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WHERE HAS ALL THE WATER GONE?

DANIEL MORROW

For years the Town of Middleburg has noticed a significant difference between the number of gallons of water pumped from its wells, and the number of gallons paid for by its citizens. Of the roughly 44 million gallons of water pumped last year only about 19 million showed up on the Town's water bills. Nearly 25 million gallons thus "disappeared," much to the chagrin of the Town's ratepayers, Town Council members, and administrators.

At the April 11 Middleburg Town Council work session, after several weeks of work with Town Administrator Martha Semmes and staff, Russ Horner and Ken Jacquay, of Alexandria-based Water Management, Inc. (WMI) presented their preliminary thoughts on the matter, as well as suggestions for what Semmes termed, "a public/private partnership that may benefit the Town."

Leaks, Bad Meters, Free Water

According to WMI co-founder Horner, there were three prime suspects in the case of the missing water: meters, leaky pipes, or someone receiving water for which they were not being billed.

Jacquay said he believed "a high percentage" of missing water wasn't missing at all, but was "lost" only in the sense that many of the town's roughly 460 water meters were not recording correctly "because they were old."

Replacing the meters, he noted, might well clear up the mystery of the missing water, but could also produce extremely high water bills for some users, especially those whose actual but unrecorded water use was disproportionately high.

Normally, WMI is paid by end-users to help them save money on their water bills. In Middleburg's

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CHANEL, VREELAND, JOSHUA REYNOLDS AND GOODRUM FIND FEMALE EQUESTRIAN APPAREL FASCINATING

Coco Chanel, Diana Vreeland, Joshua Reynolds and Alison Goodrum, professor of fashion theory at Nottingham Trent University, England, agree that female equestrian clothing has signaled moments of often-radical change throughout history.

Dr. Goodrum, who has just concluded her stay at the National Sporting Library & Museum as a John H. Daniels Fellow, believes that fashion, in general, is a form of non-verbal communication that reflects the society and era in which it is worn.

"I've had the time of my life in Middleburg as a John H. Daniels Fellow," she said emphatically as she began her "In The Pinque" lecture at the Library.

"This fellowship program is one of an increasingly rare number of opportunities to delve deeply into an area of research like mine. I could not be more grateful, or more thankful to all my colleagues here at NSLM for their many, many kindnesses."

The John H. Daniels Fellowship Program supports researchers at the National Sporting Library & Museum, a research center for horse and field sports, for periods of up to one year. Disciplines include history, literature, journalism, art history, anthropology, area studies, and history of sport.

Alison has, just as Vreeland, the famous fashion editor and myth-maker, did, an innate understanding of the extraordinary pace of change in the 20th century.

She helped found 'Fields of Fashion' (FOF), a rural lifestyle



research group in the U.K., and actively follows both rural and city-based influences on fashion marketing, the fashion industry and fashion itself.

"In the past few years, "rural" fashions have had an amazing revival in England and companies like Jack Wills, a fabulously rural British outfitter, could not be more popular now. Brands like Barbour are also very big in the UK."

According to Alison, this past autumn, Saville Row was "grassed over" during National Wool Week so a herd of sheep could stroll unencumbered.

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NEWS OF NOTE

ARTIST AND HORSE WOMAN

URSULA LANDSRATH

I first met Gail Guirrerri-Maslyk at art class. It didn't take long before we all realized she was not in need of instruction...only we were. So, what was she doing attending a class when, as we soon realized, she was a professional artist? Inspiration, socialization and staying in tune with fellow artists were some of her reasons. Well, to say the least, we were in awe and the teacher left her alone to do her "thing."

Her "thing" was painting with confidence, the most wonderful oil paintings. Her subjects include equestrian, landscape and portrait themes. Her work has graced the covers of The Chronicle of the Horse, Horses in Art magazine, Friesian Grand Nationals, IALHA National Championships and a HITS Finals poster. Gail has been featured in numerous magazines and is invited to show her work at many major events including the MFHA Centennial Tour, Kentucky Derby, HITS, ASHA World Championships, the Virginia State Senate and Art at the Mill in Millwood.

It did not take me long before I asked her to donate a painting to The Middleburg Humane Foundation's annual silent auction. She obliged immediately with a splendid 48" by 60" Hunt Landscape. It was then that I discovered her incredible kind-

ness and willingness to help a great many local charities. Gail is aware that she has a God-given gift and is prepared to share.

She has donated her paintings to Claude Thompson Elementary School in Marshall, The Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation, the Equine Medical Center, ASHA Youth (American Saddlebred Horse Association), Roanoke Valley Horse Show, the Blue Ridge Hospice and recently, Gail's three paintings donated to the Pan Handle Hospice, raised an astounding \$11,400 at a live auction. Her 'BLONDE d'AQUATAINE' (20" BY 20" oil on canvas) set a record, selling for \$6,500.00. Just days ago she expressed her caring for the local farming community by donating her "Buddy the Bull," a 30" by 30" oil on canvas to the Fauquier Livestock Exchange fundraiser.

"I am fond of painting people and animal portraits and become very involved, hoping to capture the sitter's thoughts as well as appearance" she said.

One would think that this would keep her busy BUT Gail breeds Holsteiner sport horses (Cloverlone Farm) and assists her partner, Dr. William B. Ley DVM with his practice. To top this, she is an entrepreneur in the equine industry as founder of "Better Horse Business, LLC," solving business issues affecting the welfare of horses.

It never ceases to amaze me how much talent there is in our



community.

Gail lives in Rectortown, the historic little village in the heart of the hunt country of northern Fauquier. She can be reached through her web sites: www.equine-impressions.com for original Oils, Giclees/Prints and other Gifts; www.cloverlone.com

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NEWS OF NOTE

HELEN ANN PRATHER MASON

MAY 28, 1930 – MARCH 30, 2011

Helen Ann Prather Mason, age 80, of Upperville, Virginia died Wednesday, March 30th at the end stages of Alzheimer's. Born on May 28, 1930 in Atlanta, Georgia, she was the daughter of the late Bert and Pearl Prather. She is predeceased in death by her husband, W. Beverly Mason, Jr. who died in 1996.

She graduated from the Napsorian School (now know as The Westminster Schools) in Atlanta in 1948 and Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas with a degree in Journalism in 1952.

She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Will and Mary Page McCannless of Purcellville, Virginia and four granddaughters Erin McCannless, Kristen Lear, Samantha McCannless of Austin, Texas and Courtney McCannless of Valdosta, Georgia.

Her service to others and the community were generous and long-standing and included her dedication to church, education, the field of health care and civic projects. She always found time to be a good friend and neighbor to those in need. She lived a full life, was a world traveler and will always be remembered for her graceful manner, southern charm and stones of her years growing up.

Her many leadership roles and officer positions included the Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Middleburg as co-chair and chairmanship of the Christmas Shop and chair of their Fabulous Rummage Sale, the Middleburg Garden Club, the Upperville Colt & Horse Show, Otlands and the Middleburg Players. A 12 year member of the Blue Ridge Friends of Stratford, Helen Ann also served as vice-chairman of this organization.

In 1990, she was appointed by the Loudoun Healthcare, Inc. Board of Directors to serve on the development board. She became a founding member of the Inova Loudoun Hospital Foundation in 1991 and worked diligently over the years to raise funds and community awareness for the hospital. In 1995, she received the Outstanding Woman of Achievement Award presented jointly by the Loudoun County Commission on



Women and the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors for admiration for outstanding contributions to the well-being of citizens of Loudoun County.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, June 18, 2011 at 11:00AM at Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Middleburg, Virginia with the Rev. Anne Hallmark officiating. Burial will be private at Little Georgetown Cemetery, Broad Run, Virginia.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, Chapter Headquarters, National Capital Area - 3701 Pender Drive, Suite 400, Fairfax, Virginia 22030.

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On May 19, from 5:30-7:00 PM, Lisa and Zohar Ben-Dov and Susanne and Steve Lamb are hosting a puppy raiser outreach event at the Middleburg Community Center for people to learn more about puppy raising. Volunteers are needed to help meet growing demand for highly trained assistance dogs. Meet local puppy raisers, Colleen Hayduk, the Slater family and 11-year old Maggie (Centerville), proud puppy raiser of Gillian, whose Make a Wish was to raise an assistance dog; recipients Carina and Caroline Elgin with Skilled Companion Dog Sajen (The Plains), Sgt. Sam Cila (Ret.) USA and his Service Dog Gillian. For more information call 1-800-572-BARK, or go to cci.org.

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DO YOU REMEMBER WHEN?



Middleburg Elementary is soon to begin its Centennial Celebration and is looking for photos. We will be making a 'yearbook' of images from our school's history. Any image that includes the school or a school event would be appropriate from over the last 100 years. Please drop any photos by the Centennial mailbox in the Middleburg Elementary main office in an envelope with your name, address and phone number. The photos will be scanned and returned to you quickly! If you are able to provide us with a digital copy instead we will gladly return your flashdrive/CD/DVD to you.

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case, the company is suggesting a reverse variant.

Middleburg, the company suggests, could pay WMI a capped percentage of a projected "profit" the town could earn on its water operations by



improving efficiency, reducing waste and accurately billing its customers for the water they use. A formal proposal will be forthcoming.

Firehouse Improvement Stalled

Paul Draisey, Treasurer of the Middleburg Volunteer Fire Department, reported that work on expanding and improving his organization's headquarters on the western edge of town had been halted due to unexpected increases in the estimated cost of the project.

"Several weeks ago," he reminded Council, "the County accepted bids to renovate and expand the Fire Department's building based on a budget of some \$3.1 million. The lowest bid the County received, however, was some \$800,000 higher."

As a result, he said, the County has sent their engineers and architects "back to the drawing board."

It's possible, Draisey continued, that \$800,000 could be reallocated by the County from an unnamed project that had been funded, but was "nowhere near ready for construction." County Board of Supervisor approval of such a plan could get the Middleburg project back on track as early as May.

Tax Revenues

In Virginia, when new cost or revenue estimates alter a town's budget more than one percent, public notice is required before the budget is changed.

As a result of very conservative revenue estimates by former Town Administrator Jerry Schiro, Middleburg now finds itself compelled to increase its estimated real estate tax revenue for fiscal year 2011, by \$25,000. The money will, for the moment, be allocated to the town's "contingency fund," originally budgeted at \$100,000.

One possible use for the money was discussed at the Council's March 24 work session: employee raises. Vice Mayor Kirk noted that it would cost the Town \$20,000 to grant a three percent pay raise, and that she favored such a move.

Middleburg Museum Committee Appointed

Council appointed former Town Council Member Eura H. Lewis, Veronica Bonfanti, Mary Kay Garwood, Christina Schinner, and Punkin Lee to its new Middleburg Museum Committee. Vice Mayor Darlene Kirk will serve as the Town Council's representative and Economic Development Manager Cindy Pearson will attend ex-officio. The committee is tentatively scheduled to meet the first Wednesday of each month.

Volunteers Recognized

Council presented Lynne Galbreath with a formal Resolution of Appreciation for her five years of service on the town's Historic District Review

his years of service. Webber, he said, "has done a fine job enforcing the law" and has been effective, fair and courteous."

Officer Owen Heine said that Chief Webber had been a "lead from the front supervisor"; and, noted that he often would show up to assist on traffic stops, arrests and other crimes in progress.

Mayor Davis also read a letter from Doctor Richard C. Falkenstein thanking Webber for his service and wishing him well in his retirement.

New Rules

Since the announcement of Chief Webber's retirement, members of the Town Council and Staff have been engaged in an ambitious review of many of the town's rules, regulations policies and procedures, many of them related to the Police Department.

Recruitment and Employment Policies

Hiring, Firing and the Chain of Command

Given "the need to start the recruitment process" for a new Chief,

Semmes provided Council with "a cross section of the hiring and supervisory policies of other towns."

After extended discussion Council decided to retain its authority to hire and fire any new Chief of Police, but to delegate the day-to-day supervision of the Chief to the Town Administrator.

Asked whether or not the Council needed to appoint an Interim or Acting Chief, Semmes replied that she thought an Acting Chief was needed if a new Chief has not been hired by June 28.

Personnel Procedures

Vice Mayor Kirk, in her role as head of the Town's Personnel & Finance Committee, reported that she had talked to Town Attorney Liz Whiting and given her a list of "personnel related items" she thought needed to be addressed.

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NEWS OF NOTE

THE WEBBER CASE: THE END OF THE STORY

DANIEL MORROW

On March 10, in a closed session of the Middleburg Town Council, Police Chief Steve Webber announced that he would retire from the force effective June 28, 2011.

At the time questions had been raised by this newspaper and others about Webber's professional judgment and personal conduct during the arrest and parade down Federal Street of Middleburg Eccentric co-founder and Editor-in-Chief Dee Dee Hubbard on November 30.

Subsequently, questions were raised about the recruitment and vetting process that resulted in Webber's hiring as a part-time officer in the spring of 1996, and his subsequent promotions to full time officer, acting chief, and Chief of Police.

Upon the advice of counsel, Middleburg has not yet begun an investigation of Webber's role in the incidents of November 30, pending the clearing of the Hubbard case from the Loudoun County Circuit Court dockets.

Press reports from 1996 and other documents uncovered by the Eccentric, however, now reveal more about the end of Webber's career in Leesburg, and what was known, or not known about those

events by those in Middleburg who later hired and promoted him.

Termination and First Appeals

According to Loudoun County Circuit Court documents, roughly two years before Webber first came to work as a Middleburg police officer, in the spring of 1994, a police officer under Webber's command "... was investigated by the Department for raping and assaulting a young woman and ultimately was dismissed from the Leesburg Police Department."

The same documents reveal that officer's superior, Steve Webber, was "... investigated by the Department for failing to report the attack on the victim when it was reported to him and for covering it up."

"After the charges against him were sustained," the Court filings continue, "he too was dismissed from the Town Police Department."

Both officers appealed their terminations.

On or about October 27, 1994, records indicate, a grievance panel heard and upheld the decision to terminate the officer investigated for rape and assault.

Webber then retained a new law-

yer, Peter D. Greenspun.

As a result, Webber's hearing, initially set for November 22, 1994, was postponed for six months, until April 26, 1995.

On April 25, a day before the hearing was scheduled to begin, Webber's attorney had "hand delivered" a request that the Civil Division of the Loudoun County Circuit Court compel the Town of Leesburg and the Leesburg Police Department to reconstitute the panel that would hear Webber's appeal.

On July 19, 1995, Judge Thomas D. Home denied Webber's request, though with an admonition that the panel overhearing the his appeal should be careful in its approach and "... render a decision ... solely on the evidence presented."

The Grievance Panel's Ruling

In early September 1995, after what Leesburg Today described as "several hearings," the grievance panel that had upheld the firing of Webber's subordinate ruled that Webber himself should not be fired.

Instead, they recommended that he be reduced in rank from Sergeant to Private and re-hired, with back pay and reimbursement for the insurance payments he had covered from his own pocket while out of a job.

Leesburg Demurs

Leesburg refused. "Acting on the basis of the panel's ruling," the Leesburg Today account continued, "Webber reported for work on September 11," but to no avail. Leesburg Town Manager Steven C. Brown, the paper reported, "claimed that the grievance panel had exceeded its authority."

Back to Court

Webber then went back to court. On October 27, 1995, Judge Home ruled in his favor, ordering "that the Town must reinstate Webber under a grievance panel ruling."

Leesburg Demurs

But Leesburg again demurred, claiming that they had no job to offer Webber.

"Although a private's position was vacant when the [grievance] panel's ruling was made in September, it was filled," according to Leesburg Today, "and there

are no vacant private positions now with the Town."

Fairfax attorney Jack Gould, retained by Leesburg as a special counsel in the Webber case, then filed a motion in Loudoun County Circuit Court to "reconsider or vacate the [reinstatement] ruling, because of confusion over what [Judge] Home had initially ruled."

Reinstatement Stayed

In November 1995, Judge Carleton Penn, substituting for vacationing Judge Home, ruled in Leesburg's favor, vacating "an earlier order requiring the Town of Leesburg to reinstate former Police Sergeant Steven L. Webber on the force."

"A new hearing on Webber's position," Leesburg Today reported, "will be heard in Judge Thomas Home's court in early December."

Rebus Sic Stantibus

In December 1995, however, there was a fundamental change in the conditions surrounding Webber's appeal and Leesburg's opposition to rehiring him: a private's position finally opened up on the Leesburg Police Force.

"Letter to the Editor"

With a private's position now open Webber wrote a long, open letter to the editor, published on January 3 in Leesburg Today.

"I had no direct involvement in the alleged assault," Webber wrote. "I have been assured that I violated no laws. I was accused of failing to report a crime, a crime which I did not witness nor could articulate had ever occurred."

Noting that other senior officers on the Leesburg force had known about the incident and that he had himself had offered to take a polygraph test, Webber wrote that he thought "an apology and explanation is owed to the taxpaying citizens of Leesburg, myself included, for the outrageous amount of money the town has spent on outside legal assistance during this ordeal."

Back to Court

Webber also went back to court to prevent the newly opened position in Leesburg from being filled before his case was resolved.

On January 5, according to Leesburg Today, Judge Home heard a

request from Webber's Attorney, Peter D. Greenspun, that he issue a temporary restraining order preventing Leesburg "from hiring any more officers until Webber's case is determined."

Home denied the request for the temporary restraining order, according to the Loudoun Times Mirror, but set January 31 as the date for yet another hearing "... in which the town can defend its position in the case."

Leesburg Today was more direct. Judge Home, it noted, had ordered "that the Town appear to show why it should not be held in contempt of court for not having rehired former Sgt. Steven L. Webber as Horned ordered in In October and again in December."

The Times Mirror had also gained access to other court documents, reporting for the first time that "The records also state that Webber was demoted in 1994 because he failed to report that fellow law officers were intoxicated at the scene of an altercation at Payne's Old Town Pub."

Leesburg Demurs

As of January 24, 1996, however, the Loudoun Times Mirror was reporting that "... despite a court order instructing the town to rehire Webber as a police officer, he has not yet been placed back on the force."

As of press time, the story continued, "Fairfax Lawyer Jack Gould, speaking on behalf of the town, said 'a notice of appeal has been filed with the court since December 29 ... the first step in appealing Home's decision to a higher Court.'"

Last Minute Settlement

Then, on January 30, 1996, the day before Leesburg was to appear before Judge Home to show why it should not be held in contempt, the Town reached an out-of-court settlement with Webber.

After 15 months of hearings, rulings and counterrulings, Leesburg finally re-hired Webber, not as a private, but at his old rank of sergeant.

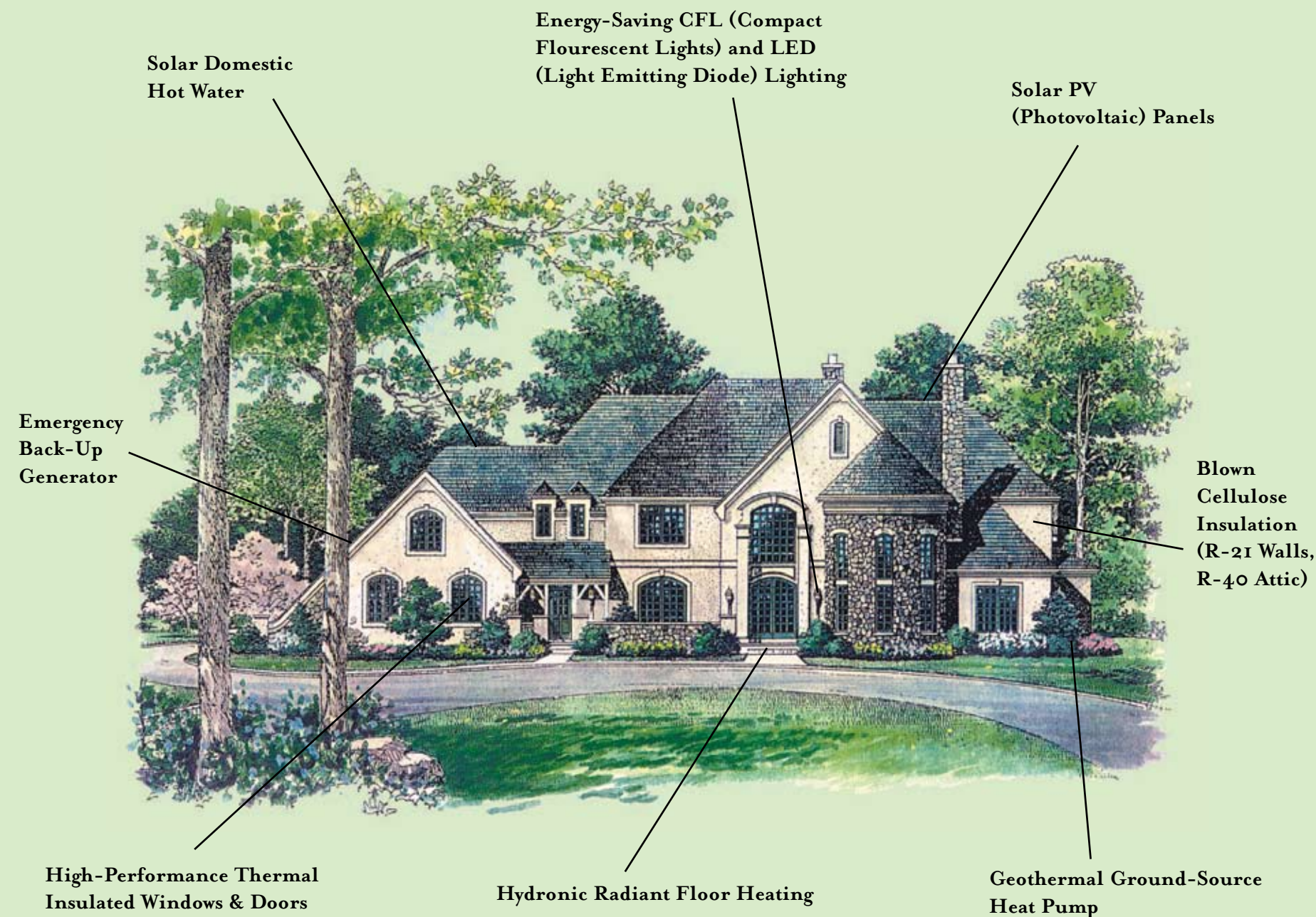
The town also gave him "an undisclosed cash settlement" and, in the words of one Leesburg Today reporter, Webber was "completely exonerated of any wrong doing."

But there was a catch. The settlement also required Webber to resign from the Leesburg Police force ... "immediately."

He did so, and in May, started his new career in Middleburg, part time, serving as a private, under former Chief David R. Simpson.

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NEWS OF NOTE

ANIMAL RESCUE FOUNDATION (ARF) ESTABLISHED

A group of animal loving individuals with years of fund-raising experience has banded together to create Animal Rescue Foundation (ARF), a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit, organized to raise money for groups that serve animals in need.

"We all know how much time and energy it takes animal rescue organizations to raise the funds required to provide the help we know is needed," emphasized ARF Founding President Karen Rockwood.

"Because money is al-

ways tight and there are increasing numbers of animals who need help, rescue organization staff often must spend an inordinate amount of time on the phone, planning events or simply brainstorming about how to generate that last \$400 to feed for another week. Our objective is to relieve them of that time and labor expense and allow them to focus on what's most important: the animals."

Groups will be asked to complete a simple grant application to request funds for specific programs or needs. For example, pay-neuter pro-

grams, emergency medical services or equipment needs would be appropriate requests on an ARF Grant Application.

ARF's first benefit, a Ladies Garden Party, is planned for Sunday, May 15th, at Fox Hall Farm in Delaplane. Tickets are \$100 for adults and children are free. The event will be held rain or shine. 100% of the funds raised will go to worthy organizations like Middleburg Humane Foundation, Blue Ridge Wildlife Center, The Equine Rescue Center, Fauquier SPCA and others. Please visit www.arfrescue.org for details, or telephone 540-364-9123

Every member of ARF is a volunteer. There is no paid staff and no costly office space with the attendant overhead and equipment costs to eat into funds raised. ARF events will be managed to maximize profit with volunteers and local organizations donating services, product and labor. All profits from ARF events will be distributed in the year they are earned.

Officers include: Jennifer Richards, vice president; Patti Bschorr, secretary; Phil-

lipa Lewis, treasurer, and Ursula Landsrath, events chairman. Board members are Dria Boyer, Alex Cudaback, Gail Guirrerri, Mary Johnson, Danielle Kazmier, Manisha Morris, Glenda Cudaback-Morrow and Rhonda Wilkins.

"We hope every animal loving individual will help us support these hard-working organizations that are helping our local animals in need," Rockwood concluded.

DR. GALLEGOS GIVES BACK

Robert A. Gallegos is a popular Middleburg dentist, but it is his commitment to the community a large that best illustrates his dedication and concern for citizens.

From his "Importance of Dental Health" talks with Purcellville's Lincoln Elementary, Upperville's Piedmont Daycare and Development, and Middleburg's Christian Preschool students to the many services he provides helping local families, Dr. Gallegos makes serious community contributions.

"I thoroughly enjoy

spreading the word about dental health to our youngest citizens," he said. "By meeting them early, we have a positive connection, and that is very important for a lifetime of dental health care."

Dr. Gallegos also provides many early dental screenings to children identified by the Aldie Elementary School administration.

"Being afraid of the dentist is a thing of the past," he emphasizes. "Going to the dentist should bring smiles, not frightened faces!"

In late March, Dr. Gal-

legos made a presentation about how dentistry can provide alternate therapies for sleep apnea at Grand Rounds for Valley Health.

"I was able to provide the doctors in attendance with very beneficial information," he explained. "Valley Health should be congratulated for providing their physicians with as many options as possible offered by dentistry."

Should you wish to discuss these, or other topics with Dr. Gallegos, please contact him at www.middleburgsmiles.com.



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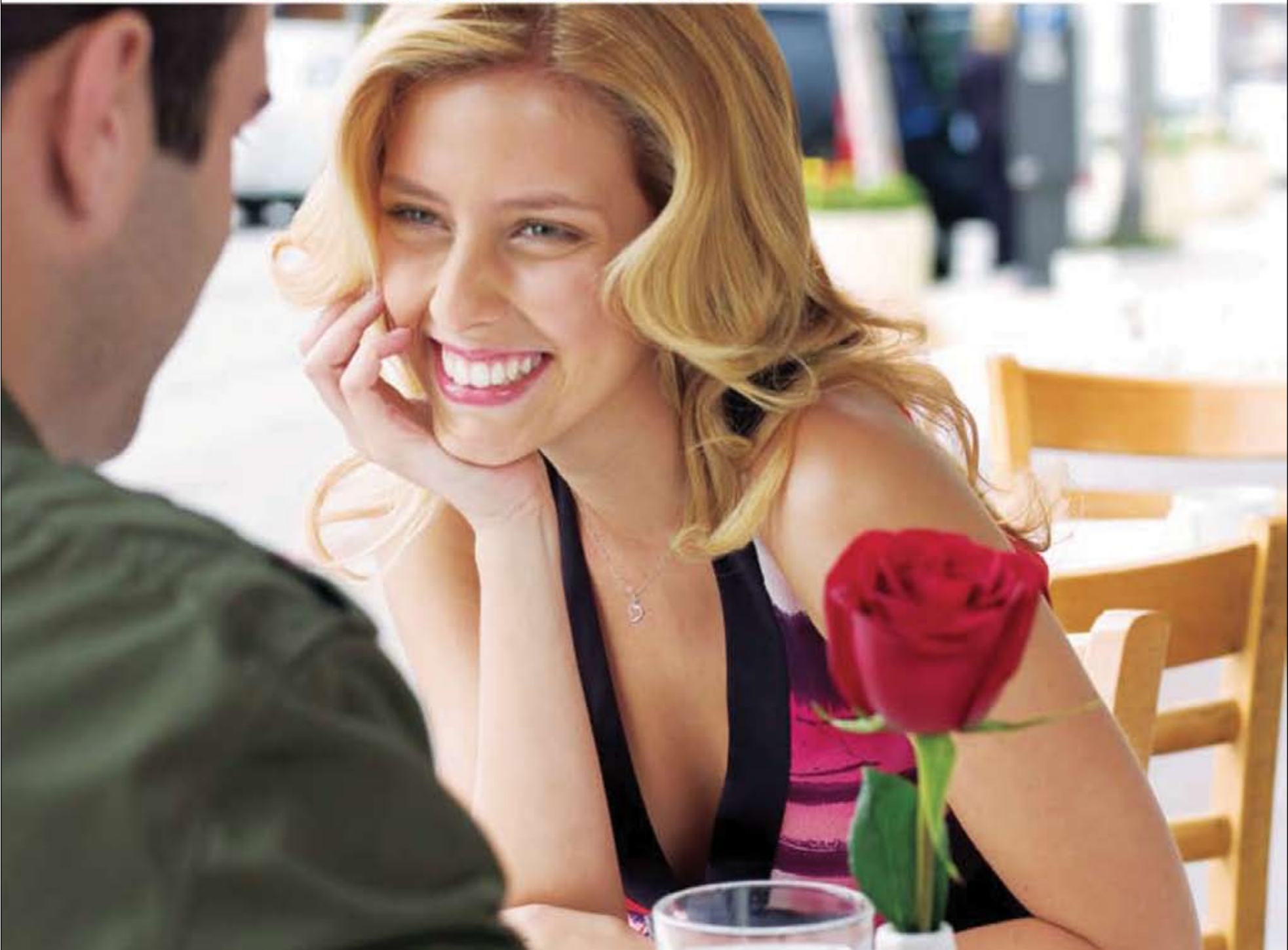
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CHANEL, VREELAND, REYNOLDS & GOODRUM

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As part of her work with Fields of Fashion, Alison has helped to organize Think Tank events on rural clothing with collaborators such as the Victoria & Albert Museum and she is going back to lead a project that will involve teaching people how to research, archive and exhibit their clothing history.

"Three hundred years ago, fashion influenced riding dress," she continued. "Today the influences are many."

In the 1930's, both morality and economics were the major influences on equine dress for women. In her search for the evolution of riding dress for women, Alison found a treasure trove of material at the NSLM. Opinion varied on the ap-

propriate dress for either cross or side saddle riding.

"Marie Antoinette rode both ways," she said. "But she had certain luxuries!"

Lady Worsley, as pictured in Joshua Reynolds' painting of her, wears a beautiful, long, red habit that is patterned on her husband's regiment's colors.

In the early 19th century, Beau Brummel's modern ideas had a major impact. Ladies pared down their riding habits and expected them to reflect the discipline of a sporting body. Cleanliness and grooming became extremely important, as did simplicity of cut, neutral colors and minimal ornament. This was an era when men began wearing long trousers instead

of knee breeches and silk stockings.

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As Vreeland said, "There is nothing haphazard about the equestrian world," and women's dress reflected that perfectly.

By 1920, there is a formal dress code for female riders in the hunting field.

For formal hunting, ladies must have a top hat and veil, a dark habit, a white shirt, buff or canary vest, black boots and yellow gloves.

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horses unplaited.

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Among many other priceless references at the NSLM, Alison delighted in Mrs. Lucy Linn's diary.

This record of a real doyenne of fashion from the McCormick family of Chicago, provides an impeccable record of her 1948 hunting trip she took in Ireland. She rode to 13 Hunts across Ireland in one month. She was over 60 years old.

"Her descriptions of this trip are fantastic," Alison said.

"She wrote that one mount was so highly spirited that he had to

be sedated before mounted, and that, at one Hunt, her barren lodging was so cold she warmed her bed with her boiled breakfast egg."

"Women's equestrian dress is a fascinating look into society," Alison explained. "It is a perfect reflection of position, hierarchy and the rituals associated with correct appearance."

"The resources at The Library are truly exceptional, and the books one discovers here offer both instructional and pragmatic discourses."

"For instance, a woman's stock can be used as a bandage in case of accidents. The proper display and discipline of her athletic body requires four or five fittings per riding costume. One's dress reflects one's knowledge of horsemanship. And, according to one manuscript, an attractive girl with a lovely figure looks ravishing in well-made boots and breeches, even more so when riding sidesaddle in her well-cut riding habit."

This pretty and charming Englishwoman believes that the incidental is every bit as much the stuff of history as the exceptional, and she found, to her immense pleasure, plenty of both at the NSLM.

She also said that although it might surprise her audience, she had to dispel the legend of Tailor Pinque... from which, many believe, came the identification of red riding habits as "pink."

"There is absolutely no evidence of his existence," she said sadly.

For more information on Dr. Alison Goodrum's work, please visit the Fields of Fashion online exhibition at www.wall5.org.uk

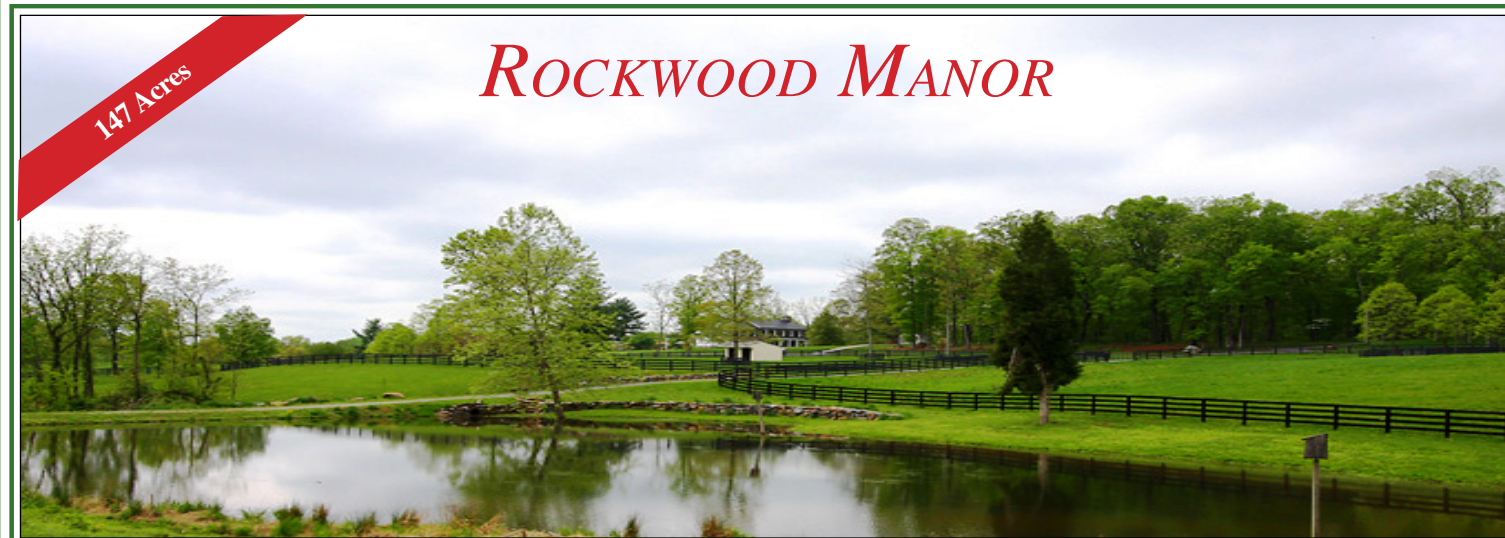
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NEWS OF NOTE

WHERE HAS ALL THE WATER GONE?

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Kirk also noted the need to develop "a press release and media guideline and to correct (and update) the town's Employee Handbook."

She further recommended the Town begin a formal "employee review process," noting that she had asked the previous Town Administrator to do annual reviews for all the town's employees.

Freedom of Information Act

At the request of Town Administrator Semmes, Town Clerk Rhonda North, the official "custodian" of the Town's public records, has developed new, formal guidelines for handling Freedom of Information Act requests.

Henceforth all such requests for

information, that the Town is legally required to make available to any citizen, will be handled through the Town Clerk. New forms and fees for service are also forthcoming.

Review of Council's Rules of Procedure

Council Member Cathy Jo Shea brought to Council's attention several changes she believed necessary in the Council's Rules of Procedure, at which point Councilmember Mark Snyder questioned the necessity of doing so, noting that, in practice, "the rules only applied as much as the Council made the effort."

Shea responded that the Council had a formal process through which it

must go to change its rules of procedure, and "expressed concern that if the Council did not consistently follow its rules, it could end up in trouble."

Asked if there were rules "that were not being followed," Snyder noted that "the Council mostly followed the rules; however they did not always dot their i's and cross their t's."

Councilmember Shea went on to make a number of suggestions relating to, among other things: rules about who could or could not be called upon to speak or answer questions from the public gallery; when such interactions were permissible; the propriety of blatant marketing or business solicitations in the form of "presentations" which, though prohibited, go on "all the time;" and unsolicited "presentations" by polit-

ical candidates when all those running for office have not been given a chance to speak.

Actions in Closed Session

Shea expressed particular concern for observing the provisions of Section 5-8(C) of the rules, which state that no resolution, ordinance, rule, etc. adopted in a closed session, was effective until the Council reconvened in open meeting and took a vote.

Shea noted that in recent history, there were some public statements made "without a vote being taken."

Though not mentioned directly, public statements about Council's opinions made by Mayor Davis after a closed session discussion of the No-

vember 30 the arrest of the co-founder and Editor-in-Chief of the Middleburg Eccentric, and a press release issued following Steve Webber's announcement of his impending retirement cited Council opinions not publicly put to a vote.

Town Committees

Councilmember Shea also suggested the town clarify what was meant by the "Reports of Town Committees" in the published "Order of Business" for Town Council meetings. Town Council members still head nominal "committees" (such as personnel and public safety) that existed in the past, but have been replaced by meetings of the entire council, meeting as a "committee of the whole."

An Old Dog Looking For a Second Chance



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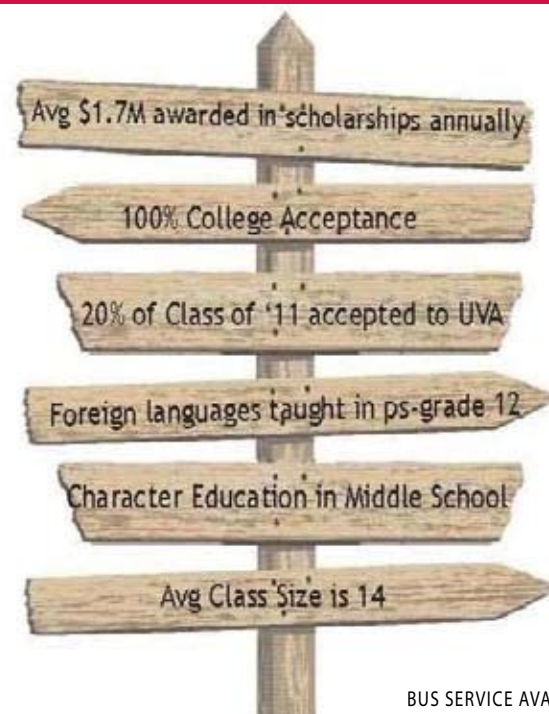
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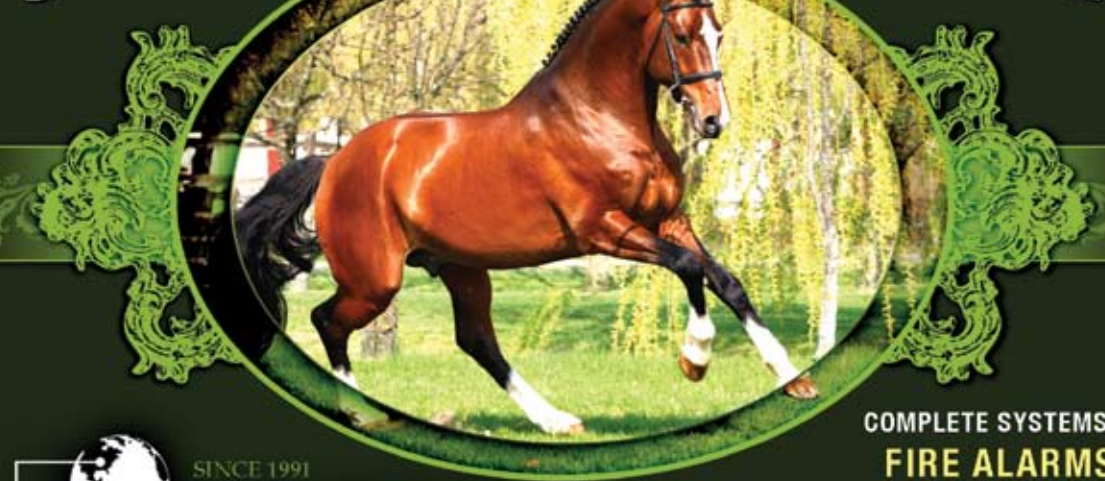
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SMALL STEPS AND GIANT LEAPS AT GUILFORD ELEMENTARY

DANIEL MORROW

For the Loudoun County Public School System Energy Conservation not only begins at home it travels, to the homes of all the students who attend the county's nationally recognized, award-winning, energy efficient facilities.

The buildings and grounds themselves become teaching tools and programs promoting energy efficiency, recycling, and care for the environment become a daily part of the lives of the system's teachers, students, and administrators.

In early April Guilford Elementary School kicked off its Third Annual Environmental Fair with a school-wide assembly featuring two of the systems most successful (and entertaining) conservation professionals.

Mike Baranciewicz and John Lord, known in the public schools as "The Energy Guys," are both trained energy conservation professionals and educators.

At Guilford they engaged hundreds of elementary school students (the oldest were fifth graders) with hands-on experiments using hand-cranked generators, and what can only be termed a real time "re-enactment" of a quintessentially dry training film on coal-fired generators produced by Dominion Power.

Students first watched the short film, with classic basso-profundo narration tracing energy production from coal mines to house-



hold outlets. Then, with Lord re-reciting the narrative, in character and in real time, Baranciewicz orchestrated a living reenactment of the entire film, with students playing the roles of coal, trains, conveyor belts and pulverizers, water, steam, turbines, and distribution lines, all working together to eventually deliver a shock to their principal, who happily played the role of a house. The kids loved it, and everyone learned how coal is connected to light bulbs.

NBC4 Meteorologist Tom Kierein, representatives of Loudoun Water and Waste Management, and Guilford's own SGA and K-Kids also contributed to an event which would not only teach, but have real impact on energy use at the school, and no doubt at the students' homes

as well. Loudoun County's schools run similar programs, tailored for young audiences from K through 12, all over the county.

And they work. Last year the Environmental Protection Agency named the Loudoun County Public Schools one of only two national "Energy Star Partners of the Year," a designation widely regarded as the US Government's highest award "in recognition of energy conservation and efficiency."

From a taxpayers perspective the program also makes a difference. Through such programs, as well as conscientious long-term planning, the county's schools have avoided spending an estimated than \$34 million on energy since 1993.

A CREEK RUNS THROUGH US

CHANDLER VAN VOORHIS

From the trickling of time, the creek that runs through our Hunt Country carried the Indian name Cokongoloto and Gohongarestraw, meaning the "river of swans or geese." While the Indians have been gone for the last 300 years, the name Goose Creek remains.

The abundance of waterfowl moving in concert with the ebb and flow of the water cutting through our land has been a time-honored tradition of stewardship. As my mother and father once told me, "The cultivation of soil and character are two of the greatest joys in life. In each case, we invest in the greater good. While the cultivation of soil anchors us, the cultivation of character elevates us." We fortunately live in an area that values both.

Building equity back in the land continues today. Recently, the John Marshall Soil and Water Conservation District honored several conservationists for their achievements. Both Locust Hill Farm of Middleburg and the Gray Horse Farm of Warrenton received the Con-

servation Farm Award, while Sky Meadows State Park received the Conservation Award. In total these three honorees have protected over 35,000 feet of stream banks. Barbara Dennee of PB Smith Elementary School was honored for her innovations on bringing the outdoors to the classroom.

The top recipient, George Thompson received the 2010 Clean Water Farm Award for his stewardship across several farms - Clover Hill, Waveland, Wright and Payne Farms. Across these farms, Mr. Thompson installed 7650 feet of stream protection fence, protected 10,600 feet of stream banks, created 15 acres of riparian buffers and installed solar power for alternative source of water for cattle. Over the last two years, Mr. Thompson has protected a total of 70,000 stream bank feet, for a total of 13 miles of stream banks under protection.

While performing an environmental evaluation on Mr. Thompson's farms, biologists found rare freshwater mussels in Carter's Run. This treasure find is very symbolic. Through the footsteps of history, the

name and meaning of Goose Creek carries the distinction of mother nature's abundance when we act as stewards of the land, putting more back into nature than we take out. Hopefully today's measures by Mr. Thompson and the other honorees will lead to more and more fresh water mussels returning to our creeks and cleaner water for us all. Whether we call our creek Cokongoloto and Gohongarestraw or simply Goose Creek, the link to our past remains vibrant as long as our actions today insure the River of Swans will be cleaner and more abundant than we took possession for our brief moment in time.

In the famed book A River Runs Through It, Norman Maclean writes, "Eventually, all things merge into one, and a river runs through it. The river was cut by the world's great flood and runs over rocks from the basement of time. On some of those rocks are timeless raindrops. Under the rocks are the words, and some of the words are theirs."

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VILLAGE GREEN RAISED BEDS AND CONTAINERS

KAREN REXRODE

With our last average frost date rapidly approaching, it's time to consider the planting of summer containers. No matter the size, large or small, there are many options for plantings. Given our hot summers, large is better, but small succulents and cacti will work surprisingly well in small pots. Some gardeners go so far as to put an automatic watering system in for their pots. Without that luxury, you will be watering every other day to every day. So, is the idea of containers scattered about worthwhile? For myself it's a resounding yes.

The bulk of my garden is a series of raised beds, each one 16 x 4', ten total (4 feet deep) and they are watered every day. Some plants are started by seed, directly in the raised beds. I also buy 4 to 6" pots and plant bulbs in a staggered time frame so that I have flowering bulbs over a period of many weeks. Peak bloom is around the 4th of July and I have worked for several years, perfecting the arrangement and selecting plants that do well. It's an ongoing experiment.

Herbs and vegetables are part of the mix and results have varied, especially with vegetables. My most successful plants include, lettuce (and greens), broccoli, beets, carrots, beans and peppers. The larger vegetables do not respond well and I suspect they are capable of filling even these large containers with roots. Herbs have been fabulous, my only failure has been French tarragon, which diminishes in size and has never thrived. French sorrell lasted for several years and was a real pleasure to pick and add to salads with its pungent lemony taste. I experiment with

different basil and thyme every year.

My favorite flowers are too numerous to mention but I do sow some directly, a great savings over buying them already grown. The shortest sunflowers are necessary since the tall ones tower over everything else. I have had to use a saw to cut some sunflowers down that had stems three and four inches around. The stalks on these giants were six or more feet tall and by adding the 4 feet above ground, they were like mutant, giant sunflowers. I particularly like the teddy bear sunflowers and 'Elf' for dwarf varieties. Zinnias are far better than cosmos, the latter always falling over in the rich soil. Burpee seed has an incredible new zinnia named 'Queen Red Lime' with maroon petals and lime centers which I will add to my many colors of the Benary strain.

In bulbs I plant the dwarf gladiolus and think the 'Flevo' varieties are outstanding. Ten or so bulbs are planted about 10 days apart to prolong bloom time. Tuberous and acidanthera are ordered, as many as the budget will allow. My success with digging and saving the tuberous has increased, a good thing since they have jumped in price over the years and planting 100 bulbs has become prohibitive. I dig them after a light frost in fall, dry them out, and then coat them in mix of 8 parts vermiculite to 2 parts sulfur for winter storage inside.

I encourage you to place a heavier compost in the bottom of your pots with the lighter potting soils on top. I would also encourage you to be brave and try new things. Improvements in heat tolerance have been ongoing with plant breeders. Examples include the new Mystic Series in dahlias and the Petchoa species, derived from crossing petunias



with calibrachos. There is also the new black series in petunias, one of which is named the 'Phantom' with black petals and yellow striped centers. If you want to continue with the black theme, consider the new sweet potato vine called 'Sweet Caroline Bewitched' or 'Black Heart', both looking fabulous. I just recently bought a black pot to fill with black themed plants. It might reach 150 degrees by summer but in the end, failure is an option. If you have tired of it by August 1st, just dump it. May to August is a good run. If I can just recreate what happened last July, I will be ever so happy. It was spectacular!

WHAT'S THE FUSS ABOUT WATER?

WATERWORLD

RICHARD A. ENGBERG

“Water water everywhere. Nor any drop to drink” – The Rime of the Ancient Mariner by Samuel Taylor Coleridge

Did you know that more than 70 percent of the earth's surface is covered with water in places more than 6 miles deep?

Did you also know that only 3 percent of the total water on earth is freshwater? That's right, 97 percent of all water is undrinkable salt water. Of the 3 percent freshwater, slightly more than 2 percent is tied up in Antarctic ice or in the Greenland ice cap and, therefore, is unavailable.

This leaves slightly less than one percent of the total water on earth available for possible human and animal consumption and/or other uses.

Therefore, the words of the Ancient Mariner are nearly true and almost prophetic.

OK, a little more detail about freshwater. Of the one percent of freshwater on earth, one percent is surface water and 99 percent is groundwater.

Of the fresh surface water, 98 percent is found in lakes and swamps and two percent in rivers. Twenty percent of all fresh surface water worldwide is found in the Great Lakes.

This one percent freshwater should be adequate for all needs and uses on earth with the caveat that for human consumption, certain treatments such as filtration, clarification, and disinfection are required to make the water safe.

Unfortunately, the distribution of freshwater and the distribution of population do not always coincide. More than 800 million people worldwide lack access to safe freshwater sources. Moreover, in parts of the world, water treatments are unavailable.

* Let's take a look at a few of water's physical and chemical properties.

* Water is comprised of molecules each of which contains two atoms of hydrogen and one atom of oxygen.

* Because of its unique configuration, water molecules attract each other which gives water a high surface tension

* Water is known as the “universal solvent” because it dissolves more substances than any other liquid

* Pure water is neutral. In chemical jargon, it has a pH of 7 which is neither acid (pH<7) nor alkaline (pH>7)

* Water is the only natural substance whose three forms, solid (ice), liquid, and gas (steam) exist at temperatures found on earth

* Water is surprisingly heavy. One cubic foot of water weighs approximately 62 pounds

Another interesting fact to consider: Water is directly or indirectly associated with every natural disaster on earth, hurricanes, tsunamis, tornadoes, volcanic eruptions, earthquakes, floods, droughts, you name it.

A final observation and a personal opinion:

Observation: Water is extraordinarily cheap, it is tremendously undervalued. Drinkable water delivered to your home costs much less than one cent per gallon, an amazing bargain.

Opinion: Which should be more valuable, water or oil? Answer: water. For humans, water is essential. With water, we live, without water, we die. The average life expectancy for a human in the complete absence of water is three days. We may not like it or be as comfortable, but we can live without oil.

In future columns, with this information as a background, I will elaborate on some of the above facts or explore interesting, contemporary, or controversial water issues.

Much of the above is adapted from the U. S. Geological Survey Publication, “Water Science for Schools”, and from the “Encyclopedia of Climate and Weather”, edited by S. H. Schneider.

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CONSERVATION CAPITALISM

CHANDLER VAN VOORHIS

Setting aside the contentious debate around Cap and Trade or Carbon Taxes as mechanism for dealing with Global Warming, the notion where we put a price on ecological services is an important step in the next frontier of the conservation movement.

For example, the only economic value a tree has is once it was cut down. At the point of harvest, the tree could be turned into paper or used for housing material. We all know trees have more value than paper and board feet. Trees scrub the atmosphere by sequestering and storing carbon, produce oxygen, provide flood control, provide habitat for all sorts of wildlife, just to name a few. These ecological services are important to us all. However, our economic system recognizes these services as an externality.

Putting a price on carbon represents an opportunity to create a new tension point in how we manage our forest. With a price on carbon, we can ask is the tree worth more up than down? In the past, we would look to maximizing revenue from the timber industry. With carbon we can migrate to a model of optimizing revenue from several different sources.

As President Theodore Roosevelt once said, “Disregarding for the moment the question of moral purpose, it is safe to say that the prosperity of our people depends on the energy and intelligence with which our national resources are used. It is equally clear that these resources are the final basis of national power and perpetuity.” How we used our nation's resources is a function of the values we hold and the questions we ask.



The act of storing carbon in trees and paying for this service means conservation is the beneficiary. Since most of conservation has been funded through philanthropic or governmental money, private capital in conservation represents a new frontier. Bringing private capital into conservation forces the conservation mind-set to look to returns --- both economic and environmental, creating the blended return. As conservation becomes more centered in economics and economics become more focused on purpose --- the blended return becomes a powerful and dynamic proposition, enabling a wider net of available dollars available to create exponential impact.

With the average age of today's landowner at 62, we will see lands change hands, if not possible use over the next two decades. Likewise, both philanthropic and governmental dollars are increasing stretched. By putting a price on carbon, we allow private capital to bring new sources of money to the table. This, in turn, creates a unifying force on a fragmented landscape.

Creating a Cap and Trade market as envisioned in last year's legislative proposal would have created a demand for 1 billion tons of carbon offsets from trees and other biological sources. At a price of \$20 per ton, this would have created \$20 billion dollars annually to keep a tree as a tree, putting landowners on the front lines of the energy and climate equation.

While a forest has many layers of value, the ripple effect of pricing some of these values will create new sources of money for conservation while producing positive change for generations to come.

Solar Power Without Solar Cells

A dramatic and surprising magnetic effect of light discovered recently by University of Michigan researchers could lead to solar power without traditional semiconductor-based solar cells. The researchers found a way to make an “optical battery,” said Stephen Rand, professor of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, Physics and Applied Physics. A hidden effect of light could make it possible.

CHINA PASSES US IN TOTAL ENERGY USAGE RENEWABLE ENERGY IN VIRGINIA

DALE SCHULZ

China has the dubious distinction of passing the U.S. in terms of total energy usage according to the International Energy Agency. China consumed 2.25 billion tons of oil equivalent last year, about 4% more than the U.S., which burned 2.17 billion tons of oil equivalent. The U.S. had been the globe's biggest overall energy user since the early 1900's.

China overtook the U.S. at an alarming pace. China's total energy consumption was just half that of the U.S. 10-years ago, but since that time, China saw annual double-digit growth rates. It had been expected to pass the U.S. in 2015, but took the top position earlier due to the global recession that slowed U.S. industrial activity and energy consumption harder faster than expected.

Huge energy demand also explains why China, which gets most of its

electricity from coal, the most polluting of fossil fuels, passed the U.S. in 2007 as the world's largest emitter of carbon-dioxide and other greenhouse gases. China is expected to build 1,000 gigawatts of new power-generation capacity over the next 15 years, equivalent to the current total U.S. electric-generation capacity.

The U.S. remains the biggest per-capita energy consumer by far, with the average American burning five times as much energy annually as the average Chinese citizen. The U.S. also remains the biggest oil consumer by a wide margin, going through 19 million barrels a day on average. China burns 9.2 million barrels a day. Saudi Arabia, the world's largest crude exporter, now ships more oil to China than to the U.S.

The energy mix for the U.S. and China is very different. Coal accounts for 22% of the U.S. energy consumption, but two-thirds of China's, up from 57% in 2000. This helps explain China's



reluctance to join global efforts to reduce carbon-dioxide emissions.

The U.S. energy mix is more balanced, although oil dominates with 37% of consumption. Both countries must find ways to become more energy-efficient.

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enough to support our local economy rather than ignoring the growers, artisans and producers who can contribute significantly to a more sane existence?

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Saturday, May 21

The Crooked Run Valley as seen from the hills of Delaplane Cellars will be the backdrop for MHAA's second Cavaliers, Courage and Coffee program on Saturday, May 21, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Stories of life during the Civil War will be told in first person accounts by members of the Gray Ghost Interpretive Group. Vignettes throughout the vineyard will set the stage for this lantern-lit program.

www.mosbyheritagearea.org/events.html

VILLAGE GREEN

CHILDREN LEARN MUCH MORE THAN THE BASICS

When Mason Howard returned from four years in South America, the then young teacher was approached to collaborate on the creation of an online game to help children learn how to be socially and environmentally responsible while they learned the basics.

Kathy Smith was then teaching at Middleburg's Hill School, but she too wanted to help create online curriculum that would instill an understanding of stewardship in young children while they learned. Together they have been at it for more than 10 years.

Both young educators understood that their game would have to be closely aligned with national education standards for it to be attractive to and useful for teachers. As teachers themselves, they were determined to create a service that would offer a real buffet of fresh material so teachers could use it one week and not the next if that best served their purposes.

They also decided their material must be available in English and Spanish.

"Our impetus was to reach out to elementary teachers to provide quality material at no charge," explained Mason. "We were absolutely convinced that children were more than capable of learning the importance of their role in the

world as they learned the basics."

Today, more than ten years later, 20,000 teachers, home schoolers and educators across the country and around the globe rely on Maggie's Earth Adventures to complement their curricula. The critically acclaimed, award-winning online site that was inspired by a philanthropist who believed in the power of children to change the world, is a widely recognized and respected educational tool.

"The site is designed to offer many activity zones with a brand new weekly activity packet added every Tuesday," Mason continued. "We enjoy addressing timely issues. While the larger publishing companies simply cannot quickly respond to the Tsunami in Japan, we can. That adds a lot of value."

"When educators sign up for our free service, they have the opportunity to purchase entry into 'Maggie's Treasure Trove' which is a complete file of every activity we have created. This not only a

valuable resource but it allows us to generate revenue as well."

"Recently, a Louisiana based teacher suggested that we work hard to comply with their geography standards. By doing so, we improved our world view offerings significantly."

"We also added a 'Smart Snacking' activity just a few weeks ago to correlate with The First Lady's 'Let's Move' initiative."

In order to take their idea from concept to reality, the two young teachers tested their idea with focus groups and teachers they knew.

"Eleven years ago, my children were great testers," Mason emphasized.

Their first Irish graphics team was brilliant, according to Mason, and now, eleven years later, they are redesigning their home page and content to be even more attractive and compelling.

The new "Maggie's Earth Adventure" site, launching early



next month, will also include newly designed research tools to allow more interaction with teachers and partners.

"We work closely with our teachers and partners to shape content and to continue to meet rapidly evolving education standards," she said. "It's very important to involve our users and listen closely to their requests."

Although Maggie's Earth Adventure correlates closely to national standards in math, language arts, science and social studies, it also includes lessons and materials on different cultures. For instance, later this month they will feature an aboriginal arts activity and past activities include segments on the Dogon people of Mali and the Great Wall of China.

It is not only in the classroom that Maggie provides fascinating game time to early learners. Parents find it extremely valuable on long trips and vacations or as an alternative to less educational games offered on line.

Created and managed by a team of four, Maggie's Earth Adventures is a perfect example

of how dedicated professionals can capitalize on new technology to improve society. Essentially a team of only four, the team remains as enthusiastic and loyal to young students as they were when they began. Caryle Bryant-Spina, Director of Marketing and Jessica Mocarski, Project Coordinator complete the Maggie's Earth Adventure team. Each team member is highly accomplished in her own right, and each is actively involved in the many trade shows and education fairs they participate in each year.

"The fact that we have earned the enthusiastic support of children and the respect of educators and parents worldwide is a great reward," Mason concluded.

"What could be better than helping young people understand the world and their responsibility to it? We feel fortunate to have this opportunity and we are determined to set high standards and help our users and partners meet them."

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MANNERS

In a series of op ed pieces in the New York Times, and in a well-received new book, columnist and commentator David Brooks argues that character is less a matter of reason, than a question of habit.

Echoing UVA experimental psychologist Jonathan Haidt, Brooks makes the case that, with rare exceptions, ethical decision making

is instinctive, pre-conditioned by both our genes and by repeated habits of thought, by stories, legends and metaphor.

And indeed, brain scans have long revealed that for most people, neurons linked to decision begin to fire well before neurons linked to rational analysis when most people consider questions of justice,

harm, respect, loyalty, or things they see as, somehow, disgusting.

Fiction as well as fact helps shape those instinctive patterns of thought, and after the fact, helps justify them.

Thus, in time, it can be argued, you are not what you eat, but what you read, and see, and hear and admire.

Be careful.

— to wonder whether anyone there recognizes that we are all crewmen on the Lifeboat America, adrift on the seas of planet Earth. Today that lifeboat is neither manageable or seaworthy:

*It will capsize if we do not replace unstable debt with monetary ballast, sacrifices many seem unwilling to make.

*Around our boat the climate is deteriorating; sharks from rival cultures snap at us.

*Our lifeboat's small engine is short of safe-to-use fuel.

*We lack enough oars to put every able-bodied adult to work.

*More passengers are growing old and unwell; medicines are costly.

*Training of the young potential crewmen is inadequate.

*Some among us are unwilling to work with those of different cultures, religions, or ethnicity.

*Most important, the oarsmen on the Starboard (Right) side are not rowing in harmony, with those on the Port (Left) side.

The coxswain, nominally in command, is thus powerless to steer the Lifeboat America on any reasonable course to safety. You get the picture. In the face of present danger we are disorganized and disunited. And it isn't hard to expand the anal-

ogy to Lifeboat Planet Earth, with a coxswain called America presently showing little aptitude for seamanship.

Our present situation is not without precedent.

At the first Easter, over 2000 years ago, Jesus' Resurrection left Christians with a great Commandment for these times: "Thou Shalt Love thy Neighbor as Thyself," a message that eventually permeated the entire western world. On July Fourth, 235 years ago, Americans declared their freedom, with leaders pledging "to each other, our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor" to preserve it. A great nation was born, grew, and prospered.

In April 150 years ago that nation broke apart over differences between North and South. That four year disaster cost 600,000 American lives, but eventually it brought freedom from slavery, and stimulated the settling of the American West and the industrial revolution. From 1929 to 1945, America struggled through the Great Depression and World War II, but went on to build a better world by helping resurrect its defeated enemies, now its neighbors. And it prospered mightily itself.

It is hard to predict the outcome of America's current struggle with reality. Publicly, both Parties seem locked in uncompromising partisanship demanded by their extremists. Purple deplores the disappearance of moderates, many eliminated by their own Party-mates. But signs of reason may emerge. Both sides have outlined comprehensive fiscal plans, fairly similar in goals, but differing in how to reach them. Purple's Easter hope is that both sides' leaders recognize they must reach a middle ground, and today's howling is only to pacify the extremists.

But one can't be sure. The 2012 election impends. Politicians believe more citizens vote their emotions than vote their minds. When facts conflict with wishes, reality is often discredited. So, as a passenger on Lifeboat America, Purple urges those at sea with him to stick with reality, to urge others to do likewise, hoping that this crisis ends peacefully, with fewer casualties than on similar past occasions. If we handle it well, our next seagoing experience will be as coxswain of Lifeboat Planet Earth, a vessel already in battle with the globe's natural and political seas. If not, there is no one else qualified to steer that Lifeboat. Easter is high time for us to be neighbors, and practice Lifeboat Ethics.

THE COWARDLY RYAN

BLUE NOTES

DANIEL MORROW

Our friends on the right have widely praise Republican Congressman Paul Ryan for his "courage" in putting forth a budget proposal that will, if passed, attempt to balance the Federal budget in a way that, should it succeed, would do so on the backs of those least capable of bearing the burdens he

and his GOP colleagues would impose.

Ryan, like Rand Paul and many others of the self-designated fiscally "conservative" wing of the tea party movement, is a self-proclaimed Ayn Rand "objectivist."

As such, he apparently sees no contradiction or ethical dilemma whatsoever in cutting programs for the poor

to finance tax breaks for the rich.

The poor, as the "objectivists" see them, are not only "always with us," they are with us because they like it.

Otherwise, the philosophy contends, they would shape up, go to work, get rich, and stop being a burden on the true creative geniuses of the society, like Paul Ryan and Rand Paul.

Money, they argue, is an untainted and untainted symbol of a fair exchange of value for value.

Magically, they assume, the "market" and the mystical nature of money ensures that the terms of the exchange are fair for all.

Somehow bureaucrats who work for insurance companies, are more virtuous, talented,

and efficient than bureaucrats who work for governments.

Refusing medical care for a profit somehow doesn't count as "rationing."

Older people who doubt they'll be able to find a private insurance company that will take a voucher for end of life medical coverage should just shape up or ship out, so to speak.

There's no courage in this, just false bravado, disproportionately typical of those who think they are what they want to be, whether that be Bill Mauldin's "garritroopers" or the "self-made men" of the right.

"Too far forward to wear ties; too far back to get shot."

HYPOCRISY

TOM PRATT

This month I will simply list a multitude of hypocritical and, in my opinion, wrongs that are being committed by the political system in this country by both Democrats and Republicans.

I am appalled that President Obama has not kept his word and closed Guantanamo and is still denying legal rights to those imprisoned and not convicted of crimes. This is not what America has stood for.

The treatment of Bradley Manning is equally appalling. To think in this country a person who has not even had a preliminary trial could be detained in solitary and abused is unbelievable. I am also very disturbed that a president who

prides himself on being "one of the people" could allow this abuse to continue. Personally I think Bradley Manning is a hero not a criminal because exposing crimes should not be a crime. I can only assume that the inhumane treatment of PFC Manning is a warning to future brave whistleblowers.

The Obama administration seems to be much more concerned about a murderer in the case of Mr. Davis in Pakistan than Bradley Manning. Bradley Manning was trying to save lives by exposing murders committed by U.S forces.

The Republicans have voted to strip money from solar and wind power by 35 billion dollars and are approving funding for

nuclear by the same amount. How stupid is that!!

How can Congress even think about stripping NPR and Planned Parenthood of funds and then continue to support the war in Afghanistan, another incredibly stupid and destructive idea.

President Obama is about to embark on a South and Latin American trip to promote trade with that continent and all the talk is how well many South American countries are doing, especially Brazil. Talking heads have been saying how remarkable it is that most of those countries have escaped the financial woes that have beset most of the rest of the world without fully explaining why. The largest reason is:

a major number of South American countries have a dislike of American interference and influence in their affairs and were not sucked into the subprime mortgage mess that much of the rest of the world was.

I firmly believe that most of the ills of the world come from the out of control and unregulated influence that corporations have. It is extremely dangerous for corporations to be allowed to privatize social services such as water. There needs to be a clear distinction between government services and private industry. What is happening in Wisconsin is a perfect example of what, if left unchecked and unregulated, can happen. Governor Walker would like to

offer on a no bid basis water and power companies to his buddies the Koch brothers.

I am still angry at President Obama for not pushing for a Single Payer health system that he advocated when running for the Senate. What difference would it have made to the opposition since they are trying their best to overturn even the weak version of health care reform that was adopted. Over 70% of all doctors polled were for a Single Payer system and one would think they would know best.

This country will never be a true democracy until we have extreme election reform. At the risk of trampling on the First Amendment (in considering money as a

tool of free speech) we need to adopt an electoral system where all citizens contribute to a general election fund with a small portion of federal taxes and then each qualified candidate receives the same amount of money to campaign. Free and equal television time is given to each candidate and elections only last for six weeks. No private or corporate funds can be given to candidates. Then politicians would be elected on merit and not on how much money they can raise, they would not be beholden to any one person or corporation and could govern for the people and not for the most powerful.

OF LIFEBOATS AND EASTER

PURPLE

BRUCE SMART

In a recent editorial in Maine's Island Institute's newspaper entitled "Lifeboat Ethics," the writer discusses how individuals help each other in island communities,

much as those in a lifeboat work in harmony so they can make it to safety. He warned transplants from cities and suburbs that they would not escape from responsibility in an island home, but would need to pitch in to

solve community problems, often cooperating with folks they didn't particularly like.

In recent weeks we have seen enough uncooperative behavior in the federal government — especially in the Congress

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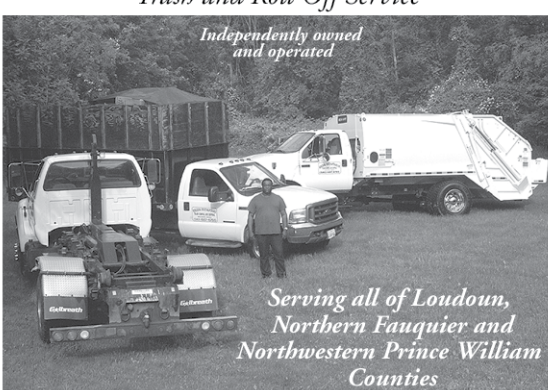
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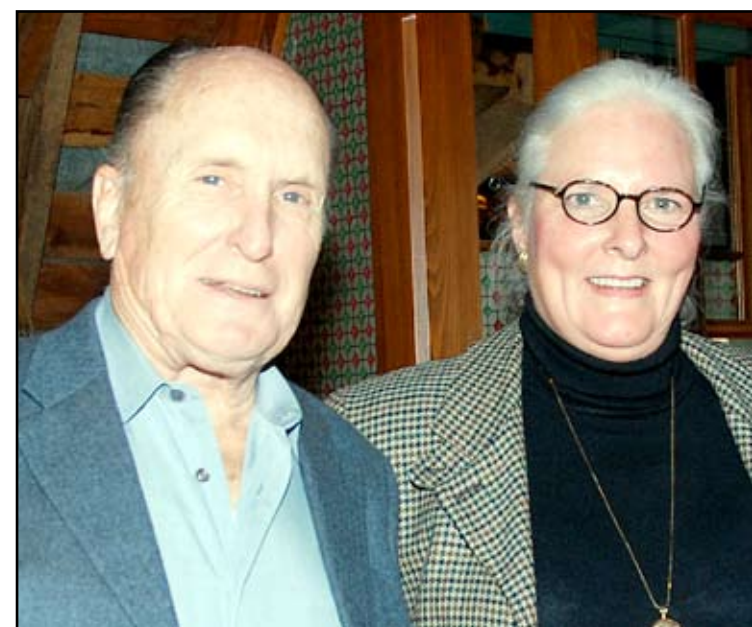
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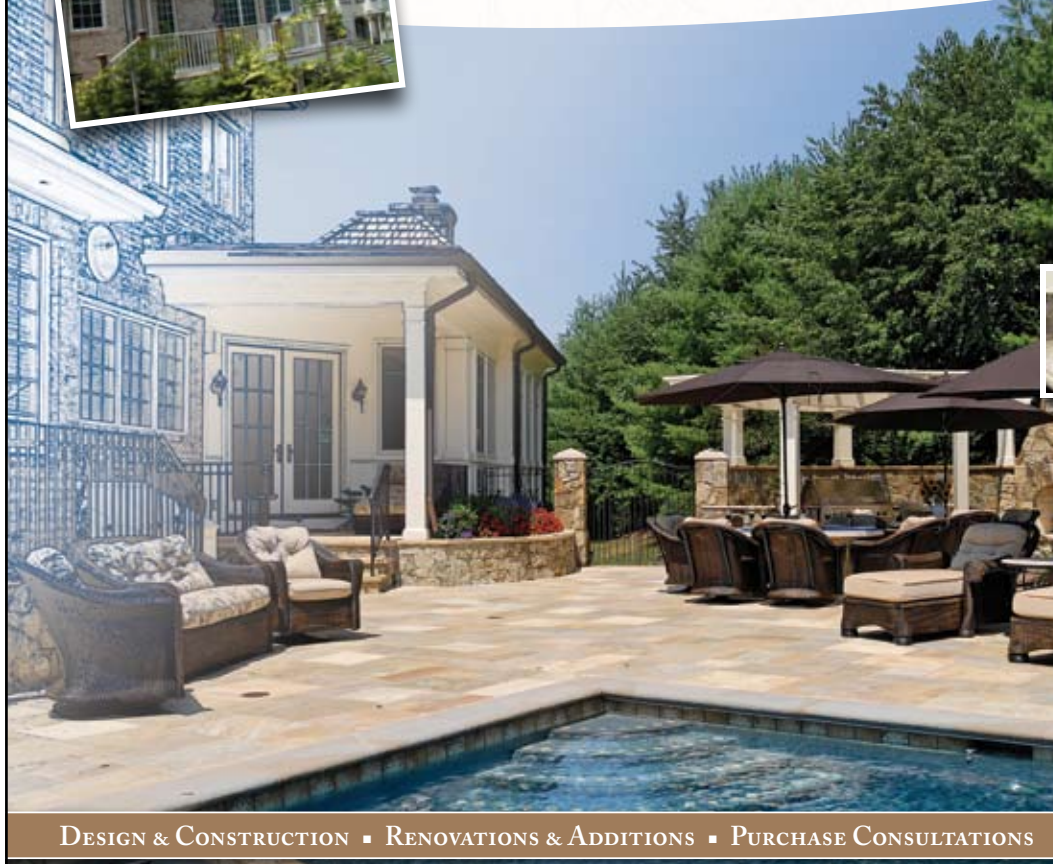


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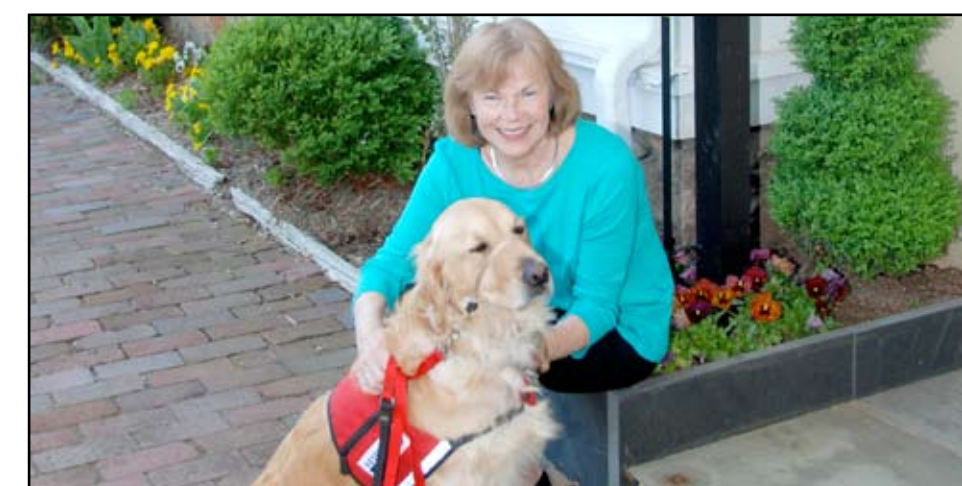
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ALEX CUDABACK

The Nats are right where they want to be a month into the season. Technically, they're in better shape than that. .500 ball is, quite frankly, just fine.

With the New York Mets wobbling into town this week for a three game set Tuesday through Thursday, the Nats are poised to host last year's World Series champion Giants this weekend with a winning record. Not too shabby for a team that couldn't spell their own names as recently as 2009.

Let's be honest. The Nats this year are still a far remove from the cream of the National League East, but they've come leaps and bounds from opening day at RFK back in 2005. And the idea that they could soon be climbing over people's backs for a wild card spot in the not-too-distant future isn't quite so laughable anymore.

I'm not talking about franchise-of-the-decade accolades yet. There have been plenty of mistakes, and there's been plenty of egg for plenty of faces. But the fact remains that the Nats are moving in the right direction and there's not a person with two brain cells to

rub together that would argue that.

Anyone who is still moaning about the Nats and how not good they are need only to look a few hundred miles north to see how quickly a franchise can die on the vine....

In 2005, the Mets were poised for a run of N.L. East dominance that would have taken us back to the mid-80's heyday of Doc, HoJo, Straw, Nails, El Sid and the Kid. New York was going to be, as much as it could with the Yankees ensconced in the Bronx, a Mets town again and people were excited.

In 2006, that promise blossomed like a rose, the Mets running away with their division, and pasting the Dodgers in the first round of the playoffs, with the Cardinals emerging as their second round opponent in what most people considered a pretty favorable match-up for the Mets. Seven games, one back-door breaking ball, one turned-to-stone Carlos Beltran and one called strike three later, the Mets were toast. The Cards went on the pummel the Tigers in the World Series (that was the Series when all the Tigers pitchers conveniently forgot to throw the ball anywhere,

including home plate) and the Mets retired to the off-season, safe in the knowledge that this was the first step in a series of playoff appearances that would surely culminate in at least a World Series appearance, if not with an actual trophy.

Look where the Mets find themselves now..... Scuffling along in last place in their division, having been passed up by one glorified expansion team, another legitimate expansion team (that's already won TWO World Series!), the Braves (ugh...) and worst of all, those mooks up in Philly who have somehow turned themselves into a real, legitimate ball-club. Never you mind that Ryan Howard isn't producing the way he should be for what he's getting paid, that Jimmy Rollins seems to lose a step every other week, that Chase Utley is breaking down before our eyes and that Jayson Werth is now playing down the 95 in DC; the pitching in Philly seems to be legit and healthy, and as long as that's the case, they get a free pass to the playoffs.

The Mets? Put it this way. I hold my breath every morning when I open Safari because I know it's just a matter of time before the Mets find themselves in receivership

purgatory because of this Bernie Maddof' boondoggle. Maybe they deserve it, maybe they don't, but there simply cannot be a worse, sadder place to play professional baseball right now than Queens. The only reason Bud Selig brought the hammer down on the Dodgers first is because he's never really liked team owner Frank McCourt and he considers Mets' owner Fred Wilpon and family close personal friends.

Honestly, the situation in Queens is so disheartening it pains me.

It's almost enough to make me a Redskins fan, just to see how bad it really could be.

Almost....

Speaking of football, glad to see the draft is taking place this week like everything is business as usual. Talk about fiddling as Rome burns. And short of a giant love-in breaking out this week in Minnesota, where Judge Susan Richard Nelson is ruling on the legality of the league's lockout of the players, nobody's going to know anything until May at the earliest. Regardless of Judge Nelson's ruling, the loser will appeal and the lockout will stay in place until that appeal is decided.

But in the meantime, teams are picking players.

For the upcoming season. Which might not even happen.

Business as usual...

Some people expected the Knicks to give the Celtics a run for their money in the first round of the NBA playoffs this year.

Those people were delusional.

Were they somehow unfamiliar with the recent bodies of work of these two teams? Were they wearing James Dolan tinted glasses? Had they been talking to Zeke? I'd never seen such a ridiculously boneheaded "fashion" pick tear around the water cooler.

Honestly... The Knicks? This year?? C'mon...

And lastly, congrats to the Caps. Nicely done against Torts and his Rangers. That's one thing they can cross off the list. With that kind of focus and a couple more fortuitous bounces, they'll be able to cross a few more things off the list.

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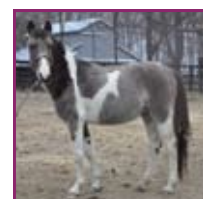


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Elvis was recently rescued in a group of 11 starving dogs. Elvis is very sweet but still a little shy. He is a medium sized retriever mix. Elvis will need a home with a fenced yard. Elvis is currently attending obedience class with a volunteer and is doing very well.

Honey is an absolutely adorable 4 year old Border Terrier/Pit Bull? mix who is excellent with kids & other dogs. She has lived on a chain all of her life, so she does need more socialization as she is fearful of some men. She is also a climber so she must be leashed walked or in a home with acreage.



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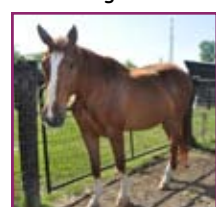
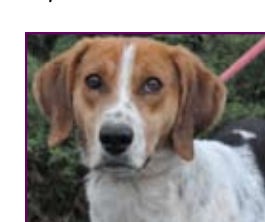
Leroy is a very laid back kitty who is friendly & gets along well with other kitties. He would be happy as an indoor, indoor/outdoor or barn kitty.

Mattie is a cute 2 yr Beagle mix. She is very sweet, walks nicely on a leash & really wants to find her lifelong people.



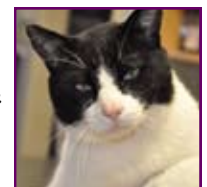
Bugs is a remarkable looking 9 month old Kitty who is very sweet, playful and gets along well with other cats. He is especially fond of children!

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ALBERT'S CORNER

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

If you live with a dog, you know that we do one thing far more frequently than our people: sleep. On average, we sleep 14 hours each day. The larger we are, the more we sleep. Other factors affecting how much we sleep include our environment and our activity level. Working dogs sleep less than pets who are inactive.

What you may not know is that we are extremely similar to people when it comes to how we sleep. Scientists have found that we have the same stages of sleep as humans, including measurable periods of deep REM (rapid eye movement) sleep during which we dream. You may have noticed us twitching, moving our paws or even making noises while we dream. Most people who have studied our dreams believe that we experience things from our lives while we sleep. A retriever may "retrieve" an imagined bird or ball. A guard dog may bark at a conjured intruder. Interestingly, small dogs appear to dream more than large dogs. Also, puppies dream more than adult dogs.

The old adage about letting sleeping dogs lie is true, by the way. We need our sleep to function well when we're awake and to maintain our health. Unless you really need to wake us up, it's best to let us take our naps when our bodies tell us we need them.

Of course, we can sleep too much. This usually happens when we're bored during the day. That's why it's important that we have plenty of activity. Play with us. Take us for walks. Interact with us frequently. Just like people, boredom can lead to us spending far too much time lying around, which can result in weight gain and a lesser quality of life.

I mentioned earlier that our environment affects the way we sleep. That's a no-brainer, since you know from your own experience that rest requires quiet and comfort. Please make sure we have a tranquil place to sleep and something comfort-

able on which to lie. Some of us appreciate a crate with a mat, especially if something is draped over the crate to make it dark. (It simulates a den that we would seek out in the wild.) Most dogs are happy with a simple cushion, but it's important to remember to replace these beds when they become flattened and worn.

Of course, many people prefer to share their own beds with their four-legged friends. In fact, a recent study found that 56% of dog owners sleep with their pets. That same study, published by the CDC (Centers for Disease Control), found that sleeping with us can increase the risk of contracting a range of illnesses. The research was widely published and attracted a great deal of attention.

I've read lots of opinions on these findings, and I'm going to side with the President of the American Medical Veterinary Association, who says that a little common sense goes a long way. After 40 years of veterinary practice, he says animal to human disease transmission is uncommon, if not rare. His viewpoint, and that of many veterinary professionals, is that healthy pets pose little risk.

Basically, before you curl up with your four-legged friend, make sure he or she has had regular wellness check-ups. Also, you should control parasites, manage dental care and assess the need for vaccinations. Of course, if your pet has come into contact with unsavory things outside, you should think twice before letting him or her into the bed. As a general rule, wash your hands frequently and maintain our cleanliness if we're going to be bunkmates.

Phew! Being a canine journalist is exhausting. I'm sorry, but I think I must doze off for a bit. Sweet dreams!

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



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