kitty sold thousands of saddles for other companies, helping to build their brands and improve their designs. Eventually she realized that she had the experience, the drive and the talent to establish her own brand in 2003, and she began to sketch a saddle that would carry the L'Apogée label.

Kitty knew what she was up against. Most high-end saddles are designed by European men. She built so much business in her eight-state area that she pre-

vailed upon her husband, Bob, to join her and, in addition to L'Apogée, he now serves as sales manager for Troxell Helmets.

"We work together now, sometimes twenty hours a day, but we love it," Kitty says.

L'Apogée translates from the French to mean the pinnacle of crowning achievement, and one only need visit the company's bucolic offices at the Harry Bird Farm near Winchester that these equestrian products are aptly named.

"I do three different 'trees' in the jumping saddle," Kitty explained after she pointed out that almost all saddles have a core element called a "tree" that is the fundamental element on which the saddle is built. Years ago, all saddles were made with wooden trees and all premium saddles are built on wooden trees today, but many brands now use synthetic for the tree.

L'Apogée saddles offer many innovations but they are all built on wooden trees to Kitty's design. The premium laminated beech wood tree has short points that an-



gle slightly back to allow freedom in the shoulder that gives the horse better balance.

Kitty selects leathers from the finest offered and she is involved in every aspect of the decision-making process as the design moves through each stage of manufacture. French calfskin and buffalo hide are used on some saddles because it remains soft and pliable but also offers exceptional durability.

"Our LX has more flair for lift and freedom in the shoulders," she explains. The LXI has more flair but it also has a higher pommel. These and our other saddles are designed to provide maximum fit, freedom and comfort for both the rider and the horse without compromising any of the classic beauty and workmanship we all want."

When Kitty talks about the gullets on L'Apogée saddles you know you're talking to a horsewoman. In the equestrian world, the way the horse moves and the condition of his or her back is extremely important. It is the width of the gullet that provides room for the horse's spine.

"Our gullets are four fingers wide to leave room for the horse's spine," she emphasizes. "Horses that develop sore backs can go on to have chronic conditions that keep them from being ridden and can take them out of competition."

"An ill-fitting saddle can pinch and lead to a sore back and life-long vet bills. It can also lead to rider injury. Our goal is to achieve a perfect balance and fit for both horse and rider."

As interest in the L'Apogée line grows, Kitty is adding designs for bridles, standing martingales, luggage and stirrups.

"We want to compete with the finest designer brands," Kitty says.

"Our new Royal Rider Sport Flex stirrups are superb for polo because they are so light compared to the traditional metal stirrup. They give the rider much more lift, and that allows the horse more height and comfort over the jumps."

"Torrance Watson Fleischmann rides in our deep seat saddle, and Hilda Gurney, Betsy Steiner and Aaron Vale ride in our new, light-weight stirrups. These are demanding, discriminating riders who want the best for themselves and their horses."

Although Kitty understands that the North American rider needs a longer saddle flap and a bigger, softer block, she is delighted to be receiving calls from around the world for L'Apogée products.

"We're receiving inquiries from Japan, Australia, Switzerland, England and South America," she notes. "I want to continue to add to our brand by creating innovative designs that take advantage of everything I've learned over the decades I've loved horses and been a professional in the equestrian business."

If her new bridles, so soft no horse could ever complain about sore ears, are an indication, Kitty Garrity may have created a brand in L'Apogée that will serve both the Middleburg area and her own interests very well.

To contact Kitty Garrity for a personal fitting, or to learn more about L'Apogée Saddlery, please email LApogee@aol.com or telephone 800 800 4261.

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that, in the future, people who raise issues before Council, receive some indication that they'd been heard. Murdock suggested that perhaps Council's agenda could be altered to allow responses from Members to remarks made during the "public comments" portion of the Council's regular monthly sessions.

Davis agreed, noted that she would make sure Davenport and his friends knew they'd been heard, and referred the matter to the Public Safety Committee, with a promise that the matter would be fully investigated. Chief Webber later told the Eccentric that his department had acted, as required by law, to serve trespass notices sworn out by a number of Middleburg business people and property owners, objecting to groups of young people trespassing on private property. Davenport and his friends complaints, he said, were probably related to his departments enforcement of those warrants

The Chief told the Eccentric that he had offered to meet personally with Davenport and his friends over the weekend preceding the council meeting, but, according to Webber, neither Davenport nor any of his friends had taken advantage of the invitation to talk. Davenport also did not respond to an invitation to discuss the matter with the Eccentric

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Salamander Water Plant Contract Resolution Passes Unanimously

Following a lengthy work session earlier in the week, Council passed unanimously, a resolution authorizing the Town to authorize Town Administrator Mike Casey to "execute an agreement with Salamander Development, LLC, for the construction of water and wastewater facilities."

No Money, No Progress on Traffic Calming for Middleburg

Earlier in the evening Jim Rich, Chairman of the Route 50 Traffic Calming Task Force, and Virginia Department of Transportation Department's Chris Reed, reported that due to cost overruns and budget cutbacks the project had, effectively, run out of money. Praising Senator Warner and Congressman Wolf for their efforts in obtaining roughly \$30 million in Federal funding for the project, Rich and Reed reported sadly that requirements for State matching funds meant there was not enough money left in the pool for Middleburg, even though projects are moving forward at Gilbert's Cor-

ner, Aldie and Upperville.

Delays, the rising costs of raw materials, and cutbacks of state funding were again cited as the reasons for Middleburg's omission.

During the "public comments" portion of the meeting two citizens rose to ridicule the whole idea of "traffic calming" in general and the Route 50 project in particular, describing "traffic calming roundabouts" as "traffic-snarling, infuriating wastes of time and money." Edward Swain pointed out that VDOT had spent millions surveying and buying land for a by-pass more than 30 years ago.

"Bundles" Murdock asked Rich and Reed about a rumor that Middleburg was excluded because it was perceived as the "rich" village along Route 50. Rich denied the rumor, and stated publicly that the other villages along Route 50 were truly in Middleburg's debt for initiating discussions and driving the project forward in the first place.

New Vice Mayor and Committee Heads

Mayor Davis announced that Darlene Kirk had been unanimously elected Vice-Mayor at a work session earlier in the week, and will serve as head of the Council's Finance/Personnel Committee.

Eura Lewis will chair the Public Safety Committee and serve as Council representative to the Historic District Review, and the Pink Box Advisory Committee. (The Pink Box is the Town's official Visitor Center)

Mark Snyder will chair the Public Works committee.

New Council Member Lisa Patterson will serve as Council representative to the Planning Commission.

Karen Robinson, also serving her first term on the Council, will represent the Town on the Loudoun County Community Action Board.

"Bundles" Murdock was named Chair of the Land Use Committee.

Mayor Davis, herself, will chair

the committees on Economic Development, Main Street Middleburg, and act as representative to the Traffic Calming Task Force.

Leadership of the Health Center Advisory Board, which manages an income-producing real estate asset owned by the town, is yet to be named.

Fire Investigation Continues

Chief Webber also reported that his investigation of the recent suspicious fires in Middleburg is continuing. The Town Council unanimously adopted a new ordinance, "Authorizing a Reward for the Arrest and Conviction of Certain Offenses and Establishing an Account for Payment of Rewards."

Correction - In the June 29 issue of the Middleburg Eccentric Catherine "Bundles" Murdock was incorrectly identified as an outgoing council member.



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McGraw Foundation Gives Second Matching Gift to PCF

The Directors of the Piedmont Community Foundation (PCF) are pleased to announce a second matching gift for the PCF general fund from the McGraw Foundation of Chicago, Illinois. The new gift of \$10,000 was made possible through the McGraw Foundation’s matching grant program that has matching funds available for donations given to other charitable organizations by its directors.

The donor initiating this gift wishes to remain un-named at this time but had this to say, “Living in the Fauquier-Loudoun area is life enhancing and inspires my family to give back to the community that adds quality to our lives. I see the Community Foundation structure to be best suited to bring people together in creating collaborations and partnerships to address local community charitable needs. The PCF is doing an excellent job with limited resources. My gift, and that of the McGraw Foundation, supports their mission and I encourage others to do what they can to add support and further ignite growth of community programs and activities being generated through PCF.”

The McGraw Foundation was established by Max McGraw in 1948 for charitable purposes. It is one of two foundations that bear his name, the second being the Max McGraw Wildlife Foundation created from his beliefs as a conservationist and outdoor sportsman.

A contemporary and admirer of Thomas Edison, McGraw’s life-long interest in electricity and his staunch work ethic led to his creating two of this country’s largest and most successful corporations – McGraw-Edison and Centel Corporations (acquired by Sprint Corporation in 1993). Credited with the vision and know-how to make practical the first household toasters known as Toastmaster, McGraw capitalized on the opportunity General Electric and Westinghouse had turned down.

Max McGraw’s biography remembers him as “a very special kind of person, one who moved quietly and confidently through this world getting worthwhile things done.” His philanthropic legacy is remembered with gratitude for his significant contributions to many causes.

PCF Executive Director Karen Krei said, “it is a privilege to carry the trust of donors who are stepping forward with significant support for a strong local community foundation. Every gift to the general fund adds to PCF’s flexibility in responding to the needs of local charities.”

Distributions from PCF help support nonprofits in diverse fields as they work to improve residents’ lives in the Northern Piedmont region off Virginia including specifically Loudoun and Fauquier Counties.

Andrew, a National Honor Society member, is a very deserving, well-rounded student, who plans to study Engineering. He was President of his senior class and previously held the offices of Vice President and Treasurer. He was the Team Captain for Academic Competition for 3 years in which his team won 2nd place in State and 3 District Titles. He was on the “All-A” Honor Roll through out his 4 years in high school.

Andrew has his varsity letter in both Golf and Tennis. He is an Eagle Scout and has volunteered for many different organizations some of which are: Loudoun Interfaith Relief, Aids to Seniors with Multiple Sclerosis, Salvation Army and Birthright. Andrew won the President’s Volunteer Service Award.

Andrew will be attending Cornell University in the fall.

Middleburg Mortgage Wins 2006 “Client Service” Award

Middleburg Mortgage announced it received the 2006 Southern Trust Mortgage (STM) “Client Service” award on July 10th. The award is based on surveys of mortgage clients using various lenders throughout a seven state area. Over ninety-five percent of the clients surveyed said they would choose Middleburg Mortgage again for their home financing needs.

Clients were asked to rank the locally owned and operated mortgage lender on a scale of one to five based on quality of service provided by their Loan Officer and Mortgage Processor, and overall experience.

“We are honored to receive this award and to be recognized for outstanding client service. Buying a home is the biggest investment most people will make in a lifetime and we work hard to make sure the process goes as smoothly as possible,” said Steve Cowen, Director of Mortgage Production at Middleburg Mortgage. “It feels great to know that our clients have confidence in us to help them with their financing needs.”

Armfield, Harrison & Thomas Awards \$4,000 Scholarship to Andrew Cypber

Armfield, Harrison & Thomas, Inc. (AH&T), an independent insurance agency in Leesburg, has awarded their nineteenth annual scholarship for \$4,000 to Andrew Cypber of Loudoun County High School. Howard Armfield, President of AH&T, presented the scholarship on Wednesday, May 31, 2006 at the Loudoun County High School Awards Ceremony.

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VREC Adds Another Five Properties to Management

Vaaler Real Estate Company, of Leesburg, VA, has been selected as the property management company for five commercial sites comprising over 140,000 square feet of retail, warehouse, and office space in the northern Virginia area.

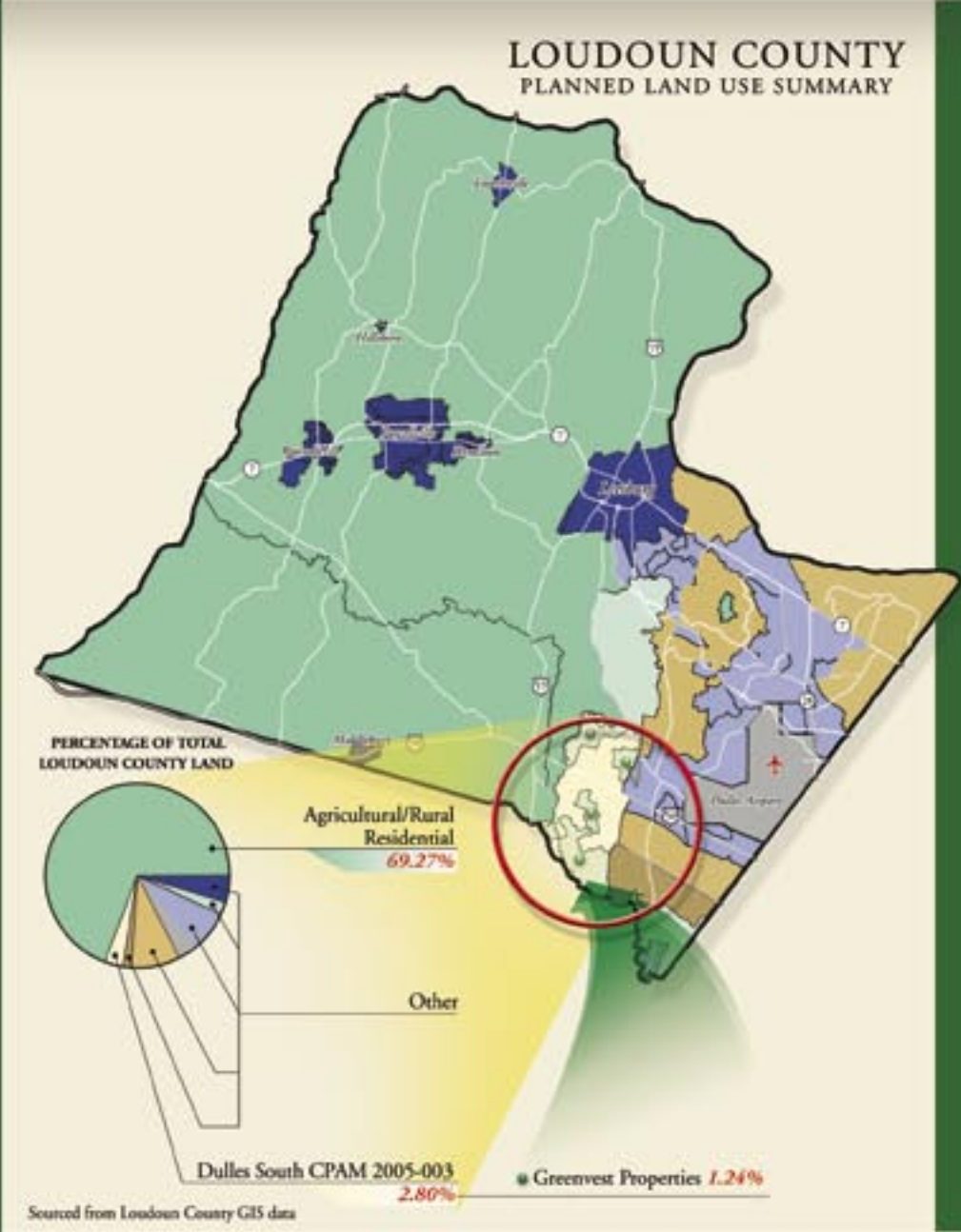
In Leesburg, Virginia, VREC will manage the Village Square Retail Center at 9 Catocin Circle, with 18,922 square feet housing tenants such as Loudoun National Bank and

7/11, as well as 17 and 19 Catocin Circle, 4,000 retail square feet currently occupied by Presidential Bank and Tup Tim Thai. In Ashburn, The Cornerstone Building; ReMax Select Headquarters at 20937 Ashburn Road contains 30,000 square feet with retail on the first floor and offices occupying the second story. Belfort Furniture/Warehouse on Ocean Court in Sterling comprises 83,224 square feet of warehouse space. In Manassas, Key Commons offers 7,500 square foot

business condominiums on Key Commons Drive.

We’re pleased to have been chosen to manage these properties, notes Rich Vaaler, company principal. “Our experienced and dedicated property management group does a superior job of handling over three-quarters of a million square feet of commercial space. We look forward to bringing that same top-notch care and service to each of our clients.”

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But, Greenvest L.C. will spend \$192 million in road improvements up front. They will also invest \$10 million on 200-acres of land they will donate for a regional park, ready for the public to use when turned over to the County.

In all, The Villages at Dulles South will bring \$415 million of investment to Loudoun County. The residential components will be spread over a 20-year period to create a balance between jobs and homes.

With The Villages at Dulles South, Loudoun County will get a George Mason University campus on 123-acres donated by Greenvest L.C., including graduate level programs; infrastructure for a new Route 50 hospital; \$10 million and 200-acres for a regional park; and, much needed road improvements done on the front end of the 20-year plan.

Greenvest L.C. is the first developer to build and pay for adequate public facilities up-front voluntarily so that taxes will not have to be raised for existing taxpayers.

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THE EDITOR'S DESK

THE CIRCUS IS IN TOWN

Elephants are making themselves at home in rooms all over the place.

Sadly, for all of us, they sit in silence while the topics they represent grow more controversial and intense with each passing week. Is it out of the realm of possibility that our government leaders and engaged citizens find the confidence to be direct with each other and with those they represent as we move through a time of challenge and change?

Hopefully, not.

We need an open and honest dialogue about the issues at hand. Not secrecy and hedged promises that will only fragment our community and weaken the possibility of finding solutions that take everyone's concerns and ideas into consideration.

Agreement and consensus on the issues facing us all absolutely depend on listening carefully to all opinions and speaking those opinions in the open to ensure clear understanding of all sides of the issues before decisions are made.

Unspoken 'elephants in the room' will not serve our community well, nor will rumors and rumors of rumors that keep everyone either off balance or in the dark.

Airing out our differences in a public forum will provide the foundation we need for our future. Different perspectives broaden our base and strengthen our strategy going forward.

Secrecy and isolated ideas shared by only a few will send us backward at high acceleration.

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@mbccc.com or P.O. Box 1768, Middleburg VA 20118

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:

"The reports of my death are greatly exaggerated" was the text of a cable sent by Mark Twain from London to the press in the United States after his obituary had been mistakenly published.

So I say to Middleburg Eccentric's editor after hearing from many members of the community and then reading that I was an outgoing Council Member according to the June 29th edition.

It's not so! I am still on the Town Council and will be for two more years when my term is up. Who knows if I will

run again - stayed tuned.

Let me take this opportunity to congratulate our new Mayor Betsy Davis and Council Members Karen Robinson and Lisa Patterson (the editor's daughter). The town of Middleburg will be well served by the Mayor and Council. I am honored to serve with the old and new members as they are all hard working and dedicated citizens.

Dissension is not a dirty word. Our democracy is designed with a check and balance system. This usually works. The Town Council of Middleburg should follow the

same example. May we all continue to agree to disagree whenever necessary in our efforts to work towards the best for our town.

My fond farewell goes to our outgoing Mayor Tim Dimos and Council Member Margaret New. I enjoyed serving with them both. Tim and I did not always agree but I always respected him and knew he worked for the good of the town. Margaret and I did agree and I will miss her support. I wish them well.

Bundles Murdock
Middleburg Town Council

RANT & RAVES

DEVELOPER LEAVES UNISON A BETTER PLACE

On July 6, 2006, Middleburg attorney Verne Hosta sent a brief e-mail to the residents of Unison, VA, announcing that the developer of the 95-acre parcel north of the village had placed the entire parcel under a conservation easement. The parcel has since been sold.

The easement, held by the Land Trust of Virginia, protects wetlands, preserves the village view shed, and limits development on the property to one house and related outbuildings - forever. Buyers of the property, the Kennedy family, already own land in Unison and are known to be supportive of preserving the rural character of the

village.

Calls to a number of Unison residents have found them to be uncharacteristically shy about talking to the press about details of the easement and sale. There is, however, clearly a huge and collective sigh of relief that the threat of this particular development has been lifted from their neighborhood. Most have offered thanks, and even praise, that the developer chose to make such an exceptional gift to the village.

None of the residents have chosen to speculate as to the developer's sudden change of heart. The Eccentric notes, from previous

articles, that the Virginia Department of Historic Resources declaring the Unison Battlefield as eligible for the National Register of Historic Places and a pending grant from the National Park Service to map this battlefield could have helped all sides moved toward a conservation easement.

In related news, owners of the Hewett-Beer property were dealt a setback in their plans to develop one-acre lots on Welbourne Road outside of St. Louis when the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors voted recently to eliminate from the Clem-Burton Zoning Amendments the CR-1 designation around vil-

RANT & RAVES

RED VS BLUE

JUST RAISING TAXES NEVER FIXES THE PROBLEM

MARK TATE - (R)

300,000 more cars on our roads, six hour rush hour commutes, and a collapse of the infrastructure in the region. That is what the Virginia Department of transportation traffic study of the proposed new developments along route 50 would bring to our community.

These developments will total 28,000 more homes right next to Dulles airport.

Now this data is not exactly new information. The county staff had all this data all along it just seems some members of the Board of Supervisors were choosing to ignore the data.

Delegate Bob Marshall responded to concerns from

his constituents about the proposed development in the Arcola area. And he asked the Governor to conduct a pilot program of legislation that requires a transportation study is done by VDOT for all new developments to access effect on the entire region. This study shows massive gridlock on Rt. 50, Route and the Greenway toll road. Let's hope the Loudoun Board turns down the development application.

Delegate Bob Marshall's legislation demonstrates a new approach to land use and transportation. It intimately links the two issues. Showing you can not solve our transportation problems unless you start linking the land use decision to transportation issues

and problems.

These 28,000 new home proposed in Dulles South is one of the best examples of why this approach is essential. The Loudoun Board of Supervisors is only considering proffers directly related to these houses--turn off lanes, schools, parks. Where the 300,000 vehicle trips go is never considered. The VDOT study clearly shows massive gridlock on a road infrastructure that is already failing.

If we are ever going to fix our transportation problems we need to take this approach and consider the larger implication of our out of control growth. And we need to admit that just raising taxes will never fix the problem.

lages, which currently allows one-acre lots. If the Clem-Burton proposal is passed, the Hewett-Beer property will be subject to the same 40- or 20-acre lots sizes as the rest of the surrounding area.

In other related news, yet another development threat has landed in Unison. The Ballanger property in the village at the corner of Foxcroft Road and Unison Road has been purchased and flipped to

a developer. Survey crews are now very active on the site. Unison residents are hopeful, because the property is both within the existing Historic District of the village and part of the core Unison Battlefield, that aggressive development of the property will be very difficult..

Needless to say, the almost monthly announcement of some new development threat has virtually all resi-

dents of Western Loudoun County hoping for swift passage of the Clem-Burton Zoning Amendments. Westerners are taking heart that voters in the eastern half of the County have suddenly discovered that uncontrolled growth in the west means more traffic congestion and higher taxes for them as well. Word may even be getting through to some of their elected representatives.

BACK BROKEN? ALZHEIMERS? DIABETES? TOUGH! BUSH BOYS, BLOOD, AND BLUNDERS: THE JULY REPORT

DAN MORROW - (D)

So Bush, Allen, and rest of the flat-earth wing of the Grand Old Party are willing to veto federal funding for a cure for snapped spines, Alzheimer's Disease, diabetes, and a thousand other scourges because they believe, in their heart of hearts, that an invisible clump of cells with the intellectual capacity of cat dander is the moral equivalent of Jenna, Jesus, William Faulkner, or Sting.

And that's just the tip of the "happy days are here again" iceberg for July.

The Attorney General tells us Bush personally quashed an ethics investigation by his own Justice Department into the conduct of lawyers involved in giving advice about the treatment of prisoners. So much for the man who promised to bring "honor and integrity" to the White House . . . and where is Elliot Richardson when you need him?

With American casualties in Iraq approaching 22,000 (nearly 2,600 dead), Osama still missing, Lebanon

in flames, Nuke's abuilding in Iran and North Korea, oil prices and interest rates rising, Bush broadcasts trashy quips we won't print (Will he fine himself \$300,000) and lays hands on the Chancellor of Germany. (Some claimed he whispered in Merkel's ear as well: "Heal," or, in other accounts, "Heel")

Where are Allen are Wolf? Silent. Or worse, supportive of this madness.

Allen has been a particularly egregious sycophant.

If he and his cronies really believe microscopic bits of unviable protoplasm are "people", they should draft them (as John Stewart aptly suggested before I could go to press!) Just enlist the little "soldiers" in a new (and worthy) "War Against Disease." Body armor, minimum wage or combat pay would, of course, be out of the question for the little guys but Allen could ear-mark contracts for tiny flight suits, while Bush gives them all posthumous Medals of Freedom and whippers sweet nothings in their little proto-ears. Perhaps "Heal"

or "Heck of a job, Embryo!" (It is, btw, NOT true that Bush sent Brownie to handle the evacuation of Americans from Lebanon. It only looked that way.)

Attorney General Gonzales has suggested a simpler solution. Declare all Embryos over 8 and less than 64 (cells, that is) "Enemy Combatant Embryos," ship 'em to Gitmo, and do research there? According to Gonzales and his crack staff of ethicists, once you get the little guys away from the prying eyes of America-hating, terrorist-coddling believers in the Uniform Code of Military Justice and the Geneva Convention (softies like John McCain, Jim Webb, Lindsay Graham and every member of the Supreme Court of the United States of America who can read) . . . you can shame and waterboard the little microbes into killing THEMSELVES, thus sparing the scientific community the shame of "murdering" them.

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GENIE FORD

It's too hot to move, but you should be able to summon just barely enough energy to turn the page. If you can, then you'll be fine. The hot weather will eventually end, the kids will go back to school, and you'll wonder where the summer went. In the meantime, reading is a great way to conserve energy (your own), and at the same time, it's a guilt-free activity because you are expanding your mind—or just having a good time between the pages. The Devil and Miss Prym by Paul Coehlo is as enchanting and transcendent as his other books (The

Alchemist, The Zahir), and like those books, it confronts a timeless question. Is mankind inherently evil? A town may receive a fortune in gold, but the price is someone's life. What will they do? If ever there were a book for the dog days of summer, it's Can't Wait to Get to Heaven by Fannie Flagg. The book is full of the wacky characters you expect to meet in a Fannie Flagg book, from Mrs. Elner Shimfissle who is literally up a tree, to Tot Whoooten of Tot's Tell It Like It Is Beauty Shop, but it's also about friends and family, how they enrich our lives while driving us crazy. Pour yourself a big glass of iced tea, and enjoy.

Family

The Brambles, by Eliza Minto, is a novel about family life, its frustrations and joys, the varied reactions that death brings to individuals linked by DNA and fractious love, but with a twist that causes the large, self-absorbed Bramble family to reconsider itself in a major way.

Espresso Tales is the second in what will no doubt be another series by Alexander McCall Smith (44 Scotland Street). Once again his characters inhabit the pages of the book, one chapter at a time, since these stories were originally published as installments in The Scotsman newspaper. Even in short bites, these characters are full of life, vivid, funny, and always entertaining. It won't be out until late August, but fans of Anna Quindlen will want to pre-order Rise and Shine. This is a novel about two sisters, one famous, one not, who find their well-ordered lives turned upside down because of a careless remark. Quindlen writes beautifully and sensitively, revealing the shifting balance of power between the sisters, set against a Manhattan backdrop.

For Children

For children, there's Olivia Forms a Band, in which our favorite porcine becomes a one-pig band. Older readers won't want to miss

School's Out—Forever, the second in James Patterson's Maximum Ride series about bird-kid Max and her flock, pursued by the Evil Erasers.

If there's one book kids of every age will want, it's Pirateology. Like its predecessors, Dragonology and Egyptology, this one is fascinating on many levels. It's chock full of pirate lore, with all sorts of intriguing bits and pieces within the exquisite pages. For readers ages 4-8, the Robert Sabuda books are captivating, and the newest, Castle, reveals a medieval castle in extraordinary pop-up fashion. Peter and the Shadow Thieves (by Dave Barry and Ridley Pearson) finds Peter leaving the safety of Mollusk Island for darkest London. This is the sequel to Peter and the Starcatchers and it's every bit as exciting.

If none of these sparks your interest, dozens of bestselling authors will be releasing books all through the summer and fall. Some on the list are: Daniel Silva (Messenger), George Pelecanos (The Night Gardener), Sandra Brown (Ricochet), Nora Ephron (I Feel Bad about My Neck: And Other Thoughts on Being a Woman), Margaret George (Helen of Troy), Frederick Forsyth (Afghan), and Pulitzer Prize-winner Edward P. Jones (All Aunt Hagar's Children: Stories). We can pre-order any of these titles for you.

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ment around and they'll ask me why. And honestly, I enjoy the work, I enjoy contributing in any way I can to making the experience better for our visitors."

The Building, as Symonds likes to call it, offers a range of memberships for the community, ranging from one time, one day, passes to monthly and yearly packages. Word of mouth is one of The Building's best friends, and there is already talk of increasing hours of operation from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday through Saturday, to 9 a.m. to 11 p.m., Monday through Saturday.

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SO I HAVE A LOBSTER & CLAM PROBLEM...

FROM BEHIND THE STOVE

BRIAN LICHOROWIC

My wife’s family is from the North Shore of Boston, Massachusetts. We take a journey or two every year to the area - Marblehead, Danvers, Salem, Gloucester aka: “Lobster Land” or “Lobsta Land”.

Clawed Lobster. Homarus americanus. Clawed lobsters comprise a family of large marine crustaceans (Nephropidae, sometimes also Homaridae). Lobsters are an economically important type of seafood, the basis of a global industry that nets (pun intended) \$1.8 billion in trade annually. This time of year the Maine soft-shells are abundant and very popular!

For 13 years now, we’ve been making a 4th of July tradition to trek up there for what more or less produces to be a 4 day “cholesterol bender” with a pilgrimage to a place called Woodman’s in Essex, MA. While visiting I happened to catch an article in the Salem Evening News about how Woodman’s was celebrating 90 years of what they made famous, “The Fried Clam”, in addition to offering fresh, perfectly steamed lobsters and homemade lobster rolls. Some locals I asked told me Woodman’s was “too touristy” and would suggest another place. While my wife knew it was touristy due to its long-standing and well-deserved reputation, she would consider no other place to consume local fried, whole belly Ipswich clams. (In most places in the country, fried clams are only available as frozen clam strips sans bellies and most likely not from Ipswich).

Woodman’s is a five-generation family-owned business that sits on the Essex River. On this day, in the front outside stand is Stephen Woodman, a 4th generation Woodman lobster man who is in the process of cooking 1lb to 5lb lobsters in large steaming vats. You select your partially steamed lobster from a large iced display, he gives you a receipt to be paid inside, and you return to collect your glowing red delicacy.

Stephen and I chatted for a few minutes. From my inquiries, he quickly ascertained that 1) I’m not a local; 2) I’ve been in the restaurant business myself; 3) I feel his pain having to do this on what is easily the busiest weekend of the year for them. I picked a 3.75lb lobster with its newly molted soft-shell. It was swimming less than six hours ago.

He shared with me the family secret of cooking lobsters perfectly – high heat steam in a pot, or in their case vat, of seaweed. (Reserve the seaweed next time you have lobsters shipped to you!) Boiling in water causes the lobster to take on too much water, makes them tougher and reduces the sweetness. He then deftly and automatically pulls my lob-

ster out of the pot, disassembles it with 8 whacks and one big slice with a 16” French knife. He hands it to me with about ½ pound of melted butter, slice of lemon, “touristy” bib and a single WetNap™. We both look at the WetNap™, grin, and then he throws 5 more in the basket. “Go eat that,” he says. You don’t have to tell me twice!

Inside at the main counter where you pay for the lobsters, my wife, Debi, is in a quick moving line (daunting at first but it’s a well-oiled machine), spies the different sized boxes that are stapled to a wall near the register, and opts without hesitation to satisfy her craving with the “Mother-load”, a quart of fried clams...no sides, nothing, just clams. She’s salivating at this point so I hand her my bib.

These are full size Ipswich clams with the bellies. Lightly breaded, flash fried in lard and served with slices of lemon and tartar sauce. We sit down across from each other and pray to “Our Lady of Clean Arterial Motion” to get us through this OK!

Nothing compares to a lobster or fried clam hang-over. The body just recoils and everything, including ear lobes, do their part in helping digestion. Stephen comes by to see how we’re doing and also to show me the difference between a soft-shell lobster, which is what I ate, and a hard-shell. In the summer lobsters shed their shells so that they can grow. Once shed, there are new, soft-shells underneath which harden over time and as the water gets colder. Since the lobsters shed their shells in order to have room for growth the following year, there is less meat inside a soft-shell than there is in a hard-shell of the same size but many people, including me, prefer soft-shells as they are sweeter and more tender.

I ask him to point out family working in the kitchen and dining area. This was a mistake. With a flaying steamed lobster in hand, he rattles off, “Brother, brother, cousin, nephew, niece, don’t know him, brother in-law, Mom, cousin, cousin....”

90 years of cooking the same things. How can it not be considered sanctified?

Below are 2 of Woodman’s “signature” dishes as well as another succulent Maine lobster dish created by me but inspired from a recipe of Patrick O’Connell at The Inn at Little Washington.

Woodman’s Lobsta Roll

I read a recent article in the Post on lobster rolls touting different ingredients. Most call for only claw meat, but I’m told at the source that the more tail meat the better the roll.

- 2 Lobsters, 1.5 lb tails, claws, legs – get it all!

- 6 tbs Mayonnaise, Hellman’s
1 1/2 tbs Lemon Juice, fresh
1/4 cup Celery, finely chopped
2 tbs Red Onion, finely chopped
1tbs Fresh Parsley, finely chopped
1tsp Sea Salt
Hot Dog Rolls, Lightly Toasted (Martin’s Potato Rolls)
Unsalted Butter -- melted
Hot Sauce, a few drops
Freshly Ground WHITE Pepper

Combine mayonnaise, lemon juice, celery, onion, parsley, salt, and hot pepper sauce and white pepper to taste in medium bowl. Fold in lobster meat until coated. Brush outside of rolls with melted butter and toast/grill. Spoon lobster salad into each roll, dividing evenly.

Woodman’s’ Fried Clams

- 1 Pint Shucked Clams, med size
3 lbs Corn Flour
1 can Evaporated milk
1 quart Oil (they use lard but peanut or vegetable will work)

Heat oil to 350 degrees. Drain clams and place in evaporated mike, remove with slotted spoon and place in corn flour. Shake off excess flour. Drop in hot oil for 3-4 minutes or until golden brown. Serve with tartar sauce and slice of lemon.

Blood Orange Citrus Lobster Salad with Pan Roasted Grapefruit

Patrick O’Connell of T Inn at Little Washington should be bronzed. He has opened my eyes to several new ways to prepare lobster.

- 3 Lobsters, 1 lb tails and claws
1 tsp Butter, salted
1 Ruby Red grapefruit, large, peeled & sectioned
1 Turbinado (raw sugar)
1 Orange, medium, peeled and sectioned
1 Blood Orange, peeled and sectioned
1/4 cup Yogurt
3 tbs Orange juice, fresh squeezed
1 tbs Lemon juice, fresh
1 tsp Grated orange rind
1 tsp Grated lemon rind
1/8 tsp White pepper
4 cups Fresh baby spinach leaves
2 tsp Fresh chives, chopped

Steam lobsters in boiling water 6-8 minutes or until done; drain. Rinse with cold water. Split and clean tails and claws. Cut lobster meat into bite-sized pieces.

In a fry pan melt the butter. Remove the skin from each grapefruit section. Lightly sprinkle with Turbinado sugar and gently brown on each side. Warning: They brown quickly.

Combine lobster and orange and blood orange sections. In a separate bowl, combine yogurt, juices and rinds and white pepper and stir with a wire whisk until well blended. Fold in lobster mix. Arrange fresh spinach on individual serving plates, place grapefruit sections around on the outside. In the middle, top each serving with 1 cup of the lobster mix. Sprinkle with chives.

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THE ART OF PICTURE FRAMING, PART ONE
THE ART OF ART

TOM NEEL

Picture framing, while not as old as art itself, is certainly not new. Its worldly beginnings date back several centuries and it has certainly become an art form in its own right over those years. Saying picture frame sounds so simple and really is a very narrow way of describing what has broad uses. From the most priceless works of art by the old masters to a photo of your children or parents, from a limited edition print, to your college diploma, from a mirror to a butterfly collection, framing is that which gives all of these items focus, protection, structure, accent and more. When I think of the two main functions of framing, focus and protection rise to the top. While not all art needs to be framed, that which should be can go through a true transformation by the process. What looks nice without can make a dramatic change to greatness by framing and, trust me, framing taste has much to do with it. Framing should not look more important than the art, but rather bring "focus" to it. It is all about continuity to that which it surrounds, never contrived, just in harmony with. I don't care if it's priceless art or a certificate, if you are taking the time and expense to frame it, this rule holds true. Now, I said framing taste has much to do with it, let me explain. Like art, framing is subjective. What you may like, others may see differently and yes, there are many ways to frame the same thing. If you go to a framer and his or hers suggestions for how to frame leave you less than joyful, try another. There are three main things to look for in a framer, taste, quality of materials and workmanship. As for taste, one thing you could do as an experiment is try taking the same thing to a few different framers and see if you like one's suggestions more than another. In fairness, not

to waste their time or yours, trying this once should be enough. Be up front with them, tell them you are looking for a framer and it's important to you to find the right person to work with. The idea is to build a relationship and they should welcome that. Now for quality of materials and workmanship, I will be addressing this more in Part Two, but while you are visiting a framer you might ask questions such as how long they have been in business, are you speaking to the owners and do they do the framing or is it a chain and is the framing done on location. Look to see if they seem organized, are they helpful and do they seem to really hear your requests about style, your budget, etc. All of this, of course, is more important if you plan to frame things on a regular basis. Years ago when my wife Linda and I were framing, one of our big things was to offer as much knowledge as possible, especially to new customers. We wanted them to know the options available to them and to be part of the process. I remember a new customer came in with a print, he set it down and basically said, "Do what you think is best, I'm not good with these things." "Really", I said, "You look like a decision maker to me." "Well, I am", he replied. I then said, "You looked like you did an reasonably good job of picking out what you were going to wear this morning." Smiling, he was wondering where all this was going, until I said, "If you can make decisions and you can pick out what clothes to wear, you should be part of this process." This guy had always been led to think he shouldn't make these kinds of decisions and by the time I had the first mat out and positioned on the print he had already said "That's nice, but how about something a little lighter." He became a good customer and being part of the process allowed him to not only enjoy his visits, but the results

all that much more. H a v - ing said that I felt focus and protection were the two main reasons to frame, I must admit, there is one that likely tops those two and that's enjoyment. I've come to see over the years that many of the things that we would frame, but have not for one reason or another, tend to sit in a drawer, a file cabinet or a box with other things we love. In a fire, would you search through a box or grab a few photos you had chosen to frame as you ran out the door? A dramatic proposal perhaps, but you get the point. Framing things means something to you and to others. I have said how personal art can be and how much of you can be seen in it and framing works the same way. It sends a message of caring. Let me share a little secret and an example. Your child brings home a piece of his or her art from school. Maybe this one a bit more special than some. It may be crayon, it may be a picture of your family with the dog and the house with the crooked chimney, but done with all the love and innocence of a child. You have a choice: you can take the little magnets and stick it on the fridge door for awhile or take this precious work of art to your framer. Pick framing that's fun, not all grown up, the rules above still apply, and you won't believe how great it will turn out. Kids know what is important to you. So, bring it home and at least as a start don't put it in their room, but in a place where you can see it every day and they can see you enjoying it. Confidence will blossom from that creative little mind like a flower in spring.

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KAREN REXRODE



Pick up any book on perennial pruning and it will focus on fall with the cutting back of herbaceous perennials after a hard frost. Clearly this is the best time of year for an annual clean-up, but its a narrow minded approach as there is much to gain with a late summer pruning. In fact perennials respond so well to shearing in summer that fresh young foliage arrives, often in a matter of weeks, and the fall garden can be a splendid arrangement of fresh new growth. In some cases the new basal growth will mature to a point where it will remain all winter, particularly when you live in the mid-atlantic states and/or have a mild winter. Just a few excellent candidates for this include hollyhocks, lychnis, columbine, and hardy geraniums. Knowing when to prune a perennial can be kind of tricky. A rather simple rule of thumb is to look at the crown of each perennial and look for small signs of new growth or basal growth. In the case of hollyhocks, you may find vigorous clusters of new leaves at the base of a flowering stem. This is more often the case if you've dead headed or removed spent flowers as the plant will replace its flower to seed energy back into new growth. By simply snipping off the old flower stalk, almost to the ground, you are encouraging the basal leaves to take over. Not all perennials are as easily cut back as hollyhock, but the

same general rule applies. Perennials that produce lots of flowering stems will be ratty looking with lax branches, often weighted down by seed pods. Lift the stems and examine the crown for new growth. If there are obvious signs of fresh shoots then simply grab the older stems and clip them back to where the new growth begins. Several good examples are yarrow or achillea, hardy geraniums, veronicas, and rudbeckia. A few perennials are rather shy to show new growth but will still benefit from a good haircut. Daylilies fit into this category. Since daylilies are not bulbs, there is no harm done in cutting them back. I prefer to cut them to the ground. It will take 2 to 3 weeks for new leaves to develop, but these fresher new leaves will not only look better now, but turn gorgeously yellow in fall and remain for a much longer period. Exuberant perennials that fall into this category include tradescantia or spiderwort, penstemon, and astilbe. If we were experiencing a particularly dry summer there might be a slight risk of harming perennials by cutting them back severely. In a situation where the garden is dry, irrigate the newly cut back perennials to encourage new growth. Many of our perennials are actually sub-shrubs and need to be trimmed like a shrub. These include lavender, caryopteris and santolina. Trimmed rather than cut back severely, dead inner branches can be cut out and finished flowers

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can be trimmed back. Rejuvenation of sub-shrubs can be achieved with a severe pruning, but this is risky and is best achieved gradually, encouraging new growth a little at a time. Caryopteris and Russian sage benefit from a late spring pruning, cutting back to new shoots that sprout low on the plant. Some perennials are often left to go to seed, either because they attract numerous birds or they are short lived and fresh seed will ensure their return. I particularly like to leave rudbeckia and echinacea with seed and no sign of basal growth. I leave these plants to seed as this may be their way of saying that's all for this plant. There is really no reason your garden should look tired, especially after such a splendid summer. Remove the tired and tatty growth now to encourage a fresh look for fall.

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DON'T TUG ON SUPERMAN'S CAPE SEVENTH INNING STRETCH

ALEX CUDABACK

If you listened closely to the wailing and gnashing of teeth when the United States finished an "embarrassing" third at the 2004 Olympics, you might have been able to distinguish the particularly horrifying grinding of Jerry Colangelo's molars and bicusps in the background.

Colangelo, a former All-Big Ten basketball player at Illinois, the man largely responsible for shaping the Phoenix Suns since joining the team as its General Manager in 1968, and a member of the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame, set about to completely redefine the process by which a US national team was fielded and trained.

Today, the flat-out awe, the air of invincibility that surrounded the first Dream Teams, advantages that probably translated into a good 10 or 15 points on their own, are gone, washed away in the flood of international basketball talent that has swept across the world and, as pretty well evidenced in 2004, not only leveled the playing field but also eroded much of the confidence and not-unfounded-swagger that made those first Dream Teams so good.

The game today is different, and Jerry Colangelo, now Managing Director of the Men's USA Senior National Team, has set about to craft a wholly different team to match it. The very idea that the team would be coming together as it did last week, two years before the start of the next Olympics, is a testament to what Colangelo is doing and has done. On top of that, Colangelo and his head coach, Coach K, the Great Satan (depend-

ing on which end of Tobacco Road you might be from), Mike Krzyzewski have somehow convinced 24 of the best basketball players in the country that ostensibly invented the game to do something most of them probably haven't had to do since high school: try out.

Of those 24 players, only 15 will be invited to go to China in preparation for the FIBA World Basketball Championships in Japan, and of those 24 original players only 12 will make the 2008 Olympic roster.

There was a certain amount of palpable joy about the rest of the world when Team USA stumbled to a Bronze Medal finish two years ago, a certain smug satisfaction in knowing that we had, indeed, been beaten at our own game. The U.S. could no longer rely on its rabbit-quick super-shooters jacking up shot after shot in the hopes of burying its opponents under an avalanche of unguarded scoring. The rest of the world wised up and emphasized a (shockingly) team-oriented approach on both ends of the floor, passing the ball so many times on offense that the American defenders began to more closely resemble spinning tops than professional athletes and setting up such cloyingly sticky zones on defense that our shooters had a hard time even getting the ball and when they did get it just chucked it up without paying any attention to the possibility that, just maybe, there was another, more open man somewhere else on the court.

There's nothing quite like rubbing someone's nose in it, particularly on an international level, and it's even better when the noses you're rubbing in it are attached to multi-million-dollar athletes

who've forgotten what it means to play for home and country.

Which was why it was all the more enjoyable to watch two Americans win two very different contests this weekend, two contests which could not be less "American" (with the possible exception of soccer or team handball), with the whole world watching, and with such utter grit and gumption as to make people wonder if they were even human at all.

Tiger Woods did what Tiger does best to win the Open Championship at Royal Liverpool this past weekend; he minimized mistakes and made the shots he had to make when he had to make them. Sergio, Ernie, Phil and all the other Tiger "challengers" the media has contrived to force down our throats simply couldn't get it done.

In France, Floyd Landis rode a hip so riddled with avascular necrosis that it will need replacing within the next few months to a stirring, near miraculous comeback from behind victory in the Tour de France.

And those two examples are precisely what Colangelo and Coach K are hoping for from their squad over the next two years: commitment, passion, and absolute dedication. A Team USA basketball squad that brings that to Beijing in 2008 will be a force to behold, and will remind those other basketball teams from the world over why, exactly, you don't tug on Superman's cape.

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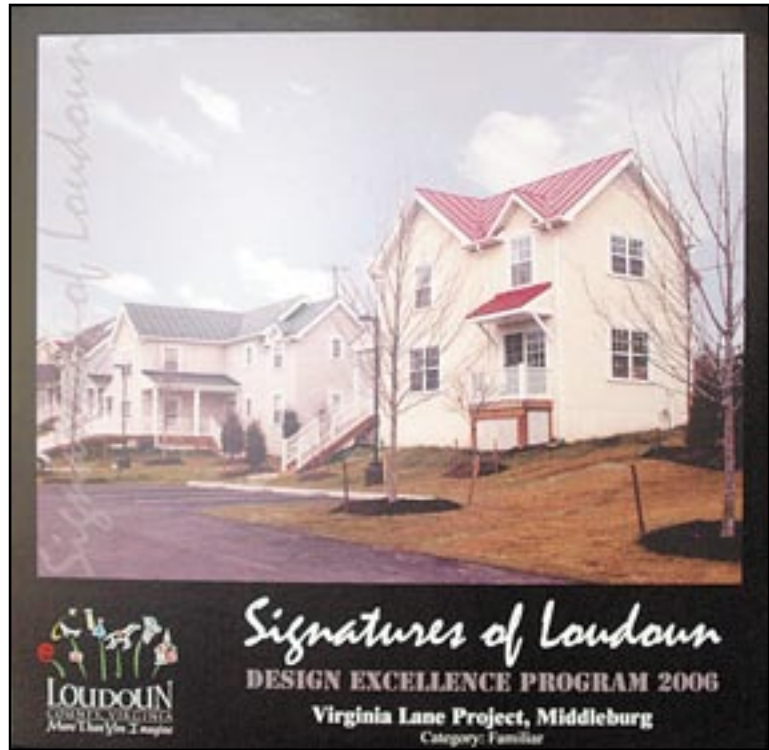
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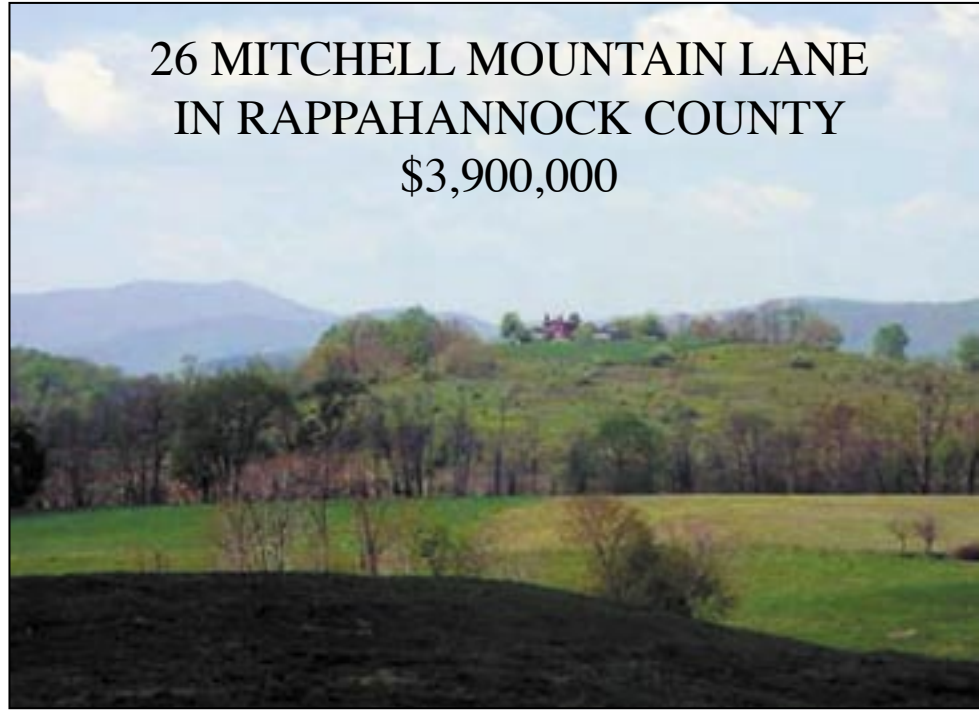


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THINGS TO DO

DERBY CROSS, THE NEXT GREAT HORSE SPORT PREMIERES AT GREAT MEADOW AMERICA'S TOP RIDERS COMPETITION IN INAUGURAL COMPETITION JULY 29, 2006
Derby Cross™ an innovative new equestrian sport, combines the speed and accuracy of show jumping with the bravery and endurance of cross country jumping. This year's premiere DerbyCross™ event will be held Saturday, July 29, 2006 at Great Meadow in The Plains, Virginia, the site of the famous Virginia Gold Cup, and will showcase some of the best equestrian talent in the country. DerbyCross™ was conceived and developed by Dunlavin Eventing (www.dunlavin.com), Equestrian Entertainment Partners (www.equestrianentertainment.com) and Juan Salinas-Bentley, Director of Great Meadow Polo. "Here's how it works..." says Rebecca Howard, General Manager of Dunlavin Eventing. "The course is a strategically designed track combining cross country 'questions' such as ditches, logs and water with show jumps. It will ask the horses to be brave over cross country fences and then careful over the show jumps, against the clock." Five teams will compete this year. Riders will incur four penalty points per dropped rail, four per stop at a fence and four per fall. The team with the fastest time and the lowest penalties wins. Further legitimizing the sport is the course designer for DerbyCross, U.S. Olympian and U.S. Equestrian Federation president, David O'Connor, who won the gold medal in eventing at the Sydney games. The catch? Each team must include one polo player. An easier course will be set for them but it will still be quite a challenge for riders who are used to playing a game at a full gallop on a flat, 300' x 200' field. "We've always had respect for what it takes to jump a fence on a horse and after trying it a couple of times, now we just think these guys are crazy," says Salinas-Bentley. "This will certainly be entertaining!" "We wanted to make a sport that was exciting, easy to understand and multi-discipline so we could bring the different facets of the equestrian community together. DerbyCross™ draws on steeplechase, eventing, show jumping and polo, a great start. Maybe next year we'll add a little bull roping for fun," says Dana Voorhees, President of Equestrian Entertainment Partners. This new sport is attracting a lot of attention from the equestrian community. "We've been lucky enough to have some of the finest riders in the country come on board as team captains and members," states Sinead Halpin, Director of Dunlavin Eventing. "Olympians, three- and four-star eventers and top polo players are all coming together to make this happen." There will be a select number of tail gate spots available for \$150 to \$300 (with tent), a VIP tent, title, presenting, gold, silver and fence sponsorship opportunities. General admission and VIP tickets will also be sold. The DerbyCross competition will begin at 3:00pm, followed by an evening of Polo at Great Meadow, starting at 7:00pm. For more information go to www.derbycross.com.

MIDDLEBURG CELEBRATES THE DOG DAYS OF AUGUST
-- Second Annual Dog Day in August Event Takes Place on August 5, 2006 --
Middleburg, Va., -- Long known for its love of canines, the Town of Middleburg will celebrate this affection with "Dog Day in August" on Saturday, August 5th, from noon to 5 p.m. A full street block will be closed in downtown Middleburg on Madison Street (just south of Route 50 and the traffic light in town). The event is sponsored by the Middleburg Business & Professional Association, Wylie Wagg and Main Street Middleburg. Families and their dogs will enjoy an afternoon of activities geared towards people and their pets. Organizations represented will include multiple humane rescue groups and animal-based charities. Additionally, there will be an agility demonstration, dog training tips, animal care advice, animal CPR demonstration, as well as dog adoption. Pet portrait artists will be on hand with examples of their work. To round out the event, there will be numerous contests geared towards children and their pets, as well as doggie ice cream, dog biscuits, a "pet psychic" and a face painter. Bella the German Shepherd, recipient of charitable funds raised during the first annual event for a life saving operation, will be on hand to welcome visitors. Event participants include the Middleburg Humane Foundation; Kate Bland, Wrapped in Kindness; Artist Simon Bland; The Mosby Foundation; Canine Companions; trainer Liz Thomas; trainer Jayme Evans; Loudoun Caregivers Therapy Dogs; Northern Virginia Sheltie Rescue; face painting by Charlotte Rosenberg; Paws for People; trainer Genevieve Warner; Glenda the pet psychic; Middleburg Animal Hospital and Gorman & Associates demonstrating pet CPR; Oldies But Goodies Cocker Spaniel Rescue; Blue Ridge Greyhound; Loudoun County Animal Control and the Sheriff's Office Canine Unit. Middleburg, located in the heart of Virginia horse country, has also long been known for its love of dogs. Bank tellers at the Middleburg Bank hand out dog biscuits to four-legged visitors, the Red Fox Inn has rooms available that allow dogs and many stores place water bowls at their front doors and will allow pets to accompany their owners inside. "This event is a natural fit for the community," states Larry Clark, owner of Wylie Wagg along with his wife Laura. Wylie Wagg is a sponsor of the event, which was the brainchild of Main Street Middleburg. Wylie Wagg, a local dog and cat boutique, is located at 5B East Washington Street (also new second location in Fairfax) and is just around the corner from the event. "We are very proud to sponsor this event, and we hope that people and their pets will join us from near and far to celebrate a new tradition in Middleburg," states owner Larry Clark. "We expect to see spirited competition among contestants in various fun categories, including pet/owner look-alike, best pet trick, most energetic tail wagger, most shameless begger, and best movie star potential.

Main Street Middleburg, the host of the event, is modeled after the Main Street program developed in 1980 by the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Main Street Middleburg is a participant in Main Street Loudoun (MSL), which oversees the program on behalf of Loudoun County through a comprehensive 4-point approach that has rekindled entrepreneurship, downtown cooperation and civic concern. Middleburg is located approximately 50 minutes west of Washington, D.C. Take I-66 to Route 50 west (towards Winchester). Continue on Route 50 for 25 miles into Middleburg. For more information, call Wylie Wagg at 540-687-8727 or visit www.middleburgonline.com.

MOVIE IN THE PARK COMES TO MIDDLEBURG!
August 19, 2006 8pm
Mickie Gordon Park
WE HAVE THE LARGEST MOVIE SCREEN IN LOUDOUN COUNTY, well maybe not the largest, but it certainly is big. On August 19th at 8 pm come to Mickie Gordon Park in Middleburg and enjoy an open air showing of the Oscar winning movie, WALLACE & GROMIT! Bring your blanket and chairs and take advantage of this opportunity to enjoy a beautiful, warm Virginia evening with Wallace and Gromit on a 14' x 20' inflatable movie screen. Popcorn and drinks are available for purchase or bring your own picnic. Only \$5 per car. For more information call Loudoun County Parks, Recreation and Community Services at Middleburg Community Center 540-687-6375. Sponsored by the Middleburg Community Center Activities Committee. Volunteers and sponsors are needed.

Loudoun Wildlife Conservancy Calendar of Events
Saturday, July 15, 10:30 a.m. Join the Loudoun Wildlife Conservancy and the Friends of Banshee Reeks for one of our free, family butterfly and dragonfly walks. We will investigate some of Banshee's many diverse natural areas and identify all of the butterflies and dragonflies we can find. If you own binoculars, please bring them. Questions: contact Joe Coleman at 540-554-2542. Saturday, July 22, 8:00 a.m. On the fourth Saturday of each month the Loudoun Wildlife Conservancy leads a bird walk at the Blue Ridge Center for Environmental Stewardship (BRCES). This beautiful 900-acre preserve is located on Harpers Ferry Road, Rt. 671, in northwestern Loudoun County. Only a few miles south of Harpers Ferry and the confluence of the Potomac and Shenandoah rivers, the property includes meadows in the valley and heavily forested slopes on the Blue Ridge. Meet at the Neersville Volunteer Fire Station on Rt. 671 at 8:00 a.m. Questions: contact Joe Coleman at 540-554-2542. Sunday, July 30, 5:00 p.m. Join Dr. Stan Shetler, Curator of Botany Emeritus at the Smithsonian's Museum of Natural History, on a walk through the MacDowell's' rich streamside, wet meadow near Waterford to view the many wildflowers that thrive there in the summer. These include some unusual wild orchids, the only specimens of this species known to bloom in Loudoun County. Since the walk will be followed by a picnic for anyone who wishes to stay, please bring a picnic dinner and folding chairs to sit on. Sign-up required: Call Karin or Bob MacDowell at 540-882-9000 to sign up and get directions. Saturday, August 5, 9:00 a.m. Join the Loudoun Wildlife Conservancy on its tenth Annual Butterfly Count, centered in the Waterford area. No experience is necessary; novices will be teamed with experienced leaders in each segment of the count. Come out and have fun while contributing to butterfly conservation. Counters will be visiting parks, fields and butterfly gardens in the area which stretches from White's Ferry in the east, to the Appalachian Trail and the Blue Ridge Center for Environmental Stewardship in the west, and from Point of Rocks south to Lincoln. This annual, mid-summer count, modeled after Christmas Bird Count, is sponsored by the North American Butterfly Association. Registration is required for assignment of teams. Contact Nicole Hamilton, 540-882-4839.

Swing for the Symphony! Golf Tournament at Stoneleigh Golf Club Monday, October 2, 2006
Swing for the Symphony at Stoneleigh as the orchestra sets the stage for a sensational sixteenth season! Join Maestro Mark Allen McCoy on Monday, October 2nd for a classic 18-hole tournament in a fun, easy, scramble format with shotgun start. The packages include a foursome, box lunches, round of golf, prizes, awards and dinner immediately after the tournament. There will be a silent auction throughout the day with winners announced at the awards dinner. Exclusive sponsorship opportunities include Platinum, Gold and Silver, Beverage Cart, Putting Green, Driving Range and Hole Sponsors. Funds raised from this event will support the upcoming Loudoun Symphony 2006-2007 concert season and ongoing educational and outreach programs. Since 1991 Loudoun Symphony has grown in professionalism and artistic quality to become a staple in the cultural life of Loudoun County. In addition to presenting four full orchestral concerts of the world's finest music each year, Loudoun Symphony works hard to supplement the music education of Loudoun County students, presenting an annual free admission Family Concert, providing a series of in-school concert programs, offering an educational ensemble for string players of all ages and abilities, and providing performance opportunities with the Loudoun Symphony Youth Orchestra. Named by Golf Magazine as "The Prettiest Golf Course in Northern Virginia", Stoneleigh Golf Club is located at 35271 Prestwick Court in Round Hill, Virginia, nestled at the foot of the Blue Ridge Mountains and Snickersville Gap. For more information or to receive a brochure and tournament registration form call 703-771-8287 or visit www.loudounsymphony.org.

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LEYLAND— What a cutie! Leyland is a 1-2 year old Chihuahua ? mix- a little guy who needs a secure fenced yard. Come meet Leyland & all of his buddies, they really want a forever family and home of their own.



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 jus completed a 6 week obedience class and was the star of his class! Max does well with other dogs, he is very playful and would be happy as a clam as an outdoor dog.

PRINCESS — This is the perfect name for the perfect cat! Princess is incredibly cool cat! She is very sweet, affectionate, confident and full of personality! Princess is approximately one year old and would do well as an indoor or indoor/outdoor kitty! Please help her.



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.

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. He completed a 6 week obedience class and is very smart and well mannered. A gorgeous young man who needs an adult only home.



ALBERTA PUPS— Born on 5/22, these adorable little kids are ready to go! Mom is a wonderful, super sweet medium sized Spaniel mix? They have grown up at the shelter with tons of socialization with cats, kids & other dogs.



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, plays beautifully with all other dogs 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! She completed a 6 week obedience class and did beautifully! Etnie would do best in a home with lots of activity or room to run. She is incredibly sweet!



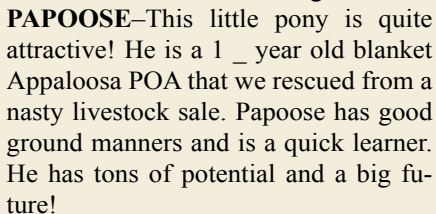
BAGEL- A handsome chap- It's hard to understand why Bagel is still here! Bagel is housetrained, walks beautifully on a leash, loves car rides, is great with cats and plays well with all other dogs.



BONNIE & BO — Bonnie and her brother Bo are exceptional puppies. They are 14 week old Lab mixes with super fun personalities. Very sweet outgoing pups that will be amazing family dogs. Mom is a medium sized dog.



HOLLY- A very attractive 4 year old, chunky 14.2H QH mix. Holly has nice ground manners and is very well put together. Holly is currently in a 30 day training program to get started under saddle.. Holly has a huge future!



PAPOOSE—This little pony is quite attractive! He is a 1 _ year old blanket Appaloosa POA that we rescued from a nasty livestock sale. Papoose has good ground manners and is a quick learner. He has tons of potential and a big future!



HERCULES- — An absolutely gorgeous 12H bay pony. Hercules is 5 years old, recently castrated, and a terrific mover! He has good ground manners but has been mis-handled so is learning to trust. He will make a great lead line / child's pony. Hercules is currently in foster care where he is being worked with daily.

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ROSE BUD BABIES —A gorgeous group of kittens. these little kids are Himalayan cross and will have medium hair coats.



ALEXIS PUPPIES— 3 puppies, born 5/23 are now ready for adoption. Mom is a lovely Rottweiler mix, dad was probably Shepherd and/or Husky. These kids have grown up with us with tons of good times with cats, kids and



other puppies. They will grow to be quite large- very healthy and absolutely puppies.
ALEXIS — This is one nice dog. Alexis came to us with her pups- they are now old enough to be adopted and Alexis is now looking for a home too! She is VERY well mannered, house-trained, loves other dogs, cats and kids and is very intelligent. She would do well for just about anyone!



CYNTHIA —Pit Bull, _ hippopotamus! This is one cute dog! We have known Cynthia since she was a pup, she is a terrific dog. She is about 3 years old. She has grown up with tons of kids of all ages and truly adores them. Cynthia needs a home as an only dog.

JULIA-A very special girl who is very affectionateA very special girl who is very affectionate and gentle. Julia was rescued from a neglectful owner. Julia is gentle, she has been the perfect angel since she came here. She is looking forward to having a family to call her own.



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I'm a terrier on a mission, and my sole focus these days is helping to make this year's celebration even better than the first one. So many wonderful organizations and people are participating. Along with charitable groups, artists, vets, and trainers, there will be demonstrations, a "pet psychic", face painting and really fun contests with prizes! And, of course, there will be lots and lots of dogs! Admission and parking are free, so the only thing required is a love of all things canine.

Keeping the August heat in mind, we're making sure that there will be plenty of water on hand. And this year, we're going to be giving out Frisbees that double as water bowls! We'll have baby pools for dogs to wade in and tents to stay cool under. And for a real hot weather treat, your dog just might want to try a little Frosty Paws doggie "ice cream".

I'm telling you, this is one party you won't want to miss! So plan to join us and bring all of your two- and four-legged friends. And if you have any questions about the day, just call my people at Wylie Wagg (540) 687-8727. They'll be happy to help. Wylie Wagg is sponsoring the event along with the Middleburg Business and Professional Association and Main Street Middleburg.

On August 5, please ... come, stay, play.

Thank you! See you soon!

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After participating in the Department's initial training regimen, members of the Loudoun County Animal Control division, with assistance from Dr. Karen Iovino of Blue Ridge Veterinary Associates, will be conducting 15 training sessions in August for members of the Fire & Rescue team to ensure proper use and fitting of the masks. "The masks are pretty easy to use — they just fit right over the snout," says Animal Control Field Supervisor Janette Reeve. "Much of the training will focus on the fundamentals of animal handling and Pet First Aid so that Loudoun's firefighters and rescue personnel are more comfortable in dealing with situations unique to animal care and treatment."

"We have certainly seen cases of pets involved in house fires," says Animal Care & Control Director Tom Koenig. "Despite the heroic efforts of

rescuers on past incidents, we believe their opportunity to save a companion animal would have increased significantly by having the proper equipment at the scene. While property damage is devastating, it often cannot compare to the loss pet owners feel when their pet is a victim of the tragedy."

The pet oxygen masks were purchased through the Loudoun County Animal Care & Control Trust Fund, a fund maintained by citizen donations to the Department. The funds are used for projects and/or programs that enhance the safety and well-being of animals in Loudoun County.

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Lovely farmhouse with 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, wood floors and wood stove insert. Large space above detached 2-car garage provides ample storage or future home office. 5 picturesque acres framed by mountain vistas and surrounded by mature landscaping. Dramatic pond view from the wrap-around front porch. \$555,000.



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Oakmeade

Upperville, Virginia

Williamsburg colonial, wooded setting, protected area in Piedmont Hunt. 4 bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths, large bright kitchen with cherry floors, 300+ bottle wine safe, rear flagstone terrace, lovely gardens, on 10.10 acres. Great home for family. \$1,495,000.



Caldwell Carr House

Upperville, Virginia

Pristine restoration of brick and clapboard village home blending old and new. Original floors, period millwork and hardware, modern kitchen with stone floor and cooking fireplace, and 7 additional fireplaces. Recent expansion includes family room, library and home office. New copper roofs on main house and smoke house. 2 charming cottages each with bedroom, fireplace, full bath and kitchen. \$995,000.



276 White Pine Lane

Boyce, Virginia

Recently renovated 4 bedroom, 2 bath house on 5.19 open and wooded acres in beautiful Clarke County. Well designed and landscaped. Paved driveway, large deck, stone walls throughout the property. \$429,900.

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Brickland Yard

Delaplane, Virginia

Beautiful views from every window. This completely updated home has 2 separate master suites with 3 additional bedrooms. Renovation includes the new kitchen with upgraded appliances, new baths, hardwood floors, extensive custom trim and new windows throughout. Hardiplank siding and the new all weather deck minimizes maintenance of this immaculate property of 20+ acres fenced for horses with two run-in sheds. \$1,350,000.



Meadow View

Middleburg, Virginia

Minutes to Middleburg, protected location, 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 5 fireplaces, screened rear porch. 3-stall barn with tack room, 10 usable acres, 4 paddocks, new fencing, 200 x 150 riding ring. Lovely gardens, private setting. Property in land use. \$1,300,000.



Putnams Mill

Marshall, Virginia

Traditional home surrounded by 2 acres of mature landscaping located on a quiet gravel road. 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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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**

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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 **\$1,850,000**

—MIDDLEBURG HOUSE—



Historic stone/stucco Federal residence c1800 •Meticulously restored & beaut. dec. in heart of Village •Fr. drs from LR & Bkfst. Rm open to gorgeous grdns •Mstr Ste. w/sitting room •Gourmet kit. •FP'd study & DR •Sep. apt/office **\$1,295,000**

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Restored 1750's Fieldstone Quaker house •2BR •1BA •Broad mahogany porch overlooking pond & gardens •Sm. det. office •Stone retaining walls •Old landscaping •4 stall barn •Fenced pasture •Riding trails •Enjoy the wildlife and tucked away privacy **\$1,285,000**

—BOLINGTON FARM—



c.1740 on National Register •Beautiful renovation of 5 Bedroom, 4 Bath brick & log home on Milltown Creek •8 FPs •Tavern Room •Bank barn •9 Stalls •Fenced •Original Toll House •Great potential for B&B, antique shop, or home based business **\$ 1,270,000**

—FIVE OAKS—



Immaculate horse property •Very protected acreage w/except'l. views •Warrenton Hunt Territory •6 stall barn •Fenced paddocks, streams •Pool & deck •4 BR chalet w/bright rms •HW flrs. & high ceilings •Main flr. master ste •Nr. Old Town **\$1,100,000**

—HARMONY HALL—



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