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TAX RELIEF MEASURES

CITIZENS SPEAK OUT ON MANDATORY WATER AND SEWER CONNECTIONS

DANIEL MORROW

The Middleburg Town Council approved two landmark proposals at its regular Thursday meeting on January 10: one formally approving a "Stewardship Agreement" with Potomac Conservancy, critical to the Salamander Inn development project; another granting tax relief for some of the Town's elderly and disabled citizens. A measure that would have both prohibited private wells within Town limits and required connection to the Town's sewer system was tabled in response to vocal opposition from affected citizens, and the Council's ongoing commitment to making the transition as painless as possible.

Salamander Open Space Protected

Council Member Mark Snyder moved the adoption of Middleburg's formal "Stewardship Agreement with Potomac Conservancy," noting that he did so with special pride. Before casting a critical vote approving Middleburg's initial "Memorandum of Understanding" with Salamander Development, he had insisted on the inclusion of just such a stewardship agreement, ideally with a reputable, dedicated, non-profit, conservation organization, independent of Town government.

The agreement approved on January 10 officially covers roughly 190 acres of the 342 owned by Salamander Development

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PICTURE THIS LOCAL STUDENT ARTISTS DISPLAY MIXED MEDIA MASTERPIECES

ALEX CUDABACK

For the last ten years, Notre Dame Academy art students have been the happy beneficiaries of a relationship unique among most secondary schools in the area, if not the country.

On Thursday, February 7th, the eleventh annual Notre Dame Academy Art Exhibition will open at the Bryne Gallery, located at 7 West Washington Street in the village. This year's show is titled, "Picture This."

Wayne Paige, the Chair of Notre Dame Academy's Art Department, became part of the school's fabric eleven years ago as well. Coincidence? Not likely.

"One of the first people I was lucky enough to meet when I joined the community eleven years ago," said Paige, "was Susan Byrne, owner of the Bryne Gallery. That first fortuitous meeting really was the start of something that has been very, very special to our students over the last several years."

That something special, of course, is the Notre Dame Academy Art Exhibition,

a partnership between Notre Dame and the Bryne Gallery that allows students not only the cherished opportunity to see their work hanging on a wall or sitting on a display shelf in an actual gallery, but also allows them to experience all the behind-the-scenes work that goes into putting on a gallery exhibition.

"I came to Notre Dame after working for 25 years as a drafting and art instructor at Eastern High School," Paige said. "And when I came out here, I was given the incredibly exciting opportunity to grow the existing art department into something just as important to the students' development as our first-rate academic and athletic programs."

The first year of the show, the artwork on display comprised a couple of dozen pieces and took up one wall of the Bryne Gallery. This year's show will include

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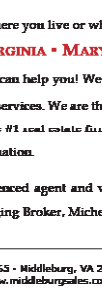
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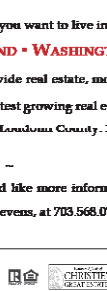
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NEWS OF NOTE

"DOC" SAFFER

horizon. Dew Safer, Jr. died to his friends, died after a long battle with cancer on Wednesday, January 16. Services were held at Emanuel Episcopal Church in Manhattan on January 19th. Just two weeks earlier his daughter, Maria, had been married to her husband, Dr. Daniel Safer, Jr. One of four children of Dr. Delbert Safer, who served on the board of the American Cancer Society in the 1930's, Dr. Safer is perhaps best known for his description of life in the village in the 1930's, "The Village on the Edge of the World," which he based on stories he told his children. The book was a best seller and the subject of a beloved musical, often staged by the Middleburg Players. "I Was Mostly Fun," was written by his son, Daniel, and illustrated by his daughter, Carolyn G. Safer, and two children, Maria S. Cobb of Rockville Centre, N.Y., and Alexander G. Safer of Aylette, Va. He was the brother of Claudia S. Young of the same village, and the son of a lawyer, Dr. Daniel Safer, Sr., of Laguna Beach, Ca.

HERBERT CHILDREN ESTABLISH
FAMILY FUND TO HONOR PARENTS

As a tribute to Jim and Betty Herbert, for all they have done within the Piedmont Community and for their devotion to their family, five Herbert children have established the Jim and Betty Herbert Family Fund.

The fund will be managed by the Piedmont Herpetological Foundation.

Elizabeth Herbert Cotterill, Jim Herbert, David Beverly, Herbert, Bruce T. Hermit and Sarah Herbert Albritton established the fund as a deserving legacy for their parents, as a means for all five siblings to stay involved in herpetology and as a way to create future good works to be funded and supported within the

Betty Herbert's family (Thomson, Kabler and Lupton) have lived in the Southern Piedmont at The County of Fairfax in Loudoun County since 1820.

Both Jim and Betty have a deep love for the Piedmont, and for the Northern Piedmont in particular, having lived there, farmed there, raised five children there and active leadership there throughout the community for more than sixty years.

Jim Herbert moved to Fauquier County in 1940, returning permanently in 1945 after decorated service as Major in the U.S. Army Air Corps. He and his wife, Betty, have made their home together

FIREFIGHTER HONORED

To honor fallen firefighter, Alex John Keepers, Mayor Betsy Davis called for a minute of silence at the first regular meeting of the Middleburg Town Council in 2008.

On December 31, 2007, Lieutenant Keepers was killed in a pre-dawn crash on the Point of Rocks Bridge over the Potomac. He was driving to work at Middleburg's Fire-Rescue Station #3 in unusually black-ice conditions.

Just 31 years old, the Lieutenant was a native of Frederick served in Aldie, Arcola, Lovettsville and Leesburg. He had been promoted to Lieutenant in July, 2007.

Nearly a thousand mourners attended services for him at St. John the Evangelist in Frederick on January 5. He is survived by his parents, two brothers and two sisters

He'd begun his firefighting career while still in high school in the early 1990's, as a junior member of Frederick's Independent Hose Company #1. Just before joining the United States Marine Corps in 1995, he'd become a regular

From 1995 to 1999 he was on active duty with the Marine Corps, from which he was honorably discharged in 2002.

He'd returned to fire-fighting in Maryland as soon as his active duty career military ca-

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CRICKET BEDFORD RUNS NEW YORK MARATHON CHEERED ON BY ENTOURAGE OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Middleburg was well represented at the most recent New York Marathon when Cricket Bedford headed north with her kindergarten daughter, Louise, her third grader, Harrison and Julia Ross, endearingly known as "Wa" to run the race she'd always hoped to finish.

Faith she did, in slightly over four hours, and the experience of running the famous race across bridges, through Queens and Central Park and up and down Manhattan did not disappoint her in any way at all.

"I was the only runner from Middleburg at this Marathon," she emphasized. "Christopher Tate, Neil Morris and Dee Maki all ran this year. But, for me, the race was a phenomenal experience."

"I've always wanted to run the New York Marathon at least once," she said. "My best friend, Polly Gardner, ran it when I was pregnant with Harrison, and I remember so well promising myself that I'd run it too someday."

Polly, who now lives in Connecticut, took the train down to see Cricket run and it meant the world to her.

"We went to UVA together, and when I came out of the Park afterwards, exhausted and wrapped in my mylar blanket, it was so wonderful when I saw her with Wa and Louise and Harrison. It was the perfect end to a wonderful run."

After three years on the application list, Cricket was delighted to learn she had been deferred in 2006 because that guaranteed that she would have a place in the 2007 Marathon. To prepare for the run, she did some half marathons, spread out to maintain her strength, and felt well prepared for the run of her life.

"It's an absolutely amazing experience," she re-

counted. "Everyone wears layers and layers of clothing to stay warm at the start, and you just cannot believe how many runners line up in the cattle yards under the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge starting point. I thought the Marine Corps Marathon was big, but, believe me, there is nothing like this."

In fact, Cricket said it took eight minutes from the starting gun until all the runners were even moving, simply because there were so many runners. It's made clear to runners in New York that, the clothing they shed as they warm up in the race, will be collected and given to the homeless, so, in addition to all the excitement of hands, great ships sending up celebratory water sprays under the bridge, helicopters and the excitement of the enormous crowd, runners have to be very careful not to trip on the hundreds of garments that have been cast aside as runners take off at the start.

"Usually, as the race even out, you find people at your pace to run with but this time, I never found my pace set. People were passing me, and I was passing others. It was really hard to focus, and it took me some time to calm down and get into a groove. Then, everything was great."

"I relied on my iPod to keep me going because I was running all by myself. It was a little scary, but it turned out to be the best thing I've ever done by myself. I could go at my own pace without worrying at all about anyone running with me."

Well before she and her party left for New York, Cricket had decided that a great way for her to see them at a meeting point during the race, would be for them to have swimming pool noodles to wave in the air.

"I coach field hockey at Hill School, so I bor-

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NEWS OF NOTE

LOCAL "FOUR SEASONS" GARDENER FEATURED IN "GARDEN IDEAS & OUTDOOR LIVING"



Linda Hostetler's beautiful garden in The Plains receives much-deserved coverage in the Early Spring issue of Garden Ideas & Outdoor Living that is now on newsstands everywhere.

"It's lovely to see my

garden in the magazine," Linda said. "I've so enjoyed creating it, and it pleases me to know that others will also enjoy seeing my plant collection."

Originally, a graphic designer, Linda became a plant collector as she worked with Karen Rexrode on a catalogue for the Windy Hill Plant Farm. Karen, who owned the famous and fa-

vorite haunt of serious gardeners from every corner of Northern Virginia, imparted immense gardening wisdom as the two organized the catalogue.

"That's where I learned about plants," Linda said. "Now, I'm a 'Four Seasons' garden consultant special-izing in color vignettes that include foliage as well as blooms. My new career is a true joy."

As Editor Luke Miller said, "Linda has created a garden that is beautiful year round, and that is no small accomplishment."

It only takes leafing through the ten-page article to understand what a "Four Seasons" garden consultant can achieve. Whether you dream of a colorful early spring garden that does not depend uniquely on bulbs, or a winter garden that is a pleasure to the eye and imagination, Linda's approach to gardening will make excellent sense.

The article describes her "color echo" technique, how she creates off-season appeal, her love of new plants, and a few of her "secrets."

To contact Linda, please email her at LKHdhostetler@comcast.net.



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EDITOR'S DESK

A FRIEND IN DEED

Our beautiful village has so many friends and people who love it that it sometimes seems unimaginable that tiny considerations could make it better. But even the most cherished places benefit from simple acts of care that we can all contribute.

As you shop or stroll down our pleasant streets, if you notice the relics of someone who cared not enough to look for a waste bin, please make that search your responsibility. Our streets and yards will be as neat as we want them to be, you'll have made an important contribution to our community and Middleburg will be the better for your generous spirit and proactive citizenship.

In a very real way, taking responsibility for small things that really are not your responsibility at all, will simply illustrate your highly refined sense of stewardship. If we all act more honorably as stewards of our town, our town will be far the better for it.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:
Re: Pratt's Hypocrisy

What was not discussed at the meeting in Annapolis was the history of Israel-Palestinian relations and related Arab/Israel relations. Israel accepted the partition of the Palestine Mandate, (Jerusalem was to be under UN control) Arab countries did not. Israel was attacked by about five Arab armies (Egypt, Jordan, Iraq, Syria and Lebanon). Arab radios told the Arabs in the path of the armies to leave. Many did. Israel radio encouraged Arabs to stay. Many Arabs (mostly Christian Arabs) stayed and constitute about 20% of the population of Israel. These Arabs are represented in Israel's parliament (Knesset). No Arab country has Jews in their parliamentary equivalents. At the end of fighting in 1948, Jordan annexed the West Bank and declared all residents citizens of Jordan. Egypt occupied the Gaza Strip. After the Yom Kippur war Israel gained the Sinai peninsula. After the '67 war, Israel signed peace treaties with Jordan who relinquished any claim to the West Bank, and with Egypt returning Sinai. Egypt did not want the Gaza strip which I believe was offered.

No other Arab country has a peace treaty with Israel. Officially they are still at war. The number of refugees who left voluntarily or through violence has been estimated at about 900,000. After the UN vote took effect, many Arab countries declared Jews as no longer citizens and encouraged them through threats, violence, confiscation of assets and property to leave. The number of expelled Jews is about the same 900,000. The Iraq Bagdad community dates back some 2500 years, more than a 1000 years before Muhammad and Islam. Of the 1948 number of about 150,000 about 10 remain. The same is true of other Arab/Israeli countries. The newspapers stated the Libyan Jewish community was over 2,000 years old.

By and large expelled Jews were resettled in Is-

rael and have been absorbed, largely, into the population. Arab refugees on the other hand, in Iraq, Lebanon, Syria et al were confined to camps run by the UN and not permitted to be absorbed. They now number some 4.5 million. While the UN resolution of long ago spoke to return to their lands in Israel, it is not practical for them (Muslim and Christian) would be in the majority. Would we accept into the US some 250 million Arabs to become about half our population? We have difficulties with US-12 illegal immigrants. Just as we are, Israel is concerned with security. Their fence has reduced suicide bombers. We intend to build or are building fences for similar security reasons.

What is important is to build trust. That takes time and perhaps time may not be available. While the Palestine authority is willing to live with Israel, one group, Hamas, is dedicated to its destruction. Hamas may not be firing rockets into Israel from the Gaza strip, they do nothing to prevent it on the part of other Jihadists in Gaza. Making peace is fraught with problems on both sides. Both leaders are unpopular and it will take little, another suicide bombing, infitad or an Israeli mistake, to set things back for years. In Israel, a hardliner waits in the wings for a new election. In the west bank, there are analogous hardliners.

Peace between the two entities is said to be necessary for peace in the Middle East. Peace may ease our difficulties in Iraq and Afghanistan as well as relations with the Arab countries. Let us not magnify the problems and assist in a search for a middle ground.

G Kaplan
Haymarket, Virginia

Dear Mr. Kaplain,

Thank you for your response to my article in the December issue of the Eccentric concerning the Is-

raeli Palestinian situation. I agree with your historical facts and can understand the frustration of that history, but the facts remain that the Palestinian people who now live and try to survive in Palestine had nothing to do with what their ancestors did. The problem stems from the oppression that is current and happening on a daily basis in the occupied territories. You reference the Israeli "security fence" and compare it to our border fence. There are significant differences, our fence, although causing some ecological damage is being constructed on US property is not cutting Mexican citizens off from their livelihoods in their homeland and is not being constructed on Mexican land. It is a reasonably straight fence running along the border. The Israeli wall zigzags through Palestinian land and in some cases has destroyed olive groves and Palestinian farm land, causing even more hardships on the Palestinian people.

You say it is important to build trust between the two peoples yet you do not address the UN resolutions that Israel is in violation.

I find it so hard to understand how Israelis who have been so persecuted in history can do much the same to another peoples now. The Israelis are the ones with the power, they have the backing of the biggest military power on earth, they have the jet fighters, they have the military might so it is up to them to be the leaders in the peace process. It is very difficult to be economically strangled, live in occupied territories, watch illegal settlements cover your land and not want to fight back. Israel must be the leaders in the peace process and begin the process of trust by treating the Palestinians as equal human beings before that trust can become a reality.

Respectfully,
Thomas A Pratt

RANT & RAVES

HYPOCRISY

Tom Pratt

I believe one of the many problems with the Bush Administration's foreign policy is the way in which the policies differ from country to country.

Take for example the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty. One of the principal goals of the Treaty is to prevent the five signing nations, United States, France, China, Russia and the United Kingdom, from supplying nuclear technology or materials to non-signing countries, thereby attempting to prevent the proliferation of nuclear weapons.

The principal problem with the treaty is that it does not prevent any country from producing, buying or exchanging uranium for "peaceful purposes", that being fuel for electric plants. In fact it goes further stating that each non signer has that "inalienable right" - Iran claim, and

rightly so, that it has that right and is only seeking and enriching uranium for electric power. The recent findings by the NIE seem to support that, although parts of the report maintain that Iran did indeed have a weapons program that was halted 4 years ago. The Bush Administration is still disputing Iran's intentions and is still demanding that Iran give up its enrichment programs and is calling for even stronger sanctions.

But that is not the Bush Administration's position on other countries, India being the prime example. It is a self stated fact that India poses nuclear weapons in 1974 they conducted a test claiming it was for peaceful purposes. But then in 1998 did a number of tests and shortly thereafter declared itself a nuclear armed nation. Clearly in violation of the Nonproliferation Treaty.

Originally sanctions were called for against India, but that has all changed. In-

stead of sanctions, the United States under President Bush, has offered India nuclear technology in exchange for allowing international safeguards and inspections by 2014 at 14 of its 22 nuclear power plants. It begs the question, what is going on at the other 8 plants? Makes little sense to me as those plants exempted could certainly create enormous amounts of enriched material that could be used or sold as weapons material.

Pakistan has nuclear weapons, we support that country with billions of dollars ostensibly for the "war on terror". India, although never officially admitting to having nuclear weapons but for some reason jailed an Israeli citizen for leaking state secrets about the weapons and will not allow him to travel outside Israel. Most of the world acknowledge India does indeed have

weapons, and we certainly support that nation.

Therefore I believe it is hypocritical to call for sanctions and possibly the annihilation of one country for possessing nuclear materials and then clearly supporting others when we think are more friendly to the United States. More hypocrisy concerning the Treaty. The United States was a major proponent of the indefinite extension of the Treaty in 1995 but now has revealed plans to enlarge or replace its weapons through the Reliable Replacement Warhead program.

They way to send the correct message to the world is for the United States to repeal the nuclear deal with India unless India agrees to give up its weapons program and dismantle its nuclear arsenal and for us to abide by the NNP Treaty and give up any thoughts of expanding or replacing our arsenal.

RED VS. BLUE

ABOUT POLLSTERS AND PUNDITS

KEN RIETZ - (R)

The only thing that is most fun to watch on TV these days

is about primary campaign for President. That is, if you are a political junkie.

What confuses most of us is how the political pundits and gossips can be so "WRONG, SO OFTEN". They called Iowa wrong and then made the same mistake in New Hampshire.

What we should remember about political polls is that they are merely a snap shot in time. They are also a lagging indicator of techniques. Some base their sample on all registered voters in a particular State. Others across their sample down to most likely voters. In most cases the sample size is only 400 to 600 actual voters. This means that a typical poll could have a margin of error as high as plus or minus six percent.

Political campaigns have provided the money that fuels everything from consultant's salaries to pundit's book deals to cable network access.

We call this political news "DEMOCRACY". In addition to the problem created by the sample size, pollsters now use automated phone

calls. This means, in many cases the human equation is taken out completely.

Two other factors that tend to skew pollsters is the fact that cell phones are not called at all, and that some people try to influence polls by lying to the pollster.

Now, the pundits are another story. Most pundits seem to be talking heads on TV so they can increase their speaking fees. In an effort to sound smart, they depend on the same polls that may or may not be accurate.

They also talk to and consult with each other. In Washington, groups of them regularly meet in fancy downtown restaurants to compare notes. This leads to much shoving around of INJURY and OPINION. ATED information.

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IMPEACHMENT

DAN MORROW - (D)

On Sunday, January 6, 2008, the Washington Post published an extraordinary piece by a highly decorated war hero, former Senator and Presidential Candidate, George McGovern.

Revered, well on black, on the front page of the paper's "Outlook" section, McGovern's editorial assembled nothing so much as an obituary. The Post's editors had given it the headline, "Why I believe Bush Must Go Now," was that. These Gays are worse.

McGovern, himself, put straight to the point, "I have belatedly and painfully concluded," he wrote, "that the only honorable course for me is to resign the impeachment of the president and vice president."

He outlined seven general categories of impeachable high crimes and misdemeanors: violations of the Constitution; transgressions of national and international law; lying to the

American people; and finally, conduct and barbaric policies that "have reduced our beloved country to a historic low in the eyes of people around the world."

Now, if anyone, seems to have noticed.

Perhaps it was the timing. With only one more year to office left for Bush and Cheney, with the primary season in full swing, and with the economy off to its worst January in living memory, why bother?

Perhaps it was the source. George McGovern, 1968. Loser. The Kennedy of his time.

Perhaps it was the quaint language. Whatever does a man mean by an "honorable course" when "peace with honor" is once more the watchword of a failed war's last defenders and "justice" is merely "enhanced interrogation techniques"?

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EXPLORING BOOKS

PAT DALY

Happy New Year! In the world of books, we get to celebrate the new year with lots of terrific new books; we hope you'll join us as we partake of some great fiction, as well as some entertaining and enlightening nonfiction.

One new release is already making a splash in *People of the Book*, by Geraldine Brooks. She won the Pulitzer Prize for her last book, *March*, and this one is every bit as riveting and compelling. It's the story of an Australian rare-book expert given the job of analyzing a famous illuminated Jewish book, the *Sarajevo Hagadah*. The history of the book is revealed through a backwards journey in time, from the book's salvation to its creation.

In *Bleeding Kansas*, Sara Paretsky (author of the V.I. Warshawski detective series) takes us to the Kaw River Valley, where the lives of three farm families are interwoven over the course of several generations. With modern day pressures—the war in Iraq for example—set against a backdrop of fundamentalist belief, the conflict between the families grows to a fever pitch, proving America's heartland can be every bit as terrifying as the most dangerous inner city.

Sue Grafton is also back, with *T is for Trespass*. Kinsey Mulhouse isn't the only voice we hear, as the author allows

the chilling sociopath, Solana Rojas, to be heard in her own voice. As the terrifying conclusion looms, the reader is able to foresee the horror ahead, while hoping that Kinsey will see it too, in time to avert tragedy.

Another reliable writer, W.B. Griffin, gives us the fourth in his Presidential Agent Series, *The Shooters*. The story begins in Argentina, where Delta Force Officer Charley Castillo is cleaning up from a previous mission. He is suddenly hurled into the next, unscheduled assignment searching for a missing DEA agent who has apparently been abandoned by his own government.

The *Geography of Bliss* by Eric Weiner is part political tome and part humor, as he takes us around the world in search of the happiest places—Island in one, Denmark another, but America not so much. The book is a mixture of travel, psychology, science and more—and its fun despite Weiner's admission that he's a grouchy ("I'm already unhappy, I have nothing to lose.")

In *Defense of Food* is Michael Pollan's latest. The author of *The Omnivore's Dilemma* gives us a food manifesto, summed up quite simply: "Eat food. Not too much. Mostly plants." In this book, he answers a lot of the questions he posed in *The Omnivore's Dilemma*, and suggests that we can help ourselves and our world by

buying better, well-grown food—and less of it.

The *Fighting 69th: One Remarkable National Guard Unit's Journey from Ground Zero to Bagdad*, by Sean Michael Flynn, is the moving story of how one National Guard regiment, New York City's Fighting 69th Infantry, 2001, is transformed. Most of the 69th were immigrants with no military experience—Puerto Ricans, Dominicans, Colombians, African Americans, Russians, Poles, Koreans, Chinese—a ragtag bunch of ill-prepared recruits just interested in a paycheck. How they were transformed into tough soldiers at work in one of Bagdad's toughest areas—the Airport Road—is a story of extraordinary courage and relentless determination, where the street wisdom of New York City turns out to be some of the best equipment these soldiers could ever have.

Sweeney Todd by Mark Salisbury and Tim Burton has a scary Johnny Depp on the cover, but this book is a lavish hardcover companion volume to the film—a film which many reviewers are calling one of the best of the season. Over 200 photos, concept drawings and production designs show how the play became a movie—and now a book. This is a terrific inside look at moviemaking.

The *Golden Compass* by Philip Pullman is not a new

book, but with the movie out there has been renewed interest in this exquisite piece of literature. This is part of the trilogy known as *His Dark Materials* (The Subtle Knife, The Amber Spyglass), and while it is aimed at young adult readers, it will appeal to anyone who loves finely written, beautiful prose with a compelling plot, unforgettable characters, and a deeply layered fantastical world. The books have been criticized as anti-religious, but the best way to decide is to read them for yourself.

Sherman Alexie won the 2007 National Book Award for *Young People's Literature* for *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian*, and it was well-deserved. In his first book for young adults, Alexie tells the story of Junior, a budding cartoonist growing up on the Spokane Indian Reservation. Junior leaves the Rez to attend an all-white farm town high school where the only other Indian is the school's mascot. Funny, touching, beautifully written—with drawings by acclaimed artist Ellen Forney—this book is nothing short of wonderful.

There are also many books on the horizon that our readers will enjoy. In the coming weeks and months, Bernard Cornwell brings us *Sword Song*, Rita Mae Brown gives us *The Perfect Murder*, and Russell Banks brings us *The Reserve*. John Grisham's newest is *The Appeal* and

Martha Grimes brings back Andi Oliver in *Dakota*. In non-fiction, Michael Scheuer, a veteran CIA counterterrorism analyst, gives us his take on what the Iraq war has cost us, in *Marching Toward Hell: America and Islam After Iraq*. If you're a *Masie Dobbs* fan, you'll be happy to learn that in February she reappears in Jacqueline Winspear's *An Incomplete Revenge*. And Jodi Picoult fans have *Change of Heart* to look forward to, as once again the author taps into her familiar themes of loss, redemption and the overarching power of love. Young adult author Stephanie Meyer (*New Moon*, *Eclipse*) has written her first adult novel, *The Host*, a tense, scary story of love and betrayal in a future with the fate of humanity at stake. In any other author's hands, this might sound trite, but she puts a spin on things that is truly original.

These are only a few of the many new and exciting books that will be released during the spring and summer. Hold on to your hats—it's going to be quite a ride!

CRICKET RUNS NEW YORK

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rowed school pool noodles and explained how careful we had to be with them to Louise and Harrison. They were very excited."

Cricket's enthusiastic planned to meet her at Mile 19 at 22nd Street and First Avenue in Manhattan.

"It helped me so much to know they'd be there," she remembered. "When you're on First Avenue in the 60's, the crowd is huge and incredible, but I had 30 more blocks to go to see them."

I kept them foremost in my mind, and, suddenly, there were the pool noodles! "It was awesome and really picked me up!"

She saw them one more time on Madison at Central Park before she reached the finish line at 4:08:01.

"My brother teased me about not finishing under four minutes, and I'm sure I would have if I hadn't stopped to see them, but I wouldn't trade it for anything!"

"To have my best friend there, my children, Harrison and Louise Whitner, and my second mother, Wa, with me for this run made it an experience of a lifetime."

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Middleburg, Virginia

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Oakfield
Upperville, Virginia

A rare offering. This gracious and fully renovated stone manor house in Upperville is surrounded by exceptional views and in impeccable condition. There is a new gourmet kitchen and pantry, a generous first floor master suite and 4 additional bedrooms. The excellent location offers complete privacy surrounded by large protected properties. \$5,800,000.



Longfield
Middleburg, Virginia

Built in 1986, stone house with slate and metal roof, 4 bedrooms, 4 1/2 baths, 3 fireplaces, hardwood floor, and rear flagstone terraces, new brand pool and cabana, and 5-car garage. \$6,750 gently rolling, mostly open acres with mountain views. \$3,000,000.



Chinn Lane Gate House
Middleburg, Virginia

Currently under complete renovation & major expansion to be completed by March. The Chinn Lane Gate House has been transformed into the perfect in-town home. Lovely yard with large trees, a new suco wall for privacy and side service. 3 bedrooms with master suite on first floor, large living room, loss of built-in and storage, separate dining room, original fireplace & hardwood floor throughout. A gem. \$950,000.



Seaton Store
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100+ years ago this was a small village store and today the current owners have blended the old charm of 10+ ceilings, ovested farmhouse windows, the large wrap around porch and original floor 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. \$790,000.



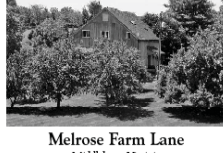
Foxcroft Road
Middleburg, Virginia

Stately brick Georgian residence on 75 acres with unobstructed views of the Blue Ridge Mountains. In-house office, enlarged first floor master suite and grand entrance-mantelpiece and pool house area. Improvements include the 50 x 22 in-ground pool, tennis house and equipment buildings. Open, level land would be great for equestrian improvements. \$3,300,000.



Meadow View
Middleburg, Virginia

Minutes to Middleburg, protected location, 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 5 fireplaces, screened rear porch, 3-well barn with oak rooms, 10 usable acres, 4 paddocks, new fencing, 200 x 150 riding ring. Lovely gardens, private setting. \$899,000. Available for rent for \$3,750 per month.



Melrose Farm Lane
Middleburg, Virginia

Historic 1800's converted bank barn with stone foundation, exposed original beams, copper roof and large wrap around porch overlooking spring-fed ponds and a small established orchard. 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths. Property is located just minutes from Middleburg and situated on 10 rolling acres back open and wooded. Great location. \$925,000.



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Virginia Tech's Marion duPont Equine Medical Center is to be the recipient of a generous and visionary gift of \$10 million from the estate of Shelley Duke, owner and manager of Rallywood Farm in Middleburg.

Duke has spent more than twenty years working toward the betterment of equine healthcare and veterinary programs at the center. She is a member of the Virginia Tech Board of Visitors, the U.S. Equestrian Team, and the U.S. Equestrian Team's Legacy Society.

"We are extremely grateful for Shelley's generosity and vision," said Dr. White. "This estate gift is the largest in the hospital's history."

Duke's pledge for the future advancement of the equine center was based, in large part, on the strong relationship she has developed with the center's faculty and staff as a leader, client and volunteer.

"I wanted to ensure that there will always be a

LAMENESS SURGEON JOINS VIRGINIA TECH'S EQUINE MEDICAL CENTER FACULTY

Dr. M. Norris Adams has joined Virginia Tech's Marion duPont Scott Equine Medical Center as a clinical assistant professor in equine lameness and surgery. In this role, Adams will focus on elective orthopedic procedures and will assist with the expansion of the center's outpatient services program.

"Dr. Adams is a valuable addition to our team," said Dr. Nat White, Jean Ellen Sheehan Professor and Director of the Marion duPont Scott Equine Medical Center. "His strong interpersonal skills and expertise in lameness will be very beneficial to our clientele."

Adams comes to the center with a diverse background in private practice. He worked as an associate veterinarian and surgeon in New York, Pennsylvania, and Connecticut before moving to Virginia to serve as a clinical assistant instructor in large animal surgery at the Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine. Adams achieved Diplomate status in the American College of Veterinary Surgeons (ACVS) in 1999.

"I am interested in orthopedics and sports-related injuries," said Adams. "The Marion duPont Scott Equine Medical Center is surrounded by a large and diverse population of equine athletes, and this sees a large load of these interesting and challenging cases."

Adams added that he finds performing surgery rewarding because it can improve the outcome of a case dramatically, and noted that the contact with owners and trainers is also very satisfying.

"I enjoy the personal interaction with clients and look forward to maintaining a presence at the center that they can rely on," said Adams. "The location of the hospital will allow me to continue serving many of



YOUR HORSE'S HEALTH: DIAGNOSING EQUINE CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE

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A horse's heart may be the most important muscle in its entire body. As the pump for the cardiovascular system, which includes the heart and a closed system of blood vessels called arteries, veins, and capillaries, it is responsible for the rapid delivery of nutrients and oxygen to all of the horse's tissues and organs. In addition, the cardiovascular system plays a crucial role in the elimination of waste products, distribution of hormones, immune response, blood clotting, and body temperature regulation.

Heart disease can affect horses of all ages and breeds. It can be congenital (present at birth) or acquired (developed later in life). The most common abnormalities involve the valves and muscle of the heart. Cardiac problems can manifest clinically in different ways, including poor performance, exercise intolerance, presence of a heart murmur, irregular heartbeats, distended veins, peripheral swelling, poor growth, weakness, or collapse. The most frequently diagnosed cardiac abnormalities in equine medicine include congenital anomalies, degenerative or infectious valvular diseases, disease of the muscle or external envelope of the heart (pericardium), congestive heart failure, and arrhythmias.

The importance of the heart cannot be overstated and any disease affecting it should be promptly diagnosed and monitored carefully.

In-depth evaluation of horses suffering from heart disease typically requires advanced and accurate diagnostic aids to determine the underlying problem and to recommend appropriate treatment. The internal medicine group at the Marion duPont Scott Equine Medical Center provides cutting-edge diagnostic and therapeutic services for horses affected with cardiac disease.

When referred to our practice, a complete cardiac evaluation will be conducted, and will include a physical examination to determine the heart rate and rhythm and to detect the presence of heart murmurs, a resting electrocardiogram (ECG) to examine the electrical activity of the heart, and sometimes radiographs (X-rays) to examine the size and shape of the heart. A complete cardiac ultrasound evaluation (echocardiogram) will also be performed to examine the valves, muscle, and heart function.

The echocardiogram uses different echocardiography techniques to examine the size, structure, and shape of the heart in motion. Color-flow ultrasound and other Doppler technologies

are also used to evaluate speed and patterns of blood flow within the heart and large vessels connected to the heart such as the aorta and pulmonary artery. With digital image storage of the echocardiogram evaluation, the clinicians can easily review cases and follow their progression over time. Archiving of the cardiac examinations also allows the clinicians to share this information with referring veterinarians and to use the material for teaching purposes.

Other diagnostic tools available at the Equine Medical Center allow the clinicians to acquire continuous electrocardiographic recordings over one or more 24-hour periods. These tools are frequently used with critically ill patients for identification and monitoring of infrequent arrhythmias, quantifying the severity of an arrhythmia, or for evaluation of the efficacy of drug therapy.

In addition, horses are often referred to our institution for poor performance. Although musculoskeletal and respiratory system diseases are more common causes of reduced athletic ability, certain heart conditions can also lead to the development of exercise intolerance. In some cases, an exercise test is crucial for the detection of exercise-induced cardiovascular dysfunction. Electrocardiography using a radio-telemetry unit can be performed during a high-speed treadmill examination or an under saddle evaluation to determine the heart rhythm during exercise. A functional assessment of the heart can

then be performed in the immediate post-exercise period with echocardiography.

Our medicine group strives to maintain the health of horses with heart disease as well as to achieve the best quality of life possible for them. Appointments for cardiology consultations are made on an outpatient basis. Emergency receiving is also available for patients with acute and more severe cardiac conditions requiring immediate attention. Please do not hesitate to call 703/771-6800 to schedule a consultation or to inquire about the cardiology services offered at the Marion duPont Scott Equine Medical Center.

Dr. Derrochers is a clinical assistant professor in equine internal medicine at Virginia Tech's Marion duPont Scott Equine Medical Center. She can be reached at derrocherv@vt.edu. To view her online profile, visit www.equinemedicalcenter.net.

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67TH RUNNING OF THE PIEDMONT FOX HOUNDS POINT-TO-POINT RACES

Upperville - The Piedmont Fox Hounds announce the 67th running of their annual Point-to-Point Races on March 22, 2008. With a seven-race card featuring fast and timber, the races are sure to draw some of the best horses in Steeplechasing for lively competition.

The feature race of the day is the historic Rokeby Bowl, a tough 3-mile steeplechase champion "Miles Ahead". Gates open for the Point-to-Point at 12:00, first race post time 1:00.

The day begins at Salem Farm with the Thruout Point Races at 9:30. Divisions include Fast and Optimum Times, Adult and Junior. The course covers 3+ miles in the heart of Piedmont's country.

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PRIZE-WINNING POETS TO READ AT FOXROCK SCHOOL POETRY FESTIVAL

Readings by 2007 New Issues prizewinner Sandra Beasley and Joanna Lin Want, who earned an Academy of American Poets honorable mention, will highlight the 2008 Foxcroft School Poetry Festival, scheduled for Jan. 18-19, 2008. The public is welcome to attend the festival, which also includes a Poetry Slam, Coffee House and a number of formal readings. Please call 540-687-5555 for more information.

The Poetry Festival, a Foxcroft tradition which has brought famed poets of all styles to the independent school's campus, kicks off Friday evening with a Poetry Slam and Open Mic/Coffee Shop. On Saturday morning, Beasley and Want will read from their work in the Audrey Bruce Currier Library. The visiting poets will also work with students in class and in open workshops Friday during the school day.

Beasley won the 2007 New Issues Poetry Prize for her book *Theories of Falling*. Her poems have also been featured on *Verse Daily*, in magazines such as *SLATE*, *Agni* (Online), *22 Poems* and *Blackbird*, and in the 2005 Best New Poets, selected by George Garrett. Awards for her work include the 2006 Elinor Benedict Poetry Prize from Passages North and fellowships to Vermont Studio Center, Virginia Center for Creative Arts, the Jenny McKean Moore Workshop, the Indiana University Writers' Conference, and the Millay Colony for the Arts. Beasley lives in Washington, D.C., where she received her M.F.A. from American University and serves on the editorial staff of *The American Scholar*.



In 2006, Want earned an MFA in creative writing, poetry focus from Indiana University, where she taught classes in fiction, poetry and freshman composition. She has served as an adjunct lecturer at IU, adjunct faculty member at Ivy Tech Community College and, most recently, as an instructor at Western Michigan University. Want, whose work has been published in *Five Fingers Review* and *Mudfish*, has won several awards for her poetry, including an Honorable Mention from the Academy of American Poets.

The Poetry Slam is a much-anticipated event each year. A "Slam" is an informal approach to sharing poetry – the let-your-hair-down, audience-involved kind of reading that has become popular in college towns and coffee houses across the nation. Original works, presented dramatically by their student-authors, will be judged by students and the visiting poets in an elimination-round format.

At 1:30pm Saturday, formal poetry readings will be held in FoxHound Auditorium.

Competitive student readings, which culminate a month-long selection process, will feature students from each grade who have been nominated by their peers and qualified by faculty judges. Non-competitive readings – by students

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Possessing good manners helps children build confidence, increase self-esteem, improve communication skills, make friends, and create a positive impression on others. Just as our children learn to read, write and do arithmetic, the skills of proper etiquette and manners also need to be taught, learned and practiced.

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and faculty – of original poetry, poetry written in a language other than English and favorite published poems follows.

For more information on the visiting poets, visit the Foxcroft website at www.foxcroft.org.

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At St. John the Evangelist Catholic School in Warrenton, VA we have a special bulletin board where we post pictures of men and women in the military and we pray for them. Many of our classes also pray for certain members of the military on a daily basis. The nephew of our Librarian, Betty Anderson, is one of those people. The 4th and 5th grade classes here at St. John have been praying for Army 1st Lt. Christopher Ford for the entire 14 months he was in Iraq. He actually earned the nickname "Blessed" while he was in Iraq because of the many times he and his platoon were engaged in combat and came out of it safely! In fact, his entire platoon came home from Iraq without a casualty or serious injury! His tour ended and he was able to come home just before Christmas. He came to visit our school on Tuesday, January 8th to talk to the 4th and 5th grade classes and to thank them for his prayers. He told the children that he could feel the power of their prayers! Welcome home Lt. Ford!



On Monday, January 7th, storyteller Beth LaLonde came to St. John School. She, and librarian Betty Anderson, gave a puppet show of Jack and the Beanstalk in the library to grades K, 1 and 4. The fourth graders are now writing scripts to present their own puppet show!



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I must admit that I understand why a lot of people are skeptical about celebrating dog occasions with parties. After all, we're generally pretty happy just being with our families. Even so, having a party for your dog can be a great way to do something a little new and different. These parties aren't just for celebrities, I assure you! Regular pups deserve parties too.

At Leroy's bash, there was a big cake for people and a big cake made especially for puppies. The theme of the party was the circus, so cotton candy and popcorn were on hand for the human guests. All of the dogs had an absolutely great time romping and playing, of course, but the people had a pretty great time too.

Dogs are very entertaining to watch, so people who didn't feel like making small talk could happily interact with us and take our pictures. People who were not usually comfortable in social situations suddenly had no problem talking with strangers about their pets. Parents enjoyed watching their kids laughing and playing. Kids were having a magical time. It turns out that pet parties are a fantastic way to bring people together.

If you want to have a party for your pet, there are just a few things to remember. You'll want to pick a place that can stand up to rambunctious dogs. In other words, nothing too fancy for this celebration! In good weather, a simple backyard works just fine. When it's too cold or hot to be outside, a basement, garage or family room can work too. Make sure that all the dogs that are invited have been socialized and are friendly with other dogs, adults and children.

Finally, at least one person should be totally dedicated to supervising the festivities. Pick a theme and get some fun party favors. If you have children, you can involve them by incorporating their artwork into the decor and by enlisting their help baking dog treats.

The best part is that pet parties are, by their very nature, completely casual, totally low-stress and all in good fun. No one expects wonderful food or elaborate decorations. In fact, this is the kind of thing that can be pulled together artfully even without lots of time or money. Plus, you just might find that your four-legged friend can bring two-legged friends into your life. Everybody benefits!

Did I mention that Leroy's party included cake for dogs? I did! Well, it bears repeating. There was cake just



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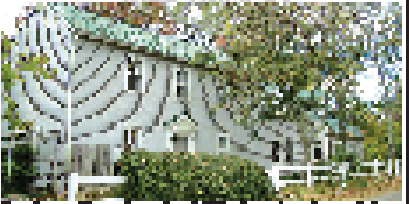
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