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NEW MIDDLEBURG MUSEUM TO BE NATIONAL TREASURE, LAND PRESERVATION CHAMPION AND HUNT COUNTRY FLAGSHIP



No one driving through Middleburg in the past few months could possibly miss the impressive renovation and expansion of the Vine Hill property at the corner of The Plains Road and Washington Street.

The beautiful old home is being buffed and coiffed to a fair-the-well as the National Sporting Library (NSL) expands to become the country's first fine arts museum devoted to sporting art. Scheduled to open in the autumn of 2011, the new museum is destined to become a 'must-visit' destination for scholars and museum lovers around the world.

The National Sporting Library has long been a world-class destination for scholars and collectors, and is regarded by experts in the field as the sporting book equivalent of the illuminated manuscript library in New York, the Morgan Library Museum founded by J. Pierpont Morgan.

The NSL founded in 1954 by George L. Ohrstrom, Senior, president of the Orange County Hunt and Alexander Mackay-Smith, then editor of *The Chronicle of the Horse*, to preserve

and to share the art, literature and culture of horse and field sports. Ohrstrom, Sr., and Mackay-Smith were avid sporting book collectors, and they wanted their collections and those of their friends, to remain intact and available for use after their death.

Over time, not only many fine books and manuscripts, but many important examples of sporting art were given to the Library.

Today, The Library's Sporting Art Collection requires much more public wall space than the limited exhibition space the Library can provide. Many collectors who have indicated they would like to leave their sporting art to the Library are excited and encouraged by the addition of the National Sporting Art Museum (NSAM).

The Ohrstrom Legacy

After the death of his father, George L. Ohrstrom, Jr., took over the reins at the Na-

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LAND TRUST OF VIRGINIA HONORS PIEDMONT LANDOWNERS



Rose Marie Bogley, Sandy Lerner and Linda Porter were recently recognized with conservation awards from the Land Trust of Virginia. Each of the prominent landowners received framed aerial photographs of their property at the organization’s annual ‘Garden Party to Save Virginia’s Countryside.’

The Land Trust of Virginia (LTV) is a nationally accredited

non-profit land trust that protects the open space and natural and historic resources in Virginia.

Rose Marie Bogley of Bollingbrook in Fauquier was named Landowner of the Year in recognition of her commitment to preserve one of Virginia’s most spectacular properties, Bollingbrook, her beautiful 365-acre farm near Upperville. She placed her farm in easement with LTV in December of 2009.



The easement protects the estate’s extraordinary scenic agricultural open space, historic resources and other conservation values and represents another key piece in the effort to protect Upperville, one of Virginia’s most historic villages.

Sandy Lerner was recognized as LTV Steward of the Year for her careful, environmentally sensitive stewardship of Ayrshire Farm, her 900-acre property in

southwestern Loudoun County. Since placing her property in easement in 2004, Sandy has been an exemplary steward of the land.

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THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES

Town Council honored outgoing council members Lisa Patterson and Judith Pryor Plescow at its regular monthly meeting on June 10. Their terms expire on June 30, 2010.

Patterson had long been a member of the Town's Planning Commission, and served as Town Council's official liaison to that body. Mayor Davis noted Patterson's service with the Board of Zoning Appeals, her work on the annual "Christmas in Middleburg" program, the Bluemont Concerts, Foxcroft Alumnae Weekends, Project Helping Hand and the town's Annual Sidewalk Sales, and her on-going membership in the Middleburg Business & Professional Association.

Plescow was appointed to the Town Council in August 2008 to fill the remainder of Council member Karen Robinson's term. Mayor Davis praised her ongoing support of town events and activities, noting especially her work with the town's Farmers Market Committee and Ad-hoc Marketing Committee.

Both Patterson and Plescow chose not to run for reelection. Both will receive a coveted, official, Middleburg paperweight in honor of their hard work and ongoing service. Write-in candidates David B. Stewart and Kevin Hazard will

take their seats on Council effective July 1.

Town Covers Employee Pensions

Also effective July 1, 2010, is a new Virginia Retirement System that could require covered town employees to make a 5% annual "contribution" to the program. Retired Town Administrator Jerry Schiro, acting in his new advisory capacity, noted that, by adopting a simple resolution, the town could continue to cover 100% of those costs. Council unanimously approved a motion by Mark Snyder to that effect

Salamander Bond Reduced

Council unanimously approved a reduction of \$1,517,723 in the performance bond held by the town in anticipation of completion of the Salamander Resort and Spa project.

The 40% reduction, from \$3,673,468 to \$2,155,745, leaves the Town holding three separate Salamander performance and contingency bonds: \$1,085,884 covering the main construction site; \$577,633 covering promised sanitary sewer and water projects; and a \$522,228 inflation-adjusted contingency bond

Salamander had requested

a significantly larger reduction, according to Town Planner and Zoning Administrator David Beniamino, including a total refund of the bonds held by the town pending completion of the town's new water systems.

Despite virtual completion of the new water and sewer projects, Beniamino recommended, and Council approved, only a 50% reduction, noting that the Salamander Inn and Spa were not scheduled to open until 2012. Because the new water and sewer lines might well "... sit unused for eighteen months to two years" Beniamino told council, "the staff was concerned that the facilities would deteriorate.

Fireworks Funded

Council unanimously approved continuation of its annual \$750 contribution to the Middleburg Community Center's 4th of July fireworks display. Noting that the celebration was one of the highlights of the summer, Council appropriated the money from its Economic Development Budget.

Council Member Mark Snyder joined his fellow Council Members in approving the appropriation and then, immediately, wrote a personal check matching a third of the Town's contribution. "It couldn't be spent for a better cause, or a

more worthy celebration," he said. "It's the Fourth of July."

Approvals for Windy Hill

Council unanimously approved a Windy Hill Foundation request for a zoning location permit to build a three hundred sixteen square foot addition to their community center room in the Llewellyn Village Apartments.

The expansion will allow Windy Hill to enlarge and improve its well respected after-school programs, and provide improved facilities for the residents of its award-winning building.

Kim Hart, Executive Director of the Foundation and President of Windy Hill Development thanked Council, and noted that the original Llewellyn Village facility had been built fifteen years ago.

Recently, he continued, the Foundation applied for Virginia Housing Development Authority tax credits and were awarded credits worth \$650,000.

Those funds will allow the construction of a new roof and walls, and the installation of new energy-efficient windows, and HVAC systems that will make Llewellyn Village a certified green buildings.

That, he said, will give Middleburg not only the County's first certified green apart-

ment buildings, but the first certified green multi-family buildings.

Because of Loudoun's high average household, incomes, Hart noted, it can be difficult, and sometimes impossible to get government funding for affordable, workforce or low-income housing.

Thanks to help provided by Senator Mark Warner and many others, Hart noted, the message finally got through that not everyone in Loudoun County was rich

All tenants at Llewellyn Village pay one-third of their income in rent, he noted. Government pays the balance, making the Village the only guaranteed subsidized housing units in town. Before the opening of Windy Hill's Levis House, more than half of the tenants in the Llewellyn Village Apartments were elderly, Hart noted, and only nine children under the age of eighteen lived there. Now there are thirty-nine young residents.

Windy Hill does its best to help these young families, and works closely with the Middleburg Elementary School, the Community Center, and many other organizations and institutions in and around Middleburg. The Council's approval of the expansion of the community center room, he concluded, would help a lot.

PROJET AVIATION HOSTS GRAND OPENING



PICTURED L-R: LEESBURG TOWN COUNCILMAN, KEN REID; VIRGINIA STATE SENATOR JILL HOLTZMAN VOGEL; PROJÉT CEO, SHYE GILAD; LEESBURG MAYOR, KRISTEN UMSTATTD; PHILANTHROPIST, MS. SHEILA C. JOHNSON; SUPERVISOR, KELLY BURK; AND LEESBURG TOWN COUNCILMAN, MARTY MARTINEZ.

On June 2nd, 2010, ProJet Aviation, a Metro-DC area aircraft management and worldwide charter company, hosted a grand opening and ribbon-cutting ceremony for their new Jet Center at Leesburg Executive Airport (JYO). Six corporate aircraft are already based at the facility, which features over 25,000 square feet of hangar and office space. The new facility serves as the principal base of operations for ProJet's growing fleet of charter aircraft, as a complement to the company's existing

flight operations in Winchester and Manassas Virginia. ProJet also sells Jet Fuel at Leesburg through a partnership with AvFuel.

Highlighting the event were guest speeches from entrepreneur and philanthropist Sheila C. Johnson, Virginia State Senator Jill Holtzman Vogel, Leesburg Mayor Kristen C. Umstattd, Supervisor Kelly Burk (Leesburg District), and Executive Airport Director Timothy B. Deike.

MIDDLEBURG BAPTIST SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

The Middleburg Baptist Church continues its summer concert series with another performance on Sunday, June 13 at 4:30 pm. Vertical Praise, a contemporary gospel group from Charlottesville, VA, will be performing. The concert will be held on the church grounds, and a free picnic

will follow.

The concert series continues with Calvary's Mercy, a southern gospel group with four-part harmony, performing on July 18, and Greater Love, a well-known gospel group from Central, VA, performing on August 15. All concerts will be held on the church grounds at 4:30 pm, with a free

picnic to follow. Everyone is welcome!

Middleburg Baptist Church is located at 209 East Federal Street in the heart of historic Middleburg. Contact the church office for more information (540-687-5222).

"DOG DAY IN THE PLAINS" TO BENEFIT HUMANE FOUNDATION

A wide variety of activities are planned for Saturday, July 24, in The Plains, Virginia, to raise awareness and funds to support the work of the Middleburg Humane Foundation. Dubbed "Dog Day in The Plains," the event will take place from 11:00am until 3:00pm at several locations along Main Street. Admission is free, but donations to MHF would be appreciated.

The Middleburg Humane Foundation is a private nonprofit farm shelter, located between Marshall and The Plains, that specializes in the rescue, rehabilitation and adoption of abused, neglected and at-risk animals.

Planned activities include an ice-cream social; a puppet-show "opera" called The Barker of Seville, presented by Bluemont

and the Blue Sky Puppet Theatre; book-signings by three local authors of pet-themed books; a dog agility demonstration; raffles, prizes, and give-aways. Representatives of the Middleburg Humane Foundation will be on hand with dogs available for adoption and information on animal rescue and pet care. The event is being coor-

minated by The Plains Main Street merchants, who will also run pet-themed promotions in their shops and donate a portion of their sales proceeds for that day. Other sponsors include The Fauquier Bank, Tri-County Feeds, Nature's Variety, WellPet, Natura Pet Products, and Larkspur Services.

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tional Sporting Library. He led the Library for the next 48 years.

"He was the guiding force behind this magnificent institution," emphasized Manuel H. Johnson, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the NSL.

Until now a museum specializing in Sporting Art has not had a formal home in the United States. The National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame in Saratoga, NY, focuses on the thoroughbred racing, but there is not a museum dedicated to sporting art.

Such art has sometimes found a place, but seldom a focus, in the many museums and universities where it has been received as a part of legacy giving.

Past exhibitions, lectures and symposia at the NSL

have included sporting art of all kinds: panoramic paintings, etchings and watercolors, bronze sculptures, decorative objects and artifacts. These pieces were sometimes borrowed from private collectors or institutions to enhance the exhibit and establish a visual context for the program.

"We have already mounted important exhibitions including shows from private collectors, such as, Joan Irvine-Smith and Elizabeth D. Clark as well as loans from museums like the Yale Center for British Art and the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts," said Curator of Fine Art F. Turner Reuter, Jr.

"With our new museum, however, we will be better able to display artwork in a space designed for optimal viewing, grow our collection, and share

how animal and sporting imagery is a reflection of the natural world."

The new National Sporting Art Museum is certain to attract an international audience of dedicated and interested visitors to Middleburg and to Hunt Country.

Whether you are an artist, a collector or an art lover, you understand the fundamental role art plays in the establishment of ideas and ideals.

"Land preservation and enthusiasm for country sport have always been fundamentally linked," Reuter continued.

"To protect land and its animals and to practice and preserve the traditions of country life have always been a way of life for me. I believe NSAM will create a broader understanding and deeper ap-

preciation of the history and cultural impact of field sports and agrarian culture."

Reuter concluded, "If we're right, this initiative will be a tremendous asset to environmental preservation."

For those who are not yet familiar with Middleburg's National Sporting Library, this is an important moment to visit what is now regarded as a global treasure.

It is a non-profit institution that is open to the public Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. It attracts scholars and bibliophiles from all over the world who research topics as diverse as falconry and horses in warfare. It is an active participant in the Inter-Library Loan System, and regularly responds to requests from libraries around the country and the world for one of its comprehensive collection.

"Of our 17,000 books, 4,000 are in our Rare Book Room," NSL Chief Operating Officer Rick Stoutamyer explained.

"Over the years, the book collection has grown significantly. It is harder to find important, published sporting volumes that are not already in our Rare Book Room. For this reason, we are interested in adding manuscripts, unpublished papers and other unique items that researchers and scholars can have access to."

Housed in a discreet, beautiful building that offers reading rooms, open stacks, and an astounding rare book collection, the NSL is a major asset to Middleburg and to the world. The legacy of the leaders of Hunt Country are everywhere in evidence, whether it is an important painting of sportsman Lord Lonsdale or the Forest E. Mars, Sr. Exhibit Hall.

Treasures of the NSL

Nestled in the Rare Book Room are seven volumes of Audubon's first Octavo Edition published between 1840 and 1844 in which there are 500 hand-colored plates of the birds of North America.

Also in the Rare Book Room resides Captain Vladimir Littauer's personal collection of equestrian books. He arrived in New York City after the Russian Revolution and established a riding academy in Central Park. His collection was a gift to the NSL from his family.

Long after Teddy Roosevelt completed his "Riding to the Hounds on Long Island," article for Century Magazine, the hand-written manuscript with corrections was elegantly preserved in a beautiful red leather, gold embossed case. This delightful slip-cased document with a copy of the actual magazine is also found in the NSL's Rare Book Room.

"As stewards of so much significant original material,

the NSL has a responsibility to provide the broadest possible access to its collection." Reuter added, "After the successful publication of my own book 'Animal and Sporting Artists in America,' the Board has agreed to explore opening a publishing division with plans to print other volumes that exemplify our mission statement."

Recently, Sandra Swart, a South African writer was in the Library doing research for a history of women and horses. She was ecstatic about the NSL collection.

"I met Director of Research Elizabeth Tobey at a Renaissance Horses Conference in Roehampton, London and couldn't believe how much of what I needed for my next book was in Middleburg, Virginia," she remembered. "After a bit of research, I organized my trip to have four days here. Frankly, I could spend four weeks and still not have scratched the surface of this fabulous collection."

George "Frolic" Weymouth, founding director of the Brandywine Conservancy and Museum in Chadds Ford, Pennsylvania, emphasizes that sporting art represents the country's earliest instincts toward preservation and conservation.

"Expanding the NSL to include the Fine Arts Museum will be of immense value to preservationists. Its existence will ensure that the history of environmental and preservationist pursuits are understood by generations today and in the future."

"The story of carriage transportation, one of my passions, will be a small but historically significant chapter in both the Library and the new Museum," Weymouth added. "That delights me."

In the Eccentric's next article about the National Sporting Library's Fine Art Museum, you will learn much more about the collection strategy and philosophy, the beautiful building that is going up so quickly and the many Hunt Country leaders who have become stewards of the story of sport in the American countryside.

If you would like to discuss endowing one of the funds that are now being created for the National Sporting Library & Museum Portfolio, please contact Rick Stoutamyer at rstoutamyer@nsl.org. If you would like to discuss creating a legacy gift of art to the new Museum, Turner Reuter would be very pleased to answer your questions and give you a tour. You may contact Turner at treuter@nsl.org.

If you have not yet visited the current exhibit, 'The Lives of Dogs,' at the National Sporting Library, please plan to do so. The private collection of dog collars is only one aspect of this lovely exhibit that you will never forget.

THE MIDDLEBURG PLAYERS PRESENT "ANNIE"

The Middleburg Players are busy rehearsing for their summer production of the Broadway musical comedy "Annie." Come see this cast of thousands (well, 50) and Annie's dog Sandy (Kirby Kleinman). Performances will be at Upperville's Buchanan Hall Friday and Saturday evenings at 7:30

PM, July 23, 24 and July 30, 31, with Sunday matinees at 2:00 PM on July 25 and August 1. Tickets are \$25/ adults and \$15/children 12 and under. For reservations please call the Little River Inn at (703) 327-6742. Visit our website at www.middleburgplayers.com for more info.

CREIGHTON FARMS BREAKS GROUND ON NEW CLUBHOUSE



More than 100 members gathered, June 15, 2010, on a large field last Saturday at Creighton Farms, an exclusive residential golf community located in Virginia's historic Loudoun County, for the groundbreaking of a new 30,000-square-foot Clubhouse. Befitting the eighteen stunning golf holes designed by the legendary Jack Nicklaus and the spectacular gated community of estate homes and villas, the new Clubhouse will offer breathtaking views and overlook several holes of Creighton Farms' award-winning golf course.

"The Clubhouse groundbreaking is an historic and extremely exciting time for Creighton Farms," said David Southworth, President and CEO of Southworth Development. "Our vision of Creighton Farms has always included a world-class clubhouse, coupled with superior service and amenities, all of which make Creighton Farms a place where families can meet for generations to come."

Designed with a nod to the classic American Vernacular style of architecture, the warm and welcoming Clubhouse at Creighton Farms will be reminiscent of the rich tradition of the Virginia Piedmont, providing members and their guests a setting of refined yet relaxed elegance befitting one of the nation's finest clubs. The tri-level Clubhouse's main floor features a cozy pub, a grille room capable of seating up to 175 guests, a fully stocked golf shop, a library, and a billiards room. The lower level will consist of the Men's and Ladies' Locker Rooms, each with separate lounges and steam rooms, along with a state-of-the-art fitness center. Located on the upper level will be ten beautifully appointed club rooms, providing members and their guests with overnight accommodations that are second to none. Construction is now underway at on the Clubhouse at Creighton Farms, with a completion date set for August of 2011.

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EDITOR’S DESK

THE OIL SPILL DISASTER

Having spent a good part of my life at, on, and near the sea, and its peoples, I dread every day’s report of the ongoing tragedy that is the BP explosion and “oil spill” (if that’s what one calls a 65,000 barrel-a-day still un-controlled sea-floor gusher.)

While there’s plenty of blame to go around (and many willing to apportion it) the enormity of BP’s negligence is simply mind boggling. They make even Exxon seem saintly.

Indeed, depending on the source . . . and degree of safety-

BUILDING BRIDGES

For weeks now the Loudoun press, and much of the county’s historic preservation community has been writing and talking about the 1820 stone Toll House and bridge ruins, lying in a sad state of decay where the old Leesburg Pike crossed Broad Run Creek, near the intersection of modern routes 7 and 28.

Regardless of their views on development in general, or the Kin-cora development (just south of the 7/28 intersection) in particular, all agree that continued neglect of one of the country’s historic treasures borders on the criminal, or at the very least, the monumentally mis-demeanorous.

An appropriate, non-profit,

and-procedure “violation” . . . and just how “egregious” egregious is . . . BP appears to be, roughly, 700 to 800 times worse than most, if not all its competitors.

Once source, in fact cited BP for some 760 such “violations”, compared to 8 for Conoco Phillips, and 1 for Exxon.

Our hunger for oil is a deadly addiction, producing dependence on those who supply it and a desperate need to cater to their every need and whim.

We’ve paid for it for years. Sometimes in blood. Enough is enough.

501.c.3 organization can surely be found, or created, to take on the project.

If such an organization steps forward, willing to restore, manage and maintain the site, the developers of Kin-cora have offered to advance \$300,000 to pay for acquisition of the property and to build a pedestrian bridge across Broad Run to connect it to a planned trail linking the W&OD to the Potomac.

With or without Kin-cora, however, the Toll House needs a caretaker and benefactor. Please help. Contact your supervisor, your favorite 501.c.3, or both, and ask them to help you save the Toll House and Bridge.

THE BUCK STOPS HERE

FROM BEYOND THE BELTWAY

KEN RIETZ

The formula for crisis communication is simple.

The first step is to identify the problem and admit the mistake.

The second is to discuss the steps that will be taken to solve the problem.

The third step is to take action.

President Obama got the first part right

when he said at his press conference “ The Buck Stops With Me.” However, by declaring that “ we have been in charge From Day One,” of the oil spill, he focused attention on the wrong problem. There was no way for his Administration to plug the leak.

Despite Secretary Salizar’s promise to “keep our boot on the neck of BP”, threats and pressure would not plug

the hole.

After James Carville went on national television and called for Obama to take action, crying out “we’re dying down here,” Obama seemed to move. His campaign team in the White House got it wrong again. Instead of offering solutions they ramped up the attack on BP. After all, demonizing is what they do best.

What Obama should

have focused on was stopping the oil from reaching the shore and providing Federal resources for a quick and effective clean up.

He could have:

1.Moved quickly to build sand barriers off the coast of Louisiana. Instead, it took almost a month for his administration to grant a permit .

2. Suspend the Union-supported “JONES ACT,” so that state-of-the-art skimmers, from foreign countries offering their help, could do so. In 1993, after the oil spill off Saudi Arabia, huge tankers vacuumed the oil off the surface of the water. Because the Union supported “JONES ACT” was not waived , those ships

were not available.

3. Provided expeditiously more boom, Hazmat suits, respirators and other clean up equipment requested by local officials.

4. Most of all, Obama could have provided people to help. With 100,000 new Federal employees since he took office, he could have send thousands to the threatened areas.

The overwhelming concern of Obama and his White House campaign cronies seems to be to have BP pay the cost. An environmental cost that can never be translated solely into dollars.

BP should pay. However, they can not manage this emergency. The president needs to

HYPOCRISY

TOM PRATT

This country’s and perhaps the world’s largest unnatural disaster is reoccurring every day in the Gulf of Mexico because of the sinking of the Deepwater Horizon and subsequent oil well blowout.

BP, Halliburton and Trans Ocean of course are ultimately at fault and must be held accountable for the unprecedented and catastrophic disaster that they collectively caused. But they are not the only culpable culprits.

Our form of government that not only allows but encourages the lobbying system and unchecked corporate contributions to elected officials is most certainly at the root of the disaster. In other more socialistic nations where lobbyists are not as powerful and elections are supported by the government and not corporations this disaster could not have occurred. In those countries such as Norway and

Sweden BP is required to drill TWO wells in case of a blowout at these depths. BP gets over 39% of all of its oil from U.S. waters because the cost of doing business is far cheaper and regulations always favor the company.

It is inconceivable that the government regulators would have relied on the company to police itself and take its word on safety procedures as the only voice. How could they have been allowed to drill at depths of over 3 miles into the earth’s crust without having tested all possible safety precautions and made sure that they were effective.

This unnatural disaster will affect the entire world for not tens of years but for perhaps hundreds. The Gulf of Mexico is probably the largest feeding ground for aquatic birds and mammals which migrate the world over. When they feed they will take the polluted feed back home. Migrating birds

do that. Obama should have taken funds immediately from the existing \$3 Billion oil spill account and taken action. BP could be billed later.

Finally, after two months of inaction on the nation’s worst environmental disaster, Obama addressed the nation and said, we will fight the spill “with everything we’ve got.” However, even the New York Times called his clean-up effort a fiasco.

A growing chorus of respected journalists have begun to compare Obama’s handling of the oil spill to that of Jimmy Carter’s Iranian Hostage Crisis. Polls at that time showed that voters decided Carter was NOT COMPETENT to be President.

OIL AND WATER... A MODEST PROPOSAL

BLUE NOTES

DANIEL MORROW

As left, right, and center continue to focus on building finely graduated and meticulously ranked lists of the negligent and innocent, blameworthy and victimized, indictable and indictors, ignorant and prescient, indifferent and caring, arrogant, clumsy,

greedy, and reparations-due . . . I for once, demur.

It breaks my heart, of course, for the environment (so to speak) is “target rich.” But, just this once, let’s consider a modest proposal

If I were an oil company CEO, or a President under siege in the face of a monumental oil spill, I’d seriously consider the establishment

of a petroleum-industry equivalent to the FDIC . . . only MUCH bigger.

Everyone with a drill in the ground or any hope of putting one there would both be compelled (and, I believe, eventually happy) to participate.

Funded on a massive scale by contributions from EVERY producer, public

or private, the new organization would function as an independently run, privately-financed, oil-disaster insurance, rescue and R&D consortium.

Because everyone has a vested interest in fixing these problems, heretofore sorely neglected “R&D” funding . . . for rescue, prevention, testing and remedia-

tion could be made available on an unprecedented scale.

Task one: providing the funding necessary for the development of new technologies and processes to prevent and fix both the problems we’re facing now, and those we anticipate in the future.

In addition, the “consortium” would finance,

equip, and maintain at a constant state of alert, an elite, world-class “rescue” cadre . . . a rapid-response team . . . an oil-spill-82nd-airborne if you like, with equipment pre-positioned . . . ready to react immediately to any oil crisis, on any scale, anywhere in the world.

AS MAINE GOES, ...

PURPLE

BRUCE SMART

We recently visited our family place in Maine. Graybeards will remember the political truism once applied to presidential elections: “As Maine Goes, So Goes the Nation,” applicable from 1889 until FDR’s 46 state sweep in 1936, then amended to “As Maine Goes, So Goes Vermont.” So we watched Maine’s June primary elections to see if, once again, Maine might predict what would happen nationally in November.

But first, a brief on Maine. Pre-Revolution, Massachusetts Bay colonists settled along its coast to harvest then-abundant fish and timber, and to farm. In 1820 Maine achieved statehood. Its economy prospered, based on the natural resources of

forest, meadow and sea. Success in shipping and ship construction built handsome towns. Maine volunteers served valiantly in the Civil War, none more conspicuously than a Bowdoin College professor, Lt. Colonel Joshua Chamberlain, awarded the Medal of Honor at Gettysburg. Later, as Major General, Chamberlain was picked by General Grant to receive the surrender of Lee’s armies at Appomattox. He then served four terms as Maine’s Governor, followed by 12 years as president of Bowdoin.

Nineteenth century Maine experienced some industrialization, especially paper and textiles, but, remote from mines, markets and emerging technology, it is today dependent on shrinking fisheries, and on serving as a summer

playground. Town square monuments still honor Civil War soldiers. The present population, growing at one third the national average, is 95% non-Hispanic white (US is 66%), and remains self-reliant “old New England,” the descendants of Chamberlain’s era sprinkled with like-minded retirees from “away.” Despite incomes 10% below the national average, Maine seems quietly content, feeling much like 1930-40s America. Its statistics parallel Vermont’s.

During our visit the primary elections took place. Seven Republicans and four Democrats - all generally unfamiliar to voters - sought nomination for governor. Tea Party activists controlled the Republican platform, calling global warming a “myth”, health care “not a right but a service”, and recommending eliminating the Department of Education. Not all Republican candidates concurred, but the winner, Paul LePage, a successful businessman and mayor of Waterville, courted Tea Party voters. The Democrat’s winner, Senate President Elizabeth Mitchell, is a long-time legislator. Three independents also qualified for the gubernatorial ballot. Two Tea Party-supported Republicans were nominated to oppose Maine’s two Democrat congressmen. Campaigns were generally non-confrontational. An economic shift was also on the ballot: Should a defunct Bates textile mill become a casino?

As my barber, George, cut my hair and that of two Mainers Saturday morning we discovered that all four

of us had been married 50+ years; Maine is aging, with family values intact. As he cuts, George is philosophical:

“I’m not registered for either party, I’m an independent, usually vote Democratic, but I sort of like LePage. He’s one of 18 children, homeless at 11, got himself educated, ran a successful company (discount retailing), been a good mayor.” George is silent on Tea Party policies, but reports local unemployment at about 7 ½%. His business, at \$9 per haircut, is “reasonably good.”

Our neighbor across the road has a “For Sale” sign on his lobster boat, his traps idle behind it in his yard. Down in Port Clyde lobsters are still selling at \$4.50 per pound, but bait-fish are scarce and expensive, so costs are up. A lady

in one art gallery, a retiree from “away”, had this to say:

“There’s unemployment, lobstermen don’t work in the winter, but we have a couple of funds to help out the needy. We take care of each other.” She shows no signs of going back to Ohio.

So, here’s my prediction: “As Maine Goes, So Goes Vermont.” I do not see Tea Party virulence overcoming New England stoicism in troubled times. Whether the nation also has the maturity to work things out constructively, or whether voters will succumb to anger and search for villains, it is too early to tell. But with family roots in Maine and Vermont, Purple is hoping for maturity.

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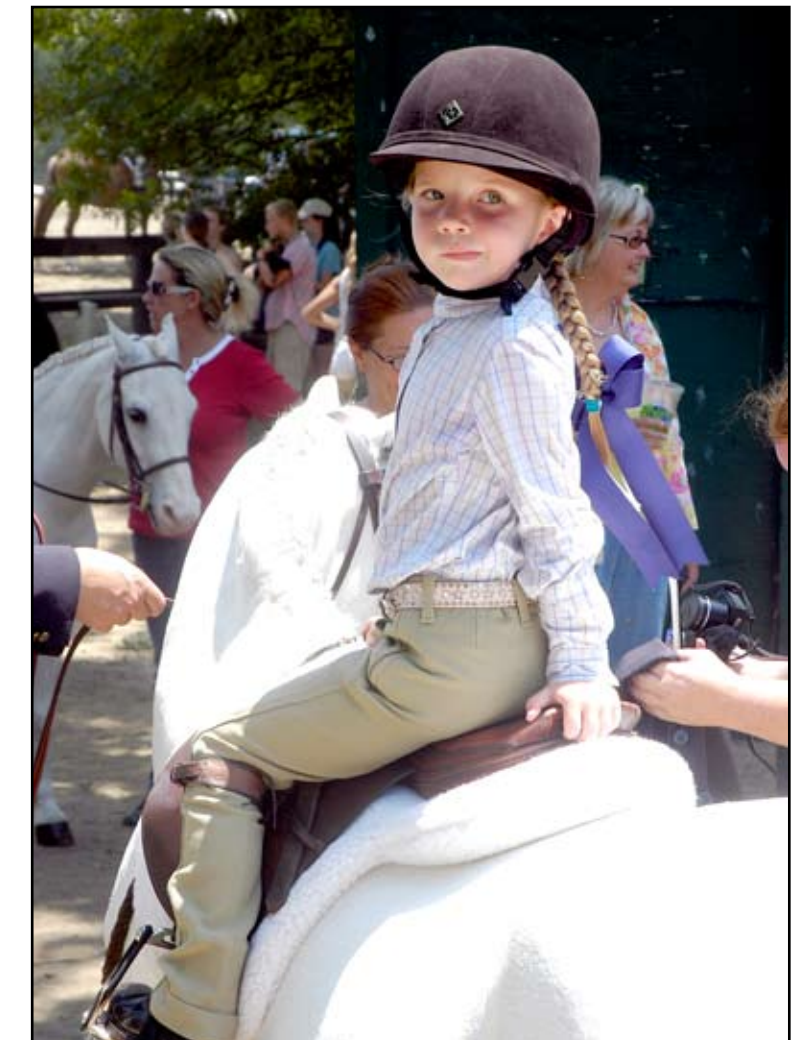
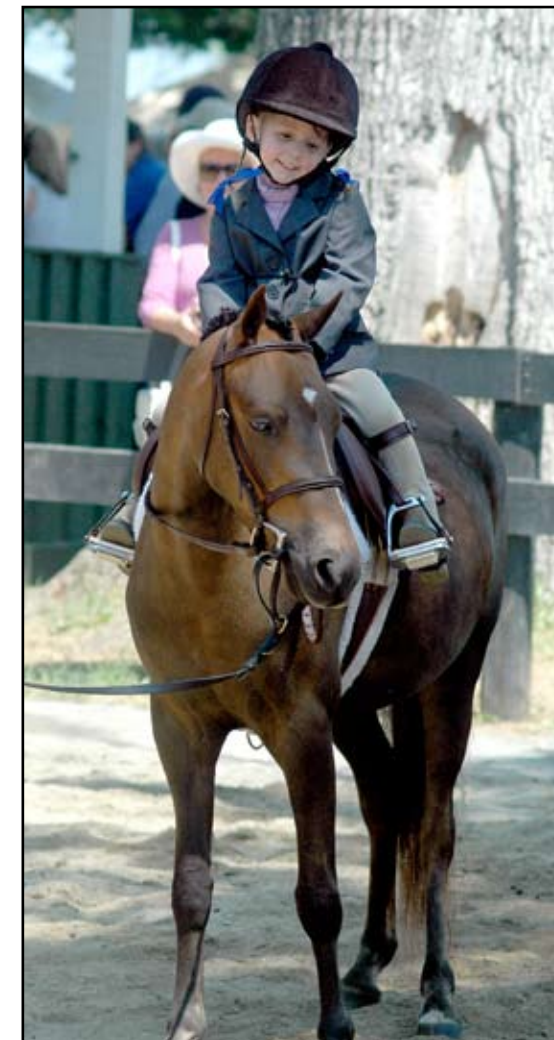
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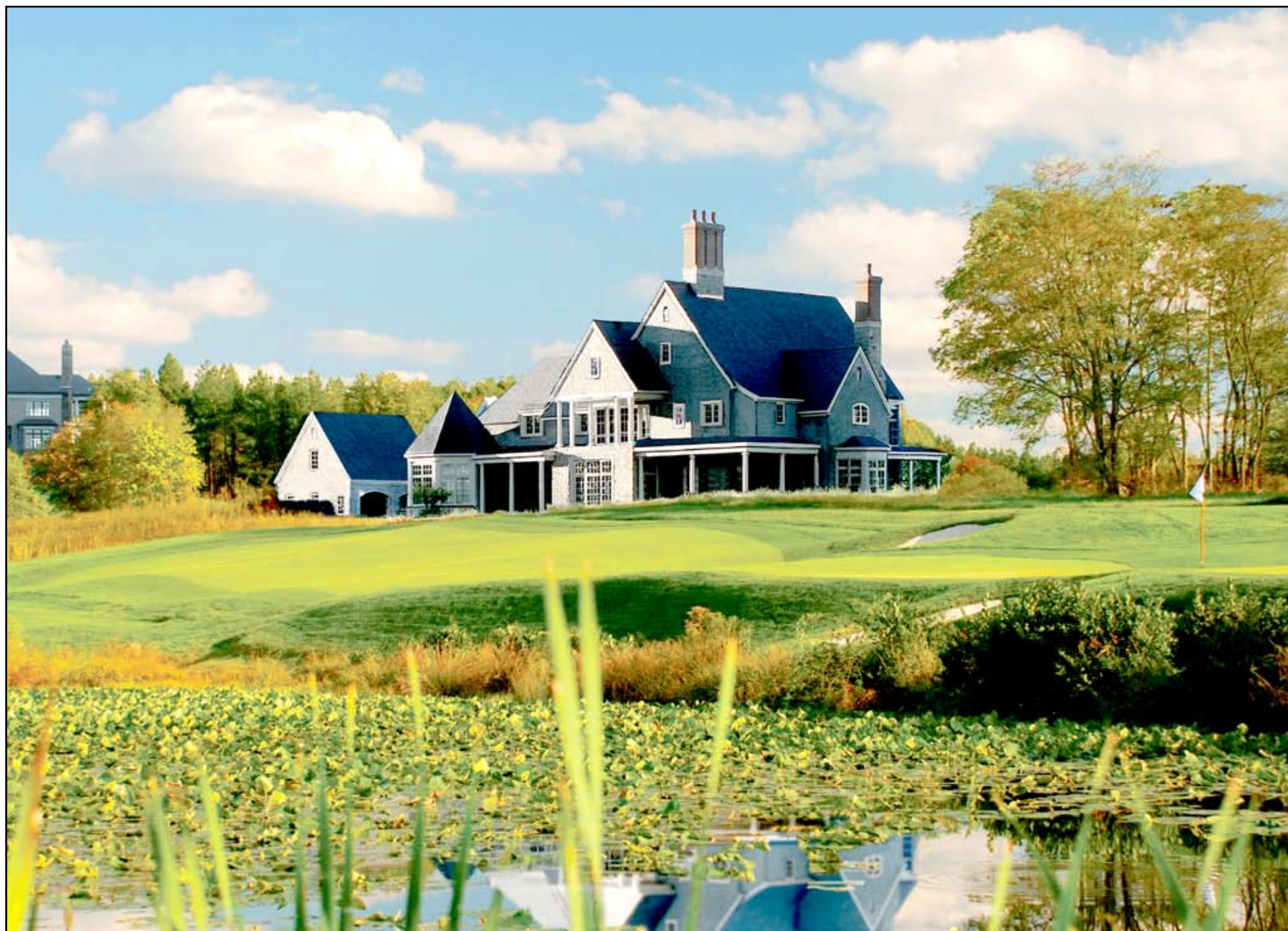


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ALEX CUDABACK

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Yaaayyyy, soccer.

Game 2, gotta be better. Game

1 was all about the jitters, the South African team playing not to lose, the Mexican team playing, I don’t know, not to be the team that made the host nation sad. Or something soccerly.

But game 2! Ah ha! France v. Uruguay! The French, a romantic, beautiful people, in love with the sport as much as themselves, the country that gave us the head-butt heard ‘round the world, vs. a tiny nation about the size of Washington state, whose natural resources, according to the CIA’s World Factbook, include, “arable land, hydropower, minor minerals,” and, here it comes, “fish.”

Classic David vs. Goliath match-up, one of the World Cup’s specialties: when David wins, everybody wins; when Goliath wins, it’s a total trouncing, bloody and brutal, so again, everybody wins.

Except, and I was detecting a pattern here, nobody won.

Hell, nobody even scored. 0-0.

Thanks again, France.

Thank goodness the Cup

organizers had only scheduled two games that first day. Much more excitement like this, I’d have needed to get my overfed, bailed out American butt off the couch.

Snore.

The next day, the Americans finally got to kicking the roundball and, through the grace of God and Robert Green, managed to not only not embarrass themselves but to throw an entire nation into a psychological funk. The Brits still haven’t recovered and if they don’t make it out of this round of group play, you can bet your Union Jack jammies that a small island nation somewhere to the east of us will be drowning its collective sorrows in pint after pint of tepid tap-sauce.

Some other teams played as well, but my interest was waning. Not gonna lie to you.

But wait! I had money on this thing! Skin in the game, I reminded myself!

Giddy like a schoolgirl I fired up the old interwebs and made my way to our tournament page. I could feel my pulse picking up, my hands getting clammy, that little tightening in my stomach as I dared to dream that I could be in first place when I knew I had as much right to that as....

But wait. What do I see?

(And no, she wasn’t comin’ back to me...)

There was no movement whatsoever amongst the people who’d signed up. None. Not a jostle. Not a jockey. Not a surge. Not a plunge. Nothing.

Nobody even had a point. It was zeroes across the board.

Life, cruelly, imitating “art.”

Oh no, my good friend let me know, after I’d called him, hung up, controlled my breathing, called him again, unclenched my fist, controlled my breathing, swept up the crushed and shattered remnants of my phone, controlled my breathing again, and emailed him to find out, politely,

just what the holy sweet jumpin’ Jehoshaphat was going on with his tourney, nobody gets any points until after the group stage.

Which is like two weeks after the stupid thing starts. Awesome.

Some skin in the game....

More like skin in my zipper.

The rest of the world can keep their stupid game.

And my ten bucks.

Also floating around the bag....

Strasmus-time came early to D.C. Couldn’t be happier for the Nats. Too bad Strasburg’s first coming has coincided with the Nats going into the tank. Here’s hoping they crawl out of it. Be too bad if Riggles kids decided to pack it in early. Something tells me they won’t. I think they liked winning early in the season just a little too much.

John Wall should be wearing a Wizard’s cap sometime this Thursday. Here’s hoping Mr. Leonis applies the lessons he’s learned with the Caps to the Wiz and builds a playoff contender from the ground up. Except, you know, with some defense sprinkled in, just for kicks.

Speaking of defense, is Haynesworth still holding his breath like a three-year-old having a tantrum? Really? If he wants to throw a fit, fine, that’s the right of every overpaid, overindulged, overcoddled, gazillionaire athlete out there, but please... Bring some joy and creativity to it! Come on out to practice and watch from the sidelines. I don’t think anyone’s using those little tent things that Vinny and the Danny had made up for last year’s training camps.

And here stoal the dads out there. I hope your kids are as unfreakingly-unbelievably-amazingly-awesome as mine is.

Oh, and forget that thing about the ten bucks.

I want mine back.

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COULD ATHENS’ RIOTS COME TO WASHINGTON... OR RICHMOND?

MARK STYS

The Greek financial tragedy we have been watching has many more scenes to play, and now many are asking if the US could find itself in a similar predicament.

The failure of Greece to respond to economic problems that include too little tax revenue and too much social spending has manifested itself in growing uncertainty of the country’s ability to repay its sovereign debt.

Growing concern about the ratio of Greek sovereign debt to its GDP doesn’t help.

Here in the US there has also been a massive increase in national debt over the last two years. Over the next decade, it is possible (or even likely) that even more debt will be added, on an unprecedented scale.

That increased debt national could be a problem in the future but, for the moment, our current level of coupon interest (the results of our Treasury auctions for US debt) have gone smoothly, and the interest rates that we are paying to finance our national debt remain low.

Those interest rates are low because of the size and strength of the US economy, and because investors see little or no inflation on the horizon. No one (or nearly no one) currently questions whether we can service our debt.

In Athens, on the other hand, protestors are quite likely

to continue rioting.

Greek lifestyles are going to have to change drastically to meet the demands of an unavoidable new fiscal austerity. The paid retirement age in Greece is being raised from 56 to 71; government wages are being cut 5-20%; and there will be a crackdown on tax evasion – by most accounts a Greek national pastime.

While some sectors of the US national economy may face similar austerity in the future, our economy as a whole is dynamic and our tax levels and collection systems are not so onerous that widespread cheating is thought acceptable.

More significant, however, are similarities to the Greek situation at regional levels, with states that have high levels of debt, high unemployment, and overly generous state and local government worker compensation, benefit, and pension programs.

Here in the US, California, Michigan, Nevada, Illinois and Rhode Island are examples of states with a combination of high debt and unemployment, and long term pension issues. Thus, the question becomes, “Can the Athens’s riots come to Sacramento, Lansing, Las Vegas, Springfield, or Providence?”

Closer to home, Virginia is in a stronger fiscal position.

While unemployment in the Commonwealth remains painful at about 7%, it is roughly half that of some of the aforementioned states.

State budget cuts, while also painful, have served to lessen the need for Virginia to pile on more debt.

The strength of Virginia’s relatively balanced tax revenue streams also help make adjustment easier and provides opportunities for the state to continue to provide businesses with incentives to start up or relocate, especially in Fairfax county.

Virginia’s proximity to Washington gives us not only a great view of what is going on DC but, at times, the opportunity to influence it.

That proximity also makes the area desirable for business, not only for those that deal with or support various parts of government, but those that want to be in close proximity to where decisions are being made that effect the US and global economy.

So, while the riots like those in Greece are likely to continue (and even spread) throughout most of Southern Europe, they are unlikely to spread across the Atlantic to Washington DC, or Richmond.

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Arundel is a U.S. Marine, Harvard educated, former Special Forces combat officer in the Vietnam War and a leader and dedicated successful journalist, newspaper publisher, former polo player



and philanthropist who a quarter century earlier had also founded Great Meadow. He remarked recently that "I want this entire new place in the powerful Piedmont of Virginia and American horse sports to serve as a superior place for the education and training of young riders to compete at the Olympics level in this country and abroad."

The former thoroughbred breeding farm located between Middleburg and Warrenton has a 5/8 mile fibersand training track and has been dramatically transformed over the past year to now also include large indoor and outdoor jumping rings, a cross country jumping course, a new four acre lake to swim both horses and ponies across.

It also features a new regulation polo field the size of three football fields built using a new high tech satellite guided earth movers and special cool season grass. Its cross country course includes a 120' X 140' water complex with a tall new windmill towering on top of the hill above to draw and circulate water up from the valley below to keep it clear and fresh.

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FOXCROFT SCHOOL GRADUATES FIFTY ONE



A picture-perfect day greeted the members of Foxcroft School's Class of 2010 in Miss Charlotte's Garden Friday morning (May 21) when Head of School Mary Louise Leipheimer presented 51 girls their diplomas at the School's 96th commencement.

The Class, which includes young women from 12 states and six foreign countries, includes four National Merit Scholarship Program Commended Students and a University of Virginia Echols Scholar. Members of the Class have been offered an impressive 191 acceptances and more than \$1.25 million in merit scholarship from 129 colleges and universities, including Barnard, Dartmouth, Duke, Emory, Kenyon, Lehigh, Parsons School of Design, Southern Cal, University of Texas (Austin), Vanderbilt, Virginia, William & Mary, and the University of Wisconsin.

Ambassador David M.

Abshire, the President of the Center for the Study of the Presidency and Congress and of the Richard Lounsbery Foundation and Vice Chair of the Center for Strategic and International Studies, was the featured speaker, studied by the graduating class, which includes his granddaughter Mary Lee Bowman of Warrenton, VA. Dr. Abshire, who served as Ambassador to NATO, a member of President Ronald Reagan's Cabinet, and Assistant Secretary of State, explored the nature of female leadership, especially those "characteristics that men may be lacking," and urged the graduates to accept the challenge of leadership and aspire to great heights.

"You have to find out what you do best and follow your dreams in your own way," he said, adding, "You need to be the new Greatest Generation because the world needs you to lead. . . There might be, sitting in one of these chairs, a future

President of the United States. Why not?"

Senior Class Speaker Hunter Wilhoit of Mount Pleasant, SC, reminisced about the Class's four-year journey through high school and the connection its members will always share. "We did it together and together we will remain," she concluded.

The Rev. Katherine S. Bryant of St. James' Episcopal Church in Leesburg, VA, gave the invocation and prestigious prizes were awarded.

Terry Lynne Garvey of Bloomsbury, NJ, who had received the top athletic award the day before at the Annual Awards Assembly, received the most coveted honor, the Charlotte Haxall Noland Award for best combining the qualities that Miss Charlotte (Foxcroft's founder) valued: high purpose, leadership, integrity, accomplishment, and understanding. Martina Caputy (Louisa, VA) and Alexandra Garner

(Marshall, VA) shared the Head's Prize, which recognizes "special kinds of moral courage, often private, seldom notices and therefore, the more deeply cherished."

Senior Class President Grace Murphy (Middleburg) was class Valedictorian and winner of the Pillsbury Prize, for scholarship, and the Dudley Award as the senior who, in the opinion of the faculty, has been most willing and cooperative in her unselfish efforts for the good of the School. Murphy, who will be an Echols Scholar at the University of Virginia in the fall, also is one of four National Merit Commended Scholars in the Class; the others are Lindsay Allardyce (Arlington, VA), Katherine Fox (Mercer Island, WA) and Robyn Low (Philadelphia) who was the Class Salutatorian.

Allardyce, Fox, and Low also were among the 10 students inducted into the Cum Laude Society by chapter President and Mathematics

Department Chair Susan Erba. Also inducted were Jayne Gunter (Lucedale, MS), Su Bin Lee (South Korea), Meghan Thomas (Carlisle, PA), Lindsey Yales (Charlotte, NC), Wilhoit and members of the Class of 2011 Margaret Brown (Boyce, VA) and Jae Yeon Ham (South Korea). Murphy and Rachel Giampa (Warrenton, VA) became members of the academic honor society, as juniors.

Gunter also received the Ida Applegate Award, for courtesy, from Foxcroft Board Chair Stewart D. Thayer, while Meredith Harris (Middleburg, VA) took home the Josie Betner Mallace Prize, for courage and humor. Junior Sou Hyun (Joanna) Park (South Korea), sophomore Samantha Nelson (Oak Hill, VA) and freshman Emma All (Middleburg, VA) received the top prizes for their respective classes

MERCER MIDDLE SCHOOL'S ODYSSEY OF THE MIND TEAM PLACED WELL OVERALL



Mercer Middle School's Odyssey of the Mind team placed 4th at the 2010 Odyssey of the Mind World Competition at Michigan State University, May 26th through the 29th. Their solution to the problem, "Return to the Gift of Flight", along with placing first in the Spontaneous problem competition, earned them this honor, soaring above the competition from countries such as Germany,

Korea and Hong Kong, and many teams throughout the United States.

They also received an OMER Award, a recognition for sportsmanship and helping others. This team of (from left to right) Sean Hernley, Michaela Miller, Catie Hutchison, Will Kirwan, Savannah Olson, Elizabeth Donovan and Ellie Hill were only one of three teams given this award out of the hundreds of teams participating in this international competition.




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While here Mr. Payton answered questions from the students regarding space exploration, rockets, fighter pilots, etc. Invited by Parent, Maria Eagen, Mr. Payton encouraged the students' interest in science.

Mr. Payton earned his Bachelor of Science degree in astronautical engineering from the U.S. Air Force Academy and his Master of Science degree in astronautical and astronautical engineering from Purdue University. As an Air Force officer, he served as a pilot, instructor pilot, spacecraft operations director and space technology manager. In 1985, he flew as a payload specialist on board the Space Shuttle Discovery in the first military flight of the space shuttle program. He retired from the Air Force in the rank of colonel after more than 23 years of service, with his last duty in the Strategic Defense

Initiative Organization. While there, he was responsible for directing the development of sensor and interceptor technologies for detecting, tracking, discriminating targets, and intercepting ballistic missiles in all phases of flight. He was instrumental in the initiation and management of the Midcourse Sensor Experiment, the Lightweight Exo-Atmospheric Projectile, Delta-183, Talon Shield, Clementine and the DC-X launch vehicle technology project.

Mr. Payton has also served as NASA's Deputy Associate Administrator for Space Transportation Technology where he initiated, planned and led the Reusable Launch Vehicle technology demonstration program, which included the X-33, X-34, X-37 and DC-XA flight test projects. His responsibilities included program formulation, budget preparation and program advocacy with Congress, the White House, the Department of Defense and the media. For two years he was the Senior Vice President of Engineering and Operations for ORBIMAGE, a leading global provider of Earth imagery products and services. Prior to his current position, Mr. Payton served as the Deputy for Advanced Systems in the Missile Defense Agency. There he led the MDA technology program to enhance ballistic missile defense sensor, weapon and battle management capabilities.

CELIE HART HAS GRADUATED MAGNA CUM LAUDE FROM BOSTON UNIVERSITY



Linda and Kim Hart are pleased to announce that Celie Hart has graduated Magna Cum Laude from Boston University with a degree in Broadcast Journalism and a minor in Women's Studies. Celie won the "Blue Chip" Award for Journalism from the School of Communications, the Dean's "Scarlet Key" Award for Community Service, and two awards

from the Associated Press: one for Best Hard News Feature--Massachusetts Midwives--which aired on WBUR and one for Best Use of Sound--Anatomy of Acapella--which aired on WTBU. Celie will remain in Boston where she begins her career as assistant to the chief science correspondent for The New Yorker.

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Piedmont Child Care Center (PCCC) is calling for donations for its third annual yard sale which will take place on Saturday, July 24, 2010 from 7:00 am to 12:00 pm. in Upperville, Va. Items may be dropped off at PCCC any time between 7:00 am and 6:00 pm, Monday through Friday

until July 9, 2010. Items must be clean and in good working condition. "All proceeds from the sale of donated items go directly to purchasing classroom supplies" says Alice Duggan, director of PCCC since it's opening in 1984. "What better reason do you have to clean out your

closets?" The sale will begin at 7:00 am. Some of this year's items include children's toys; assorted novels; clothing sold by the bag; small appliances and electronics; as well as other odds and ends. Tables are available to interested sellers, but space is limited, so reserve early. Tables are

\$10.00 and must be reserved by Friday, July 16, 2010. In addition, freshly brewed coffee and BLT's will be offered for sale. All proceeds from table sales will benefit PCCC, a non-profit organization. PCCC is located at 9121 John Mosby Highway (Route 50) in Upperville, VA 20185, directly across the

street from Trinity Episcopal Church. PCCC is a not-for-profit 501(c)3 charitable organization dedicated to providing quality early childhood care and education for approximately 87 children from diverse, multi-cultural backgrounds. Located in historic Upperville, Virginia, PCCC opened in 1984 and serves any family regardless of race, creed, disability, or country of origin. For more information, call 540-592-3908 or visit www.piedmontchildcare.org.

FIFTH ANNUAL POLO FOR PIEDMONT

The fifth annual Polo for Piedmont benefitting Piedmont Child Care Center (PCCC), a non-profit organization, will be held at the Upperville Polo Field (corner of Route 50 and Willisville Road in Upperville, Virginia) on Sunday, June 27, 2010 from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. The cost is \$30 per car. Food will be available for purchase. Ticket costs are tax deductible.

"This is our fifth year and promises to be our best," says Alice Duggan, director of PCCC, since it's opening in 1984. "Be sure to bring the entire family for an exciting afternoon of Polo"

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WOODBERRY FOREST GRADUATES



Mr. Mark L. Price graduated during the 121st commencement exercises at Woodberry Forest School on May 29, 2010 and he graduated magna cum laude. Mr. Price will attend the University of Virginia. He is the son of the late Mr. W. Gray Price IV and Mrs. W. Gray Price IV of Middleburg, Virginia.



Mr. M. Pope Pierce, Jr. graduated during the 121st commencement exercises at Woodberry Forest School on May 29, 2010. Mr. Pierce will attend the University of Mississippi. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall P. Pierce of Middleburg, Virginia.



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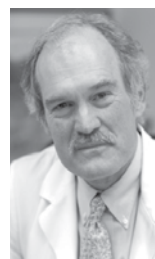
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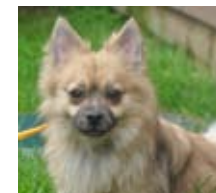
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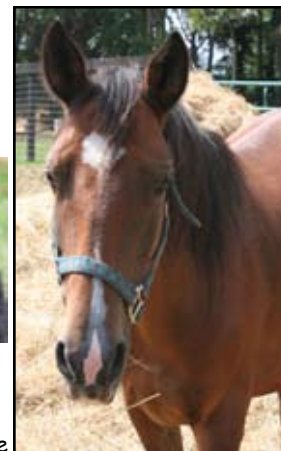
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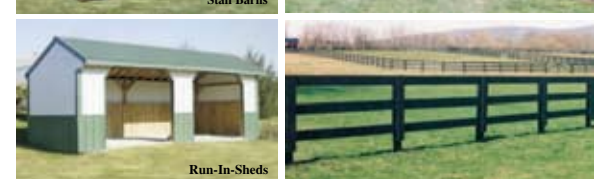
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I like to write about fun things. Writing about fun things is, well, more fun than writing about serious things. After all, I'm just a dog and my mind tends to gravitate towards things like playing fetch, sleeping and chasing that stupid rabbit out of my yard. Keeping it simple usually works for me.

At the moment, however, it seems there are more important things to discuss. Something very bad has happened to our environment, our animals and our people. And while I'll keep it light next month, I can't help but talk a little about the fact that the disaster in the Gulf is so vast that even family pets are victims.

A lot of dogs and cats are crowding Louisiana shelters in the aftermath of the oil spill. Plaquemines Parish Animal Welfare Society, for example, has a waiting list that is 20% longer than usual of people waiting for space to drop off a pet. Unfortunately, every last cage now contains a needy animal waiting for a home.

The problem is that when people lose their livelihoods, they often have to make difficult financial decisions. For many people who earned their paychecks fishing in the Gulf, buying pet food and supplies is simply no longer possible. As a result, the Plaquemines Parish shelter, along with many other Louisiana shelters, is filled to the brim.

At the St. Bernard Parish animal shelter, 288 dogs were surrendered in May of

this year, as compared with 60 in May of 2009. Most of the recently relinquished pets ended up in the shelter because their owners had lost jobs in the fishing industry and could no longer afford to care for them.

Of course, Katrina was catastrophic for Louisiana shelters, many of which are just now recovering from the effects of the hurricane. And while Louisiana is one of the most dramatic examples of need right now, it is also just one of the countless places across the globe where financial hardship has changed the lives of every member of the family, two-legged and four.

No matter where you live, however, you have an opportunity to change the situation for the better. Every person can do his or her small part to support animal rescue, be it for our own wonderful Middleburg Humane Foundation or for other deserving groups. Of course donations of money, supplies and time are needed, but it's also helpful to simply remember to encourage friends and family to rescue. Every supporting voice helps.

If you know people who are thinking about adding a pet to the family, tell them about the animals in Louisiana. Tell them about Middleburg Humane Foundation. Tell them to visit their local shelter. Your voice can matter more than you know.

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.

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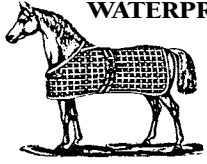
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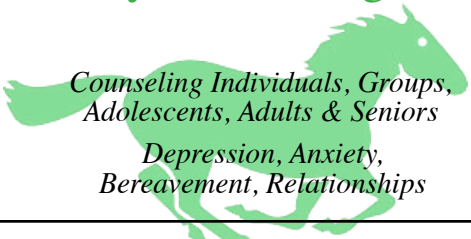
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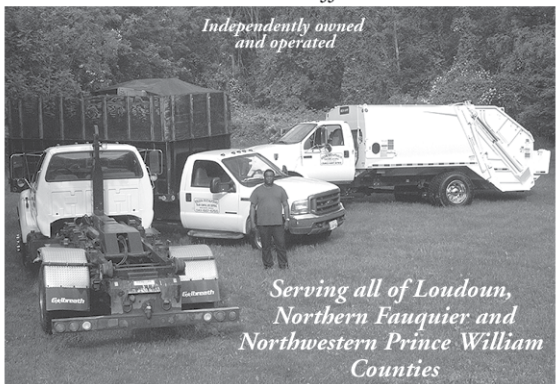
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