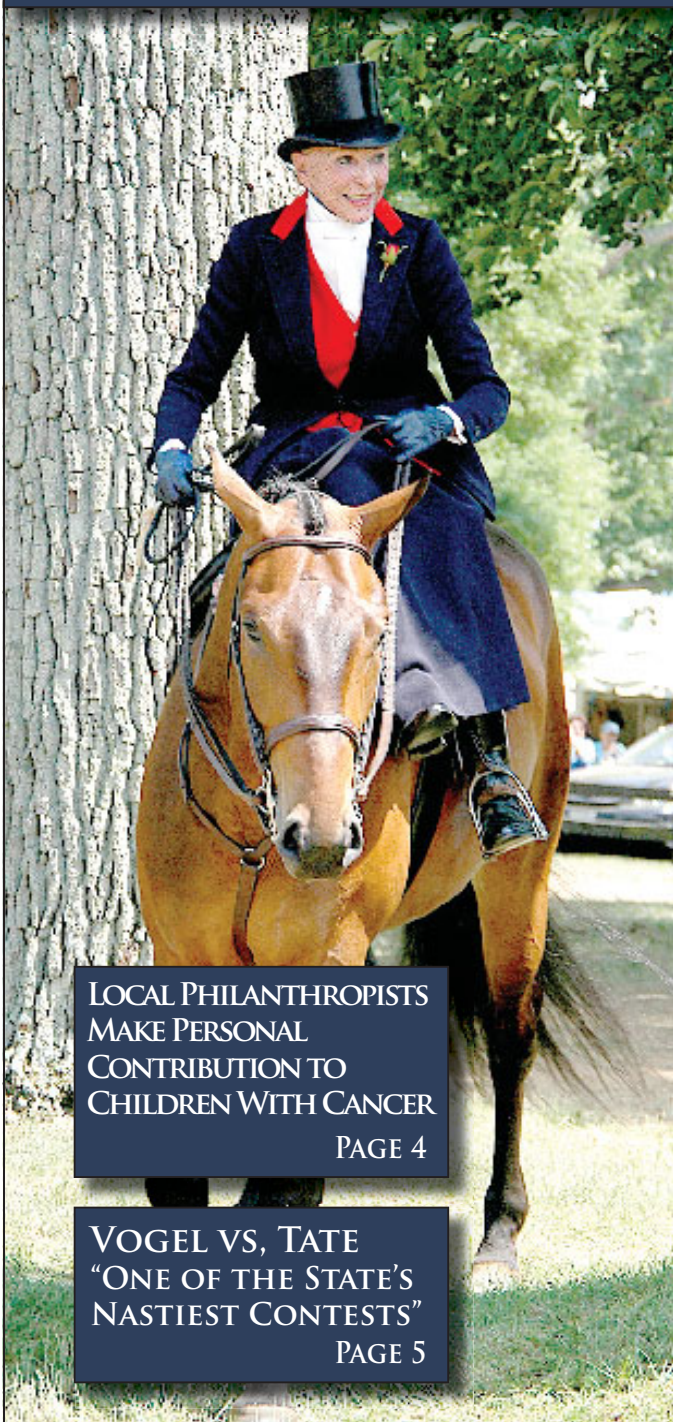




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BUDGET APPROVED PINK BOX ON HOLD

DANIEL MORROW

In a surprise move, following weeks of closed-session discussion, the Middleburg Town Council made public for the first time, and then formally approved the text of a much debated new deal with Salamander Development Corporation.

Formally titled, "Amended and Restated Water Supply Facilities and Wastewater Treatment Plant Agreement," the document, in fact, clearly defined and amended several key earlier agreements.

Key elements included a \$4.5 million guarantee that the Town's aging wastewater treatment plant would be replaced, regardless of developments at Salamander, and well-defined limits on Salamander's rights to future development.

Trowbridge Littleton, Lisa Patterson and Karen Robinson voted to approve the measure at the Council's regular, June 14, public session.

Catherine ("Bundles") Murdock and Mark Snyder voted no.

Eura Lewis, a long-time supporter of the Salamander project was absent, as was Darlene Kirk, who had recently expressed serious reservations about the Town's agreement to allow expansion of the Inn from 140 to 168 rooms.

Because the Town's Mayor can vote only to break ties, Betsy Davis did not cast a vote. While serving as Vice-Mayor she had voted in favor of the Town's original "Memorandum of Understanding" with Salamander, and has generally favored the

project. Asked about the surprise motion introduced by Littleton, she smiled and quipped, "I am just very happy we continue to make progress."

The \$4.5 Million Performance Guarantee

According to the agreement, "On or before August 31, 2007, Salamander shall deliver to the Town a letter of credit in the amount of Four Million Five Hundred Thousand (\$4,500,000) as surety for the timely construction and completion" of a badly needed new waste water treatment plant serving the entire town of Middleburg.

If Salamander does not start construction of the plant by August 31, 2009, or if the construction, once started, "is not diligently pursued to completion," Salamander formally authorizes the Town to start using funds guaranteed by the nearly half million dollar letter of credit.

In addition, Salamander agreed to bond payment of all labor and materials costs, and to provide appropriate and well-defined insurance covering workmen's compensation, liability and materials.

Once the facility is complete and passes a series of formal inspections, full ownership will be passed from Salamander to the Town of Middleburg.

Limits on Future Development

In the new agreement, Salamander is formally obligated to limit its resort to no more than 168 "lodging units" and "no more than forty-nine residential dwelling units" unless "otherwise approved by the Town."

Any other residential or commercial develop-

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FIRST GRANTS FROM THE S. MURRAY RUST AND MARY H.C. RUST STUDENT PHILANTHROPY PROJECT

Loudoun and Fauquier County Grants totaling \$4,550 have been approved by the directors of the Piedmont Community Foundation to fund two youth projects recommended by the charter student committee of the S. Murray Rust and Mary H. C. Rust Student Philanthropy Project.

The committee is made up of regional students representing nine high schools in Loudoun and Fauquier County. Students worked on this project the entire school year learning about philanthropy and how to run a grant making program. The Rust project is a community outreach program of the PCF and is seeded with an endowment from the children, grandchildren and great grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. S. Murray Rust.

The Highland School Key Club will receive a \$2,050 award to have their school partner with a local charitable organization, Mary's Family, to provide a musical therapy program for children with special needs.

The project, "Mission:Music", is the brain child of three Highland School student organizations; Highland School Key Club, Prefect Board and the National Honor Society. All three student groups will participate with about 70 student volunteers over the year to travel to the Mary's Family respite care sites to work with the special needs children on one Saturday per month.

The grant request summary states: "The new music therapy program will not only add a meaningful component to respite day activities, but will also serve as a hook to recruit more teenage student volunteers. The project will provide an opportunity to bridge the gap and build bonds between these populations,

raise awareness in our teenagers about children with special needs, and build important skills and character traits in them through service. Students plan to culminate the project with an end-of-the-school-year concert to celebrate the friendships made and experiences shared."

The youth services wing of the Loudoun County Chapter of the American Red Cross (ARC) will receive a grant award of \$2,500 for 210 scholarships and supplies to stage a project named "When I'm in Charge", a youth safety program. The Loudoun youth volunteers at ARC will teach 210 seven to nine year old children known as "latch key" children who have to stay home alone after school, how to respond safely to a variety of situations when direct parental supervision is not available.

Lessons include interactive roleplaying and student instructors as the main teachers are expected to have an enhanced connection with the students beyond that of adult instructors. Statistics for the "latch key" population show the highest rate of juvenile crime and victimization occurs right after school from mid-afternoon to early evening. The grant will help Loudoun teens make a difference for other children who need help to be safe.

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NEWS OF NOTE

FRED SPENCER MEMORIAL FUND ESTABLISHED AT PIEDMONT COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Directors of the Piedmont Community Foundation (PCF) announced a permanent endowment fund with grant making capacity that has been opened in tribute to local legend Fredrick Leland Spencer, Jr. whose life was taken in an automobile accident in April.

To reflect Fred's unique and lively spirit, his widow Molly chose to have the fund support charitable organizations in the arts, music and drama, all areas that were dear to Fred during his lifetime. The establishing donor of the Frederick L. Spencer, Jr. Memorial Fund wishes to remain anonymous.

The new fund was revealed on May 31, 2007 at a reception for PCF attended by 50 neighbors and friends at the home of Fred and Molly Davis.

Molly Spencer was in attendance and thanked PCF President J. Bradley Davis when learning of the legacy being created for her wonderful Fred. She told those gathered at the Davis reception that Fred was famous for his quirky poems and the "found them everywhere" without warning during their long life together. To illustrate her point, Molly brought to the reception some folded lined yellow tablet papers that had been past shopping lists or "to do" lists that she had created, and on the flip side were the poetic humorous writings of Fred. There was lighthearted laughter and warm response as she recited a few phrases of Fred's creative musings that remain as a comfort and joy to family and friends.

Speaking of friends, those were

never in short supply for Fred Spencer. In the many "to do" lists he kept for things he intended to get done in the near future and long term, the entry "Make more friends" was an intention that Fred attended to every day of his life. The new PCF fund in his name is another way that Fred's legacy can touch more lives going forward. No matter which memory friends had of their favorite Fred moment, his rich legacy of how to live life to the fullest will infuse every memory and every deed done in his name.

The community can expect that the first grant from the Frederick L. Spencer, Jr. Memorial Fund will be available for grant application in the fourth quarter of 2008, and every year thereafter. Those wishing to remember Fred Spencer through his endowment fund at the PCF can send their remembrance to: PCF, P.O. Box 402, Middleburg, VA 20118. For questions regarding the new Fund please contact PCF executive director, Karen Kwei, at 540-687-5223.



LOCAL PHILANTHROPISTS MAKE PERSONAL CONTRIBUTION TO CHILDREN WITH CANCER



Sometimes, the simplest gesture can stabilize the identity and build the confidence of someone who has cancer. So much of the light is degrading and dehumanizing, but it is the complete loss of one's hair that, for children, is the visible proof that you are not, and may never be, what you were before. Generous women of every age and everywhere are doing something important to help others through this difficult time by letting their hair grow and then having it cut to send to an organization called "Locks of Love," a public non-profit organization that provides human hairpieces to financially disadvantaged children under the age of 18 who suffer from long-term hair loss from cancer or any medical condition.

Two Middleburg philanthropists who are looking glamorous with their shoulder-length locks will be making their contribution in a very short time. Both Pat Daily of Books & Cakes and Lisa Patterson of Mello Out knew first hand how devastating hair loss could be and wanted to do something to help.

Pat's grandmother died from breast cancer and she had a college roommate who suffered from the same fate, so when she met children at Green Hedges School in Vienna, Virginia who were letting their hair grow for a Locks of Love donation, she thought it was a wonderful idea.

"It wasn't until I met Paula at Risk, the Middleburg hair salon that

I really understood all the details of making a donation," she explained, "she has often helped clients with this kind of a donation."

"My hair is long enough now to cut, but I'm going to let it grow a few inches more so I have a little left when Paula cuts it."

"When Lisa Patterson learned that a friend she'd met in Germany had been told she had breast cancer, her daughter wanted to do something to help. I remember being so impressed when her daughter decided to let her hair grow for Locks of Love to help children with cancer, and when Pat told me she was doing the same thing, I decided right away that I could help too."

Patterson also spoke with Paula at Risk, about how to "do everything right" to make a donation of human hair to Locks of Love.

"Paula knew all about the organization and was terrifically supportive. She told me I would need to let it grow until it reached ten inches, and offered to take care of it until it was long enough to cut and send to them," Lisa said.

Both Pat and Lisa emphasized that they each have many of my friends and friends of friends who have cancer and that it makes me feel great to be able to help.

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VOGEL VS. TATE
"ONE OF THE STATE'S NASTIEST CONTESTS"

DANIEL MORROW

The Richmond Times Dispatch described the recent struggle for the Republican nomination for the 21st District seat in the Virginia State Senate as "one of the state's nastiest contests."

Sources generally describe former Middleburg Vice Mayor and restaurant-owner Mark Tate and Warren-ton based, former national GOP legal counsel, Jill Holtzman Vogel as birds of a feather on the "issue" - anti-tax, pro-Bush, anti-Roe v. Wade, anti-immigration, pro-"family values," right-wing Christian, "traditional" conservative Republicans.

By the end of the campaign, however, tactics had degenerated to the point of Tate supporters distributing copies of a 2001 petition for divorce, in which Alexander Vogel's ex-wife accuses "Jill" of adultery; and Holtzman Vogel supporters charging that Tate was not only a fraud and a liar, but an "enemy" of the Republican party.

The rhetoric appears to have escalated to many after a Vogel supporter, or Laurie LeFournau of Winchester, accused Tate of irregularities and deliberate deception in his reporting of campaign contributions.

Described in the press as only "a Vogel supporter" or "campaign volunteer" or sometimes as "Vogel's baby sister," LeFournau remained some thing of a mystery.

All accounts, however, confirm that officials at the Virginia State Board of Elections took LeFournau's complaints seriously and suggested

that she take her concerns and documentation to the Loudoun County Commonwealth's Attorney, Jim Plowman.

Plowman, a publicly-declared Vogel supporter, received himself and put LeFournau's complaint into the hands of Matthew Britton, King George County Commonwealth's Attorney.

Britton, in turn, took LeFournau's charges to a Grand Jury, and obtained indictments against Tate for perjury and campaign fraud, just weeks prior to the Republican Primary.

With Vogel and her supporters claiming that she had nothing to do with LeFournau's complaint, and the Tate campaign insisting that the charges against him were a trumped-up rebuke of clerical errors, driven by Vogel and a cabal of national, state, and local GOP officials and their cronies, bloggers and the traditional political press had a field day.

In the end, Vogel defeated Tate by some 30 percentage points in a low-turnout election, with Tate receiving a majority of votes only in his home county, Loudoun.

Who is Laurie LeFournau?

Laurie LeFournau, who recently moved to Virginia from Shrewsbury, Massachusetts, was, it seems, neither a simple "volunteer" nor Vogel's "baby sister," but a well-known and highly effective conservative Catholic political operative and organizer from Massachusetts.

Her photograph, speaking at a mass rally in Worcester, Massachusetts, appears in a February 8, 2004,

Time/CNN story by John Cloud, entitled, "The Battle Over Gay Marriage," posted on the Time.com website. The Vogel campaign also used her photograph, just above a picture of the Vogel family, on one of Jill Holtzman Vogel's direct mail pieces.

She served on the board of the pro-life Massachusetts Family Institute (MFI), which in 2002, recognized her with its "Citizenship" award.

According to MFI's press release, LeFournau founded "a political action committee dedicated to electing pro-life legislators and hosted 'Come to Home,' a pro-life, pro-family local TV show.

She co-founded and then chaired the Life Action League of Massachusetts, which strongly supported President George W. Bush's anti-stem-cell-research initiatives and, as recently as June 9, sponsored a "prayer vigil" on the future site of a Planned Parenthood facility in Worcester.

LeFournau also served as a Counselor at "Problem Pregnancy," an "abortion alternative" organization that maintained offices next door to Planned Parenthood's Worcester office.

The Worcester Telegram and Gazette credited her with playing a key role in the Roman Catholic Church's 2002 ouster of the Rev. Chester J. Devlin, who headed the "Respect for Life" office for the Diocese of Worcester. LeFournau, according to the Worcester paper, had complained that "many people in the pro-life movement had been unhappy with the way Rev. Devlin directed the diocese's anti-abortion efforts."

Devlin's bishop, Daniel P. Reilly cited

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NEWS OF NOTE

NORTHERN PIEDMONT COMMUNITY FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES 2007 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

The Northern Piedmont Community Foundation awarded the following seven scholarships for the 2007-2008 school year:

Emily Wright, of Fauquier High School received the Fauquier County Chamber of Commerce Max Tuttle Scholarship Award. Ms. Wright will attend the University of Virginia in the fall.

Julie Garrett, of Fauquier High School, received the Laura Bagshaw Memorial Scholarship Award. Ms. Garrett will attend the University of Virginia in the fall.

Carmel Maher, of Fauquier

High School, received the Paul S. Hribbe, Sr. Memorial Scholarship Award. Ms. Maher will attend the University of Virginia in the fall.

Kyle Roder and Adam Young, of Liberty High School and Fauquier High School respectively, received the Steve Abhey Memorial Scholarship Fund. Mr. Roder will attend Lafayette College and Mr. Young will attend Lynchburg College in the fall.

Brittany Montjoy, of Fauquier High School, received the Debbie P. Hoyas Hokie Club Scholarship Award. Ms. Montjoy will attend Virginia Tech in the fall.

Tiffany Follin, of Brentsville District High School, received the Jason C. Heim Memorial Scholarship Award. Ms. Follin will attend Columbus State Community College in the fall.

The Northern Piedmont Community Foundation is a public charity established in 2001. Over 700 community foundations exist in the United States, with 23 in Virginia. For more information on establishing a charitable fund contact Elizabeth Herrickson at 540-349-0631 or P.O. Box 182, Warrenton, VA 20188.

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ment on Salamander property, now formally annexed to the Middleburg, would require "profited rezoning" by the Town Council. ("Profited" are designated up-front payments designed to compensate the Town for anticipated public expenses related to new development.)

The Town also retained the right to approve the final "design" of "each New Facility" on the Salamander site, and set clear guidelines for such approvals.

Open Space Guarantees

Just over 180 acres of the 342-acre Salamander Property were guaranteed "subject to an open space easement." The construction of a golf course on such space was specifically prohibited.

The Potomac Conservancy, a non-profit dedicated to "providing conservation solutions and hands-on restoration opportunities" in the Potomac River watershed, was declared by both Town and Salamander as an "additional beneficiary" of the open space easement. Potomac's role is to ensure continuity in the maintenance of the open space beyond the life of either the current Town Council or Salamander Management Team.

The "Closed" Session That Wasn't

The text of the agreement, made public for the first time on Thursday, June 14, had been the center of months of debate at marathon, full-council "closed sessions." A provision of Virginia law allows Council to hold such meetings if the subjects discussed are "confidential matters" requiring legal advice and counsel.

Mayor Davis had scheduled an other such session for June 14, at the

very end of a short Council agenda. Two Council members were absent. Police Chief Steve Welber was on vacation. And a large crowd that had gathered to honor departing Economic Development Director, Claudia Dennis, had wished her well, and departed.

When it came time for Council to vote to move to "closed session," however, Town Attorney Lisa Whitling advised that such a session was unnecessary. Only one provision of the agreement remained to be settled, a question of whether the Town or Salamander Development would pay some \$400,000 in fees related to the transfer of open space interests to the Potomac Conservancy.

Council Members Linterton, Patterson and Robinson agreed. Mayor Davis opened discussion, and the final draft of the Town's latest agreement with Salamander became a public document.

As for the problematic \$400,000 in fees, Town Administrator Jerry Schiro reported that the Potomac Conservancy had agreed to spread payments over five years, and charge no interest to the Town. Mayor Davis then reported that, in a telephone conversation that day, Salamander's President Penn Devadas, "... had said that, if it would help, they would be willing to pay up front."

Beth Brandle, Morlock and Mark Snyder reiterated concerns that the Town was not receiving fair value from Salamander in compensation for its concessions, especially in agreement to a non-negotiable demand for expansion of the lot from 120 to 168 rooms.

Lisa Patterson noted that the

benefits to the Town offered by the Salamander agreement, both short term and long term, tangible and intangible, argued in favor of moving forward as quickly as possible.

Townbridge Linterton argued that a \$5 million waste water treatment plant and the estimated \$100,000 per month in estimated tax, fee, and new business benefits to the Town's treasury, was surely worth a \$40,000 investment in securing the integrity of the property's open space.

Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Taxes, Fees, and Expense Budget Approved

Council unanimously approved Town Manager Jerry Schiro's first annual budget. Schiro balanced the budget with a combination of strict cap on spending, and a series of tax and fee increases. Copies of the roughly \$2 million budget are available at the Town Offices.

Mayor Davis Addresses

Demand by Pink Box Deceits

Mayor Betty Davis announced that she would soon name a special committee to meet with representatives of the volunteers or "deceits" of the Pink Box, Middleburg's vociferously controversial "information center" on North Madison Street.

As an economy measure, the Town recently decided to investigate termination of its lease of the Pink Box building from the non-profit Sporting Life Foundation, and distribute information to visitors from other Town venues.

In response to an outcry from Pink Box devotees, the Town has agreed to turn over to an as-yet-to-be-established "Pink Box Foundation," the remainder of a \$250,000 Pink Box Fund originally collected as an effort to buy the Pink Box for the Town.

No Pink Box Foundation has been established, and to date, no agreement has been reached on how much of the \$250,000 fund is owed to the Town.

A letter from Mary Kay Garwood and Audrey Windsor Berger thanking the Council for their "kindness in recent weeks regarding the Pink Box situation," demanded that the Town designate the yet-to-be-established foundation as "the ONLY Middleburg Visitor's Information Center sanctioned or assisted by the Town. And ... that the Town will

continue to furnish the Pink Box with all pertinent information about local events, zoning changes, personnel changes, Middleburg brochures, and other data which would be of interest to the community."

Having been recently confronted by non-negotiable demands from Salamander, the decoy's tone and requirements "did not sit well" with at least one member of Council. Hence Mayor Davis's efforts to put the matter into disinterested hands.

On Thursday, May 31, Berger, Vice President of the Pink Box volunteers, had complained that comments by the Mayor and other members of Council had given the false impression that the numbers of "visitors" served by the decoys were being "deliberately inflated."

In budget debates the Mayor and several others had noted that they were often asked to "sign the register" at the "Pink Box," even though they could hardly be counted as "visitors."

Berger, felt the unspoken implications of such remarks raised "a question of honor" and were an "affront" to those who served. Noting that ANY visitor to the facility, "either wants or needs something provided by the Pink Box or they wouldn't be there," she observed that "of course we include them in our count for the day."

The same day, Berger disputed statements that the cost of improving the Pink Box ranged from \$20,000 to \$30,000 per year.

Town Administrator Jerry Schiro's noted his current \$18,000-per-year budget for rent, taxes and other costs for the Pink Box, a figure which, he said, does not include the value of time Town employees spend on care and maintenance.

Nor, Schiro noted, do the costs include emergency expenses. "The facility's heating and air conditioning system, for example, had to be replaced recently at a cost that exceeded \$12,000. Had supporters of the Pink Box not helped defray those costs, they would have had to be paid out of Town funds."

If the Pink Box Foundation runs the facility, those costs will be the Foundation's responsibility. The estimated total, roughly \$20,000 to \$30,000 per year.

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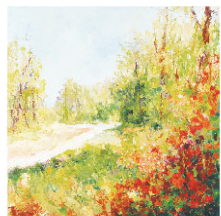
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FRAZIER NAMED LOUDOUN AREA EXECUTIVE FOR BB&T



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MIDDLEBURG BANK BREAKS GROUND ON ASHBURN CENTER

Officers and community leaders recently met to officially begin construction on Middleburg Bank's new Ashburn Financial Services Center in Junction Plaza Shopping Center. The new facility is scheduled to open in November of 2007 at 20955 Professional Plaza. Pictured above are (from left to right): Matt Zechas, VP/Construction, Alliance CPA, Inc./Bill Byers, VP/Commercial Lender-Ashburn, Middleburg Bank; Brian Chavis, Chairman, Loudoun County Chamber of Commerce; Ron Atkinson, AVP Retail Banking Manager-Ashburn, Middleburg Bank; Joe Boling, Chairman & CEO, Middleburg Bank; Andy Bieker, AVP, Corporate Real Estate, Middleburg Bank; Gary Shook, President, Middleburg Bank; Josh Moore, Executive Vice President, Middleburg Bank; Carolyn DiPrizio, Vice President-Investments, Middleburg Bank.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

This law discriminates heavily against those who are obeying the laws of this land, and gives greater benefits to illegal aliens than even American Citizens. Passage of this law will only serve to increase illegal immigration because it will show the world that we will reward them for their illegal acts, and our laws for immigration are best

Neeraj Nigam
Neeraj Nigam for
US Congress
Virginia 10th District

RANT & RAVES

RED VS BLUE

Thus wrote Xenophon, his historian, philosopher, general and chronicler the all but miraculous fighting retreat of The Ten Thousand, from the depths of the Persian Empire to shores of the Black Sea, some 2,500 years ago.

Both books, one co-written by the chief military correspondent of the New York Times and a retired Marine General; the other by the Pulitzer Prize winning military correspondent for the Washington Post, take on new meaning "the second time around."

Now, as our troops bleed through a fifth year of war, and as congressional hearings at last begin to uncover the first raw edges of the truth, even an outsider rec-

Not that anger ever fades completely. But now it is an anger more often tinged with em-

We laid down our liberties for the sake of false security

In the meantime, let us read . . . or re-read . . . Tom Ricks, Michael Gordon, and Bernard Trainor.

CELEBRATING THE FOURTH

As we look forward to the Fourth of July, we should think about the true meaning of the day, as well as the celebrations. The Fourth is a day of parades, picnics, barbecues and fireworks. It should also be a day of reflection.

In the past two hundred years our nation has survived the Civil War, two world wars, the attack on Pearl harbor, the Great Depression, the resignation of a President and the terrorist attack on New York. In each case, the basic OPTIMISM of the American people helped us survive and

President OR the Congress are doing. Yet, inside the beltway, the politicians seem to be TOTALLY disconnected with the dissatisfaction in our country. The Democrat leadership has squandered the first six months of the Congress by debating meaningless resolutions on Iraq. Now the President and the Congress have developed an immigration plan that is unworkable and has little

Meanwhile, the other pressing problems our country faces—healthcare, energy, the cost of government, tax reform and entitlements—are largely ignored. There is no wonder that the American people have lost confidence in our leadership. In addition the news media has divided us into "red and blue" people. The politicians have begun to talk about us as if we are "red" OR "blue." In fact most of us are probably PURPLE.

The politicians disconnected from the people. The news media dividing us and optimism disappearing.

We can only hope that this Fourth of July will bring us leadership that understands our problems and will unite our country.



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PASTIMES

MONSTER CUKES !...OH MY GOURD!

FROM BEHIND THE STOVE

BRIAN LICHOROWICZ

I'll happen in the next few weeks. I'll drive up to our house and someone will have left a brown paper bag on our door step filled to the max with freshly harvested cucumbers, each the size of a small kayak. No note, no instructions or sentiments to me, just a monstrous bag of huge cucumbers from friends who know I'll give them a good home.

Here's some "cuke" trivia for you. The plant which has been cultivated for 3000 years is actually a fruit and in the gourd and melon family. Cucumbers are long and cylindrical in shape, and range in length from 3 inches to 2 feet. China is one of the largest producers of cucumbers in the world. Pick cucumbers that are firm and evenly shaped. Medium-size cucumbers are preferable to overly large specimens, which tend to be bitter and bland tasting and contain numerous hard seeds. They are best when used immediately but will keep in the refrigerator for up to two weeks if wrapped tightly in plastic. The cuke is also known for its soothing and cooling effects and cucumber extract

has anti-inflammatory actions and skin tightening properties.

Cucumbers are 96% water by weight. This food is low in Saturated Fat, and very low in Cholesterol and Sodium. It is also a good source of Vitamin A, Pantothemic Acid, Magnesium, Phosphorus and Manganese, and a very good source of Vitamin C, Vitamin K, and Potassium, and most of the nutrition comes from the seeds!

So what to do with them. They're big in Mediterranean cuisine which is arguably one of the healthiest diets for humans. For me, growing up they were used primarily in salad (with some cream and dill) or simply as a garnish. They were cheap and remain that way to this day, making the price of this food will not be affected by the price of corn as it is virtually everything else is.

Small cukes remain my favorite to this day and coming up with new ways to enjoy the abandoned monster fruit left on my doorstep is fun.

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Layered Cuke, Tuna and Beans Mediterranean Salad

This is a delicious salad that if you have a big glass bowl you can make this a centerpiece for a summer picnic. Start with layers of a tomato bed, my favorite dressing, cucumbers, tuna, beans and a cucumber bed. When it's assembled, covering the whole layer with the tuna layer that seals the tuna layer to create.

For the cucumber layer: 1/2 cup Vinegar, 1/2 cup Oil

2 Cucumbers, chopped

1/2 cup Salt

2 large cucumbers, sliced to 1/2 inch

Freshly ground black pepper

For the tuna layer: 1/2 cup Tuna, 1/2 cup Beans

4 (2 1/2 ounce) cans Tuna

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2 cups Parsley, fresh

1/4 cup Vinegar, red wine

2 cups Oil of olive

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Dominion Power's proposed transmission line would transfer dirty, coal-fired electricity from Ohio, through Virginia, to Northeastern states. Some private property will be seized. Other property will be devoted without compensation. Every taxpayer will pay the cost for these environmentally damaging towers with increased electricity rates.

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."¹ In fact, Virginia will receive zero long-term benefits from the proposed line.²

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 NERC 2006 Long-Term Reliability Assessment, page 81.
2 U.S. Council on Competitiveness Report: "The Nation's Energy Infrastructure: A Call for Action" (Washington, D.C., 2006), p. 12-13/14.

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HOT BOOKS FOR A HOT SEASON

EXPLORING BOOKS

GENIE FORD

One of the great things about the summertime is that it's perfectly acceptable to read just about anything you want, whether that's Tolstoy or Tina Brown (author of *The Diana Chronicles*—and if you have to say Diana who?), then you've been living on another planet for the past two decades. That's just one of the juicy books out now, but there's plenty of serious stuff as well. A book that falls into that category is *Lone Survivor: The Eyewitness Account of Operation Beheading and the Last Heroes of SEAL Team 10* by Marcus Luttrell. It's a first-person account of the only survivor of a five-man Navy

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ALL THE SPORTS THAT FITS INTO PRINT SEVENTH INNING STRETCH

ALEX CUDABACK

Not unlike that oddly evocative feeling I tend to get after eating everything with my ranch at Thanksgiving dinner, my second stomach, my box score belly, has been filled to virtual bursting with everything that's been going on between the lines (and outside the lines in some cases) over the past few weeks.

In short, loyal reader, it's time for a recap. In the NBA, Commissioner David Stern's worst nightmare came true when two midlevel-market teams met for the NBA Championship. If you missed it, you're not alone. The final episode of *The Sopranos* killed the second game of the San Antonio Spurs.

Cleveland Cavaliers series. Sadly for the NBA, games three and four didn't fare much better, with game three getting boxed out by reruns of *The Sopranos* and game four getting shelocked by yet another show about some book finding his way out of "life-threatening peril" on the Discovery Channel as a film crew records his every move. Of the next "Next Michael Jordan" were, for at least the eighth or ninth time, put to bed as LeBron James proved the only thing he's ready for is more hard work and practice (and we teach the young man about jump shots, people); and we got to argue about whether or not San Antonio's fourth title in nine years counts as a dynasty, which, ironically, was actually light years more interesting than watching them actually play.

Over on the PGA Tour, Angel Cabrera of Argentina won the U.S. Open at Oakland. This marked the fourth year in a row that an American hasn't won the Open, a streak matched only one other time in its history. Representatives in the House and Senate vowed to redouble their efforts to scuttle President Bush's new immigration initiative and immediately demanded that all calls for amnesty be replaced with calls for more and taller fences. Tiger Woods stretched his winless streak at Majors where he

doesn't hold at least a share of the lead after 54 holes to 29, and remains six Major victories behind Jack Nicklaus. Some people would say "so what?" I say it's interesting that the greatest golfer on the planet can't pass on the day it matters most at the tournaments he claims to want the most. Tiger's an awesome front-runner, obviously, but he's going to need to blow the doors off of some people on a Major Sunday to be the best ever.

Speaking of doors getting blown off, the way things are shaping up for NASCAR in 2008 if your name isn't Hendrick, you might want to think about taking your team and racing the Busch series next year, or maybe starting your own stock car series, maybe even calling it NASCAR Xtreme, if you want to appeal to the kids. Un-

ceremoniously breaking off contract extension talks with NASCAR's own infant terrible, Kyle Busch, Hendrick Motorsports, aka Team Deep Pockets, accepted the most valuable property ever to be put on the block in the form of Dale Earnhardt, Jr., and his legions of adoring fans, the Red Army. Hendrick's stable now includes last year's series champion, Jimmie Johnson, four-time Cup winner, Jeff Gordon, up-and-comer Casey Mears, and the biggest name in the sport, Junior. Junior said he wanted to go to the team that gave him the best chance to win a championship and I don't think he's lying. The only problem is, and none and dads everywhere can join in with me if they want, you have to be careful what you wish for. As soon as this season ends, the clock starts ticking for Junior: the way I figure it, he's got three, maybe four, years to win the Cup once he gets behind the wheel of a Hendrick ride. The stars are all now officially lined up; let's see if Junior's as good as we all want him to be.

Over on the diamond, the Nats have clung stubbornly to mediocrity, refusing to fall into the mire of sheer gashlines. At 30-39, they own better records than the Reds, Rangers, Royals, White Sox, and Orioles; they are just as good, or bad, as the Houston Astros and Pittsburgh Pirates; and they are mere percentage points behind the St. Louis Cardinals, the team

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PASTIMES

KEYS TO IDENTIFYING YOUR GARDEN PLANTS

KAREN REXRODE

Derived from the Latin word *pedis* or foot, a peduncle is an important element in both the identification and appearance of a flowering plant. The peduncle is the stalk that supports a solitary flower or flower cluster. You are familiar with the arching that occurs when a plant needs water, particularly the flowering stem that supports the flower; it is usually the peduncle that curves, particularly on long floral stems.

One of the most important methods of identifying particular plants,

especially lavender, lies in the length, color and hairiness of the peduncle. The airy gracefulness of French lavender or *Lavandula x intermedia* lies in the length, narrowness and lack of hair on the peduncle. Differences are based on the type of hair, whether they are pubescent, tomentose or lanate. English lavender or *Lavandula angustifolia* and its cultivars are much more compact with shorter and wider peduncles. The floral stalk seems to mimic the peduncle in many lavenders with squat, much wider floral heads on English lavender and slim, pointed wands or floral stalks on the French types. The degree of coloring

on the peduncle furthers the showiness with some that have dark purple peduncles, an easy target to seek in sorting different varieties and hybridizers naturally seek out particular ornamental strengths in the peduncles to pass along to future generations. A peduncle that I find is particularly flawed is that of *Heliothis* orientalis or kenten rose. As much as hybridizers work to enhance the size of the petal or color, the peduncle still leaves the floral head arching downward. One must either lift the flower technically the showy sepals or plant these heliothis in raised gardens so that they can look upwards



into the flower. I'm sure that the heliothis purposely devised this method of flowering to protect the pollen from freezing temperatures (or prevent that early in the year), but can't hybridizers work to strengthen this particularly short peduncle, so that it does not bend?

My primary point though in isolating the peduncle, pronounced *pee'duhng kuhll*, comes from my pleasure in pronouncing it. Two years ago I was first introduced to the botanical term and I find myself repeating it as I spend each day, routinely taking care of flowering plants. On occasion I bend to see if a plant does indeed have peduncles, some do not (are they pedicels), but most of the time I'm simply enjoying the word. No other botanical term has given me such pleasure.

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that won last year's World Series. Across the river, the Orioles have just shown poor Sam Perlozzo the door. On May 31st, the O's were 27-27 in the AL East and in sole possession of second place; as of June 18th, they had lost 13 of their last 15, dropping to 29-40 and into sole possession of the cellar. Over that impressive three-week span, the O's were completely undone by a bullpen that has imploded and is to losing what gasoline is to a housefire. As only a team owned by Peter Angelos could do with a straight face, the Orioles replaced Perlozzo with Dave Trembley as interim manager; prior to his latest promotion, Trembley served as, wait for it, the Orioles' bullpen coach. On the size, the Ducks won the Stanley Cup. ... Oh, wait, who cares. And finally, Redkins rookie, big-hitting safety (doesn't that sound familiar?) LaDon Landy, was unable to practice with his new team when their first official minicamp opened last Friday.

Seems he tweaked his groin.

At a team-building exercise.

Playing paintball.

When a teammate shot him.

In the groin.

'Nuff said.

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WHY ART?

ADRIENNE LEWIS

Our village enjoys many natural advantages when it comes to quality of life factors. The surrounding scenery is beautiful and there is no shortage of outdoor activities for people to enjoy. We are rich in tradition and history and within an hour's drive we have access to some of the finest cultural offerings available.

So why focus specifically on art in our community?

A community's capacity to create, validate and support art and culture as part of daily and vitality. Opportunities for creative expression are important to community—its part of what makes for a good place to work and to live.

Art offers outlets for human expression and creative impulses. Although they get taken for granted, arts and culture are central to the economy. They are catalysts for education, economic development, and civic participation.

It's not just the symphony, opera, galleries or ballet, when you hear the word "art." Many forms of art and cultural expression involve the average person in creative and artistic activities. Any community activity that

has an aesthetic is important. It's people coming together with some kind of social or civic intention. What's important about this is the recognition that creativity is an economic commodity. That's what makes for a vibrant and diverse community, a community that supports the "literal" arts: theater, music, visual art—both contemporary and traditional and expresses itself openly in events and concerts banners and window displays.

We are fortunate to live in a place where there is both preservation and innovation. A place where there is a range of artistic expression, from amateur to professional and commercial to nonprofit.

I encourage everyone to take part in the art and culture in our community, whether it's as a spectator, participant, donor, sponsor or all of the above. Creative and artistic expression is a strength of a culturally vital community and remember:

• Art is a link to the past.

• Art helps us to understand and empathize with the others.

• Art encourages imagination.

• Art provides a way to express our feelings.

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FOXCROFT'S 93RD COMMENCEMENT SENDS 52 YOUNG WOMEN INTO THE WORLD



Bright skies and bright smiles filled Miss Charlotte's Garden on the Foxcroft School campus Friday morning as 52 members of the Class of 2007 received their diplomas at the School's 93rd commencement.

The Class, which includes young women from 14 states, four foreign countries and the District of Columbia, is an accomplished one, having received 122 acceptances to 87 colleges and universities, including Harvard, Cornell, Princeton, Duke and MIT. These girls were awarded nearly \$2 million in merit scholarships, including National Merit and National Achievement awards.

Nikia Bergan, a member of the Class of 1993 and the daughter of several faculty members Celeste F. and Paul K. Bergan, who are retiring this month, was the featured speaker and gave the graduates three key pieces of advice: Get to know yourselves as you are and learn to love that. Don't be

afraid to make mistakes (and to learn from them) and be kind always. Jessica Mirshak of Cheshire, Pa., was the Senior Class Speaker and Suzanne D. Kuser, a 1949 alumna and member of the School's Board of Trustees, gave the invocation.

Cherie Turner of Newark, N.J. was awarded the Head's Prize, a very special honor not given every year. It is awarded by the Head of School "to recognize special kinds of moral courage, often private, seldom noticed, and therefore the more deeply cherished."

Turner will attend Johns Hopkins University in the fall. Shannon Walker of Puncelville, Va., received the Charlotte Haral National Award, for best combining the qualities that Miss Charlotte (Foxcroft's founder) valued: high purpose, leadership, integrity, accomplishments and understanding. Walker, who will attend Princeton University in the fall, also earned the Pillsbury Prize as class valedictorian. A member

of the Foxcroft Chapter of the Cum Laude Society, she was named a National Achievement Scholar and Commended Student by the National Merit Scholarship Corp.

National Merit Scholar and Cum Laude member Jillian Cairns, of Chantilly, Va., was the salutatorian. Cairns served as Student Head of School this past year and will matriculate at MIT in the fall. The Arts Appellate Award, for courtesy, was shared by Jordan Presille (Middleburg, Va.) and Summers Pondarvis (Edgfield, S.C.). Maureen O'Rourke (South Riding, Va.) collected the Jesse Better Malice Prize for courage and humor, and Tiffany Mazars received the Dudley Prize, for the senior who has been most cooperative in efforts for the good of the School.

Cum Laude Society chapter president and mathematics teacher Susan Erba inducted nine members of the Class and two juniors into the academic honor society, which is



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Cameron Shaw (Fenton, Md.), Sarah Smith (Millwood, Va.), Cherie Turner, and Hadley Warner (Bridport, Vt.). Juniors Yajin Kim of Seoul, South Korea, and Catherine York of Upperville, Va. were also inducted.

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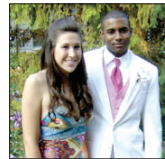
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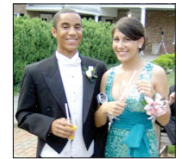
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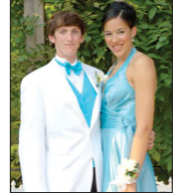
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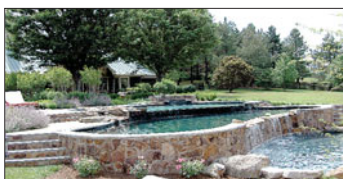
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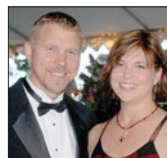


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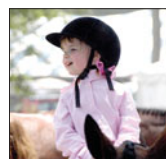
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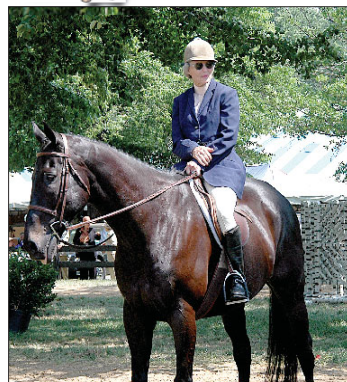
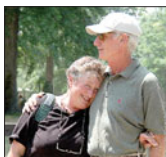
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ART EXHIBIT BY TONY KARP IN HAYMARKET TOWN HALL

The Town of Haymarket is proud to announce it has mounted its first art exhibit, by local artist Tony Karp, in the Haymarket Town Hall. Tony has been working with projects involving art and technology for many years. He believes that all art requires technology, and vice versa. Tony calls this blending "Techno-Impressionism". Town Manager Gene Swearingen sees this as the first of many exhibits that will be on display in the Haymarket Town Hall.

Haymarket Town Hall is located at 1500 Washington Street, Suite 100 Haymarket, Virginia 20169. The hours of operation are Monday thru Friday 8:00am - 4:00pm. For more information, please call the Haymarket Town Hall at 703-753-3900.

JUNE 24 CONGREGATION SHA'AR SHALOM'S ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE

Congregation Sha'ar Shalom will hold its annual rummage sale, Sunday, June 24, 2007 from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM, at the synagogue, 1937 Evergreen Mills Road, Leesburg, VA, across from Heritage High School. Shoppers will find gently used items, including children's clothing, toys, housewares, books, and small appliances. All items will be half-price after 1:00 PM. Buyers get an extra 20% off purchases of \$20 or more with this notice. Proceeds benefit the synagogue. The public is invited.

Congregation Sha'ar Shalom, the Conservative synagogue in Loudoun County, Virginia, is a Jewish community that values tradition, yet is open to change. Affiliated with the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism, Sha'ar Shalom welcomes new members and serves families and individuals through religious services, education for children and adults, programs for interfaith families, and social events. Founded in 1996, CSS now counts more than 130 households in its membership.

Congregation Sha'ar Shalom is located at 1937 Evergreen Mills Road, Leesburg, VA 20175-8730. For more information, call Congregation Sha'ar Shalom at 703-737-6500 or write to CSS at P.O. Box 4518, Leesburg, VA 20177-8577. Visit CSS on the Internet at

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July 9 - August 19

Oatland's 9th Summer Exhibit

Oatland's Historic House and Gardens, a National Trust Historic Site, will hold its annual "Four Seasons of Oatland's" Art Show & Sale benefiting Oatland's. The show is located in the historic Carriage House on the property.

The criteria of the show will include images of the Mosby Heritage area, which encompasses Clarke, Fauquier, Loudoun, Prince William and Warren counties in Virginia and Jefferson County in West Virginia. The show will also include artwork from the endangered Route 15 corridor from Gettysburg, Penn. to Monticello, Va., called the "Journey through Hallowed Ground."

Shows over the past eight years have generated significant works of art and have depicted evocative and beautiful details of the property. More than 80 artists and 200 pieces were showcased last year. Besides capturing the artistic images throughout the Mosby Heritage area and the Route 15 corridor, artists are also invited to Oatland's all year, free of charge, to capture the many compelling images throughout its 300 acres of history.

The Art Show and Gift Shop are open Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. The "Four Seasons of Oatland's" is open free to the public.

Oatland's is located six miles south of Leesburg on U.S. Route 15. For more information, call 703-777-3174 or visit www.oatlands.org.

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Sunday, July 1
Music on the Porch from 1:00 to 4:00 PM
Join "Dr. Rump" to celebrate the music of popular American composer Stephen Foster. Sing along as the Settles might have done on the Mount Black farm.

Saturday, July 7
Bird Walk from 9:00 to 10:30 AM
Join Ranger John and explore several habitats to learn why certain birds prefer these areas. Wear sturdy shoes and bring binoculars and field guide. (1 mile)

Sunday, July 8
Wildflower Walk from 10:00 to 11:30 AM
Get better acquainted with local wildflowers and learn about some of their uses. Bring water and wear sturdy shoes. Meet at the Bridle Trail parking area. (2 miles)

Saturday, July 14
Life on the Farm from 1:00 to 4:00 PM
Watch as history comes to life and find out what the Settles might have been doing in 1860. Join our volunteers as they make old-fashioned ice cream and lemonade.

Astronomy for Everyone from 8:30 to 11:00 PM
Find out about U.S. space research, take a sky tour, and look for deep space objects through large telescopes. If the sky is cloudy,

a short program will be presented and the park gates will close at 10 p.m. Bring your children - hour early for a special "Junior Astronomer" activity.

Sunday, July 15

Flutter By: Butterfly from 10:00 to noon
Look for butterflies with Mary Alexander and Steve Malone of the Washington Area Butterfly Club. Enjoy the brilliance and variety of Sky Meadows' butterflies. Bring water and wear sturdy shoes. (2 miles)

Saturday, July 21

Bat Walk from 8:00 to 9:30 PM
Join Ranger Ben to look for these flying mammals as they wake and start their evening bug hunt. Meet at the Turner Pond parking area, off Route 17 north of the main entrance.

Sunday, July 22

Shoreman's Mill Hike from 2:00 to 3:30 PM
Join Ranger John and explore the variety of habitats on this moderate trail through the woods and along Clay Run stream. Bring water and wear sturdy shoes. Meet at the Bridle Trail parking area. (1 mile)

Saturday, July 28

Hearts: Cooking from 1:00 to 4:00 PM
See how your ancestors might have prepared and cooked their meals in 1860. Try your own hand at open fire cooking. Please wear only natural fabric clothing (i.e., cotton, linen, wool).

Sunday, July 29

Full Moon Walk from 7:45 to 9:15 PM
Watch the full moon rise from the Piedmont Overlook. Take in the beauty of the Crooked Run Valley and listen for evening wildlife, as you learn about the "Thunder Moon." Bring water and wear sturdy shoes. (1, miles).

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very short list of some situations that should prompt a trip to the vet. There are many, many more instances when medical attention could be required, but this is a start:

- Your dog ate something toxic (i.e., antifreeze, chocolate, alcohol, human medications or poisonous plants).
- Your dog swallowed a foreign body.
- You notice sudden weight loss or gain.
- You notice sudden shifts in temperament.
- Your dog has refused to eat, drink and/or is acting lethargic for 24 hours or more - seek help sooner for younger or senior pets.
- Your dog is lame or limping.
- Your dog has diarrhea for more than 24 hours or diarrhea with blood.
- Your dog has rashes and hot spots.

Since we can't actually tell our people when something is wrong, the only thing we can do is hope our people are watching closely. Many dogs meet tragic fates because their owners decide to "wait and see" before seeking medical help. When in doubt, call the vet. It's much better to be safe than sorry! Before I wrap up, I want to thank Dr. Love for taking great care of me. He even personally called to follow up twice over the weekend! I was so very grateful.

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Longfield
 Middleburg, Virginia

Built in 1986, stone house with slate and metal roof, 4 bedrooms, 4 1/2 baths, 3 fireplaces, hardwood floors, and rear flagstone terrace, new heated pool and cabana, and 5-car garage. 96.73 gently rolling, mostly open acres with mountain views. \$3,900,000.



Stone Ridge
 Culpeper, Virginia

Fantastic views from "Stone Ridge" of Longley 6 bedrooms, 5 1/2 baths, 3 fireplaces, all brick custom colonial on 17 acres with stone court, pond, and great potential, mature landscaping, and large rooms. Gallery room added several years ago. 4-car garage. \$1,995,000.



Meadow View
 Middleburg, Virginia

Mimms to Middleburg, processed location, 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 5 fireplaces, screened rear porch. 3+all barn with tack room, 10 stable acres, 4 paddocks, new fencing, 200+ 150 riding ring. Lovely gardens, private setting. \$1,150,000.



Chinn Lane
 Middleburg, Virginia

Elegant colonial in the village of Middleburg. Lovely living room opens to the large dining room and terrace in the private garden area. There is also a charming paneled study with a fireplace. The expanded master bedroom suite is enhanced by a large in-home office area and many closets. Numerous fine finishes, ample storage and a large updated kitchen. 2 car garage. Shows very well. \$1,250,000.



Dover Road
 Middleburg, Virginia

Intriguing property just 3 years old one mile from town with 4 bedrooms and approximately 3,000 square feet of finished living space. Great open floor plan for entertaining and today's living. Tucked behind a long-established grove of fruit trees is the expansive lawn with rock outcroppings and stone walls. In addition to the 3-car attached garage is the 3-bay workshop. \$995,000.



Kincheloe's Store
 Rectortown, Virginia

100+ years ago this was a small village store and today the current owners have blended the old charm of 10+ ceilings, oversized farmhouse windows, the large wrap around porch and original floors with the modern amenities everyone seeks. A recent addition includes a large family room open to the gourmet kitchen with custom cabinetry, granite counters and a professional stove. The second floor holds a master bedroom, separate bath and home office or studio area with exceptional views from every window overlooking the Cobble Mountains and large back yard. \$834,900.



Commercial Building
 Middleburg, Virginia

Commercial or retail opportunity one-half block off the main street in the village of Middleburg. Turn-key space. Would make a fine office or boutique. Not your typical offering. \$695,000.



Piedmont Drive
 Middleburg, Virginia

This generous equestrian home has significant living space with all 4 levels fully finished. Enhanced by a large rear terrace and side yard for outdoor entertaining and gardening. As an end unit with great light the home has stable room, custom millwork and has been recently painted throughout. 3rd floor offers great space for in-home office, studio or guest room. \$625,000.

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