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MIDDLEBURG ISO

DAN MORROW

Middleburg is in search of a new Town Administrator and candidates for two of the seven voting seats on its Town Council.

On March 11, Council met in closed session to discuss plans to manage the resignation of Town Administrator Jerry Schiro, effective May 1.

Town Council members Judith Pryor Plescow and Lisa Patterson long-remembered decisions not to seek reelection became official on March 1. Both have long been active in civic affairs.

ISO: Town Manager

Having spent nearly forty years in local government service, Schiro had long been eligible for Virginia Retirement System benefits. His May 1, 2010, retirement target was driven, he said, by "... recent initiatives from the General Assembly to amend the retirement system."

Schiro noted that it has been "an honor and a pleasure" to serve as Town Administrator. "The community pride and willingness of [Middleburg's] citizens to be involved, volunteer and participate is truly exceptional." The term, "Unmistakably Middleburg," he remarked, "came out of a visioning retreat the Council held a while back to describe the Town's unique quality. I think that sums it up. The future for Middleburg

is bright"

Middleburg Mayor, Betsy Davis noted that the town had known that "... we only had Jerry for a limited time, when he first applied. He had committed to at least 3 years and he certainly has honored that ... and has "far exceeded any expectations we had. During that time, she continued, "he has been a faithful and dedicated town administrator ... his excellent skills and knowledge have put our town back on track and we will be forever grateful."

Council Member Bundles Murdock said that, in her memory, he was "... the best town manager we have ever had ... able to right a ship running off course, and set her in the right direction. I will never forget his contribution and dedication and will miss him terribly!"

Judith Pryor Plescow noted "... his tireless service to Middleburg through a difficult period. He leaves big shoes to fill."

Schiro has indicated that he will do everything in his power to smooth the transition to a new chief administrator.

ISO: Town Council Candidates

The March 1 deadline for registration as a candidate for Town Council passed with so little notice that at least one member of Town Council was surprised to discover that both Judith Pryor Plescow and Lisa Patterson would

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AN ITALIAN EVENING FOR THE PASSIONATE PALATE

Food and wine lovers met at Middleburg's Market Salamander on Friday, March 12th for an Italian Wine Dinner that delighted the palate of every gourmand.

Diners who attended the Market's Food & Wine Events raved about Chefs Todd Grey, Vaughn Skaggs and Jason Reaves superb meal, the delightful company and the many culinary secrets they learned during the evening.

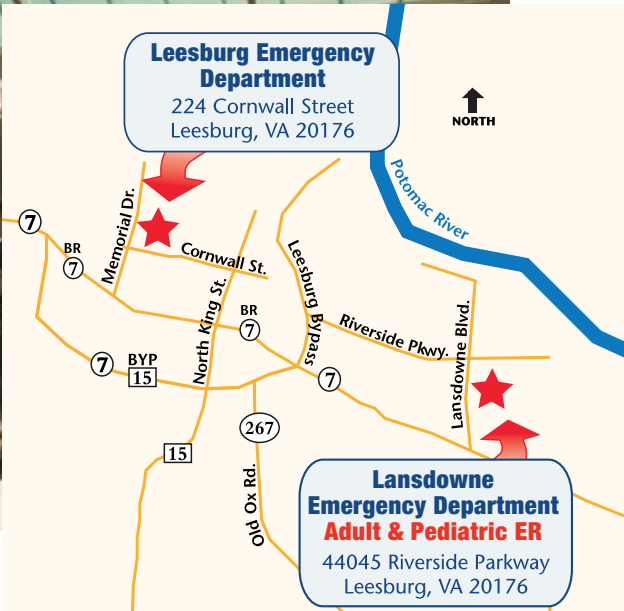
Guests began with Vaughn's "Amuse Bouche" while they learned the secrets of pulling mozzarella and making fresh pasta. The first course of Hand Pulled Mozzarella, Roasted San Marzano Tomato, Cerignola Olives, Fresh Parsley and Lemon Agravato Oil will be followed by a main course of Semolina Orecchiette and Grilled Tuscan Sau-

sage, Sauteed Broccoli Rabe, Roasted Peppers and Pecorino Cheese.

Dessert of Deconstructed Tiramisu concluded the meal.

Other special events at Market Salamander in April include the Kids Spring Cookie Class scheduled for Sunday, March 28th at 1 p.m. where children will decorate Easter Egg and Chick sugar cookies with renowned Pastry Chef Jason Reaves. Children must be five years of age and the price per child is \$19.50.

Food and wine lovers will meet again at Middleburg's Market Salamander at 7 p.m., Friday, April 23rd for another Wine Dinner.



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NEWS OF NOTE CISCO FOUNDERS WIN COMPUTER SOCIETY ENTREPRENEUR AWARD



Cisco Systems co-founders Leonard Bosack and Upperville's own Sandy Lerner are the winners of the IEEE Computer Society's 2009 Computer Entrepreneur Award, joining the ranks of a who's who of technology leaders honored with the award over the past quarter-century.

Bosack and Lerner co-founded Cisco Systems in 1984, pioneering the widespread commercialization of wide area network (WAN) technology to connect geographically disparate computers over a multiprotocol router system. The company, which landed more than \$200,000 in

contracts during its first year, went public in 1990, and is now a networking equipment powerhouse with a market cap of more than \$140 billion.

Before Bosack and Lerner left the company in 1990, it produced revolutionary technology such as the first true multi-protocol, multi-media Layer 3 device, and IGRP which enabled path redundancy. This technical foundation that the pair established still persists at Cisco and throughout the Internet today.

Bosack, now CEO of telecommunications engineering company XKL, is currently working on creating fiber optic systems that can achieve unprecedented data transmission latency speeds. Lerner now runs Ayrshire Farm, a certified organic and humane Virginia farm operation, restaurant, and butcher shop, and is involved in various philanthropic endeavors.

Among the previous winners of the Computer Society Entrepreneur Award are Hewlett-Packard co-founders William Hewlett and David Packard; Microsoft's Bill Gates and Paul Allen; Apple Computer co-founders Steve Jobs and Steve Wozniak; Dell Computer founder Michael Dell; Intel's Gordon Moore,

Robert Noyce, and Andrew Grove; and Bjarne Stroustrup, the father of C++. In 2008, Edwin E. Catmull, co-founder of Pixar Animation Studios and president of Walt Disney and Pixar Animation Studios; and Adobe co-founders John E. Warnock and Charles M. Geschke; received the award in recognition of their accomplishments.

The Computer Entrepreneur Award, established in 1982, is given to individuals whose entrepreneurial leadership is responsible for the growth of some segment of the computer industry. The efforts must have taken place more than 15 years previously, and the industry effects must be generally and openly visible.

Bosack held technical roles at AT&T Bell Labs and Digital Equipment Corp. upon graduating from the University of Pennsylvania. After earning a master's degree in computer science from Stanford University, he became director of computer facilities for the university's computer science department. While at Stanford, Bosack, Lerner, and others at Stanford contributed to development of the Arpa Internet, overcoming incompatibility challenges to successfully link the university's 5,000 comput-

ers across a 16-square-mile campus area.

After graduating from Stanford University with a master's degree in statistics and computer science, Lerner worked as the director of computer facilities for Stanford's Graduate School of Business and as director of networks systems and computer services at Schlumberger Computer Aided Systems Laboratory prior to founding Cisco.

After leaving Cisco, Lerner founded the cosmetics company Urban Decay. In 1992, she established the Centre for the Study of Early English Women's Writing and the Chawton House Library in Hampshire, England, donating her collection of women's writing published before 1830. The library has become the pre-eminent center for the study of early women's writings and has a degree-granting partnership with Southampton University.

Lerner has also worked with animal welfare and animal rights organizations, creating and improving animal shelter internetworking. She has been awarded four honorary PhD degrees and numerous awards for her charitable efforts.

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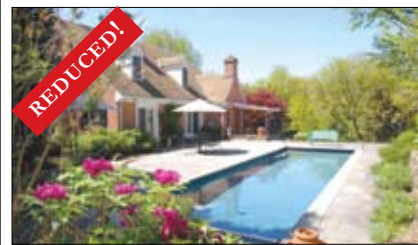
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NEW AGENTS JOIN LONG & FOSTER’S MIDDLEBURG OFFICE



A 10 year resident of Northern Virginia. Jackie joins the Middleburg office after four years as a Top Producer in Long & Foster’s Potomac Falls office. As a lifelong, active equestrian, she knows horse properties! She enjoyed hunting with Orange County Hunt for several years as a professional, and supports land conservation and responsible development to protect the unique properties of hunt country.

In addition to buzz worthy client service, she maintains several relevant certifications and specialized training, to ensure both buyers & sellers have the advantage in today’s real estate market: Certified Foreclosure & Short Sale Resource, Certified Relocation Specialist, Trained in Historic Real Estate by the National Trust for Historic Pres-

ervation, and a Certified Epro Agent.



A 22 year resident of Loudoun County. Belinda joins the Middleburg office. As an avid equestrian and former Advertising Sales Manager for The Chronicle of the Horse for 12 years, Belinda brings a wealth of knowledge to this position. Prior to joining The Chronicle, Hyde managed her own marketing company, soliciting corporate sponsorships for many area equestrian events. She is a graduate of Lynchburg College, Lynchburg, Va., where she was captain of her Intercollegiate Horse Show Association riding team and after college, continued to compete in the Adult and Amateur Owner Hunters on the USEF “A” circuit. She began her career in commercial banking in New York City, with the Chase Manhattan Bank and that career brought her to the Northern Virginia area with

Signet Bank in 1986. After moving to western Loudoun County in 1988, she chose to change careers and became a licensed Realtor. Although her real estate career was on hold while she worked in her last position, she is excited to be coming back to the industry. Hyde lives in Purcellville, with her son, Hunter, a senior at Loudoun Valley High School who has been accepted to Virginia Tech this Fall. Although she no longer competes, Hyde enjoys riding cross country on her ex-foxhunter, AJ, whenever she can.



Kathy Chovnick joins the Middleburg office as a Sales Associate after having started her real estate career in Long & Foster’s Olney, Md., office fifteen years ago. A native of upstate New York, Kathy has made Virginia home since establishing Cavan Green Stables in Upperville in 2004. She has firsthand experience in the specific needs of professional equestrians.

As a lifelong avid equestrian herself, along with her business partner and trainer, she developed one of the finest Show Jumping/Hunter facilities in the country. Combined with over 15 years of real estate sales experience selling country properties in Tennessee and Maryland, Kathy knows how essential great customer relationships are for ensuring successful real estate transactions.

Kathy developed her customer service and “can do” attitude through an early highly successful corporate career with IBM. After many years of relocations along the east coast, corporate relocation is a perfect fit as her personal experience is always extremely valuable to her real estate clients.

Kathy has served as President of the Board of Directors for the IBM Club, and on the Executive Board of Directors for the Washington International Horse Show, Maryland Horse Show Association, Capitals Speakers Club of Washington D.C., and is an active member of the ASPCA, USEF, and USHJA. She currently serves on the Buchanan Hall Board of Directors in Upperville. She lives in Middleburg with her daughter Sarah, an accomplished rider, who attends the University of Alabama and is majoring in Broadcast Journalism.

For more information regarding buying and selling services in the area, contact Jackie, Belinda or Kathy at Long & Foster’s Middleburg Sales office at 540.687.8530, located at 8 North Madison Street or visit www.longandfoster.com.

MOSBY HERITAGE AREA ASSOCIATION CALLS FOR VOLUNTEERS

To support the 15th Anniversary of the Mosby Heritage Area Association, the group seeks to add up to 150 Volunteers during the course of 2010.

Volunteers are needed at the organization Headquarters office at Atoka, in the field, at MHAA events and in the five counties which comprise the Mosby Heritage Area.

First time Volunteers can earn membership in the Association itself by contributing a minimum of 50 hours within the next 9 months.

To help the Heritage Association’s deliver “Preservation Through Education” please visit www.mosby-heritagearea.org and click on the Volunteer tab to sign up online; call 540-687-6681; or send an email to info@mosbyheritagearea.org.

WINDY HILL: LEAD GREEN

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Environmental Protection Agency have awarded Middleburg’s Windy Hill Foundation a 2009 Regional Energy Star Award for Excellence.

The Foundation’s Levis Hill House, the first certified green apartment building in Loudoun County, was recognized for its extraordinary energy efficiency.

According to Windy Hill Development Company President, Kim Hart, electricity bills for one-bedroom units in the facility run less than \$75 per month, even though the apartments are all electrically heated and cooled, and have electric hot water heaters and appliances.

FULL CRY AUCTIONS PROVIDES FUNDS RAISING HELP

One of the fastest growing methods for raising funds by schools, churches, clubs and organizations is through the use of benefit auctions. And Full Cry Auctions LLC has opened in the hunt country to provide such services.

Owned and operated by Atoka Chase resident Curtis A. Prins, Full Cry Auctions will provide all types of auction services, ranging from estate sales to consignment events but will specialize in benefit auctions.

Although Full Cry is a new auction company, Prins has a long history in the auction business. He represented the auction industry in Washington, D. C. for 10 years and has conducted numerous charity events throughout the country including the highly successful Great Emmanuel Auction last September in Middleburg. He has worked on real estate auctions that have sold more than \$100 million in properties and assisted in the Jacksonville, Fl. Super Bowl memorabilia auction that raised some \$200,000 for charity.

“Many groups are losing a great opportunity to raise funds by not holding benefit auctions,” says Prins and our company wants to help those folks take advantage of

a simple, low cost and sometimes even free ways to hold such auctions. We will help organizations with every step of the process and show them how to maximize their income

Full Cry Auctions will hold its first event on May 22 at Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Middleburg. It will be a combination estate sale and consignment event. “We will be selling the remaining items from the estate of Sarah Dayton, former prominent Middleburg resident as well as various consignment items of antiques and quality other items including furniture, art, clocks and jewelry,” adds Prins. “We will have some 500 lots from eight states.”

Full Cry Auctions is still accepting quality consignments for the May 22 event. “Our consignment fee will only be 10% of the selling price, one of the lowest fees in the auction industry,” explains Prins. “Every item will be sold with a reserve, so sellers don’t have to worry about getting low prices.” For more information you can visit the firm’s website, www.fullcry-auctions.com or call the company at (540) 687-5022.

Following the May 22 event, Full Cry will begin accepting contracts for benefit auctions.

HERMEN GREENBERG IS HUNT COUNTRY’S LOSS

Hunt Country lost a true friend when Hermen Greenberg died recently. A highly successful real estate developer, he had a keen eye for a fine horses and was a longtime supporter of Virginia Tech’s M.A.R.E. center in Middleburg.

Widely respected for his vision in both real estate and racing, Greenberg and his partner, Albert Small, developed 12,000 apartments, 5,000 single-family homes and two million square feet of commercial space.

Greenberg, the owner of Rutledge Farm in Middleburg, also discovered and trained racehorses, one of the most noteworthy being Researcher, a gelding he purchased at the Virginia Tech auction for \$2,200 in 2005 who earned over \$750,000 and was a five-time stakes winner.

He bred 1993 Belmont Stakes (G1) winner Colonial Affair, and Sur La Tete, a steeplechase star who won eight stakes races between 2003 and 2006.

Widely known and respected throughout the racing world, Greenberg earned a reputation for being wise and generous. Everyone who knew him was happy for him when his horses crossed the finish line first. He was a board member of the Washington International Horse Show for more than 20 years and was inducted into the event’s Hall of Fame last October.

Mr. Greenberg grew up in Washington and graduated from Woodrow Wilson High School. He served in the Army in North Africa and Italy during World War II.

Survivors include his wife of 39 years, Monica Lindkvist Greenberg of Washington; two children from his first marriage, Richard Greenberg of Lexington, Ky., and Sheri Waddell of Keswick, Va.; a stepson, Alcco Bravo-Greenberg of Washington; a sister, Lee Kirstein of Bethesda; a brother, Raymond Greenberg of Bethesda; and three grandchildren.

Mr. Greenberg and his wife, Monica, started a foundation that contributed to numerous area arts centers and hospitals. In 1999, Mr. Greenberg gave more than 380 acres for park development to Montgomery County, in honor of his father, Moritz Greenberg. It was reportedly one of the largest land gifts in the county’s history.

LADIES BOARD TO GIVE \$80,000 TO FUTURE NURSES

The Ladies Board of Inova Loudoun Hospital announced that it has \$80,000 available to award in the form of nursing education scholarships. The application deadline is April 6, 2010.

“Grants vary in amount, but may be as much as \$2,500,” said Margaret Vaughan, chairman of the Ladies Board Nursing Scholarship Fund. “We are very pleased with the

number and quality of the applicants this year.”

Applications are available at the Twice Is Nice thrift shop in Leesburg, the Gift Shop at Inova Loudoun Hospital, and online at www.LadiesBoard.org.

Students must be accepted into an accredited school of nursing; either live or work in Loudoun County; include a written statement of financial need; show academic

performance; and complete the requisite application. Full details are available by calling Ms. Vaughan at 540-338-6221.

Last year the Ladies Board Nursing Scholarship Fund awarded educational grants to 53 students. Recipients were enrolled in LPN, RN, BSN, second degree and MS in Nursing programs, along with doctoral students, throughout 15 higher education facilities.

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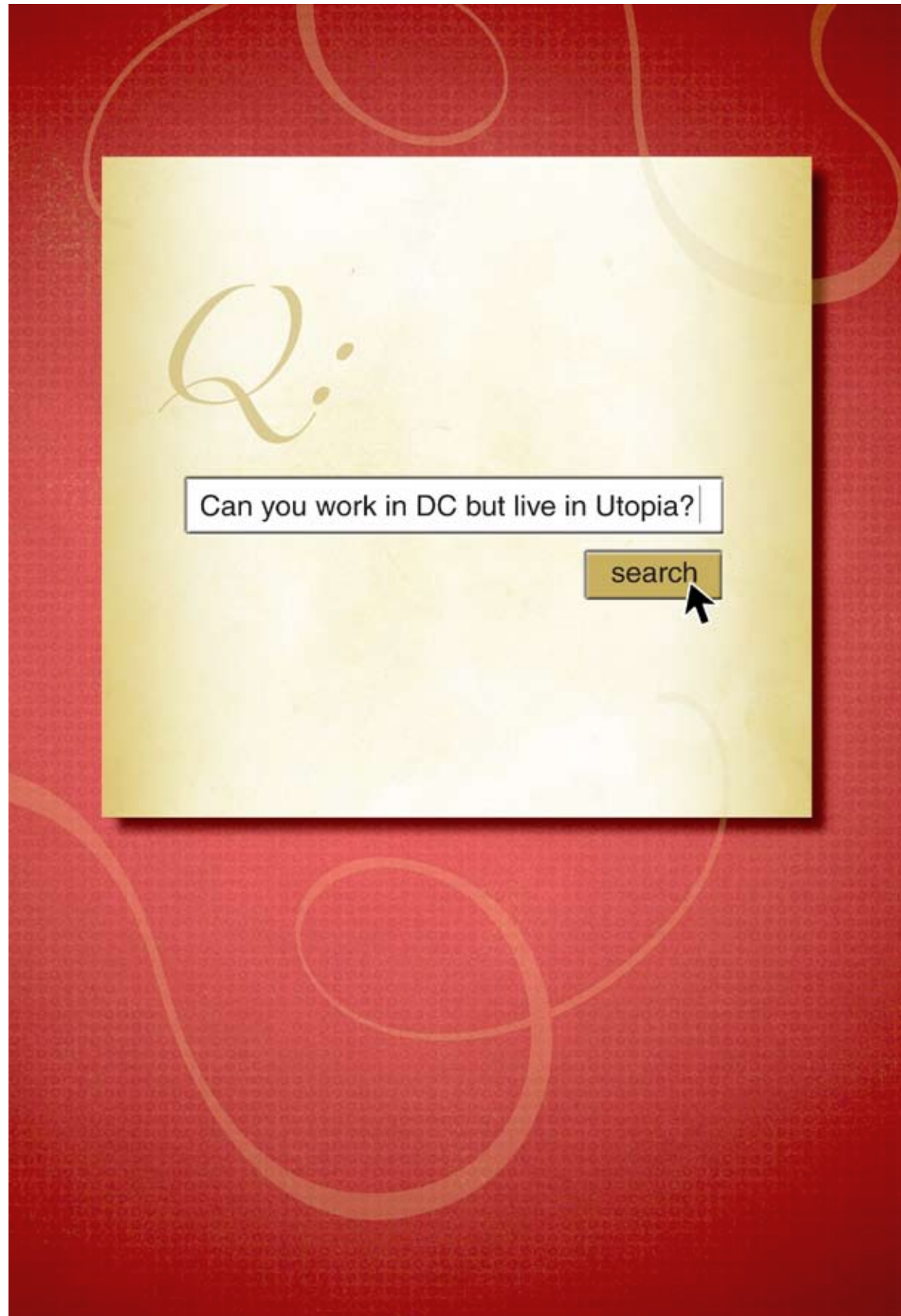
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MARK STYS

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These days we often apply the term "fiscal stewardship" to a broader role, played by government officials, both legislative and executive, as they try to ensure that taxing and spending are sustainable, and, ideally balanced, so we can meet our social obligations without

overburdening either ourselves or our grandchildren's children.

It is not easy, as the ongoing debate over the costs and benefits of universal healthcare, and the recent collapse (and near collapse) of some of the world's leading financial institutions have demonstrated.

On a purely personal level, most of us could use a good steward. The world has become an increasingly complicated place for investors, and even the most local investments are touched by factors that demand very special expertise.

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BLUE RIDGE HOSPICE PLANS SCRAPBOOK MEMORIES WORKSHOP

Blue Ridge Hospice plans a unique, hands-on program in Middleburg, "Cherished Memories, A Scrapbooking Workshop," on Saturday, March 27. The program is designed to help anyone who wishes to preserve memories of loved ones and cherished pets, including beloved dogs and horses.

From 1-4 p.m. at the Parish Hall of Emmanuel Episcopal Church, participants will receive scrapbooking tips and actually make their own special memory book featuring photos of the person or pet they wish to memorialize.

Facilitators will explain why preserving memories in tangible form is important to the healing process in losing a loved one.

There is no charge for the workshop, and all supplies are included. Those attending are asked to remember and bring the photos they would like included in their scrapbook. Participants are asked to RSVP to Blue Ridge Hospice at 540-536-1064 to ensure that sufficient supplies are provided. For specific questions on the class, call Gina Caudill at 540-536-5210 for more information.

MEDICAID FUND DIVERSIONS

According to senior executives from Loudoun County's primary health care provider, Inova Healthcare, a little-noted difference between the U.S. Senate and House versions of the current budget threatens to divert much-needed federal matching funds for Medicaid to variety of non-healthcare-related areas of the federal budget, threatening both quality of care and local jobs.

The Virginia Hospital & Health Care coalition agrees, noting that the House version of the bill shifts nearly \$300 of \$360 million dollars in potential federal healthcare matching funds for Virginia away from Medicaid.

Instead, the House would spend \$82.2 million of the \$360

million potential increase on a three percent bonus for state employees; shift \$37 million to pay debt service for technology grants and other K-12 school needs; send \$75 million to public colleges and universities; and send \$100 million to the Tobacco Indemnification and Community Revitalization Fund.

According to hospital officials, the Senate version of the budget "would apply all of the additional Medicaid match money to the Medicaid program", improve healthcare, and save jobs.

In late February, newly elected Republican Governor Robert McDonnell made a specific request to congress that any extension of Medicaid matching funds for Virginia be actually spent on Medicaid.

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not run for reelection.

Only seven of the eight members of Town Council generally vote on taxes, fees, zoning restrictions, and a host of other measures affecting life in Middleburg and much of larger the community it serves. The Mayor votes only to break ties.

With no candidates officially registered for the May election, Patterson and Plescow's empty seats will thus be filled by any candidate who can mount an effective write-in campaign.

In recent memory seats on the Town Council have been filled by candidates who received a single vote.

"I am saddened by the lack of candidates," Council Member Bundles Murdock told the Eccentric. "Maybe we have not reached out to people enough . . . Families are stretched thin . . . nobody has the time to devote to so much extra work outside the home." I hope we will have some interested people before election day.

Mayor Davis has indicated that she is certain that . . . there are several people who are considering running for council as write-ins, noting that "Some of the names I have heard would be good council members."

Council member Patterson told the Eccentric that the demands of family and a growing business made it difficult, if not impossible for her to contribute the time and focus required not only for the work of the Council, but for its associated committees. She did not rule out running again for office at a later date.

Judith Pryor Plescow said she found herself in a similar situation. "It was a difficult decision as I have enjoyed working for the town," she said, "however, I feel the need to concentrate on my real estate business. I will continue to be involved with activities that benefit the town and specifically hope to continue to be involved with the Farmer's Market and other organizations that encourage and promote Middleburg's economic success."

ISO: \$\$\$\$\$

In the two weeks between February 25 and March 11, Council made up for the snow days it took in February, holding two full council meetings and a work session.

One of the most critical issues facing Council and the departing Town Administrator remains Schiro's working draft of an operating budget for fiscal year 2011.

Despite the comparative prosperity of both Loudoun County and the Middleburg area, the effects of the ongoing recession continue to hurt restaurant and retail revenues.

The Town continues to wait for decisions to be made at the state and county levels about emergency funding to cover the unexpectedly high costs of snow removal.

ISO: Salamander

The delayed opening of the Salamander Inn and Spa has both hurt and helped the town financially.

Once open the Inn and Spa

are expected to contribute significantly to the town's coffers, directly, and indirectly.

In the meantime construction delays have postponed delivery of new state-of-the-art water and waste treatment facilities made possible by Salamander proffers. While the delayed opening of the Inn and Spa has spared the Town's existing systems from radically increased demand, it has also delayed Salamander use of, and payment, for Town water services.

Negotiations continue on what revenues, if any, Salamander will contribute to the operation of the town's new water systems during the period between the hand-over of those facilities to the town, and the opening of the Inn and Spa.

While construction continues Salamander continues to use a private well for things like air conditioning.. That well will, in time, be turned over to the town, and the water from it treated and paid for by Salamander.

According to Town Administrator Schiro, the new waste water treatment plant may well be ready for transfer to Middleburg in May.

ISO: Water for Fire Drills

The sad state of the Town's existing water systems was illustrated on March 11 when a member of Council called the Town offices to report that the water coming from her taps was running brown.

A series of calls between the Town offices, the fire and police chiefs soon revealed that well-meaning members of the Middleburg Volunteer Fire Department had caused the problem, by filling their pumping engine with treated water from a fire hydrant near the fire station rather than a designated, off-system tap.

Such "brown water" incidents though, unpleasant, apparently pose no danger to health. They occur most often when the Town's old pipes are being flushed, and residents are warned in advance of the procedures.

FOUND: Help for Haiti

Mayor Betsy Davis expressed thanks to all those who had contributed to the success of the February 26th Project Helping Hands event, chaired by Eccentric editor in chief DeeDee Hubbard. More than \$12,000 was raised to help the victims of the recent earthquake in Haiti.

Davis noted that while it was unfair to single out any one contributor, it would be remiss of her not to mention Council member Lisa Patterson for her "amazing work" behind the scenes; and Patterson, Economic Development Coordinator Cindy Peason, Town Clerk Rhonda North and Police Chief Steve Webber and his daughter for the wonderful tablecloths they made for auction on behalf of the earthquake victims.

"This just proves again how special our town is and how we all came together (again) to help others in need," she said. "Thank you very much!"



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JERRY SCHIRO

The Middleburg Eccentric joins the Mayor, the Town Council, and most, if not everyone who knows him, in thanking Jerry Schiro for his lifetime of public service, and especially for his all too short term of service with the Town of Middleburg.

His gentlemanly style combined with a quiet competence based on nearly

four decades of local government experience, made him the perfect choice to fill a tough job under what, at the he was hired, seemed almost impossible conditions.

We wish him the very best in his retirement, and hope that he and those near and dear to him will spend a good part of it in Middleburg.

WHAT WE LEARNED FROM BEYOND THE BELTWAY

KEN RIETZ

The 13 months Health Care debate was an interesting civic lesson. We learned a lot about our President, Congress, Insurance Companies, Lobbyists and even about ourselves.

We learned that campaign promises about transparency and openness are crap. The process led by Obama, Reid and Pelosi was

neither open nor transparent. It was conducted behind closed doors on Capitol Hill and at the White House.

We learned that Insurance Executives are not very smart. In the middle of a fierce battle with the White House, what did they do? They raised insurance premiums.

We didn't learn much about the TRUE cost of the Bill and who will actually pay

for it. President Obama said there will be no increase in the taxes on the middle class. Senator Dick Durbin, the number two democrat in the senate, said taxes will go up.

We have learned that if you write legislation that takes effect after 4 years but has the taxes and fees spread over 10 years and takes money out of Medicare before putting it back in, it will be so confusing

even the respected Congressional Budget office will not be able to tell us exactly what it will cost. All we know is that it will be SOMEWHERE between \$2 trillion and \$6 trillion. The idea that this huge Federal Spending Program, which creates over 100 new departments and agencies and hires 16 thousand new IRS agents, will actually decrease the Federal deficit, defies common sense.

We also learned that Congress could pass legislation without reading it and without voting on it. The 2,600 page Bill was made available

too close to the Obama Christmas Eve deadline for any Senator to actually have read it before voting on it.

We learned that in the House of Representatives you can "DEEM" something passed without directly voting on it. Although threatened but not used this time, this slight of hand trick has the advantage of letting Democrats, in marginal districts, tell their constituents they voted to "FIX" the Bill but did not vote for the legislation.

Perhaps the most important thing we have learned about this President, Reid and

HYPOCRISY

TOM PRATT

President Obama recently delayed until June a trip to Indonesia citing the important health care bill, which is to be voted on Sunday March 21, as the reason for delay. I think it was a very convenient excuse to delay the trip.

According to journalist Allan Nair, based in Indonesia, the U.S. is about to lift a 12-year ban on the training of Indonesian military personnel. There is a special force within the military known as Kopassus that, in the past, has been responsible for thousands of civilian deaths. Recently, confirmed reports by a Kopassus general indicate that Kopassus has been up to its old tricks: Kopassus has assassinated hundreds of pro-independence activists in Ache.

President Obama, having lived in Indonesia as a young man, must be aware of the past actions of Kopassus

and must be aware of these recent developments. Call your congressman and demand that aid not be given to the Indonesian military.

Why, one would ask, would the U.S. be supporting financially and militarily a force that commits criminal assassinations? The answer once again comes back to "the war on terrorism."

The Indonesians are connecting the Ache freedom and independence activists with militant Islamists to justify the killings. A fact that supports this point is that in the last few weeks, just prior to the now delayed Presidential trip, the killings have increased because the Indonesian military would like to show that the U.S. is doing its part in fighting "terrorists."

And therefore lifting the ban is justified.

Their plan has been foiled by the delay and it will be interesting to watch and see

Pelosi is that they really don't care about what the American people think. Despite poll after poll saying the majority of people wanted this legislation rejected, they continued their efforts to buy support with things like the Louisiana Purchase and parliamentary tricks. Snuck into the Bill was the nationalization of the Student Loan Program which has absolutely nothing to do with Health Care.

When asked about all this, Obama said "That's what elections are for" The truth of those words will come back to haunt him in November.

School of Americas in Georgia where South American military assassins are trained. Take all the money wasted

WELL WELL WELL BLUE NOTES

DANIEL MORROW

On Sunday, March 21, the U. S. House of Representatives made history.

Democrats in the House, in the face of unanimous Republican opposition, extended healthcare coverage to another 30 million Americans. By a vote of 219 to 212 the house sent to the President, unchanged, the bill passed by the Senate with a 60

vote majority in December of last year.

President Obama's signature will make that bill a law, and with any luck at all, as second bill containing a number of much-needed and almost universally popular amendments will follow.

Not a single Republican lawmaker supported the bill.

Worse, in their misguided efforts to whip up and maintain enthusiasm for their untenably negative stance, the

money to rebuild our infrastructure and bring our transportation system up to world class standard.

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AMERICA: ON A PATH TO SELF-DESTRUCTION? PURPLE

BRUCE SMART

Yesterday a retired general told me that "75% of Americans between 17 and 25 years old are unfit for military service." He referred to Pentagon official Curt Gilroy, who found that obesity in this group has soared from 6% in 1987 to 35% today. "Kids are just not able to do push-ups, can't do pull-ups, and can't run," adds Gilroy. He cites the widespread elimination of school physical fitness programs as one cause. Drug addiction and inadequate schooling are other service disqualifications. Another shortcoming has to be failure to educate families in proper nutrition.

The New York Times

reports that the US, once the educational envy of the world, now has a higher percentage of high school drop-outs than all but four of the world's 30 richest nations. Finland has 94% graduating, the US around 67%. The reason cited: Finland has a "highly effective way of recruiting, training and supporting teachers."

Purple concludes that a highly educated, healthy population is essential for America to lead economically, scientifically, and militarily in a world where China and India vie for those roles. For decades we have been on a consumption binge, fueled by cheap credit, government borrowing and tax cuts. Our national debt — much of it financed by nations that

save, such as China — has skyrocketed, while investments in the future — education, basic research, infrastructure and clean energy — have lagged. The "Great Recession" is now used as a reason to stimulate the economy by increasing personal purchasing power to create jobs, returning us to our role as the world's greatest consumers.

Sadly, this strategy of restoring the recent past only assures more failure. We must instead become investors in America's future, supporting better education from birth on, restoring and improving our roads, airports, and broadband network, increasing basic research in clean energy sources and efficiencies, addressing climate disruption, and by modernizing our military. These are responsibilities of government, and so must be funded by taxes.

Politically, one Party has adopted a mantra of "No New Taxes," in effect making a firm commitment never to do what needs to be done. Many politicians appear to embrace this fool-hardy approach to governing. A few days ago the Virginia legislature voted 97-0 to reject the tax increase proposals in the 2010 budget proposed by departing Governor Kaine. The Loudoun County Board of Supervisors is fighting to avoid raising real estate taxes in the face of burgeoning school enrollment. Their strategy? Increase class sizes, starve the County's libraries and avoid hiring more teachers. (For the record, Purple favors Charter Schools, and allowing school officials to replace ineffective teachers.)

What is the rationale against raising taxes on those who can afford to pay? Answer: taxes lower consumption and thus cost jobs. Let's examine that logic. Yes, higher taxes will affect housing and consumer goods, costing jobs (some of them offshore) in those sectors. But that tax money will not disappear from the economy. It will be spent to provide more and better teachers, build roads instead of McMansions, hire more energy researchers, and

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SUNSHINE AND GRILLS: THE PERFECT COMBO

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ALYSON BROWETT

It may be jumping the gun here, but the warmer weather and sunshine has me craving the outdoors, and what better way to get out of the kitchen than to fire up the grill? So as we trade in longer evenings for earlier mornings, let us also trade in chimney smoke for the smell of searing meat. Whether propane or charcoal, the odor of cooking protein over open flame cannot be beat (thank goodness for the caveman – or woman – who discovered that fire cooks meat). What better way to celebrate the return of Spring than to light the grill and throw on a hamburger? While I await the return of (in my opinion) the best burger in America, served up by Derek and Amanda Luhowiak of Local Sixtyseven, a mobile farm to fork kitchen that can be found throughout the area at local farmers markets and wineries (check their site, <http://www.local-sixtyseven.com/>, for an updated schedule coming soon!), I decided to try my hand at creating some burgers

with a twist. While I didn't go as far as Derek and Amanda (everything Local Sixtyseven serves – from the burger to the bun to the ketchup – is handmade and local), I did try to spice things up a bit. You probably have your own favorite recipe for burgers, and I'd love to hear about it. Look for my company, Edible Complex, on Facebook, and let me know what you've tried!

Spiced Turkey Burgers

Using turkey instead of beef allows the flavor to really shine through in the meat, particularly the salty spice of the green peppercorns. I've used these little gems in other recipes, so you should have some leftover!

- 1 pound ground turkey
- 2 teaspoons green peppercorns
- ¼ cup shredded parmesan
- 4 saltine crackers, crumbled
- 1 teaspoon ground thyme

- 1 teaspoon ground sage
- 1 egg, lightly beaten
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon fresh ground pepper
- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil

Heat grill to medium high heat. Place all ingredients in a large mixing bowl and combine well using your hands. Form four patties, about ¾-inch thick. Refrigerate for 15 minutes. Pour a small amount of oil on each of the patties and place oiled side down on the grill. Grill with lid opened for about five minutes. Flip the burgers and grill with the lid closed but propped open slightly for another five minutes, or until the internal temperature reaches 165°. Remove from the heat and allow the patties to rest for a few minutes. Serve with horseradish mayonnaise, thin-sliced red onion and fresh baby spinach on a toasted bun. Serves four.

- Horseradish Mayonnaise**
- 3 tablespoons mayonnaise
- 1 tablespoon prepared horseradish (or more if you're daring)
- 2 teaspoons Dijon mustard

Combine all ingredients in a bowl and stir well.

Grilled Bison Burgers with Smoked Gouda, Red Wine Onions and Oven-Roasted Tomatoes

Bison is the “in” red meat. Healthier than ground beef and leaner than skinless chicken, bison is fast becoming a favorite of health nuts and local foodies (check out Gunpowder Bison in Monkton, MD, <http://www.gunpowderbison.com/>, and Cibola Farms in Culpeper, VA, <http://www.cibolafarms.com/>, for Internet mail order or catch them at a farmers market). Just like beef, bison can withstand strong flavors, but be careful not to overcook it, as its leanness tends toward drying if left on the grill too long.

- For the burgers:
- 1 pound ground bison
- 2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce
- 2 cloves garlic, crushed
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon fresh ground pepper
- 8 slices smoked gouda

Heat grill to medium-high heat. Combine first five ingredients and form into four patties. Let rest at room temperature for up to 20 minutes. Grill the patties on one side for four minutes. Flip them and top each with two slices of cheese. Grill, with lid propped open slightly, for another four minutes. Remove from heat and allow to rest.

For red-wine onions (can be



made up to two days in advance):

- 2 small yellow onions (about 3 cups), sliced
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 3 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
- ½ cup red wine (Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon or Shiraz work well)

Melt the butter over medium-high heat. Add the onions and sweat them, stirring often, until they soften and brown slightly (do not let them burn). Deglaze the pan with the balsamic vinegar and simmer for one minute. Add the red wine and simmer until the wine reduces and becomes syrupy, about 8-10 minutes. Remove the pan from the heat and allow them to cool.

For the oven-roasted tomatoes (can be made up to two days in advance):

- 1 beefsteak tomato, sliced into about eight slices
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- Salt and pepper

Preheat the oven to 350°. Lay the tomato slices on a sheet tray lined with parchment paper. Drizzle a small amount of oil on each slice and sprinkle with salt and pepper. Place in the oven and cook for approximately 45 minutes, flipping the tomatoes once. Remove and allow them to cool.

Serve the burgers topped with the onions, tomatoes and arugula, mayonnaise and Dijon mustard on a toasted bun or ciabatta bread. Serves four.

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KAREN REXRODE

Now that spring is officially here, we have a delightful season to enjoy. There will be many ups and downs. Spring is after all, full of windy, bone-chilling days and heavenly, balmy days with strong sunshine and light breezes. Everyone agrees that

the primrose, crocus and daffodils are late in arriving this year. My first garden primrose bloomed only today (Primula sibthorpii), a far cry from its early arrival the last two years. We have been spoiled I guess if we look at years past. But the real gardener is the sort of person that handles these weather related events as part of spring and knows

that warmer days will come. Patience is a value that gardeners learn after years and years of doing the wrong thing at the wrong time. If you're a gardener that plants just for food or for flowers, you understand that this is the cool season and there is a limit to what can be planted with successful results. Furthermore the triumph of successfully raising cool crop plants in the proper season, is something that becomes a badge of honor for the gardener that is first learning the ropes. Beautiful lettuce heads before bolting and early flowering sweet peas are just two examples fit for bragging rights when the season is young. The time for planting these cool loving plants is late February and early March. The snow of this

past winter was the best thing for cool loving vegetables like kale, lettuce, spinach and onions. Underneath that snow blanket it remained thirty-two degrees. Our cool season is relatively short, some years better than others. If these plants aren't put out early enough, the gardener loses that window for growing them well. Flowering sweet peas are often dismissed as something that can't be grown here, but a little experimentation with micro-climates and timing will reap fabulous results.

As for other flowering plants in the garden, the month of March is about helioborus, primrose, and crocus. Early April is bluets, daffodils, and viburnums. The end of April (a full month from now) is phlox, tulips, and eu-

phorbia. It will be late April and early May before you can consider planting tomatoes, peppers, marigolds, basil, and impatiens (plant when night temperatures remain above 50 degrees). So why are impatiens, fibrous rooted begonias and caladiums for sale in the big box stores by the first of April? I suppose that March was a marketing success. Sadly another thought is that so many people purchased early, killed their heat loving plants and came back for more. Phooey! Don't get fooled by a few nice days, the season is young.



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Major League Soccer avoided a potential work stoppage over the weekend. Thank goodness. The league agreed to throw in one extra pair of shoelaces per player; the players agreed to stop their whining and be grateful that their fourteen-year-old league still manages to scrape together enough money to pay their salaries. I couldn't even tell you when the MLS season started. Or ended. It's an oddly long season, that's about all I know. That, and the fact that it's interspersed with random Cups and Championships and other distracting, non-league sanctioned get-togethers. I have a feeling that a real MLS game could be going on and if some interesting enough opponent showed up at halftime they'd postpone the game, draw straws to see who picked first and end up playing dodgeball all second half to determine who got the ball first in the inaugural What-the-Hell-Just-Happened?-Cup. And they were gonna strike. Brilliant move, gentlemen. Really. In unrelated news, Joe Mauer, the American League MVP from last season, has agreed to spend the rest of his

productive baseball years in, yes, Minnesota. The Twinkies managed to hold onto their cornerstone catcher for the jaw-dropping amount of \$184 million from 2011 to 2018. The only baseball players getting paid more per year actually all play for the Yankees. So don't get too excited just yet, Minnesota; you've got a ways to go before you get your first bloatedly entitled World Series Championship trophy. On a side-note, Joe Mauer just announced he's bought the MLS, fired all the players, and replaced all of them with trained circus elephants. While nobody's sure what this will mean for the quality of the actual soccer, everybody agrees that circus elephants have really big feet and are much more nimble than they appear, both of which bode well for the kicking part of the game. Anybody with ideas on how Mauer should spend the remaining \$183.9 million from his new contract should feel free to send them along to the Eccentric. Speaking of nimble, Tiger Woods is making his return to professional golf next month at the Masters. Uh huh. Well, it's none of my business, I guess. But I can't help thinking that

this will be the greatest thing to happen to the PGA since, oh, I don't know, Tiger's first Masters win back in 1997. That year, the child prodigy did things to Augusta National and the rest of the field that people are still trying to explain. This year the embarrassed, apologetic father of two will breathe new life into the PGA for at least the second time in his career, if not the third. No matter how uncomfortable the allegations against Woods, no matter how much they make the country-club-set blush and squirm in their blazers, nobody even bothers to hide their gratitude at Woods' return. While some of Woods' major sponsors have chosen to part ways with the golfer, others have stayed true, and still others have decided to play Switzerland and fade into the background until they can get a better read on Tiger's Q-score. You can bet that if Tiger plays well and is well received, he'll be back doing shaving adds with Roger Federer and Thierry Henry in no time. As far as "no time" is concerned, that's exactly how long my NCAA tournament brackets lasted. Once again, I've contributed to someone else's exciting weekend getaway by buying a sheet and picking

every conceivable incorrect outcome. I had teams falling out of my Elite Eight on the first day and my national champion was gone before my head hit the pillow on Saturday night. Six of my Sweet Sixteen teams are still dancing, five of my Elite Eight could still show up, and three of Final Four teams have, so far, escaped life support. But Kansas, my thick-headed choice for National Champion, losing to Northern Iowa (I blame Kurt Warner) pretty much threw the biggest pile of dirt onto my coffin. About the only thing that could make this year's tournament worse for me is if Ohio State somehow wins the whole stupid thing and I have to put up with Bucknut nation going bonkers about their newest national champion. The only thing that'll bring a smirk to my face about that possible outcome will be the assured knowledge that those self-same Bucknuts will, guaranteed, celebrate the only way they know how: burning their own stuff in the streets, smashing things, and generally acting like slack-jawed yokels. It almost makes their winning worth it. Stephen Strasburg, the Nats fireballing rookie, will start this coming season in

Harrisburg, PA, playing for the Nats' AA-affiliate Senators. Google Maps assures me this is a two-hour, fifteen-minute drive, so a roadtrip is most probably in order. I'm betting that the savings on concessions alone will pay for the price of gas. Strasburg finished his first spring training season having allowed only two earned runs, striking out twelve and walking only one. Other than the two solo homers that accounted for those two earned runs, Strasburg was a groundball-inducing machine. He's as good as advertised to date and, if he stays healthy, could be the kind of cornerstone for the Nats that Alexander the Great has been for the Caps. And last, VIP Baseball announced the finalists for Loudoun's new professional baseball team: the Dulles Blue Heron, the Virginia Silver Stars, and the Loudoun Hounds. You can vote for your preferred choice at <http://www.vipbaseball.net> Or you can not vote and simply wonder how bad the other options must have been if those were the three best choices. Go Cornell. Alex can be reached at cuda24@yahoo.com



SHOULD I REPLACE MY MISSING TOOTH?

DR. ROBERT A. GALLEGOS

Even with great advances in dentistry in the last 50 years, people still face the unfortunate event of tooth loss. I am frequently asked about the need and approach for tooth replacement. Fortunately, with the advancements in dentistry we can replace teeth in a life-like, aesthetic restoration with natural beauty and function. There are several options for replacing a missing tooth or teeth. The possibilities depend on: where in the mouth, how many teeth are missing, the age and overall health of the individual, and the health of the adjacent teeth and surrounding gum and bone. The options for replacing missing teeth are: Do nothing. Removable partial or complete denture. Non-removable bridge. Implants with removable dentures. Implants with non-removable bridge, denture or crown. Doing nothing is usually not a good option. A missing tooth is a cosmetic issue and/or severe food trap. Besides the annoyance, food trap areas lead to decay and periodontal disease, and neighboring teeth tend to shift into the gap changing the bite. The only time I recommend a do nothing approach is in the case of an acute medically compromised individual. Removable partial or complete dentures were the treatment of choice years ago when options for more stable outcomes were not available. There are many disadvantages to dentures. Dentures tend to move around causing difficulty in eating, talking and smiling. They need to be removed for cleaning and soaked at night to keep the mouth and denture from getting infected. Full dentures rest on the gums and bone and cause sore spots and bone loss, eventually leading to dentures that don't fit. Partial dentures rest on teeth and sometimes gums and bone. The pressure put on these anchor teeth weakens otherwise healthy teeth often leading to more tooth loss. This is the least expensive option. For some patients medical health may not allow for alternative treatment. Dentures need to be relined periodically and replaced every 5 to 7 years due to bone changes or when the denture wears out. Non-removable bridges have been the standard for replacing single or multiple teeth for decades. These bridges are attached to other teeth. If you are missing one or more teeth but still have several healthy natural teeth a bridge may be fitted to the existing teeth. As long as the adjacent teeth and gums are healthy this is a very successful long term solution. The cost is higher than removable dentures but the benefits outweigh the cost differential. Bridges are stable for chewing, they do not move, longevity is very good, cleansing ability is good, and they can be made to match your natural teeth. On average, well made bridges tend to be replaced every 15-20 years. Implants with removable dentures are an option for replacing multiple teeth. Implants are titanium posts placed in the jaw bone to replace the roots of missing teeth. Implants can be placed singularly or in multiples. The age and health of the patient are extremely important. Patients taking bisphosphonates for osteoporosis will need to consult with their dentist and physician about this procedure. Children, teens and some young adults may not be good candidates since their jaw bones are still growing. Dentures can be fully or partially supported by implants and by the gums and bone. Like other removable dentures they do need to be removed for cleaning and are left out at night. If they rest on any gum tissue they can cause sore spots and

bone loss. The big advantage to having implants is stability of the denture and bone preservation in the area of the implant. These dentures tend to last longer than non-implant supported removable dentures because there are fewer gum and bone changes. They do need to be relined if there is gum and bone contact because the gum and bone will recede. This option is more costly than removable dentures but much more stable and longer lasting.

Implants with non-removable bridges, denture or crowns are usually the most stable and longest lasting way to replace missing teeth. Implants are placed in the jaw bone and a non-removable bridge, denture or crown is made to fit to the implants. Maximum stability is attained and the implants help prevent bone loss. Patients can resume normal chewing with no restrictions. These implants can be made to mimic natural tooth and gum tissue.

Single teeth can be replaced with an implant and crown. Multiple teeth can be replaced with implants and bridges or implants and dentures – all non-removable. Deciding which approach to take can be achieved through a patient – dentist discussion about the advantages and disadvantages of each. Implant replacement of teeth is generally more expensive than tooth supported bridges or removable dentures but has better longevity.



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For more than 20 years the Joy Club, an activity for seniors of the Middleburg Baptist Church, has been meeting on the first Thursday of each month at noon for lunch and activities. Over the years membership has grown and at the March 4th luncheon more than 70 members and friends celebrated the first "Senior's St. Patrick's Day Lunch."

Members of the Board of Directors of the Community Center joined together to prepare and serve the luncheon and to celebrate St. Patrick's Day with Joy Club members and guests. Drawings for many prizes added to the fun. Long-time leaders and members including Bryan Wright, Nancy Olson, Snooks and Thelma Swain, Betty Leach, Betty Patterson and Gloria Dawson are just a few of the local leaders and friends with the group.

Joy Club's First St. Patrick's Day Celebration

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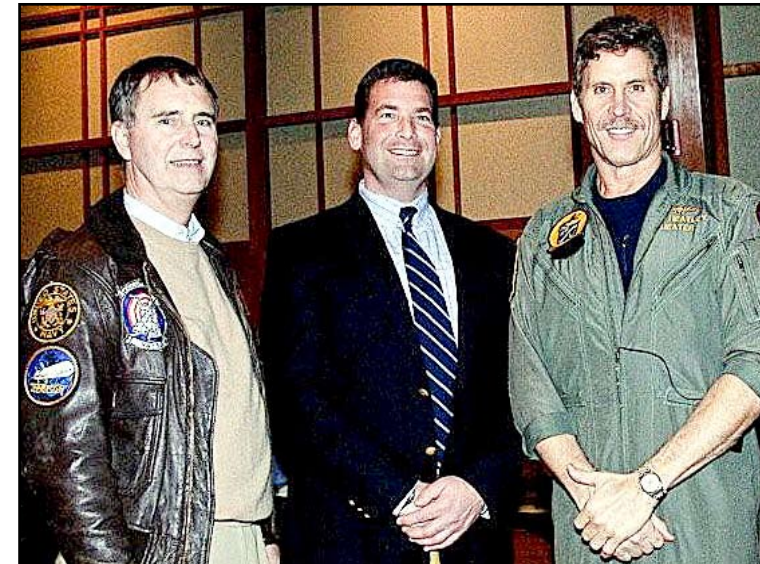


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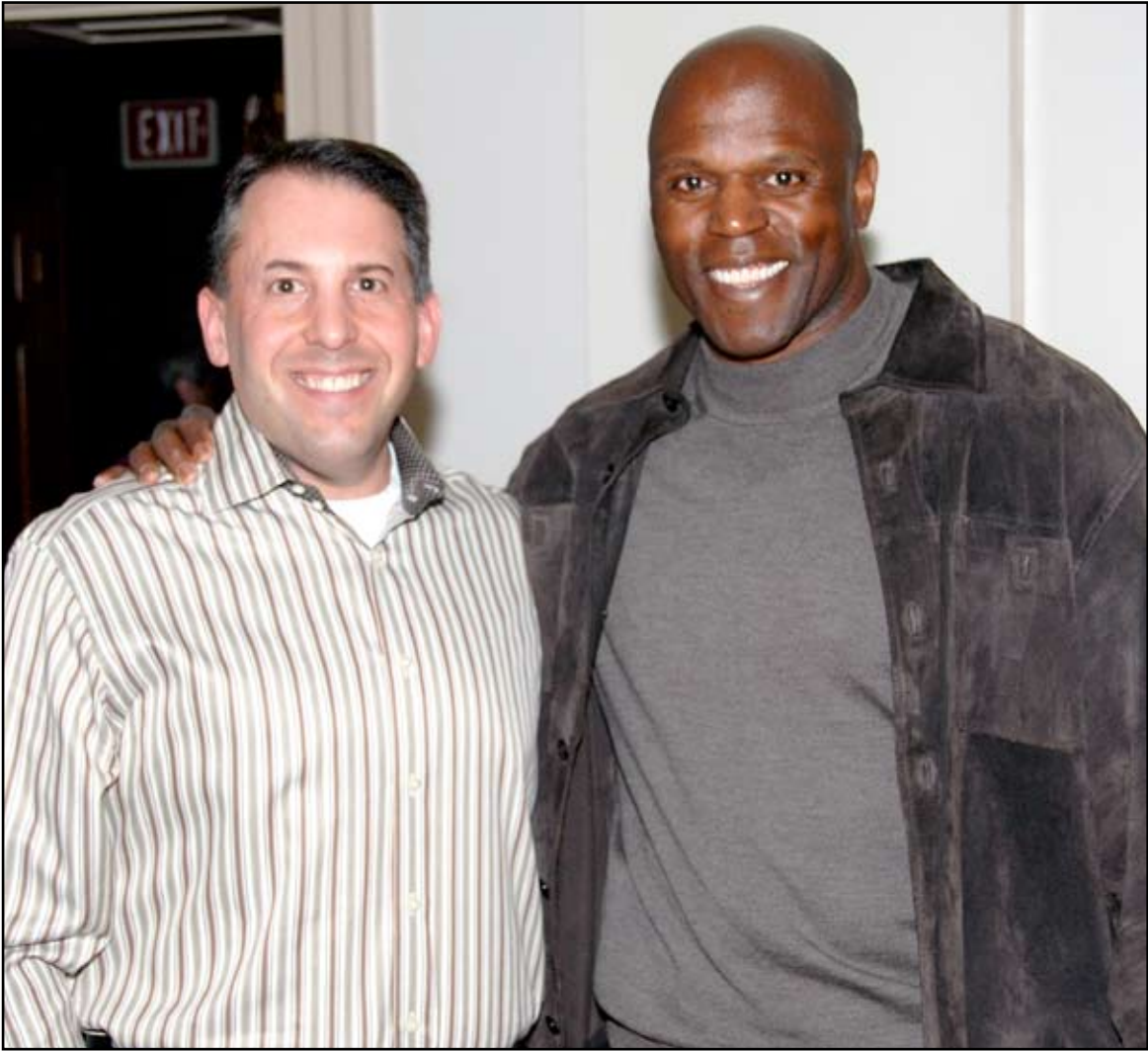
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LOCAL RESIDENTS HEAD TO THE GOLD CUP—NO, NOT THAT GOLD CUP

SARA ORRICK

To most in Middleburg and The Plains, you say Gold Cup and people instantly know what you are talking about—that grand spring tradition and fixture on the area social calendar when tailgates, big hats and 40,000 of your closest friends converge around the best steeplechasers taking on the toughest timber course in Virginia. This year, however, a few local residents got the chance to join racing legend Billy Turner on a trip to a different Gold Cup—the Sandy Lane Gold Cup in Barbados.

The Sandy Lane Gold Cup is a premiere racing event in the Caribbean and is the place to be the first Saturday in March. Originally a competition to find the fastest horse in the islands, it has grown into a \$100,000, Grade 1 race contested over 9 furlongs on the quirky turf course at Barbados' Garrison Savannah. Throw in the bands, island dancers, unparalleled rum drinks, generous hosts and it's no wonder this festive event draws horses and spectators alike from far afield.

The group's escape from our winter of record snowfall to a land of sunny skies, sleek horses and umbrella drinks had its origins at a polo match last summer in The Plains, where long time resident Jessica Rich and fiancé Tom Gorman struck up a conversation with Barbados Ambassador John Beale. Turns out that Ambassador Beale (who conveniently travels with a bottle of fine Barbados rum) is a big fan of horse sports and enjoys getting out of the Washington environs whenever possible to spend a day in the countryside. He sees a connection between the deep-rooted equestrian traditions of Virginia and the passion for horses found in his home country.

Encouraged by the success of the Gold Cup visit and confident of his island's natural and cultural assets, the Ambassa-

dor is looking to invite a larger group next year and add some polo matches to round out a lavish weekend of horses, sun and, of course, plenty of rum. Also in the works are plans to bring some folks from Barbados to participate in one or more of the Washington-area polo events this season. He sees the exchange as "a terrific way to raise awareness of all that Barbados has to offer, and connect people who share a passion for horses and the equestrian lifestyle".

Fast Facts

In Barbados, the horses run to the right.

Best Time for Horse Sports—the polo & race seasons run from December-April.

Not to be Missed—Sentebale Polo Cup with Prince Harry (January) Gold Cup races (March), Jaeger Le Coultre Barbados Open (mid-March)

Get a Leg Up—If you aren't ready to field a polo team to challenge Barbados, try a lesson at Apes Hill or a trail ride on the wild and rural east coast.

Where to Stay—There is nothing quite like Sandy Lane. In addition to being a breathtaking, luxurious resort, it is also the sponsor of the Gold Cup races—providing free shuttles to the track & post-race entertainment by the sea.

Dinner—After a long day of pony play, try Nishi for some of the most creative and delicious sushi around; it also has a stellar Bistro menu. Friday nights can't be beat with live music by the outside bar.

For Sunday Brunch—Head to the seaside Round House for local Bajan cuisine and to watch the best surfing in Barbados.

Après Polo—Much like polo here, parties and socializing continues field-side long after the matches have wrapped up.



A RACING ICON HONORED IN BARBADOS—SEATTLE SLEW TRAINER BILLY TURNER, WIFE PATTI AND LOCAL RIDER JESSICA RICH WERE AMONG THOSE INVITED BY AMBASSADOR JOHN BEALE AND BARBADOS TURF CLUB PRESIDENT SIR DAVID SEALE TO ATTEND THE SANDY LANE GOLD CUP RACES ON MARCH 6TH. THE TRIO IS PICTURED HERE WITH PRIME MINISTER DAVID THOMPSON AROUND TURNER'S HISTORIC TRIPLE CROWN TROPHY



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After being stranded during the blizzard of 2010, many of us realized there were certain items we wished we had on hand. For many it was more flashlight batteries, a generator, rock salt and more hand and foot warmers. For pet owners, this list also included more pet food, more grain and hay, more trough heaters, extension cords, and last but not least, provisions for pet emergen-

cies.

The first emergency I attended in the snowstorm was a choke in an old horse. The owner did not have any medication to treat the horse, even though the horse had choked several times in the past. Choke for those of you who aren't familiar with this condition in horses, is when food material gets stuck in the esophagus. The horse can breathe but can't swallow. This very painful condition can lead to aspiration pneumonia or esophageal rup-

ture. Sometimes a mild sedative can relieve a choke. I was the only veterinarian close enough who could still drive; however, if I hadn't been able to get to the horse, there would have been little hope for its survival.

The next emergency was a particularly unlucky horse that managed to step through a cinder block and was wearing a twenty-pound ankle bracelet in three feet of snow. Fortunately, this owner was one of my clients and had a mild sedative on hand to give to the horse. After the horse was sedated, the block was split and all ended well.

The next call came at the peak of the storm, when no one could move except the snowplows. This was the dreaded colic call. Luckily for this horse, this was a mild colic and my client was able to provide the correct medication to relieve the pain.

Just when I thought it was

over, a frantic phone call from a small animal client. A rambunctious rottweiler ate a package of rat poison. I instructed the owner to give hydrogen peroxide to make the dog vomit. The dog vomited the rat poison and the owner saved the dog!

The rule of thumb is to always call your veterinarian before you do anything or give anything to your pet. Talk to your veterinarian about having certain medications on hand, especially if your pet has an existing medical condition.

Tally Oaks Veterinary Service, in an effort to make our clients better prepared for pet emergencies, offers a small animal and an equine first aid kit. Both kits contain over forty items: medical equipment (thermometer, stethoscope, hemostats, bandage scissors, etc.), wound care products (sterile saline, surgical scrub, gauze squares, etc.), bandaging

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Hopefully it will be another seven years before another blizzard, but having a first aid kit for your pets will always come in handy and will give you great peace of mind.

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CELEBRATE NATIONAL WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD AT MIDDLEBURG COMMUNITY CENTER

Parents, teachers, caregivers and other adults play important roles in the lives of young children and the Week of the Young Child celebrates their efforts to provide young children with literacy and a foundation for learning and learning.

Loudoun County Parks, Recreation and Community Services at Middleburg Community Center will join the National Association for the Education of Young People to celebrate the National Week of the Young Child April 11-17.

"The Week of the Young Child" is an opportunity for early childhood programs across the country to orga-

nize activities that raise public awareness about the needs of young children.

Early reading development is crucial to a child's success in school.

Children who enter school with large vocabularies start school ahead of children who have not been exposed to early literacy programs.

In an effort to reach out and give local children the early literacy foundation they need to succeed in school, Middleburg Community Center Preschool will host an Usborne Book fair in the Lobby of the Community Center, Tuesday April 13th and Wednesday April 14th from 9am to 3pm.

An Usborne Book Sales

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According to the National Association for The Education of Young Children, preschool programs that properly stimulate and nurture a young child's mind will result in better prepared children by the time they start school.

All young children need and deserve high quality early learning experiences that will prepare them for life. Loudoun County Parks, Recreation and Community Services offers a State Licensed Early Childhood Preschool program at

Middleburg Community Center for ages 2.5 to 5.

To recognize the importance of early learning and to showcase our early childhood program we will have an Open House on Wednesday, April 14th from 4pm-7PM. Our staff of early childhood professionals will be on hand to discuss your child's needs and assist you as you search for a program that is right for your child and your family.

National Week of the Young Child is a time to recognize the needs of young children, but it is also a time to thank the adults involved in their education and care.. We would like you to help us in publicly acknowledge the con-

tributions of parents, teachers, caregivers and other individuals.

If you know someone who should receive a "Champion of Young Children Award" please send your nominations to Middleburg Community Center Preschool, PO Box 888, Middleburg, VA or email sheri.conrad@loudoun.gov by April 16th.

Please include the nominee's name and a brief description of his or her contribution to young children. We will publicly thank all the nominees in the May issue of the Middleburg Eccentric.

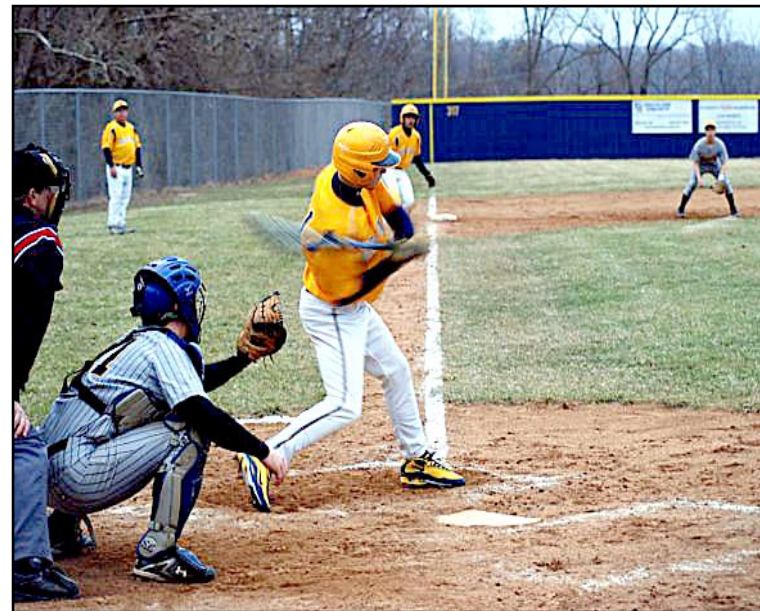
NOTRE DAME ACADEMY OPENS VARSITY BASEBALL SEASON

The 2010 Notre Dame Academy Dragons Baseball season home opener against Warren County H.S. was an exciting start to the new season and the inaugural game for new Head Coach Brett Fuller. Starting pitcher Kendall Ulmer (Junior) showed that he was up to the task with a promising start, allowing only one earned run while scattering six hits, striking out seven and walking one. Connor Smedile (Junior) led the Dragons going 2 for 2, with a Double and a Triple, two runs scored, and 2 Walks. His brilliant defense kept the game close as he ran down a blast to deep left-center to rob Warren County's A. Nicholson of an extra base hit. Short Stop Brian Balagurchik (Senior) batted in one run on a deep drive to right field with Ulmer and Yun Shin (Junior) registering the other RBIs. The Dragons led for four

innings but Warren County fought back and pulled ahead in the 6th inning before reliever Daniel Goldstein (Junior) mopped up for the Dragons. Goldstein also started a comeback effort to lead off the bottom of the 7th inning with a base hit, followed by another by right fielder, Yun Shin— sending Goldstein to 3rd. With the tying run at second, Connor Smedile drew an intentional walk, but the Dragons were unable to score, falling to visiting Warren County 4-3.

The Dragons bounced back from their opening day loss with a vengeance. Senior, Brian Balagurchik pitched 5 innings of 1 hit shutout baseball with the help of a solid defensive effort. Notre Dame didn't waste any time in getting their offense fired up, with runners at 2nd and 3rd and 1 out, Junior 1st baseman Evan Woods ripped a double to deep left center,

driving in 2 runs. The Randolph Macon Yellow Jackets threatened in the 3rd and 4th innings, with runners at 3rd but Balagurchik got them to ground out to the infield to shut them down. With runners at 2nd and 3rd in the bottom of the 4th inning, Junior Center Fielder, Connor Smedile beat out an infield ground ball hit to the Jackets Short Stop, driving in 1 run and then drew a throw on his attempted steal of 2nd, resulting in another run and another runner in scoring position. Smedile took 3rd base too, and Junior Short Stop Kendall Ulmer drew a walk. The Jackets' defense quickly began to unravel as Balagurchik and Woods continued the torrid offensive pace which was capped off with a 2 run base hit to right field by Junior Catcher Daniel Anderson. The Dragons held on defense to wrap up a convincing 8-0 win.



NOTRE DAME ACADEMY PARTICIPATED IN THE 10TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT ART COMPETITION

The competition was held on March 12 at the George Washington University Virginia Science and Technology Campus, in Ashburn. Four students won awards in their respective categories including:

Freshman, Lauren Pak, Second Prize (Collage);

Sophomore, Pete Duran, Second Prize (Photography);

Senior, Kelsey Shevock, Third Prize (Computer Art);

And Junior, Travis Kim, Honorable Mention (Computer Art).

Fifteen high schools from the 10th District took part in this year's competition. More than three hundred works of art were submitted by 151 students.

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The best part is that raw diets are now widely available and mainstream, so buying raw food is a snap. There are also lots and lots of protein choices and nutrition experts now agree that rotating proteins is the best approach for pets. I know I'm happy about that because eating the same thing every single day would

be really boring!

It is true that raw pet food should be handled safely. People should wash their hands afterwards, just like they do when they prepare meat for themselves. Dogs and cats, however, react to bacteria much differently than our human friends. Our digestive tracts are much shorter and we have tons of anti-bacterial agents that people just don't have. Because of that, eating a raw diet is perfectly safe for almost all of us.

My people have seen just how much their customers' pets thrive on raw diets. Highly resistant ear infections have cleared up, coats have become lustrous, energy levels have soared and people are simply amazed. When you think about it, it makes perfect sense. Even the very best kibble is extremely processed.

Feeding food that is this pure can cost a little more, of course, but not as much as you might think. There are frequent buyer programs that can reduce costs, and it's not necessary to feed a diet that is exclusively raw. Even a small amount of raw food seems to

be beneficial, so a combination of raw and kibble or raw and canned is a step in the right direction.

Another great way to introduce this diet is with raw bones. It's very important, however, to understand which bones are best for your pet. Some bones should not be fed raw. That's why it's a safe bet to buy bones that are sold as frozen raw bones for pets. Dogs love them and they do wonders for our teeth!

Lots of people ask if it's okay to cook raw food. In my book, it's not a good idea. Heat can destroy or degrade a lot of the nutrients. It may seem strange to people that we enjoy raw meat, but to us, it's dee-lish!

If you haven't considered a raw diet for your pet, you should definitely look into it. Tonight, I'm having bison. No, maybe pheasant. No, maybe venison. Arghhh, it's so hard to decide!

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

DOGGIE & ME GROUP FITNESS CLASS

Canine College, owned and operated by Jayme DesDunes opened in Middleburg, Virginia in 1993. The main goal has always been to help people live a more cohesive life with their dogs. Through obedience training, and behavioral management, DesDunes has developed a very successful board training program that has done just that. "I know I am doing something right when families bring me their next generation of dogs". It is important to me that they know they can always count on me for the lifetimes of their dogs and any dogs that come after".

"Not too much has changed in all these years, jokes DesDunes. In 2007 she moved Canine College to Marshall, Virginia. And in 2008, DesDunes and her husband welcomed a third child to the clan. DesDunes, joined a fitness program for mom and fun for baby, Stroller Strides of Warren-ton to help lose those extra baby pounds. Owner and instructor, Langdon Harris Johnston, and DesDunes hit it off right away. "My life is forever changed. I love working out, feeling strong and fit and having a wonderful support group to help

me along the way," states DesDunes. "It was one silly comment about how fun this would be to do with dogs and voila, Doggie & Me Fitness was born!"

Langdon Harris Johnston will be your personal trainer. She is an ACE certified and a group fitness instructor at Chestnut Forks Athletic Club and owner of Stroller Strides of Warren-ton. Johnston's personal training business, Equibaby Conditioning Fitness is the clever design of cross training for the equestrienne

The class combines a fitness routine, made up of circuits and quick walks or runs with canine. Dogs are always on command and the owner is always moving. All exercises can be modified to meet your fitness level but our goal is to challenge both you and your dog throughout the class. The interval training approach that we use is one that benefits both owner and best friend. It increases heart rate strength, core stability and requires your dog to obey commands such as heel, sit, down and stay.

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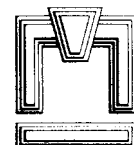
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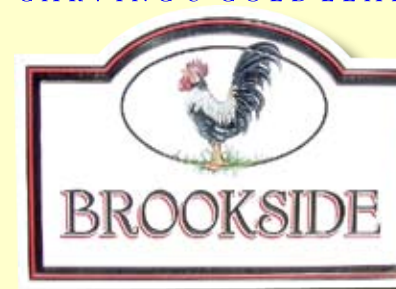
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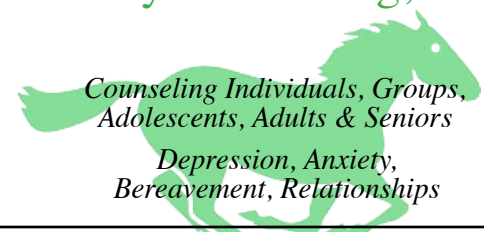
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Harborvale
Middleburg, Virginia

51 acres in Orange County Hunt located just minutes from town surrounded by large farms off the highly sought-after Zulla Road. Interior renovations have begun. Charming stone cottage, 3 car garage, stable and tenant house are all in need of renovation but will make a fine estate. Currently in two parcels. \$3,200,000.

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Conde Road
Marshall, Virginia

Stunning home perched on 8+ acres in heart of Fauquier. Perfect first floor master overlooking stately pool and plantings. Gourmet kitchen, separate dining room, library, family room. Two private bedroom suites with baths on lower level with entertainment room, wet bar and sitting room. 4 fireplaces, 3-car garage. Lovely vistas. \$895,000.

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Dakota
Middleburg, Virginia

87 private acres of rolling fields. This fieldstone and stucco house exhibits quality from the past featuring a reclaimed-timber barn transformed into an intimate family room overlooking two expansive ponds. Well-designed home includes an incomparable custom kitchen, antique beams, lovely first floor master suite and 4 bedrooms. Additional finished space below includes the media room, bar, exercise facility and generous storage. 3-car garage, in-law suite, 3-stall barn and generator. \$4,800,000.



The Moorings
Millwood, Virginia

An enchanting country setting on 78 +/- acres. Very private. Graceful house (ca.1915) and lawn at the end of a long drive, high on a gentle hill with wonderful views east to the Blue Ridge. 4 bedrooms, 4 baths, sleeping porches. Har-Tru tennis court, pool, cottage and small barn with 3 stalls. Strong creek on property. \$2,150,000.

Tom Cammack (540) 247-5408



St. Louis Road
Purcellville, Virginia

Solid brick colonial located between Middleburg and Purcellville. 4 bedroom home with hardwood floors throughout, 3 1/2 baths, open kitchen and family room with wood burning fireplace, bright sunroom, large unfinished basement. Mature plantings surround the pool and gazebo. Gorgeous bank barn with space for an apartment above. \$850,000.

Margaret Carroll (540) 454-0650



Southpaw Place
Leesburg, Virginia

Beautifully built approx 11,000 sf home on 34+ acres. Unusual opportunity to have so much land in this location. Every possible upgrade available, gourmet kitchen, massive master bedroom suite, 6 fireplaces, almost 4,000 sf finished basement, great outdoor space for entertaining, wraparound porch, stone terraces, patios and firepit, pastoral views, creek, woods and 4 board fencing. \$2,900,000.

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Cheshire
Marshall, Virginia

Gorgeous mountain views overlooking 15.5 acres of open land with 1/4 acre spring fed pond and private dock. Unmatched French country design with unique timber frame interior of reclaimed Douglas Fir from the Pacific Northwest and wide plank Teak floors. 5 bedrooms including a full in-law suite make up the 6,700 sf of finished living space with an energy efficient "green" approach. Exceptional house with fine finishes, 11' + ceilings and two story stone fireplace. Attached 4 bay garage. \$1,395,000.

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Rectortown
Rectortown, Virginia

Charm and light abound in this circa 1850 brick Federal boasting a perfect location in the heart of historic Rectortown. All new baths and kitchen, large LR, separate DR, front porch, 2 FPs, stone cellar, terrace, out-buildings, extensive boxwoods, hydrangea and peonies on a cleared one acre lot, backs up to open fields. Convenient to Middleburg and I-66. \$849,000.

Andrew Motion (540) 454-3466



1780 Quaker Barn
Philomont, Virginia

Historic Quaker stone barn built in 1780 has been completely restored and updated in the last two years to become a four-five bedroom, 3 1/2 bath home with 3 fireplaces. The vaulted ceilings expose 40' hand hewn beams and original barn timbers. Stunning lower level reveals chestnut log beams, fieldstone walls and flagstone floors. Top of the line finishing throughout is further enhanced by the reclaimed stone façade surrounding the pool, terrace and outdoor fireplace. There is approx. 8,500 sq. ft. of living space with another 2,500 sq. ft. available to be finished. \$1,950,000.

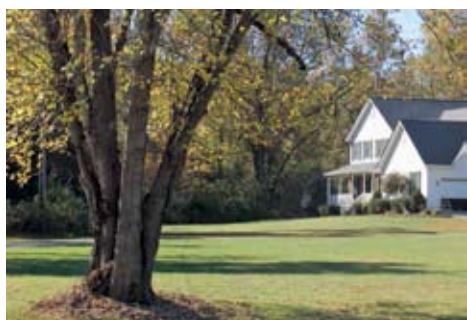
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Beaver Creek
Purcellville, Virginia

Hilltop setting with panoramic views on 11.48 acres. 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath frame Colonial, 2 gas fireplaces, hardwood floors throughout, wraparound front porch, tiered decks off rear of home lead to pool and cabana. Improvements include barn, shop and board fencing. Mature landscaping. \$1,150,000.

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River Dell
Boyce, Virginia

Private, well-maintained 2 story home on Shenandoah River, with private, easy access to river, surrounded by horse farms. Lovely outdoor setting combines open space with partially wooded acres. Wildlife abounds. Home very energy efficient. Basement includes comfortable family room with gas fireplace and separate game room. Great retreat from the city. \$480,000.

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OAK STREAM, MIDDLEBURG, VA

Located just minutes from the town of Middleburg, this gracious English Country home is surrounded by 66 acres of rolling fields, stone walls, majestic oaks and Kirk Branch Stream meandering throughout the property. A wonderful open, one level, floor plan with 4 spacious bedrooms and 4 full baths. Separate 3 bedroom cottage, garden shed, 4 bay garage plus 2 barns and run-in. Very private. \$3,400,000.

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Very creative and lovely country house on 44 park-like acres in the Orange County Hunt near Middleburg. Residence, with 2 bedrooms, is constructed in the footprint of a centuries old water mill. Wonderful views of beautiful landscaping and Cromwell's Run which traverses the property. Separate suite in the lower level with private stone terrace. Greenhouse, equipment buildings, stone garden house. Superb weekend retreat or hunt box. \$2,200,000.

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WOODFORD, WARRENTON, VA

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LIME KILN ROAD, MIDDLEBURG, VA

Magnificent stone and brick custom built colonial on 5 wooded acres just outside of Middleburg. Easy access to Dulles. Lovely private setting surrounded by mature forest and large farms and estates. Fine materials used throughout home with slate patios and walks, fabulous home office/au pair suite, 7.5 baths, and 5 fireplaces. \$1,699,900.

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THE FURR FARM, ALDIE, VA

96.692 acres offering a c. 1812 frame house (in need of restoration) and a collection of agricultural outbuildings. The property contains the core area of the Aldie Battlefield. It is in conservation easement with the Commonwealth of VA Board of Historic Resources. There is a beautiful 10-acre building envelope offering exquisite views of the Bull Run Mountains. \$1,500,000.

Gloria Armfield 540-687-2223



WEST WIND FARM, CASTLETON, VA

43 acre working llama farm with Thornton River frontage and lovely mountain views. The 3 bedroom, 2 bath residence boasts a gourmet kitchen, 2 fireplaces and indoor endless pool. The land is in two parcels with half of the acreage being open. Extensive, fenced rotational pastures, 18 paddocks, 2 barns, 2 equipment sheds, run-in's and a farm manager's office. Ideal for a horse, sheep, cattle or goat farm. \$945,000.

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TRAFALGAR PLACE, WARRENTON, VA

Well-built solid brick home in the highly sought after community of Waterloo South. 5,000+ square feet of finished living space with 4 bedrooms and 4 baths. Quality finishes include wood floors, crown moldings, wainscoting, high ceilings and 3 fireplaces. Beautifully landscaped 1+ acre lot. \$699,000.

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FIREFLY COTTAGE, THE PLAINS, VA

The perfect, sought after country retreat. Escape to this adorable, totally renovated cottage in Rectortown. Superb views! Watch sunsets from the large front porch. Curl up by the cozy fireplace. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, chef's kitchen, granite, stainless steel. Large back deck. Peaceful setting in Virginia's most beautiful hunt country. \$695,000.

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CLAYS CLOVE FARM, MARSHALL, VA

On the western edge of this lovely fully fenced 18 acre farm lies Carters Run babbling out the window. The one bedroom farmhouse is huge and nicely set in the woods across from the one bedroom guest house and big storage garage. Across the meadow is a big new 2 stall barn with overhang/tack room/H & C H2O and electric. Coops and jumps dot the field - really good ride-out. In the Warrenton Hunt. \$595,000.

Gloria Rose Ott 540-454-4394



BLOSSOM HILL, MIDDLEBURG, VA

Lovely comfortable contemporary residence in a terrific Middleburg location with great privacy. It is on just under 2 acres and has a charming living room/dining room "L" with a fireplace, bookshelves and built in cupboards and drawers. There are 4 bedrooms and an artist's studio with excellent north light. The back yard is fenced and the grounds have mature planting and trees. Blossom Hill offers good cheer, comfort and convenience. \$510,000.

Carole Miller 540-687-2233



THE LAST RESORT, WASHINGTON, VA

Charming contemporary home on 25 acres with gorgeous views of the Blue Ridge and the piedmont. Just outside Little Washington, this 2 bedroom mountain retreat boasts frontage on the Rush River and a direct view of Big Devil's Staircase. An open floor plan with skylight and cozy woodstove makes this an easy to maintain weekend home. \$525,000.

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