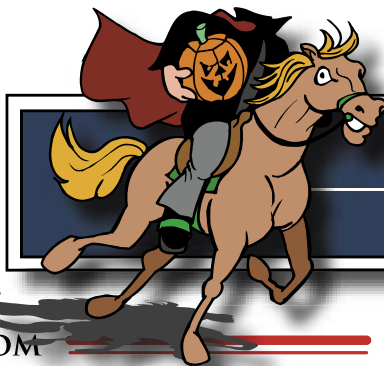




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IF A TREE FALLS ON WASHINGTON STREET ... TREE REMOVAL APPROVED. HYRE RESIGNS. SALAMANDER DEVELOPMENT MOVES FORWARD.

DANIEL MORROW

At its regular monthly meeting on October 12, the Middleburg Town Council conditionally approved a request by Chat Hughey to allow the removal of ten trees to facilitate construction of the "Chinn's Crossing," a mixed-use retail and office development on property across the street from Middleburg Bank, on the north side of Washington Street.

The council did so with regret, and with one member voting in opposition to a motion that would approve removal if, and only if, construction was actually in progress on the site.

According to Town Planner David Benimaino, nine of the ten "Chinn's Crossing" trees were "either in poor shape or insignificant." It was the tenth tree, a large willow oak some 22 inches in diameter, that proved most frustrating to Hughey, his architects, and the town.

The original plan for "Chinn's Crossing" called for its buildings to be set back a significant distance from the front property line: a plan that would have saved the 22-inch oak.

In 2005, however, the town's Historic Review Committee recommended that Hughey's plans be amended, siting building fronts more or less flush with the front property line, to preserve the traditional "look and feel" of Middleburg's "downtown."

Hughey responded positively, and hired well-known historical architect, Richard Wagner, to completely redesign the project.

The Historic Review Committee conditionally

approved the redesign on October 5, 2006, with the proviso that final approval depend upon the town's Streetscape Committee, and ultimately the Town Council itself, to approve removal of the trees.

Four days later, on October 9, the Streetscape Committee asked Hughey to save the 22-inch willow oak, recommending that he provide a fifteen-foot setback "from any clearing or grading on three sides" of the tree.

The designers of "Chinn's Crossing" pointed out that to do so would require at least a twenty-foot set-back from the sidewalk on Washington Street and render worthless the plans he'd drawn, at great expense, at the specific request of the town's own Historic Review Committee.

According to Town Planner Benimaino, it could be reasonably argued that requiring yet another redesign would constitute an "unreasonable burden" as defined in the Town's own zoning ordinances.

The Council agreed, but Council Member Lisa Patterson noted that, in the past, trees had been cut down to accommodate "plans" for development that, in fact, never took place.

After lengthy discussion of other alternatives to save the "Chinn's Crossing" oak, the Council reluctantly approved its "unreasonable burden" removal, with the proviso that it take place if, and only if, actual construction of the "Chinn's Crossing" buildings were underway.

Helen Hyre Resigns

In a letter to the Council Helen Hyre submitted her resignation, effective immediately, sighting personal reasons.

In a flier circulated over Town Clerk Dianne MacMillan's signature, the Town announced that it "

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CLASSIC SCIENTIFIC INQUIRY TAKES ROOT AT JANELIA FARM

BASIC RESEARCH TO THRIVE IN ATMOSPHERE OF
FREEDOM AND COLLABORATION THANKS TO
HOWARD HUGHES, DIRECTOR GERALD RUBIN
AND HHMI TEAM

Howard Hughes died a figure of great brilliance and eccentricity, but his legacy may approach the classic statesmanlike proportions of Alfred Nobel if Dr. Gerald Rubin is successful in his quest to build an idealistic, productive environment for basic research at Howard Hughes Medical Institute's new Loudoun County Janelia Farm campus.

Nobel, the Swedish chemist who invented dynamite, is better known today for the Nobel Prize.

Hughes, who established his medical institute in 1953 for the benefit of humankind, is still more closely associated with his reclusive behavior late in life than with the pioneering aviation, engineering and industrialist profile he earned in his most productive years. When he gave all his stock in Hughes Aircraft Company to HHMI, the IRS accused him of tax evasion. He won that fight, and, because he did, Loudoun County may be the big winner in decades to come.

For decades after World War II, basic research provided the platform for great scientific break-

throughs at labs like AT&T's Bell Labs in New Jersey, Xerox PARC in California, and the Medical Research Council Laboratory of Molecular Biology in Cambridge, England. The structure of DNA, techniques to produce monoclonal antibodies, the transistor, the laser and the UNIX operating system are only a few of the innovations that were born in the non-competitive atmosphere of scientific collegiality created and protected by these organizations.

Radically different from the conservative academic cultures that place individual achievement and applied research above collaboration and interdisciplinary inquiry, laboratories like Bell Labs that provide patient funding and an open, non-competitive environment began to be challenged as science became the venture capitalist's darling and the engine of Wall Street.

Janelia Farm Director Dr. Gerald Rubin intends to create a context for classic scientific collaboration that will lead to the levels of benefit for humankind Howard Hughes imagined, and Dr. Rubin believes that he has been preparing for this assignment all his life.

My Dream Job

When he welcomed the overflow audience of visitors who came to visit the Janelia campus recently for the official opening of the campus on a gray and rainy, blustery day, he described his position as

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NEWS OF NOTE

MIDDLEBURG IS GETTING HOT, HOT, HOT

TOWN WIDE WIFI HOTSPOT

ALEX CUDABACK

Just over a month ago, pleasantly surprised visitors to Market Salamander, Books and Crannies, Mello Out, Maxwell's Pub and Dank's Deli to name a few, as well as many local residents enjoying a sunny afternoon on one of Washington Street's benches discovered that most 21st-century-of-conveniences, wireless broadband connectivity, tickling their laptops.

In fact, in a typically quiet and unassuming manner, Jay Hubbard, founder of local ISP Middleburg Online and Chief Production Editor of this newspaper, is working to make the town of Middleburg a very surprising first in one of the country's fastest growing counties: a hotspot, in and of itself.

"So far, we've got better-than-dent coverage over large portions of Middleburg's business district," says Hubbard, not without just a hint of pride in his voice. "Service will become more ubiquitous over the coming months, as long as it's of benefit to our customers and our community."

Just three years ago, the town of Zamora, in the Castillay Leon region of Spain, was recognized as one of the modern wonders of the world, the first city to bathe its entire metro area in wireless broadband connectivity, proving not only that wireless technology was a viable alternative to more traditional plug-and-play "pipelines" but showcasing the benefits to businesses and individuals alike when visitors and residents could access the world's information, quite literally, anytime, anywhere.

Taking advantage of his knowledge of wireless technology, built over the last four years providing wireless internet access to residential and business subscribers in the Middleburg area, Hubbard began constructing a new, publicly accessible network that would provide access to the Town's,

the Eccentric's and Google's websites free of charge. Scaleable rates, from \$3.95 for an hour, \$9.95 a day, \$19.95 a week, and all the way to \$49.95 for an entire month, grant users unlimited access to the World Wide Web at speeds approximating commercial T1 lines.

A summer visit to the Outer Banks of North Carolina first piqued Hubbard's interest when, on little more than a whim, he flipped open his own personal laptop to see what kind of connectivity he could find if, indeed, any.

"There were a surprising number of providers down there, to be honest," said Hubbard. "There we were, on vacation at the beach of all places, and the Web was literally everywhere. It only made sense to see if we couldn't provide a similar service for our own community when we got home."

Within hours of going hot a little more than a month ago, the new wireless service was being accessed by people who, just like Hubbard, were eager to get online. Driven by little more than word of mouth, curiosity or just the simple need to communicate with the office, over 30 people have taken advantage of the new service in its first 30 days of availability.

"We'll continue to work with local businesses and residents to raise their awareness of the service, over the coming weeks and months," adds Hubbard. "We're hoping that once word gets out, this can really be a viable and beneficial service for everyone in Middleburg, and particularly for all the people who visit, for business and for pleasure. I'd like to provide access-coupons that businesses could give out to their patrons, and we're working to design some sort of 'Wireless Here!' seal that businesses could showcase in their establishments to drive both usage and foot-traffic."

The service is new, as Hubbard is quick to admit, and service doesn't yet quite blanket all of the town's business district.

"People may notice me wandering around town with my laptop out and open over the next few months," Hubbard laughs. "I'll be looking for areas that aren't getting quite the coverage they could or should and working to expand to those areas."

The very fact that wireless broadband connectivity is now publicly available in Middleburg speaks volumes about Hubbard's entrepreneurial spirit, but more than that it speaks to his sense of community.

Middleburg, Virginia, out on the bleeding-edge of 21st century technology and convenience. Who'd've thought it?

"There's no good reason NOT to provide this service," Hubbard says. "Wireless is here to stay and I can't think of a better place to have it than in Middleburg."

SALUTE TO SENATOR JOHN WARNER

60 YEARS OF PUBLIC SERVICE

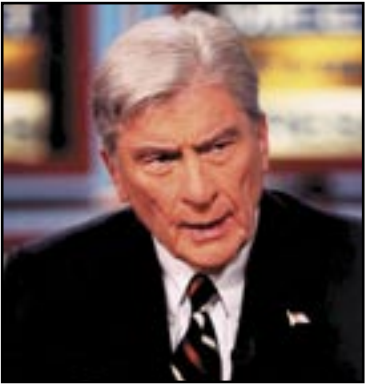
Commander John P. Molière announced that Middleburg American Legion Post 295 will host a "Tribute to Senator John Warner's 60 Years of Public Service" on Saturday, November 18th at 2:30 p.m. at the Middleburg American Legion Hall (111 The Plains Road, Middleburg).

The event is open to the public and is a tribute to Senator John Warner, a member of the Middleburg American Legion Post 295. To commemorate his sixty years of public service, Senator Warner will be the recipient of Letters and Proclamations from the American Legion and from a variety of federal, state and local government agencies.

The American Legion was chartered by Congress in 1919 as a patriotic, mutual help and community service organization. It has a worldwide membership of 2.8 million. "Senator Warner has done a lot for our region and our country over the past 60 years," states Commander Molière. "His service in the U.S. Navy during World War II and in the U.S. Marine Corps during the Korean War is exemplary," Molière adds, "as is his continued service to this country as Secretary of the Navy and as U.S. Senator."

The American Legion in Middleburg, and across the country, has been an integral part of the fabric of America. After WWII, the local Post sponsored a Legion Baseball team, provided scholarships to college students, sponsored an annual Oratorical Contest for high schoolers, and sponsored rising high school seniors to Boys State. The Legion Hall has always been a gathering place for wedding receptions, wedding anniversaries, family reunions and has served as a meeting place for our conservation and preservation groups vital to our area. Somehow with the passing of our WWII vets our service to the community has tailed off, but in the last two years the Legion has made a steady comeback, sponsoring a young lady from Fauquier H.S. in the Oratorical Contest and sponsoring two Notre Dame Academy students to Boys State. We are looking to the community for support and to increase our membership. Senator Warner has graciously agreed to help the American Legion to return to the position of prominence it once held.

Refreshments will be served. There is no admission to the Legion Hall, donations to the American Legion will be graciously accepted. For information contact John Molière at (540) 364-3688 or by e-mail at johnmoliere@aol.com



MIDDLEBURG MUTT STRUT

A WINNER FOR RUNNERS, FAMILIES AND PETS

Middleburg Fitness Club's first annual Mutt Strut 5K Run and 1 Mile Walk will be off to the races November 18, among the scenic landscape of Middleburg and the charming campus of The Hill School. Gurvir Dhindsa, award-winning anchor on Fox 5 news, is the official event host-ess. All profits benefit the Middleburg Humane Foundation.

Dhindsa was happy to accept the invitation to host the event. "When asked to host, how could I say no? In addition to the health benefits, think of all the good things we can do for the Middleburg Humane Foundation. Who could resist those cute, little faces?"

All ages are welcome to participate. The start time for the 1 mile walk is 8:30 a.m. The start time for the 5K run is 9:00 a.m. The start and finish line is in the Club parking lot. Awards will follow the completion of the run. This family event welcomes strollers and leashed dogs for the 1 mile walk. All participants will receive a special gift pack from the Middleburg Fitness Club.

Keith Hutcheson, owner of the Middleburg Fitness Club, shares his enthusiasm. "I see this event as an exciting opportunity to promote wellness, help a good cause and highlight the great town of Middleburg."

The registration fee for walkers and runners is \$20 before November 1 and \$25 after November 1. Those who register prior to November 1 are guaranteed a long-sleeve race t-shirt. To obtain a registration form, visit www.middleburgfitnessclub.com or stop by the Club at 7 West Washington Street in Middleburg. Start looking for registration forms in northern Virginia newspapers in mid-October.

Middleburg Eccentric and Middleburg Life newspapers, BB&T, Saddlery Liquidators, Starbucks, LeHew Drilling, Middleburg Country Inn, The Shaggy Ram, and Country Chevrolet, among others, are sponsoring the event. Cash and pet supply donations will be accepted the day of the race (kitty litter, dry chow, dry dog or cat food only).

For more information about registration or sponsorship opportunities, please contact Middleburg Fitness Club at (540) 687-6007.

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is considering candidates for appointment to vacancies on Town Council and two town Committees. Hyre's place on the council will be filled "from among the qualified voters of the town" by a "majority vote of the remaining members of the Council."

The Town is also seeking town residents for positions on the Board of Zoning Appeals, and any qualified candidate, resident or not, for positions on the Middleburg Historic District Review Committee.

For details, and to apply, contact MacMillan at the Town Offices at 10 West Marshall Street.

Salamander Plan Moves Forward

Over Mark Snyder's opposition, the Council referred the latest iteration of Salamander's Concept Plan for its development of the north side of Middleburg to the Town Planning Commission. The plan encompasses Salamander's proposed Spa and Inn, 49 residential units that can be built on the property "by right," and Salamander's requests for some additional commercial and residential uses, over and above those originally under consideration. Snyder continues to express his distress at the Town's apparent willingness to grant Salamander significant new rights to commercial development with little or no additional compensation to the Town.

For the most current overview of the Salamander plan, see the map on this page.

Though both Salamander Development and the Town Council have pledged to work together closely, the approval process remains lengthy and, possibly, contentious.

According to an overview provided Council by Town Planner and Zoning Administrator, David Beniamino, the next steps, in order, include: 1) a town Planning Commission update and approval of Middleburg's Comprehensive Plan and Small-Area Land-Use Plan; 2) approval of a Special Use Permit for Salamander's "Rural Resort;" 3) a plan review and an offer of recommendations by the town's Historic District Review and Streetscape Committees; 4) approval of a specific "site plan" for the proposed "Rural Resort and Spa;" 5) approval of specific zoning and occupancy permits, which will also allow Salamander to seek building permits from the County; 6) completion of the "proffered" rezoning of the Salamander site for residential and/or commercial use. ("Proffers" are, essentially a developer's "voluntary" agreement to either do things (like build roads, or offer cash to public schools or law enforcement), or not do things (like keeping the property brightly lit all night) that are not strictly required by law, in exchange for rezoning. Council Member Mark Snyder's vote against moving the process along centered on his concern about the appropriateness of Salamander's current "proffers."); 7) final "subdivision" approval for any commercial or residential lots on the property; 8) site plan approval to any commercial lot; and 9) the issuing of zoning and occupancy permits for both residential and commercial construction.

Town Planner Beniamino notes that " . . . Salamander has given [the Town] staff indications of a very aggressive timetable in which to begin to review applications . . ."

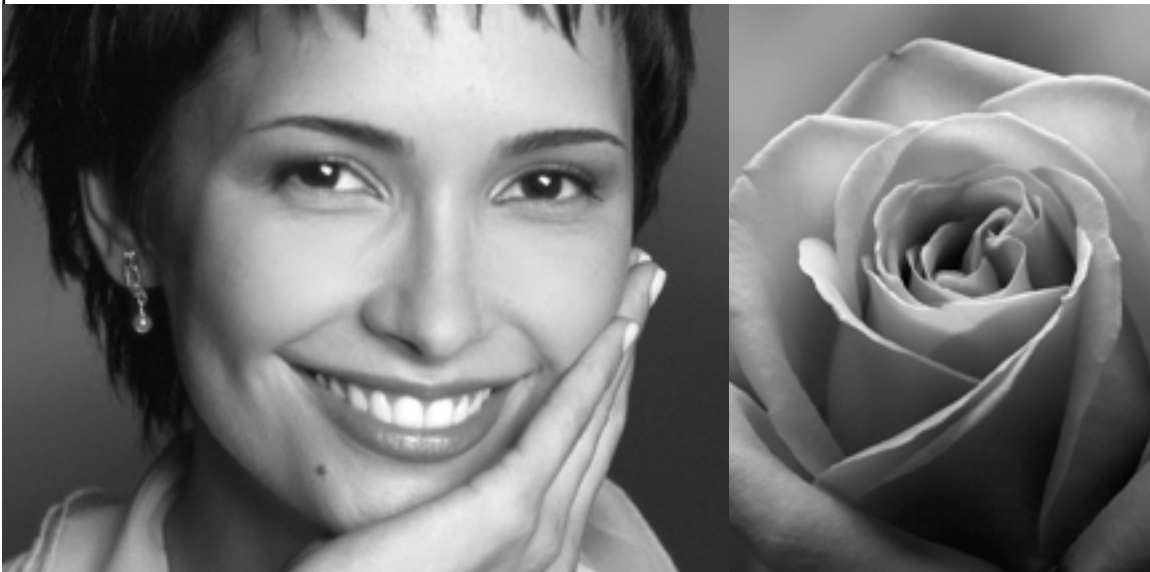
Town Staff Gathers Strength

Acting Town Administrator Claudia Dornin announced that the effort to find a full-time candidate for her job is moving forward, that the deadline for applications had passed, and that the Town's Finance and Personnel Committee would be reviewing applications over the next several weeks.

Dornin, took on the job of Acting Town Administrator in addition to her economic development activities after Council's sudden firing of Town Manager Mike Casey this summer. Staff turnover was one of the issues most often cited in connection with Casey's dismissal.

Dornin's rebuilding program took another step forward with the announcement that Cindy Pearson has joined the town staff as an administrative assistant, effective Monday, October 16.

Dornin also greeted the return of Utility Supervisor David Gartrell from nearly a month's medical leave. She applauded Gary Garret, Marvin Simms and David Thomas for their extra efforts in handling the town's water and waste water system responsibilities during Gartrell's absence.



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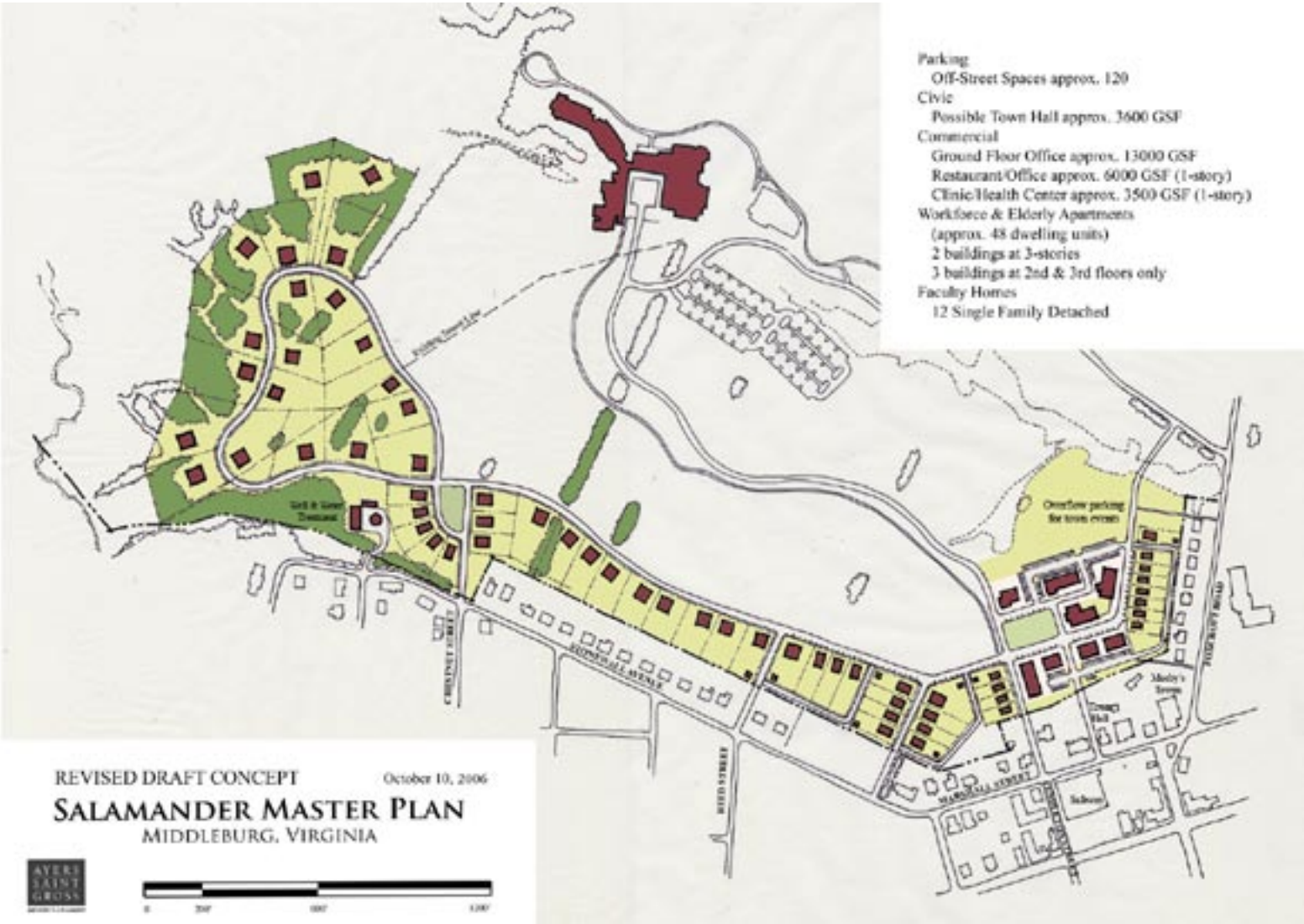
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Street Sweeping

Regular sweeping of the downtown streets began officially on September 21 and will continue through November 30. Because sweeping takes place, weather permitting, on Friday mornings between 2:00 AM and 5:00 AM, Dornin asked that residents avoid parking in the town's commercial areas on Thursday nights.

Audit, Mayor's Report on Town Finances Still in Progress

Representatives of the accounting firm, Mitchell and Company, continue to work on auditing the town's books for last year.

According to Claudia Dornin they are "close to completing the on-site work" after which, "they'll develop a report for Council."

The Mitchell audit will play a critical role in Mayor Betsy Davis's efforts to put together a complete report on what happened to the town's finances, and why, prior to the departure of former Town Administrator, Mike Casey.

Davis has promised to do her best to complete such a report before the end of the year, a task that is reportedly proving more difficult than expected in the face of current work loads, staff vacancies, and the necessity of providing training and orientation for new staff as day-to-day work continues.

The Acting Town Administrator continues to enforce strict adherence to a strict interpretation of the town's requirements that Council approve certain large invoices, work orders, and proposals. No retroactive approvals were required or requested at the September 27 special session of Council. Council unanimously approved Dornin's request to pay up to \$2,800 for water-system repairs.

State Funds Forthcoming for Liberty Street Parking Lot

Dornin also told a pleased Council " . . . a letter was sent to the Virginia Department of Transportation, on October 5, requesting that funds be released for the T21 grant that we had on Liberty Street." The State funds had been delayed due to the Town's failure to comply with a number of state requirements in the construction of the lot.

With those issues now addressed,

Dornin estimates that funds may be transferred from the State's coffers to Middleburg's in as little as two weeks following confirmation of compliance.

"I would hope that by the time we meet again," she noted, "we would have that funding."

High Voltage Lines

The State Corporation Commission confirmed receipt of the Town Council's unanimous September 27 resolution opposing a request for the designation of a "National Interest Transmission Corridor" by PJM Interconnection, Allegheny Energy, and Dominion Virginia Power.

Among other things, the granting of such a request would allow the use of Federal eminent domain to seize private property to clear a right-of-way and string a high-voltage powerline through the county. Council also expressed its concern for the viewsheds, historic sites, and sensitive environments that would be affected.

The Council sent copies of the

LEESBURG'S DOWNTOWN BUSINESS ASSOCIATION PAINTS THE TOWN PINK

Leaders of Leesburg's Downtown Business Association painted the town pink during the month of October for the second year to mark Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and to honor the memory of former business owner Marilyn Helms-White who lost her fight against cancer this summer.

The local campaign coincides with the national effort to raise awareness of the importance of regular breast exams among women of all ages and their families. The initiative also helps local breast cancer support organizations, and ensures that American Cancer Society information about breast cancer and its prevention.

Business owners display pink ceramic pumpkins to let customers know that they are partners in the initiative. Many organize their own customized campaigns to raise awareness about breast cancer, and, although the campaign is not a traditional fund raiser, many

retailers donate a percentage of sales on certain items to benefit a variety of organizations.

One organization that benefits from Leesburg's annual "Paint the Town Pink" campaign is the local Mary Elizabeth Miller Foundation. The foundation was organized by her children in honor of Elizabeth {Beth} Miller, former Loudoun newspaper publisher and Loudoun Hospital Center board member.

Business leaders who joined the 2006 "Paint the Town Pink" campaign include: Eyetopia, Rouge Spa and Apothecary, The Lavendar Moon Soap Company, Posh on King, the Feathered Nest, Lightfoot Restaurant, Kelly Insurance, Imagine That, Esoterica, The Potomac Gallery, All the King's Horses, Otter Creek Antiques, Black Shutter Antiques, Oasis Day Spa, Persnickety Palm, Boodleby's, The Leesburg Bookstore, Lou Lou's, Crème de la Crème, The Pink Shop and Madisonbelle.

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Hidden Hollow Takes Grand Championship Pennsylvania National



Trainer Ginny Edwards of Hidden Hollow returned home to Upperville, Va., with grand championship honors from one of the country's premier horse shows, The Pennsylvania National, after Junior Weekend, Oct. 12-15 in Harrisburg, Pa.

Owner Ann C. Thompson's Lemieux, ridden by Kacy Jenkins, earned the small junior, 16-17, championship and grand small junior title over many of the best junior hunters in the country. Lemieux is one of Hidden Hollow's newest hunters, and Edwards was thrilled with his performance.

"It was quite exciting," said Edwards. "I knew he was a quality horse. He's really capable of com-

peting against the best in the country and winning. His former owner, Catie Boone, had done very with him, and when he came up for sale, I immediately jumped at the chance to add him to our stable."

Edwards selected Lemieux, age 9, a Selle Francais gelding, in August for Thompson's daughter Charlotte Tate, 12, as her first junior hunter. When they purchased Lemieux, he had already been qualified and entered for the Pennsylvania National in the older age group, so Edwards asked 17-year-old Jenkins, an experienced and talented junior rider from Potomac Falls, Va., to show him.

"Kacy is a great rider, a fun person and easy to work with," said Edwards. "I thought of her first. I knew she would be a good match with Lemieux because she's a strong and solid rider who can adjust her ride to any type of horse."

Jenkins first tried Lemieux at the Middleburg Classic Horse Show (Va.) in September, where they earned ribbons in their first outing. She was then scheduled to show "Skunk" at the Capital Challenge (Md.) the week prior to The Pennsylvania National, but a fall from another horse knocked Jenkins out of commission.

In just their second show together, they earned top honors at Harrisburg with a blue ribbon in the handy class, second in the stake and a fifth under saddle.

"It was really nerve-wracking in the final stake class," said Edwards. "Kacy and Skunk went at the end of the class, and when the stand-by list for the class was posted, the other horse in contention for the champion-

Janelia Farm

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"my dream job."

"Everything in my career has been preparing me for this," he said.

Rubin's many achievements, helping Dr.. Craig Venter sequence the first genome, for instance, are founded on the human qualities that make up the character of this exceptional individual, the qualities that help one understand why his colleagues and mentors have such confidence in his ability to create a landmark success on

ship was in second place. I told her to just go in and have fun. So, when Kacy walked in the ring she knew she had to be first or second to be champion. But she has ice water in her veins, and she picked up a hand-gallop and just had a beautiful ride."

Edwards is now looking forward to having Skunk teach Tate the ropes as she steps up from the children's pony division to the children's horse division. Eventually, she will also tackle the junior hunters with the uniquely colored horse.

"I always knew he was an incredibly talented horse," said Edwards of Skunk. "What surprised me was how kind he's been to Charlotte. It's rare to get a horse with that kind of ability with a mind like that. This will be a great long-term match."

Edwards was also thrilled that Jenkins could finish her junior career with a grand championship from Harrisburg. In addition, Jenkins was honored with the junior hunter sportsmanship award.

"This was great for Kacy," said Edwards. "She's had some bad luck this year, and for her to come back and have this success, it was so nice. She really deserved it."

the grand scale the Hughes organization has undertaken at Janelia Farm.

He grew up in a working class, second generation, immigrant family with parents who placed great value on education. His father, an electrician, completed his work for an associate's degree at age 62, and his mother, a schoolteacher, knew her younger son was brilliant even though it took until the eighth grade for Gerry to begin to move into the academic spotlight.

Although, like many brilliant scientists and innovators, he began his education as an underachiever who simply did not thrive in traditional classroom settings, he went on to study and do research at Boston Latin, MIT, Cold Spring Harbor, Cambridge, Stanford and Harvard.

"When I went into biology at MIT, the world had not yet entered the biotechnology era," Rubin said. "At that time, it was sort of like deciding to be an English literature major, no great prospects for remarkable success. But I knew biology was my passion when I was in graduate school and realized that I could compete with the best."

He studied with the great minds of biology, and he remembers them as dedicated scientists of great humility who had high ideals and a determination to work for the common good. Some were mentors of special significance.

"I worked as an intern with Ray Gesteland at Cold Spring Harbor when Nobel Laureate James D. Watson ran the lab. Ray and David Botstein who was at MIT when I was an undergraduate and now leads Princeton's Lewis-Sigler Institute for Integrative Genomics, were both generous and supportive. Their patience and kindness mentored me in a way that shaped the scientist I am today."

Although he did not do well in classroom settings, he loved reading and discussing things in small, casual groups with colleagues from a variety of scientific disciplines.

He has a global reputation as the "ultimate" project organizer, but he is not a micromanager.

He is a brilliant geneticist who understands that the advance of tech-



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Mystique, the beautiful, new pale sand and swimming pool blue jewelry shop on Middleburg's Washington, Street has pieces that will entice every shopper, especially those who love tropical islands and far-away places.

Owner Elizabeth Mandros Miller, who has been on the cutting edge of jewelry design for seventeen years in her Alexandria, Virginia shop, specializes in fine European jewelry but also offers custom goldsmith services and can create any piece from a sketch, an idea or your imagination.

The new Middleburg shop windows are filled with romantic pieces from the islands off the coast of Africa, and, once inside, customers will find diamond, color gemstone, platinum, gold and silver pieces to please any fancy.

New Fashion Boutique Opens in Middleburg

Tucked away under a bower of trees is "Clothes Minded," a new Middleburg boutique that offers discerning shoppers sophisticated styles that make sense for women who want to look chic while at work or at play with their children.

Walk into Katie Rowand's cottage shop on North Liberty Street and you've arrived in an airy, pastel world of subtle sophistication that is welcoming and feminine.

"I enjoy getting to know my customers," she emphasized.

"I'm the mother of a two-year-old, so I need to be able to chase my daughter around without ripping the seams out of my clothes, but I didn't want to lose my sense of style."

Katie insists that she will not let her customers leave with anything that doesn't look "amazing," and she is delighted to make private appointments after 5 p.m. for customers who simply cannot shop during the day.

"I want women to leave my shop feeling sexy, confident and comfortable."

The "Clothes Minded" cottage is located at 3 North Liberty Street, Middleburg, VA., behind Mystique Jewelers and the True Studio, directly across from Dank's Deli.

The Art of Pineda Bueno to Middleburg



Beginning Friday, November 10 and running through Sunday November 12, 2006, Trowbridge-Lewis Galleries will be hosting the renowned Spanish artist Jose Antonio Pineda Bueno in his American debut.

In continuing our practice of bringing our collectors and friends the opportunity to view the works of exceptional artists, and to have the opportunity to meet them, we are hosting Pineda Bueno, who works include figurative, landscapes and still-life paintings. Many of his pieces feature images of women based on his daughter Maria Teresa and blend their images with their surroundings, framing them in his paintings, with rocks, soil, sea, color and light.

While the gallery usually contains art by working artists, each year we bring a Master's show to the gallery. This year we had almost \$2 million worth of breathtaking fine impressionist and post impressionist pieces gathered from sources thought the country. The show featured art by Edouard Cortes, four members of the Pissarro family: Paul-Emile, his son H. Claude, Claude's wife Katia and Paul's brother George Manzano Pissarro. In addition, there were pieces by Galien Laloue whose beautiful gouaches fascinated everyone and the star of the show a still life by Louis-Andre Valtat that was featured as the catalogue cover for Sotheby's London auction of impressionist art this past July.

"While the gallery's main focus is contemporary art -- that is art by living artists -- it's always a treat to view the works of the true master's and to see how today's artists are influenced by them," said Adrienne Lewis co-owner of the gallery. "And, it's also important for collectors to know that the gallery has access to work of this quality."

As we continue into our second year we are already planning our next year's shows.

The Pineda Bueno show will open at 10:00 AM on Friday, November 10th. Receptions will be held on Friday from 6:00-8:30 PM and Saturday 6:00-8:30 PM as part of the "2nd Saturday, Art in The Village" events in town.

The show will conclude on Sunday, November 12, at 6:00 PM.

AH&T Insurance Expands Claims Division

AH&T Insurance expands its Claims Division with the recent hiring of Richard E. Hirschoff, SCLA. As the Director of Claims, Hirschoff will work directly with AH&T's commercial property and casualty clients to provide enhanced service in claims oversight including insurer litigation management monitoring, and general client advocacy and counseling. He will be located in AH&T's Leesburg headquarters office.

Hirschoff comes to AH&T with over 25 years of experience as an insurance carrier claims professional with Travelers Insurance and CNA Insurance, among others.

He possesses extensive expertise in claims supervision, litigation management, structured annuity settlements and coverage analysis, with a particular strength in investigating, evaluating, litigating, and negotiating high exposure auto and general liability claims. Hirschoff has held a variety of positions with carriers including unit manager, litigation manager, senior technical specialist, and claims trainer. During his career, Hirschoff has gained a strong reputation for his skill, knowledge, and initiative, and for developing close client relationships. He holds two master's degrees and the professional designation of Senior Claims Law Associate (SCLA).

Cindy Pearson Joins the Town of Middleburg Staff



Formerly event coordinator at The Community Center and a member of the Hill School business office staff, Cindy is very pleased to be a member of the Town's staff and looks forward to providing assistance to citizens and the executive team.

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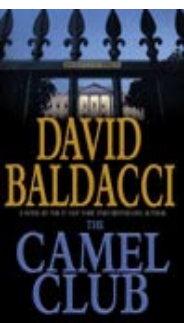
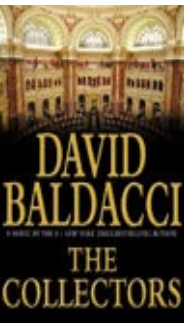
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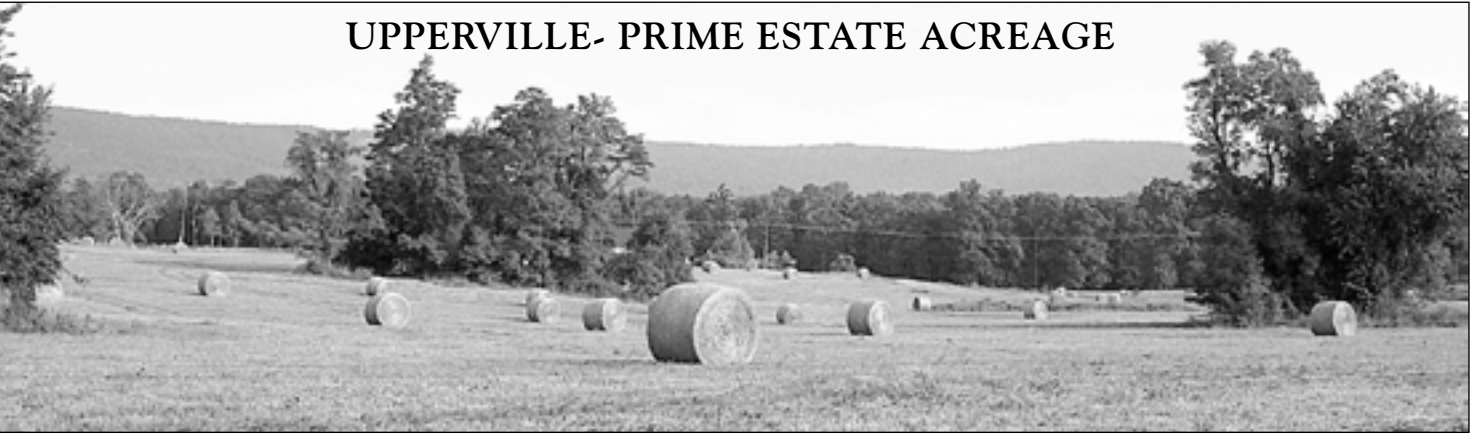
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STRUCTURE PLANTS

THE PLANT LADY

KAREN REXRODE

A garden in a years time has its ups and downs. Spring is usually the showiest time of the year, particularly for the gardener with lots of summer shade. Over the years I have come to rely on a few favorite perennials to carry the garden past the bloom times of many others. As showy blossoms open and fade, these few favorite structure plants bide their time, filling space and handling the passage of time with style. As I'm sure many of you have noticed, some of the most beautiful flowering perennials look pretty tired once flow-ers have passed. The job of pollination is finished, no need to remain attrac-tive. The structure plants, on the other hand, are not always grown for flowers and they are not necessarily the plants you visit the nursery to buy, but they are the very plants you should own. Listed below are my favorites with a brief description of each. They earn their keep.

Sun Perennials

Amsonia hubrichtii

This is a handsome native peren-nial with small, pale blue flowers in spring. The foliage is clean, flowing and lovely, persistent through summer and fall, turning a rich yellow in fall. Plants may reach 4 feet in height but usually stand closer to 3 feet. Drought tolerant.

Calamagrostis 'Overdam'

An ornamental grass that is also a native with stiffly variegated leaf blades and pencil thin plumes which arrive early (June) and hold on until fall. Drought tolerant, deer proof.



Calamagrostis 'Karl Foerster'

The all blue-green bladed form of Calamagrostis with thin reddish bronze plumes during the summer. Drought tolerant, deer proof.

Euphorbia amygdaloides var. robbiae

Wonderful deep, rich, evergreen foliage that resembles the houseplant pittosporum. Chartreuse flower heads rise up in spring to about 24 inches. Seemingly at home in sun or shade, I grow this plant on the north side of my house, just outside of my office door where it recieves no direct sun. Staged with tassel fern or Polystichum poly-lepharum and Helleborus foetidus, my patch is green year-round. Deer proof and drought tolerant.

Kalimeris mongolica or pinnatifida

Small double composite flowers

are held on thin but stiff stems that rise to 3 feet. Incredible bloom period, run-ning from late June to frost. I experi-mented with plants this year and cut them back to 4 inches in late summer, the resulting growth produced new flowers and is still flowering. A very tidy plant that handles the space be-tween other plants remarkably well. A Georgia Gold Medal winner.

Panicum virgatum 'Heavy Metal'

There have been many improved forms of Panicum virgatum, all are worth purchasing for their great blue-green foliage and the fact that they are native. Plumes arrive in early August and they are wispy, filling gaps in the garden in a delightful airy way. Plant with Lilium speciosum 'Rubrum', rudbeckia and anything else that flow-ers from August to fall. Deer proof, drought tolerant.

Stachys 'Big Ears' aka 'Countess Helen Von Stein'

The improved lamb's ears that produces large, very long leaves of soft velvet that resist the effects of high humidity and temperatures. Not your grandmothers lamb's ears! Hand-some well into winter! Deer proof, drought tolerant.

Calamintha nepeta

A small, very showy summer flowering perennial that seems to look better as summer months progress. Forming a round, low mound with dainty white flowers that attract many nectar seekers. Deer proof and drought tolerant.

Shade Perennials

Carex siderosticha

Resembling a hosta with its wide leaf blades, this ornamental grass is one of very few that prefers shade. Each leaf is green with contrasting white bands.

Hakonechloa macra 'Aureola'

Another ornamental grass that prefers some shade. The foliage is bright yellow with fine green stripes and a lax habit, gracefully arching to all sides. Very slower to grow but well worth the wait, a classic beauty.

Heuchera (leaf types i.e. americana, micrantha, villosa)

Most ornamental coral bells are semi-evergreen, which is essential in the shade garden where so many pe-rennials are soundly deciduous. The plum and purple leafed varieties are beautiful next to blue hostas.

Helleborus

Two come to mind immediately



as absolutely essential plants for the shade gardener, Helleborus foetidus and orientalis. The former is short lived, expect 4 to 5 years from each plant but copious seed is produced and volunteers always follow. Helleborus foetidus has also been very happy in sun for me so consider it for both lo-cations. The flowers are green, bloom-ing in late winter on handsome, ever-green plants. The latter is long lived with flowers of soft pastel shades in late winter and early spring that seem to persist for months. Deer proof, drought tolerant.

Polygonatum odoratum 'Variegatum'

Solomon's seal is a very hand-some plant with arching stems and lightly variegated foliage. Plants may take a few years to mature, becom-ing handsome in time, the envy of all! Drought tolerant.

Smilacina racemosa

False solomon's seal emerges in spring with gracefully arching stems that carry white flower clusters at the tips of each stem. Late summer finds the tips of stems weighted down with red berries. The foliage is medium green. Drought tolerant and tough.

Rhodea japonica

A little known plant with thick, almost succulent leaves that boldly arch from a central crown. Very slow to grow and not necessarily handsome year-round when placed in a windy north-west corner where winter winds will take a toll on otherwise handsome foliage. Plant in a protected eastern corner and you will appreciate the green leaves all year.

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EDITOR’S DESK

INDICATIONS OF ENLIGHTENMENT... OR, THE LACK THERE OF

When Thomas Jefferson wrote to George Washington from Paris in November, 1788, he noted his “infinite pleasure” that eleven states had accepted the new constitution, his conviction that trade with other nations was the only reason to go to war, his belief that England had been “awakened by our revolution” and his concern that women were assuming too much influence in government affairs.

In Jefferson’s opinion, the minorities voting against the constitution had been “very respectable,” and deserved that “some sacrifices be made to them.”

Although “respectability” seems all too rare in today’s political climate it would undoubtedly be our cavalier attitude about voting itself that would most infuriate the founding fathers.

We are spending hundreds of billions of dollars to create a democracy in the Middle East.

Voters who wait patiently for six to ten hours to register their conviction are said to be emblematic of our contribution to the world. But, at home, in the country that was founded on the right to vote, most of us simply can’t work the process into our busy schedules.

No one, red, blue or periwinkle, should be able to face their colleagues, friends, foes or family if they do not vote November 7th. Nothing is more fundamental. Nothing more clearly underscores the very word “citizen.”

Our Revolution awakened the world and began a process that, over time, truly offered each citizen, regardless of race, color, creed, or sex, a voice in the affairs of their state.

Whether you live in a village, a suburb, a metropolis or rolling countryside, plan now to be at your polling station when the votes are registered.

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

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:

I see on the issue that you have reviews of both Frank Wolf and Judy Feder. However, you neglected to put anything about me, and therefore have done your readers a dis-service. Since you are a monthly, I guess it may be too late to do anything about it, but I request

you to please keep this in mind for the future.

Frank Wolf, has done good work. I respect him for his dedication to the district and the people. I applaud him for the love and respect that he is able to command from the residents of the district. I challenge him for his blind following of party and financial contributors.

Lets face it, he has been doing the same job for the last 26 years. He has grown tired, and lost the strength to fight.

Judy Feder is even worse. She wants to break everything down and start from ground zero again. If this keeps up, we will never achieve anything since every new congress will break down what the previous

congress has done and start again.

Furthermore, as a professor and dean, we can be sure that she is a very intelligent woman, but lets face it. Academicians live and theorize under ideal conditions in a pure environment. While she will make a brilliant advisor, I would never put her in a position of leadership. I would rather vote for Bill Woods before I vote for Judy Feder. I think that Judy is there just to fill a slot for the democrat party. They have already given up hope of winning this seat, and so did not post a viable candidate.

That leaves me as the only viable candidate. A candidate who is looking for solutions, not who to blame. A candidate who is out to get work done, not spend time talking about it.

Neeraj Nigam
Neeraj Nigam for
US Congress 2006
Virginia 10th District

To the Editor:

We are writing to highlight events that concern Round Hill specifically but that pertain to all communities in Western Loudoun. This is about the construction of further housing developments surrounding a decreasingly-picturesque rural Virginia town.

The eastern environs of Round Hill have already been irreversibly defaced by the building of high-density, high-visibility, out-of-place subdivisions—more of which we are told is to come at the hands of the same developer. The one positive aspect of this tragedy is that its vehicle traffic flows more or less directly onto Highway 7, without impacting the town center.

Now, the still-attractive northwestern and southern sectors of the town are to fall under the developer’s bulldozer. Round Hill residents may be aware of the advertised impending subdivision construction just west of the town center. However, are residents also aware that a historic home with 50-some acres of lovely property straddling Airmont Road just south of the Highway 7 overpass, has been purchased by a developer who intends to build new subdivisions at the maximum permissible density (1 home per acre of total property, which in practice makes for 1/2-acre lots)—and in fact is requesting a rezoning so that he can squeeze in more?

The developer for Fantasy Farm, aka the Draisey Property, seems to be making an effort to work with town com-

missioners to create a neighborhood with some aesthetic value. However, this will not eliminate the visual impact of a modern subdivision with tens of homes on 1/2-acre lots, nor will it alleviate the significant increase in traffic at the small intersection of New Cut Road and Loudoun Street (especially when combined with additional traffic from the west side of town). Unless done extremely well, and at a more appropriate density, the project cannot help but accelerate the loss of yet another piece of Western Loudoun’s eroding character and patrimony.

We are fully aware that change and development are inevitable. Furthermore, we are not inclined to throw stones in our own glass houses (we ourselves live in a new neighborhood bordering Round Hill). But these impending developments will be much larger and denser, and will have a major lasting impact on Round Hill and the surrounding countryside. We and the town’s residents have a real interest in seeing that they are shaped to minimize the damage to Round Hill, Western Loudoun, and those who live here in the future.

The Round Hill Planning Commission has held at least two public sessions with the Draisey property developer. Attending these meetings, with the opportunity to provide public comment, has been a highly interesting and educational experience. In addition to hearing the details of the developer’s desired plans, and seeing the local process in action, we have found that:

- The Planning Commission, comprised of citizen volunteers whose time and resources frankly cannot match those of a for-profit development company, seems nonetheless committed to the welfare of their town. Hats off to their involvement and work. They need public input and support.

- Public opinion and comment ARE IMPORTANT AND HAVE IMPACT. If we find this at the planning commission level, it will surely be doubly so at the next step, when the issue comes before the Town Council.

Yes, change and development are inevitable. But further scarring change and over-development should not be. We urge local residents to make their voice heard in the public process and exercise their responsibility to protect the legacy we leave future generations. Planning Commission and Town Council meeting dates and agendas are posted at

www.roundhillva.org.
The residents of Kelsey Hill Court, Round Hill
-Tony and Jacki Feijoo
-John and Karen Harris
-Barbara Miller

To the Editor:

A Response to Washington Post Editorial - Power Politics - 10/22/2006

I was surprised and disappointed to see your editorial on Sunday endorsing Dominion Virginia Power’s proposal to build a huge new power line through northern Virginia. I agree that the high electricity prices and growth of demand for power in the Washington DC area and further north are clear issues that need to be addressed. However, Dominion Virginia is a private investor owned company making a specific business proposal to address what it sees as a business opportunity. Your endorsement is both premature and inappropriate.

As a long time senior consultant to the electric power industry, I can assure you that there are numerous other and likely better ways to meet this important regional need. These proven alternatives include increasing the capacity of existing lines, adding new clean and low noise power plants nearer to the points of need and applying demand side management pricing and technology to reduce demand during critical periods of high need. These alternatives can increase access to low cost energy and reduce the need for high cost energy as well. They have the added benefit of not requiring ugly, environmentally damaging and physically vulnerable lengthy power lines. Beyond these options, it is also clear that the complex power network serving the northeast can be strengthened by making additions to lines and capacity at points far removed from here.

This wide array of alternatives, however, may not serve Dominion’s private business objectives.

Further, Dominion has not yet shared the underlying analyses which support the need for this new line, or its evaluation of other alternatives. In addition, the US Department of Energy, which is considering the use of new federal power to support new power lines, has only just received comments on its initial report on congestion problems and has not yet considered the many alternatives and issues associated with

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RANT & RAVES

RED VS BLUE

CONSCIENCE OF A CONSERVATIVE? WEBB IS THE RIGHT CHOICE

DAN MORROW - (D)

In 1960, Barry Goldwater, the father of modern conservative Republicanism, argued that a true “conservative electorate” had to be created out of a combination of Democrats and what he called, “modern” Republicans . . . “the vast uncommitted middle” . . . people who were not “ideologically wedded” to any one party’s political program.

For Goldwater Republicans (and for Reagan Republicans) . . . for the true “uncommitted middle” Jim Webb is a better candidate . . . the right candidate . . . for the United States Senate than George Allen. Here’s why.

Big Bad Government

The editorial page of the Washington Post recently noted Allen’s lack of “independent-mindedness.” They understate

their case. Allen, in fact, has been, at worst a sycophant, and at best an unimaginative, and arguably unprincipled, enabler, of a Bush-run expansion of big government and executive-branch power that makes FDR and LBJ look like small-timers.

And it’s not only BIG government. It’s BAD government.

Allen has kept silent, or worse, played simpering cheerleader, while Bush and his cronies CREATED some very big problems (Iraq and the failure in Afghanistan spring to mind).

Worse, he’s played no productive role in helping to SOLVE other problems, especially those cascading from the ones he helped create (Katrina, Korea, Iran, congressional corruption, national healthcare, education, and the minimum wage, to name a few).

interview. Please remember to vote on November 7th.

How do you and your opinion differ on taxes?

I am a consistent supporter of lessening the tax burden on working men and women, families, small business owners, retired people, and all taxpayers. I worked with my colleague, John Warner, to enact the 2001 and 2003 tax relief provisions that have benefited over 3 million Virginians. These measures must be made permanent to keep the current economic expansion of opportunity growing stronger, including marriage penalty relief, abolishing the death tax, doubling the child tax credit, and providing tax incentives to small businesses. This is a fundamental disagreement between my opponent and me: I trust free people and free enterprise more than a maddlesome, burdensome government. My opponent would join John Kerry, Hillary Clinton and other national Democrats who voted against these tax relief measures.

What is your position on

Pretending to be a Virginian in the mold of Jefferson, and a cowboy in the mold of Reagan, he’s cried “stay the course” even though the best of his own colleagues understand the course is, at best, wrong, and at worst, disastrous. Goldwater and Reagan wouldn’t stand for it. Neither will Webb. Nor should any real conservative.

Taxes

Allen talks low taxes, helps pass them for his rich cronies, then BORROWS the money from China and other “friends” to fill the government’s coffers . . . coffers he’s helped empty by a complete failure to control either spending or what amounts to theft-by-earmark by his friends. Goldwater and Reagan wouldn’t stand for it. Neither will Webb. Nor will any true conservative.

Corruption

illegal immigration?

We must take steps to secure our borders. We are a nation of immigrants – my own mother is an immigrant – but we are also a nation of laws. The federal government has failed in its primary responsibility to secure our borders. We need greater enforcement and more border patrol personnel and detention centers, as well as actual and virtual fences. I supported passage of the “Secure Fence Act of 2006” to gain better control over our borders through construction of a fence along the United States’ southwest border. A nation that cannot secure its own borders cannot protect its own people. In addition, we cannot reward illegal behavior through amnesty. If the U.S. government rewards illegal behavior with amnesty, we will get more illegal behavior.

How do you determine how you vote on federal judge nominations?

Judges should be committed to the rule of law and understand the proper, re-

With undisclosed financial transactions of his own to worry about, Allen has been predictably reticent about taking his fellows to task when obvious violations of the law were taking place. To ask him to condemn unethical practices that his friends “assured him” were “legal” would be beyond the pale.

Not worried about Habeas Corpus in the hands of Gonzalez? Wait until legitimate gun dealers are arrested for “indirectly” giving “aid and comfort” to some undefined public enemy. Wait until the next Martin Luther King is “disappeared.” Wait until Allen’s friends in the power companies use the Federal courts to seize your land. Goldwater wouldn’t stand for it. Webb will not.

Maturity and

“Family Values”

strained role of a judge in our representative democracy. In our Republic, it is the right of the people and their elected representatives to make laws as they deem appropriate and that this right cannot be usurped by unelected federal judges who would inject their personal views in activist rulings.

They weaken our sovereignty by striking down state laws using international standards. You see judges—including the Supreme Court of the United States—allowing these lords in New London, Connecticut to take peoples’ homes—the American Dream—not for a school, not for a road, but because they want to derive more tax revenue from that property.

Now that’s why we need judges in the United States—especially federal judges who are appointed for life—who understand that the role of a judge is to apply the law, not invent the law, and not to amend our Bill of Rights by judicial decree.

What would you do to ad-

THE SILLY SEASON

FROM BEYOND THE BELTWAY

KEN RIETZ

The late Lyn Nofziger, communications and political advisor to President Reagan, called the last month of a campaign “the silly season”. That’s when candidates go after each other each tooth and nail and the voters are left trying to separate truth from fiction. In recent years, the chaos has been amplified by cable television and dozens of talking heads analyzing everything from political polls to commercials.

Add to this the commercialization of the final few weeks of the campaign by those trying to sell books or increase speaking fees and most voters are left scratching their heads.

This year’s ‘October Surprises’ have included a Bob Woodward book claiming that CIA Director George Tenet told Woodward he tried to get Condoleezza Rice’s attention on terrorism before 9/11. Isn’t this the same CIA Director who told President Bush finding weapons of mass destruction was a “slam dunk”. Democrats want us to believe George Tenet now, while they criticize Bush for believing him then.

President Clinton has stepped into the campaign saying he wants to return to the kind of civilized debate, without the hot rhetoric, that occurred during his Presidency. Apparently he doesn’t remember Hillary and James Carville attacking, day after day, the so called Republican ‘right wing conspiracy’. Besides, what is more divisive than the Demo-

dress rising energy costs?

For America to be free and independent and the masters of our own destiny, we must declare an end to our strategic dependence on oil from the Middle East and from any other foreign source that has the potential to jeopardize our national security and economic vitality. We must commit every effort and resource to the achievement of this national purpose.

I recently announced a “Strategic Plan for American Independence from Middle East Oil” and I am taking a leadership role in the Senate to make this a reality. My comprehensive and strategic

crats attacking the president for proposing privatizing social security, which he has not, or saying his tax cuts favor the rich over the poor, even though the result has been a strong economy, over 4 million new jobs and a record stock market.

Will all this name calling, leaking of scandals at just the right time, attacking opponents for what they may or may not have said or written 20 or 30 years ago or calling the opponent a liar really make a difference in this election? It will probably suppress the turnout because the voters are confused or fed up with the style of the campaign.

So, whom will this help? The incumbents; and that means the chances of the Republicans maintaining control of the House of Representatives AND the Senate are good. The Democrats made the rhetoric too white hot. The word ‘liar’ doesn’t work in a TV commercial. Nor does a constant barrage of attacks on the President.

Voters may not agree with Republicans on issues like the war in Iraq, anti terrorism, ‘no child left behind’, or tax cuts but they know for what they stand. What IS missing in the Democrat’s campaign is a clear outline of policies they would support.

Well, as President Clinton once said, that may depend “on what the definition of ‘is’ is.”

Note: Ken Rietz, a resident of Delaplane is a former Deputy Chairman of the Republican National Committee.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

FROM PAGE 10

this need.

I feel strongly that you have seen a legitimate need, but have jumped prematurely to embrace a very specific proposal from a specific company before examining the alternatives or waiting for more and better information.

A more reasonable position for the Washington Post is to support open and well informed consideration of a wide variety of alternative ways to address this growing need and, further, to ask that a wide variety of criteria be used to evaluate these options including costs to customers, effects on physical system reliability, changes in fuel use patterns, effects on air pollution, effects on sensitive and historic areas, on property owners and on national security.

With all due respect

Mitchell S. Diamond
Unison Virginia
(Lead Vice President (retired),
Booz Allen & Hamilton
World Wide Energy Practice)

Suzanne DeSaix
Lovettsville, VA

To the Editor:

Why do supporters of Ballot Question #1, the so-called "marriage amendment," talk about every topic under the sun except what the amendment actually says?

The only intelligible part of the language is the first sentence. The rest of it is so poorly written that nobody can say what it means. The Attorney General's opinion of what it means is only that - his opinion. Many legal scholars have a different opinion. Why would we put something so uncertain in our constitution?

The one thing that we can be sure of is that it will make families vulnerable to lawsuits, and put the children that these supporters so sanctimoniously claim to care about at risk - the risk of having custody agreements nullified, the risk of losing health insurance benefits, and worst of all, the risk of being treated as a legal stranger to the adults they love and trust just when they need them the most, such as in a medical emergency.

Careless dismissals of the very real danger to unmarried victims of domestic violence are particularly sickening. These are not theoretical concerns. Because of a similar amendment, women are currently being denied protective orders in Ohio, which has a domestic violence statute functionally identical to Virginia's. We should listen to the experts who run domestic violence programs in Virginia, who are very familiar with the law, and are extremely worried about the ramifications of this amendment. Word games do not protect women being beaten by an abusive boyfriend.

The question voters should ask is not "how should marriage be defined," since marriage is already defined many times over in Virginia law. What voters should ask is whether they want to give judges complete control over the most personal and important choices that people can make: How their children should be cared for, who gets to make medical and end of life decisions, and whether they should have protection under the law. This amendment is a bad idea, badly executed. Virginia, the birthplace of our Bill of Rights, can do better. Read it all, and vote NO on Ballot Question #1.

Mark Boltz
Leesburg, VA

To the Editor:

It is really astonishing to me to see those who are pushing the anti-civil union, anti-single people, anti family amendment to the Virginia constitution continuing to repeat the same dishonest "facts," such as "All it does is define marriage," and "It doesn't take away any rights."

Fact: Ballot Question #1 goes far beyond "defining marriage," which has been defined in Virginia since 1975. It would also ban civil unions, domestic partnerships, and any other legal recognition of a partnership between any two "unmarried persons."

Fact: The amendment WOULD change Virginia law. The existing law does not contain the same language as the amendment, which would extend the current prohibitions on gay couples to the 130,000 straight unmarried couples in Virginia.

Fact: Unmarried domestic violence victims ARE at risk from the wording of the amendment. Virginia's domestic violence statute applies to "cohabiting" couples. Both the Virginia Supreme Court and the former Attorney General have determined that "cohabiting" means "living as a spouse." If that is not recognizing a "legal status" that approximates marriage, I don't know what is.

Fact: Virginia judges are appointed by legislators who can remove them or decline to re-appoint them. Massachusetts judges have their seats for life. It is not conceivable that what happened in Massachusetts could happen here. That is nothing but a fear tactic.

Fact: Pro-amendment groups in other states claimed that the concerns of opponents were unfounded and "absurd" - only to turn around and file lawsuits challenging the rights of unmarried couples after the amendments passed.

Ballot Question #1 is a mean-spir-

WEBB IS THE RIGHT CHOICE

FROM PAGE 11

Allen has never grown up. Sadly, for Virginia, he still epitomizes the daddy's-boy, the-law-doesn't-apply-to-me, rich-kid UVA-fraternity culture of the late '60's and early '70's. It was a culture I knew all too well . . . a culture that adopted and vociferously defended efforts to exclude women and blacks from the University . . . and blacks, Jews, Catholics, and even some of the more "embarrassing" born-again Christians from their fraternity houses.

And from a Christian perspective, who but a Pharisee of the first degree would have the unmitigated gall to accuse a Marine Captain (who took a grenade blast for one of his men) of being a "cut and run" coward.

Webb, too was a child of his times, and he, like Allen, said and did some stupid things in his youth. But for Webb, combat and the loss of friends . . . hard work, responsibility, a willingness to admit and learn from mistakes . . . and a profound ability to empathize (revealed clearly in his writing helped him become a man, and put away foolish things. Indeed, they combined to make him the kind of officer under whose command anyone would be proud to serve . . . the kind of man one would like to be . . . and the kind of Senator Virginia deserves.

Duty, Honor, Country

Webb served and was awarded a

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THE LOUDOUN SKETCH CLUB AT 60

THE ART OF ART

TOM NEEL

Many years ago, when I first moved to this area, I remember one of the first local artist names I had heard of and then met was that of Vinton Pickens. Born in 1900, Mrs. Pickens was elderly and eventually died at the age of 93 in 1993. Not though, without leaving behind a worldly professional art career, much community service, as she also helped form the first Planning Commission for Loudoun in 1942 and The Loudoun Sketch Club, which she began with a group of friends in the early 1940s.

In those early days the all female group which often met at the Picken's now history Ashburn home "Janelia", had been nicknamed "The Hot Sketches". This came by way of Vinton's husband Robert, an author and Washington correspondent for the Associated Press. Eventually, they needed

a more proper name and on September 10th, 1946 officially became The Loudoun Sketch Club. The next year they would have their first exhibit at Leesburg Baptist Church in 1947.

Many years, exhibits and sketches have past since those early days and certainly names I remember in the number of years I've known the club. One such name is now acting club president, Virginia Treveranus, who gives proof to the club's long member dedication and enthusiasm. Some 80 members strong today, The Loudoun Sketch club welcomes new members and is proud of its generous artistic sharing of knowledge. This club is not just for pros either, it's for beginners too and all with a passion for fine art. If you are new to the area or new to art, this is a group eager to help and they provide opportunities to access not only public places in an artistic way, but very special private places as well. As you know, subject matter

is the life's blood to an artist and The Loudoun Sketch Club finds no shortage of it through their years of history and connections.

An active group, they meet for "plein air" painting and or to gather research for studio paintings on Tuesdays at about two sights per month, including farms, estates, vineyards and historic sites, from May through October. I believe, as do they, this brings a rich sense of documentation of our area for generations to come. Just think of the history of art, our history through art and what artists have captured and immortalized that is no longer with us. There is a mission here beyond simply having fun with art.

HONORED TO HELP

I was recently ask to hang The Loudoun Sketch Club's 60th Anniversary Exhibit show and sale, hosted by The Ritz-Carlton Golf Club, Creighton Farms. The show will feature

close to 40 works of art by over 20 of the club's members. The opening reception will be held Saturday, October 28th from 3 to 7pm in Creighton Farm's new reception area at 22616 James Monroe Hwy. Aldie, Va. and will remain on display through November. A percentage of the show's sales will be donated to the Audubon Naturalist Society's Rust Sanctuary in Leesburg.

For more information about the



show you can contact Creighton Farms at 703-542-7413 and or for more information about The Loudoun Sketch Club, contact Sarita Moffat at 540-687-4241 Dues are still just \$20. a year!

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HOSPITAL RUMMAGE SALE BREAKS ALL RECORDS

The Ladies Board of Inova Loudoun Hospital's 68th Hospital Rummage Sale grossed a record-breaking \$118,000. Held this past Friday and Saturday at the Morven Park Equestrian Center at Leesburg, the sale exceeded last year's event by \$16,000.

All profits from the sale go toward patient care needs, nursing scholarships and are applied toward The Ladies Board's \$1,000,000 capital building campaign pledge.

"We are thrilled with the results," said Barbara Gardner, Ladies Board president, who added that "this is our fifth consecutive year of record-breaking sales."

"I am continually amazed at the level of community support—with the donations, the generous volunteer help, and the number of people who come out to shop for great bargains every year," said Sue Clewis, sale chairman. Clewis, a second-generation Ladies Board member, along with board members and volunteers spent last week at the center unloading and unpacking donations of every size and description in readiness for the two-day sale.

Top selling departments included the French Room, a moniker for designer labels; Furniture; and Antiques. Judy Mazzucchelli, chairman of Furniture, said her department was ahead of last year at the end of the sale's first day. Treasures were also in abundance, such as an antique Persian rug, a Thomas Kincaid canvas lithograph,

a large collection of die-cast NASCAR models, stunning evening wear, and enough working electronics to stock a store.

According to Clewis, shoppers came from all over the region (including a few from the west coast this year) including Washington, D.C., Maryland, West Virginia, and Pennsylvania. "Many learned about the sale from family who live in Loudoun and knew it was worth the drive," said Clewis, who added that the sale is an annual adventure for many bargain hunters.

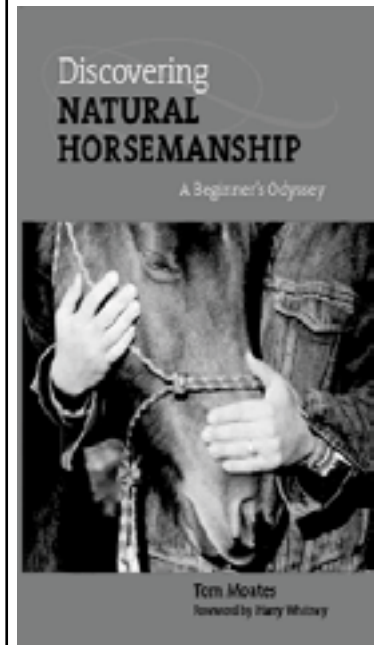
The Lost and Found department was kept busy this year too, and now has a stash of glasses and personal items, such as a cell phone, misplaced at the sale. Call Margaret Vaughn at 540-338-6221 to claim any belongings left by accident at the sale.

Dates for next year's sale are Friday, Oct. 19 and Saturday, Oct. 20, at Morven Park.

The Ladies Board of Inova Loudoun Hospital is a non-profit organization with the mission to promote goodwill between the hospital and the community, and to raise funds for nursing scholarships, patient services and special project needs. The Ladies Board operates the Twice Is Nice thrift shop in Leesburg, the Hospital Gift Shop, the Lights of Love remembrance program and the annual rummage sale. More information is available at www.LadiesBoard.org or by calling 703-771-2985.

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WHAT DO JAMES BOND, VINCENT PRICE AND BARNEY FIFE HAVE IN COMMON?

FROM BEHIND THE STOVE

BRIAN LICHOROWIC

They're all "eccentric" when it comes to gastronomy. Little known? Probably yes, but I can verify it here.

Consider these trivia "ammo" for your next dinner party you're required taking a dish to. Why not take something with a little narrative behind it.

Here's a salad dressing, a dessert and cookies that are from the hearts and minds of some of our more eccentric personalities in our culture.

James Bond's Salad Dressing

On a recent cross-country trip I was in an Airport shopping for a book and spotted a re-issue of Ian Flemmings' James Bond Series for "On Her Majesties Secret Service".

James Bonds has been burned into four generations of psyches as a suave, sophisticated man who like his martini's "shaken, not stirred" and his women, gambling, gadgets and cars in masse. I ended up rereading eight of Flemmings' works (and a few of Gardner's) and found out the ensuing.

The true Bond character that Ian Fleming wrote about in over 11 books & short stories and John Gardner continued on in another nine, is very eccentric about his food. Much more so than the movies leads us to believe. I've confirmed the following;

Bond liked only a certain type of caviar (Royal Beluga) he preferred his eggs boiled for 3 and half minutes and his coffee very black. James Bond liked his Filet of Sole broiled with ONLY lemon, loved pastrami, and preferred his green vegetables under-cooked.

But Bond also demanded and made his own salad dressing. Which to my amazement is quite appetizing, tart and very good when use on baking chicken or pork, but used primarily by Bond on his salad. It's one of the few Bond recipes for anything given out by the author so it must have merit.

1/2 tsp	Pepper, freshly ground
1/2 tsp	Salt, freshly ground
1/2 tsp	Sugar (turbanado makes a great substitute)

2 1/2 tsp	Mustard, dried, ground
3 tbs	Oil, Olive
1 tbs	White wine vinegar
A few drops	Water

Lets get the directions directly from the pages of 007.

"The food arrived, and M waited in silence and James Bond carefully ground half a teaspoonful of pepper into the small bowl on the tray of accoutrements. This was followed by a similar amount of salt and sugar, to which Bond added two and a half teaspoonfuls of powdered mustard, crushing the mixture well with a fork before stirring in three full tablespoons of oil, followed by one of white wine vinegar, which he dribbled in carefully, adding a few drops of water before the final stir and pouting the mixture over his salad.

"Make someone a damned good husband, Bond." The clear grey eyes of M showed no apology for mentioning marriage—a topic people knew 007 steered well clear of."

Imagine that? License to kill AND can cook!

Vincent Prices Blood Pudding Pie

Not one distinct movie comes to mind when think of Vincent Price, "The Raven" maybe or as Matthew Hopkins in "Witchfinder General", possibly. Maybe his wonderfully morbid scary reading in the song "Thriller" will be forever enduring, but Vincent Price was an epicurean, a very, very serious epicurean. I count five cookbooks he's authored with his wife. The Prices had a custom mobile home that they used on movie sets. For the day, it was state of the art culinary. They would invite chefs from the area to cook and break bread with them. They worked and basically enjoyed revelry with chefs, celebrities, and friends.

"A Treasury of Great Recipes" is his best work. As a cookbook, its complexity is astounding. The Prices' comments on certain recipes entice imagination for improvisation and are insightful. My guess is they were eating as they were preparing and jotting notes down on a pad of paper. They even authored a cookbook for the 'Electric Blender'!

In 1973, I was 12 years old beginning a 3-year run as a line cook's helper (my Dad and big brother were the Chefs) in my

family's restaurant. . A long time before this October 31st, my Dad had the idea to prepare a full menu during Halloween from this cookbook. He rode the scary angle and give us strict instructions, "I want a fixed price, 4 course menu." He'd tell us "Call each entree whatever you want, just make sure everything that comes from this kitchen today comes from this book. ". We always sold out. We continued to refer to this book for the next 20 years behind the line, particularly on October 30th & 31st.

This is Price's own recipe so it was the only one attributed to him by name. Don't be fooled by its simplicity. Use a good white bread or any one from Harvest Bread Company that meets your fancy. A good raw sugar works as well if not better. I use 2 table-spoons of pure vanilla and twice as many raisins as it calls for.

As a kid in the restaurant, we'd add red food coloring in the bread (that we baked) and served it up with a fresh raspberry coulis and called it "Vincent Price's Blood Pudding Pie". It was the hit of the evening.

I had a strange childhood.

1 cup	Brown Sugar, dark
4 tbs	Butter
3 slices	Bread, buttered, diced
1/2 cup	Raisins, Golden
1/2 cup	Raisins, dark
3	Eggs
1/2 tsp	Salt
1 tbs	Vanilla
1/4 tsp	Cinnamon, ground
A few drops	Food coloring (red)

Measure into top of a double boiler or very low heat in a saucepan add the dark brown sugar. Butter the bread then dice and sprinkle into the brown sugar in saucepan add the raisins.

In a separate bowl, beat in the eggs, milk, salt and vanilla. Pour over bread. DO NOT STIR! Place double boiler over simmering water and cook for 1 hour. The brown sugar will form a sauce. Server warm or cold. Turn out onto serving plate.

Barney Fife's Banana Granola cookies

I love these cookies!

In the mid 1980's I'm at college on a Saturday evening, after a dorm party, walking around the local street market in the Back Bay area of Boston heavily "medicated". At that time, I thought prudent to purchase "Aunt Bee's Mayberry Cookbook" from a used book vendor. It turned out to be my one of my oldest, most beloved cookbooks.

I just can't remember buying it.

As big a fan as I was of "The Andy Griffith Show" I became a bigger fan of some of he recipes that someone threw together. They're imaginative and tasty. Barney Fife has the most recipes to his name small snippet of information is in the book outlining what he would cook to impress Thelma Lou and Mrs. Mandelbright.

Nice to know that at least Barney ate healthy. Maybe it how he kept his great physique.

1/2 cup	Butter, soft
1 cup	Brown Sugar
2 Lg	Eggs
1 tsp	Vanilla Extract
1 1/2 cup	Banana's, Ripe & Mashed
1 1/2 cup	All Purpose flour
1tsp	Cinnamon, ground
1 1/2 cup	Granola (best with dried fruit in it)
1/2 tsp	Baking soda
1/2 tsp	Salt

Preheat oven to 375. Grease 2 cookie sheets. In a large bowl, lightly mix the butter sugar until soft blended well, add the eggs, vanilla and bananas and blend well.

Add the flout, cinnamon, baking soda and salt and blend together well. STIR in the granola.

Drop by tablespoon in cookie sheet 2" apart. Bake for 10-12 minutes until desired "cookie consistency".

Comments or Catastrophes?
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FINE TIME FOR WINE

THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF APPRAISERS OFFERS TIPS ON WINE COLLECTING

Americans are drinking more wine now than they did 20 years ago and taking more interest in finding and collecting premium wines. The American Society of Appraisers (ASA) highlights tips on how consumers can collect and maintain the value of their wines.

"Wine drinking has become a popular beverage choice in this country," said William Edgerton, ASA, accredited senior wine appraiser with the American Society of Appraisers (ASA). "The selection and tastes for wine are more developed and Americans' expectations of wine have increased," Edgerton said.

In fact, California wine sales in the U.S. reached another record high of 441 million gallons last year with a retail value of \$16.5 billion, according to wine industry consultant Jon Fredrikson of Woodside and publisher of the Gomberg-Fredrikson Report.

Furthermore, a Gallup poll showed that wine had tied with beer as America's most preferred alcoholic beverage citing growth trends from several different demographic groups. The popularity of the hit movie Sideways continued to lift the public's interest in wine, particularly in Pinot Noir from California.

An accredited senior appraiser with ASA and a graduate of Dartmouth College, Edgerton has been appraising wine for 30 years. His lifelong interest in fine wines is augmented by his 480-volume wine reference library. He has also compiled the world's largest wine sales database that contains over 800,000 entries, while publishing part of that database annually from 1989 to 1999 as the Wine Price File, the largest available listing of retail and wine auction prices in print. He has built a handsome collection of 4,000 wines in his wine cellar and offers some tips on collecting wines and maintaining their value. Edgerton offers the following tips for consumers.

0. Research – Find a wine retailer that understands your interests and is reasonably informed.

0. Read – Educate yourself on understanding wine.

0. Storage – Think about where you want to store your wine. You should not store wine in a room above 77 degrees. A chemical change occurs in wine after 77 degrees that will have a negative

impact on the quality of the wine. It is suggested to keep the wine in a cool place. For those without basements, try keeping the wine on the floor of a dark closet.

0. Taste – Develop words to use for the flavors you find in wine so you will be able to make a specific statement rather than just saying, "That's good."

0. Value – How do you know how much a wine is worth? For instance, a bottle of Chateau Mouton-Rothschild Bordeaux could be purchased for \$39.95 in 1984. In 2006, that same bottle of wine is priced at about \$900. Several factors go into the value of wine. If you're researching retail values, try www.winesearcher.com for retail price information on more than 10,000 wines. For investors looking for auction prices rather than retail prices, go to www.wineauctionprices.com. The site can provide price details based on vintage, bottle size, auction size, date, lot price and bottle price. For example, it demonstrates how a bottle of 2000 Chateau Mouton-Rothschild of Bordeaux can be researched by utilizing the above categories, as well as auction houses located around the world including, Amsterdam, Chicago, Geneva, London, Los Angeles, New York and San Francisco. Edgerton also suggests that vintage dates are of primary importance. Some years for making wine are better than others, based on weather conditions and temperature. Once you find a wine you like in a retail store, buy more of it right away. Don't wait to buy it later. If it's a good wine from a good vintage or if it's highly rated, it could be sold out quickly. Compare different bottles of wine, take notes on what you liked and disliked about its flavor and use these notes to make decisions about your next purchase. With 50,000 new wines from all over the world each year, wine collectors need to do their homework.

There are courses available about wine collecting and wine tastings from community colleges across the country. Members of the American Society of Wine Educators also provide information and instruction about wine collecting.

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About the only thing they don't dance well after are field goals, but that just might be because they're too winded after holding their breath every time somebody wearing burgundy and gold tries to do just about anything with a foot and a football.

Even after that, it might be safe to say that Dan Snyder and Vinny Cerrato have put together, quite possibly,

the best dancing team in the NFL that doesn't list Terrell Owens on its roster.

The problem with all that talent is that, for whatever reason, it doesn't quite translate into wins on the field. If anything, and Antwaan Randle El's little celebration after his 87-yard punt return for a touchdown serves as a perfect example, all that dancing translates best into is a sense of a team that has never really been there before, a team that doesn't realize that the whole POINT of their being on the field is to score touchdowns and make tackles and generally outperform the team on the other side of the ball.

This team wants the "respect" that comes most freely with, surprise, success and winning. The problem is,

there ISN'T any success or winning, or at least not very much. What there is a lot of, and has been for several years, with the exception of last year's late season playoff run, is overblown expectations, over-hyped role players from other teams signed to be superstars here in DC, lack of attention to fundamentals, big hits rather than solid tackles, and a coaching staff that delegates rather than, well, coaches.

All of this was on display last Sunday against the Colts, and has been on four of the other six Sundays the Redskins have played regular season games this year. The play that maybe best defined the Redskins approach this year came midway through the second quarter when Andre Carter and Phillip Daniels "manned-up" and

tried to separate Peyton Manning's head from the rest of his body while simultaneously trying to break both of his ankles. Whether the Redskins came into the game looking to rough up the Colt's quarterback is a no-brainer; every team in the NFL looks to rough up the opposing quarterback as a matter of principle. Whether the Redskins were willing to do so with cheap-shots, however, seems to also be a no-brainer, and generally serves as a reliable indicator of a desperate team, or at least of desperate players. Carter and Daniels will no doubt maintain their innocence; Manning and the referee that supposedly apologized to him for not calling a penalty on the play know better.

After taking the opportunity afforded by the halftime break to clear his head, Manning came out and did what players and teams SHOULD do. Namely, he regrouped himself and his team and proceeded to take the Red-



skins behind the woodshed for a lesson in what a real offense can do to whatever Gregg Williams has been putting on the field all season and calling a defense. The Redskins scored 8 more points in the half, but the third quarter essentially blew them out of the water and everybody watching the game knew it.

Marvin Harrison, the All-World Colt's receiver was quoted by Sally Jenkins in last week's Washington Post as saying, "They don't pay me to play, they pay me to practice. Playing, that's what you do for free."

It's a notion the Redskins might want to revisit, because for now, big hits, cheap shots, and great dances just don't seem to be paying the bills.

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WEBB IS THE RIGHT CHOICE

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decoration for valor second only to the Medal of Honor. His did his duty as Reagan's Secretary of the Navy, and resigned rather than do something that he believed would betray the Navy and the Country he took an oath to preserve, protect and defend.

Allen, judging from his behavior, either suffers from a singular inability to know what's right, or a flatterer's unwillingness to act in the face of criticism from his friends. Goldwater and Reagan detested such conduct. They wouldn't stand for it. Neither will Webb.

"Smart" Government

Barack Obama recently noted that our times call for behavior that is beyond Red vs. Blue, and beyond the ideological differences of the '60's and '70s. What people really want, he

says, is not a debate about big government vs. small government, but leadership in the development of smart government: big where it needs to be; small where it should be.

Allen has been described by sincere endorsers of Republican Frank Wolf as a man "whose legislative contributions have been marginal at best" and "no one's idea of a heavyweight in the Senate."

I agree with The Washington Post: "Virginians deserve better and more enlightened representation. Mr. Webb offers that hope."

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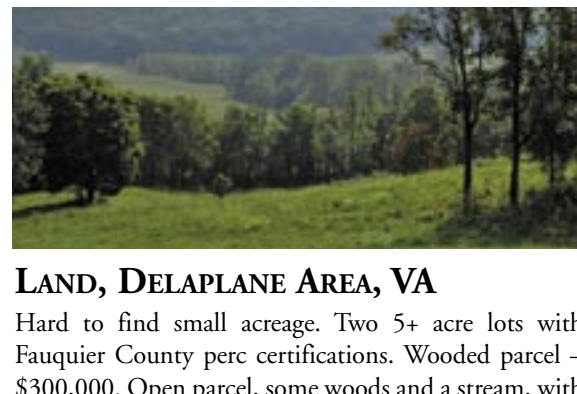
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GENIE FORD

Yes, I know it's not even Halloween yet and Christmas seems far, far way, but it will be here before you know it. If you are anything like me, you always plan to be ready well in advance, but then you're caught by surprise when the big day finally arrives—like you weren't expecting it at all! Books & Crannies wants to make it easy for you, and that's why we've filled our shelves with books that make great presents—even if you only give them to yourself. This month's suggestions can help you make a start. We'll also wrap your books free of charge, so see, there's really no excuse for not being ready.

Here are this month's selections (we also have a small number of signed copies of Under Orders by Dick Francis):

The Looming Tower: Al Queda and the Road to 9/11 by Lawrence Wright is a very important book, both for our times and for those who will one day look back at the events of the past six years and try to sort out what happened. Wright's surprisingly intimate approach to the seminal events of September 11 is constructed around four individuals, terrorists Osama bin Laden and Ayman al-Zawahiri, and the men who pursued them, the FBI's counterterrorism chief John O'Neill, and the former head of Saudi intelligence, Prince Turki al-Faisal. This well-researched book gives us the best look yet at the players in this dangerous game. It is must reading for anyone who really wants to understand what happened—and is still happening—to our world.

Another book that can serve as almost a companion volume to The Looming Tower is Fiasco: The American Military Adventure in Iraq

by Thomas E. Ricks. He is a two-time Pulitzer-Prize-winning senior reporter with The Washington Post, so Ricks, with his many inside sources and his global perspective, has written a book that may well be the definitive work on the Iraq war. Not everyone agrees with Ricks, and he has been furiously rebuked by many; however, as always in these cases, it is better to read the book and make up your own mind.

Even more riveting and devastating is a novel some critics believe may well be author Cormac McCarthy's masterpiece. To call The Road a story about a post apocalyptic world is like saying Macbeth is a play about a Scottish king with an ambitious wife. McCarthy is without a doubt one of our greatest living novelists, and he spares nothing in his searing tale, while at the same time giving us a portrait of love, deep and abiding, that cannot be wiped out by the worst of efforts of humankind. Read it and weep.

On a lighter note—and we really need one—is Tomie dePaola's book, Christmas Remembered. DePaola is a much loved author/illustrator of more than 200 books for young readers, and he's won both the Caldecott and Newberry medals. In this book, he shares his love of Christmas in 15 vivid memories covering six decades. We are so proud to have him with us on October 25, when he'll sign Christmas Remembered from 3-5 p.m.

We're also hosting the dynamic Washington author David Baldacci, who will sign copies of The Collectors, the sequel to his bestseller, The Camel Club. He'll be at Books & Crannies on November 1, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Readers of The Camel Club know that the Club is composed of four dysfunctional and conspiracy-obsessed crime solvers. Caleb Shaw, an ex-CIA assassin, heads up the Club, and in their latest adventure, they set

out to solve a murder at the Library of Congress and, of course, uncover all kinds of skullduggery along the way.

The Syringa Tree by Pamela Gien is based on her 2001 award-winning play. It's an indictment of apartheid, told through the story of two families—one white, one black—separated by racism but connected by love. The book's narrator is six-year-old Elizabeth Grace (Lizzie) and, as we know, children have a way of speaking the truth that is often more powerful than the most eloquent words of their elders.

Speaking of eloquence and children—The Looking Glass Wars is the first in what is sure to be an exciting new series. Author Frank Beddor has been an actor, a producer (Something About Mary) and a stuntman, and those professions serve him well in this re-telling of Alice in Wonderland. The premise: Lewis Carroll got it all wrong—even misspelling Alice's name (it's really Alyss Heart) and botching the story of the real Princess of Wonderland. Alyss was driven out of her kingdom by her evil aunt Redd, but after many years of exile, she's ready to take it back, accompanied by her devoted bodyguard, Hatter Madigan. There are battles, a trek across the Chessboard Desert, an assassination attempt by the vicious Cat with Nine Lives—well, you get the picture.

There's another new children's book out that has all the potential to become a classic. Frankenstein Makes A Sandwich by writer/illustrator Adam Rex is wonderfully drawn and absolutely hilarious. Adults will enjoy this book as much as children. It is really a hoot. Where else will you find a beleaguered Phantom of the Opera who is considering a change in careers because he can't get pop songs out of his head and therefore is unable to write music?

IN SEARCH OF THE \$1 MILLION RING

THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF APPRAISERS VALUES \$2.2 MILLION WORTH OF JEWELLED RINGS FOR BOOK SEQUEL, SECRETS OF THE ALCHEMIST DAR

Hundreds of fans of the best-selling book, The Treasure's Trove are excited about the newly released sequel and recent feature on the Today Show, Secrets of the Alchemist Dar, a fantasy story about fairies, spells and eclipses, written by Michael Stadther. With promises of hidden treasures valued at \$2.2 million, the American Society of Appraisers (ASA) accredited senior appraiser and master gemologist appraiser, Donald Palmieri, ASA, of New York City was asked to value the 100 jeweled rings to assure their value and integrity.

"This is a fictional book, but I was dealing with real diamonds and gems, worth real money and appraising them was an extremely detailed process to ensure the authenticity of each piece," said Donald Palmieri, ASA, accredited senior appraiser of the American Society of Appraisers (ASA). "I've been appraising gems and jewelry for 35 years, and this is definitely one of the most unique and

Or a Creature from the Black Lagoon who gets a major tummy ache after ignoring his mother's warnings not to go swimming so soon after eating? And then there's an ongoing dispute between Sasquatch and Bigfoot as to who is most insulted by their names. Other tidbits: the Invisible Man tries to get a haircut with drastic consequences, Dracula has spinach in his fang but no one wants to tell him about it, and the Mummy won't go to his eternal rest until he gets his cookies, a drink, etc. etc. Be sure to examine each illustration carefully—there are lots of funny surprises.

In next month's column, we'll provide a comprehensive list of gifts for readers of every age and interest, so watch this space!

interesting projects that I've worked with," Palmieri said. Secrets of the Alchemist Dar begins with clues concealed in the pages of the book that will give anyone in the world who can read English a chance to solve the clues and obtain one of the 100 jeweled rings valued together at more than \$2 million.

Palmieri spent one year consulting and valuing the 100 diamond rings consisting of one red-diamond ring, valued at \$1 million. After Stadther's attorney conducted a nationwide search for an accredited gemological appraiser, Palmieri was chosen and asked by Stadther to work closely with internationally renowned jewelry designer Aaron Basha of New York City to develop 100 double-decker rings. He painstakingly reviewed each ring and counseled Stadther and Basha on what should be added or included to the ring to maintain its value.

The extremely rare red diamond, weighing in at a little more than one-half a carat, was paired with some pink diamonds on a rose gold band with a VVS clarity, with very few flaws or imperfections. With only 17 other known red diamonds of this size or larger in the world, this ring is the premiere find for treasure hunters.

There are three blue-diamond rings hidden also, appraised at \$120,000 each, set within 18 karat white gold and four fancy, vivid, yellow-diamond rings valued at \$50,000 a piece. Basha also designed five fancy, pink-diamond rings with three pink-diamond flowers on each side, set within 18 karat rose gold for \$20,000 each. At the \$5,500 level, 87 lady bug rings were hidden, consisting of a lady bug in the center of two yellow-diamond flowers, set in an 18 karat, yellow gold band with fancy yellow diamonds and near colorless white-diamond shanks.

Palmieri suggests all precious stones, gems and jewelry be appraised by an ASA accredited appraiser to ensure their value and quality. He offers the following tips for consumers.

1. When buying fine jewelry, ask the seller for a comprehensive sales receipt, detailing the full identification, quantity, weight and quality of the precious metals and gemstones used in the jewelry.

2. If the gems come with independent grading reports, read the fine print to see if the issuing lab takes responsibility for the accuracy and contents of their report. If not, ask the jeweler if they will guarantee the accuracy of the report they are showing you.

3. It's okay to believe in Santa Claus and the Tooth Fairy; however, they don't work at the jewelry store. Deals too good to be true, usually are too good to be true.

4. Consult your fine jeweler or expert appraiser concerning the care and cleaning of your precious jewels.

5. Have your fine jewels appraised by an accredited expert appraiser and then update the appraisal every two to five years.

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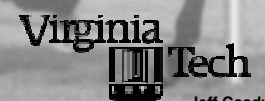
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THE 2006 NATIONAL ARTS AWARDS, NEW YORK ~ OCTOBER 16TH

Sheila Johnson was recently honored with the Frederick R. Weisman Award for Philanthropy in the Arts at the 2006 National Arts Awards in New York.

Presented by her long-time friend and star of Bravo Television's Project Runway Tim Gunn, the America for the Arts award recognized Johnson for her long-standing philanthropic commitment to the arts.

Also honored were Aretha Franklin who received the Lifetime Achievement Award; actor Jake Gyllenhaal who received the Young Artist Award for Artistic Excellence; Jeff Koons who received the Artistic Achievement Award and Kitty Carlisle Hart who received Special Recognition for Outstanding Contributions to the Arts.

United Technologies received the Corporate Citizen in the Arts award.

In her acceptance speech, Johnson underscored her belief that arts provide young people with an essential outlet and an important way to express themselves.

"We must return the arts to the classroom," she emphasized. "We're losing our young people at an alarming rate."

Guests who responded with a standing ovation included Governor Mario Cuomo, cancer combatant Lance Armstrong, actors Alex Baldwin, Kirsten Dunst and Robert Downey, Jr., artists Chuck Close, Jane Alexander, Victoria Rowell and many others.



YOUTH AIDS EVENT

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The Honorable William T. Newman, Jr., and Ted Leonsis of the Leonsis Foundation at the 2006 YouthAIDS gala at the Tysons Corner Ritz-Carlton. Organized to honor individuals who have made significant strides in the fight against AIDS, the event was presented by AOL, The Leonsis Foundation, The Sheila C. Johnson Foundation and Salamander Hospitality. Actress Ashley Judd was host for the evening which was attended by leading celebrities, corporate leaders, public officials, health professionals and entertainment industry leaders. All proceeds went to support Population Services International (PSI) lifesaving programs in more than sixty countries around the world.

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MIDDLEBURG ELEMENTARY SCHOOL’S FALL HARVEST FESTIVAL

Middleburg Elementary School hosts its first annual Fall Harvest Festival on Friday, October 13, 2006. Some of the events included a hay maze, popcorn relay, scavenger hunt, and pumpkin ring toss. The festival was the culmination of ten months of planning and hard work on the part of the Garden Club. The weather was picture perfect and a fantastic time was had by all.



TWELVE FOXCROFT STUDENTS EARN AP SCHOLAR AWARDS

Jillian Cairns, a senior from Chantilly, Va., and 11 recent graduates of Foxcroft School have earned AP Scholar designation from the College Board for their exceptional achievement on the college-level Advanced Placement Program (AP) Exams taken last May. “Considering the size of our school, these are remarkable results,” said Academic Dean John Suito. “Eleven of last year’s 36 graduates earned this honor. That’s impressive.” The Middleburg, Va., school had 15 AP Scholars in 20004-05 and 12 in 2003-04.

Cairns, who is also a National Merit Scholarship semi-finalist and was elected Foxcroft’s Student Head of School, was joined by four members of the Class of 2006 as AP Scholars with Distinction. Those students are Nicole Baudouin of Mexico City, who is a freshman at the University of California at Berkeley, Adela Griswold of Middleburg, Va., and Duke University, Amber Ogbolu of Ashland, Ky., and the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania, and Jacquelyn Piraquive of Scarsdale, N.Y., and the University of Pennsylvania (college of Arts and Sciences). All five students earned an average of at least 3.5 on all the AP Exams they took and scores of 3 or higher on five or more of the exams.

Earning AP Scholar with Honor status, for accumulating a 3.25 average overall and scores of 3 or higher on four or more of the tests, was 2006 graduate Clara Bertozzi-Villa of Bloomington, Ind., who is a freshman at the University of Chicago.

Six 2006 graduates were named AP Scholars, for receiving grades of 3 or higher on three or more AP Exams: Sarah Hinton (Reston, Va., Boston College), Michelle McAdam (Dallas, Tx., Southern Methodist University), Alex Pischke (Middleburg, Va., Clemson University), My Tran (Annandale, Va and Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam; University of California at Los Angeles) and Shannon Wizotskey (Wilmington, N.C., and Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology).



MIDDLEBURG UNITED METHODIST CHURCH HELPS REALIZE COLLEGE DREAMS OF HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

ALEXANDER/LISENBEE SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED TO LOUDOUN COUNTY STUDENTS

The Middleburg United Methodist Church has announced the recipients of the Alexander/Lisenbee Scholarship, awarding two high school students for not only their academic achievements but also their contributions to the community. The scholarship was established to honor the lives of two Middleburg United Methodist Church members, Ann Alexander Lisenbee and Nellie Gray Alexander. The annual scholarship is awarded to outstanding high school students who are also members of the church.

The recipients, Shenandoah Dudley, a Loudoun Valley High School student, will now pursue her International Relations and Political Science degrees at Bridgewater College, while Whitney Sierra Law, a Loudoun County High School student and a member of the choir, as well as an active member of her community, will pursue her degree in Interdisciplinary Studies at Virginia Tech.

“It is an honor to have joined forces with the Middleburg United Methodist Church to award these brilliant students for their all-around excellence, and we are happy to help them continue their education, as they embark to make valuable contributions to our world,” said Cheryl Andrews, who established the scholarship in 2003 in honor of her mother and grandmother.

The Nellie Gray Alexander and Ann Alexander Lisenbee Scholarship Fund is awarded yearly to one or more high school seniors or current college students members of the Middleburg United Methodist Church. To qualify for the scholarship, students must plan to attend an accredited college or university and submit an application to the church committee each spring.

“Anyone who wishes to remember mom and grandma can support this scholarship. I believe it is a statement of community and love they would smile at, since they were such giving people,” said Andrews. “Nellie Alexander was a member of this church for 82 years, and I know she’d be so happy to support students’ futures in this way.”

Those who would like to make a contribution to the Alexander/Lisenbee Scholarship can do so by sending their contribution to the address below. Contributions are tax deductible.

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JANELIA FARM

FROM PAGE 6

nology must parallel the scientific advances in order for breakthroughs and benefit to be recognized.

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He never missed dinner at home according to his wife, Lynn, and he could always slip out for an hour or two for school plays and performances.

He hopes to create a context for scientific research that supports people not projects, and, if there is to be another major paradigm shift, like the move from the physics of Isaac Newton to the physics of Albert Einstein, Rubin believes it will depend on either new evidence that explains human consciousness or answers to the question, “what is the origin of the universe?”

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YOUTH MUSIC HOLDS INSTRUMENT DRIVE

Youth Music Preservation and Promotion Association, began accepting donations of instruments for a new outreach program. 12 instruments including, keyboards, trumpets, violins, cellos, clarinets, flutes and drums were collected on Saturday Oct. 21. Due to the success of the event, YMPPA will continue accepting instrument donations on Saturdays of October, November and December, 9am-1:30pm at Crossroads Baptist Church in Leesburg. The instruments will be used by a new music outreach program in Leesburg. The Society Youth Orchestra (SYO) will begin offering free music instruction through orchestra to underprivileged and at-risk children and youth, starting January 2007.

There is a great need for all orchestra instruments: Strings (Violin, Viola, Cello, Bass, and Harp), Woodwinds (Flutes, Oboes, Clarinets, Saxophones, and Bassoons), Brass (Trumpets, Cornets, French Horns, Baritones, Trombones, and Tubas), and Percussion (Drums, Timpani, Cymbals, and Xylophones). YMPPA will also accept: keyboards, pianos, recorders, guitars, music stands, music books, metronomes and other music accessories.

YOUTH MUSIC calls on the community to support this project by: 1) Donating your old or unused instruments, music books, music stands, or other music supplies. 2) Making a financial donation to help further the project. 3) Volunteering time to help as part of the SYO staff or as a mentor or teacher in the program.

The Society Youth Orchestra’s mission is to get every underserved and at-risk child and youth of the community involved in the orchestra program and off the streets, thus changing his outlook on life and his relationship with arts and his community, while he explores his talents and grows intellectually, emotionally and spiritually. The SYO is modeled after the Venezuelan System of Youth Orchestras, which has proved that music can be an effective way to create change for the better in the society.

To find out more about YOUTH MUSIC, visit www.ymppa.org. For more information about the WINTER INSTRUMENT DRIVE or to get involved in the SYO, please call (703) 728-2589.

GEORGE ALLEN FROM PAGE 11

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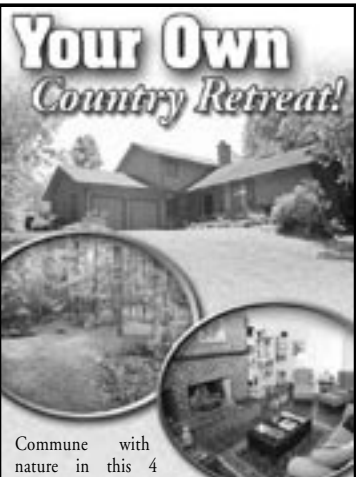


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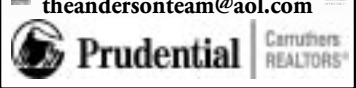
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Under the York Board, no new roads were funded by the state. Rather, Mr. York and Mr. Herring bowed to wishes of the **PEC**, down-zoned the Dulles South region and promoted “by-right” development. That meant that developers could build homes without having to help offset the fiscal impact of their developments or contribute to new or improved roads.

Now we see the results. Current Loudoun County taxpayers will have to pay the bill for these “by-right” homes (almost 2,000 in Dulles South alone, which equates to a bill of more than \$1.5 billion for current taxpayers) thanks to the York Board. And there are no new roads to accommodate the homes they added.

Mr. York continues to fight solutions as Chairman of the Board. And, although Mr. Herring moved on to Richmond, he has joined ranks with two other state representatives and gone on a County tour to block privately funded roads in Dulles South.

These three amigos haven't brought one single dime in road funds back to Loudoun County yet they rally with the **PEC**, pander to the *Washington Post*, and claim that a \$750 million privately funded road network for Dulles South isn't a solution.

Well, three amigos...just what is your solution? More taxes?

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A variety of children’s classes are offered on weekday afternoons and on Saturdays in Drawing, Painting, Sculpting, and Clay. Pre-teen classes include Awesome Art, Art Rocks and Acrylic Painting. For pre-kindergartners, a parent/child class is available on Friday mornings.

The complete list of classes, workshops and events is available at www.loudounacademy.org
The Loudoun Academy of the Arts is a 501c3 organization that provides fine art instruction, gallery exhibition space for professional artists and affordable studio rentals for practicing artists. The Academy is located at 222 South King Street in downtown historic Leesburg. For a full schedule of classes and workshops, including supply lists and fees, visit www.loudounacademy.org or call 703-777-8043.

A CHILDRENS CONSIGNMENT SALE

A Children’s Consignment Sale will be held at the Arcola Community Center on Friday October 27th from 8:30 to 3:00 and on Saturday, October 28th from 8:30 to 3:00. Items for sale will include children’s clothing, toys, books, furniture and much more. For more information on the sale or to obtain information on consigning at this event, please call The Arcola Community Center at (703) 327-3111.

ANNUAL CROP HUNGER WALK TO BENEFIT LOUDOUN INTERFAITH RELIEF

Come rain or shine on Saturday, October 28, at 8:30 a.m., the Annual Western Loudoun CROP Hunger Walk will take to the W&OD Trail starting at Loudoun Valley High School in Purcellville. There will be a 6-mile round trip walk to Rt. 704. A shorter 4 mile walk is also offered.

The CROP Hunger Walk will benefit Loudoun Interfaith Relief as well as hunger and relief efforts worldwide through Church World Service (www.cropwalk.org). This year will mark the third year for this group event here. Walkers raised over \$15,000 the first two years; last year some of the funds were used for hurricane relief efforts. Local churches are organizing the walk, and everyone is welcome. Both walkers and sponsors are invited to participate in this effort to alleviate hunger and suffering here and around the world. For more information, please call 540-338-1362, or just come to the Walk!

FRESH SEASON, CHANGES, AT GRACE CHURCH CONCERT SERIES

Announcing its 2006-2007 season, Grace Church Concert Series in The Plains offers great variety and quality in programming, as well as some innovations. The first Family Concert is

scheduled for January with a production of Amahl and the Night Visitors. As the series has grown in popularity since its inception, an expanding audience now includes parishioners, neighbors, friends, and concert-goers from afar. Because seating is limited, and to ensure the opportunity to attend all events at a savings, subscriptions are being offered for the first time. All performances will be ticketed and subscriptions will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Single tickets for individual concerts will go on sale after Oct. 6, as available after subscriptions have been received.



The American Boychoir returns to open the series on Sunday, Oct. 29. Long established as the premiere boys concert choir in the USA, its members come from around the country to pursue a rigorous academic and musical curriculum in grades 5 through 8 at the only non-sectarian residential boychoir school in the nation. Renowned worldwide for appearances with prominent orchestras, on TV, radio and movie soundtracks, their program will include a medley of gospel and spiritual songs. On Sunday, January 7, Gian Carlo Menotti’s one-act opera Amahl and the Night Visitors makes an hour-long presentation includes beautiful music, colorful characters and costumes, dancing shepherds, and a miracle. The first opera written for television, this holiday masterpiece has been a classic since its debut on Christmas Eve, 1951. The cast of superb singers features accomplished young Ned Hollinshead Sieverts as Amahl and his mother, Barbara Hollinshead, as The Mother. One free ticket for children age 12 and under will be included with each subscription, marking this first Family Concert.

Changing pace on Sunday, Feb. 11, the Calder Quartet’s four youthful members will take a cue from their namesake, the great American visual artist Alexander Calder, as they search for new ways to stretch the boundaries of chamber music and the definition of a string quartet. In residence at The Juilliard School, they are dedicated to combining the best of both new and traditional repertoire. The season comes to a close on Sunday, April

22, with the virtuoso American Brass Quintet. Hailed as the “High Priests of Brass” by Newsweek, the Quintet is Ensemble-in-Residence at The Juilliard School and Aspen Music Festival. Founded in 1960, their discography exceeds 50 recordings.

All concerts are at 5 PM on Sundays and followed by delectable receptions for an opportunity to meet the artists. Subscriptions for all four events are \$70; individual tickets (only as available) are \$25, so subscriptions offer significant savings. To order tickets and receive the season’s handsome brochure, contact Grace Church at P.O. Box 32, The Plains, VA 20198; call (540) 253-5177; or visit the website at www.gracechurch.net.

The Grace Church Concert Series, which helps to support the music programs at Grace Church, is funded in part through the generosity of Mrs. Jacqueline Mars in memory of her mother, Mrs. Forrest Mars, who was devoted to music and loved Grace Church.

RAISE THE STAKES AT OATLANDS

Country Western Casino Night to Benefit Oatlands. Oatlands will host “Raise the Stakes! Country Western Casino Night” on Saturday, Nov. 4, 2006 from 6:30 pm to 10:30 pm. A fun-filled evening with catering by Secret Servants Catering & Event Planning, live country music by Four of a Kind, and casino games from Entertainment Connection. Prizes included. Proceeds to benefit Oatlands Historic House and Gardens. : \$65.00 per person. Visit www.oatlands.org for more details or to register on-line. Call 703.777.3174. Oatlands is located at 20850 Oatlands

HAYMARKET WOMAN'S CLUB ELECTION DAY DINNER & BAZAAR

Again this year the Haymarket Woman’s Club will host its annual Election Day Dinner & Bazaar at Saint Paul’s Episcopal Church Parish Hall, located at: 6735 Fayette Street, Haymarket, Virginia. On Tuesday, November the 7th, doors will open to the public at 10AM for purchase of a variety of handicrafts, “attic treasures”, and baked goods. Additionally, a quilt hand-made by the Club’s women will be raffled off. A sit-down ham & turkey dinner, with all the trimmings, will be served from 11AM until 2PM with carryout available. Cost of the dinner is \$12 for adults and \$6 for children under 12, with all proceeds going to charity.

For more information contact Fran Perryman Phone: (703) 754-4812; Email: jimpman@erols.com

A LOOK AT THE LAND: A Journey of Rediscovery.
Thursday, November 9, 7:00 p.m.
at the Rust Library, 380 Old Waterford Road, Leesburg.

Jim Clark, a local award-winning nature photographer, shares his photographs of some of the nation’s most recognized nature destinations, focusing on his most recent efforts exploring two unique areas in the U.S. — the Allegheny Highlands and the Eastern Shore of Maryland and Virginia. This free program, sponsored by the Loudoun Wildlife Conservancy, will start at 7:30 p.m. Come at 7:00 p.m. to meet the speaker and have refreshments. For more information about this program or the organization, call 540-554-2542 or visit www.loudounwildlife.org

PHILOMONT FIRE DEPARTMENT HARVEST BRUNCH

The Philomont Volunteer Fire Department (VFD) Ladies Auxiliary is hosting their annual Harvest Brunch on Sunday, Nov. 12th, 8:00am – 12:00pm.

Menu includes sausage-gravy with biscuits, scrambled eggs, ham, potatoes, and home-baked goods. Adults - \$7.00, Ages 5-12 - \$4.00 and under 4 are free.

Philomont Firehouse 36650 Jeb Stuart Rd. For info 338 – 1207

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EDIBLE ARCHITECTURE
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108110-01 \$56.00
W 10/25-12/13 1:15P- 2:15P
MOTHER GOOSE
(Ages 18 mos-3) Boys and girls, come out to play. The moon doth shine as bright as day!
Instructor: Noreen O'Brien
108111-01 \$48.00
Th 10/26-12/7 9:00A- 9:45A
LET'S HAVE A BALL
(Ages 3-5) The teachers away, the kids will play. Preschoolers will play games, make crafts and have a ball.
108112-01 \$25.00
M 11/6-11/6 9:00A- 2:00P
108112-02 \$25.00
Tu 11/7-11/7 9:00A- 2:00P
INTRO TO RIDING CAMP
(Ages 6 & up) Location: Stonelea Farm, Aldie. School's out. Why not spend time at the horse farm? Time will be spent grooming, tacking, riding and learning about our equine friends.
M 11/6-11/6 9:00A-12:00P
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DANCE N PLAY
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108109-02 \$40.00
W 11/1-11/29 9:45A-10:15A
PARENTS NIGHT OUT
(Ages 5-12) Kids love to play at the community center and you get to enjoy a night out. Games, crafts, friends and dinner. Registration required.
108203-02 \$20.00 Fright Night
Theme F 10/20-10/20 6:00P-10:00P
108203-03 \$20.00 Are you Board? Games F 11/17-11/17 6:00P-10:00P
SPECIAL EVENTS
PUMPKINS IN THE PARK
(All Ages) Location: Middleburg Community Center. Everyone welcome. Bring your creativity and join the pumpkin carving contest and make a scarecrow for your porch. Please bring clothes and pants/hose to make your scarecrow, we will provide the stuffing!
108702-01 \$5.00
F 10/27-10/27 6:30P- 8:30P
HOT DOG IT'S HALLOWEEN
(All Ages) Location: Middleburg Community Center. We will provide a hot dog dinner for adults and children. Activities include costume parade, games and hayride. Sponsored by the Middleburg Community Center and Loudoun County Parks, Recreation & Community Services.
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ERICA— Erica came to us in horrible condition. Her collar was grown into her neck and she was very very skinny. Erica would do best as an only animal. She is good with most other dogs but not kitties. She adores cuddling on your lap!

PUPPIES — A very special group of pups! These little kids are lovely Shepherd mix puppies who will grow to be medium to large breed dogs. They have exceptionally nice/ kind temperaments and are just as healthy as can be! Please call for more info and to arrange a time to visit. Lots of love & fun!



TOM & JERRY— Brother/sister Bantam hen & rooster born in July. These little kids are adorable and very attached to each other



MARVIN— We have three adorable Pygmy goats looking for a home! The mom and baby are extremely affectionate and well mannered! Super cuties!



SUMMER— A very special 10 year old, 16.2H TB cross. Summer cannot be ridden due to an underlying lameness but he travels soundly and does not require any meds etc. Summer has excellent ground manners, is an easy keeper and is extremely affectionate with people. He will follow you around like a dog and is everyone's best friend! Summer is the perfect babysitter/ companion for weanlings.



TARA — A purebred Jack Russell Terrier. Tara was found wandering on a country road and no-one ever claimed her. She is super cute, healthy, housebroken, great with other dogs and seems to be fine with cats too! Tara loves to play ball. She needs a fenced yard or

CHEYENNE— A beauty! Cheyenne was at a county shelter where her time was up so we took her to give her a second chance! Cheyenne is a doll, she is very affectionate and very sweet and would love a family of her own soon!



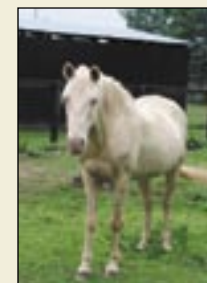
HOLLY— A very attractive 4 year old, chunky 14.2H QH mix. Holly has nice ground manners and is very well put together. Holly has recently completed a 30 day training program to get started under saddle. Holly has a huge future!

DO BRO—A super funny guy with super cute little short legs! He came from a county shelter where his time was up. DoBro is a great guy— super cute, very loving and he loves to play with the other dogs.



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.

MILTON— A lovely 20 year old bombproof horse who is perfect for a beginner rider for walk/ trot trails. Milton had foundered so needs restricted grass intake and front shoes. He is a great guy and would be a fun addition to any barn!



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DUDETTE — Poor Dudette— her mom didn't like her personality so she took her to the vet to be put down! Thankfully the vet refused and called us. Dudette is a big gorgeous cat who likes to keep to herself. She enjoys being petted and is very clean. She is looking for a nice person with good legs to rub up against! Please help poor Dudette, she has been in a cage for months.

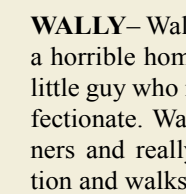
ASIA— Born 5/23, Asia is now ready for adoption. Mom is a lovely Rottweiler mix, dad was probably Shepherd and/or Husky. She has grown up with us with tons of socialization and good times with cats, kids and other puppies. Asia has one blue eye, she is not only a beauty but a really cool dog too!



JULIA—A 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.



TINY—Tiny is a very sweet 6 year old papillon/chihuahua who was rescued from living on a 4 foot chain. She loves kitties and is good with other dogs. Tiny is mostly housebroken, good with older kids and really likes to go for car rides. She is a climber so she will need a secure fenced yard



WALLY— Wally was rescued from a horrible home. He is a very cute little guy who is very sweet and affectionate. Wally is learning manners and really appreciated attention and walks.



DILLON— Dillon is a very special little girl. She is super sweet and wants so much to please everyone. Dillon was rescued with Wally and she is also learning manners. Dillon is about 8 months old, she will be a great family friend.

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That is not necessarily the case. In fact, cooking for dogs can be the best possible way to keep them healthy, as long as the "chef" takes the time to check with a vet and learn how to make a proper home-cooked canine meal. Unfortunately, cooking for a pet doesn't fit into the schedules of many people. Feeding the same kibble day after day, however, can get awfully boring for a four-legged friend. What's a dog to do?

My people often address diet boredom with great treats from their refrigerator and pantry. My list of favorites includes nonfat, plain yogurt; boneless, skinless chicken and turkey; small pieces of carrots, green beans and potatoes; small amounts of pasta; brown rice; and bananas. I don't eat these as a permanent diet, but a little bit added to my food makes for a great meal. And when I'm a little hungry between meals, the veggies definitely help fill me up without putting on weight.

If you want to feed your dog human food, however, it's important to know what foods can be dangerous. Some human foods can cause serious illness and even death. Never feed a dog grapes, raisins, onions, macadamia nuts, chocolate, coffee, tea, animal fat, fried food, nutmeg, fruit seeds, or things with lots of salt. Some dogs also have trouble with tomatoes and raw eggs.

As long as you avoid unsafe foods, you can choose from many other options that can liven up mealtime for your furry friend. Once in awhile, you might even want to bake your own treats or freeze some yogurt to create "doggie ice cream".

The most important thing is to realize that commercial pet food is by no means the only food you can give your pet. As long as you stay within safe food guidelines and don't overfeed your friend, there is no reason not to provide variety in his or her life. For many of us, winter means longer time indoors and fewer opportunities to explore new and interesting things outside. Even the smallest break from the monotony can be a lot of fun for us!

All this talk about food has made me very hungry. I'm heading to the refrigerator for some carrots and green beans. I just wish I could figure out how to open it myself!

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

RESCUED KITTENS LOOKING FOR HOMES



Construction workers at the new Clyde's Restaurant in Broadlands discovered they had some uninvited guests last August. First they heard some faint meowing, then discovered a paw print in the construction dust, until finally the kittens were spotted deep in the air ducts.

Loudoun County Animal Control Officers responded to the still unfinished restaurant, where the kittens had taken up residence in the ventilation system. Animal Control Officers worked with employees of Clyde's to try to locate the family. Over the course of the next week and several visits to the site, Animal Control Officers were able to trap three kittens and bring them to the Animal Shelter.

Those three kittens have spent the last six weeks at the Loudoun County Animal Shelter, getting lots of TLC while growing up big and strong so that they are ready to venture back out into the world!

Clyde, Claire, and Maximus are now approximately three months old, and they are bundles of fun! They are playful, affectionate, & loveable, and they are hoping to find forever homes.

Clyde, Claire, & Maximus, along with other cats available for adoption, can be seen online at www.loudoun.gov/animals or can be visited in person at the Loudoun County Animal Shelter.

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Millwood, Virginia
Beautifully restored Georgian style house built circa 1780. A substantial clapboard dwelling on 5 sheltered and quiet acres, Brookside is the oldest house in historic Millwood. 4 bedrooms, 5 baths, 7 fireplaces, central A/C. Creek on property. Additional 1700 sq. ft. building can be used as office or shop. \$825,000.

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Four Chimneys
Middleburg, Virginia
Well-built brick home, 10' 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. \$1,395,000.



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



2970 Rectortown Road
Rectortown, Virginia
Charming 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath house in the quaint village of Rectortown. Renovated 2 years ago, new kitchen with commercial oven, great room and master suite. Stainless steel appliances, hardwood floors, 10 foot ceilings, wrap around porch, nice back yard with patio and arbor, great views. \$850,000.

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PROPERTIES IN HUNT COUNTRY

THE VILLA



Extraordinary English Manor house ♦Approx. 100 acs. of mag. woodlands w/spectacular views ♦Superbly detailed w/top quality craftsmanship ♦14' ceilings ♦5 FP's ♦Fab. grmt. kit. ♦37'x30' "Grand Salon" ♦Ideal for entertaining **\$5,200,000**

LOCUST GROVE



Extraordinary 250+ acre farm ♦Meticulously restored stone main residence ♦Charming log guest house ♦Sep. office/studio ♦4 stall center aisle barn ♦Sep. apt. over garage ♦All in pristine condition ♦Gorgeous views in a protected area **\$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 basement ♦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, and 3 strong streams ♦Spring fed pond with dock ♦4 bedroom Cape with wrap-around porch ♦Gazebo ♦8 stall barn ♦Board fenced paddocks ♦Pecan orchard **\$3,199,000**

OAK HILL



Former home of Chief Justice John Marshall *c.1773 frame colonial & 1819 stucco classical revival* Orig. details: floors, windows, mantels* 8 FP's ♦Period out-bldgs. ♦Beaut. mtn & pastoral views* 90 acs of farm land* Waiting for the history buff to restore **\$2,600,000**

MIDDLEBURG HOUSE



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

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**

TRAP BRANCH



Nr. The Plains ♦Tastefully renovated 1836 brick residence ♦3BR ♦2.5BA ♦2 story Great Rm w/FP ♦New oversized 2 car garage ♦Lovely 4.43 landscaped acs. w/large pond & flowing stream ♦Surrounded by lrg. farms & estates ♦Pristine condition **\$995,000**

DANCING MEADOWS



Rappahannock Co. ♦At the base of Bessie Belle Mtn. ♦36+ acres, 24+ acres wooded, 12 acres of fields ♦Farmhouse circa 2001 ♦Shop ♦Machine shed ♦Creek runs across property ♦Pond site ♦Secluded with pastoral views **\$920,000**

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