



MIDDLEBURG TO SALAMANDER:

SUNNY SPRING RACE PHOTOS

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LET'S DANCE...

DANIEL MORROW

After a 90-minute, closed-door, work session on Monday, April 23, the Middleburg Town Council voted 4-2 in favor of Salamander Development's demand that it be allowed to build an inn with 168 guest rooms on the corporation's recently annexed town property.

Technically, the Council ordered Town Administrator, Jerry Schiro and Town Attorney, Liz Whiting, to work with Salamander to draft the necessary amendments to existing agreements to allow the 168 room inn.

The Council further ordered that the amendments be ready for approval by Council in two weeks.

If the four-vote pro-Salamander coalition holds, formal approval of the larger inn could come as soon as May 7.

Council's vote follows a surprise March announcement by Salamander indicating that cost increases of nearly 40% made the originally-approved 120-room inn "truly unfeasible" financially, putting future tax and fee revenues, and a new \$5 million dollar waste water treatment plant at risk.

Voting in favor of the new plan were

veteran Council member Eura Lewis, and the three newest members, Lisa Patterson, Karen Robinson, and Trowbridge Littleton.

Patterson had pressed for an early vote at a Council Work Session late last week, citing the negative effects on ongoing uncertainty about the future of the Salamander project.

Littleton, quantified the uncertainty, noting that every month's delay in opening the inn costs the Town a minimum of \$100,000.

Darlene Kirk, and Mark Snyder opposed the motion. Both had been supportive of plans to build the smaller, 120-room facility. Kirk has consistently branded Salamander's non-negotiable 168-room requirement as a breach of faith. Snyder has insisted that Council is not receiving a fair return on the value of its new concessions to Salamander.

Catherine ("Bundles") Murdock, the sole opponent of the town's original Memorandum of Understanding with Salamander still serving on council, was on vacation when the critical vote was taken. By email from Switzerland she told the Eccentric, "I am still opposed to the 'resort' and would have preferred a small 20-40 room inn. Though she indicated that she was 'prepared to work on the approved 120-room Memorandum of Understanding and make the best of it for

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MIDDLEBURG RESOLVES TO ENDORSE 'GO GREEN' INITIATIVE



Middleburg Go Green is an ad hoc committee that was formed after a resolution was passed by the Town Council on March 8, 2007 to address environmental issues. The resolution stated that the Middleburg Town Council endorses the concept of sustainability and authorizes the formation of an ad hoc committee to complete an environmental assessment, increase community awareness of the importance of sustainability and develop recommendations for sustainability goals and action plans.

The major emphasis initially will be to encourage each of us to look at how we are using our natural resources; and seek ways in which we can work together as a town to make a positive impact. Most of the issues will involve activities we do everyday. We will start to become more aware of how our actions do impact and are interconnected with our environment, we will start to question and hopefully change how we do some of the everyday things in our lives.

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Go Green is being addressed world wide, replacing incandescent light bulbs with compact fluorescent bulbs (CFL's). Every home within the Middleburg Town limits will receive on April 17, 2007, eight CFL's, which have been donated by the Clean Power Foundation based in Middleburg. The CFL's save the consumer money, since they use approx. 75% less energy in addition to lasting from 7-10 years. The impact that the eight bulbs installed in the most frequently used fixtures, of the homes in our town, will be equivalent to removing 221 cars per year from the road while creating a net lifecycle savings of \$223,796.00. These bulbs are 100% recyclable and we are looking into the best way for this to be accomplished. At this time the nearest bulb crusher is close to Baltimore. Hopefully, by the time these

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NEWS OF NOTE

LEGACY OF THE WHITE EAGLE WINS NATIONAL AWARDS

WORLD WAR II DOCUMENTARY SHINES SPOTLIGHT ON LOCAL TALENT

For Hollywood movies there are the Oscars. For television, there are the Emmys. For the local TV and film productions there are the Telly Awards.

Legacy of the White Eagle, a new documentary about World War II written in Middleburg and produced at LightYear Studios in Leesburg, has just won three of these highly respected national awards.

This documentary tells the story of resistance in the German Army after the occupation of Poland in 1939 and the subsequent Warsaw Uprising, through the memories of former Middleburg architect, Julian Kubicki, who participated in the war as a young teenage soldier in the Polish Underground Army. This unique documentary contains some never before seen footage.

The 45-minute documentary, based entirely on the book by Dr. Kubicki, was produced and directed by Sam Ruzolo at LightYear Studios in Leesburg. Kim Hart, of Middleburg, is the Executive Producer. Hill School student Dylan Roseman narrates portions of the documentary in the voice of the young Julian Kubicki.

The awards received were:

- Silver Award (1st Place) for Documentary Cinematography;
- Bronze Award (2nd Place) for Documentary Subject Matter;
- Bronze Award for Documentary Subject Matter.

Cathy Gorn, Executive Director of National History Day, who are both sponsoring the project and distributing the book and DVD said, "Legacy of the White Eagle is about growing up during a time of great upheaval, a time when circumstances required young people to become adults and find the maturity to take on responsibilities beyond those of an average high school student. Julian's story inspires and teaches us about courage, determination, personal strength, and the meaning of freedom. And it reminds us why the study of history is so important."

When asked about receiving the Telly awards, producer Kim Hart said, "Julian wrote a fabulous book and Sam Ruzolo has brought it to life in the documentary. I'm thrilled that the awards jury has confirmed how good both of them are."

The book and DVD are available at Books & Grams in Middleburg and on line at the National History Day website: www.nhd.org.



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ARBOR DAY CELEBRATED

The 2007 Arbor Day Celebration was held on Saturday, April 21 on South Pendleton Street, Middleburg, for the sixth year, been named a Tree City USA by The National Arbor Day Foundation to honor its commitment to its community forest. Betsy Davis, Virginia Department of Forestry, presented the award to Mayor Betsy Davis as part of the Arbor Day Celebration. This year's celebration includes the kick-off of Middleburg Beautification and Preservation, Inc.'s South Pendleton Street Connector Project. The project is designed to complete the effort initiated by The Hill School and the Town of Middleburg several years ago to link the school community to the town and provide pedestrian access to the campus walking trail.

Mayor Davis presented awards to this year's Arbor Day Poster Contest Winners. These for the contest was "Our Roots Are Here in Loudoun" and over 180 kindergarten through sixth grade students from Middleburg Elementary and The Hill School participated.



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the public hearings will then be submitted to three SCC commissioners who will decide the fate of the proposed power towers. The application is available now on Dominion's website and will soon be available on the SCC website. Public hearing dates will be posted online at www.NoPowerTowers.org and at www.EnergyPolicies.org. To register your opinion on Dominion's proposed power towers, please address your opinion to State Corporation Commission, P.O. Box 1197, Richmond, Virginia 23218; Telephone 800 552 7945.

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the town, the residents, and the shops," her reactions to the latest Council decision remain unknown. Mayor Betsy Davis, who can vote only to break ties on the 7-person town council, has consistently favored negotiating with Salamander for what she considers "the best long-term interest of the town."

Late last week, Town Administrator Jerry Schiro's work-session review of the pros and cons of approval, leaned heavily toward the former. "In a nutshell," he said, "if not Salamander, then what? According to Schiro, "The Town of Middleburg is at a crossroads." The town, he said, simply could not "continue to deliver the levels of service that our residents have come to expect without additional revenues, and there are few sources for additional revenue."

More Tax and Fee Hikes? One approach, Schiro admitted, would be to increase tax rates and user fees. "But recent analysis of the utility budget (alone) shows that despite a 10% increase in the

utility fees in December 2006, significant deficits are projected at the end of the current budget year. Restructuring the Town's existing debt would create a near-term benefit in Fiscal Year 2008, he continued, but from Fiscal Year 2009 through 2015 utility rates would have to be increased roughly 6% per year to meet increased operational costs, annual debt service, and deferred maintenance costs.

Even then, Schiro noted, his bleak projections did not take into account any unforeseen catastrophic repairs to the town's utility systems, nor provide for any growth.

A second option, and in Schiro's opinion "a more salable one," was to expand the town's customer base thereby diluting the per capita cost for services. In his view, "... a five-star resort of the caliber proposed by Salamander would be an excellent means of accomplishing such an expansion."

Compared to more typical residential users," Schiro noted, "Spa users would place few additional demands on Town services."

And, to offset the demands the project will place on the Town's infrastructure, Salamander has already agreed to fund over 5 million dollars in capital improvements to the town's utility system."

That, he said, would virtually "eliminate the need for the town to incur additional debt in the near future."

In addition to the positive effects of a new Salamander deal on the town's utility system, he continued, "The Spa" would also bring additional revenues into the Town's general fund, through taxes paid on meals and occupancy."

Salamander's marketing presence and proximity to the Middleburg retail district is also anticipated to have a positive affect on the town's business environment." That, he said, "translates into increased tax revenues from the business community and stabilizes the residential tax burden."

Unanimous approval of a "tree removal request" on the Salamander property and a 6-1 vote in favor of a critical amendment to the town's Comprehensive Plan telegraphed Monday's action for many keen observers of the Salamander project.

On April 12, after receiving promises that Salamander would move as many large trees as possible, and plant many more than would be destroyed, the council voted to allow the removal of all trees "over 18 inches in caliper from the limits of clearing and grading on the Salamander tract."

With Mark Snyder as the only dissenter, Council also agreed to amend portions of its Comprehensive Plan to fit the requirements of its original agreement with Salamander, and to add a new chapter and map,



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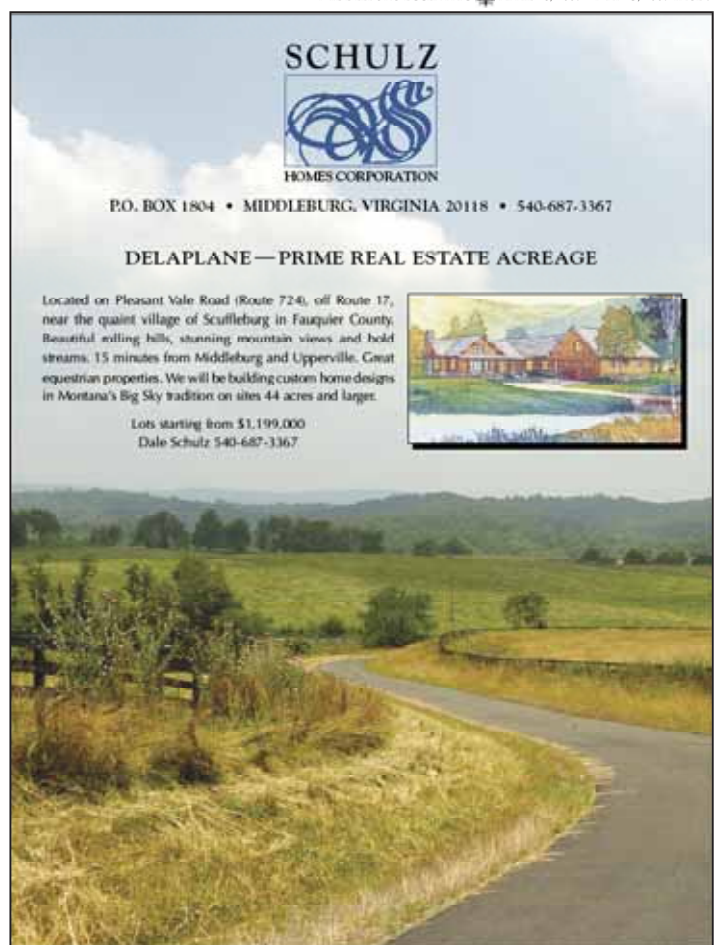
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Gary R. Shook, has been named president of Middleburg Financial Corporation and of Middleburg Bank according to Joseph L. Boling, chairman of the board and chief executive officer. Shook was also elected to the board of directors of both institutions.



Shook joined Middleburg Bank in early 2005 as executive vice president and community executive for the Warrenton and Pasquetti markets. He began his 25-year career in financial services in the Hampton Roads region of Virginia. He brings extensive banking background to his new position and has experience in commercial, consumer and real estate lending.

He is a UVA graduate and currently serves as vice chair and director of Management Services, Inc., a subsidiary of the Virginia Bankers Association.

"Gary Shook is our kind of banker," said Boling. "He is known throughout the region for personal service, he is highly respected in banking circles, and he has demonstrated commitment to the community throughout his career."

Boling, who has served as president, chairman and chief executive officer of the bank for more than 14 years, will continue to serve as chairman and chief executive officer while focusing more of his efforts on the company's strategy, business model and the continued growth of its subsidiaries.

DePrizio Promoted

Carolyn DePrizio has been promoted to vice president of investment services, Middleburg Bank recently announced. She has been employed with the bank since 2003.

"We could not be more pleased to promote Carolyn to vice president," said Shook. "She's been helping clients plan and realize their financial dreams for more than 25 years."



DePrizio received her B.S. from West Chester University and her M.S. from Shippensburg University. She has been involved with the United States Tennis Association for more than 25 years.

Hejmes Earns Certification Patrick Hejmes of Middleburg Bank recently earned his Financial Planner Certification, assisting clients of the bank's investment group that they will be working with one of the most highly qualified and ethical financial planning professionals available.



"This is very important when it comes to helping our clients maximize their financial future," according to President Shook.

Hejmes, who has experience with one of the country's largest brokerage houses, graduated from the University of Texas. He lives in Warrenton with his wife.

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MIDDLEBURG BUSINESS ASSOCIATION RE-ENERGIZED WITH NEW LEADERSHIP

The Middleburg Business and Professional Association has a new board and a new determination to take on the challenges of doing business in a difficult economic climate, according to the members of that board, which has been meeting regularly for some months now.

Members of the MBPA board have repeatedly expressed a commitment to being the voice of business before the Town Council, and at the state and county level as needed.

"We are determined to be a force for positive change as we face challenges that so many small towns face

all across America," said Board President Jo Ann Hazard. "We appreciate the contributions that our businesses and shops make to the town, and they deserve all the support and assistance we can give them."

Vice President Ken Reid will be representing the MBPA at Town Council meetings and will make sure that the association's interests are communicated to the council. He will also make regular reports to the board and to interested business owners.

"We have to be involved if we are going to make a difference," he said. "It's our responsibility to make sure that the council understands the

ramifications of their decisions as they affect the business community."

The first MBPA mixer, held in March, was a huge success and plans are to hold these events quarterly at different locations throughout the village. The mixers give business owners a chance to meet with each other in an informal atmosphere, sharing concerns and ideas for how to make the village more economically secure.

A membership drive is now underway, and anyone interested in joining the association should contact Jo Ann Hazard at 540-687-6082 or via email at hazard@middleburgcountry.com.

Middleburg Community Center

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Dominion has continually refused to provide proof that we even need the electricity. According to the North American Electric Reliability Corporation, power capacity in Virginia is "not a reliability concern at this time." In fact, Virginia will receive zero long-term benefits from the proposed line.

The power towers will bring more pollution to Virginia with electricity from the dirtiest, oldest plants in the nation. In 2005, Dominion's Chesterfield plant was named the biggest polluter in Virginia and two Dominion coal-fired facilities emitted the most toxic chemicals in the state of Massachusetts.

All of Virginia's future energy needs can be met through a comprehensive state energy plan that promotes the use of modern technology and energy efficiency.

Virginia doesn't need, doesn't want and can't afford these power towers.

1. HBAC 2008 Long-Term Reliability Assessment, page 41.
2. U.S. General Assembly (GAEC Report).
3. Mr. Hollibaugh, Environmental Clear
4. See also the Virginia Transportation
Board, p. 129, 130.

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RACE DAY PASTABILITIES FROM BEHIND THE STOVE

BRIAN LICHTOROVIC

Spring race time. Parties, picnics, tailgating and hangovers with a horse race or two thrown in there from time to time. There are dazzling hats, spiffy suits and the occasional digital picture that can ruin a potential fine political career.

To me, the pageantry of the tailgating table, when done right, is truly elegant — replete with fresh linens, silver service, candelabras and fresh spring flowers. These rail side soirees are the place to be on a gorgeous spring race day.

I really relish the bounty that people put out too. Fried chickens, honey baked ham, tenderloin of beef, crisp croutons and there's always a dish or two of a specialty — homemade macaroni and cheese or someone's famous deviled eggs. I like it all.

The only commonality I've found is the inevitable plastic container of large grocery chain pasta salad. I always concoct a good cold pasta salad for my race day fare. They're simple to make and everybody, in-

cluding kids, usually likes them. Most importantly, it's miles away from those store bought salads whose main ingredients are 5 gallons of commercial mayonnaise with some emulsified, celery and carrots, and if you're lucky, an onion, and mixed together with overcooked rubbery pasta. Why bother? I mean yes, it's 3 bucks for 5 pounds of the shop but do we realize what we're putting into our bodies? (Along with six more jalapeños)

We are what we eat. My goal was to find and make a few pasta salads that are low in fat, high in nutrition and rich in flavor. They're served cold so they're great for race day tailgating and appetizing enough that you will run out of it before it's time to pack up.

The main idea is to use as much fresh stuff as you can find and to cook the pasta properly, at dente.

As always most of the fresh ingredients are available at our local farmer's markets and local vendors.



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Directions: 1. Wash and chop the vegetables. 2. Cook the pasta. 3. Mix the dressing. 4. Combine the ingredients. 5. Serve hot or cold.

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THE REDBUDS ARE BLOOMING!

KAREN RENOISE

The redbuds are in flower, beautiful trees with lavender-purple flowers that contrast so nicely with the newly emerging leaves of surrounding trees. This native appears at the edge of wooded areas and seems to do well in partial sun or full sun. Considered an understory tree, the average height for *Cercis canadensis* is 15 to 20 feet. A member of the leguminosae family, or pea family, the botanical origin for the genus name *Cercis* comes from ancient Greek *kerkis*, meaning a shackle; the name given by Theophrastus to the European species (*C. silvestris*), from the resemblance of the seed pod to the weavers implement. *Cercis* silvestris was supposedly the tree that Judas Iscariot hanged himself on, turning white flowers to blood-red and then burned pink with shame.

There are 8 species of *Cercis* with 2 native to the North American Continent. Our local native is *Cercis canadensis*, also known as the eastern redbud. Found growing from New Jersey south to Northern Mexico and west to Missouri and Texas. Flowers appear up and down the branches as well as directly off of the main trunk. The magenta buds appear on dark, blackish bark and contrast well with each other, eventually aging to pink. Numerous variations occur in *Cercis canadensis* and Virginia and West Virginia are the hot bed for new cultivars, or those with differently colored flowers found growing in the wild. Two such selections are redbuds that go by the name of 'Appalachian Red' and 'Pastel Lily'. To see these in flower, one instantly recognizes their uniqueness. The flowers on *Cercis 'Appalachian Red'* are hot pink, not the standard magenta or pink. On *Cercis 'Pastel Lily'* they are salmon as they first open and age to pink. Two other selections are grown for their foliage and makes them very popular with the benefit of ornament extended through several seasons. The most popular and readily found is *Cercis canadensis 'Forest Pansy'*, the foliage is a dark ruby color. More difficult to find is *Cercis 'Silver Chant'* which exhibits stunning variegated leaves, they look like they have been splattered with white paint. The flowers are a pale pink but the leaves are the primary reason to grow this selection. Only old plants will readily flower, young trees flower sparsely. One very well known subspecies is the redbud from Texas or *Cercis var. texensis*. Foliage is a leathery, lustrous green, adequately different from our local form and hardly here in zone 7. The form known as 'Texas White' is not difficult to find. The flowers are pure white and beautiful when contrasted against the black bark. Hybridizers are working at crossing both the 'Texas White' with 'Silver Chant' in the hopes of developing a tree with white variegated foliage and white spring flowers.

Six species of *Cercis* are found growing in China, the most common is *Cercis chinensis*. Usually forming multi-trunked small trees or large shrubs. The stems and trunk are not nearly as dark as our native *C. canadensis* although the flowers mirror

ours. The National Arboretum has introduced a new hybrid using a Chinese species and named it *C. 'Don Egolf'*. Named after one of their most famous (and wonderful) breeders. More compact, growing only nine feet tall, the flowers are said to cover the trunk to the point that it hides the woody branches and looks like bright pink flowering torches.

In good years the redbuds bloom with the dogwoods, these are always

memorable years. More often they flower before the dogwoods but put on a splendid show in their abundance. There are pockets where they have seedling to the point of creating dense clusters, one of which is along Route 15 near Outlands Plantation. Few locations look as splendid in mid-April, when they are all in flower, the rest of the trees are wearing their spring green.



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THE INS AND OUTS OF PAINTING AND PAINTINGS - PART 2

TOM NEEL

In part one we covered different ways artists approach their creative process and this brings us to a few different mediums and surfaces used for paintings.

Mediums such as oil, acrylic, watercolor and others are just vehicles to deliver pigment by way of a brush, and pastel is basically raw pigment in stick form (like chalk) rubbed on. There are others as well, but for ease I'll stick to these.

Is one better than the other?
No, not really, they are just different and each has its own properties and characteristics. You will hear a lot about oil, which is clearly the most collected medium and certainly has that old masters thing going for it, but again remember father time, acrylic (a synthetic medium) is much newer and wasn't available back then.

Many remember houses used to be painted with oil and now most are painted in something similar to acrylic called latex. So why, you might ask? Oil paint is loosing in two ways, the environment

and clean up. I have heard that painting with oil paint for houses will only be available in one quart cans, thus making it almost too expensive for anyone to use, this is being exaggerated. The new oil paint also "use to" have lead in it, which was mainly there to make the paint more opaque for good coverage and I think that's the only reason they are gone, but with regards to it and clean up, oil paints require solvents to do the job. Acrylic, like watercolor, both being water soluble, can be cleaned with water and is a lot safer overall. I don't think artist oil paints will ever fall victim to that of the house paint, but new formulations of oil paint, water soluble oil paint, which have had their molecular structure altered to make them "in a sense" clean up with water

Still from an art use stand point, both have their pros and cons and reasons why artists like one over the other. Oil has two big things going for it, depth and blendability. The reason for the blendability is because it takes days to dry to the touch and weeks and or

months to completely dry. This can have its drawbacks for handling a wet painting, but for working out side, it actually helps, as sun on your painting won't dry it so quickly, bringing everything to a halt, your brush included! Whereas, acrylic dries in minutes, nice for doing detail work, but very difficult to blend and lacks a bit of depth. Both allow for glazing, "building transparent layers of paint" but most tradi-

Watercolor, a transparent medium, is spread across paper as a very wet solution and dries with the water evaporating leaving just the pigment. It dries fairly quickly, is great for detail work and can be blended skillfully through washes, as in gradient skies. One of the drawbacks is that it is mostly done on paper and oil paintings, whether they be watercolor, oil, acrylic or pastel, should absolutely be under glass and some people don't like that look. I have worked

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GENIE FORD

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We're also starting our very own Books & Crannies book club, and we have selected *Eye Contact* by Cammie McGovern. This is a book that combines the elements of a suspense thriller with the complicated, sometimes painful bonds of motherhood, friendship and love. We'll meet at Books & Crannies on Wednesday evening, May 23, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., so that gives you plenty of time to pick up the book and finish it

The whole world must know by now that the final Harry Potter book comes out on July 21. We are planning a huge party, appropriate for adults and kids, the evening of the 20th, and we'll start selling *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows* at 12:01 a.m. on the 21st. You may want to pre-order your

copy now because we expect to
sell out quickly.

At last the sun is shining and we can turn our thoughts to the renewed energy that spring brings—except of course if you get a bout of spring fever and all you want to do is lie in the sun! In that case, there are some new books coming out that will keep you entertained.

For fans of Middle Earth, the son of J.R.R. Tolkien, Christopher, has crafted a new story about the time before the Hobbits, *Children of Hurin*, illustrated by Alan Lee. Although the senior Tolkien has been dead for 34 years, his spirit lives on in this magical tale, which was compiled by his son from the voluminous papers his father left behind. It provides the backdrop and context for all that came after in *The Lord of the Rings* trilogy.

The incredible Paulo Coelho (*The Alchemist*, *Zahir*) has a new book out, *Witch of Portobello*. This is a finely crafted re-telling of the story of Athena, the "witch" of London's Portobello Road, famed for her omniscient powers. It is also a story of a spiritual quest, set against the materialism of the

modern world.

The *Kite Runner* remains a publishing phenomenon (more than 100 weeks on the New York Times bestseller list), and now Khaled Hosseini follows up that success with *A Thousand Splendid Suns*, due out May 22, but you may want to pre-order your copy now. This time he gives us 30 years of turbulent, violent and harrowing Afghan history, developed around a story of family, friendship, faith and love. It will shock and infuriate you, even as it offers hope in the face of horrible suffering and cruelty.

Anyone who calls Anita Shreve's work "chick lit" deserves a rap on the knuckles—not that there's anything wrong with chick lit (I love it)—but Shreve's body of work extends beyond the traditional boundaries of "women's literature." Her themes of bitter loss and ultimate renewal appear again in *Body Surfing*. A new widow becomes a tutor to Julie, an intellectually slow but artistic and beautiful 18-year-old, at her family's oceanfront summer cottage. Life is complicated with the arrival of the family's two grown sons, and then

disappears. It's all here—love, jealousy, redemption—handled with Shreve's customary skill and compassion.

Here's a quick list of some of our new releases or books coming soon that you might want to snap up: *Nixon and Kissinger: Partners in Power* by Robert Dallek (was Henry a de facto president during the Watergate?); *At the Center of the Storm* by George Tenet (controversial former CIA director); *Simple Genius* by David Baldacci reuniting the *Hour* Game duo; the incomparable Lemmon Snicket, back with *Horseworld*; *Bitter Truths* You Can't Avoid, offering some hilarious insights on life's unbearable for ages 9 to 12; *My Sister Sam* by Michael Chabon (Pulitzer Prize-winning *The Amazing Adventure of Kavalier and Clay*); with surprising tale (mystery-thriller-love story-homage to 1940s noir) of "the frozen Chosen," two million Jews living in Sitka, Alaska; and back with *Bad Luck and Trouble*, a new Jack Reacher—described as a murderous moralist-adventure (previous appearance).

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AND ANOTHER THING...
SEVENTH INNING STRETCH

ALEX CUDARACK

Red Sox-Yankees was the highest-rated sporting event on television this past Sunday.

Higher than basketball, higher than hockey (BIG surprise), higher than golf, swimming, skating, and whatever strongest man competition may have been on: Red Sox-

Yankees was even higher than NASCAR, something that really DID surprise a lot of people.

One can only hope that some of those people watching were here in our neck of the woods. One can only hope that some of those people watching what was without a doubt THE most breathtaking, engaging, entertaining, jump-up-off-the-couch-and-bounce-around baseball of this young season

were some of the same nay-sayers who have already leapt off the Nats' bandwagon three years into the great and wonderful DC Baseball Experiment (DCBE).

Don't get me wrong: the Nats ARE dreadful, and they will continue to be dreadful for at least a short while. But the idea that some of the people who played lip-service to getting a ball-team here only a few

years ago are already turning their backs on a team that was treated, for all intents and purposes, like the red-headed step-child of Major League Baseball by the rest of the owners for, literally, YEARS, is just laughable.

My advice to those people? Good riddance. See ya later. Don't let the door hit you on the way out. Beat it. Your negativity and whiney sense of entitlement was bringing the rest of us down anyway. Fun vacuums, all of 'ya.

Baseball, in it's best of moments, gives us what Red Sox-Yankees gave us all weekend: highs and lows, twists and turns, the good, the bad and the ugly.

The Nats aren't there yet, to be sure, but it takes time, and frankly, taking that time is half the fun. Baseball has always had a strange relationship with time unlike most other sports; it's something that seems to offend the sensibilities of some quasi-fans. Baseball has no time limit. Time-keepers and their clock-police have no place in baseball. Baseball ebbs and flows, taking sometimes strange, wandering, meandering turns, and generally goes along at whatever pace it wants. Baseball seasons seem to take a lifetime, running from the



end of one snow-season to the beginning of the next. No one person can take over a baseball game or transform an entire team by himself, so quick fixes are fool's gold and anybody who tries to tell you different is selling you magic beans.

The Nats just got to town, and people are already harping on the fact that they're not world-beaters yet. Give 'em a chance to catch their breath, to sink some roots, to get just a little bit familiar with their surroundings. Cripes, they haven't even moved into their own house yet! Many will coach these guys up and the ones that he can't will go somewhere else. Stan Kasten knows what he's doing and will go about doing it as well as he knows how, which is very. Jim Bowden may or may not be a baseball savant, but at least he's entertaining and his phone is always on. The Lerners aren't running out of town or out of money anytime soon, so the team is in good hands.

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THE INS AND OUTS OF
PAINTING AND PAINTINGS

FROM PAGE 18

with all, pastel the least, watercolors more so years ago, but I still, depending on what I am painting, use oil or acrylic. Most of my paintings are oil, but I have certain very detailed commissions I do where acrylic just gives better results. So, to me they are simply tools of the trade. There is little question though, that oil is still the most popular.

As for what paintings are painted on, well, there is definitely more here than meets the eye because most of the time when you are looking at a painting, especially not under glass, can't really tell. Some examples are canvas, panels of different woods and a variety of papers. With wood, some are more stable than others, but with all wood products the most important thing is the application of several coats of gesso. Like a primer, gesso acts as both to aid in adhesion and as a buffer to protect the paint from the natural acids in wood fibers.

With canvas the same applies, but canvas in itself is a somewhat generic term covering many things that are can-

vas in like. Without question, most artist canvas is made from cotton, but it's not really something professional artists should be painting on in my opinion and I'm not alone in this thinking by far. Cotton as a fiber, is neither tight nor very strong so, it is not the best for longevity and can be susceptible to mold. If you look at the back and the canvas in fairly white, it's likely cotton, whereas linen, a far better choice, would be more of a dark sand color.

These linens come mostly from Belgium, Italy or France and are much more expensive, but let's face it, paintings that are expensive, should be painting on like materials. No one likes cotton blue jeans more than I, but they are not what I would normally choose for fine dining.

So, there you have it, there are many different types of art, mediums, surfaces to paint on, subject matter and price ranges...luckily, there are just as many different types of taste in art to go around. As I always say, buy what you like and enjoy it.

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entitled, "Small Area Land Use Plan: Salamander Tract."

Schiro Takes Control of Finance Council Poses Work Session Report

In the face of the town's recent financial difficulties, real-imagined and negative stories in national media, Town Administrator Jerry Schiro prepared and presented last week a frank, comprehensive, and detailed overview of the town's spending and revenue for the first three quarters of fiscal year 2007.

Still snarling over the charges and countercharges associated with the dismissal of former Town Administrator Mike Casey, council oversight of the town's finances, media coverage of the on-again/off-again financial "crisis" stirred up by a stunningly negative "preliminary audit," and a lack of easily accessible documentation, Council unanimously praised Schiro's work.

Cash on Hand

As of April 12, Schiro noted, the town had less than \$100,000 in the bank. With utility bills out, but not collected, the Town Administrator told council he was "holding one large invoice" for replacement pumps required for the town's west end pump station." He was, he said, also looking forward to as yet uncollected income from franchise taxes.

State of the Budget:

Middleburg's revenues and expenses, generally speaking, fall into three categories: "general fund" items (revenue and expenses related to the day-to-day operations of the town government); "utility fund" items (revenue and expenses related to the operation of the town's water and sewer systems); and "health center" items (rental income and expenses linked to the building owned by the town and currently serving, among other things, as police headquarters.)

Thanks to higher-than-expected revenue, and a vigorous expense-control program instituted half way through the fiscal year, Schiro projected that the town's "general fund," would be slightly more than \$54,000 in the black at year end, despite spending projected to exceed budget by more than \$69,000.

On the other hand, Schiro projected the town's "utility fund" would collect some \$300,000 less than its projected \$865,000 revenue budget. Thus,

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despite keeping expenses well under control, Schiro predicted the fund would end the year roughly \$73,000 in the red. Because all spending on the "health center" was halted after it's cash reserves were swept into the town's "general fund" to cover unanticipated expenses, Schiro projected a \$50,000 surplus in the fund by the end of the fiscal year.

Bottom line: barring unforeseen anomalies, the town will end the fiscal year over budget, but slightly in the black.

Revenue: Good News and Bad

The town's real estate tax collections are expected to exceed projections by more than \$41,000, Schiro noted, thanks to "property assessments" and the inclusion of the recently annexed Salamander property on the tax rolls. Business license fees are expected to contribute another \$10,000 more than was budgeted. A state grant of nearly \$160,000 and a fee of \$90,000 paid to the town in lieu of providing off-street parking for six required spaces at 111 E. Washington Street, also swelled the town's coffers. The bad news, according to Schiro, was that the last two items, totaling nearly a quarter million dollars, were "one time revenue" items.

Expenses Thanks to a freeze on large capital expenditures, the Town's Police department, according to Schiro, is projected to finish the year spending some \$26,000 less than was budgeted. All other town departments, he predicted, will exceed their spending budget, once all expenditures are correctly allocated. (Salaries for both the Economic Development Administrator and Town Planner had been budgeted under general administration costs, rather than as part of their respective departments.)

Implications for 2008

With the Salamander Project and the terms for a proposed re-financing of the town's debt still in progress, Schiro intends to prepare a very conservative budget for the coming year, he says, including recommendations for some increases in fees and taxes and strict cost controls. Much, he noted, depends on Salamander.

Monday's vote, moving the Salamander Project yet another step forward, promises to make budgeting for 2009 and beyond, significantly easier.

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Aldie Elementary School's Odyssey of the Mind team won first place in their division March 3rd for their problem, "Around The World in Eight Minutes". They will now compete at the State Tournament April 21st in Newport News, Virginia.



TEAM MEMBERS ARE (PICTURED L TO R) OLIVER ALLISS, LENAH TAYLOR, HIBA MALIK, TEDDY REYNOLDS, EMILY ALLISS, WILL KIRWAN AND SCOTT PHILLIPS (COACHED BY BUT NOT PICTURED, LAURIE WOULFE AND CAROL TAYLOR). ODYSSEY OF THE MIND IS AN INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION PROGRAM WHICH PROVIDES CREATIVE PROBLEM-SOLVING OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS KINDERGARTEN THROUGH COLLEGE.

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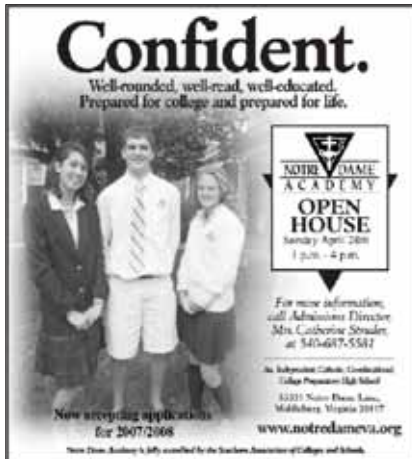
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Farmers' Delight, an historic rural estate near Middleburg dating to the 1790s, will serve as host for the Land Trust of Virginia's annual "Garden Party to Save Virginia's Countryside" on Sunday, June 3 from 5 to 8 p.m.

The Land Trust of Virginia now holds a total of 89 conservation easements, protecting 7,497 acres of open space in Loudoun, Clarke, Fauquier, Rappahannock, Greene, and Madison counties. This year's goal is to increase personal easements to a total of 10,000 acres.

"The garden party helps fund the Land Trust's basic operations and serves to raise awareness of the critical need for the conservation of our area's natural resources," says Patricia Springs resident Linda Porter, who is co-chairing the event with Edie Stuart of Upperville. According to Porter, Northern Virginia is at the forefront of a wave of development projected to house one-and-one-half million new residents within the next few decades.

The Land Trust of Virginia (LTV), formed in 1992, is a private, non-profit land conservation trust with the mission of preserving in perpetuity Virginia's unique landscapes and historical resources. LTV has the flexibility to accept all types and sizes of conservation easements that have conservation value and whose donation constitutes a public benefit. Currently its emphasis is on preserving agricultural land, critical open space and rural landscapes that surround small towns and villages, especially in Northern Virginia.

Once part of a 500-acre tract included in a five-million-acre land grant from King Charles I to seven English noblemen in 1661, Farmer's Delight is known more recently as the home of the late Ambassador George McGee. McGee devoted his life to national service in the navy and later in the state department as an ambassador under four presidents.

Used as a weekend retreat during his career, Farmer's Delight became McGee's principal residence upon his retirement in the 1980s. Under his supervision, the estate received substantial improvement, as well as becoming the repository of his collection of books and artifacts from his travels around the world. Extensive landscaping includes native plantings, English gardens, a herbwood area, and an arboretum. Farmer's Delight was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1973.

In 2005, shortly before his death, the ambassador established the McGee Foundation, a non-profit organization headquartered at Farmer's Delight. It is focused on education, in particular the advancement of the many political, historical and cultural inter-

ests to which McGee was devoted.

For additional information on the Land Trust, and reservations for the upcoming Garden Party, contact 540-687-4441; or visit www.landtrustva.org/earthlink.net.

ART AT THE MILL OPENS APRIL 28, 2007

Celebrate spring in the Shenandoah Valley with art, history, and culture all under one roof at the semi-annual Art at the Mill art show in Millwood, Virginia. An operational gristmill, built in 1785 and sitting at the crossroads in this quiet village, becomes an extraordinary art gallery for two weeks every spring and fall. Art at the Mill is sponsored by and benefits the Clarke County Historical Association.

From April 28 - May 13, 2007, 295 artists will display nearly 1,000 pieces of artwork of all mediums. Most of the work is completed of oil, acrylic, and watercolor paintings, but sculpture, turned wood, and stoneware pieces also lend a significant presence. Truly something for every taste, budget, and decor.

The artists represent a wide area, from New York to Michigan to Millwood, and include equine painters Martha Cammack and John Leone, landscape painters Grand Edley and Ansonia Walker, master woodworker John Noffsinger, and still life paintings from Ryan Bongers and Trisha Adams. Prices range from \$40 for a stone pitcher to \$10,000 for an intricate oil painting.

74 percent of sales go to the artists, 24 percent to the Clarke County Historical Association, which owns and operates the Barwell-Morgan Mill, in addition to collecting and preserving the history of this small rural county; and two percent to a scholarship fund which helps send a deserving local student to art school.

While you're browsing and shopping, you might overhear one of the volunteer millers explaining how a double set of wooden gears turn the griststones that grind corn and wheat. Step outside to see the water from Spout Run flowing to the massive mill wheel and get a gourmet sandwich from the general store across the road and enjoy a picnic in the mill meadow. Pivotal, diverse art in a beautiful, historic setting makes this event one of the cultural highlights in the Shenandoah Valley.

The show opens Saturday, April 28, and runs through Sunday, May 13. Hours are Sunday through Thursday 12-5, Friday and Saturday 10-6. There is a \$5 admission fee, \$3 for seniors, students are free. The Barwell -

Morgan Mill is located about 2 miles off Route 50 west in the village of Millwood, Clarke County, Virginia. The physical address is 15 Tammany Lane. For more information and directions, please call 540-955-2600.

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1800s Clothing & Sewing Machines between 11:00 AM and 5:00 PM Visit the Mount Blank parlor and see authentic mid-1800s clothing and antique sewing machines on display. Collectors Clifford Shelton and Charles Taylor will gladly answer your questions.

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Wildflower Walk from 1:00 to 3:00 PM Join Ranger Erin on this moderate hike to the Snowden wildflower area. Identify many of the spring blooms and learn the folklore of these Blue Ridge beauties. Bring water and wear sturdy shoes. (2 miles)

Saturday, May 12

Life on the Farm from 1:00 to 4:00 PM Watch as history comes to life and find out what the Settle family might have been doing on their farm around 1860. This month, join our volunteers as they plant the garden and view the fence.

Sunday, May 13

Flatter By, Butterfly from 1:00 to 3:00 PM Celebrate Mother's Day by looking for butterflies with Mary Alexander and Steve Malone of the Washington Area Butterfly Club. See the brilliance and variety of Sky Meadows' butterflies. Bring water and wear sturdy shoes. (2 miles)

Saturday, May 19

Civilians in the Civil War between 11:00 and 5:00 PM Watch and talk with history interpreters of the Frederick Ladies' Relief Society as they portray rural civilian life during the Civil War.

Astronomy for Everyone from 8:15 to 11:00 PM

As the sky darkens, find out about U.S. space research from the NASA Jet Propulsion Lab's "Solar System Ambassadors." At dusk, take a sky tour with Sean O'Brien of the Smithsonian's Albert Einstein Planetarium, and look for deep sky objects through large telescopes with the Northern Virginia Astronomy Club. If the sky is cloudy, only the NASA/JPL program will be presented, and the park gates will close at 10:00 PM. Bring your children, learn early for a special "Junior Astronomer" activity.

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Thursday, May 31

Blue Moon Walk from 8:00 to 9:30 PM Blue moons occur approximately once every 2-3 years. Join Ranger Kurt to hike up to the Piedmont Overlook as the moon rises. Watch and listen for evening wildlife as you walk downhill by the light of the full moon. Bring water and wear sturdy shoes. (1 mile)

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Hibbs sits on 12 acres with some views of mountains, close to Middleburg. It is a college on main level, second kitchen, dramatic family room with vaulted ceiling and some fireplace, top of the line features throughout. Includes an oversized lot, includes large kitchen, living room, bedroom, and access to tennis. \$1,400,000.

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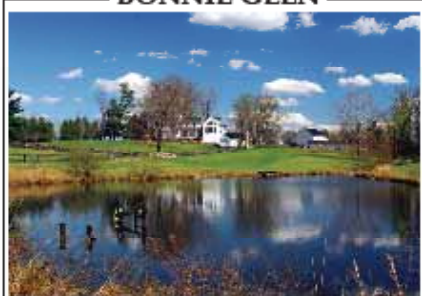
Middleburg *Fabulous 44 acre farm *2 beautifully furnished residences *9 parcels of land *Spectacular mountain and pastoral views *Approved wells and drainfields *Great easement potential. \$6,500,000

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Former home of Chief Justice John Marshall *Circa 1773 frame colonial & 1819 stucco classic revival *Orig. details: flrs., windows, mantels 8FP's *Period outbldgs. *Beaut. mtn. & pastoral views 90 acs. of farm land *New red. price \$2,464,000

BONNIE GLEN



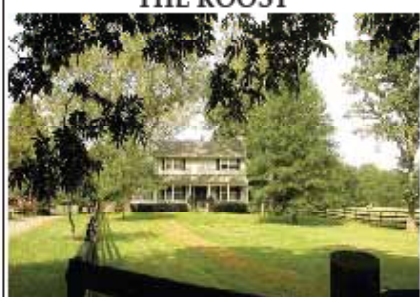
Middleburg, C. 1915 *4bdrm. *5.5 bth *Stucco 5,000 sq. ft. farmhouse on 24 acs. *Completely renovated *Luxury master ste. on 1st flr. *Great room *Gourmet kit. *Theatre rm. *Guest cottage *2 barns *Pond *3 fenced paddocks \$2,450,000

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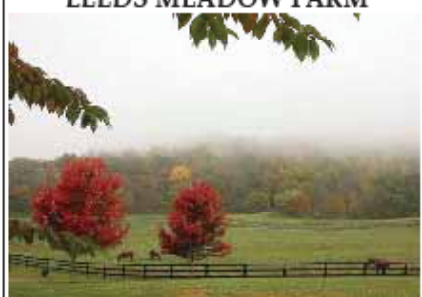
75 acre farm in Markham *Exquisite views from 180 degrees *Wrap-around porch *Scnd porch *Gourmet kit. *10' ceils. thruout *Finished bsmnt terraced gardens *Lge pond *3 BR tenant hse *Lge barn & equip. shed & more \$2,350,000

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VA Farmhouse *Lovely horse farm on 36 subdividable acs. nr. Warrenton *Great investment opportunity *4 BR *LR *DR *Fam. Rm. *Large deck *6 stall stable *Paddocks *1.5 ac. pond *Pastoral views *Conv. to Old Town \$1,600,000

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