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HISTORIC COACHING DRIVE EVOKES GILDED AGE

CAROLEE KLIMCHOCK

A feast for the eyes, the ears—and even flesh if you count the cooperative sunny, clear weather—best describes the parade of historic coaches at the Upperville Colt & Horse Show Saturday morning on October 8th.

Two dozen coaches drawn by four, and in one case five, horses swept sprightly by the parade stands as onlookers snapped smartphone pictures and issued their approbation with audible oohs and aahs—the volume seemingly increasing in direct relation to the diminutiveness of the horses. Little and cute gets them every time.

The coaches ranged from late-nineteenth-century restored antiques to recently constructed coaches that merge reliquary style with contemporary design for a lighter weight or better fit for the horses. But the most fascinating aspect of the drive—the stars of the show, if you will—were the drivers and grooms who seamlessly put it all in motion and embodied the coachmen of yore. In addition to a warm array of livery coats, dashing hats—especially on the female drivers and passengers—monogrammed lap blankets, and gloves, several coaches had the additional benefit of a coach horn player producing the bold, bright sounds that only the unusually long, brass coaching horn can make.

I came to watch the coaching drive as a part of my research as a graduate student at Yale working on a dissertation on the history of coaching in America during the Gilded

Age. So, from my perspective, the National Sporting Library's celebratory coaching drive that celebrated the opening of its new Museum—was historic in two senses of the word: one, the historic nature of coach driving generally, and, two, the sheer number of coaches coming together in a single event in recent memory.

It brought to life a topic I spend much of my time researching, usually indoors, sometimes in dank library basements, or at my desk at home with a computer in front of me, a lukewarm cup of coffee to my right, and a cat in my lap. So the chance to see an event such as the drive in scenic Upperville invigorated all my senses in a way that only live performance can.

So what is the history of coach driving that the historic coaching drive channeled? (I'm so glad you asked!) The technique and style of coaching harkens back to British royal mail coaches of the eighteenth century that carried packages, passengers, and news across the country.

The coaching horn played by a guard dramatically announced its arrival in town. These coaches were more than just transportation; they facilitated cultural connectivity and the spread of information. People depended on coach drivers to bring more than the mail, but also news and culture from other parts of the country.

Young women in rural areas would get coachmen to pick up hats and clothes in the latest styles that could only be found in London, and in exchange they would prepare hearty home-cooked food for the driver's

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MIDDLEBURG WOMEN CROWNED USTA LEAGUE NATIONAL CHAMPIONS



The women's team from Middleburg, Va. representing the USTA Mid-Atlantic Section, captured the national title at the USTA League 4.0 Senior National Championships held at the Indian Wells Tennis Garden in Indian Wells, Calif. from Oct. 14 to Oct. 16.

The Middleburg team defeated a team from Beverly, Mass., 2-1 in the Championship match. Earlier in the day, the Middleburg team defeated a team from Tulsa, Okla., 3-0 in the semi-finals. They advanced this far by winning their round-robin flight contested Friday and

Saturday.

The team is captained by Joan Eliot and features Kelsey Leachman, Kristen Byers, Maria Eldredge, Patty Jarvis, Elaine Burden, Kimberley Smithers, Angela Prow, Kristiane Graham, Stewart Herbert, Page Dimos and plays at the Middleburg Tennis Club, Middleburg, Va.



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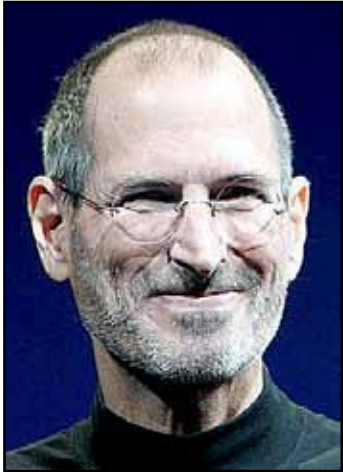
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NEWS OF NOTE

STEVE JOBS 1955-2011



He has been compared to Edison and DaVinci. Apple alone has been credited with having revolutionary impacts on nearly every relationship between the users of information technology and the technology itself. Pixar changed movie-making forever. And Tim Berners-Lee designed the world wide web on Jobs' neXT machine, designed when he had been driven out of the company he founded.

He is also, for better or worse, responsible for the Middleburg Eccentric. The paper would not, and arguably could not, exist without the technology he created.

A 1995 interview with Jobs by our publisher, then Director of the Computerworld Smithsonian Awards Program, has been described as one of the "seven best reads on Steve Jobs's life." For the full interview see: <http://www.cwhonors.org/archives/histories/jobs.pdf>

MARK EADON SMITH 1957-2011

On Friday, October 14, 2011, at his residence in Paris, VA. He lived in Clarke and Loudoun County for 27 years where he and his wife published the regional magazine Novascope and developed the publishing house and design advertising agency Lost Mountain Graphics. Lost Mountain Graphics continues to be a part of the Loudoun County business community, and their main offices have been located in Middleburg since 1987. He was born July 24, 1957 in Hollywood, CA and spent most of his childhood in that state. He attended the University of the South and then Florida Atlantic University, where he met his future wife. He married and moved to Virginia in 1984 where he remained until his death. His artistic talent, creativity, humor, and gentle spirit will be missed by all who knew him. His artistic gifts were the central talent that he brought to the many clients and projects that Lost Mountain produced through the years. He was one of the most outstanding designers in the region in publishing and graphics. His creativity also extended to painting in oils and watercolors, writing, editing books and other publications, and noteworthy golf shots on the local courses. Mark and his wife Joy have loved their many years here in Virginia and are deeply grateful



for the friendships and many activities they have enjoyed in the local and regional communities over the years. He is survived by his wife and business partner Joy Hursey Schwab Smith; his mother Dale Eadon Smith; his two sisters Melissa Smith Ditrach and Michelle Smith Santarelli; Joy's three children Mindy Schwab Olowin, Debbie Schwab Simpson, and Perry Jon Schwab; and many close family members including grandchildren, nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father Frank Arnold Smith. A memorial service was held on Monday, October 17 at Lost Mountain Graphics in Middleburg. The Mark Eadon Smith Memorial Fund is currently being established; for more information please call Lost Mountain Graphics at 540-687-3314.

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NEWS OF NOTE

DEDICATED CITIZENS WIN FIGHT TO PRESERVE 8,000 ACRES OF HISTORIC UNISON BATTLEFIELD COUNTRYSIDE

Eleven years ago when Mayo Brown asked Paul and Avis Hodge for help in saving the Unison Store from developers, neither he nor the Hodes, nor the many individuals and organizations who later helped, could have imagined they were launching a campaign that would turn 8,000 acres of scenic Virginia countryside into a new Civil War battlefield historic district.

Back in 1862, it would be easy to imagine President Abraham Lincoln's frustration with Union General George McClellan.

Lincoln had personally created a battle plan that, had it succeeded, might capture the Confederate capital of Richmond and bring the Civil War to an early end. The odds were in McClellan's favor. Lee's troops were outnumbered and beyond the Blue Ridge Mountains more than 50 miles farther from Richmond than McClellan's army. But no one knew the odds better than General Lee.

As McClellan's Army of the Potomac entered Loudoun County in November, 1862, Lee ordered his faithful Gen. J.E.B. Stuart to slow McClellan's much larger force until Lee could march his troops south and back over the Blue Ridge.

Stuart's cavalry and horse artillery delayed McClellan's slowly moving forces for three

days around Unison. Lincoln's plan failed. He removed McClellan from command and Lee moved on to fight again.

"Thus, a small battle in the Loudoun Valley had a disproportionate impact upon the course of the campaign and the war in Virginia," according to National Park Service historian and cartographer David Lowe in his history of the Battle of Unison.

"Our concern about the Unison Store 11 years ago," said Hodge, "was that it was bankrupt and might be demolished, forever changing our historic village."

"When Mayo came and asked what could be done to save the store, I suggested we create a village nonprofit and an historic district. And we did." Hodge filed all state and federal forms and established the Unison Preservation Society (UPS) in September, 2001. The charter reads "...to create an historic district for one of Loudoun County's oldest villages, help save and restore the 1870's Unison Store, preserve the village and rural roads and the surrounding countryside."

Villagers rallied round the new nonprofit UPS and raised over \$10,000 to create the Unison Village Historic District.

One reason for creating the historic district was that buildings in it... such as the Unison store...

are eligible for state and federal restoration tax credits, said Hodge. "Local developer and preservationist Coe Eldredge bought and meticulously restored the store using those tax credit programs. It helped preserve the village."

According to Virginia historian Gene Scheel, the Unison area "...is one of the best-preserved 19th Century rural landscapes in Virginia. It is well worth preserving."

Unisonians learned about the little known Battle of Unison while successfully fighting a proposed housing subdivision outside the new village historic district. Neighbor Mitch Diamond saw an article in Blue and Gray Magazine and did further research. UPS invited historians to the village and then got a grant to study the battle from the National Park Service's American Battlefield Protection Program (ABPP).

David Lowe's 52-page history of the battle led Hodge and others to propose creating the Unison Battlefield Historic District. UPS then won two additional ABPP grants to help put the battlefield on Virginia and National Historic Registers.

Hodge was familiar with historic districts having been an active preservationist when he and Avis lived in Old Town Alexandria and while covering the National Park

Service as a Washington Post reporter.

As a result of the research funded by these grants, what initially began as a crusade to save a village store created a nonprofit, a village historic district and now the 8,000-acre Unison Battlefield Historic District. It stretches eight miles from Philomont, through Unison to Upperville. It was placed on the Virginia Landmarks Register Sept. 22 and is expected to go on the National Register of Historic Places this winter.

It already is being hailed as one of the nation's best preserved battlefield historic districts. More than 50 percent of the land within it is under conservation easements.

"What is unusual is that the battlefield historic district has been supported by federal, state and county governments, by residents and by two dozen national, regional and local nonprofit groups: A virtually unanimous endorsement by the largest and most influential preservation groups around," said Hodge.

"We owe a lot not just to dedicated UPS members and Coe Eldredge, but to county, state and

federal officials and to architectural historian Maral Kalbian who worked two years on the nomination. It was a team effort extraordinaire!"

Three colorful Civil War Trail signs about the Battle of Unison and the battlefield will be dedicated October 29th at 12:30 p.m. at the Unison United Methodist Church, prior to Unison's annual Heritage Day fall festival.

The Unison Store is for sale again, now beautifully restored, and UPS hopes a dedicated steward will purchase it.

"It is at the center of three historic districts, including Loudoun's Beaverdam Creek Historic Roadways District," said Hodge, "and part of it could be a history and community center for one of Virginia's best preserved historic areas."

Visitors are welcome at the Civil War Trails signs dedication, and at the Unison Heritage Day Festival, held at the Unison Store. Festival tickets are \$30 a person and support the battlefield and UPS preservation projects. For further information see the UPS website at www.unisonva.org.

DUCHESSA'S FABULOUS FASHION SHOW FOR THE CANON BALL CLASSIC AT CREIGHTON FARMS



FROM BOTTOM LEFT: LIZ REINHARDT-BLEWITT, TANYA GIULIANI, KRISTA STRUDER | MIDDLE ROW: ELAINE SCHILDBACH, CATHY STRUDER, MABLE WALSH | TOP ROW: LUCY EDWARDS, BETHANN BEAMAN, SHARDA EDWARDS.

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PHILOMONT GIRL'S DEATH INSPIRES GIFT OF SMILES

On August 9th, five-year-old Sadie Grace Ablard died from a head injury sustained at a birthday party. Her mother, Sara Ablard of Philomont, is attempting to turn tragedy into something positive by supporting a cause important to Sadie. Below is Sara's letter to our community.

Since my daughter Sadie's death 10 weeks ago, I've found some comfort for my heartbreak by channeling my energy into something positive that will help others: fundraising for SmileTrain.

As often happens, it all starts with a smile.

I clearly remember Sadie's first smile. Not just a reflex smile but her first real smile. She showed me that first gummy grin when she was eight weeks old and she never lived a day without beaming several times during the day. Even on grumpy days, she would find things to look delighted about...a funny passage in a book, the crazy antics of goats on our property, finally getting through that difficult violin piece, finding colorful yarn for her next knitting project, watching a butterfly land on a flower...Sadie found joy in so many areas of life.

Sadie wanted to give others the chance to smile too. Not just a partial smile but a wide-open grin. She was troubled that some people are born with cleft lip and cleft palate and that ninety-five percent of children born with a cleft in developing countries never receive surgeries. They often aren't allowed to attend school, marry, or hold a job. They face difficult lives because they are too poor to afford a simple surgery. Sadie wanted to provide them a chance to smile.

Sadie first learned about SmileTrain when we were walking through Dulles Town Center. She saw banners promoting the cause with often-seen photos of children with cleft palate. She asked, "What's wrong with that boy?" I explained as best I could that afternoon and then we went home and learned more online. She showed great compassion for these children, and she wanted to help. That Christmas, we asked for donations instead of gifts, and we raised \$500 which fully fund-



ed two "smiles" for children.

With Sadie's death, I'm continuing her cause. It's my goal to raise enough money in my lifetime to fund a child's smile surgery for every day that Sadie lived. That's \$250 per smile for 1,913 days for a total of \$478,250. It's a bold goal, but then Sadie lived with a bold heart and with much compassion for others.

With each smile we fund, we help improve the life of a child, and we're doing so in memory of my joyful Sadie who blessed us with her beaming, contagious smile. She would be delighted to be contributing to sharing more smiles with others.

Since one of Sadie's other passions was running, I'm organizing a 5K run on what would

have been her sixth birthday, Saturday, May 12, 2012, with all proceeds going to SmileTrain. She loved to run longer and longer portions of our 3.5 mile loop, sometimes taking a break in the baby jogger but just as often challenging me in a race.

When I was having a hard time keeping up with her sprints, she'd look back and shout, "Now you're getting it!" while cheering on our "girl power!" At only five years old, she was on her third pair of running shoes.

In our short time together, my daughter taught me empathy, generosity and the benefits of living with an open heart. Now that she's gone, I sustain myself by continuing her good works.

If you'd like to join me in this cause, visit Sadie's page on the SmileTrain site: <http://support.smiletrain.org/goto/Sadie>. For those interested in learning more about the May 12th Loudoun County run or for details on how to participate, volunteer or become an event sponsor, contact me at sablard@gmail.com or visit www.sadiesmilefoundation.org.

SPECTACULAR CELEBRATION OPENS NATIONAL SPORTING MUSEUM

On a beautiful October evening, over 400 distinguished and elegantly dressed guests gathered to help The National Sporting Library officially open their new Sporting Museum in Middleburg, Virginia.

The tent was splendid and dinner was delicious but nothing could rival the truly spectacular show, "Afield in America: 400 Years of Animal and Sporting Art," that debuted the new museum.

Curated by F. Turner Reuter, the exhibit features over 150 paintings and sculptures on loan from museums and private collectors across the country. Reuter met with guests and spoke about several of the fabulous pieces that grace the rooms of the beautifully renovated and expanded 1804 Vine Hill Mansion.

In the exhibition, the works of Bierstadt, Audobon, Remington, Homer and Troye join those of lesser-known artists to illustrate how American animal and sporting artists developed a unique American Style. The luxuriously illustrated catalogue explores this in greater depth with scholarly essays.

Guests were thrilled by the magnitude of what the NSLM has achieved by creating the new museum. As they strolled past



VOLUNTEERS: MATT HANNON, MARY SOUTH HUTCHISON, BILL WALLER, TERRI O'DOWD, JERI COULTER, EDEE TUDOR, MEGAN HUBBARD, LINDSAY BERRETH, ANDREW OSBORNE

the boxwood gardens to dinner in a three-story tent on the crest of the grounds, they found themselves in a magical environment Silk draped the ceiling and walls and immense reproductions from the Library's rare book collection were framed and hung on all the walls.

"No celebration in either New York or Paris could rival this," a glamorous guest remarked.

Jacqueline B. Mars, vice chairman of the NSLM board, and Anjela Guarriello served as gala co-chairs.

Both Executive Director Rick Stoutamyer, and Chairman

of the Board Manuel H. Johnson agreed that creating an environment that preserves historic works of art and reflects the character of country life that it seeks to protect has been an extraordinary mission.

"This is a logical extension of the Library which was founded in 1954 by George L. Ohrstrom, Sr., and Alexander Mackay-Smith," explained Stoutamyer.

"It's quite an accomplishment," added Johnson.

"A wonderful team of individuals has helped us make this possible. We owe a sincere debt of gratitude to every one of them."

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NEWS OF NOTE

MIDDLEBURG ACADEMY OFFERS ON-CAMPUS COLLEGE-LEVEL COURSES

MEGAN CATHERWOOD

When 2008 graduate Matthew Minnicino of Leesburg first packed his belongings for college, he remembered to take sheets and towels, his dorm fridge, and the seventeen credits he had already earned during his career at Middleburg Academy. Those were almost enough credits, in fact, for Matt to have entered the University of Virginia as a sophomore, had he elected to do so. Like a number of his Middleburg Academy classmates, Matt accumulated most of these college credits through the school's unique and on-site Dual Enrollment (DE) program, well before his UVA education had formally begun.

Dual Enrollment credits, as well as a smaller number of credits earned through Advanced Placement (AP) classes, allowed Matt to bypass several of UVA's required first- and second-level classes (English, composition, and science) and move ahead quickly to explore the courses that truly ignited his passion. He has never looked back.

"I feel I am just as strong or stronger a writer and as well-grounded in science and history as my college classmates who took those courses, thanks to my pre-college preparation at Middleburg Academy," explains Minnicino.

"Fairly early on in college, I was able to determine my double major [English and Theatre Arts] and jump into the more interesting, advanced-

level courses that were then opened up to me."

And jump in he did. Now a senior, Matt has been on the Dean's List every semester since arriving at one of Virginia's top academic institutions.

The uncommon breadth of the advanced course work made available to students at Middleburg Academy is tied to the strength of the school's curriculum and faculty. In addition to an exceptional number of teachers holding advanced degrees (86% have masters or doctorates), a significant portion are also certified to teach college-level courses on our college-prep campus.

Many high schools, both public and private, offer college-level work through Advanced Placement (AP) classes, and Middleburg Academy is no exception. Depending on an individual's AP exam score and the policies of the institution they plan to attend (which can vary considerably), students may be granted advanced standing.

The school's Dual Enrollment offerings, unique among independent schools in the region, by definition ensure that full college credits are awarded at all fifteen of Virginia's public universities to any student who receives a grade of C or higher in a DE-certified course. And the good news is that rigorous DE coursework is similarly acknowledged by virtually every public and private college outside the state.

Matt Minnicino is one of several hundred Middleburg Academy alumni who have



MATT MINNICINO IS ONE OF SEVERAL HUNDRED MIDDLEBURG ACADEMY ALUMNI WHO HAVE GRADUATED FROM HIGH SCHOOL WITH BOTH A STRONG COLLEGE PREPARATORY EDUCATION AND ACTUAL COLLEGE CREDITS. THE LEESBURG RESIDENT IS SHOWN HERE IN PERFORMANCE OF ONE OF HIS OWN DRAMATIC WORKS THROUGH UVA'S THEATRE DEPARTMENT.

graduated from high school with both a strong college preparatory education and actual college credits. Checking with other young alumni yields similarly impressive results: Like seniors at Cornell and Wake Forest, both of whom arrived at their campuses with twenty college credits already earned.

All of this may be music to the ears of parents, many of whom have heard the recent statistic that one-third of all college students do not graduate within six years.

To learn more about Middleburg Academy's Dual Enrollment Program, contact Charles Britton, Admissions Director, at cbritton@middleburgacademy.org or call 540-687-5581, ext. 3008. Visit the school's website at www.middleburgacademy.org.

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The members of the Animal Rescue Fund (ARF) is just such a group of caring people. You can help them help animals in need by doing some of your holiday shopping at their first Fabulous Estate Sale, November 19th and 20th at Buchanan Hall in Upperville, Virginia.

Animal Rescue Fund members have gathered an incredible assortment of beautiful items just in time for the holiday shopping season. Why not consider doing some of your "Present Buying" for your family and friends at this fabulous sale.

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crystal glassware, French sofa and chair, vases, kitchen items, designer purses and stocking stuffers of every kind.

Please plan to visit Upperville's Buchanan Hall, a venue large enough to display the array of goods, Saturday, November 19th or Sunday, October 20th. You will find ample convenient parking. Please note the ARF ad in this Eccentric issue. Every dollar you spend at the sale will go directly to aid our animal friends.

Come to the all-volunteer staffed ARF Estate Sale at Buchanan Hall, in Upperville on Route 50 on Saturday, November 19th and Sunday, November 20th from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. for the best Holiday bargain shopping ever.

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NEWS OF NOTE

CHRISTMAS IN MIDDLEBURG

Christmas in Middleburg begins officially this year on Friday, December 2, with carols and a tree lighting ceremony.

Saturday's Christmas Festival continues to grow.

At 8:30, Saturday morning, December 3, Santa arrives at Middleburg Elementary School for breakfast and a silent auction. At 9:00 the Craft Fair opens at Middleburg Community Center, and at 10:00 the Christmas Greens Sale at the Emmanuel Episcopal Church Parish House.

At 11:00 Middleburg Hunt Review steps off, with a parade of mounted riders and hounds down the Middleburg's main street, Washington Street.

At 2:00 PM the traditional Christmas Parade begins, with bands, marching units, and Santa.

For the first time this year organizers have announced a Christmas "Wine Crawl," featuring tastings of both local and imported wines. Tasting fees for qualified adults will include coupons for winery visits, including:

Swedenburg Winery at Middleburg Country Inn
Boxwood Winery at the

Boxwood Tasting Room

Barrel Oak Winery at the Barrel Oak Tasting Room and Gallery

French Hound at the Wine Cellar

Julien's at Julien's Wine Bar

Salamander Market

Town Council Approves MOU

In early October, Town Council formally agreed to join the Christmas in Middleburg Volunteer Organization and the town's Business and Professional Association in a tri-partite official "Memorandum of Understanding" governing the annual festivities.

Town Administrator Martha Semmes reported that she and the town staff had worked closely with Christmas in Middleburg Chairman, Jim Herbert, Town Business Development Manager, Cindy Pearson, and Chief Klugh to finalize not both MOU and emergency protocol.

The agreement, she noted, "will strengthen the event."

With Council member Hazard, Murdock and Snyder absent, the MOU was ap-

proved by a unanimous vote of Council members Kirk, Littleton, Shea and Stewart.

Council member Kathy Jo Shea noted that there were still, her view, several areas in which the language of the MOU could be improved, and suggested that, based on this year's experience, the document might well be revised for the 2012 celebrations.

RFPs for Engineering and Legal Services

After consultation with Town Attorney Liz Whiting, Town Administrator Semmes has issued and advertised formal Requests for Proposals for engineering and legal services for the town. The deadline for proposals is mid November.

According to Semmes, "some engineering firms have already asked to receive the RFP."

Town Attorney Elizabeth Whiting noted that the RFP's were a good idea from both a procedural and policy point of view. They could also save the town money, she noted, making the Town eligible, among other things, for reimbursements for engineering work from Virginia Department of Transportation.

Whiting has served the Town for 21 years. In 2002

the Local Government Attorneys of Virginia awarded her its highest award, the Edward J. Finnegan Award for Distinguished Service.

Asked by Vice Mayor Kirk if the Town had heard from anyone with regard to the legal services ad, Semmes confirmed "she knew of someone who may be interested."

Snow Removal

After reviewing four bids for supplemental snow removal, the town awarded Wines Construction the contract for the 2011-2-12 snow season to.

Widely praised for the excellent service it provided the Town under difficult conditions last year, Mayor Betsy Davis reiterated, that in her view, they had done "a great job."

Town Administrator Semmes also announced that she and the Town Clerk were investigating investment in a new snow removal technology: a snow melting trailer.

Instead of paying to have piles of snow hauled out of downtown for dumping, she noted, the town could simply melt it, and dispose of the water in the town's storm drains.

If the unit proved effective, but too expensive for Middleburg to purchase alone,

Semmes suggested she might approach the other towns in Western Loudoun County to share in what would be a roughly \$100,000 purchase.

The Redskins and Ravens, she said, were also considering the approach.

Council member Trowbridge Littleton observed, "that this would be good for areas that had no place to put their snow . . . but \$100,000 would move a lot of snow in trucks."

Water Systems

Semmes told Council she's "awaiting a decision from the Virginia Department of Health" on Middleburg's application for a grant to replace old two-inch water lines in the Ridgeview section. The lines have been leaking for some time, and according to Semmes the leaks are getting worse. She has, she said, "redoubled" her efforts to secure funding.

The town is also still awaiting an "official certificate to operate" its new Salamander-built water treatment facilities.

The facilities are currently operating on the basis of a "verbal" Virginia Department of Health approval.

The Salamander organization has asked the town to release them from their performance bond on the facilities, claiming the town had accepted the plant.

The town, however, can not accept the plant officially until the Certificate to Operate is "officially" in hand and Salamander has provided "acceptable and complete-as-built" drawings of the facilities."

The Town's wastewater permit from the VA Dept. of Environmental Quality was approved in late September and the town received the "as-built" drawings from Salamander of October 7.

Audit

Town staff met in early October to review preliminary findings by the town's auditors. A full report is forthcoming.

Special Use Permits Approved

Council approved special use permits for Ben Wedgdam, allowing the use of 1st floor of the building at 17 West Federal Street to be used as a warehouse, and the construction of second story. The site has been vacant for eight years. In 2004 it was reviewed and a site plan approved for a restaurant.

The Town also approved a Verizon Wireless request to increase the size of three cellular antennas on the Town's water tower at 25 Cornwall Street.

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NEWS OF NOTE

LOUDOUN LAURELS HONORS TWO EXTRAORDINARY CITIZENS

BOB SEVILA & JIM ROBERTS SET STANDARD FOR OTHERS TO FOLLOW

Continuing its mission to elevate and recognize outstanding individuals whose service to Loudoun County deserves emulation and special recognition, The Loudoun Laurels honored Bob Sevila and Jim Roberts at their annual award gala recently at Morven Park Estate. Among their many contributions, both men have been lifetime supporters of the Boy Scouts, and have been honored for their commitment to the organization.

Sevila, mayor of Leesburg from 1982 to 1992, is a principal with Sevila, Saunders, Huddleston & White, in Leesburg. He is a land use, transportation and development rights expert. He is also a citizen who always has time to help others and has done so for decades. He is widely respected for his personal and professional commitment to ensure that every citizen of Loudoun County is well served.

He has been in private practice since 1974 when he left the Justice Department, and has served on the Rust Library Board, Shenandoah University Advisory Committee, and as chairman of the 2001-2003 United Way Loudoun Campaign. Sevila is a co-founder and charter member of the Board of Directors of the F&M Bank of Northern Virginia and, presently, he is the chairman of the Loudoun County Chamber of Commerce.

His wife, Nancy, is a teacher at Simpson Middle School. They have three grown children, Tracey, Sally and Chip.

James Roberts

Roberts, whose family has lived in Loudoun since before the Civil War, is one of the county's leading authorities on the history of its black citizens and communities. He founded the first integrated scout troop in Loudoun County, is an active churchman and long-time supporter of Habit for Humanity. He is a noted his-

torian and preservationist and an active supporter of the Thomas Balch Library and the Loudoun Museum.

His great grandfather on his mother's side, born a slave, learned to read in a time in which it was forbidden, became a miller, a preacher and a builder of churches.

His father, Edward T. Roberts, was a carpenter who worked for Norris Brothers.

Roberts joined the Navy in 1956 after his Douglas High School graduation and served on a destroyer that cruised the Mediterranean three times. He and his wife, Peggy, whom he met in high school, recently celebrated their 51st anniversary.

He is a fine photographer and has photos in the Holocaust Museum Collections.

His three children include Murial, a Broad Run High School teacher and administrator; Ursula, an American Express executive in Arizona; and Jonathan, a former police officer.

Founded by Inova Loudoun Hospital under the direction of CEO Randy Kelley, The Loudoun Laurels is now a 501c3 nonprofit organization that operates independently as a Loudoun County legacy organization. In addition to the original Founders Committee, the program is now run by Kitty Saylor, CEO of Rehau International; Joe Boling, Chairman of Middleburg Bank and Randy Kelley, CEO of Inova Loudoun.

Daniel Morrow serves as the Program's Executive Director.

Major underwriters include Rehau International, Inova Loudoun Hospital, Middleburg Bank, the Claude Moore Charitable Foundation and Howard Hughes Medical Institute, Guidant Corporation, Sevila, Saunders, Huddleston & White, P.C. and Jamestown Exploration.

For more information about The Loudoun Laurels, please visit www.loudounlaurels.org.

COACHING DRIVE

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journey back.

Coaching clubs that popularized country drives in luxurious coaches behind liveried recreational drivers formed in Britain in the mid-nineteenth century, then in the U.S. around the 1870's.

Today's coaching channels nineteenth-century American and British coaching revivalists, which themselves channeled the royal mail coach drivers from eighteenth-century Britain. The double performance makes today's coaching even more complex and fascinating to me as a student of history and cultural studies.

In Gilded Age America, the hobby of coach driving grew in part as an avenue for exercising and displaying a modesty and humility that were the hallmarks of the ideal British country gentlemen. Drivers mastered a skill that was increasingly becoming obsolete in the technological age. According to a

Baltimore Sun article from 1896, coach driving required, "the ability to look neither to the right nor to the left, but to drive ahead without swerving...and to turn corners with a dash and by a hair's breath."

Gilded Age coaches provided a visual foil to the rise of the railroads which dominated the physical—not to mention economic—landscape of the era. Coaching celebrated the genuine horsepower that the "iron horse" drove nearly extinct.

As the October 8th drive evidences, coaching at its very finest still thrives. A small, dedicated coterie of drivers and enthusiasts along with archival institutions such as the National Sporting Library and Museum keep it alive, to the gratification of passengers, spectators, and geeky history buffs alike.

Ms. Klimchick is a former John Daniels Fellow at the National Sporting Library.

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EDITOR'S DESK

VOTE!

November 8, 2011, marks the date of what is arguably THE most important election of the next two years. Indeed, if you live here, the people elected on that day will have more impact on your daily life, and that of your colleagues friends and families, than anyone we send to Washington in 2012.

Unfortunately, few of us will vote. Worse, even after the polls have closed, few of us will know anything about the people who will set our taxes, approve the budgets for our schools and libraries, fund our local law enforcement and emergency first responders, determine who can build what and where, and set the budgets, rules and regulations that govern most of our daily lives.

This month, in an effort to provide some perspective on the people we will elect to govern us most directly, the Eccentric enters into a partnership with a bold new publication headquartered in Berryville, in Clarke County, our neighbor to the west: The Shenandoah Press.

Published by Mark Dewey, a veteran journalist and educator, you can find it on the web at: <http://www.shenandoahpress.org/>

For the election season Mark commissioned his friend and ours, Loudoun County attorney, writer, and political activist John Flannery, to suppress

his Democratic Party leanings, put on his lawyerly objectivity, and profile several of the candidates running for office in the parts of Loudoun County covered by the Eccentric.

We encourage everyone . . . whether you're reading this BEFORE or AFTER the elections, to read them.

If you are reading this before November 8, they may, and should, help you decide how to cast your vote. If you're reading this AFTER November 8, they may help you understand what you're in for and why.

For profiles of Tom Bellanca and Scott York, both running for the at-large Chairman's seat on the Board of Supervisors, see <http://www.shenandoahpress.org/category/politics/local/>

For Janet Clarke and Jim Burton, candidates for the Blue Ridge District seat, see <http://www.shenandoahpress.org/category/politics/local/>

For Malcom Baldwin and Geary Higgins, candidates for the Catoctin District seat, see <http://www.shenandoahpress.org/category/politics/local/>

For Mark Dewey's profile of Jill Vogel, Candidate for State Senate, see

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If you haven't voted yet, read them! And vote!

SAVING THE PIEDMONT PURPLE

BRUCE SMART

We live in a beautiful and historic region, whose scenic and rural character has been under pressure for many years. The nation's population has expanded rapidly, and urbanized. Washington is a magnet for government-related enterprise and employment. Loudoun County has grown, from 86,000 to 312,000 residents in 20 years (up 263%), as has Prince William (up 87%) and Fauquier (up 40%). As a result, open space has been lost, our region's highways are gridlocked, its schools crowded, and local taxes are higher, especially in Loudoun County.

Residents concerned with this impact on their quality of life have fought back. A vigorous citizens' campaign stopped a proposed Disney theme park in Haymarket in 1994. Loudoun County's developer-friendly Board of Supervisors was defeated in 1999, and the successor Board enacted a county-wide controlled-growth plan, only to see it overturned by a new, developer-supported Board elected in 2003. That Board in turn lost in 2007, and new zoning restrictions, plus an over-built housing market, a recession, and a credit crunch have temporarily slowed down sprawl. But this is no time for citizens to be complacent. We are again under attack.

Our conservationist friend Jackie Mars has said "The real Earth Day is Election Day;" one

is coming up on November 8th. If you believe former Speaker of the House of Representatives Tip O'Neill's axiom "Money is the mother's milk of politics," those who care about our area should be alarmed. Loudoun County will elect a new Board of Supervisors this fall. Four of today's incumbents are retiring, and the Chairman has switched his status from Independent to Republican. Through September 15th the nine Republican candidates for Loudoun supervisor have raised a total of \$478,000, 39% more than their principal opponents. Significantly, the Construction and Real Estate industry has given those Republican candidates \$88,000, 3.2 times the \$27,400 they gave the opponents. [Ed. Note: Purple prefers to be non-partisan, and not over-burden you with figures, but as our second President, John Adams, said "facts are stubborn things:"]

On the state level, one local race is similar. The Republican candidate for the 10th District seat in the House of Delegates has raised 2.3 times as much in total as his opponent, including \$56,800 from Construction and Real Estate versus the Democrat's \$600. Hello, Outer Beltway?

Elsewhere there is less of note. In the 33rd District Delegate Joe May is unopposed; in the 27th Senate District Republican Jill Vogel has far out-raised her opponent, with little for either coming from Construction and Real Estate. In

Fauquier County the races are far less heavily funded or contentious. In Prince William, several races for supervisor are uncontested, although in the contest for Chairman the Republican has raised 10 times as much from Construction and Real Estate as has his Democratic rival.

Obviously the Construction and Real Estate industry is focusing its election efforts and its business future on rapidly growing Loudoun by investing in Republican candidates for the Board of Supervisors. Open land is its raw material. Almost all of Prince William County is within 35 miles of the Capitol, and that county is pretty well developed. Only a sliver of Fauquier is that close in, but half of Loudoun is. That leaves mid- and western Loudoun as target areas for the proposed north-south Outer Beltway and its accompanying residential development. More east-west traffic gridlock, crowded County schools, higher taxes – and, yes, lost rural open space – could result from this election. Is Fauquier next?

What does Purple suggest? Well, dollars don't vote, people do. So make this off-year election a "must" on your calendar. Go to the polls, forget how you normally vote, or how your daddy did, and vote for someone whose name has (D) or (I) after it. Your neighbors, your children, and your world will bless you for saving our beautiful Piedmont heritage.

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"Individual rights are not subject to a public vote; a majority has no right to vote away the rights of a minority; the political function of rights is precisely to protect minorities from oppression by majorities (and the smallest minority on earth is the individual).

~ Ayn Rand

A fundraising event was held recently in Middleburg to raise capital, both financial and spiritual, for a candidate seeking the Republican nomination in the newly created 10th District.

Every registered Republican in the area received a mailed invitation to attend the event, but somehow, mine never arrived.

When I questioned the person hosting the event what happened, I was met with a smile and an answer that is all too often typical when I tell people that I am a registered Republican: "I thought your name on the list was a mistake".

At one level, I understand the "confusion."

I am not bashful about my views on issues that, in the eyes of some of my Republican friends, are often seen as typically "liberal."

I oppose the military occupation of both Iraq & Afghanistan.

I believe in a woman's right to choose.

I support gay marriage and advocate an end to the wasteful experiment that has come to be known as the "war on drugs."

Thus, it was no real surprise to discover that someone who has known me for more than five years thought my GOP credentials were either a clerical error . . . or clever result of some misguided dirty trick by some a left-wing radical.

Neither could be further from the truth.

One might logically ask, of course, why I would align myself with a political party that appears to have so little in common with my personal ideology.

The answer is quite simple: I believe the Republican Party represents the idea that I hold nearest and dearest to my heart: the concept of liberty!

Liberty . . . personal liberty . . . has been a mainstay of the traditional republican platform from Abraham Lincoln to Barry Goldwater.

But somewhere along the way we Republicans wandered off the path of liberty and started down a dark and winding road that, I firmly believe, leads to tyranny.

For me, Liberty exists where individuals are free to make choices for themselves as long as they accept responsibility for the consequences of their actions.

NOVEMBER 8 ELECTION BLUE NOTES

DANIEL MORROW

Our November editorial insists that the November 8 election is, arguably, " . . . THE most important election of the next two years."

If you live here, that is absolutely and unequivocally the case.

Unless the world comes to an end (or the GOP manages to put one of its current string of candidates in the White House) no single group of people running for elective office anywhere will have more impact on our daily lives than the people running for local office.

Sadly, most of us wouldn't recognize most of them if they sat down next to us. We don't know them. We don't know what they do.

And, unless bad things happen, most of us don't really care. We should.

I encourage you to read the profiles of the candidates posted by our friends and colleagues at the non-profit Shenandoah press.

And most of all, I encourage you to vote. It's important.

A Note on Fauquier

Though we're the "Middleburg Eccentric" many of our best friends and most

loyal and active readers are from our neighbor, a few steps to the south.

A particularly close friend and ally in the ongoing effort to preserve what's best about the land, history, and lifestyle of Fauquier and western Loudoun, has been Peter Schwartz, who currently represents the Marshall District on the Fauquier Board of Supervisors.

Peter has worked closely with Jim Burton, our Blue Ridge District Supervisor in Loudoun, on critical transportation and preservation issues common to both counties, including opposition to the so-called outer beltway and the well-financed efforts of the power industry to festoon our historic hills and valleys with garlands of power lines strung between erector-set towers along clear cut rights of way. (To mention only two.)

He runs as an independent . . . and, sadly for us democrats . . . is.

Peter not only talks the talk, he walks the walk . . . and manages to vote as well as ask to be voted for.

He's thoughtful, fiscally conservative, and still a firm believer in the notion that local government not only CAN make a difference, but SHOULD.

HYPOCRISY

TOM PRATT

The most important demonstrations since those against the Vietnam war are occurring in cities in America and countries around the world. Inspired by 'Occupy Wall Street,' people all over the globe have come together from every age,

political party, race and economic level (save perhaps the super rich) to express their outrage at financial institutions that have been bailed out at the expense of 99% of the population, thereby benefiting only 1%.

Many friends of mine

have asked if the movement has a purpose. I visited Occupy D.C. the other day and a young man had written a treatise on why to occupy. I am submitting it for publication because it answers all questions and explains what the movement is all about.

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all is the height of spider season and an early morning walk will find each tell-tale web, heavy with night's dew. Not all spiders make webs, a few are ground spiders, seeking their prey at ground level or climbing to hunt. One such spider intrigues me, the daddy-long-leg, which is very common and totally harmless. Technically not a spider (there are more than a couple of species of daddy-long-legs), most are commonly found within the order of opiliones. Distant cousins to spiders, more closely related to mites and ticks, instead of having segmented bodies, the body parts are fused leaving them with no apparent waist. People are funny about daddy-long legs, often squeamish. As a child I was terrified of all spiders, this has changed (thankfully) and I respect them immensely as an adult.

Another common name used for daddy-long-legs is harvest spider and harvestmen, derived from their appearance at harvest. Biologist refer to them as opiliones from the Latin word for Shepard and in Linnaeus time they were referred to as the Shepard spider. They eat a variety of foods, plant and animal, capable of chewing with forcep-like jaws. There are species that can bite as well as

infect painful pinches with their hind legs, but not in this part of the world. Common foods include insects, ripe fruit and even bird droppings. Daddy-long-legs need a moist area to live, not only do they drink a lot but they spend much of their time preening. If you have spent any time watching them, you will see them lift a leg to the pedipalps (mouth parts) and slide them back and forth as they clean. It is believed that this helps prevent desiccation and keeps sensory receptors open. They are a marvel in design, well flexed muscular legs are able to nimbly walk through tall grass or over large obstacles. It is said that if we shared their proportions, our legs would be forty feet long. Typical of most spiders, their eyesight is poor and they rely on their legs to feel and possibly smell their way around. The eyes rest on top of the round body, which will go through six molts or instars after hatching from the egg. Eggs hatch in late spring and most daddy-long-legs mature and die by fall. A few will winter over as they may not have been able to complete their last instar. These hopeful survivors will seek warm locations under fallen leaves or protective rocks.

Little is known scientifically about daddy-long-legs. Spiders and kin remain one of the largest, but least researched animals. Of particu-



THE ARTIST'S PERSPECTIVE

TOM NEEL

None of us can remember learning how to speak. How we pieced together words into language and as important, pieced other's words into something we could understand.

But as we did, our voice became more and more understood. No more crying to say we were unhappy for a range of things like being hungry or wanting attention, and no more laughter to broadly cover all that we could be happy about. We now were developing a way to communicate our thoughts and emotions.

So now think about the concept of having a creative voice. Just like any language, your creative voice is a way to communicate your thoughts and emotions, and like a language, it too will take time to develop into a tool of communication. As important though, is to know just as there is more than one language, there are many creative languages for your creative voice to speak through as well.

Some speak three dimensionally, forming clay into people or animals. Some do so with a textureless surface. Others interpreting each thumb or finger's manipulation of the clay. Each giving the completed work of art a different interpretation. Painters may do the same with the style of their brushwork or by choosing the effects of a palette knife across their canvas and yet writers can do the same with their choice of words or composition. In fact, all of these are examples of a way to speak, all meant to tell a story or create emotion, all a form of communication and all part of a creative voice.

When you look at an artist's work or hear an artist's work or read an artist's work, you can think of each of these disciplines the same as English, Spanish or French. Within each discipline are many styles of a similar subject matter, which in their own way can be thought of as a different dialect of one particular language. As an example, three oil paintings of the same thing, by three different artists, could be like hearing

English from the USA, the UK and from Australia. You are able to basically understand each, but each has its own phonetic quality and may require some patience in understanding.

We all have the luxury of becoming multilingual. It may not be easy and much easier for some than others, but we have the freedom to do so. We also have the freedom to have a broad and diverse creative voice or voices. In other words the freedom to become creatively multilingual. We can communicate our ideas, thoughts and emotions in many ways. We can be in a good or bad place and choose to express ourselves in a negative or positive way, just like any other form of language.

For those trying to find their creative voice I say, try different things. But the number one thing I always say, is try separating the mechanical from the actual inspiration or idea part first. In the beginning, before you know how to move properly when you dance, or to make a brush work or mechanically create, you can loose your inspiration in the frustration of mechanics. This leaves many with a feeling of thinking they are not creative at all and thus, stifles their creative voice. What then follows are the mistaken words, "I am not creative." Most of the time this feeling is coming from not having the mechanical part mastered enough to form your words. Think of it as the difference between learning how to speak and having something to say. I think everyone has something to say, but may not have the patience it takes to learn a language. Give it time though. The mechanical part does develop faster for some than others. It's knowing the difference between the two that keeps you from thinking you're not creative. Some adults learning to paint can be no different than a stroke patient become frustrated because they have something to say, but are now forced to rewire their brain to recapture the mechanics of speaking or writing.

Be patient, but above all remember to enjoy yourself. A creative voice is a great way to speak!



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Whether you love flowers, floral arrangements, herb propagation, cacti, trees, modern roses, camellias, conifers, dahlias, vines or native plants, each category was presented in a precisely noted and charmingly displayed group on table after table of horticultural specimens. And, there were many, many more categories including an education section in which Missy Janes' beautifully rustic display entitled 'The Evolution of farmland to Habitat,' won the Club's

Best in Show in the Conservation and Education category. Janes is the current president of the Fauquier and Loudoun Garden Club.

According to Harriett Condon, who chaired the show with Ginger Wallach, "some of the world's top flower show judges from the Garden Club of America," were in Middleburg to judge the show. "Many were the same individuals who judge the Philadelphia Flower Show.

"They thought it was spectacular," Condon explained. "...truly top of the line, which makes the many years of planning and preparation more than worth it!"

Awards presented at the show included:

Club Level Awards:

Daphne Cheatham was awarded the Club Medal of Merit Award for

her continuous and competent service, dedication and leadership.

Harriett Condon was awarded the Club Historic Preservation Award of Merit for her quiet perseverance and grace, she has worked to preserve and restore Civil War battle sites while shepherding with care our club's rich history.

Zone Level Awards:

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Middleburg maintained its generous leadership with \$46,266 contributed to the Foundation's effort. Participation was about 300 with 90 girls and staff from Foxcroft School raising \$1875 that was matched by former parent, Marcy Harris. Mayor Betsy Davis and Senator Jill Vogel welcomed the enthusiastic crowd.

In Leesburg, 410 people met at Morven Park where Leesburg Mayor Kirsten Umstadt helped cut the pink ribbon to start the event. Raising \$33,766, with enthusiasm stoked by a WINC-FM on-site broadcast, supporters saw a 100+ member team from Dr. Behz Parva's Leesburg practice and one of 70+, Shari's Soldiers, who came to support the breast cancer fight of Shari LaTour. Her daughter joined the two daughters of the late Kelly Plunkett of Ashburn to cut the pink ribbon.

In Warrenton, \$26,600 was raised

from 190 participants and sponsors, with Fauquier Hospital generating a large team to run or walk on the historic Greenway Trail. Mayor George Fitch helped cut the ribbon with Foundation Vice-Chair, Mary Jo Jackson; the mayor then ran the course. Panera Bread of the Warrenton Village Center distributed bagels and committed to raise money the whole month of October for the Foundation.

Sponsorships constituted \$85,500 of the \$106,700, led by Grand Sponsor, Middleburg Bank, and Applied Knowledge Group, the Weissberg Corporation, Creighton Farms, and Times Community News. Twenty-one other companies, foundations, and individuals sponsored amounts from \$1000 to \$2500.

The Cherry Blossom Breast Cancer Foundation will decide in November the 2011 recipients of its grants, which last year totaled \$141,000 for local women. The Foundation is a 501(C)3 tax deductible organization located in Middleburg, VA.

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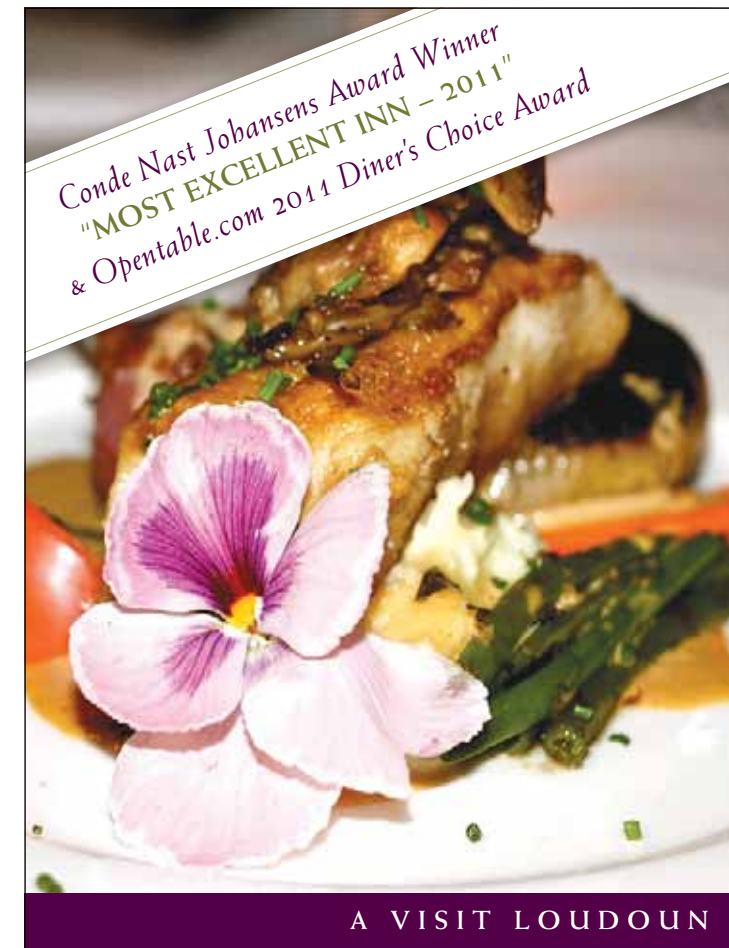
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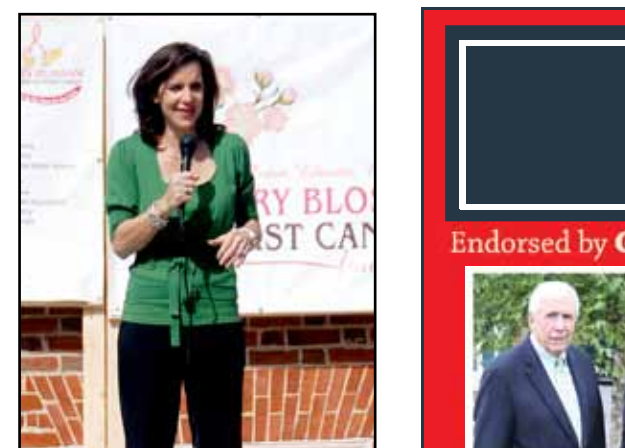
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WATERWORLD

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What if there was no naturally occurring ice on earth? What if the Greenland and Antarctica ice caps completely melted? What if the Arctic Ocean was ice free? What if there were no glaciers in Alaska, the Himalayas or elsewhere? Is this even possible? What kind of world would we have? Does this sound like a nightmare scenario? Interesting questions, right?

But no, you say, these things could never happen. But they have. The world was a very different place when they did. The Paleocene Epoch spanned from about 65 to 56 million years ago. This was a time just after the dinosaurs became extinct, when earth's land masses were moving to their present positions and temperatures were warmer than they are now. According to a recent article in the National Geographic, an event of unprecedented magnitude occurred at the end of the Paleocene.

This event is called the Paleocene-Eocene Thermal Maximum (PETM). A continuing large release of carbon into the atmosphere caused the earth to get warmer still, lead-

ing to the ice free conditions described above. Geologists estimate that the PETM lasted for about 150,000 years. The source and amount of carbon released is not specifically known, but some scientists speculate it would be equal to the amount that would be released if all of earth's known reserves of natural gas, oil, and coal were rapidly used.

This is not science fiction. What would happen if such an event took place now? First of all, it would be gradual, but let's say that it took place over 200 years. We could expect an average temperature rise of 9 degrees Fahrenheit worldwide. Doesn't seem like much, but trust me, it is. Imagine Washington, DC with three months straight of temperatures exceeding 100 degrees together with our humidity? Like palm trees? You'd have them in your yard. Imagine Las Vegas with temperatures exceeding 120 degrees. Whew!

But guess what? Temperature would be the least of our worries. Scientists have determined that the sea level during PETM was 220 feet higher than present. Imagine what the land surface would look like now. There'd be a lot less land. Water, water everywhere. Probably more than half the world's population

would be displaced - Omaha might become the largest U. S. city. Sure, you could have an office in New York's Empire State Building but it would be above the 20th floor and only reachable by boat. Take Florida. Florida wouldn't exist except for a small island or two. Miami would be a new Atlantis. Take southern Asia. Most of Bangladesh, presently home to 160 million people, is less than 40 feet above sea level. Where would the people go? What would they do?

We burn our reserves of fossil fuel and pump carbon into the atmosphere at astonishing rates. The PETM doesn't tell us what will happen if we continue, but instead, gives us a perspective. The National Geographic article concludes, "...the whole pattern of life on Earth may be radically different from what it would otherwise have been - simply because of the way we powered our lives for a few centuries." Food for thought!

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BACK TO REALITY TO TEACH STEWARDSHIP

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.

So on a recent Saturday, I had the chance to take my 10-year old son on his first duck hunting trip in the Goose Creek Watershed. Accompanied by my good friend Michael Weibert, the purpose was to introduce, teach and transfer values that only come through hunting, for it was youth hunting day in Virginia.

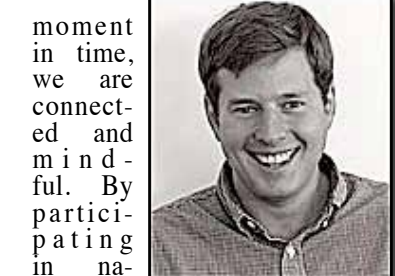
The abundance of waterfowl moving in concert with the ebb and flow of the water cut-

ting 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."

In a world of iPods, iPads, Wii and DVDs, our kids and we are increasingly living in a virtual reality. The act of hunting forces us to re-enter the natural world as a participant.

David Petersen, author of A Hunter's Heart, writes, "as our society has become less conscious of its earthly resources, we have increasingly begun to regard nature as nothing more than scenery, a backdrop to be admired as art or playground or sacred space, always viewed with a sense of detachment, and never a part of ourselves."

What lies at the root of detachment from nature, Petersen writes, is a forgetfulness "created by the supermarket, where we pluck from the shelves process bits of plants and animals that are hidden inside boxes, cans and packages--- creating an illusion that we can have food without harvest, that life can be maintained without death, that our daily existences is separate from the land, and that we are fundamentally different from all other organism." For a brief



moment in time, we are connected and mindful. By participating in nature, we deepen our connection to the soil and elevate our character in how we interact with our surroundings.

So on this beautiful autumn morning, my little's boy journey and connection to nature took a new step, a first step into the wonder of nature as a participant. Likewise, my friend Michael Weibert, who is running for Delegate for Virginia's 18th District, will with the support of the voters enter the world of representative democracy with a sense of purpose rooted in his connection to the land.

As Jose Y Gasset author of the famous book Meditations on Hunting, stated, "Yo soy yo y mi circunstancia" --- "I am I and my surroundings."

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On the Tuesday before Christmas, December 22, 1853, Charles Burks Christian found himself, for at least the second time, at a private party with the beautiful young Mary Evelyn Anderson.

Both had attended Judge John White Brockenbrough’s Christmas party, held in the Judge’s home and law school, a large house on the southwest side of Washington Street just opposite the President Junkin’s house on the Washington College Campus.

They had not, however, been formally introduced.

Happily for Christian he had a friend, Robert White, who was living in the Brockenbrough house while he attended law school.

Christian, it would seem, prevailed upon White to introduce him to Mary Evelyn Anderson.

Once formally introduced, however, Christian quickly took matters firmly into his own hands.

As Mary Evelyn Anderson later told a jury, “Very soon after being introduced, Christian . . . asked me if I had company to church the next Sunday night.

“I told him I had not.”

“He then asked me if he might call for me.”

She agreed.

After all, she later testified, Christian had been introduced to her properly, by a “gentleman,” in his own home.

Despite Charles Burks Christian’s reputation as something of a bad boy, Mary Evelyn’s guardians, and Lexington society in general, clearly considered him “a gentleman” as well.

The Christian and Burks families were well known and respected in Lynchburg, Campbell, Bedford and Amherst counties. His cousins on his widowed mothers side, among them the nine sons of Bedford County’s Martin Parks Burks, would become some of the state’s most distinguished jurists, teachers and soldiers. Young “C.B.” had, thus, already been invited into the homes of some of Lexington’s finest families..

Charles was, however, the last of his father’s Amherst County line. Charles Mask Christian, of “Rose Hill” had died when Charles was only 10, leaving behind his wife, Frances Ann Burks, 34, and four small children.

As the only son of a widowed mother, Christian had come to Lexington, he said, with a purpose: to learn a profession, and then practice it well enough to care for her and his three still-unmarried sisters.

Though considered something of a man of the world in Lexington, friends of the family later insisted he had only really been “away from home” once before, while a student in Richmond.

There he had attended the Virginia Baptist Seminary, (later the University of Richmond) for “a few months” before being “asked to leave,” apparently for threatening the Seminary President, the Reverend Robert Ryland, with pistols.

In addition to his other duties, Ryland, also served as pastor of Richmond’s First African Baptist Church. Though a slave owner, and a true believer in the positive ethical value of slavery, Ryland was well known for skirting or ignoring Virginia’s slave laws: teaching members of his congregation to read and marrying couples who were enslaved.

At about the time of Christian’s expulsion, Ryland had openly and publicly tested the tolerance of white Richmond yet again. A member of his First African Baptist congregation had been convicted of the highly publicized murder of white children in her charge. Ryland rode with her to the scaffold, standing beside her in an open cart. He then prayed with her, before her sentence was carried out.

Much of white Richmond was outraged. And while there is no direct evidence that Christian’s problems with Ryland were related to the latter’s reputation, there is no doubt that he was not the only young man in Richmond who might well have threatened the pastor of First African Baptist and been praised for the deed.

In any case, shortly after his expulsion for seminary Christian was accepted as a law student by Lexington’s Judge John White Brockenbrough.

Brockenbrough, who would be dispatched eleven years later to personally invite Robert E. Lee to become President of Washington College, was, in 1854, already well on his way to becoming a legend.

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Charles Burks Christian’s life would soon depend on Judge John White Brockenbrough, and the people who visited, lived, studied and worked with him in the house where Christian first met Mary Evelyn Anderson

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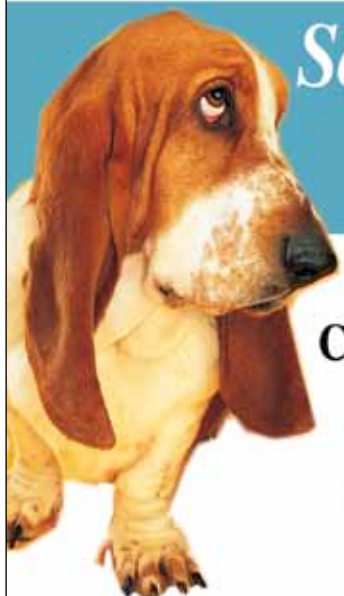
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SOUTHWOODS



Spectacular 17 room custom brick Colonial boasting over 10,000 Sq Ft. of living space on a private lane • 25 gorgeous acres • Palladian windows • Wood floors • Grandly scaled rooms with high ceilings • Extraordinary quality throughout • Fabulous pool surrounded by flagstone terraces • Brilliant gardens • Board fenced paddocks • Ideal for horses. Minutes to Middleburg \$2,750,000

ATOKA CHASE



Stunning 5 Bedroom Cape on 10 gorgeous acres. Wonderful floorplan, sun filled rooms, high ceilings & hardwood floors. Living & dining rooms open to fabulous gardens, pool & terrace. Master suite with sitting room, gourmet country kitchen opens to breakfast & family rooms. 2nd level has 3 bedrooms and 2 Baths; Separate Office/Guest Suite over 3 car garage. \$2,495,000

TUCKAHOE



Exquisite "Williamsburg" Colonial on approximately 20 park-like acres in the Piedmont Hunt Territory • Almost 9,000 square feet of spectacular living space, beautiful historic detail, gorgeous décor and pristine condition • Brilliant gardens and flagstone terraces surround the pool • Breathtaking mountain views and spring fed pond add to this idyllic setting. \$2,450,000

PAXSON ROAD



Privacy and seclusion on 50 acres of rolling meadows and lush woodlands • Spectacular 4 Bedroom custom Colonial overlooks a stocked pond and features high ceilings, gleaming wood floors, and sun-filled rooms • Extraordinary quality with Marvin windows, gourmet Kitchen, 3 Fireplaces, Library, and Terraces with gardens and fabulous views • Ideal for equestrians. \$1,950,000

GRYPHON HILL



Elegant 12 room Residence on 7+ acres with barn and paddocks in a beautiful country setting. Completely renovated with impeccable taste and extraordinary craftsmanship, with 3 finished levels. Sun-filled and charming rooms, this exquisite home enjoys gorgeous mountain views and is ideal for gracious entertaining. Private and only 5 minutes to the village of Middleburg. \$1,875,000

WESTWOOD



10 beautifully landscaped private acres in prestigious "Atoka Chase" • Completely remodeled, expanded and exquisitely decorated • Features a New Kitchen and Baths, New Siding, New Roof, All New Utilities, New Decks and Porches, Terraces and Brilliant Perennial Gardens • Gated Entrance and Board Fenced Paddocks, plus a Run-In Shed for the equestrian, with trails for ride-out. \$1,625,000

WATERFORD HISTORIC DISTRICT



Exquisite custom colonial on 17+ acres with spectacular mountain views • High ceilings, sun-filled rooms, superior quality and elegant décor with almost 7,000 square feet of living space • Steam Shower • Office and or Guest Suite • Sun Room • Family Room • Gourmet country Kitchen • 3 finished levels with 5 Bedrooms, 6.5 Baths • Media Room • Ideal for horses or pool. Motivated! \$1,408,446

BERRY HILL



This charming historic residence, built in 1815, beautifully expanded in 1988 and updated in 2004, is in a private country setting in the heart of horse country. It has a pond surrounded by horse pastures, a tree-lined driveway, and mature gardens. The house, tastefully decorated in neutral tones, blends the warmth and charm of an antique home with modern comfort. \$1,395,000

ON THE ROCKS



Fantastic one level residence on a private, fenced 1/3 acre parcel and "in town" location • Totally renovated with brand new Kitchen, 3 Bedrooms, 2.5 Baths, new floor plan, French doors to terrace and exquisite perennial gardens • Spacious rooms are ideal for entertaining • Skylights, new windows and multiple French doors add light and warmth • Sun lit rooms • Beautiful décor! \$949,900

SPRING HOUSE



Gracious antique colonial (circa 1914) on a beautiful 1+ acre parcel on prestigious Foxcroft Road • Towering Trees, Mature Landscaping, Brilliant Gardens Surround the Fieldstone Terraces • Gleaming Wood Floors, Stone Fireplaces, and Custom Built-In Cabinetry • Master Suite features "His and Her" Baths with ample Closets • Sunroom boasts Stone Flooring and overlooks Pastoral Views. \$732,000

POPLAR ROW



Charming country home has been completely renovated with new Kitchen, Baths, Flooring, Plumbing, and Electric • Located at the end of a quiet lane in the heart of Upperville on a beautiful 1 acre parcel • Property boasts towering trees and an in-ground pool • Great Room has vaulted 2 Story-Ceilings, Brick Fireplace, Hardwood Floors, and opens to the Deck and Spa! \$445,000

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Great Location. Orange County Hunt. 94 acres. Five bedroom stone and brick main residence with paneled library, elegant woodwork and beautiful aged wood floors. The house is sited on hillside with fabulous views. 22 stall main barn, 5 stall barn. Outdoor ring, run-in sheds. 3 bedroom cottage. 2 bedroom tenant house. Superb facility for horses. Excellent ride out. \$4,950,000

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INTERNATIONAL OFFERING

MEADOW GROVE, BLUEMONT, VA

181 acre estate in the Piedmont Hunt overlooking ten acre pond and commanding views of the Blue Ridge Mountains. Seven bedroom 1788 stone Quaker Manor House with major 2009 addition still retaining original features and woodwork. Open and usable land. Ten stall stable, pool house, pool and tennis court. VOF easement. \$4,895,000.

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INTERNATIONAL OFFERING

HOLLY HILL, MIDDLEBURG, VA

Minutes to Middleburg, on a quiet country road, surrounded by 2 picturesque ponds, flowing stream, and beautiful serene views. Holly Hill, an historic stone manor estate (c1790) is perfectly situated on 37+ ac in 3 parcels. Main house offers 4 bedrooms, 4.5 baths accompanied by a guest house, swimming pool, stable, 2 separate apartments, paddocks and outbuildings. \$3,300,000.

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INTERNATIONAL OFFERING

PAN D'OR, MARSHALL, VA

Located in the Orange County Hunt territory near Middleburg. 54+ acres. Stunning European style residence offering 4 bedrooms, 4 full baths, 1 half bath, apartment and tenant house. The property is fabulous with views of the Blue Ridge and Bull Run Mountains, bordered by Cromwells Run and protected by VOF easements. Excellent ride out. \$2,850,000.

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WOODSIDE, DELAPLANE, VA

Elegant & historic 4 BR brick Federal house on 32.5 acres. The first section is circa 1730, with an addition in 1850. Fabulous views of the Blue Ridge sweep over a large pond. Huge, well maintained hardwoods stand in the park like lawn. Lush gardens, glamorous pool, 7 stall barn, large equipment/storage shed with apt attached & 2 log garden houses. In the desirable Orange County Hunt. \$2,700,000.

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INTERNATIONAL OFFERING

BRONZE HILL FARM, MIDDLEBURG, VA

Bronze Hill is a classic early stone farm house dating from the early 1800's. It is located on the Virginia Scenic byway, Snickersville Turnpike, a little northeast of the village of Middleburg. It consists of a restored main residence with three finished levels, small guest cottage, two bedroom house, pool, pond, barns, stable, fields and woods on 48 acres (in two parcels). It is surrounded by farms in scenic easement. Middleburg Hunt! \$2,499,900.

Rick Lowe

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WOODBURN, LEESBURG, VA

Spacious 6,000 square foot colonial on 7.82 acres in the lovely Woodburn area near Leesburg. 5 bedrooms, master suite on first floor. Large kitchen/family room. Completely finished lower level with full bar and room for pool table, media equipment, exercise, in-law suite. Lovely creek in wooded area behind house. Very private, very convenient. \$930,000.

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RUNNYMEADE FARM, MARSHALL, VA

Queen Anne Victorian, beautifully restored. Living room, library, music room and dining room with full windows and period fixtures. 5 bedroom, 2 baths, on 10 acres just west of Marshall. 2 fireplaces original woodwork and mantels, hardwood floors. Third floor is finished space, country kitchen with Corian counters and custom cherry cabinets. \$569,000.

Lynn Wiley

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3657 OLD WOODS ROAD, DELAPLANE, VA

Adorable Farmhouse style home on 3 wooded acres only minutes to I-66 at Marshall. Newly renovated chef's kitchen with custom cherry cabinets and top line appliances, family room with fireplace, large deck and patio for entertaining, first floor BR & BA, + add'l 3BR, & 3FBA. LL has media & game area with gas fireplace + private office. 2 car garage. \$430,000.

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