



COUNCIL CONFRONTS COMMUNITY ISSUES

MAKING THE MOST OUT OF MARCH

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DANIEL MORROW

Fears for the Farmer's Market, plans to save the Town's oldest church, and charges of improper behavior by the Middleburg police dominated Middleburg Town Council's regular monthly meeting on Thursday, February 14.

The Farmer's Market

In January, Middleburg Economic Development Coordinator, Cindy Pearson, met with the County's Agricultural Marketing Manager, Melissa Nelson, and with Farmer's Market Board Member, Ellen Taylor, to discuss the fate of Middleburg's tradition May-through-October Farmers Market, run every Saturday behind the Town's Community Center.

The Loudoun Valley Homegrown Markets Association had seriously considered dropping the Middleburg market, she said, due to a lack of support by both producers and consumers. Shifting market day from Saturday to

Wednesday, and moving to a more visible location seemed likely.

Sally Bolton, for seven years manager of the local Market urged Council to support keeping the market in the same location and on the same days. A shift to Wednesdays, she said, might well destroy a fragile and unique institution.

Council member Bundles Murdock agreed to attend a February 19th session of the Market Board and express the Council's support.

At press time Murdock reported that Council's support, Bolton's enthusiasm, the backing of local participants, plus pledges of PR support were enough to make the case that the Market should continue to operate in the coming year at the same place and time.

Planning, Zoning and Asbury Church

Town Planning and Zoning Administrator, David Beniamino, opened his regular report to Council by noting that while he didn't think it would be possible for his office to be busier than it was during Salamander

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FIRST UNION LEAGUE OF MIDDLEBURG LECTURE

Indicating clearly that the North remains alive and well in Virginia, as well as Maryland and Washington D.C., an elegant crowd of attentive listeners recently convened in to learn about The Battle of Middleburg from Childs F. Burden. Burden, who serves on the board of Middleburg Financial Corporation and as a director of the National Trust for Historic Preservation and the John Singleton Mosby Heritage Area Association, has been widely acclaimed as a worthy successor to Robert F. O'Neill as the region's resident expert on "The Cavalry Battles of Aldie, Middleburg and Upperville."

Organized by Jack Goehring and John Bennison to inaugurate their newly founded Union League of Middleburg, the evening sparkled with conversation about the both the pleasures and responsibilities associated with living in an area that is rich in history and Civil War lore.

"John and I came to

Middleburg to open a practice as young lawyers after the Vietnam War," Goehring said. "When we purchased the old log building at the corner of Zula Road and the John Mosby Highway, we didn't immediately realize that The Battle of Middleburg had been fought on our ground."

"Although this is the first meeting of The Union League of Middleburg, we look forward to many more occasions when we can share stories and learn about the Civil War in our area," added Bennison.

Tutti Perricone, owner of The Backstreet Café, opened the evening by singing The Battle Hymn of The

Republic. With no encouragement at all, the entire audience joined her in the chorus, and the evening was on

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Sir Alfred Munnings, a dashing handsome and rakish bohemian whose work was valued by discriminating patrons including Paul Mellon, John Hay Whitney, George V and Elizabeth II among others, began life as the son of a Suffolk miller. His love of country life was as evident in his very early work as it is in the collection of paintings The Yale Center of British Art lent the

moderate." When Moderator Dr. Timothy Greenan, a member of the NSL board of directors, rose to introduce the first speaker, everyone in the audience was comfortable in the beautifully appointed Founder's Room and excited to learn more about the painter Andrew Rose, Sotheby's specialist in the genre, described as someone who "...transcended sporting art to become a painter of light."

In fact, according to Piers Davies, Christie's sporting art specialist, in a conversation with the *New York Times*, "Munning's use of bright colors and light make him England's Post Impressionist."

Diane Roe, administrator and curator of Sir

and realism with which he imbued his horses and landscapes by having an impeccable understanding of color. Shadows move from violet to deep reds to hues of amber to almost lift the steeds off the canvas. No one can touch him as a colorist."

Eventually, Alfred's father apprenticed him to Page Brothers, a Norwich publishing house where he worked very hard doing charming sketches for advertisements, box tops and commercial assignments before he rushed to Norwich Art School to learn every aspect of drawing, painting, sculpting. "It takes a lot of work to kill a youth," he said.

Art schools were very rare anywhere in England at this time, but Norwich was an important Victorian city where the arts flourished. According to the *New York Times*, it was during the period that he was introduced to Constable and the 18th-century animal painter George Stubbs. Munnings'

Alfred Munnings was 19 when, in 1897, he was invited to join The Norwich Art Circle where, for the first time, he began to sell and find patrons for his work. He also received critical acclaim from the East Anglia Daily Press and began to see Norwich as "...a playground for the artist."

In 1921, his paintings were shown at The Royal Academy in London, a coup that essentially established him and his career.

So the precocious boy who learned to paint exquisite flowers with Miss Gertrude Offord and used everything he learned to refine his impressions of the scenes of the countryside he so loved, finished his apprenticeship and returned to the countryside. There he consolidated his methods and suddenly began to paint with color and light.

He also began to travel around the countryside at Mengham where he had his first studio. He began to travel around the countryside with his assistant his horses and carts filled with costumes and a wide variety of items he considered essential for his paintings, already expressing a slightly bohemian character.

Lanusep was just howled from his heart," said another speaker, Lorian Peralta-Ramos, author of the forthcoming Sir Alfred Munnings catalogue raisonné. "It was his expression of the beauty of England. His early life was a nostalgic recording of a disappearing way of life, a life that ended in World War I."

Munnings was rejected by the Army for World War I because he had lost the sight in one eye when a briar hit him while he was lifting a dog over a hedge, and he was often frustrated when his brush would miss the edge of the canvas later in life.

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NEWS OF NOTE

JOHN ROLFE GARDINER READS HIS STORIES TO THE WORLD



Thanks to the wonders of the digital age, Middleburg and the world at large, now have access to the tales of London author John Rolfe Gardiner. Not just text but audio files of Gardiner reading his own work. And the stories are free, available at www.jrofigardiner.com. They can be accessed for later play or listened to immediately.

For a start, the prize-winning author, whose work has appeared in publications from The American Scholar to the New Yorker, is posting three stories: one the tale of a school-boy's death at sea at the beginning of World War II, one about an FBI sting during the pro-

test years of the Vietnam War, and the third a rare-book dealer's discovery of a very valuable volume. Author Gardiner's introduction to the internet was suggested by his daughter Nicola who heard him reading a passage from his most recent collection and proposed the story site. When she introduced him to the Garage Band and iTunes programs on his computer and her friend Kris gave him a Rode microphone there was no turning back.

Nine additional stories have already been recorded in Gardiner's home in Union, in the writer's study, now converted into a credible recording studio. Each story on the site is accompanied

by the sketch of a scene from its text drawn by his artist-wife Joan, with a quotation, and a brief description of the tale's origin and theme. Three stories will be added to the site each month.

Asked by the Eccentric why he would do all this for free, Gardiner said there was nothing especially altruistic about it. It was simply a way to offer his work to a world-wide audience, however sparse that audience might be. And there is a way to help sustain the site, a button which leads you to an account if you care to make a voluntary contribution.

The whole thing is a little intimidating for a writer, Gardiner admits, "with millions of people shooting 'look at me' on the internet, why would any self-respecting soul add his voice to the cacophony?" There's some conceit in suggesting that you might have something worthwhile to say. But the same could be said of publishing a book.

"One of the oddest things about the internet phenomenon," Gardiner says, "is the wondrous circuitry and capability hiding behind such a juvenile nomenclature: Google? Yahoo? iTunes? Garage Band?"

Former readers of John Rolfe



Gardiner's stories in the New Yorker and many other publications can now imagine themselves lounging in his study listening to the author read aloud from work he's accomplished over the last thirty years, stories informed by his observation of life from France and Portugal to the back porch of his home in Union. An appreciation in the Hudson Review called this "the work of a master."

LOCAL ARTIST TOM NEEL UNVEILS CELEBRATORY COMMISSION FOR THE INN AT LITTLE WASHINGTON



Tom Neel created a painting filled with creativity and symbolism for Patrick O'Connell, acclaimed chef, author and owner of the double five-star Inn at Little Washington.

Neel was recently commissioned by O'Connell to create the celebratory painting "Onward and Upward" for the Inn's 30th Anniversary. A fresh new image was required to celebrate the special occasion and Neel, who is celebrating his 20th year as a fine artist, agreed with O'Connell that the painting should be imbued with "sophisticated whimsy."

"That is the Inn," said Neel, "...and my relationship with the Inn has allowed me to see from the inside, that for the Inn's guests, this is not just about incredible food and a nice place to stay, but rather, an amazing experience that everyone should treat themselves to at least once in their life."

The painting's title "Onward and Upward" not only speaks of where the Inn goes from here, but of the accolades that propelled it to one of only ten establishments in the United States to hold the

prestigious Mobil 5 star rating for both restaurant and hotel.

The ornate balloon that is the central focus of the painting is adorned with 30 gold stars representing not only the Inn's 30 great years, but the many, many awards it has received for excellence.

A ring of pearlescent globe lights symbolize the 30th anniversary gift of the pearl. The Inn's logo, the swan and the fleur-de-lis, branding it as a Relais & Chateaux establishment are depicted, along with the two Dalmatians who are the Inn's old mascots.

Capital Hill is visible to symbolize how closely the two "Washingtons" are linked.

"Tom captured the spirit of our 30th Anniversary wonderfully in this painting," says Patrick O'Connell. "It's the perfect visual image."

No small statement from a gentleman who has pleased the most discriminating palates, including that of the Queen.

To learn more about Tom Neel you may visit www.thomasneel.com and for more information about Inn's celebration visit www.theinnatlittlewashington.com

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NEWS OF NOTE

HOW LEED CAN HELP YOU BUILD GREEN

LAURA GARAGLIANO

Now that the green movement is changing the way we build and live, there is a new word that has been coined. LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design). To promote better design and construction.

There are a number of ways LEED can help you incorporate green design in your next home renovation or building project.

The built environment has a profound impact on our natural surroundings, our economy, even on our health and productivity. With all of these factors in mind, the United States Green Building Council developed LEED as the standard for green building.

Achieving LEED certification is the best way to demonstrate that a project is being designed with sustainability as a paramount. A LEED-certified building must meet a minimum amount of environmentally friendly criteria. There are four levels of project certification: Certified, Silver, Gold and Platinum.

State and local governments are adopting LEED requirements for many publicly-owned or publicly-funded buildings. On March 8, 2007, Washington, DC passed the Green Building Act of 2006 that states that there will be mandatory green building standards enforced for private construction projects larger than

50,000 sq. ft. in DC by 2012. Certification for the last few years has been limited to projects that are commercial new construction and major renovation projects (LEED-NC). LEED has also developed additional rating systems for: Schools, Retail, and Healthcare; Existing Buildings (LEED-EB); Core and Shell (LEED-CS); Commercial Interiors (LEED-CI); Neighborhood Development (LEED-ND); a rating system for Homes (LEED-H) was just released this month. See www.usgbc.org for more information about such rating system.

Who can become a LEED accredited professional? Many building professionals are becoming LEED accredited, which allows them to oversee LEED projects. LEED certification is not limited to Architects and Engineers. Building Owners, Real Estate professionals, Facility Managers, Interior Designers, Landscape Architects, Construction Managers, Lenders and Government Officials can all become certified.

How can this be used by town residents? The New Construction LEED rating system is divided into 5 categories: Sustainable Sites; Water Efficiency; Energy and Atmosphere; Materials and Resources; Indoor Environmental Quality; and Innovation and Design Process.

There are many ways to obtain LEED credits that will help you make your home or your next building project a "little bit greener." They include:

- Choose a sustainable site that will make the Construction and Development less disturbing to the land.
- Use water more efficiently to help reduce the water emergency that we have created.
- Reduce the amount of energy your building uses.
- Use windows that are at least double paned glass, gas filled or specially coated.
- Buy Energy Star products such as household appliances, heating and lighting, and office equipment. By using Energy Star products you can save up to 30% on your energy consumption a year.
- Use compact fluorescent bulbs instead of incandescent bulbs. They use about 75% less energy and last up to 10 times longer.
- Supply part of the building's energy source such as a wind turbine or solar panel.
- If supplying your own energy isn't possible, consider investing in some sort of renewable green power. Go to www.green-e.org for guidance.
- Materials & Resources: Just the materials that you build with can make a big impact!
- Buy materials from a supplier

- that is less than 500 miles away or buy materials that were made/extracted/harvested within 500 miles of the area.
- Use materials that are rapidly renewable such as bamboo flooring, wool or recycled content carpet, cotton ball insulation, etc.
- Consider using salvaged or re-finished materials such as furniture, wood flooring, etc.
- Try to salvage or recycle at least 50% of your construction waste.
- Develop a recycling program for the house/building. Recycle glass, plastic, cardboard, paper and metal at a minimum.
- Indoor Environmental Quality: Reducing chemicals and increasing daylight and fresh air can increase the quality of life inside of a building.
- Monitor CO2.

- Prohibit tobacco smoke indoors.
- Use low VOC (Volatile organic compounds) products. VOCs are emitted as gases from certain paints, sealers, carpets and woods.
- Orient the building to maximize daylight and views and to minimize heat gain.
- Innovation & Design: A little originality can earn a building extra points when trying to obtain a LEED rating.
- Have a LEED accredited professional on the project team or contact one for advice.
- Think creatively and continue striving to make the building and the land around you cleaner and greener.
- Check out www.usgbc.org for more information.

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SIDNEY WATERS JR.

When Sidney Waters Jr. died recently in Maryland, the equine world lost a modest, handsome, wonderful man who took great but gentle care of his horses. Named Saratoga's leading trainer in his 70's, he devoted his life to the care of his horses, winning over 40 races before he enlisted in the Air Force to serve in World War II.

"He loved the countryside," remembered Jackie Eldridge.

"His family home, Dunmore Farm in Monks, MD is a beautiful old place. Sidney came from an era when steeplechase owners and trainers were some of the most important people in our part

of the world." Waters trained for many notable owners including Alfred Hunt, Richard Mellon, Steve Clark, Senator John and Kathy Warner among others and emerged as the leading trainer in the steeplechase division in 1948 with 21 wins.

According to the Saratoga Museum of Racing, He held or shared the title five more times while also leading the division in earnings three times. From 1948-1971, he won 448 steeplechase races and earned more than one and a half million dollars in the division.

He trained two steeplechase division champions: Amber Dr-

er and Shadow Brook. By 1970, Waters was established as a major trainer on the flat and campaigned Hoist the Flag, the champion two-year-old of 1970. Although many believed Hoist the Flag was destined to win the Triple Crown, and many said he was the best horse they had ever seen, he shattered his pattern and cannon bones in his right hind leg during a routine morning workout at Belmont Park before he could be tested.

"He was my favorite," Waters told Thoroughbred Times. "He was just a marvelous, gentle horse who could do anything you wanted him to do."

Waters was inducted into

the National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame in 2005. In the New York Times obituary, Waters' nephew, Dick Small, himself an acclaimed trainer, is quoted as remembering how, in recent years, his uncle would stroll out to the pasture most days and his favorite horse, a big gray stallion named Big Diamond Jim, would come galloping to the fence from a half-mile away.

"He loved all creatures—horses, dogs, chickens, not just racehorses," Small said.

Waters' wife, Margaret, died in a riding accident in 1993. Survivors include a daughter, Nore Waters of Leesburg, and a son, Eric Waters of Monks.



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ERIN PETERSON HONORED WITH FIRST ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT AT CHANTILLY GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB

When Erin Peterson lost her life in the Virginia Tech tragedy, thousands of cards, gifts and monetary donations came to Erin's parents from all over the United States. Honored by the expression of love, they established the foundation in her name to keep her memory alive.

"She was our only child," said her mother, Celeste Peterson.

"We will struggle to find a person to get up every morning. But Erin accepted no limitations when it came to helping those in need, and we hope her foundation will allow us to continue her commitment."

Formed last May, the foundation partnered with Westfield High School, Erin's alma mater, and the Centerville, Virginia community to present two scholarships last year. One award recognizing leadership and the other recognizing commitment to excellence were presented

and will be presented annually in Erin's name. Proceeds from the golf tournament will allow the Erin Peterson Fund to continue to partner with the high school to present these awards, and to sponsor additional awards and programs to help promote higher education initiatives for youth.

Erin had a thirst for knowledge, a commitment to excellence and a deep desire to help those who are less fortunate," her mother explained.

"She had a promising future," said Mary Koch, a Centerville neighbor. "It was a horrible tragedy and a waste of this young person's life."

The Erin Peterson Foundation will carry on her spirit and help other young people achieve the heights she was not allowed to attempt.

For more information, please visit erinpeterfoundation.org.

MUSEUM OF SPORTING ART AT VINE HILL IN MIDDLEBURG

Middleburg's National Sporting Library Board of Directors recently announced plans to establish the Museum of Sporting Art at Vine Hill, the handsome Federal brick building adjacent to the library. Vine Hill, which was the original home of the National Sporting Library, will become an institution of international stature and service to the global sporting art community. The museum will be among only a few in the world committed to the visual culture of horse and field sports.

Plans call for the Museum of Sporting Art to offer intellectually stimulating exhibitions that complement its mission to preserve and disseminate the literature and art of horse and field sports. Sporting art, a genre that has existed for centuries in many cultures, has drawn increased attention from museums, scholars

and collectors. The Library acquired Vine Hill through the bequest of George L. Ostrom, Jr., who served as chairman of the board of directors until his death in 2005. Architect Harder Johnston of Scottsville, Virginia has provided a feasibility study to convert Vine Hill for the construction of a new entrance hall and increased exhibition space. A capital campaign is underway to raise funds for construction and its ongoing operating endowment. Construction is planned to begin in 2009 with the opening of the new museum scheduled for late 2010. The new museum's goal will be to raise awareness of the importance of sporting in the development of regional, national and international cultures over the past 400 years.

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Middleburg has been named Curator of Fine Arts and Ingrid Cartwright, Ph.D. of Remington, Virginia has been named Curatorial Assistant. A carefully planned exhibition program will present the finest examples of painting and sculpture relating to field sports accompanied by catalogs researched from the Library's extensive book and manuscript collection. The museum will exhibit important and dynamic works from its permanent holdings and will mount traveling and loan shows from other noted institutions including the Yale Center for British Art in New Haven, CT, the National Museum of Racing in Saratoga Springs, NY, the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts in Richmond, VA and the Sir Alfred Munnings Museum in Dedham, England.

GREEN NOTES

Spreading the Message on Renewable Energy Facilities George Frick, Mayor of Warren, VA, and John H. Hays, Jr., Chairman of the Board of the "Warrenton Mincle," has turned his sights on greening the community for which he is most responsible.

On February 13, 2008, Mayor Frick was the guest of Leesburg Town Councilman Ken Reid, RE-HAUL, Sustainable, Loudoun and Taxpayers for Accountable Government at REHAUL's North American headquarters in Leesburg, VA, for about an hour and a half. The Mayor spoke and answered questions about Warren's recent Green Initiative, the centerpiece of which is the Mayor's proposed Biogas Facility.

Very basically, biogas facilities use waste (manure, agricultural, sewage, etc.) to create energy. By breaking down municipal solid waste, or MSW, gases such as methane are produced which can then be used to produce electricity. As long as people and municipalities contin-

ue to produce waste, biogas and the electricity it produces will continue to be a renewable resource. Or, as Mayor Frick liked to point out, instead of putting all your garbage in "giant holes," aka, landfills, you can use that MSW to help reduce the carbon footprint of a town or a city to almost zero.

Granted, biogas facilities would only be part of a larger, environmentally friendly solution, but as Mayor Frick seemed most happy to point out, the economic benefits of such a facility are impressive as well. Using waste to create energy allows municipalities to create their own energy and dramatically reduce the cost of energy purchasing; in fact, biogas facilities provide the very attractive potential of actually allowing municipalities the opportunity to sell energy back to local and national power providers, thereby generating much-needed income.

While startup costs of around \$30 million dollars may seem steep, on first blush, federally guaranteed loans combined with tax credits and

production incentives only serve to make the concept of the facilities more and more attractive. The presentation was well attended, with nearly 40 members of the Warren and Leesburg communities on hand. Mayor Frick seemed genuinely enthusiastic about the potential of getting the facility up and running, shortly, and even mentioned that "several" private companies had approached his office and were interested in partnering on the project.

In a time of energy uncertainty and as a growing realization dawns upon us that our current means of energy production are decreasingly viable, not just environmentally but economically and strategically as well, new ideas are at a premium. Mayor Frick seems to be an early proponent of how this technology might pose a possible answer. Thanks to our Town Councilman Reid, REHAUL, Sustainable Loudoun and Taxpayers for Accountable Government for facilitating such an interesting, educational and valuable discussion.

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EDITOR'S DESK

A THRIVING COMMUNITY DEPENDS ON ITS CENTER

It's encouraging to see so many country estates being renovated to welcome special events and weddings. The increased activity enhances the bottom line of our retailers, hoteliers and restaurateurs, and the investment in maintenance and landscaping at these lovely country homes contributes greatly to the beauty of our environs.

We are all delighted to welcome new visitors. There is no question that their enthusiasm for our Village will translate into valuable long-term visibility and recognition among travelers far and wide. But we must be vigilant about support for our own Middleburg Community Center, the real heart of our community activity and host to events of all sizes for all ages.

For years, the Community Center has been the heart of activity here in Middleburg.

It's delightful facilities provide a perfect venue for special celebrations of all kinds. The revenue generated by making the space

available for events allows the facility to maintain our community swimming pool and to provide a pre-school for local children.

As increasing numbers of citizens and visitors ask where to plan events, please recommend the Middleburg Community Center as an ideal, centrally located, truly lovely space to consider.

We welcome new venues and value the contributions their proprietors make to our community.

We simply want our Community Center to continue its success and service to Middleburg.

Middleburg Eccentric welcomes and encourages Letters to the Editor. Letters must be signed and include writer's name, address and daytime phone number. Please submit letter via email: editor@mbec.com or P.O. Box 1768, Middleburg VA 22116

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:

Loudoun Wildlife Conservancy recently became aware of the Town of Hamilton's intentions to kill one of the vultures roosting there, and hang its body from a tree in an attempt to drive the birds out of the area.

We are opposed to this action for the reasons provided below, and have sent a request to the mayor and the town council to reconsider the need to take action against the birds.

- The number of birds is not huge; the numbers are within normal ranges for our area and this time of year. The report that we have from Hamilton residents last week is a sighting of 24 birds in one roost area and 17 in another. There was no noticeable excrement on the water tower or elsewhere. This raises questions for the need of any action to be taken on the part of the Town at all.

- The number of vultures will drop naturally due to migration. While we do have populations of black and turkey vultures that reside in our area year-round, our winter populations swell with migratory bird activities. Over the next month, our local vulture populations will continue to reduce as more birds fly north to reach their summer habitats.

- Vultures play a valuable role as scavengers in our ecosystem. Vultures are "nature's cleaners," removing from our landscape the road kill and other dead animals that otherwise would rot and spread disease as they decay. Loudoun has a healthy deer population which results in numerous deer dead along the roads. The vultures are performing an important role cleaning up the roads.

- Displacement of the birds could produce negative effects on surrounding neighborhoods. It is well-documented that efforts to displace vultures from one location often results in their moving only short distances. The next best location could be nearby roof tops and other areas that would result in further human-wildlife conflicts. Leaving the birds to roost in the trees and other structures where they currently are is the best solution.

- Vulture numbers across Loudoun are the lowest in 10 years. Loudoun Wildlife Conservancy has led the Loudoun Christmas Bird Count since 1997. Comparing our data from the past 11 years to this past December re-

veals that this year's populations show the lowest number of black and turkey vultures since 1998.

- Vultures are not dangerous and their excrement does not pose a public health threat. They pose no risk to people or pets. Furthermore, their excrement contains uric acid which actually kills bacteria. With the number of vultures present in Hamilton and the natural shifting of their roost sites, there is no public health concern to children or adults from their excrement, as implied by the Loudoun Today article (Feb. 1, 2008).

- Impact on our children of killing and hanging a bird is significant. Hanging a dead bird in public view to drive other birds away teaches our youngest citizens that we do not value life or animal diversity. It teaches that if we are inconvenienced, or don't like how something looks, that it's OK to kill and drive another species away. We should be teaching our children about the lifecycles and importance of these birds, not reinforcing myths, promoting false information and reinforcing fear.

- Hanging in effigy is non-effective. Studies have shown that killing a bird and hanging it in view of others is not effective as a long term solution in view of others in winter in particular because vultures move from place to place due to migration and shifting weather patterns. An effigy would have to be maintained on an ongoing basis to remain as a deterrent. If ever-changing groups of vultures through the winter. If the effigy method is to be used, studies have shown that an artificial effigy can be just as effective as an actual dead bird.

- As black and turkey vultures are federally protected under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, Loudoun Wildlife Conservancy has requested a copy of the application that the Town of Hamilton submitted for the permit to kill the vulture. Under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, the Town must justify the need to either harass or kill either a black or turkey vulture. We would like to review that justification.

Nicole Hamilton
President, Loudoun Wildlife Conservancy

JUST SAY WHOA

JOHN P. FLANNERY

Are horses kinder than people?

In Loudoun County Hunt country, you have those hateful people who neglected 48 horses, old champions and young foals, failing to give them enough green pasture, feed to eat, and water to drink, until ribs showed, pelvic bones pressed up against their unkempt coats, sores formed, they walked on dry and split hooves, and were at risk to die.

No horse gets this way overnight. Somebody was not paying attention—and for looking after them in a paddock or a stall, we have an obligation to care for that creature—since we've compromised the kind creature's ability to fend for itself.

An American commentator on the frailties of the human spirit, Will Rogers, reportedly said that horses are smarter than people because horses don't go broke betting on our County's web site, but it would mean a lot more if we also spent some of those hard-earned tax dollars on the resources necessary to protect and save these abused and neglected animals.

That would be funnier if it wasn't for the fact that

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RANT & RAVES

HYPOCRISY

Tom Pratt

"We do not torture." George W. Bush.

"Legal" landscape has changed and we have not done it for 5 years? "Regarding waterboarding," Michael Hayden, current CIA Director testifying before a Judiciary committee on February 7 in justifying the admission that the CIA has indeed conducted waterboarding.

From Wikipedia: "The United States has a historical record of regarding waterboarding as a crime, and has prosecuted individuals for the use of the practice in the past. In 1947, the United States prosecuted a Japanese military officer, Yutaka Asano, for carrying out a form of waterboarding on a U.S. civilian during World War II. Yutaka Asano received a sentence of 15 years of hard labor [31]."

Pious, huh? "Waterboarding Historically Controversial: In 1947, the U.S. Called it a War

Crime, in 1968, It Reportedly Cursed an Investigation" Washington Post, October 5, 2006, p. A17, viewed October 5, 2006.

Waterboarding has been considered torture for years, even stemming from the Spanish Inquisition. It has been outlawed by the UN Convention on Torture. Attorney General Michael Mukasey refused to state that waterboarding is torture when he testified before the Judiciary Committee on Feb 7 and during his confirmation hearings. He also said he would not appoint an independent prosecutor to investigate the CIA's destruction of the tapes that allegedly show the waterboarding of Guantanamo detainees. He is making the legal argument that because waterboarding was deemed legal by a Justice Department opinion it would not be fair to prosecute those who carried out the torture since they were following that opinion, even though there is precedent that the CIA's destruction of the tapes

– better get their collective throats – that we're gonna take care of them.

Here's the rub.

We know from long and hard experience that there are people who have and will abuse horses – and yet we make insufficient provision to care for the abused horses that we know we'll need to save.

It is uncomfortable to consider whether we are neglectful, in a less direct way, when we fail as a community to anticipate this abuse.

We have all just seen the terrible strain on the County's modest animal shelter and on local government resources and on compassionate volunteers who worked hard and long against long odds to save the "Middleburg 48" and find them "homes."

It is inadvisable that our County lacks the facilities and resources to treat these abused and neglected animals.

It's fine to have roaming horses and rolling green acres on our County's web site, but it would mean a lot more if we also spent some of those hard-earned tax dollars on the resources necessary to protect and save these abused and neglected horses.

This historic gathering was poised at the crest of an historic roller coaster ride that they believe will end with Virginia in the Democratic column in November

past that waterboarding is a form of torture and therefore illegal.

Does any of that make sense?

What has this country become when the Attorney General who is supposed to be working for the People of the United States and whose job is to uphold the laws of this country is now defending the White House against what is clearly seen to be the authorization of illegal acts that somehow are made to seem legal because of opinions handed down by the same Justice Department. Where is the recourse for illegal acts?

When the Judiciary Committee tries to bring these issues to court the perpetrators of these acts cry Executive Privilege and the Attorney General upholds that.

Are there now no laws that cannot be subverted by the White House and it's appointees? Are there no Congressional Bills that cannot be either vetoed or ignored by presidential signing statements? Is there anything short of

RED VS. BLUE

BILLARY ON THE ROCKS

KEN RIETZ - (R)

What a difference a year makes.

At this time last year all the pundits were predicting Senator Hillary Clinton would not only be the nominee of the Democrats but the next President.

Today that is not only no longer inevitable but highly unlikely.

The Clinton whom about the infusion the press has with Senator Obama and blame them for the failure of their campaign.

It is a flawed strategy, and the handling of efforts of former president Bill Clinton forever that are to blame.

In the meantime, Senator Obama seized the mantle of "change."

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to this coalition, Obama has endorsed either 900 billion dollars in new federal spending, has offered a tax policy that is a throwback to the mid-seventies and suggested that we invade Pakistan. These ideas might help him with the nomination but will certainly not be good for him in the general election.

Obama is on his way to the nomination unless the "Super Delegates" intervene. The idea of super delegates was created by the Democrats in 1982 as a way of preventing another George McGovern type disaster. In fact, it was an effort to put the decision in the hands of politicians, who could make a BACK ROOM DEAL, rather than in the hands of ELECTED DELEGATES.

The Clinton are on the phones offering super delegates everything from inaugural committee positions to transition appointments. With the kind of momentum for the nomination behind Obama, if Clinton starts to win him with the aid of the super delegates, it will spell disaster for the Democrats in November. It is just the kind of strong arm tactic the Clinton are known for and the voters reject.

What does all this portend for Republican?

We call this political stew "DEMOCRACY."

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PASTIMES

MAKING THE MOST OUT OF MARCH

ALYSON BROWETT

Punxstunaway Phil did not lie this year when he predicted six more weeks of winter. But don't fret, we're about two-thirds of the way through those six weeks, so the promise of warmer weather is right around the corner!

March brings us two important food-centric holidays this year – the ever-popular St. Patrick's Day and an early Easter. Both holidays have many food traditions surrounding their celebrations, that I'll try to summarize a few.

Ah, St. Patty's Day!

Everyone sports their green clothing and hopefully finds time for a pint of Guinness. But what is the day all about, anyhow?

According to the History Channel (<http://www.history.com>), St. Patrick is the patron saint of Ireland – who after years of imprisonment working as a shepherd in Ireland and training in his homeland of Britain to become an ordained priest – returned to Ireland as a missionary with the goal of converting inhabitants to Christianity.

For centuries, the Irish have been celebrating St. Patrick's Day on March 17, his traditional feast day and reportedly his day of death in the mid-fifth century. So, with the chill of winter still in the air, what better way to celebrate the holiday than with a warm lamb stew? With the addition of some Irish soda bread, you can make a one-pot meal out of this.

The recipe is great for large crowds or company, because

while it's simmering away on the stovepot or in the oven, you can enjoy your guests. And be sure to raise your pint glasses to a life-time of good health! "May your fire be as warm as the weather is cold."

Although our Pennsylvania grandmother friend predicted that March will come in like a lion, let's keep our fingers crossed that it goes out like a lamb, bringing longer, sunnier and warmer days. This leads us to Easter, recognized this year on March 23. The Christian holiday is a celebration of Christ's resurrection, and with the Vernal Equinox occurring just a few days earlier on March 20, this is also the time of year that plants and animals commence their new beginnings.

One of the greatest symbols of Easter and birth is the egg.

Eggs are one of my favorite foods, primarily because they are extremely versatile and delicious in any form. But when it comes to Easter, the best way to prepare them is to boil them, and then, of course, dye them different colors. Trust me: this is fun even if you don't have kids! Red is the traditional color of Easter eggs, symbolizing the blood of Christ, but over the years many cultures have taken the decorating of eggs to whole new levels (can you say Fabergé?).

But what to do with all those hard-boiled eggs? Devil them! And take some risks in your flavorings.

Instead of the old stand-by of smashed yolks with a dash of mustard and mayo, get creative! Some of my favorites include smashing the yolks with a table-

spoon or so of yummy salsa; blue cheese and crumbled bacon; sour cream and chopped chives with a dash of onion powder; roasted garlic and cream cheese; about a teaspoon of chipotle or other pepper sauce and chopped green onions; fresh or dried dill with smoked salmon; or sun-dried tomatoes and feta.

Make sure every ingredient is chopped finely. To assemble, use a pastry piping bag with or without a tip, or place the filling in a sandwich-size zip-top bag, seal, cut a small opening in one of the lower corners and squeeze the filling out through the hole and into the egg. (Note: Deviled eggs might seem passé, but creative flavors are showing up in the nicest of restaurants!)

While some of you might still be munching on leftover lamb stew come Easter, others will be planning another meal, one that is lighter in flavor. One of my favorite meals at Easter is ham – but it's spiced or flavored the package directions to bake your own. You can always add flair to the ham by placing orange slices on the exterior with cloves or spearing toothpicks through marshmallows and then through orange slices. (This is classic, but still makes for a beautiful presentation and flavorful ham.)

A favorite side dish with ham, or really any other meat, is one that I recently created when my husband, John, challenged me to a night of "Iron Chef." One of my ingredients called for a can of tomatoes and Spam – don't ask! – was celery. I had some parsnips on hand, and made a wonderful puree. It worked well with the Spam (again, don't ask), so it's sure to be a hit with your Easter

ham!

Don't forget to wear your green – and for goodness sake, don't dye any food green... unless it's an Easter egg – and enjoy the rest of what Old Man Winter has to offer. I'm raising my glass of Guinness to the promise of a beautiful spring!

Cold Weather Lamb Stew

Created by Alyson Browett

If you're a supporter of local business, purchase your lamb at the Home Farm Store in Middleburg or contact Elaine Boland at Fields of Albany outside of Philmont (<http://www.fieldsalbanymarket.com>).

2 lbs. lamb stew meat (shoulder or leg), trimmed of fat and cut into 1-inch pieces

2-3 tablespoons olive oil

3 medium potatoes, cut into 1 1/2-inch cubes, or 12 lb. baby red potatoes, halved or quartered

3 medium carrots, peeled and cut into 1 1/2-inch pieces

1 medium onion, julienned

2 garlic cloves, peeled and each cut into 4 pieces

1/2 - 1 cup turnip, rutabaga, or parsnips (the latter two peeled, but into 1-inch cubes, optional)

2 cups chicken or vegetable stock

Salt & pepper

3 tablespoons cold whole or 2% milk

1 1/2 tablespoons flour

3 tablespoons chopped Italian parsley

If using a Dutch oven or similar pot in the oven, preheat the oven to 350°. Season the lamb



pieces with salt and pepper. On the stovepot in the bottom of a Dutch oven or a skillet, heat 1 tablespoon of the oil and brown half of the lamb pieces. Remove to a plate and repeat with the remainder of the oil (if needed) and lamb. Set lamb aside. In the Dutch oven or a stockpot, heat one tablespoon of oil (if using a stockpot) and pan-sear the turnip, rutabaga or parsnip, if using. Add the onion, garlic and carrots and stir. Add the lamb back into the pot and cover the vegetables and meat with the stock and water, if necessary. Bring the mixture to a boil, cover and reduce heat to low. Alternatively, cover the pot and place it in the oven, reducing the heat to 275°. Gently simmer the stew for approximately 2-4 hours. Remove the lid and add the potatoes. Cook for an additional 20-30 minutes until potatoes are tender.

Mix the flour and cold milk to form a smooth paste. Remove the pot from the heat and stir in the paste. Return the stew to the heat, and stir until thickened. Serve in bowls garnished with chopped parsley. Serves 4-6

Celery and Parsnip Puree

Created by Alyson Browett

This puree goes especially well with lamb and fish. It's got a light and refreshing flavor. Make sure you use a potato ricer or food mill, or push the mixture through cheesecloth or a fine mesh strainer to remove the celery strings.

2 parsnips, peeled and chopped into 1/2 inch - 1 inch pieces

2 celery stalks, cut into 1/2 inch - 1 inch pieces

3 cloves garlic, peeled, ends removed

1 shallot, peeled, end removed

1 cup milk

1/4 cup parmesan cheese, optional (this will give the puree a different texture and taste)

Salt & pepper

Bring a pot of salted water to a boil on the stovepot. Add the parsnips, celery, garlic and shallot and boil until soft. If you have time, do each ingredient separately, due to different cooking times. Push the soft vegetables through a potato ricer, cheesecloth or fine mesh strainer. Add the smashed vegetables to a blender and add about 1/2 cup of milk; blend until smooth, adding more milk if necessary. Return the puree to a clean pot and season with salt and pepper. Add the cheese if using; stir until melted. Serve hot. Serves 2-4.

EARLY SPRING IN THE NURSERY

THE FLANT LADY

KAREN BELMORDE

There is simply no better time to visit a nursery than in early spring.

Before all the hoopla of April, while there is still a chill in the air and perennials are just beginning to emerge, the thousands of white labels speak volumes to a gardener with any knowledge and a little imagination. The slow walk through the hundreds of pots and labels often motivates the visitor to prod the soil in search of growing tips that clearly isolate the fullest, most hopeful specimen. There is always one that's just bigger and better than the rest and to-day it may be spirited out of its pot and placed in a new home. This is quiet time, no need for assistance, the mind is intent on the job at hand as there are so many labels and so much to imagine. Time is unimportant, most things are unimportant because the spirit of the visit is to just enjoy the moment.

On occasion the fingers get cold and the wind seems raw, there is always the greenhouse to visit and get warm. At this time of the year the greenhouse is filled with green, it's an intense study in the many shades and forms of green. It spills from hanging baskets, covers flats as they sit on the floor and billow from pots



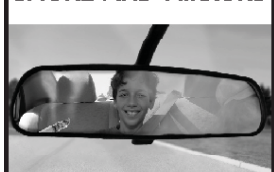
on benches. All of this a reaction to the wonderful environment of a greenhouse. The air is full of humidity and easy to breathe, full of the rich odor of water meeting fresh soil. No need to speak, no desire to be spoken to, the feeling and touching of lush greenness is so powerful in early March. On occasion a flower rises out of dense mats of green and its quality is indescribable. Those first flowers of spring are always so magical. A stark contrast to the sleeping plant world



outside. Its ninety degrees with the sun and it quickly heats up the multiple layers of clothes. The first thing to go is the hat, the hat has to go! Then the coat and then the sweat shirt... ah-hh! Labels to read, so much to imagine.

It's called nursery Zen and students of this seasonal experience know that it requires no timetable and comes with no pressure. Like all good things it leaves you feeling relaxed, fulfilled. What a simple pleasure.

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A CURE FOR THE WINTER TIME BLUES

PAT DAILY

Brecha & Cranies will host a luncheon at the Middleburg Country Inn Wednesday, March 26 from 1 to 3 p.m. for author Susan Vesilind who wrote *Girl in Placerville Blue*, a wonderful novel that tells the story of a Vermont painter—in reverse.

In her novel, Vesilind focuses on Luncheon of the Boating Party, a fictionalized but well-researched novel about Auguste Renoir's famous painting.

Instantly recognizable, Renoir's masterpiece depicts a gathering of his real friends on a summer Sunday on a café terrace along the Seine near Paris. Narrated by Renoir and seven of the models, Vesilind illustrates the era through the use of her own gorgeous palette of vibrant, captivating characters.

The ticket price of \$35 for luncheon with Susan Vesilind includes the price of her new book.

Perfect reading for this gray, snowy season includes *Winter in Madrid* (Penguin) by C.J. Sansom. A low story set in 1940 at the end of the Spanish Civil War, this is a moving and intimate tale that recounts the sad, cynical and disenchanted Spain under Franco.

The Accident Man (Penguin) by Tom Cain is a first novel with a very clever premise. What kind of man would kill Princess Diana? *Surreal* Carver is your guy, but when things go wrong in a Paris tunnel, he finds himself a hunted man. *Surreal* that disbelieved and enjoy the ride!

Robert Parker's back, this time with Jesse Stone, chief of police in Paradise, Massachusetts. In *Stranger in Paradise* (Penguin), Chief Stone is confronted by the one who got away, Wilson "Crow" Constantine, an Amherst hit man who escaped with a host full of cash after executing the biggest robbery in Paradise. If you like the Spencer novel but haven't yet met Jesse Stone, you'll enjoy this.

John Grisham's new book, *The Appeal* (Doubleday) takes us back to the courtroom, where a jury has returned a verdict against a chemical company that happens to be owned by one nasty Wall Street predator. Not happy with the verdict, the bad guy sets out to buy himself a Mississippi Supreme Court justice in hopes of subverting the appeals process in his favor.

Cornelia J. The Untold Secrets of Russia's Master Spy in America After the Cold War (Penguin) by Peter Early is the story of Sergei Tretyakov, Russia's top spy in America from 1995

to 2000. An inside look at the spy business it is a chilling story. Tretyakov, the Comrade J of the title, defected to the U.S. in 2000 when he became disenchanted with Yehsin and Putin. This lets us see inside the spy game and it is a fascinating story tale.

Now, let's take a step or two back in time. In *Bloody Shirt*, Terrence Approximation (Penguin), by Stephen Badinsky, we learn about brutal terrorist organizations that operated with impunity in our own country. From 1966 to 1976, more than 1,000 free African Americans and their white allies were murdered by highly organized terrorist groups operating in the South. The author maintains that not only was this bloody decade forgotten, but a series of exculpatory myths were created to cover the tracks of the murders. The story is told through the lives of five men who tried to stop the violence. William Grimes of The New York Times calls this "an inspiring yet profoundly disquieting story."

How the South Could Have Won the Civil War. The First Edition that Led to the Confederate Defeat (Crown Publishing) by Kevin Alexander, is a provocative look at how the South could have won the war and, in fact, came close to doing so, only to fall victim to key mistakes that ultimately spelled defeat.

WHAT'S IN A WORD?

ADRIENNE LEWIS

If you've ever walked into a art gallery and wished you had better tools to describe what you were looking for - the following is for you. Speaking the same "language" can enhance the shopping and buying experience and learning new things is of course great fun! Master these terms and you'll sound like a pro.

"Figurative" Art describes artwork representing the human form as an animal or a thing.

"Representational" Art includes works that closely resemble forms in the natural world, describing art that stands for depicts or portrays subject, but a series of exculpatory myths

a viewer may recognize. It is the opposite of abstraction and can be a human form, animal or object.

"Realism" is art in which the goal is to portray forms in the natural world as they actually looked. Typically it involved some sort of sociopolitical or moral message in the depiction of ugly or commonplace subjects.

"Expressionism" (with an upper case E) - the more specific, when

is an art movement of the early 20th century in which traditional adherence to realism and proportion was replaced by the artist's emotional connection to the subject. These paintings are often abstract, the subject matter distorted in color and form to emphasize and express the intense emotions of the artist, "expressionism" (with a small e - the more general sense) refers to the emotions of the artist (expressive qualities) communicated through emphasis and distortion which can be found in works of art in any period.

"Photo-Realism" is a painting and drawing style of the mid 20th century in which people, objects, and scenes are depicted with such detail and naturalism that the paintings resemble photographs - an almost exact visual duplication of the subject. Although its center was in the United States, the Photo-Realism movement was also strong in Europe from the late 1960s into the 1970s, where this type of art is principally known as super-realism.

"Narrative" Art is art in which the story line is the dominant feature of the work.

If you can't find someone who wants to talk about art, just step by the gallery.

Next month we'll continue this with definitions of abstract art, abstract expressionism, impressionism and more.

Adrienne Lewis is the owner of *Townbridge-Lewis Galleries* on main street in Middleburg Va. The gallery sells original oil paintings and sculpture.

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also be confirmed by the Federal Government's own Treasury Direct website at http://www.treasurydirect.gov/govt/charts/charts_debt.htm. For those of you having trouble with all those numbers and commas, that's over nine TRILLION dollars. Luckily, the government just raised the debt limit to \$9.815 trillion last September. Phew!

I know this is a lot of information to process all at once, dear House Members, so I'll leave off for now. But, goodness, what an incredible amount of fascinating topics this should give you to explore! Just think of all the hearings you can hold and all the legislation you can fashion to help address THIS stuff! Makes all those nasty hallways arguing about who poked whose butt with what seem kind of trivial in comparison, doesn't it?

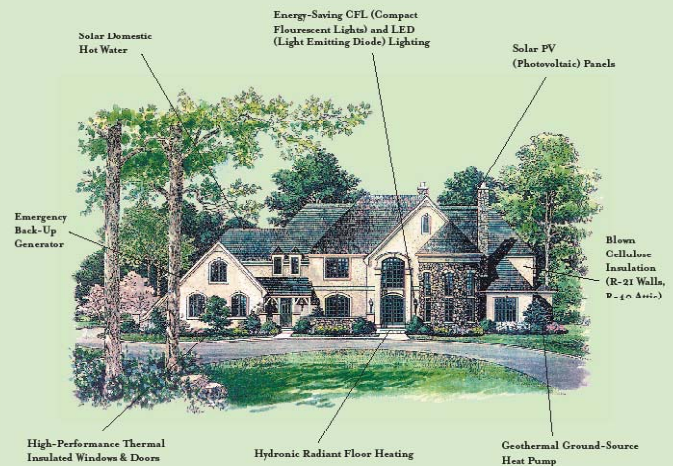
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strangely interconnected, so please bear with me.) According to remarks recently made by the Federal Reserve, "...with the economy slowing down further, the unemployment rate is expected to rise to 5.2% to 5.3% in 2008, higher than the Fed's previous forecast rate of 4.9%." Additionally, the Fed

also expects inflation, "...to be between 2.1% and 2.4% this year," up from its original projection "that inflation would be at around 1.8% to 2.1%." While these shifts in percentage may appear small at first, and certainly not as noticeable as the jump in numbers for some of the athletes you have

so diligently questioned, when translated into real, solid numbers (actual jobs, cost of living, etc.) they are, I promise, quite large indeed.

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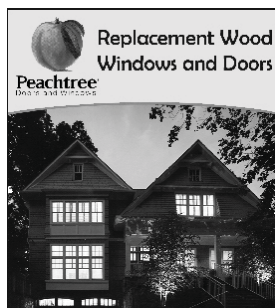


UNION LEAGUE

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its way to becoming both a successful and memorable event. Burden noted how honored he was to be invited to speak at the Union League's first meeting and spoke briefly about how important it is for everyone to support the work of the Civil War Preservation Trust, and especially their efforts to save and protect the Aldie, Middleburg, Upperville and Union battlefields, all considered endangered by the Trust.

His talk, illustrated by excellent maps of troop movements during the "Small but Important Riots" of June 10-27, 1863, was well-received and followed by a lively question and answer session, revealing just how much alive the issues of the mid-nineteenth century remain along the foothills and still-critical gateways to the passes of the Blue Ridge.



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YOUR HORSE'S HEALTH: TREATING FOAL PNEUMONIA

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Pneumonia and other lower respiratory tract infections in foals can result not only in substantial expense and inconvenience to the owner but can ultimately be fatal. Unfortunately, these conditions are very common, affecting as many as 35% percent of all horses in their first year of life.

Why are these conditions so prevalent? Recent research has confirmed that foals are slightly deficient in their immune responses putting them at risk for infection by certain types of organisms. The failure to receive at birth adequate amounts of colostrum (the thin, yellow, milky fluid secreted by the mare's mammary

glands carrying all of the antibodies that are needed for the first several weeks of life) further impairs a foal's immune response and results in increased vulnerability to respiratory infection. Management influences, such as the stresses of weaning (separation of breast feeding), sales preparation, transport and/or confinement in crowded or dusty conditions, can increase susceptibility.

When discussing foal pneumonia, it is useful to think in terms of two sets of circumstances — the neonatal (foals younger than four weeks) and older foals (aged four or more weeks).

In neonates, pneumonia is most often associated with a severe bacterial infection throughout the body but may also occur as a result of breathing milk

into the lungs. A variety of bacteria can be responsible for this type of infection, thereby requiring treatment with a broad spectrum (effective against a wide range of microorganisms) antibiotic therapy consisting of a single drug, such as Novodoxy, or a combination of drugs, such as penicillin and ampicillin. As a result of research done here at the Equine Medical Center, a nebulizer (spraying device) is often used to deliver antibiotics directly to the lungs, a method of delivery which appears to speed recovery in many neonates. In addition to antibiotic treatment, anti-inflammatory therapy using drugs such as Banamine® may aid in controlling lung inflammation, improving lung function and increasing patient comfort. Unlike bacterial pneumonia, viral pneumonia occurs



rarely in newborn foals, but is often fatal due to the severity of the inflammation in the lungs. There are no effective antibiotic medications available, so treatment of these foals consists primarily of supportive care to maintain lung function and minimize stress. All neonates being treated for pneumonia must be closely monitored in order to ensure that the prescribed medications and treatments do not cause adverse side effects.

The second type of respiratory infections are those more commonly observed in older foals, from one to two months of age until weaning. Bacterial pneumonia in these foals is typically associated with a different population of bacteria than is seen in neonates, frequently involving the *Streptococcus zooepidemicus* and *Haemophilus* spp. organisms. A slightly different antibiotic regimen may be employed in these cases using oral antibiotics such as erythromycin and rifampin. However, other antibiotic regimens can be prescribed based upon the overall assessment of the attending veterinarian. Although still relatively rare in this group, viral pneumonia is more common in older foals. Viral infections cause pulmonary inflammation and can impair immunity thereby predisposing foals to subsequent bacterial infections in the lungs. Treatment in cases of suspected viral respiratory infections in older foals consists of anti-inflammatory therapy and supportive care.

The challenge for the attending veterinarian lies in determining whether the primary problem is viral or bacterial in nature. This determination is initially made by reviewing the patient's history, conducting a physical examination and analyzing the foal's blood. Some cases may require further diagnostic evaluation, such as x-rays, ultrasound examination and a tracheal wash (the collection of sterile secretions from the trachea). Unfortunately, it is very difficult to definitively diagnose viral pneumonia. Special tests such as viral isolation, polymerase chain reaction (PCR) testing for viral genetic material and the repeated testing of the foal's blood for increasing levels of antibodies to the virus are often required for a definitive diagnosis.

The most important component of supportive care for all foals affected by pneumonia is rest. Activity is likely to worsen their respiratory distress by

exacerbating the inflammation within the lungs. If foals should never undergo stressful events such as weaning, transport or sales. Temperature control is also very important as foals with pneumonia have trouble regulating their body temperature and are vulnerable to hyperthermia, especially during the summer months. Environmental management is best achieved by turnout in a small grass paddock and/or by providing a stall with low dust bedding, such as pine shavings, rather than straw. Prolonged rest is often required in these cases, as inflammation requires time in the lungs even after the offending infectious agent has been eliminated.

Pneumonia in foals is a very serious ailment and should be treated as an emergency condition requiring immediate medical attention. Symptoms of respiratory distress include increases in the rate of breathing, difficulty breathing or an inability to tolerate exercise. Due to their delicate nature, foals that are brought in to the Marion duPont Scott Equine Medical Center for critical care are always seen first by members of the hospital's internal medicine team. All of our internal medicine faculty are board certified by the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine and specialize in the physiologic interaction among internal body systems in foals including respiratory disease. Owners may call (703) 771-6800 to inquire about the neonatal and foal case services offered or to schedule a consultation.

Dr. McKenzie is an assistant professor of equine medicine at Virginia Tech's Marion duPont Scott Equine Medical Center. He can be reached at hcmckenzie@vt.edu. To view his online profile, visit www.vetmed.vt.edu/faculty/hcmckenzie/. Dr. McKenzie is a premier full-service equine hospital located in Leesburg, Va. that offers advanced specialty care, 24-hour emergency treatment and diagnostic services for all ages and breeds of horses. One of three campuses that comprise the Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine, the center and its team of equine specialists are committed to providing exceptional treatment to patients, superior service to clients and cutting-edge research in the equine industry.

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Foxcroft students,

coached by Director of Riding Nelly Sheehand and Assistant Laurie Feickert, scored a stunning six-place sweep in the Power and Speed event of the competition. Stone won the event, followed senior Chelsy Gail (Middleburg, Va.), Livermore, Szramborski, and juniors Katy Hunt (Bluemont, Va.) and Louisa Fruehauf (Denver, CO). For complete Foxcroft results, go to www.foxcroft.org.

The outstanding performance came a day after Foxcroft hosted a daylong

clinic conducted by members of Lake Erie College's Equine Studies Department. The college students and teachers, who traveled from Lake Erie's campus near Cleveland, OH, worked closely with more than a dozen Foxcroft students on all aspects of riding and horsemanship. A number of top riders and teachers conduct clinics at Foxcroft, whose riding program is among the best in independent school.

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ALBERT'S CORNER

A MONTHLY COLUMN FOR PEOPLE WHO SHARE THEIR HOMES WITH FOUR-LEGGED FRIENDS.

I try to be somewhat of an expert about all things dog, but I am not an expert about all things cat. So, when my people decided to foster a cat a few months ago, I was concerned. Their friend had an unexpected health crisis and the cat was in danger of having to be put down, so they stepped in. (What's that old saying about good intentions?)

I have always called our family cat by the simple name of "Sneaky" because that is what she is. I decided to call the foster kitty "Other Cat." These, of course, are not the names my people call them, but I'm a dog and I do not dignify cats with proper names.

Other Cat is primarily quiet and low-key. For the most part, he leaves the dogs of the house alone, but that does not mean that we have not formed our own relationships with him. My beloved Isabelle is actually affectionate with Other Cat. Even the alpha dog has decided to tolerate him completely. The problem, you see, has nothing to do with any of the dogs. The problem is Sneaky. From what I understand, my people would keep Other Cat if Sneaky could learn to live with him. That, however, does not seem to be in the works.

We all hope that Other Cat will find a forever home soon. For the time being, however, we're learning a lot of valuable lessons. Sneaky hates Other Cat and makes her disdain quite clear on an hourly basis. It's ugly and shocking, and not at all what any of us expected. Hissing, growling and flying fur have become commonplace in our normally peaceful home.

To cope, we've learned about creating safe territories for Other Cat that are off-limits to Sneaky. We've learned about slow and brief introductions that take place over weeks or even months. We've learned not to force any issues or hope for fast results. In short, we've learned that bringing a new animal into the home can require the kind of strategic planning and patience generally reserved for the battlefield.

er life will become stressful for both animals. Ironically, all of us dogs have learned to adjust. Without Sneaky's seal of approval, however, it's still a delicate situation.

Many of you who read this column have great big hearts and many of you have enough room in your hearts and homes to adopt and foster. I applaud you and thank you so much for the differ-

ence you make. For those of you considering bringing a rescued animal into a home with pets, please know that introductions are often easy. Even when they are hard, the reward is worth the work. That said, it's always a good idea to minimize the risk up front. Read all you can about introducing animals into a new environment. Become an expert about cat/cat, dog/dog, and dog/cat relations. Most of all, know that a little advance preparation can go a long, long way.

Other Cat will be fine. We'll all make sure of that. But we now know that sometimes it takes more than a big heart to create a big family.

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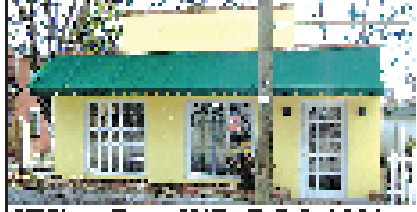
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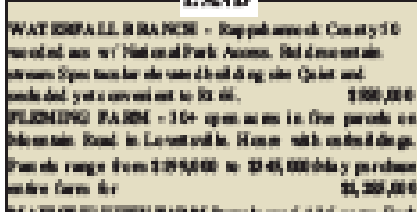
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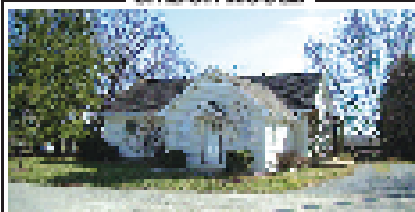
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