



DOG DAY IN MIDDLEBURG PHOTOS

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A KINDER, GENTLER SPIRIT AT MIDDLEBURG'S DOG DAY

Organizers were "happily overwhelmed" by the attendance, generosity and civility of dogs and their mistresses and masters at Middleburg's second Dog Day in August celebration.

"Everyone really embraced the spirit of the day," according to Laura Clark, owner of Wylie Way, the dog emporium that joined Main Street Middleburg, and the Middleburg Business and Professional Association to sponsors and organize the event.

"We created Dog Day to bring visitors to Middleburg during a traditionally quiet month and it has grown to become an important opportunity for organizations devoted to the health and well being of dogs to introduce themselves to a large audience of animal lovers."

Unlike canine events in which the majority of vendors are selling items for a

profit, Dog Day is, for the most part, a charitable event where the public can learn about and support many charities that are dedicated to the betterment of the lives of dogs.

"More than 1,200 people visited the Dog Day celebration," Laura said.

"There were hundreds of dogs of all shapes and sizes in town with their people for the day, and the crowd was a rare sight indeed."

Many leading organizations contributed to the success of the annual event.

Bendure Communications executive Diane Murphy created lots of buzz in advance of the festivities to draw the crowd and the Washington Post and Fox News were only two of the many reporters in town to cover the event.

Underwriters included Loudoun Healthcare Foundation, Middleburg Bank, Marshall National Bank and Trust, Koon's Tysons Toyota, Middleburg Printers, BB& T and Avitecture.

Volunteers from the many animal charities that staffed tents and many individuals who pitched in to ensure that the event ran smoothly and dogs stayed in the spotlight contributed immeasurably to a delightful day for adults and children.

Plans for the 2007 event include a shift in scheduling from August to September.

"We recognize the very real danger of heat-related health issues affecting people and their pets. We've been fortunate each year to escape serious problems, largely because of tents, fans and water, but we may need to schedule the event for a cooler time of the year," Laura explained.

There have also been requests for a caricature artist to draw pet pictures during the festivity and many requests were received from individuals who want to exhibit or sponsor the event.

Asked if any complaints were made by cat lovers who wonder why cats don't have a special celebration in Middleburg, Laura smiled and said, "...no."

"Cats and cat lovers know that every day of the year is 'Cat Day.' Cats are royalty, after all."

TOWN MANAGER DISMISSED COUNCIL ROLE QUESTIONED \$17,000 IN UNAUTHORIZED INVOICES HYRE RESIGNATION NULL AND VOID

DANIEL MORROW

For the first time since their unanimous closed-session Sunday-night vote to fire Town Administrator Mike Casey, Mayor Betsy Davis, the Town Attorney and several members of Council responded publicly to questions about the affair at their Thursday, August 10, regular meeting.

At the same session the Town Attorney Liz Whiting ruled that the June 19, 2006, resignation of Council Member Helen Hyre, an early proponent of Casey's dismissal, was null and void, and that her July 17 letter requesting that she be allowed to withdraw her "letter of resignation" and announcing her "plan to resign on January 1, 2007" was not binding. (See story on page 3)

Background: The Sunday Surprise

In a closed one-hour, forty-five minute session on Sunday night, July 23, the Middleburg Town Council voted 7-0 to dismiss veteran Administrator Mike Casey.

Three days earlier, at the July 20 session of Council, Casey had told the Eccentric that he had

been surprised by Council's vote to enter closed session, ostensibly to "review his performance", and that he was sure that their only concerns were some "procedural matters" which could be easily worked out.

Council Member Helen Hyre had called for just such a closed session earlier, during the administration of former Mayor Tim Dimos. Her surprise July 20 motion to enter closed session, seconded by Bundles Murdock, passed without opposition at the very first meeting of Mayor Betsy Davis's new council. Only minutes earlier, Hyre, Murdock and the rest of the Council had passed a Mark Snyder motion to appoint Casey "Acting Town Clerk."

The Rumor Mill

The 7-0 decision to fire Casey, three days later, thus came as a great surprise to many citizens of the Town and the source of wildly divergent rumors about Council's reasons for the dismissal.

Town Attorney Liz Whiting, facing the dilemma of conflicting responsibilities as an officer of the court, advocate for the people of the Town, and attorney for the Town Council, advised Council Members

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NEWS OF NOTE

HELEN HYRE RESIGNATION NULL AND VOID
SURPRISE MOTION TO CONSIDER SECOND RESIGNATION

The on-again, off-again resignation of 10-year Middleburg Town Council veteran Helen Hyre was raised twice at the Thursday, August 10, session of the Town Council. Hyre's first letter of resignation, dated June 19, was ruled null and void by Town Attorney Liz Whiting, who argued that it had not been formally accepted by the Dimos Town Council. An August 10 motion by Eura Lewis to respond formally to what she believed was Hyre's second letter of resignation, dated July 17, was quashed. In that letter Hyre asked that she be "allowed to withdraw" her first letter, and communicated her "... plan to resign on January 1, 2007, ..."

The Letters in Question

Hyre had resigned formally on June 19, 2006, in a short, unambiguous letter addressed to then Mayor Dimos and the Town Council:

June 19, 2006
To the Mayor & Town Council,
It is with regret that I resign my position on the Town Council as of Sept. 1, 2006, due to personal and medical reasons. I wish to express my appreciation to the Mayor and Town Council for their help and support

over the past 10 years.
My best wishes goes to the new Mayor, Council, and most of all, to the Town of Middleburg.
Thank you and I will miss you all.

Helen Hyre

In June Dimos publicly acknowledged Hyre's letter, expressed his regrets, and extended the Town's thanks to Council Member Hyre for her long and faithful service. Though no formal motion to accept her resignation was ever brought forward, the Council clearly believed she would not serve. Though she had served for a decade, Hyre was not assigned to any standing committees in the new Davis administration.

Whatever the Dimos Council had done, or failed to do, Hyre apparently thought she had resigned.

On July 17, she wrote again, asking "to be allowed" to withdraw her resignation, in a letter received by some, but not all members of the Council.

July 17, 2006

Dear Madame Mayor and fellow Town Councilmen,
I hereby request that I be allowed

to withdraw my letter of resignation from the Middleburg Town Council which was to become effective September 1, 2006. I believe I can continue in my role on the Council as a vital contributing member for several more months, and ask that you allow me to continue to serve. At present, I plan to resign on January 1, 2007, when we start spending more time out of town.

Many Thanks for considering my request. I look forward to continuing to serve with you.

Helen Hyre

Hyre answered a public query about the matter early in the August 10 Council session, stating that she had indeed resigned: 1) for health reasons, and 2) because she was building a new house in West Virginia. When she discovered that the new house would not be ready on time, she said she had simply requested that she be allowed to withdraw her earlier resignation and continue to serve.

Mayor Davis, early on, also clear-

ly considered the matter moot. "Helen is going to be with us until the end of the year," she said. "We're very lucky to have her and we're glad she's going to be able to stay on." Davis also noted that Hyre had written a letter that was "supposed to go to all council members."

Eura Lewis Motion Quashed

Later in the August 10 session, Council Member Eura Lewis rose to offer a motion.

She had noted with interest, she said, that when standing committee assignments for the new council were first distributed, Helen Hyre's name did not appear, presumably because of her resignation, effective September 1. Since then, she continued, a second standing committee list had appeared, it which Hyre was listed as "fully involved" in the work of the Council.

"I now know why her name has been listed," Lewis continued. "Because of a second letter sent, asking to postpone her resignation ..."

Lewis claimed she did not receive

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NEWS OF NOTE

HAPPY DAYS FOR THE DOG FROM BAGHDAD

When DB was a puppy, making his way through a world of fear with his mother and three siblings at the Baghdad airport, attending Middleburg's Dog Day festivities in bucolic Northern Virginia hunt country village never entered his mind.

All DB could think about was whether or not the American gentleman who had found the starving family would return with dinner that day.

His mother was ferociously protective and would not let the stranger near, but DB and his three brothers and sisters became devoted to their guardian and, when he left Iraq, he took DB and his sister home with him.

Of the four puppies Doug Lossely found with their mother at the airport shortly after Saddam regime collapsed, one chewed through an electric cord and was killed, one stayed with the troops stationed at the Baghdad airport, one is living with a kind Texas family and DB, who now lives with Doug and Barb Lossely in Great Falls, Virginia, lives a bountiful life in a family of dogs, cats and people who admire and love him.

DB is a stunning charmer, tall, intense and elegant, whose breeding and

characteristics point to a Saluki heritage. A fierce protector of his family, his only challenge is to give top dog standing to SD, who was a member of the Lossely family before DB arrived.

"He's been a great addition to our household," said Barb Lossely.

"He loves our two cats and, although sometimes it's a little contentious with the other two dogs, he graduated at the top of his class at PetSmart."

In times when the news from Baghdad is not always encouraging, watching DB make his way down a street filled with children, puppies and dogs of every persuasion, it's impossible not to notice how kind he is and how deferential the animals are to him. Many pause and regard him admiringly as he moves purposefully through the crowd. Without a rude sign or gesture, he kindly allows inquiring sniffs and nudges without ever losing his focus on his mistress and master.

"I'm so glad my husband was able to bring them out," Barb continues. "Dogs are not highly thought of in the Middle East. They either are guard dogs, or working dogs, almost never pets."



PHOTO BY JAY HUBBARD

The Lossely's admiration and respect for DB is obvious as they describe how smart he is and his extraordinary speed. But the truly remarkable thing is to see the love and gratitude in DB's eyes as he carefully observes his mistress and master to be certain they are in no danger.

LOUDOUN COUNTY TRANSIT EXPANDS COMMUTER BUS SERVICE TO DULLES SOUTH

On Monday, August 28, Loudoun County Transit (LC Transit) expanded service and add capacity with seven new commuter coaches that were delivered in early August. Commuter bus service will now be available from the Dulles South area with buses departing the park and ride lot in Stone Ridge and traveling to Rosslyn, the Pentagon and Washington, D.C.

The 250-space park and ride lot is located at the intersection of Millstream Drive and Village Center Place in the Harris Teeter shopping center. Six buses will be departing this lot beginning at 5:25 a.m. through 7:40 a.m. each weekday. County staff will be at the new Stone Ridge lot on Monday, August 28, and Tuesday, August 29, distributing free bus tickets to passen-

gers boarding the buses at that location on those two days.

For schedule information, check out the website www.loudoun.gov/bus or call the Office of Transportation Services at 703-771-5665, where the staff will be happy to assist you with finding solutions for your commuting needs.

CONSTRUCTION BEGINS ON PURCELLVILLE'S INOVA MEDICAL CENTER



Inova Loudoun Hospital board members and administrators were joined by Mayor Lazaro, members of the Purcellville Town Council and a number of citizens August 8th to celebrate the beginning of construction on the town's new Medical Center.

Mark Lowers, Chairman of the ILH Board of Directors, commended both the Council and the builder for their commitment and assistance.

"Purcellville is undergoing significant growth that creates challenges for everyone concerned from utility to health services," observed Lowers. "A critical need exists for better health care access and I appreciate the support of Mayor Lazaro, the Council and John Chapman in working with us to make this medical center a reality."

Inova has executed a lease for a 15,000 square foot facility at the intersection of Hirst and Hatcher Roads in Purcellville to establish the Inova Medical Center, Purcellville. The site plan has been approved by the Purcellville Town Council.

The center will expand primary and secondary physician services, provide light diagnostics, expand physical therapy and rehabilitative services as well as ambulatory services while offering extended medical service hours.

In comments following a formal presentation to the Purcellville Town Council, Mayor Lazaro expressed his appreciation for Inova's action. "I commend Inova Loudoun Hospital for stepping up to the plate and delivering on their promise," stated Lazaro. "Health care is of growing importance to Purcellville and the surrounding community and we look forward to these expanded services."

HOG HEAVEN

Members of the Winchester Harley Owners Group (H.O.G.) enjoyed a ride to the Flying Circus near Bealton on Sunday July 30th. In addition to the air show, there was an antique motorcycle show with any different types of Antique, British, Japanese and American motorcycles on display



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MIDDLEBURG TOWN COUNCIL CPAM RESOLUTION

OPPOSITION TO LOUDOUN COUNTY CPAM 2005-0003 & 0007 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT FOR UPPER BROAD RUN AND UPPER FOLEY SUBAREAS AND THE ARCOLA AREA/ROUTE 50 PLAN

WHEREAS, The Town of Middleburg welcomes the opportunity to be an active participant in a process of significant influence to the character of Western Loudoun and the County as a whole; and

WHEREAS, the Middleburg Town Council, on August 17, 2006, unanimously voted to authorize members of Council to attend a Stakeholder's Meeting hosted by the Loudoun County Planning Commission on August 28, 2006, to speak on the Council's behalf in opposition to CPAM 2005-0003 & 0007; and

WHEREAS, the financial health and economic well being of the Town of Middleburg will be devastated by the increase in CPAM traffic that will isolate the Town. Middleburg is a tourist destination, whose budget is largely dependent on tourist revenue, which depends on reasonable access from public highways throughout Loudoun County. It is clear to the Town that the proposed CPAM would bring traffic to a halt and threaten businesses. It will also impede our resident's ability to get to and from work, county services, health care, hospitals and travel throughout the areas along Route 50; and

WHEREAS, a recent community assessment of Western Loudoun Towns, funded through the Main Street Loudoun Program, suggests encroaching suburban development and/or over-built revitalization efforts are liabilities to community character and the tourist experience of Western Loudoun; and

WHEREAS, The Loudoun Convention and Visitor Association has consistently determined through studies that the travel route to a destination is a critical part of its success; and

WHEREAS, issues most critical to the Town in relation to the proposed changes to the Loudoun County Transition Policy Area arise from the philosophy suggested by the Transition Policy; namely, a philosophy of distinct visual and spatial transition between the built and natural environment, a philosophy that lends itself to the unique and distinct character and charm experienced and expected by the residents and tourists of Western Loudoun; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Middleburg favors a cautious approach regarding amendments contradicting the intent and spirit of the Transition Policy Area; and

WHEREAS, potential construction of tens of thousands of new residential units and commercial businesses as a result of this amendment, primarily along the Route 50 corridor, would degrade the quality of life of the residents of Middleburg and the greater Middleburg area, dramatically increase the average daily vehicle trips along Route 50, require new schools to be built above those already planned and would further increase the County tax burden; and

WHEREAS, the East-West Route 50 corridor and its collector roads are reaching carrying capacity and will continue to decrease in their level of service should higher density development continue to encroach to the West;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Middleburg Town Council does hereby oppose requests for amendments to Loudoun County Revised General Plan that threaten the financial health and economic well being of the Town of Middleburg, diminish the visual and spatial transition between Eastern and Western Loudoun and erode the unique and distinct character and charm of Western Loudoun.

VOTE:

AYES: Council members Hyre, Kirk, Murdock, Patterson, Robinson, Snyder

NAYS: None



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VALLEY GREEN ROAD Fauquier County, Virginia

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HOMESTEAD RESORT AREA Warm Springs, Virginia

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FOR RENT

Turkey Roost Road, Middleburg, Virginia

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FREEZELAND ROAD Linden, Virginia

Spacious Chalet in a private 2 acres setting with mature trees & direct access to paved Freezeland Road & I-66 neighboring Fox Meadows Vineyards. The residence features 4 Bedrooms, 3 Baths, Great Room with towering floor to ceiling windows & Fireplace, large Recreation Room with extensive windows & a spacious Kitchen that opens to the Family Area & Dining Room. The Master Bath includes a hot tub & separate shower. Front Porch with an extended wrap-around deck in addition to the Rear Deck. There is a 2-Car Garage, Laundry Room with Washer & Dryer, access to HD TV & High Speed Internet. **Offered at \$439,000**



WATER FRONT

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As part of the annual Loudoun Healthcare Foundation's "Summer Fling – A Taste of Loudoun," on August 5th, newly appointed Inova Loudoun Hospital CEO Randy Kelley promised to continue to meet the healthcare needs of Loudoun residents.

"As we have for almost a century, we will continue to provide equal access to vital services for all the residents of Loudoun County," Kelley said.

State Senator Mark Herring, Delegate Charles Caputo, Supervisors Steve Snow & Eugene Delgaudio, Lovettsville Mayor Elaine Walker and a number of honored guests joined Kelley to mark the construction of the Inova Medical Center – Dulles South and to commemorate the purchase of 94-acres off of Rt. 50 for a the future home of Inova Haselton Shockey Medical Campus.

"I am so very pleased, as my first public act, to host a ribbon cutting marking the expansion of health care services to the community," commented Kelly.

Innova Loudoun Hospital's plans include:

- On the Rt. 50 corridor, an area the County stipulates has inadequate access to health care services, Inova

has leased a building in the Avonlea development in order to provide health care services to the Dulles South community. A mix of urgent care, physician services, radiology – including an approved CT Scanner will provide medical services to residents as soon as the building may be occupied in early in 2007.

- Inova has purchased 94-acres off of Rt. 50 in anticipation of establishing the Inova Healthplex – Dulles South community. Along with a 24/7 Emergency Department Inova anticipates the expansion of services to include Operating Rooms, Physician Medicine and Rehabilitation, Pathology along with primary and specialty physician services. Inova has filed a special exception with the County and looks forward to a public hearing this fall.

Supervisor Steve Snow who cut the ribbon to mark the occasion, thanked Inova Loudoun Hospital for their effort. "This is a dream come true not only for myself but the growing community of Dulles South," commented Snow. "I commend Inova Loudoun for their community care and concern and for keeping their word."

LOUDOUN HEALTHCARE PROMISES EQUAL ACCESS TO VITAL SERVICES



Area soccer fans are invited to Notre Dame Academy for the Hunt Cup Invitational Preseason Soccer Tournament. This inaugural event, which features local high school teams from several Northern Virginia private schools, is hosted by Notre Dame Academy.

The tournament begins Friday afternoon, Aug. 25, and continues throughout the day on Saturday, Aug. 26. The host team, the Notre Dame Dragons, play at 2:45 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. on Friday, and at 8:45 a.m. and 1:15 p.m. on Saturday. The school is located at 35321 Notre Dame Lane in Middleburg.

NEW MULTI-MEDIA SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAM

Something B.I.G. is coming! Middleburg United Methodist Church invites all children to have fun and live B.I.G! Please join us for the kick off of an exciting new multi-media Sunday School program starting September 10 at 11:00. Children will be escorted to Sunday School from service. "Live B.I.G." is an entertaining year long program that encourages kids to sing, laugh, act, dance, create, jump, fly, think, speak, and relate a faith that will last a lifetime. For more information please call 540-687-6492 or visit www.middleburgvaumc.com. Middleburg United Methodist Church warmly welcomes all visitors and is located at 15 Washington Street.

MIDDLEBURG RESIDENTS OPPORTUNITY TO GET INVOLVED

The Middleburg Town Council is expected to consider candidates for two appointments to Town Committees during their September Regular Meeting. The following Committees have appointment terms beginning on appointment and ranging from one to five-year terms:

- Middleburg Planning Commission (MPC): The MPC plays an important role in land use decisions for the Town. Commissioners review issues related to community growth and development to Town Council on zoning and subdivision policies and land development requests. The Commission is also responsible for preparation of the Town's five year comprehensive plan which is forwarded to Town Council for consideration. Members must be Town residents and are appointed by the Town Council. This appointment runs through December 31, 2008. Monthly meetings: 4th Monday, 7:00 PM.

Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA): Local zoning regulations provide controls for specific land uses in designated areas of Town. Citizens who seek exceptions to those regulations or disagree with the Town's enforcement ask the BZA to hear their case. Membership is open to Town residents and appointments are made by the Circuit Court upon recommendation of the Town Council. This appointment runs through January 9, 2007. Meetings are scheduled as needed.

Interested individuals should submit a letter of interest or resumé to the Town Council via Dianne L. MacMillan, Town Clerk by September 6, 2006. Submissions may be dropped off at the Town Office, mailed, faxed or emailed to:

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HELEN HYRE RESIGNATION NULL AND VOID FROM PAGE 3

a copy of Hyre's second, July 17, letter until August 7.

"Mayor Davis," she continued, "I do not believe the revised resignation for January 1, 2007, has been accepted, and since that is the case, I move that we accept Councilman Hyre's resignation . . . with regrets a vote of thanks for the valuable work she has done. And I wish our colleague, Councilman Hyre, well."

Snyder Objection

Council Member Mark Snyder immediately interjected, "I don't think this is an appropriate topic for a vote. Helen Hyre was elected and she is entitled to serve until she officially resigns and steps down, and that is, at this point, a decision for Helen Hyre, not a vote."

Town Attorney Liz Whiting noted that she did not read Hyre's letter of July 17 " . . . as tendering a resignation with the effective date of January 1, 2007. I can't read this as a tendered resignation."

What the Meaning of "Plan" is

Eura Lewis noted the confusion caused by Council's failure to act on Hyre's first resignation, and further noted Hyre's clear statement in her July 17 note that "I plan to resign on January 1, 2007." Lewis urged the Council to consider the wording and, to avoid further confusion, four months down the road, make itself clear, now.

Bundles Murdock agreed with Snyder, noting that Hyre had written only "I PLAN to resign" and had not actually "resigned."

Whiting, again, concurred. Mayor Davis said that she had checked the Town records and had confirmed that Council had not acted on Hyre's first resignation. As a result, she believed the second letter was moot.

Whiting, again, concurred, calling Hyre's July 17 letter, "merely a statement of intent to resign at a future time."

Lewis dropped her motion. Ironically, no one asked Hyre if she really intended to resign on January 1. The Eccentric's calls to Council Member Hyre had not been returned by press time.

TOWN MANAGER DISMISSED, COUNCIL ROLE QUESTIONED, \$17,000 IN UNAUTHORIZED INVOICES

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from the very first days of the affair to refuse to comment on anything directly related to "personnel matters" covered by Virginia laws designed to protect public employees and their employers.

Addressing the public's right to know, Whiting made her view of the law and Council's duty on August 10. "I can assure you that I will make sure that those discussions that should take place in public, will . . . even when different things may reflect on the performance of individual officers and employees."

Addressing the Mayor and Council Whiting warned that "If the topic is one that is appropriate for open session, it is going to be my recommendation, and direction to you, that you cannot go behind closed doors for those discussions simply because some aspect of those discussions might shed light on, or implicate, someone's performance. I'm giving that assurance to the public."

Whiting, the Mayor, and Acting Town Administrator Dornin all confirmed that records were still being assembled by town employees, and that, in the absence of complete documentation, the Town was not ready to speak publicly.

Using the lack of complete information, Whiting's legal advice and the Virginia statute as a justification Council thus remained officially silent on the Casey matter. In the absence of fact, rumor flew up and down main street, fueled by history, old conflicts, off-hand comments, and second-hand reports of leaks from unnamed sources close to Casey and the Council.

Some speculated that Casey had problems managing his staff, noting the number of resignations of town employees during Casey's tenure. Mayor Davis, on August 10, suggested that staff turnover had indeed, been high. Others guessed that Casey was the victim of his role in the Salamander negotiations. His work had garnered praise from Council and a raise in November, but was deeply resented by some opponents of the "Memorandum of Understanding" with Salamander. Helen Hyre, critics noted, was one of only two votes against the Salamander agreement. Still others questioned Casey's management of the Town's money.

The Dimos Council What Did They Know, and When Did They Know it?

With no information forthcoming from the Council's closed session evaluation of Casey's performance, questions about the effectiveness of Town Council's oversight of the Town Administrator and Treasury, became the focus of a number of pointed public questions on August 10, facilitated by a days-old decision to add a "Council Response to Public Comments" line to the regular monthly meeting agenda.

There were money questions. There were rumors on the street that the Town's surplus had been spent down? How far? On What? By Whom? With whose expenditure-by-expenditure authorization?

Indeed, who on the Dimos Council was responsible for oversight of such expenditures, and what plans did the new Davis Council have to prevent such actions in the future?

These questions drew no response whatsoever in the formal "Response to Public Comment" portion of the formal agenda other than a remark by Council Member Mark Snyder that the questioner might have " . . . done better by approaching Council Members individually, rather than in public session."

During the course of the Council meeting, however, more details

emerged, and the Mayor and other members of the Council spoke publicly.

Bills Unauthorized and Unpaid

Some of the financial issues linked to the Casey firing had begun to emerge earlier in the month, in Council work sessions, open to the public, but rarely attended.

In a memorandum dated Tuesday, August 7, Acting Town Administrator Claudia Dornin reminded the Mayor and Council that \$17,000 due to three vendors and to the County Government on July 31 had not been paid and that none of the expenses in question had been properly reviewed and authorized by the Council.

"Individual invoices over the \$1,000 threshold for Council review and due for payment on or before July 31, 2006, were presented to the Finance & Personnel Committee on August 1, 2006," Dornin wrote. "These services were contracted by the previous Town Administrator."

In effect, Dornin was asking the Mayor and Council to authorize, retroactively, both contracts for service and payments due totaling \$17,000:

\$3,375 to Whitman Requardt and Associates for "water engineering consultation for the new waste water treatment facility associated with the Salamander Resort project."

\$6,372 Logics, LLC, in payment for their "Maintenance and Support Contract for Financial and Utility Systems."

\$5,699.70 to Dawson's painting for work on the Street Department Building and the well house on Landmark School Road.

\$1,553.97 to County of Loudoun for "expenses associated with the May, 2006, Town Election."

Later that night Council approved payment of the bills, with Helen Hyre asking for confirmation that the Council was, indeed, required to provide approval, in advance, not only for payments exceeding \$1,000 but for contracts for goods of services exceeding that amount.

Acting Town Administrator Dornin confirmed the policy, noting that it also applied to any non-bud-

geted expenditures. She also assured the Council that its policies would be adhered to strictly "from this point forward."

No Treasurer's Report on August 10 - \$500,000 Line of Credit Requested One Week Later

Further implications of the Dimos Council's lack of oversight became apparent at a Town Council Special Session on Thursday, August 17.

No Treasurer's report had been forthcoming at the Council's regular monthly meeting on August 10. Mayor Davis, at that time, told the Eccentric that the Town was still looking into its post-Casey financial status, and that a full report would soon be forthcoming.

A week later, at a meeting initially scheduled to draft Middleburg's official response to a pending County Comprehensive Plan Amendment, Claudia Dornin requested formal authorization to borrow money to cover near term expenses.

Documents made public at the Special Session indicated that the relevant Town Accounts now contained roughly \$6,100.

At Dornin's request the Davis Council authorized her to "pursue short term financing for the town." Middleburg Bank reportedly responded with a \$500,000 line, at 4.5%.

Mayor Davis Promises Full Report

With town records, financial and non-financial, reportedly in some disarray, Mayor Davis promised that a full report to the people of Middleburg would be forthcoming as soon as possible. "Before we speak," she said, "we want to make sure that what we're saying is appropriate . . . and everyone here is working extremely hard to get everything in order."

"We're not hiding anything," Eura Lewis added.

"I think you've gotten right to the bottom of it," Bundles Murdock noted, "we are responsible to the taxpayers and don't think anyone who sits here is not totally cognizant of that fact."

Mayor Davis concluded, "If there are any fingers to be pointed, I do believe the taxpayers voted for us. We have made some movements in some

very good directions and we'll get back to you on the rest of it."

A Raise for the Acting Administrator

Mike Casey's sudden departure from the Town Administrator's office was filled, almost immediately by Claudia Dornin, the Town's experienced and highly successful Director of Economic Development. On August 10, Council voted to raise her salary to \$70,000, the same amount the Town had been paying Mike Casey.

Dornin also received unanimous approval of her recommendation that Dianne MacMillan be appointed Town Clerk, and praise for the success of Middleburg's Second Annual Celebration of Dog Day. (See story on page 1)

Salamander and the Street Grid

Earlier in the evening, at a special 6:00 PM session, Ian Lockwood and Raj Mohabeer of Glattling Jackson

Associates Council presented their preliminary views on how access to the new Salamander Resort should be integrated most effectively with the existing town street grid. Glattling Jackson, which reports to the Town, even though they are paid by Salamander, focused on the importance of avoiding single-entrance bottlenecks, and suggested, among other things improvements to Pendleton Street and a thorough redesign of the intersection of Marshall Street and Foxcroft Road.

CPAM Resolution

Facing still another vote on the County's development plan, Council voted to meet in special session on August 17 to consider the Town's position on Loudoun County CPAM 2005-0003 & 0007 Comprehensive Plan Amendment for Upper Broad Run and Upper Foley Subareas and the Arcola Area/Route 50 Plan. (See insert Page 5)

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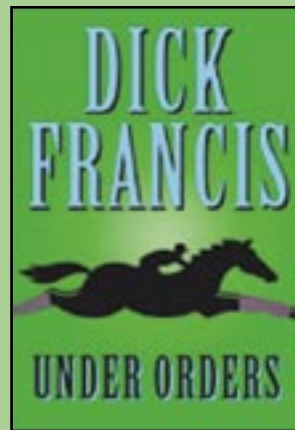
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line dollar," said Harman Nayyar, who with his wife, Manish, owns Salon Alure.

The Nayyars live in Purcellville with their four children.

"We hope that Salon Alure clients will become part of our extended family here," Harman Nayyar said.

BUBBLY BANK SERVICES PROVE REFRESHING

Bubbly Bank Services Prove Refreshing for Middleburg Bank customers when Vice President Reggie Dawson

decides to play a personal role at the drive-up window. Cool water, a gracious greeting and lots of fun were offered to all during the recent heat



21ST ANNUAL YFT COUNTRY FAIR & AUCTIONS SET FOR SEPTEMBER 30

One of Northern Virginia's premier family-friendly fall festivals will return to the campus of Youth for Tomorrow (YFT) on Saturday, September 30. YFT founder and Washington Redskins Coach Joe Gibbs invites you to join thousands from around the region to enjoy the day's events from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Proceeds from the event benefit educational and counseling programs for boys and girls at the residential facility near Manassas. Gibbs states, "The Country Fair is much more than just a fundraiser for the Youth home. It's a celebration of what can be achieved when a community comes together to address a need. I invite you to look around our campus and see what has been achieved with resources raised at previous Country Fairs, other fundraising activities and donations from hundreds of generous, caring businesses and individuals in Northern Virginia."

Fair co-chairmen Anthony Barbour of Interstate Batteries of NOVA

and Steve Craven, Craven Tire and Auto are promising the best ever fair with hundreds of fabulous items for bid in the live and silent auction tents and on the blind bid board. The top live auction item this year is a 2005 Tony Stewart Signature Series Monte Carlo donated by Joe Gibbs Racing. Other items include tickets for top sporting events, exciting trips to some of America's favorite resorts and eateries, art objects and many, many more.

Entertainment for young and old will take place throughout the day. Musical groups will perform. One of the entertainment highlights will be the popular Piscataway Indian Nation revue. There will be numerous activities and rides for children and youth.

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THE EDITOR’S DESK

A DEEP BENCH

Every successful professional understands that there is no way to anticipate the eventualities one will face when running an enterprise. Recruiters seduce your best talent away, families must move to other locales, and without warning, the executive you just invested thousands of training dollars in is gone.

In these situations, sudden changes must be made that could compromise steady progress and cost both time and money as you search for the talent you need.

Fortunately for Middleburg and its citizens, we have a deep and talented bench.

Although Mike Casey’s release was a shock to everyone, we are very fortunate to have an Economic Development Director of the caliber of Claudia Dornin who was willing to step in as Acting Town Administrator. Her experience as a CEO and at the economic development desk will serve her well as she handles the town management responsibilities while the recruitment process for our new town manager is under way.

It’s clear that Claudia has and deserves the confidence of everyone on the staff and all our elected officials.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:

Good Kitty Garrity piece. I shall be sending it to our grand daughter who owns every blue ribbon in the planet for indoor show jumping.

Ms. Garrity-- Did you ever make a saddle specifically for pig sticking?*

We did that in India and used, as far as I remember, the everyday Indian Cavalry Regiment saddle...somewhat superior I think to the U.S. Army saddle with the horrible slot down the middle of it.

Angus MacLean Thuermer
Middleburg, VA

* If you are not familiarly with this sport it is hunting wild boar on horseback with a spear. NOT thrown, but stabbed into a “ride-able “ boar of about 36 inches at the shoulder. They turn on you if you get too close. After “sticking” the pig, you have your cavalry regiment batman schlep it back to camp. That evening you have it from off the spit as it is turned ‘round and ‘round by some cook sergeant. The ladies in their saris sit around the campfire singing Punjabi songs.

The first year we went pig sticking I was nominated , as a visiting diplomat, to be captain of a “heat” of “10 spears”. As

this squad of ten rode off in the early morning darkness, I muttered to an Indian cavalry officer beside me whom I knew, “they’ve named me heat captain. What do I do?” He replied, “when I yell ‘PIG!’ follow me FLAT OUT.!”

I have my spear with four silver rings on it --for four years pig sticking -- in our foyer today.

To the Editor:

I have written numerous emails to the BOS in opposition of high density rezonings. I am a resident of South Riding and work at AOL. I drive about 10 miles to and

from work on 606 each day and every month my commute becomes more and more laborious and treacherous due to the increased amount of developer traffic on the roads. We ordinary citizens are forced into more road time, more transportation costs (and increased taxes to build schools, roads etc.) without any benefit.

I was asked to join the hearings on July 24 but couldn’t get out of work and through the rush hour to get there in time.

I heartily agree with Delegate Marshall’s position and believe it completely irresponsible to ignore VDOT recommendations. A Mr. Tom Conway expressed the sentiment of us “ordinary citizens” very well in his July 20 open letter to Supervisor Snow posted on Loudoun’s page of the Connection Newspapers Oppose Reckless Rezonings - Loudoun Opinion - Loudoun Connection - Connection Newspapers .

Frankly, the arguments I’ve read in favor of increased development don’t hold water... why do we need an increase when we currently have a glut of homes on the market? Take a drive anywhere in this county or neighboring counties and you’ll see ‘for sale’ signs everywhere.

How will increased housing make Loudoun County housing more affordable? You can’t buy a condo or townhouse in most of the county (including S. Riding) for under \$450,000; a larger townhome is \$550,000 and up and single family homes start at \$650,000. What is going to be built that will be affordable? Stackable homes like those in Stone Ridge that cost \$450,00 and double the traffic that a townhome community contributes or more condos? People want single family homes eventually for their families and the current communities don’t offer many affordable options. The last time I received my pay check I didn’t notice that AOL had added a huge cost of living increase because I live here. And, if you do add a glut that further devalues the housing market, I don’t have \$100 K or more to make up the difference I could lose in my current house, will the BOS offer a fund to offset that? I would much rather have neighbors who live on huge 20 acre parcels because speculators are less likely to afford those homes to turn around into rental properties (my brand new neighborhood is also over run with rentals and high occupancy has caused a traffic and parking nightmare in my neighborhood.)

To the people and say that only the rich sipping tea on horse back care about preserving the land, that’s ridiculous! I care deeply and live in a townhouse and certainly don’t have time to sit and drink tea. No one owes people who own land a certain amount of money so they can retire. For goodness sakes, \$5 million dollars is just as nice a retirement as \$10 and I can tell you that us everyday working folks don’t count on someone paying us even \$5 million to retire. That is the nature of free enterprise and market conditions. (Besides, I strongly suspect those folks who took out the ad of the tea drinking equestrians in fact, are the ones who don’t have to fight traffic to get to work nor do they have to pay for the schools to educate more kids.)

Back to my point about why create more building when we have a glut of homes on the market. Unless, you are aware that some large and highly paid jobs are coming to town, I don’t see the immediate need to build 28,000 additional homes (basic hospital and educational administration jobs do not pay high enough to afford a \$1 million dollar single family homes in planned communities (about the cost of many single family homes on postage stamps and certainly not affordable).

At this point, builders should pay for improvements first with the gross profits they’ve already earned from the building boom because they don’t hold up their end of the bargain if they don’t. These people selling their land the developers and builders who profit don’t have to live here and suffer the consequences, they take their profits and move elsewhere and leave us to deal with the mess. And yes, others noticed the police stopping trucks just before the meeting. How about stopping them on a daily basis and fining them for unsafe driving on a regular basis?

I was glad to see Mr. Conway’s letter and to read Steve Hines, from “Families for Dulles South” in the July 27 edition of the Middleburg Eccentric. It means that more and more of us are finding our voices and trying to be heard above the din of developers and their paid lobbyists.

There is an intrinsic value that can’t be counted in dollars to preserving open spaces for people to enjoy (look at the rural areas like Middleburg and local wineries on the weekends) and it’s invaluable to have a

quality of life that includes less road congestion and the perils that come with it and I think that people know that and want that. No one has convinced me that increasing housing density will do anything but degrade Loudoun’s quality of life and the quality of life is what drew me here from Fairfax in 1997. (At this point, I can’t even afford to go back nor can I realistically look for a job that way because the traffic is so bad I would never get there.)

Kris Rosmorduc
South Riding, VA

To the Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to set the record straight regarding the development proposals in the Transition Area. As you know, Loudoun County is and will continue to grow. The Washington Council of Governments (COG) and the Loudoun Department of Economic Development forecast an influx of approximately 200,000 new residents into the County within the next 20 years. But what does this mean for Loudoun County? Even if the County could issue a moratorium on growth, these residents will still come and will live out it in Clark County, Fauquier County, Winchester and West Virginia. We will then be faced with over 2 million car trips on our unimproved roads in the east and our rural roads in the west.

In addition, I have talked with the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority about their plans for Dulles International Airport. They envision an expansion along the lines of Chicago O’Hare. Within the next 10-15 years, Dulles Airport will build two additional runways, a southern terminal and expand their workforce to over 60,000 employees. Our residents will be forced to deal with a tsunami of employees traveling to and from the Airport every morning and evening. Since we face a shortage of workforce housing, these employees will be commuting on our roads from western jurisdictions.

It is with this inevitability in mind that I promote working with, not against, the development community. By working with the development community, we can create a plan for vibrant and livable communities built around amenity-rich neighborhood centers. For example, if the proposed CPAMs and rezonings are approved, area residents stand to

acquire a four-year university, a full capacity hospital, a 200-acre park, a network of bike and walking trails, and over 8 million square feet of commercial, retail and business (office) space that will generate over 20,000 good paying jobs. The developers are also providing over \$750 million in road improvements and they are also providing land and the constructions of new schools to serve our residents.

Route 50 has the potential to evolve into a beautiful parkway, with all buildings displaying upscale design and architecture, and tastefully set back off the roads, creating an appealing sense of place and space. In addition, we will have high quality restaurants, a wide array of shopping venues, and a cultural museum, just to name a few of the fine amenities this area will gain as part of the plan.

Contrast this with by-right development, which requires no financial contribution from developers but still allows the construction of new houses. The developer provides nothing for roads or parks, commercial and office space is non-existent and the County gets stuck with the bill for buying land and building new schools. The net effect is a drain on the financial resources of the County and results in millions of dollars in higher taxes for all existing residents.

Instead of being forced to look east for employment, smart development will bring new job opportunities to our doorstep, as major employers are looking favorably on this area due to its proximity to the airport. Proffers are a viable method by which we can ensure smart, feasible, sustainable growth while securing a better quality of life for all Loudoun County citizens.

Regards,
Stephen J. Snow
Dulles District Supervisor

To the Editor:

As members of the Dulles South Transportation Alliance, we were dismayed to read Daniel Morrow’s Back to Square One for Upper Broad Run and Upper Foley? in the July 27, 2006 issue. The article restates the findings of the subject VDOT study without addressing the shortcomings of that study, chiefly its failure to take into account (1) many significant road improvements proposed by the DSTA and (2) the deleterious effects of the Route 50 traffic calming

project. That said, the purpose of this letter is not to re-view the methodology behind the VDOT study, nor to pass judgment on its conclusions. Although many of the VDOT claims recited in the article are up for debate, one thing is certain: Loudoun County’s road system is already strained. We believe that this dire situation needs to be remedied immediately, and that it must not be treated as an opportunity for a political power grab.

For too long, Loudoun taxpayers have sent their money down to Richmond, only to receive back pennies on the dollar in services and improvements. As Loudoun has experienced impressive economic growth, demand for roads, public services, and the like has understandably increased. Although Loudoun’s growth has accrued to the benefit of the Commonwealth’s coffers, Richmond has done little to reciprocate or to help Loudoun meet the needs of its residents or businesses.

Unfortunately, VDOT’s success at building roads lags far behind its success at maintaining them. The County can only build new roads by subjecting its citizens—who have already paid state taxes for road improvements—to a double tax. Intelligent enough not to stifle growth, and unable to convince Richmond to send some of the revenue generated in Loudoun back to Loudoun, the County has established a system of proffers by which the development community provides basic infrastructure improvements that otherwise cannot be completed in a timely manner. Now, with the development community poised to contribute \$750 million toward road improvements in the Dulles South area, VDOT is calling for additional study.

The Planning Commission and the Planning Department have worked hard to analyze the proposed CPAM. Ultimately, they crafted a proposal that they, with their combined expertise, think will work. More specifically, they created a plan that addresses the realities of growth in Loudoun County. According to projections by the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments, that reality includes:

- 180,700 new jobs in Loudoun County by 2030, and
- 311,000 new residents in Loudoun County by 2030.

These staggering figures must not be ignored. Further,

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RANT & RAVES

RED VS BLUE

MACACANS RALLY FOR ALLEN

DAN MORROW - (D)

Senator Allen’s campaign has successfully countered the unfair negative publicity surrounding the junior senator’s recent outing of a false friend of the Allen campaign, 20-year-old, fourth-year UVA student, S. R. Sidharth.

Allen, who had lovingly nicknamed the UVA undergrad “Macaca,” cleverly discovered that Sidharth was not from Virginia or America. He was from Fairfax one of the “blue” counties.

GOP intelligence operatives also cleverly deduced that Sidharth, despite his religious attendance at Allen rallies, was no true friend. He was video recording the Senator’s remarks (a dead giveaway) and wearing a Glee button.

A brief Google revealed that Webb, was not the beloved “worldwide webb” but James

Webb, a fiscally conservative, decorated Marine veteran, appointed Secretary of the Navy by Ronald Reagan. “Too liberal for Virginia,” Webb had turned Democrat and had been clearly recruiting in Fairfax.

The pro-terrorist liberal press had widely interpreted Allen’s “Macaca” and “Welcome to America” remarks as racist, referring to Allen’s predilection for the display of hangman’s nooses and confederate flags, his vocal support of old segregationist politicians, and his opposition to the Martin Luther King Holiday.

Not so! The Macacans love Allen (and he loves them!)

Inside sources have sent us detailed coverage of a spontaneous “Macacans for Allen” rally, held on the proposed new site of the Bedford Forrest Self-Storage-and-Car-Wash facility planned for downtown

Waterford.

Wearing their quaint native dress (cowboy boots, red shirts and bedsheets) and waving what looked like confederate flags, the Macacans roundly denounced Fairfax, UVA, and other “foreign” influences. Joining Allen’s opposition to both stem cell research and Martin Luther King, the crowd cheered wildly as the Senator sang the 1951 version of “Carry me back to Old Virginia” and invited the entire crowd to join him in Iraq where they could see a “real” civil war.

With “a big hoo-ha for three times Georgie” the crowd dispersed only when the Senator agreed to fight harder than ever to drive evolution from the nation’s high school textbooks.

Blood and Blunders: The August Bush Report
Sadly, August makes July look like tea time. Total Ameri-

can casualties in Iraq now exceed 21,600. More than 2660 have been killed. Bombings are still on the rise. Osama’s still on the run. Bush still believes that there’s no civil war there (just a vicious, well-organized armed rebellion, with well-trained combatants, well supplied from abroad.) The Israelis forget to tell Bush they’re going to invade Lebanon (while Condi Rice, literally, sits down with them for dinner). Hezbollah claims victory. Hamas rules in Gaza. American generals tell us there are not enough troops in the American Army to pacify Iraq, much less fight on another front. And then there are the “emerging threats, Iran, Korea, Avian flu, Old ladies in airplanes with hand cream.

Had enough? Throw as many out as possible in November . . . and grit your teeth. Two more years of Bush after that, no matter what.

A CLEAR PICTURE

MARK TATE - (R)

This past month we were given a clear picture of the difference between the National Republican Party and The National Democratic Party.

In the state of Connecticut the Democrats held a primary to decide whether there incumbent Senator Joe Lieberman should continue to carry the Democrats banner as their US Senator. This primary election would normally be a non-event. Senator Lieberman is a long time incumbent, very well respected by both parties, and the popular Vice Presidential Nominee for the Democrats in 2000 and a fairly liberal politician. But this was not a normal year for politics in Connecticut or the nation. Senator Lieberman faced a very strong primary challenge from liberal Ned Lamont. In

fact Lamont defeated Senator Lieberman in the primary by about 5 percentage points. This was virtual landslide for a political unknown challenging an incumbent. So what happened? Senator Lieberman’s supported the Iraq war and so a strong supporter of strong national security measures. He supported the war on terror and opposed Ned Lamont’s only proposal—the United States surrender in Iraq and the War on Terror. The terrorists in Iraq and through out the world must have celebrated upon hearing of Lieberman’s defeat.

This issue seems to be the Democratic National Committees main theme. The total surrender in the war on terror. The immediate withdrawal of all US troops out of Iraq regardless of the consequences. The Democratic par-

ty has drifted so far left that this is all they stand for. The party believes this to the extent that they will throw one of the most popular Senators over board. Luckily for the State of Connecticut Senator Lieberman has decided to run as an Independent.

To President Bush’s credit he has actively supported Senators, like Senator Chafe in Rhode Island, that oppose some of his policies, including his policies on the War. The President and the GOP do not need elected officials to meet an extreme litmus test to support candidates.

While this war in Iraq has become unpopular I do not believe the American people would like us to cut and run. Surrendering to the terrorist is not an option simply because the war is not politically popular. This seems to be a big

difference in the two parties right now. The Democrats have advocated leaving Iraq now . . .essentially surrendering despite the fact that we are winning the war because it is not politically popular today.

While the republicans want peace but not through just picking up and leaving before the job is done.

The GOP hopes to help create a safer world and help bring peace to the Middle East.

And the GOP will not allow political winds decide important security issues and foreign policy. While the DNC will turn its back on popular incumbents, throw them out of office if they disagree with the party’s extreme litmus tests to gain temporary political advantage.



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THE EDITOR’S DESK

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

FROM PAGE 11

according to the Washington Metro Airport Task Force, Dulles Airport expects to hire over 30,000 additional workers by 2015, bringing the total number of airport workers to more than 50,000 nine years from now. As evidenced by the 1991 Revised General Plan, the County’s Planning Department and Board of Supervisors have long recognized that this sub-area is well-suited to accommodate this expected growth. The business districts of Route 28 and Route 606 need employees, and those employees need homes. Better that they live near their jobs than that they commute

from Clark County and West Virginia, only further burdening our existing road network. Likewise, the dearth of affordable housing in this area has already forced our police officers, rescue personnel, and schoolteachers to live apart from the very communities they seek to serve. Because of our successful airport, our thriving economy, and our appealing way of life, Loudoun County, especially the area around the airport, is going to grow. This CPAM is a smart way to manage that growth. Indeed, eight of the County’s planning commissioners recommended approval

of the CPAM, with not a single vote for denial. Yet somehow, VDOT felt compelled to suggest “a more consequential analysis,” despite the fact that the County’s able planners had busily analyzed and improved the CPAM for over eighteen months. Surely all this hard work should not be ignored simply because of VDOT’s eleventh hour delay tactics. The County is finally on the verge of addressing the problems associated with past growth and establishing a better plan for future growth. Nobody who lives, works, or plays in Loudoun should now want to return to square one.

Sincerely,
Members of the Dulles South Transportation Alliance

To the Editor:

We are one of a number of long-time landowners in the Upper Broad Run subarea who support the Dulles South Comprehensive Plan Amendments (CPAMs) that are currently under consideration by the Loudoun County Planning Commission. We believe that the increased density will provide a viable solution to obtain the much-needed amenities that will

benefit all residents within the Dulles South area.

With that being said, we would like to bring to your attention an inequity that has been imposed upon a number of landowners along the Lenah Rd. corridor as a result of the Loudoun County Planning Commission’s most recent decision. Those of us now being excluded from the density increases along the Lenah Rd. corridor do not have the benefit of name recognition, as do the recently established subdivisions named “The Marches” and “Lenah Run” but we; too, are landowners, albeit individual owners, who have resided here for many years. Although none of us particularly wanted these new developments, we accepted the fact that this new growth was inevitable and did not raise issue with either the landowners who sold their land for these developments or the County of Loudoun when these two subdivisions were proposed, approved and constructed in our area.

During the past several years, landowners in the Dulles South area have been participating in and following the density debate in regard to the Upper Broad Run and Upper Foley subareas. During this entire period of time, the discussions have always addressed the

subareas in their totality and all of the issues and the eventual progress that evolved from these numerous discussions have always pertained to each subarea as a whole. As a result of the Planning Commission’s latest decision and vote, a number of landowners along the Lenah Rd. corridor have suddenly been excluded from the increased density that has been granted to other landowners within the immediate Upper Broad Run subarea.

Unexpectedly, a new demarcation line was established, in a modification which was never previously discussed. This action by the Planning Commission effectively severs a minority of landowners along the Lenah Rd. corridor from the increased density being granted to their neighboring landowners. In essence, the Planning Commission has established a new “sub-subarea” by creating a mini-transition zone within the Upper Broad Run subarea. By any standard, this modification isolates a minority from the majority, and certainly appears to be arbitrary, capricious and quite simply, does not seem fair or equitable.

Rona & JoAnn Brown
Upper Broad Run subarea

PASTIMES

SO COOK WITH IT THEN...

FROM BEHIND THE STOVE

BRIAN LICHOROWIC

Virginia (VA) wines impress me. The northern Piedmont is forming into the Virginia version of Napa and why not? The wines are good, some are great, and the restaurants are all raising the bar, finally!

I’m tired of wine snobs. My brother, who is one, lives in Saratoga California. Two years ago, I took him a bottle of VA wine as a housewarming gift. When visiting him a couple months ago and on our way to a party, I ask him for a bottle of wine to bring to my host. He hands me the same bottle of VA wine with a smirk. My brother, the guy we had to tie a pork chop around his neck so that the dog would play with him, is a CA wine snob.

I specifically wanted a CA wine snob to try Virginia wines but without all the Wine Spectator preconceived notions of tasting and drinking. I wanted someone that had a trained palette that could match our wine to food but better yet, I wanted my own recipes made with this VA wine. I asked around the country about getting a distinguish Chef to try them and indulge me. I found that, for this favor, many of these tastings are paid for by the vintner to the Chef. Well, I wasn’t having any of that, plus none of these guys could hold a candle the guy I wanted: Sergio Giusti, Chef/Owner of Firenza By Night, San Francisco, CA

Sergio doesn’t have a TV show but he has a 4 diamond. He doesn’t have his own line of cookware, but his restaurant has had a cult following in San Francisco for over 20 years. He isn’t handsome; we tell him he’s got a face for radio. You can’t understand a word he’s saying (and it’s English!) but he was the private Chef to the ‘Three Tenors’ during their tour of Japan and the Far East. So he’s the only one qualified to call Pavarotti a “Booze-Bag”. He’s got a ritual that if you leave an extra glass on the corner of your table he’ll visit the dining room for a taste of wine. Which means at the end of a busy night he’s plowed, happy, and cavorting with everybody in the dining room, which is part of his charm.

I’ve known Sergio for 27 years. My brother, the wine snob, and I happened to stumble into his restaurant by chance. We also happened to be his third and forth customers. It was his first night in business and he was badly in the weeds and really busy but still came out to the table to see if everything was satisfactory. We told him we liked his place and thought his line was really terrific! A 10’ eight burner Blodgett with Vulcan broilers on each side. It’s the equivalent of a Dragster set-up for a kitchen. You light them up and burn. Few could handle this one-man line alone. He invited us into the kitchen and he got hit again with the next dinner rush. Next thing we know, I’m slicing up mushrooms and plating pasta and brother Bruce is on a broiler and calling out orders for the next 2 hours. We love this stuff. We helped Sergio close, and proceeded to get very drunk together till 5AM. From that day forward, we love him like a brother. Good people we now consider family.

Sergio has always cooked with fine wine and it kills me. He uses specific expensive Italians reds and dumps it in the sauce. Brollios and Reserve Chianti’s are all sacrificed for friends and family. “Why should the tongue get all the fun, eh?”. I once saw him dump an ‘86 Pommard into a pot with two number 10 cans of crushed tomatoes.

The earth wept but the gravy was magnificent.

I decided to send Sergio a small variety Virginia wine so that he may create a few “original” recipes that Virginia could be proud of. Four Virginia red wines were selected and I rounded up two bottles of each. Realizing I’d be sending them to Sergio, I added two more bottles of each.

He “samples” you see... Before any winery wants to rail on me for not including them. Hey, feel free to ship as much wine to Sergio as you want. I

chose these after many tastings and consulting many Virginia wine aficionados, (growing up we called them “winos”) and looking at past year’s competition results and drinking many. I went by nose, complexity and uniqueness

I specifically wanted to use the Norton grape and a high-end blend or two. Norton, in my opinion, is really the true grape of Virginia. Thomas Jefferson brought some Norton over the Paris in the 18th century, proud to show the French that we (the United States) had some grapes of our own. We’ll no one knows for sure but I understand the French did what my brother did and snickered and didn’t even cook with it let alone drink it.

Of Norton’s heritage, other wine makers will argue, particularly those that don’t produce any. Cab Francs or any other blends just would not accomplish what I set out to do here.



Setting up Sergio to Cook with Virginia Wine

Sergio’s communication skills are as unique as his culinary. Think Ron Wood of the Rolling Stones with a thick Italian accent all coming at you like a Starbucks junkie. Each sentence is a blur of run-on syllables and words with a pronounced “Man?” at the end of every tirade. Needless to say for the 27 years I’ve know him I’ve understood probably 10 minutes worth of conversation. It’s probably why we get along so well.

I shipped 16 bottles. 4 each. Emptying my cellar of all that I had.

I sent out Veramar 2002 Norton Reserve, Rappahannock Cellars 2002 Norton, Chrysalis Vineyard 2002 Estate Norton, and Pearmund Estate Reserve Ameritage.

Sergio called about a week later and says, “Got em!

They look good, man?”

I say “Ok, don’t touch them until I get there.” I knew he’d hit a bottle or two, which is exactly why I shipped extras.

Two days before we head to San Francisco to work with him on his line, he calls again.

This is our exchange:

“Brian! We need more wine man?”

“Sergio, You got case out there!”

“Is gone! Is gone, man?”

“You cook with it?” I asked.

“No, yea, a little... I sample man?” Sergio says calmly

“All of it?” I ask amazed. “It’s been only a week.”

“I got 2 Norton and 2 bottles of Ameritage” Which he pronounced “Ameri TANG”

“That’s it? What about the other Nortons?” I asked

“All gone. Is good, is good this Norton!”.

This was the first time I actually heard him call the Norton grape by name: “Norton!” It came out like Ralph Cramdon leaning out his window screaming for his buddy.

“You bring more Norton, we cook man?”

I just got get there before he kills my two last reserve AmeriTANGs”

Cooking with Virginia Wine & Sergio

“Open a bottle of that Norton man?”” Sergio says, again with the Ralph Cramdon inflection.

I did as I was asked, handed Sergio the bottle, he stirred the Norton into a mixture of porcini mushrooms and shallots with cream. This should be beautiful I thought.

He then poured himself _ of Ice tea glass and took a gulp.

“Hey were cooking here!” I yelled.

“Is good! Like a aged Barbera”

He pushes the handle of the hot sauté pan over to my, I grab it without thinking and immediately dropped the red-hot handled pan on the stove. “ Is Heavy no?” Sergio says in a mild tribute to my Dad who would always, say and do the same thing. For 40 years I’d always answer the same question with the same answer “No, it’s hot!”.

Conditioned response like a Pavlov dog.

“Your Dad, he do this better than me man?” Sergio says looking down, stirring his sauce.

He smiles at me and pours me a glass of the Norton. We toast my late father realizing we’d not seen each other since his funeral.

He goes in the back room and comes back with a bus-boy bucket full of fresh produce, herbs and meats. “We cook

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THE ART OF PICTURE FRAMING, PART TWO

THE ART OF ART

TOM NEEL

So, last month we covered some good reasons to frame and touched on visiting a framer. This month, I want to go a step further with the art of framing and even take you on a visit with a very special framer available to you in Middleburg area.

Framing, like many other services, offers a wide range of options. You can spend little to frame a photo or thousands if you wish. Moldings, that is the frame itself, can often account for the most expensive part of your framing cost. Most framers rely on several lines of molding styles by molding companies that you see in the way of samples on the wall. Ask about pricing in this area because there are often less expensive alternatives that may be less per foot while offering a similar look, but again don't go cheap if your budget will allow more. The molding can really make or break the final results. You can also frame things inexpensively or invest in conservation framing which protects through acid free matting, which will not turn your fine print yellow by leaching acid into it. These conservation techniques also offer optional materials such as special UV protecting glass which will protect your item from fading. You do pay for what you get and it makes sense to consider the value of what you are framing, both today and what it may be worth in the future.

A few examples of this might be a signed limited edition print having more importance than a cheap poster or a snap shot. Interestingly enough though, I have seen examples such as diplomas, where the budget was next to nothing and was thinking, they just spent at least 4 years and thousands dollars to get a document proving they have the education and now they aren't smart enough to invest more

in its framing than the cost of about 3 of the 5,000 pizzas they ate during the process! So, think of framing as one part pretty and one part protection. If really means something to you and that means you plan on having it around for awhile, invest in good materials. Also, if the item is really important, but your budget will not allow for proper framing now, waiting might be best. These are good topics to discuss on a case by case basis with your framer.



When looking for a framer you may find they come in a variety of flavors! Some just frame, some sell prints or art and gifts. Some have art galleries, but framing is a art related service of that gallery. I would say most of these framers specialize in general framing. By this I mean the frame mostly prints, photos, diplomas and such. Often their services include shadow box framing for things such as memorabilia or a child's dress and then other services such as repair and some original paintings as well.

Just a few examples of this range in and around Middleburg would be Potomac Gallery in Leesburg, who while offering prints, original paintings, and even some gifts and collectables, have made framing their specialty for many years. In the town of Middleburg you have an interesting example of fram-

ing range. Joan of Art, whose founder Regina Hilleary, operates a satellite location to their shop in Marshall where her brother Jim and his wife Susan do the framing. Their services provide customers all the techniques mentioned above at reasonable prices.

To the other end of the scale we have Waller Framing whose owner, Bill Waller, can only be described as absolutely passionate about the art of framing. Bill, who travels the world in the interest of his craft, has been framing in the Washington D.C. area for some forty years, studied and worked at the Corcoran Gallery and the Phillips collection before continually migrating more and more west to his now fourteen years in Middleburg. The store there is really just a showroom and is packed with the many samples Bill offers.

As mentioned, when you frame, you should give thought to that which you are framing and thus to your budget based on the piece. While Bill still frames a bit of everything for his clients, without question his specialty is framing original art. His shop in Hume, is more the type of place you would find on a back street in Florence than in Virginia. Every piece of space is occupied by saws, drying racks, benches and a like, leaving only narrow areas to walk much like the streets of that great Tuscan city. During my visit, blues filled the air, not Bocelli. Bill and his Argentinean assistant Coto, work surrounded by hand carved frames, some from the sixty five artisans Bill works with around the world, but others made by them. Coto is applying gold leaf to a frame

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MARCH BANK

THE PLANT LADY

KAREN REXRODE

There is a March bank in the garden of Winterthur in Delaware, I have never been there in March to see it, but am certain it's glorious. I'm told that their March bank is a shady knoll where in all manner of March flowering things bloom. Many are small bulbs, primarily Crocus tommasianus, snowdrops, Iris reticulata and striped squill or pushkinia. A number of early flowering perennials probably grow there as well. This past spring I set out to create my own March bank, an ongoing process, as are all gardens. Not



My March bank is barely a slope and approximately nine feet long and six feet wide. This past March, I moved and plunked perennials as they came into flower. I lost nary a one, it's the perfect time to move and re-establish perennials. I even managed to move some bulbs, relocating snowdrops, dropping them betwixt and between. The rest of the bulbs need to be purchased now and the size of your March bank will determine how many bulbs to order. As many as fifteen bulbs can be planted per square foot, naturally the smaller the bulb, the more required. Bulbs will grow right through existing perennials and I often recommend that treatment, but the perennials in this planting will be trying to put on their own show, a bit sloppy if allowed to run all over each other. The

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SO COOK WITH IT THEN...

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now!" he says "You write ingredients, we be done by five, I open."

"You keep drinking you ain't going to see 5PM." I tell him.

"Is good, is good man? Virginia huh ? Norton ! I like the name. Rolls off my tongue man?"

I didn't have the heart to tell him what was rolling off his tongue was about a Virginia as gnocchi.

From the man himself. Here are Sergio Gusti's wares:

Northern Italian Stilton Stuffed Filet with Norton Reduction Sauce

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| 4 | Beef Tenderloin Filets |
| 12 oz | Stilton cheese, crumbled |
| 12 | Shitake mushrooms thinly sliced |
| 1/2 cup | Clarified butter, melted |
| 1.2 cup | Red wine |
| 6 | Shallots, diced |
| 2 cups | Veal (or beef) stock |
| 2 tbs | Sweet butter, cut in small pieces |
| | Salt (to taste) |

Norton Reduction Wine Sauce: In a small saucepan place the red wine and the shallots.

Cook them on medium high for 4 to 6 minutes, or until the liquid is reduced to 3 tablespoons. Add the veal stock and cook the sauce for 15 minutes, or until it is reduced by 1/4. While whisking constantly, add the pieces of butter one at a time. Stir salt in.

In the side of each filet mignon make a slit 2" long. Do not butterfly! Insert a paring knife through the slit and cut out a "pocket" inside the filet. Stuff the filets with alternating layers of the cheese and the mushrooms. Finish the top layer with the mushrooms. Press the slit together so that it closes. Secure with a toothpick if necessary

In a large skillet place the butter and heat it on medium

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PASTIMES

SO COOK WITH IT THEN...

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Well said Sergio.

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| 6 | Chicken Thighs or Breasts, Large (3 lbs) -- boned, skin removed |
| 2tbs | Olive oil |
| 1/4 lb | Fresh Shiitake Mushrooms, sliced |
| 1/4 lb | Fresh Cremini Mushrooms, sliced |
| 1 cup | Yellow Onion, sliced |
| 3 tbs | Garlic, crushed |
| 3 med | Red Bell Peppers, sliced |
| 1/2 cup | Baby Carrots |
| 1/4 cup | Celery, thinly sliced |
| 2 cup | Norton Red Wine |
| 2 cups | Ripe Tomatoes, diced |
| 1tbs | Fresh Thyme, chopped |
| 1tbs | Fresh Sage, chopped |
| 4 cups | Chicken Stock |
| 6 drops | Balsamic Vinegar (Optional) |
| 1/4 cup | Parsley (Preferably Flat Leaf), finely chopped |
| 1/2 lb | Orecchiette (or Other Shaped Dry Pasta) |
| 1/4 cup | Fresh Basil, chopped |
| 1/4 cup | Sun-Dried Tomatoes In Oil, drained, finely chopped |

Asiago Or Parmesan Cheese, freshly shaved
Salt And Freshly Ground Black Pepper- to taste
Season chicken with salt and pepper. In a large, heavy-bottomed saucepan, heat 2 tablespoons oil and quickly brown chicken over high heat. Remove and set aside. Add mushrooms, onion, garlic, carrots, celery, bell peppers and sauté until very lightly browned.
Return chicken to pan and add wine, tomatoes, thyme, sage, and the stock and bring to a simmer. Cover and simmer until chicken is tender, 25 to 30 minutes. Remove chicken, set aside. Strain braising liquid reserving vegetables and return liquid to pot. Bring to a boil and cook over high heat for 8 - 10 minutes to reduce and thicken lightly. This also concentrates the flavors. Taste and adjust seasoning with salt, pepper and drops of balsamic vinegar if using. Add reserve meat and vegetables and heat through. Stir in parsley and keep warm.
Cook pasta until just tender, drain and toss with chopped basil and sun-dried tomatoes. Place pasta in center of warm, large flat pasta bowl and ladle braised chicken with sauce around garnish with basil springs and shaved cheese

Mustard Peppered Wild Salmon with Ameritage Reduction

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| 2 | Zucchini, large or 4 small |
| 4 | Wild Salmon, fresh fillets (5-ounce) |
| 1 tbs | Pepper, freshly ground |
| 1 tbs | Mustard seeds |
| 2 tsp | Oregano leaves, fresh, chopped |
| 2 tsp | Olive Oil, extra-virgin |
| 1/2 cup | Virginia Ameritage (or an Meritage) red wine |
| 6 | Basil leaves, large fresh, chopped |

Slice zucchini, coat lightly with olive oil and grill until they are medium cooked through. Set aside.
Remove the skin and bones from the salmon. Combine the pepper, mustard seeds, and oregano and press onto the salmon tops to coat. Heat the oil in a nonstick pan and cook the salmon for 1 to 2 minutes on each side. Transfer to a baking dish and keep warm in a very low oven.
Pour the red wine into the pan and cook until the wine reduces and thickens. Return the zucchini strips to a separate saucepan with a little water or stock and the basil and reheat. Serve the salmon over the zucchini and spoon over the red wine sauce.

Norton Wine Vinaigrette

Pour over any and all greens you may have also use it to marinate or coat chicken or meat.

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| 1/2 bottle | Norton red wine |
| 2 tbs | Dijon mustard |
| 1/2 cup | olive oil Virgin |
| 1/4 cup | red wine vinegar |
| 1tps | Oregano, dried |
| 1tps | parsley, dried |

In a saucepan, reduce Norton until it reaches a syrup consistency. In a food processor, place reduced red wine and Dijon mustard. With motor running, slowly add olive oil, vinegar and herbs until emulsified. Season to taste with salt and pepper.
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PASTIMES

TIGER, TIGER, BURNING BRIGHT

SEVENTH INNING STRETCH

ALEX CUDABACK

The verdict is officially in; if there ever was a “slump,” it is over.

For those who said the two years of swing-doctoring and -tinkering were akin to updating the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel with a nice coat of flat, eggshell white? Don’t give up your day jobs.

Memo to Phil, Sergio, Retief and all the other guys who were closing in on the smell of blood in the water: beat it.

The Golfinator, aka Eldrick Woods, aka Tiger, is back, and he is badder than ever.

It took Tiger all of one hole to separate himself from Luke Donald, with whom he began the day tied, in Sunday’s final round of the PGA Championship. It took him all of five

holes to stretch that distance to three strokes.

You had to feel bad for Donald, a young Brit who played golf for Northwestern and still has a home in Chicago. He was as close to a local-kid-made-good as there was playing at Medinah this weekend; calls of “Luuuuuuuuke!” chased his drives down the fairways and galleries followed him around the course for the better part of Saturday and Sunday. His smile came easy on the first tee as he and Tiger prepared to go at it, and each other, for the next 18 holes. The sky was blue, the birds were chirping and he had a share of the lead for the last Major of the year.

Donald was a dead man walking and he didn’t even know it.

By the time the ninth hole was done the distance between the two had blossomed to five strokes. Between

one and nine, Tiger made four birdies and five pars; Donald made eight pars and one bogie. Every time Donald made a good shot, Tiger made a better one. Every time Donald made a mistake, Tiger didn’t. Donald’s first bogie in 40 holes at Medinah took place on the fourth hole Sunday, and you’d be nuts to think having Tiger playing next to him had nothing to do with it.

At the sixth hole, both Tiger and Donald were looking at near identical 40-foot putts. Donald, playing away, watched the ball race off his putter, dead-eyed at the hole until, at literally the last moment, the golf gods seemed to reach down and flick the ball minutely off-course, just enough for it roll tantalizingly around the edge of the cup before coming to rest, mockingly, mere centimeters away. After letting Donald tap in for par, Tiger stepped up and calmly drained his own

40-footer for birdie.

Two holes later, again with near identical, long-distance birdie-putts, Tiger managed to tear out yet another chunk of Donald’s heart in eerily similar fashion.

Some people will point out that Tiger doesn’t blow the rest of the competition out of the water like he used to, a point nobody in their right mind would dispute. What those people don’t seem to realize, though, or what they simply refuse to accept, is that this is a situation of Tiger’s own creation. By so routinely demolishing the rest of the competition at such an early age, Tiger forced the rest of the PGA to raise its own collective level. Would Phil have really elevated his game to where he has if Tiger weren’t so regu-

larly making him look like nothing more than the Pillsbury doughboy wearing a BearingPoint cap?

On Saturday, there were 22 players within two strokes of the lead. One Sunday, it was one, and that for only the most fleeting moment.

Tiger is back and, in many ways, he’s even scarier than he was before. He doesn’t smile as much; he seems more reserved.

Sure, the old fist pump will make an appearance every once in a while, but for the most part Tiger just focuses on the task at hand, namely tearing out your heart and crushing your soul beneath his pristine black Nikes.

Lord help you if you see that familiar red shirt marching your way come Sunday.

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LOUDOUN SYMPHONY RECEIVES MAJOR SUPPORT FROM THE SHEILA C. JOHNSON FOUNDATION

Loudoun Symphony announces the receipt of a \$40,000 grant from the Sheila C. Johnson Foundation in support of its upcoming 2006-2007 concert season. “The Loudoun Symphony, offers not only classical music concerts, but it also touches lives at all different levels in our community through educational and outreach programs. It is a perfect match for the Sheila C. Johnson Foundation’s interest in supporting organizations that provide these kinds of arts experiences,” says Loudoun Symphony Executive Director Esperanza Alzona. “The Sheila C. Johnson Foundation’s generous grant of \$40,000 for the Loudoun Symphony’s 2006-2007 season will help offset the artist fees and other expenses associated with presenting Loudoun Symphony performances and programs throughout the year.”

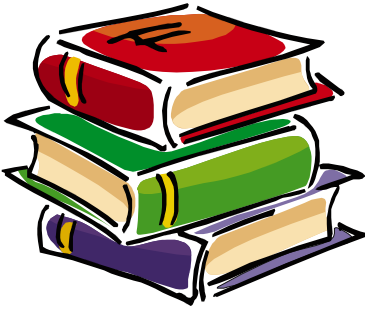
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Under the baton of Maestro Mark Allen McCoy, Loudoun Symphony will present a spectacular sixteenth full concert season, opening in October with Inspiration and internationally renowned pianist Brian Ganz for Rachmaninoff’s Piano Concerto No. 2, along with Mozart’s Overture to The Marriage of Figaro and Dvorak’s Symphony No. 5 in F Major. Polar Express in December will take audiences through a winter wonderland of popular and traditional holiday favorites, and will feature soprano Marliisa Eaton. In March 2007, together with a chorus of select young singers from Loudoun County Public Schools and special guest soloists, the orchestra will present Haydn’s monumental work, The Creation. Loudoun Symphony will close its season with American Fanfare in May 2007 showcasing the dazzling music of Bernstein, Copland, Ives and Gershwin.

In addition to the subscription concerts, Loudoun Symphony will present its annual free admission Family Concert featuring Grammy-award winning folk artist John McCutcheon on February 17, 2007, in-school concert programs during March “Music in our Schools Month”, and an instrument “petting zoo” in April, as part of ongoing educational outreach efforts. As a key component of its commitment to educational and performing opportunities, the Loudoun Symphony Youth Orchestra, also under the direction of Maestro McCoy, continues to increase in size, ability and artistry.

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BACK TO THE BOOKS!

EXPLORING BOOKS

PAT DALY

Autumn is in the air and those of us looking for a way to relax after the frenzy of getting the kids back to school will be delighted with the books coming in September. At the top of our list is Dick Francis’ new book, Under Orders (pub.date 09/26/06). Mr. Francis will be in Middleburg for an author signing at The Sporting Library on October 5th at 7:00 p.m. Please call Books & Crannies at (540) 687-6677 to pre-order your copies. The story features the author’s most popular and beloved former champion jockey turned super-sleuth, Sid Halley, who, just moments before discovering the third murdered jockey in a single day, is called upon by Lord Enstone to make discreet inquiries into why his horses appear to be on a permanent losing streak. Are races being fixed? Are bookies taking a cut? Halley’s quest for answers will draw him even deeper into the darker side of the racing game.

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MARCH BANK

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rennialize and spread. Growing and thriving with available sunlight, it will be weeks before trees put out enough new leaves to obliterate the light. Winter aconite’s flowers are bright yellow, they brighten up the March bank and nestle nicely with other bulbs.

Few perennials flower as early as March. If you are actively seeking a few to include, I can vouch for pulmonaria, certain primula and most helleborus. The primrose to include is Primula ssp. sibthorpii. The flower is often described as a muddy purple. Mine is from Heronswood Nursery, now closed. Their catalog named Camellia Forest Nursery of North Carolina as the original source. Having owned this particular primrose from many sources, I can say that the color is far superior, far more purple and very early to come into flower. Heat tolerant, this is a particularly fine perennial primrose. Pulmonarias are also known as lungwort. Flowers are

usually blue but can be white or pink. Shade, or at least a half day of shade, is best. Removal of flowers and foliage in late spring is the sum total of maintenance. Helleborus rarely need introduction, their popularity has been aided by deer resistance and tolerance of shade and sun. The flowers arrive in late winter and last for months. Slow to mature but worth the investment in both time and money. I have counted 60 flowers on one plant. This year I was happily surprised with Trillium sessile, a native wildflower that comes into flower in late March. Red to maroon flowers, I moved it with so many others from the plant farm.

Six months from now the March bank will begin to emerge. Just as I look at my September garden I realize it’s full of things I put in 6 months prior. The hardy cyclamen, fall flowering crocus, the bulbs of the garden. It’s time to take action for March, time to get planting.

THE ART OF PICTURE FRAMING

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he has just hand finished while Bill, at his bench draped in warm light from a window, reminds me of a leather worker I once met in Florence, as he went about his day.

In the grand scheme of things, Waller as a framer is all about the frame itself and his personal knowledge of art. Where most frame shops are selling molding between \$8 and \$20 a foot, Waller offers his clients beautifully carved and hand finishing moldings, some replicating great frames you have only seen in museums, which can easily hit \$600 a foot. Frames in the several thousand range are easily possible. This of course,

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THINGS TO DO

A LABOR DAY TRADITION

The 107th celebration of the Warrenton Horse Show will take place August 31-September 3. Drawing many local and out of state exhibitors, this show remains to be a popular event over the Labor Day weekend.

Some exciting features of the show include, Hunter classes, Ladies Side Saddle, Leadline, Walk-Trot and the famous "Jack Russell Terrier races". Saturday night will host the terrier races, and the \$5,000 Hunter Classic. Saturday features the Thoroughbred and Non-Thoroughbred Hunter Breeding and The USEF National Breeding Championship, for yearlings, two year olds, and three year olds. Sunday will host the "Hunt Night" classes.

This years Show will benefit Head Start & Bright Stars, The Fauquier SPCA, The Make-A-Wish Foundation, and The Fauquier Coun-

ty Fire and Rescue Association. The show begins at 8:00 a.m. each day, with evening classes on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Admission is \$5 per person, which can be purchased at the gate, and children 12 and under are free. There will be food available, as well as other gift concessions and tack shops.

MIDDLEBURG LIBRARY

Tuesday September 5, 2006 7 pm
Debbie Dillion, Loudoun County Master Gardener

So you want to be a Master Gardener?

Learn about the master gardener program in Loudoun County and the requirements for becoming a VA Cooperative Extension Master Gardener Volunteer.

Saturday September 9, 2006 2pm
Mi Casa es Su Casa

Join us for a musical trip around the countries of Central and South America with Dinorock. Fun for all ages with great puppets!

Monday September 11, 2006 7pm
Middleburg Book Discussion group

Theme: The Outsider
The History of Love by Nicole Krauss

Friday September 15, 2006 2pm
Art in the Afternoon series
Jeffrey Allison, Virginia Museum of Fine Arts

Paris in the 1890s: The World of Toulouse-Lautrec

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Toulouse-Lautrec's had a great love of horses, his earliest drawings were of horses owned by his family and several of his last works featured Equine imagery.

Saturday September 23, 2006 2pm
Natural Attractions series
Craig Tufts, National Wildlife Federation

Buggy about Beetles in your Backyard

Join National Wildlife Federation Chief Naturalist Craig Tufts for a fun program and learn about some of the coolest six legged critters that live in our yards and gardens, from the tiniest flower inhabitants to bigger, brilliant, metallic, glossy, glowing, squeaking and clicking beetles.

COMMUNITY CENTER

COMMUNITY CENTER TO HOST SENIOR DINNER: The Middleburg Community Center will host a Senior Dinner on Thursday, Sept. 14. For information, call (540) 687-6373.

FATHER-DAUGHTER DANCE SLATED FOR COMMUNITY CENTER: The Middleburg Community Center will host a father-daughter dance on Friday, Sept. 15 from 7 to 9 p.m.

The cost is \$15, and registration is required. For information, call (540) 687-6375.

NATIONAL SPORTING LIBRARY

The National Sporting Library will host a lecture and book signing for Jan Neuharth, of Middleburg, Va., to celebrate her new mystery novel, The Chase, at 7 PM on Thursday, Sept. 14. Described as capturing "the colorful lifestyle of the old-money, tweedy, horsey set in a thrilling, non-stop journey filled with revenge, greed, loyalty, and love," The Chase (Paper Chase Farm Publishing Group, 2006) is Neuharth's second book. Her debut novel, The Hunt, was a Benjamin Franklin Award finalist and was nominated for a Library of Virginia Literary Award.

Neuharth, a lawyer, ran the equestrian center Paper Chase Farm with her husband, Joseph Keusch, for 15 years.

The Chase will be available for purchase at the signing. The event is free and open to the public, but reservations are encouraged by calling 540-687-6542, ext. 12.

The National Sporting Library, 102 The Plains Rd., is located at the corner of The Plains Rd. and Route 50 in Middleburg, Va. Visit our website at www.nsl.org for directions and to view other upcoming events this fall.

GREAT COUNTRY FARMS TWILIGHT TOUR

Reservations are now being accepted for the Great Country Farms Twilight Tour, to be held on Thursday, Sept. 14 at 5 p.m.

The Twilight Tours are sponsored by the Forum for Rural Innovation, a cooperative education effort by the offices of Cooperative Extension and Agricultural Economic Development in Loudoun, Fauquier and surrounding counties in Virginia and West Virginia.

This is the final Twilight Tour of the season.

The \$20 fee includes the tour and dinner featuring locally produced foods. Pre-registration is required.

For information, call (703) 777-0426 or see the Web site at www.Loudoun-Farms.net.

FOX CHASE HORSE SHOW SERIES

The AMTCH Fox Chase Horse Show Series continues on Saturday, Aug. 26 at Foxchase Farm in Middleburg. Admission is free to the public.

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For information, contact Lisa Rose at (703) 777-0113, or see the Web site at www.loudoun.gov/pio/volunteer.htm.

JUNIOR FLOWER-ARRANGING WORKSHOP

The Piedmont Garden Club will feature a junior flower workshop on Saturday, Sept. 16 from 10 a.m. to noon at The Hill School's Dornin Science Barn.

Guest speakers will explain the various styles, demonstrate the mechanics and discuss the preparation of plant materials, but the main emphasis will be on letting participants experiment and create.

Registration is requested by Sept. 7. To register, contact Lynn Wiley by calling (540) 253-5299 or by e-mail at lwiley@infonline.net.

Loudoun Wildlife Conservancy

Saturday, September 2, 9:30 a.m. to noon. Registration Required. Join Dr. Stan Shetler, Curator of Botany Emeritus at the Smithsonian's Museum of Natural History, and the Loudoun Wildlife Conservancy on a general, natural history walk (about three miles long) at this beautiful 900-acre preserve in northwestern Loudoun County. We should see butterflies using the late summer wildflowers as well as early migrating birds. The Blue Ridge Center for Environmental Stewardship is located on Harpers Ferry Road, Rt. 671, a few miles south of Harpers Ferry and the confluence of the Potomac and Shenandoah rivers. Meet at the Neersville Volunteer Fire Station on Rt. 671 at 8:30 a.m. To register or get more information contact Joe Coleman at 540-554-2542 or jcoleman@loudounwildlife.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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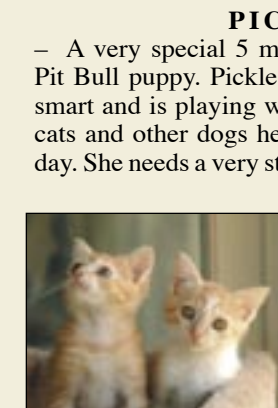
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ROSE BUD BABIES —A gorgeous group of kittens. these little kids are Himalayan cross and will have medium hair coats.

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

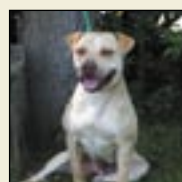


other puppies. They will grow to be quite large- very healthy and absolutely puppies. **ALEXIS** — This is one nice dog. Alexis came to us with her pups- they are now old enough to be adopted and Alexis is now looking for a home too! She is VERY well mannered, house-trained, loves other dogs, cats and 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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Middleburg looked a little like Paris recently. And I don't mean Paris, Virginia. And I definitely don't mean the Hilton woman. On a sunny early August afternoon, a lot of dogs thought they might have crossed the pond even though they were just on Madison Street. Why? Dog Day in August was back.

Dog Day is an afternoon devoted entirely to all things canine. This year's event drew an even larger crowd than last, with more people and pets strolling Madison and neighboring streets. The tireless efforts and incredible generosity of many people and organizations made the afternoon possible. But the people who came — many with their exceptionally well-mannered dogs — made the day a success. The good news is that the event spanned more than just Madison Street. For visitors unfamiliar with our great community, the surprise was how dog-friendly Middleburg is as a whole.

I have to say that I felt very proud to see people welcomed into so many shops with their dogs. It made my furry little chest stick out with pride when I heard about dogs sharing outdoor restaurant tables with their families. Let's be honest — that kind of scene doesn't happen much on the east coast and not enough on the west. That kind of canine adoration is the stuff of Parisian fairy tales. And yet here I am, living in one of the dog-friendliest towns I can imagine ... and it's in Virginia!

Some of the Dog Day visitors wondered if the warm canine embrace was just a one-day phenomenon. My people had to explain that this attitude is the norm 365 days a year. A lot of people are already planning their next excursion into Middleburg with furry friends by their sides. For them, it was a first visit that will turn into a routine trip to a town they greatly enjoy.

Thank you to all of the shops and restaurants who welcome us on a daily basis. I completely understand that some places simply cannot accommodate us. It would be very unrealistic to expect everywhere in Middleburg to be dog-friendly! But there sure are a lot of places Middleburg dogs can go. How lucky we are!

How fortunate we are also to live in a town so willing to host a little event that changes the lives of some furry souls, raises charitable contributions, and teaches people a lot about ensuring the health and well-being of dogs. How fortunate we are to be surrounded by willing volunteers, generous companies and kind hearts.

Who says Paris is the most romantic city in the world? I'm in love with Middleburg!

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

BLACK BEAR STRUCK BY TRUCK ON ROUTE 9

At approximately 7:00AM August 9, Loudoun County Animal Control Officers responded to a report that a black bear had been struck by a pickup truck on Rt. 9 close to the West Virginia border. After being hit, the bear was seen entering the nearby woods and appeared to be suffering from injuries sustained in the accident.

Animal Control Officer Donald Longerbeam arrived on the scene and located the bear in a creek bed approximately 50 yards from the accident scene. Due to the severity of his injuries, the bear was humanely euthanized by Loudoun County Sheriff Deputy Charles Gravette, who had also responded to the call.

With additional assistance from Animal Control Officer Virginia Girolami and Loudoun County Fire Company 16 of Neersville, the bear was removed from the scene and transported to the Loudoun County Animal Shelter. Officials from Banshee Reeks Nature Reserve in Leesburg picked up the bear for testing and educational purposes. The male black bear was estimated to be approximately 15 years old and to weigh around 450 pounds.

"This was one of the biggest bears that we have seen," remarked Animal Control Officer Girolami. Animal Control Officer Longerbeam added, "This was a great example of Loudoun County's public safety agencies — from Animal Control to the Sheriff's Department to Fire and Rescue — working together to protect the public while also ensuring proper and humane treatment for the animal."

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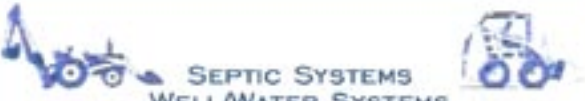


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Great location, east of Middleburg. Well-built brick home, high ceilings, detailed molding, 3 bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths, large kitchen, sunroom, 2-car garage, 7.57 open, level acres. 3-stall barn with tack room, large tractor shed, fenced and cross fenced.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



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.



37643 John Mosby Highway

Middleburg, Virginia

Small cottage in easy commuting location, east of Middleburg. House recently painted. 2 bedrooms and 1 bath. \$299,900.

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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. \$935,000.



Hunton Wood

Broad Run, Virginia

All brick one level home in a quiet neighborhood between Warrenton and The Plains on hard surface road. Lot backs up to wooded common area—towering trees and mature gardens. 4 bedrooms with additional unfinished space from the walkout basement and stairs are in place to finish the upstairs as well. Large wooden deck and screened-in porch accessed by the kitchen and family room. \$725,000.

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—LOCUST GROVE—



250 acre farm • Beautiful stone main residence
• Charming log guest cabin w/sitting room,
kitchen & 1 bedroom • Sep. office/studio • Barn
w/run-in area • Sep. apartment over the garage
• All in pristine condition \$4,750,000

—MARKHAM WILLOWS—



223 acre farm • Exquisite views from 180 degrees • 4
BR stucco home • Wrap-around porch • Screened
porch • Gourmet kitchen • 10' ceilings • Finished base-
ment • 2 ponds • 3 BR tenant house • 150 acres of open
pasture • Large barn and much more \$4,475,000

—SHELBURNE GLEBE—



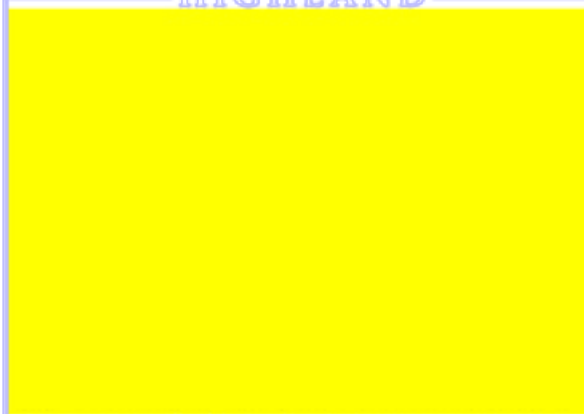
Extraordinary property of 190+ acres • Lush
woodlands, verdant pastures, & 3 strong streams
• Spring fed pond with dock • 4 BR Cape with
wrap-around porch • Gazebo • 8 stall barn • Board
fenced paddocks • Pecan orchard \$3,199,000

—LAUGHING DOG FARM—



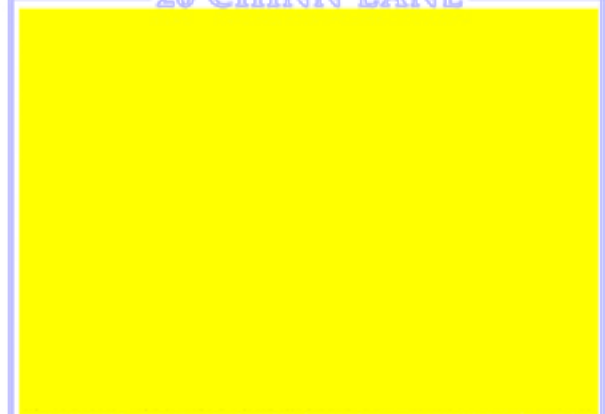
Near Delaplane • Excellent views all on 52+ acres
• Lovely 3BR, 3.5BA Brick home • High ceilings
• Gourmet kitchen • Granite countertops • 2 car garage
• Swimming pool • Board fencing • 4 stall barn • 2 sheds
• Old log cabin \$2,450,000

—HIGHLAND—



8.5 ac. equestrian lot • 6000+ sf • New construction
• Formal DR • Sweeping staircase in front hall • Full
basement • Sony Media Center • Romanesque Bath
• Granite kit. & BAs • Pastoral views • Sound system,
internet & cable in every room \$1,349,000

—26 CHINN LANE—



Charming brick Colonial in town • 1st floor Master
Bedroom Suite w/FP • 2 Guest BRs upstairs • Living
room • Formal Dining Room • Open Kitchen with
Breakfast area with FP • Fenced yard with creek • 2 car
garage • Pool & gardens \$1,150,000

—POTTS MILL—



Stunning 3 bedroom home on 6.3 acres • Board fenced
pastures • Gorgeous pool, spa and terrace • Pristine
condition • Fabulous country home boasts spacious
rooms • Two fireplaces • Master suite with fireplace
• Ideal horse property \$979,000

—SEDGEWOOD—



Custom all brick colonial built with highest quality
materials and workmanship • 5+ acs • Gourmet kitchen
• Family room • Formal Living & Dining Rooms • 4
BRs incl. 1st flr. master ste • 3 1/2 BA • Office • Full base-
ment • 1/2 acre Pond • 10 min. to I-66 \$899,000

—LINCOLN—



Renovated 1870 frame Victorian • 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath
• Blend of old and new with quality updates
• Soapstone Counters • Custom Cabinets • Central Air
• Large det. Frame Building • 0.62 acs. provides garden
space w/privacy \$524,900

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