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VISION FOR WASHINGTON STREET

At its regular meeting on September 12 Middleburg followed up the opening of the new Salamander Resort and Spa with the adoption of a new set of guidelines for the evolution of Washington Street, Route 50, the town's main thoroughfare and the retail heart of Middleburg.

The Washington Street Improvement Plan was formally made possible by a grant from the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments and was first formally presented to Council on July 11 by the consulting firm Rhodeside & Harwell.

The plan presents a "vision" of an evolved Washington Street, with illustrated general guidelines for tree placement, care and preservation, improved signage for visitors, the design care and maintenance of brick sidewalk, improved parking meter technology, new dark-sky-friendly streetlights, and more.

With Council's formal endorsement Town staff will now be able to pursue outside funding for the suggested additions and improvements more effectively.

Historic District Review Committee Chairman William Turnure reported that his committee had focused on improving efficiency while minimizing disruptive change.

Planning Commission Chairman Stephen Plescow emphasized the importance of careful planning for what would be the necessarily slow step-by-step implementation of the plan as funds become available.

Town Administrator Martha Semmes reported that the first project covered by the plan to be completed would most likely be it crosswalk project in cooperation with the Virginia Department of Transportation. The new formal vision for street lighting, she noted, would help make the case for the state to install conduit under the new crosswalks to avoid later digging and disruption.

Council adopted the plan for use as a general guideline and "vision" statement, without objection.

Police Officers Commended

Middleburg Police Chief A. J. Panebianco reported that he had received several kind and gracious notes from Middleburg business owners praising his officers for their work, "above and beyond the call of duty" over the past several months.

Panebianco commended Officer Heather Fadely to Council for her work in developing drug charges "filed as a result of her police work following a DUI arrest." Vice Mayor Darlene Kirk reported that she had also heard good things about Officer Fadely from the staff at Salamander.

The department continues to work closely with the security team at Salamander, Panebianco noted, both in terms of the day to day interaction of the Resort and

its guests with the Middleburg community, and the upcoming Salamander Film Festival.

Special events, Salamander-sponsored and others (such as an upcoming 1,500-runner, 10-K race) will increasingly stretch the resources of the department, Panebianco reported, noting with pleasure the return of injured Administrative Assistant Karin Kilday to service.

A Deer-Related Incident

A member of the Police Department was involved in "a deer related accident in one of the police vehicles" Panebianco reported on September 12.

Though the Town received an insurance check to help repair the well-worn vehicle, the Chief requested and received Council's permission to replace it with a new four-wheel-drive Ford Explorer. The new vehicle, already figured in next year's budget for the department, will cost \$23,100 plus the cost of installing police equipment.

Fireworks

Chief Panebianco reported that he had discussed the Town's new fireworks regulations with staff at Salamander, noting that as a general rule the Town would prefer and feel more comfortable with less noise and more sparkle from the displays.

Vice Mayor Kirk reported complaints about dogs that upset by the noise. Panebianco noted that Salamander's management clearly recognized that the fireworks would affect the horses in their own stables as well.

Panebianco recommended that notices be sent out to affected parties whenever a fireworks permit was issued.

Mayor Davis observed that the ordinance, in fact, required an applicant for such a permit to send out such notices. Town Clerk Rhonda North noted that she had already received several requests to be added to list of people to receive such notices.

Councilmember Kathy Jo Shea observed that the fireworks also affected communities around Middleburg; noting that she had already received complaints from individuals as far away as Unison.

Leash Law

In August Mayor Davis noted that the Town has recently received complaints about dogs that were not on leashes, dogs that have bitten people and dogs that have attempted to bite other dogs, and dogs defecating in the street and on private lawns.

Councilmember Kathy Jo Shea observed that this was not just occur-

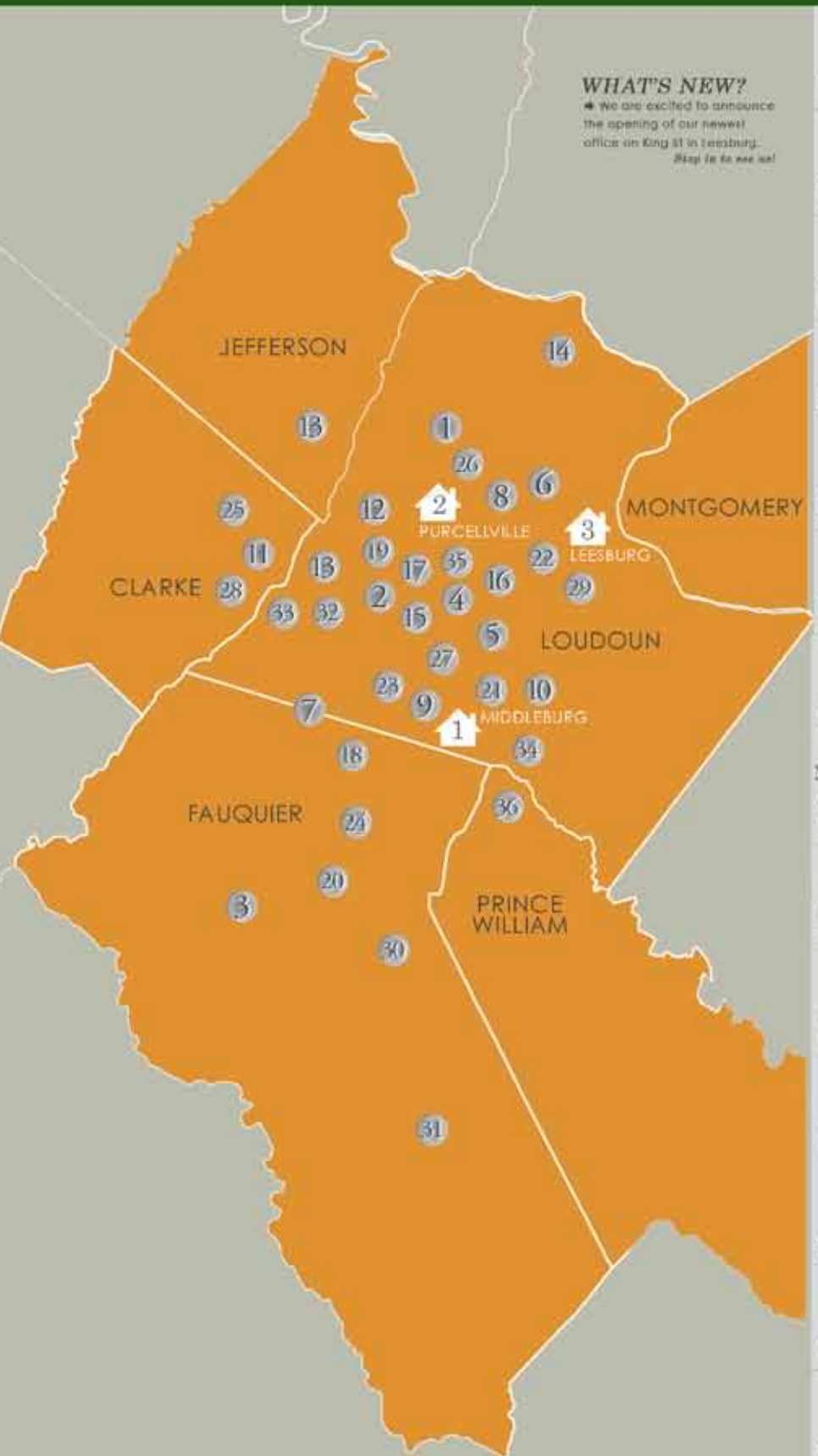
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NEWS OF NOTE

SAVE THE CHIMNEY SWIFTS

KIMBERLY ABE

In recent years, at sunset in late September and early October, hundreds of swifts can be seen funneling into the tiny opening of the street side chimney at Middleburg's circa 1824 Noble House (that treasure of a brick building on the Northwest corner of Route 50 and N. Madison Street, west of the Red Fox Inn.)

These swifts are the descendants of birds that made this same stop on their way to Peru or Brazil for almost two centuries.

It was by chance that the swifts moved in with humans with the massive transformation of America's natural landscape, but we need to plan for both their survival, as well as ours.

A Swift History Lesson

European settlers to this continent eliminated vast virgin forests with hollow trees that were the homes of tiny cigar-shaped birds that came to be called Chimney Swifts.

The swifts survived by mere chance. They moved into the rough textured interiors of the settlers' masonry chimneys and built their delicate saliva-pointed twig nests in spring and summer, raised their chicks, and then flew south to winter in the Amazon.

Swifts return to the same roost year after year, and now, more than ever, they need all our chimneys.

Why? Chimney swifts are both beautiful and very valuable birds. They feed almost exclusively on flying insects.

They belong to a group of nineteen species of swifts, swallows, fly-catchers, and nightjars classified as "aerial insectivores." This eclectic group of skilled aerial acrobats includes: Phoebe, Barn Swallows, Purple Martins, Whip-poor-wills, Eastern wood pewees, and Eastern Kingbirds.

The "salliers" among these "aerial insectivores" sit on a perch and swoop out to catch prey. The Swifts, however are "coursers," who patrol the sky every night taking prey on the wing from the estimated 3 billion insects (spiders, dragonflies, mayflies, etc.) passing above us in a 0.6-mile-high band of air on typical spring or summer day.

All these birds have experienced a precipitous population decline in recent decades in large part thanks to exponential human population growth concurrent with industrialized farming, chemical and pesticide pollution, climate change, light pollution, and unprecedented suburban sprawl. Canada has already listed the Chimney Swift and Barn Swallow as Endangered.

Concerted and strategic individual and civic actions can keep this tragedy from happening here.

When we save historic towns and landscapes we save wildlife habitat, build commu-



nity, and we also create sustainable economic development opportunities through tourism and the arts.

The Virginia Piedmont prides itself on its historic landscape, yet each year suburban sprawl continues, chewing up ground and all significant environmentally sound conservation economic opportunities at the same time.

How? The old stone and brick buildings in Middleburg, Warrenton, Leesburg and other historic towns and villages around us are both prime chimney swift and human habitat.

Happily, authentic and unique historic and environmentally endowed regions like the Piedmont tend to attract people who are able to contribute to economic development in unique places while simultaneously preserving them.

Historic property owners can and do help a lot, for example, by NOT capping off their chimneys and allowing the swifts to nest there.

Uncapped chimneys are also key stopover roosts for southbound swifts.

Help as much as you can. The Swifts need us. And we need them.

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NEWS OF NOTE

NEBRASKA & MANDELA AT MIDDLEBURG FILM FESTIVAL

HIGHLY ANTICIPATED EVENT DEBUTS OCTOBER 24-27TH WITH FASCINATING FEATURES ON THE FOUR-DAY AGENDA

Middleburg Film Festival announced today that Alexander Payne's highly anticipated film *Nebraska* will open the inaugural festival that debuts October 24-27 in Middleburg. Justin Chadwick's *Mandela: Long Walk to Freedom* is the centerpiece selection.

The Middleburg Film Festival offers four days of fantastic films in a spectacular setting, only 30 minutes from Dulles International Airport and just one hour from Washington, D.C. A carefully curated selection of narrative and documentary films will screen in an intimate theatre environment, followed by fascinating Q and A's with world-renowned filmmakers and actors. The films include festival favorites, premieres, and

Academy Award contenders.

Festival attendees will also be able to experience the natural beauty, food, wine, and warm hospitality of Middleburg during morning hikes and horseback rides through the glorious Piedmont countryside... at late afternoon wine-tastings at local vineyards... strolling through the historic town... and engaging in casual conversations with filmmakers while enjoying the best of Virginia cuisine at local restaurants.

Other events include a Concert and Virginia barbecue honoring a noted film composer; One-on-One conversations with filmmakers and actors; masters classes with leading members of the film industry; farm-to-table dinners featuring local produce and wine -- and of course lots of great

parties.

The Festival was founded by Sheila C. Johnson with Susan Koch, Executive Director, and Connie White, Programming Director.

The Festival kicks off with the opening night film and party on October 24th. Included will be an orchestral concert featuring the works of a noted film composer, accompanied by movie clips.

A "Conversation with Director Lee Daniels and former *Washington Post* Writer Wil Haygood" will take guests behind the scenes of the critically acclaimed, *Lee Daniels' The Butler*.

"We are honored to host *Nebraska* and *Mandela: Long Walk to Freedom* at the inaugural Middleburg Film Festival," Sheila explained. "Both films are beautifully-told sto-

ries that represent the best in filmmaking and that is exactly what the Middleburg Film Festival is all about."

Nebraska, had its world premiere at the 2013 Cannes Film Festival. It is the story of a quiet old man (Bruce Dern) whose mild-mannered son (Will Forte) agrees to drive him from Montana to Nebraska to claim a non-existent \$1 million sweepstakes prize. The film moves from the comedy to melancholy and regret, painting an unforgettable story of an aging father and his son. The Paramount Pictures release is due in theaters November 22.

Mandela: Long Walk to Freedom, slated to have its world premiere at the 2013 Toronto International Film Festival, is based on South African President Nelson Man-

dela's autobiography of the same name. It chronicles his journey from growing up in small village to leading the fight against apartheid and spending 27 years in prison before becoming the first democratically elected President of South Africa. Idris Elba (*Prometheus*, *The Wire*) stars as Nelson Mandela, Naomie Harris (*Skyfall*) stars as Winnie Mandela, with Justin Chadwick (*The Other Boleyn Girl*) directing. The Weinstein Company release is due in theaters November 29.

For film listings and screening times, event schedule, FAQs and to order tickets please visit: www.middleburgfilmfestival.org

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AMERICAN FARMLAND TRUST CELEBRATES THE NEW AMERICAN FAMILY FARMER

WITH A HARVEST SUPPER AT SALAMANDER RESORT

Salamander Resort and Spa will host American Farmland Trust's first ever Harvest Supper, beginning at 5:00 P.M. on October 6th, celebrating the new Ameri-

can family farmer. The event is planned to address concerns that new family farmers face and how American Farmland Trust is leading the way in protecting farmland, promoting sound

farming practices, and keeping farmers on the land.

The evening celebration begins at 5:00 P.M. with a social cocktail hour showcasing canapés prepared by nation-

ally and regionally recognized chefs including Chef Melissa Close Hart, Palladio Restaurant, Barboursville Vineyards; Chef Angelo Vangelopoulos, Ivy Inn (Charlottesville, Va.);

Chefs Christophe and Michelle Poteaux, Bastille Restaurant (Alexandria, Va.); and Chef Jerry Hollinger, Daily Dish (Silver Spring, Md.). The Buzzard Hollow Boys will be performing live bluegrass music.

Following canapés, *New York Times* bestselling author Bill Cohan will lead an inspiring panel discussion with selected guests from American Farmland Trust's Board of Directors on the difficulties that new family farmers face in today's market economy. Insights on the new American family farmer will be shared by *Miranda Rockefeller Kaiser*, Executive Director and Co-Owner of the David Rockefeller Farms in New York and Kentucky, Co-Owner of Hayes Ranch in Montana and Chair of American Farmland Trust's Board of Directors; *Tom Gallo*, celebrated businessman of the world's largest family-owned winery, E. & J. Gallo Winery; *Nancy Hirshberg*, retired Vice President of Strategic Initiatives for Stonyfield Farm; and *Craig McNamara*, President and Owner of Sierra Orchards and Founder of the Center for Land-Based Learning.

The evening will culminate with dinner served within the Salamander Resort & Spa's English style barn boasting beautiful oak beams and lavish natural sunlight, and prepared by five-time James Beard Award Nominee, Chef Todd Gray. Following dinner, the *Washington Post's* Food Editor, Bonnie Benwick, will share insights into the dynamic food industry and how it impacts new family farmers. It will truly be a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

Reservations are available and can be made at www.farmland.org/HarvestSupper before September 20th.



Franklin Brooke Voss (American, 1880 - 1953), *Alligator*, 1929, oil on canvas, 28 x 36 inches. Gift of the children of Peter Winants, Sr., 2009. Courtesy of the National Sporting Library & Museum.

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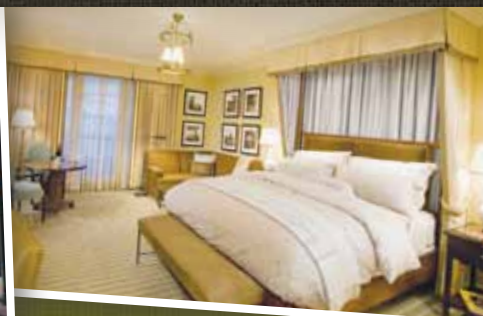


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NEWS OF NOTE

DR. BETSEE PARKER NAMED 2013 CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

UNISON PRESERVATION SOCIETY AWARDS ITS HIGHEST HONOR

Friends, neighbors, and members of the Unison Preservation Society (UPS) Board of Directors gathered at the historic Unison Store on Sunday afternoon to present the Society's highest award, *Outstanding Citizen of the Year*, to local friend and benefactor, Dr. Betsee Parker.

As stated by UPS: "This award acknowledges those who have been exceptional in preserving, promoting, loving, and serving the greater community of Unison." Reserved for recognition of exceptional merit, this is only the fifth time this honor has been awarded.

According to the plaque presented on Sunday afternoon, Dr. Parker is being recognized: "For preserving the Unison Store and Huntland; Restoring Huntland's main house, gardens, stables, and kennels; and Supporting the historic Middleburg and Piedmont Hunts."

In his remarks, Harry Bigley, President of UPS, summarized the four criteria now being used by the Board of Directors to find and recognize those who have "made contributions to the Village of Unison and the surrounding countryside." According to Bigley, these four categories of contribution are: "Land

conservation, preservation, and easements; Heritage and historic preservation; Equestrian participation and leadership; and Community leadership."

"I am pleased to note," said Bigley, "Dr. Parker is being recognized this year for having made contributions in all four categories!"

Land Conservation, Preservation, and Easements

Since purchasing Huntlands in 2007, Dr. Parker has been working with a local preservation group to put all of the historic estate, 600+ acres, into conservation easement.

Heritage and Historic Preservation

After doing in-depth research on the original buildings, built in 1834 by William Benton (master builder of Oak Hill for President James Monroe) and enlarged in 1911 by New York architect William Hagga for financier Joseph Thomas, Dr. Parker began meticulous restorations of Huntlands' main house, gardens, stables, kennels, and original slave quarters.

Located on Foxcroft Road between Middleburg

and Unison, the original antebellum estate was built with bricks made on the estate at the Pot House at Pot House corner. William Benton became so well known for his bricks and masonry that these same bricks were used to build Oak Hill, Spring Hill (now called Benton), the Unison Methodist Church, the "brick house" at Foxcroft School, Dinwiddie Farm, and the Emmanuel Church parsonage in Middleburg.

Equestrian Participation and Leadership

An accomplished horsewoman herself, Dr. Parker currently sponsors riders on the show circuit, riding both horses and ponies that she owns. An avid competitor, last fall she broke the record for the number of horseshow championships won by a single owner at Pennsylvania's prestigious Devon Horse Show.

Her Huntland team then won Junior Hunter, Regular Confirmation Hunter, Large Pony Hunter, and High Performance Hunter Championships at Pennsylvania National Horse Show, seven Championships at our own local Upperville Colt and Horse Show, and won twice in a row the Upperville Hunter Derby, the prestigious Eve and Paul Fout Handy Hunter Stakes, and Grand Champion Hunter.

Dr. Parker is also a strong supporter of both the Piedmont Hunt and the Middleburg Hunt. The connection between Unison, the Piedmont Hunt, and Huntlands goes back more than a century. At a meeting around the pot-bellied stove at the old Unison Store, it was agreed that the hounds of the Unison Farmers Hunt would join the older Piedmont Hunt (actually the oldest hunt in America). The combined pack, it was further agreed, would be housed at new kennels at Huntlands. In 2011, after restoring Huntland old kennels, Dr. Parker held a foxhound puppy show as part of the 100th anniversary of the construction of the kennels. The Middleburg Hunt Puppy Show will continue on an annual basis.

Community Leadership

Last, but certainly not least of Dr. Parker's many acts of leadership and generosity to the Unison Community, was the recent purchase of the Unison Store and the gifting of it to the Unison Preservation Society with the mission of preserving it as a community center for as far as we can see into the future.

In 2000, the Unison Store was derelict and bankrupt. The Unison Preservation Society and the Unison Village Historic District were created to save it. Working with Paul Hodge, Mayo Brown, and others, local builder Coe Eldredge



PHOTO BY JANET HITCHEN

purchased the store and completely restored it using state and federal rehabilitation tax credits available to buildings in historic districts.

When, earlier this year, it was time for the Unison Store to find a new owner, Dr. Parker purchased the store and gave it to UPS. This very generous act, in concert with an endowment started by local donors, the Unison Store and the land around it—the Unison Village Green—will be preserved forever as the center of the historic village.

Dr. Parker received her undergraduate degree from Wellesley College and her M. Div in Hebrew and Hebrew Bible from Harvard. She also has two Pathology Doctorates and worked in NYC at Ground Zero and the collapsed South Tower of the World Trade Center. She served for 22 years as an active Episcopal minister in both England and the U.S.

In 1998, Dr. Parker married Irwin Uran. Their daughter, Rosie, is also an avid young rider who has competed at Warrenton, Upperville, and Devon on her pony, Rainbow Connection.

After the tragedy of the Twin Towers in 2001, Dr. Parker volunteered for the Office of the Medical Examiner of New York City. She worked closely with fellow responders in the recovery effort at Ground Zero for many months.

As with other responders, she has suffered health consequences from this service.

Dr. Parker joined the Chairman's Council of the National Sporting Library in Middleburg in 2003 and served on committees for the John H. Daniel's Fellowship and the Museum of Sporting Art. She is also on the Board of Directors of the Upperville and Loudoun Horse Shows. Her international philanthropies include major projects in Africa, Sri Lanka, India, and Haiti. She has recently been appointed to a subcommittee of the United Nations with Undersecretary Jan Eliassen presiding, which is a think tank for African sustainable development projects.

Previous recipients of the UPS *Outstanding Citizen of the Year* Award have been Anna Beavers, June Craun, Paul Hodge, and Mayo Brown.

Unison Heritage Day

Each year the Unison Store and the Unison village Green are the site of Unison Heritage Day, a fun-filled day for friends, family, neighbors, and visitors from all over the area to share a Fall festival of Bar-B-Q, live music, occasional reenactments, and fresh-shucked oysters. This year Unison Heritage Day will be Saturday, October 26, from 12:00 to 5 p.m.

ORANGE COUNTY HOUNDS HOST ANNUAL TEAM CHASE EVENT

The Orange County Hounds will hold the 2013 Cross Country Team Chase Event on Sunday, October 27th at Old Whitewood Farm, The Plains, Virginia. Modeled after the traditional English team chases, the OCH has hosted since 1987 fox hunters of all levels from across the Commonwealth to ride across some of the most beautiful land in Virginia's hunt country.

Colorfully named teams of three or four horses and ponies will gallop cross country over fences one might encounter during a day's hunting. Two different courses accommodate all levels of horses and riders with fences ranging from 2'6" in the Hilltopper Division to 3'3" in the Genuine Hunter Division. After all horses have completed the course, the junior riders will compete for the coveted Junior Championship. Prizes and ribbons will be awarded for Best Turned Out, Ideal Time (a fair hunting pace) and overall Best Hunt teams. The afternoon will conclude with the always hotly contested Genuine Hunter Championship.

Spectators are encouraged to attend and cheer for their favorite teams. There is no better way to enjoy a Fall day than tailgating with

friends and watching horses gallop and jump over the countryside.

The event begins at 9:00AM. Reserved parking is \$100. A charge of \$10 per car is kindly requested. Food truck on site. Prize lists are available at local tack shops and businesses.

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CREIGHTON FARMS INVITATIONAL



WINNERS WERE IN ORDER: GARY HALL, KRIS TSCHETTER, MARK STAVISH, NICK BRUNO AND JOE YASHAROFF – JACK NICKLAUS BETWEEN BRUNO AND YASHAROFF. WINNERS TOOK HOME A CRYSTAL TROPHY AND A NICKLAUS AUTOGRAPHED PIN FLAG. SECOND PLACE: ROBERT DENSON, STEVE OGLETREE, DAN HERNANDEZ, CHARLES EGGLESTON AND MIKE MUEHR. THIRD PLACE WINNERS: NICK SAMET, DAVE LUCAS, TOM WHITTEN, GREG SHERWOOD

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Barbara and Jack Nicklaus co-hosted the second Creighton Farms Invitational Sunday night and Monday at Creighton Farms in Aldie, VA. The event included a reception, dinner and auction held Sunday night at the newly opened Salamander Resort & Spa in Middleburg, Va. That was followed by golf on Monday morning on the Jack Nicklaus Signature Golf Course at Creighton Farms with celebrities such as NFL Hall-of-Famer Darrell Green, and his former Washington Redskins teammates Joe Theismann, Larry Brown and Mark Mose-

ley. PGA pro and ESPN golf analyst Andy North was MC for the fireside chat at the dinner on Sunday. Other celebrities who played included former PGA pro Mike Muehr, former Bullets' Kevin Grevey and Phil Chenier, and Paul Blair, former Orioles and Yankees star with 4 World Series' titles.

In 2012, the inaugural event raised almost \$270,000, but this year's event grossed close to \$700,000.

The CFI was organized between Southworth Development—the owners of Creighton Farms—and the Nicklaus Children's Health Care Foundation. Money raised by the event will be donated from the Foundation to support pediatric health care in the Northern Virginia/Washington D.C. market. In particular, funds will go toward the newly created Pediatric Specialists of Virginia, a joint venture between Inova and Children's National Medical Center.

LOOKING & DOING GOOD ON THE MIDDLEBURG RUNWAY
12TH ANNUAL WINDY HILL FASHION SHOW BENEFIT

Windy Hill Foundation's annual fashion show benefit will take place at the newly opened Salamander Resort & Spa (500 Pendleton Street, Middleburg, Va. 20117) on Friday, October 18. Cocktails will begin at 6 p.m. with dinner at 7 p.m.

The event will feature a fashion show and live and silent auctions. Windy Hill Foundation is a non-profit affordable housing organization located in Middleburg, Virginia and the fashion show is its largest annual fundraiser.

In the past, The Windy Hill Fashion Show has been a luncheon event at various estates in the Middleburg area. This year, the organization's Board decided to take advantage of the newly opened Salamander Resort & Spa to move to an evening event with dinner. Planned to take place in Salamander's 5,000 square foot ballroom, the Windy Hill Fashion Show gala will provide an opportunity for attendees to experience the new, luxurious resort.

Clothes for the show come from area retailers including Duchessa, Betsey, Highcliffe Clothiers, Tully Rector, Tri-County Feeds, Lou Lou and others and are modeled by many of Middleburg's most prominent residents.

COMMUNITY SHRED DAY

Middleburg Bank offices in Loudoun, Fauquier and Fairfax counties host Shred Day on September 28th.

The Shred Day event will take place at the following Middleburg Bank locations

Ashburn:	43325 Junction Plaza
Leesburg:	103 Catocin Circle SE
Leesburg:	538 Ft. Evans Road NE
Marshall:	8331 West Main Street
Middleburg:	111 West Washington Street
Purcellville:	431 East Main Street
Reston:	1779 Fountain Drive
Warrenton:	530 Blackwell Road

At Middleburg Bank's Community Shred Day, area residents can bring old files, documents and papers and have them professionally shredded at no cost while they wait. There is no limit to the amount of material that an individual can bring to the event. All Middleburg Bank offices will be collecting canned goods and non-perishable food items to benefit area food banks and all Shred Day participants are encouraged to be generous in their donations.

Middleburg Bank's Community Shred Day is a great way for area residents and businesses to safely and professionally dispose of old documents. By having their documents shredded, people eliminate one possible source of identity theft.

LOUDOUN FALL FARM TOUR

Enjoy a free, self-guided tour of working Loudoun County farms during the 2013 Fall Farm Tour, which runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, October 19-20. Families can tour an orchid greenhouse, gather fresh eggs or pick pumpkins within view of the scenic Blue Ridge, Short Hill and Sugarloaf Mountains. With 42 farms and wineries, along with six other venues/events, there will be lots of activities to enjoy.

New to the Fall Farm Tour is Checkmate Farm, located in Bluemont, VA. Joe and Kathy Donovan purchased the 100 year-old property in 2002 and currently raise Karakul sheep and a variety of other animals on the farm. During the tour weekend, guests can interact with live animals, tour the natural fiber shop, or enjoy grilled lamb sausages.

Also new to the tour this year is Maggie Malick Wine Caves located in Purcellville, VA. The 215-acre estate features a unique man-made, energy-efficient wine production facility and tasting room. With 20 acres of grapes in production, the newly opened winery offers a variety of wines, including chardonnay, petit manseng, merlot, cabernet franc and gamacha tinto. Enjoy the beautiful views from the property and participate in educational lectures during the tour.

Loudoun County's Agricultural Development Officer Kellie Boles adds, "The Fall Farm Tour showcases the diversity of Loudoun County agriculture and the vibrancy of the overall rural economy. Having new farms and wineries participate each year is proof that Loudoun agriculture is well and thriving."

Brochures for the Fall Farm Tour, including a map and directions to all participating farms, will be available locally at Loudoun County libraries, community centers, and

Visit Loudoun in Leesburg. A downloadable copy of the brochure is also available at www.loudounfarms.org.

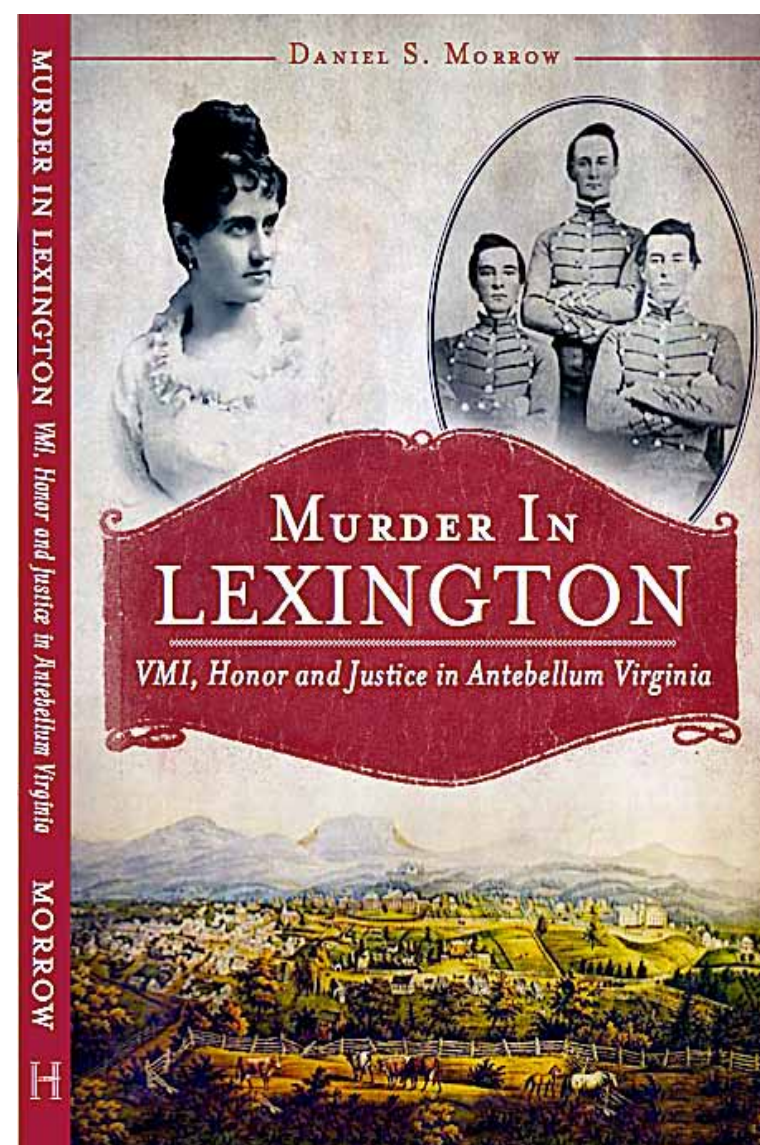
MURDER IN LEXINGTON

Author and historian Daniel S. Morrow chronicles the history of events that led to Tom Blackburn's death, the trials that followed and the impact on Lexington, its two colleges and the men and women who would soon find themselves engaged in a great Civil War in his new book, *Murder in Lexington*.

In 1853 sixteen-year old Mary Evelyn Anderson, already one of the most beautiful women in Virginia spurned the advances of a young Lexington, Virginia, law student. He blamed a VMI cadet, Mary Evelyn's cousin, Tom Blackburn for his humiliation. Armed with two pistols, a stick and a Bowie knife, he called the unarmed cadet out of church, stabbed him in the back, cut his throat, fled the scene of the crime, and after two trials was acquitted on grounds of self-defense.

In the trials that followed teams of lawyers, brilliant and inept, dragged members of the most prominent families in antebellum Virginia through all-too-public and even today, all too familiar accounts of seduction, courtship, honor, standing one's ground, and killing in self-defense.

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HARVEST FESTIVAL AT OATLANDS

On Sunday, October 20 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. join Oatlands for the 2013 Harvest Festival. This annual celebration of fall will feature live music, hayrides, face painting, country line dancing, unique heritage breed farm animals, vintage farm implements on display and much more!

The Harvest Festival at Oatlands promises to be an afternoon of fun for the whole family in a spectacularly beautiful setting! Oatlands will provide hayrides for event guests. Special heritage

breed animals from Spring House Farm will be on display under the centuries-old trees of Oatlands.

Locally acclaimed country band Southern Winds will entertain, and a caller will lead guests through lively country line-dancing. The Leesburg Assembly will perform English Country dances in period attire. Guests can choose a pumpkin to decorate for an additional fee. Tours of Oatlands' historic mansion will also be offered for an additional fee.

Food and drink will be available for purchase from

Hill High Country Store. Representatives from Stone Tower Estate Winery will conduct tastings and sell wine by the glass. A pie auction will round out the afternoon. Vendors and exhibitors will also be present throughout the day to provide various goods and services.

Tickets are \$10 for a single admission or \$20 for a family (two adults plus children under 16) on the day of the event. Call 703-777-3174 for additional information or visit www.oatlands.org/harvestfestival2013 to purchase tickets in advance.

CHESTER FRANKLIN LOW

Chester Franklin Low, a long-time resident of Middleburg, died in Lawrence, Kansas on Bastille Day, July 14, 2013. It was an eminently appropriate day for a man who was a lover of all things French, a disciple of the Enlightenment and a passionate believer in the ideals of liberty, equality, and fraternity. Chet was 90 years old.

Chet was a native of New York City. Always passionate about freedom, he had wanted to enlist on the anti-fascist side in the Spanish Civil War in the 1930's, but was too young to do so. On turning 18, he headed north to Canada and enlisted in the Royal Canadian Air Force to



fight against Nazi Germany. This was over a year before the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor.

When the U.S. entered World War Two, Chet returned to serve first as a submarine spotting pilot for the Civil Air Patrol and then as a navigator with the United States Army Air Forces. He ended the war serving on a B-24 heavy night bomber in the Pacific. In May 1946, after a six-week courtship, he married his wife of 67 years Helen (Peg) Fisher, who was serving as an Army nurse.

Chet left the military to attend college shortly after his marriage. He received BA and MA degrees in history from the University of Texas and was working on a PhD at Princeton before joining the CIA as a research analyst. He remained active in the US Air Force Reserve as a navigator until 1972. He retired from government service in 1977.

In retirement, Chet and Peg moved out to the Virginia countryside and built a house in Middleburg Downs. Chet swam in its pool every day and played tennis on its court as often as he had a partner to compete against. His Bastille Day parties were a highpoint of his year. He was a constant taker of daily constitutional walks in the neighborhood, often accompanied by his St. Bernard dog, Maggie. He was interested in everyone he met and would engage them in discussions about social, political, philosophical, and theological topics. He was a self-confessed disciple of the Enlightenment and loved to discuss the deepest subject matter. Voltaire was a particular favorite, especially the satire Candide and its wry take on the follies of the world.

Chet was a parishioner for many years at Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Middleburg. In 1993, on the occasion of the church's 150th anniversary, he commemorated the event by writing and publishing an interpretive historical essay on the social, political, economic, and religious context in which the church flourished over the years. Chet maintained a benevolently agnostic outlook, although his wide knowledge of Western Civilization and his passion for classical music strongly inclined him to a transcendental, spiritual view of the human condition.

Chet is survived by his wife Peg who was the treasurer for over 30 years of Middleburg FISH, the local assistance group founded by Nancy Manierre, Rene Llewellyn, and Florence Kaye. Chet is also survived by his three sons, Ronald, Rodney, and Roger and their children and grandchildren. His family suggests that contributions in his name might be sent to the organization Doctors Without Borders.

DOMINION FOUNDATION PROVIDES \$15,000 GRANT TO THE NATURE GENERATION

The Dominion Foundation has awarded local environmental nonprofit The Nature Generation (formerly Newton Marasco Foundation) a \$15,000 Environmental Stewardship Grant that will support a Monarch waystation installation on the Chapman DeMary Trail in Purcellville, Va.

Located on ten acres of protected old growth forest with the South Fork Catocin Creek running through it, the mile-long Chapman DeMary Trail provides an ideal habitat for pollinators, other animals, and plants. The trail is maintained by students and serves as an outdoor classroom where youth can learn about and develop an appreciation for the nature that surrounds them—it also serves as a nature park for the community at large.

"This generous grant from Dominion enables us to continue to enhance the natural habitat of the Chapman DeMary trail. Our pollinator project is an ambitious three-year plan to establish the Monarch waystation and several pollinator gardens and native plant nurseries on the trail," said Amy Marasco Newton, president of The Nature Generation.

Once completed, the waystation will provide the host and nectar plants that this stressed butterfly needs—especially milk-

weed, which is the only plant on which monarchs lay their eggs and on which monarch caterpillars feed. Monarch habitats are drastically declining due to development and the widespread use of herbicides in croplands, pastures and roadsides. The waystation will provide refuge for monarchs on their migration routes from Mexico up through the United States to Canada and back again, and will help these creatures produce new generations.

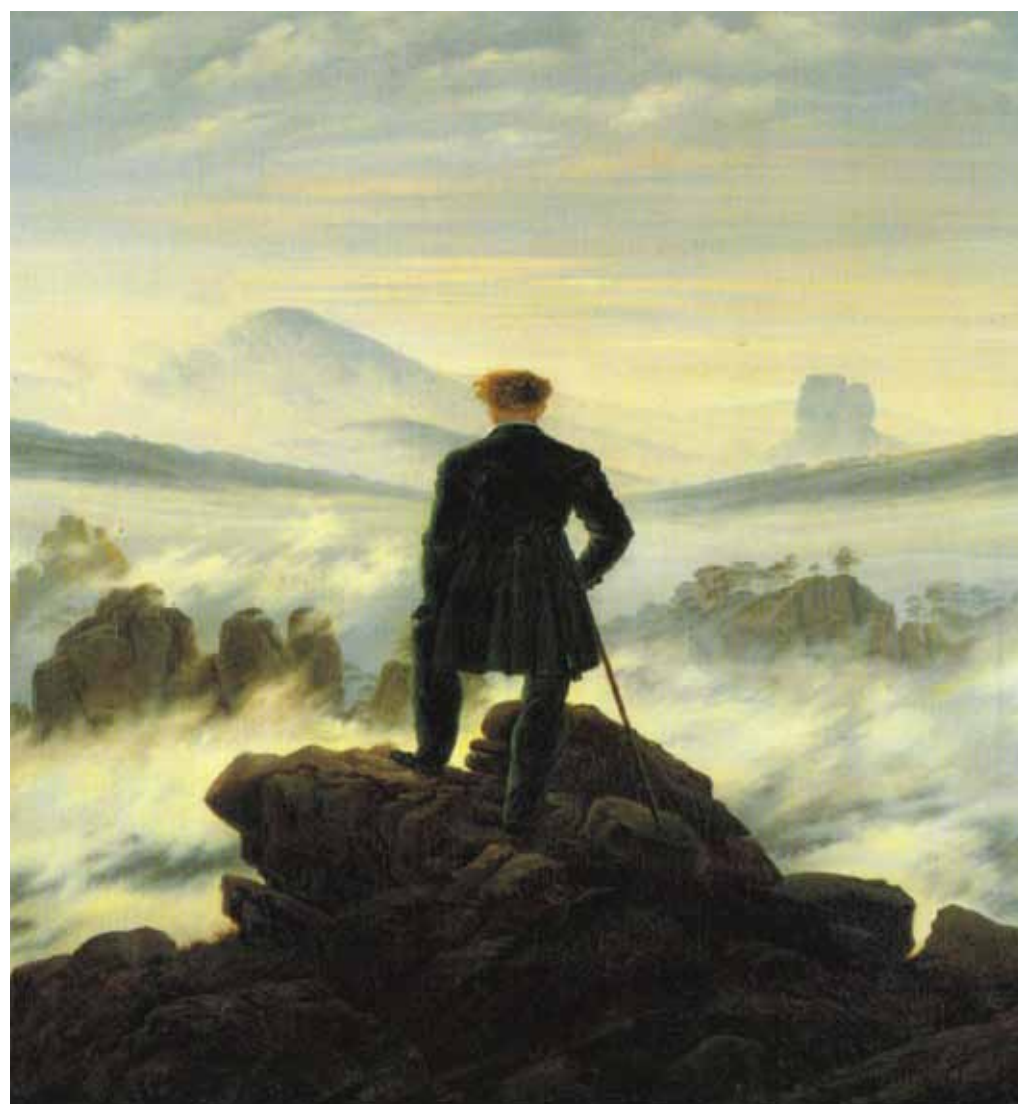
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VISION FOR WASHINGTON STREET

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ring in residential neighborhoods but downtown as well.

The Town, Mayor Davis noted pointedly, has both a leash law and a waste clean-up law and asked that the Police Department be more aggressive about enforcing them.

The laws have been posted on the Town's website and advertised in the Town's electronic newsletter.

Mayor Davis also asked that it also be placed in the next bi-monthly newsletter.

"Bagging" Parking Meters for Special Events

After receiving an unexpected request to "bag" 32 parking meters for a Saturday wedding, Town Clerk North requested guidance from the Town Council on: (1) how many free spaces it wished to allow some-

one to "reserve" for weddings and funerals; (2) for what, if any, other purposes the town would allow an individual to rent metered parking spaces for an entire day; and, (3) whether it wished to limit the number of parking spaces an individual could rent at any given time.

In the past no more than nine metered spaces could be "reserved" in this way, at a cost of \$10 per "bagged" meter.

Spaces rented in this way, for a 3:00 PM event, must have their parking meters "bagged" at 6:00 a.m., thus denying the spaces to the public for most of the day on one of the busiest shopping days of the week.

Council requested that North draw up a resolution that would offer free parking spaces only for funerals (five spaces) and community service events (up to two spaces) as approved

by the Town Administrator.

As for weddings, building maintenance, deliveries, moving and other special events Council recommended that individuals be allowed to rent a maximum of two parking spaces at any given time and that the fee for renting a parking space be increased to \$25/day.

Parking meter revenue rose dramatically last month for reasons unknown. Better weather and battery replacement are thought to have been major contributors.

Parking and Problems on Pendleton

Councilmember Bundles Murdock reported that she had noticed that two of the parking spaces on Pendleton Street beside the Safeway were still governed by eight hour park-

ing meters. A customer of the hair dresser on Pendleton Street complained, Murdock noted, because she was unable to find one for two hour parking. She asked that they be changed to two-hour spaces instead. A change in the Town Code will be required.

Murdock also suggested that Council consider making the Pendleton/Marshall Street intersection a four-way stop, noting that had almost been hit several times there.

Noting that VDOT "would not allow for a four-way stop" at the intersections, Town Administrator Semmes reported that the Town's Maintenance Supervisor was contacting the Department of Transportation about getting stop lines and a crosswalk painted there.

Police Chief Panebianco reported that he met with the Assistant Manager at Salamander

Resort to ask that he advise their staff and guests to pay particular attention to the speed limit and stop signs. The Police Department, he said, will be enforcing the traffic laws there regularly

Well 4

Town Administrator Semmes reported that work continues to bring the Town's Water Well Number 4 back on line after it was shut down by mechanical problems well before the opening of the Salamander Resort and Spa. A key issue facing the Town, Loudoun Water, engineers, consultants and the manufacturers of a badly damaged water tank on the site will be comparing the cost of repairing the old tank versus removing the wall of the water treatment plant there and installing a completely new tank.

Utility Bills

Semmes reported that Troy & Banks, consultants hired to review the Town's utility billings had found an accounting/classification error in its Dominion Power bills, which yielded a refund to the town of some \$3,250. After deducting Troy & Banks' 29% fee, Middleburg was with a credit of \$2,305, part of which would go into the Utility Fund and part into the Town's General Fund.

Middleburg Library

Vice Mayor Kirk introduced a Resolution of Appreciation recognizing and expressing thanks to the Middleburg Library Advisory Board for their work to expand the Middleburg Library.

Mayor Davis read the proclamation at the Library's official Grand Opening Ceremony on September 7.

Council also approved a request from the Middleburg Library Advisory Board for the reimbursement of \$400 in zoning permit fees related to the expansion.

Middleburg Community Farmers Market Committee

Justin Carroasco, Judith Plescow and Ken Matich were appointed to two-year terms on the Middleburg Community Farmer's Market Committee. Rod Thomas and Lily Bowen were appointed to one-year terms.

JAMES HULL "JIM" HERBERT



James Hull "Jim" Herbert, 95, died Saturday, August 24th at Shenandoah Valley Westminster-Canterbury in Winchester, VA.

Jim was born July 21, 1918 in Columbia, SC, the son of Robert Beverley Herbert and Georgia Rucker Hull. He spent many childhood summers at the family farm Woodside in Delaplane, VA (Fauquier County), and after attending Episcopal High School and graduating from Princeton University in 1940, he returned there to become a farmer.

In August 1941, Jim joined the US Army Field Artillery, then later volunteered for active duty in the Army Air Corps to become a fighter pilot - first flying the P-38 Lightning before transitioning to his beloved P-51D Mustang Paper Doll later in the war. He served as a Flight Leader with the 77th Fighter Squadron of the 20th Fighter Group, headquartered at Kings Cliffe, England. Jim flew 57 combat missions over Europe, including an historic bomber escort mission that returned through Russia.

Jim was honorably discharged in December 1944 at the rank of Major, having earned a Distinguished Flying Cross and an Air Medal with five oak leaf clusters. He remained an active pilot into his late 80s.

Jim married Elizabeth "Betty" Thomson in 1948 and brought her to Woodside where they raised five children while he operated a cattle farm and had several entrepreneurial adventures. Jim was also an inveterate hunter and famously recited long poems from memory. He was ac-

tive with Emmanuel Episcopal Church and served on the boards of Marshall National Bank & Trust Co., Fauquier Hospital, and the Virginia State Fair.

After retirement, Jim and Betty enjoyed dividing their time between Delaplane, VA and Pawley's Island, SC. Since 2006 they have enjoyed their new home and wonderful friends at Westminster-Canterbury. Nothing has defined their entire life together more than family, hospitality, and generosity.

Jim is survived by his wife Betty, five children and their spouses: Elizabeth and Dr. John Cottrell, Maurertown, VA; Jim and Stewart Herbert, Middleburg, VA; Beverley and Kathleen Herbert, Brentwood TN; Bruce and Nancy Herbert, Seattle, WA; and Sarah Albritton and husband Andrew LaRowe, Winston-Salem, NC; nine grandchildren; two sisters: Georgia H. Hart, and Mary H. Taylor and her husband Dr. Edmund Taylor; and 10 nieces and nephews. He was predeceased in 1977 by his brother, Robert Beverley Herbert, Jr.

Services celebrating Jim's life will be held on Thurs., Aug. 29, at 2pm at Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Delaplane, VA, and a memorial service on Sat., Aug. 31, at 11am at the SVWC Chapel.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Jim & Betty Herbert Family Fund at Piedmont Community Foundation (PO Box 402, Middleburg, VA 20118), The SVWC Fellowship Fund (300 Westminster-Canterbury Dr., Winchester, VA 22603), Emmanuel Church (POB 126, Delaplane, VA 20144).

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MIDDLEBURG CHARTER SCHOOL

On September 10, 2013 The Loudoun County School Board took advantage of a new Virginia law and voted to approve moving forward with an application to transform Middleburg Elementary into a Charter School. Their decision avoided a potentially lengthy application review by the Virginia State Board of Education.

Janelle Stewart, President of the Middleburg Elementary Parent/Teacher Organization has been working with dedicated parents and other supporters of the school for well over a year on the project.

Seven members of the School Board voted in favor of the decision. Only one, Sterling representative Brenda Sheridan, voted no. Blue Ridge representative Jill Turgeon, Vice Chair of the Board Education, was absent.

Middleburg Elementary is the smallest of the county's small schools, with an enrollment that hovers around 50 students.

Over the next few weeks a special committee and senior staff will work to review, critique, revise and improve the Middleburg application before its final presentation to the full School Board in February.

If approved, the newly designated "charter school" will offer a year-round schedule, a longer school day, full-day kindergarten, and a multi-

age after-school program with tutors and special interest clubs.

Current thinking on the new curriculum focuses on the special interests and creativity of Leonardo DaVinci, thematically integrating math and science classes, reading programs, English and art.

August 2014 has been set as the target date for opening the new school.

Middleburg Elementary will be designed to serve around 60 students. Because of its new "charter" status, any student in the county system will be able to apply to attend. If there are more applications than openings, qualified attendees will be selected using a lottery.

As late as June of this year Vice-Chairperson Turgeon was still hopeful that the school could remain open without using the charter option. She told a Middleburg Town Council work session that money, primarily the \$2.7 million per year the School Board had been advised it could save by closing five of the county's smallest schools, including Middleburg Elementary, would be a critical, if not absolutely deciding issue. At that time she still believed the Board could find \$2.7 million in savings elsewhere.

See www.middleburgcharterschool.org for further details on plans for the school as well as the text of the formal charter application.

MIDDLEBURG LIBRARY OPENING

REMARKS BY FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY PRESIDENT, DENNIS COTTER



Twenty-five years ago, the people of Middleburg persuaded Loudoun County government to build and operate a public library, here, on property leased from Middleburg Community Center; Loudoun County Public Library Board of Trustees; Loudoun County Board of Supervisors

It is twice the size and will serve the people better. It is a great achievement. Thank you, everyone, who made this day possible.

Thanks, above all, to Our Cornerstone, Leadership, and Community Donors; Owner's representative Mike Morency; Strategic planner Jeff Baldwin; Fund-

raising consultant Tom Northrup; Webmaster Bill Ferster; All the Middleburg Library Advisory Board

•Thank you, Middleburg Community Center; Middleburg Town Council; Loudoun County Public Library Board of Trustees; Loudoun County Board of Supervisors

•Thank you: Library Director Chang Liu for all your support; Our great staff: Sheila Whetzel, Tia Maggion, Tina Thomas, Lew Prillaman, Charlotte Giglio, Julie Schroedl; Architects Bill Turnure and Tim Clites; Interior designer Beth O'Quinn

•Thank you to: Jeff Thompson, Curly Bennett, all at Sully Construction; Rich

Luttrell and Gary Shook of Middleburg Bank; Our local media: Margaret Morton, Vicky Moon, Dan Morrow, Dee Dee Hubbard, Billie Van Pay

•Thank you to the earlier champions for Middleburg Library, including: Tim Dimos, Tommy Dodson, Mary Joe Jackson, Don Musch, Ann Northrup

•Thank you to all whom I've accidentally forgotten.

All of us here are friends of the library, but it is still worth saying: public libraries are an essential public service. Our commitment to building this expansion is not an endorsement of privatization. It is, however, a testament to the value we place on high-quality public facilities that are open to everyone, that everyone can use, that enlighten, entertain, and improve all persons who avail themselves of their many excellent resources.

Public libraries anchor our communities; they bring us together. They are civilized places; they promote culture. They support the job-seeker and the entrepreneur, the young and the old, the great, the small, and the in-between. In many ways, they are an extension of the public education system. Schools teach our children to travel on wings of words; libraries give them the places to fly. Public libraries value the past, celebrate the present, and advance the future. They help the soul exceed its circumstances. They are what the Founding Fathers would have called "a blessing of liberty". Public libraries enable our communities to grow, and flourish, and endure. We should continue to support and cherish them.

Thank you for coming to our grand opening ceremony. Welcome to the expanded Middleburg Library—a branch of the Loudoun County Public Library.

CAROLINE GREER NAMED NATIONAL MERIT SEMI-FINALIST



Middleburg Academy senior Caroline Greer of Aldie was named a Semi-finalist in the 2014 National Merit Scholarship Program in recognition of her exceptional academic promise and achievement. The nationwide pool of Semifinalists represents less than one percent of U.S. high school seniors.

Caroline Greer is among the approximately 16,000 Semifinalists who have the opportunity to continue in the competition for some 8,000 National Merit Scholarships worth approximately \$35 million. To be considered for the Merit Scholarship award that will be offered in the spring, Semifinalists must fulfill several requirements to advance to the Finalist level of the competition. About 90% of the Semifinalists are expected to attain Finalist standing, and more than half of the Finalists will win a National Merit Scholarship, earning the full "Merit Scholar" title.

Middleburg Academy has a strong record of producing National Merit Scholarship Program designees. Caswell Bennett '13 of Sterling, now in his first year at Georgetown University, achieved the highest possible award last spring when he was named a National Merit Scholar. Alex Rossi '13 of Leesburg, who just entered the University of Virginia as a Jefferson Scholar, was a Commended Scholar.

Approximately 1.5 million students in more than 22,000 high schools entered the 2014 National Merit Scholarship Program by taking the 2012 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying test (PSAT/NMSQT), which served as an initial screen of program entrants.

Caroline Greer is the daughter of Cindy and Robert Greer of Aldie and a graduate of Mercer Middle School. She has contributed abundantly to life at Middleburg Academy as that rare student who excels in the full range of subject areas, as well as in the visual arts and athletics.

Among her most recent accolades is being named a Virginia Aerospace and Technology Scholar; Greer was subsequently selected to attend the week-long, all expenses paid 2013 Summer Academy at NASA Langley Research Center in Hampton, VA. Last Spring, she won the First Prize (Drawing Category) in the 10th Congressional District Art Exhibition and also received, at her secondary school's Academic Awards Ceremony in May, The Jefferson Book Award

presented by the University of Virginia Alumni. At that same ceremony, Greer was also acknowledged with a President's Award for Educational Excellence and a Presidential Award for Service, and received an exceptional number of subject achievement awards (Honors English 11; AP United States History; Physics; AP/DE Calculus AB; AP/College Chemistry; and College Art).

Caroline Greer's abilities, along with those of her two teammates, helped "Masters of

Light" capture Third Place overall in the STEM Summit Challenge Competition at Foxcroft School last February -- the only Loudoun County-based team to earn a top prize. She is a member of the National Honor Society and Student Council; editor of the school yearbook; and has played Varsity Field Hockey and Girls Varsity Soccer throughout her high school career. Outside of school, she volunteers weekly in the Pediatric Unit at Inova Loudoun Hospital.

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MAURICE ELIAS, POSITIVE SCHOOL CULTURE EXPERT, AT MIDDLEBURG ACADEMY

Maurice Elias, Ph.D., of Rutgers University, a nationally recognized expert in the areas of social-emotional learning and building positive school cultures, recently spent a day with the faculty, staff and administrators of Middleburg Academy.

In keeping with its long-held mission, the independent college preparatory school in Loudoun County places a genuine emphasis on developing the whole person -- head and heart, intellect and character. Middleburg Academy engaged Dr. Elias to further foster the school's learning environment of trust and engagement.

Dr. Elias is frequently called upon by local, state and national educational forums, policy writers, and governing bodies, as well as the major media, for his research-based insights and expertise.

He was recently heard on NPR's Science Friday on the topic of weaving emotional literacy into the standard curriculum.

"Good science links social-emotional and character development to a number of documented student gains," Dr. Elias reports. "These include social-emotional skills; improved attitudes about self, others and school; positive classroom

behavior; and 10-11% gains on standardized achievement tests."

During his time with the teachers and staff of Middleburg Academy, Dr. Elias was pleased to discover a school that already practices many of the habits and programs he promotes.

"How we treat children in all aspects of our contacts with them -- as parents, teachers, policy makers or advocates -- matters, including many small things that add up to make a big difference," he explained.

Emphasizing the challenges our youth carry around with them each day -- from an increased pace of life and greater economic demands on parents to ongoing exposure to an array of digital media which "robs them of reflective time" -- the workshop focused on creating a coordinated, commonly understood framework for providing optimal synergy within the school.

"If you, as a school, communicate out of a posture of caring," Elias stressed, "the kids will care."

In closing the day-long session, Middleburg Academy Head of School Colley W. Bell III remarked,

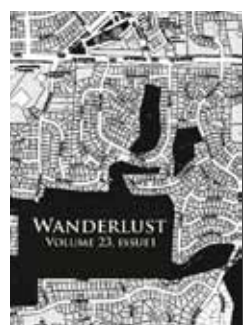
"We are a secondary school that is small by design. If there is a single moment in



life where being part of a tightly knit community is important, it is in adolescence. These are the very formative years, and so much of what is instilled in the experiences at this stage shape one's adulthood. Thank you, Dr. Elias, for reminding us how important it is to focus on the precious present, and, if I may borrow your words, to carry out our roles with respect, challenge, caring, safety, civility and the encouragement of opportunity and resilience."

To learn more about Middleburg Academy, contact Mr. Doug Goodman, Director of Admission at 540-687-5581 or dgoodman@middleburgacademy.org.

WAKEFIELD STUDENT'S PUBLICATIONS WIN GOLD MEDALS



Both of Wakefield School's student-produced publications, the 2012-2013 Talisman and the 2012-2013 Amulet, were Gold Medal Award Winners in the Columbia Scholastic Press Association's annual critique.

The Gold Medal is the highest rating, and Wakefield's literary magazines have consistently earned this honor.

The Talisman, Wanderlust, is the Upper School's literary/art magazine, and the Amulet, Head in the Clouds, is its Lower School companion. Entirely student produced, these showcases of Wakefield students' writing and art reflect both the quality and diversity of the writing and art work submitted, and the superb professionalism of the student editors and staff.

Prose, poetry, art, and photography pieces by 56 students in the Lower and Middle Schools contributed in the production of the

2013 Amulet.

Dr. Thomas Perry, faculty advisor for the publications, expressed his delight when he said, "This is the first time in my tenure as faculty advisor that we submitted both publications individually and both took the gold. Outstanding jobs by both publication's teams!"

The 2012-13 Talisman publication team included Erica Joy Oliverio and Alex Simon (Co-Editors-in-chief), Caroline Kessler, Caitlin Wagner and Kate Weimer (Staff).

The 2012-13 Amulet publication team included Juliet Mayer (Editor-in-Chief), Morgan Hadlock (Art Editor), Nicole Andersen (Prose Editor), and Devon Vickery (Poetry Editor).

To see both Gold Medal-winning publications, please visit http://issuu.com/wakefield_school/docs. To learn more about Wakefield, visit www.wakefieldschool.org.

FOXCROFT'S STUART HALL DEDICATION



Foxcroft School's newest building, a \$10.3 million dormitory named Stuart Hall, will be dedicated Saturday, September 28th at 1 pm on the Middleburg campus of the girls' school. The public is invited.

Nan Stuart, a 1971 graduate of Foxcroft who had the honor of naming the building, will highlight the program, which will be followed by tours of the building. Stuart, who lives in Longmont, Colorado, and sits on the School's Board, revealed her noted sense of humor by naming the dorm after another girls' school. No doubt her comments Saturday will be noteworthy as well.

Stuart Hall is the third major construction project completed by Foxcroft in the past five years. A \$14.5 million Athletic and Student Center opened in 2010, just a year after a new maintenance facility was unveiled. Impressively, the School has accomplished all this in a tough economic climate and without going into debt.

The dormitory is Fox-

croft's first LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design)-certified building. It uses geothermal wells for efficient heating and cooling, and regional and recycled materials for many of its components. Environmentally-friendly elements include a touch-screen "dashboard" in the dorm's lobby which monitors the building's energy use. The dashboard, also accessible at www.foxcroft.org, was created by Foxcroft engineering students working with Lucid Technology and Business Manager Deborah Anderson.

Another 26 students -- whose signatures are all memorialized on Stuart Hall's basement floor -- had an intimate look at the construction process last year through a seminar called "Project Green Build." It consisted of monthly sessions, complete with hard-hat site visits and hands-on projects, created by Forrester Construction Company, together with the School's Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) faculty.



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THE PLANT LADY



KAREN REXROD

I spend a lot of time counseling people on what to plant and how to lay things out, especially on weekends when I'm working at Merrifield Gardens. I have to be receptive to what they have emotional attachments to. Quite often it's peony plants passed down from grandma, or a rose from a dear aunt. It's a work around and I have no problem with it because I have my own

emotional attachments, enough to fill 5 acres - I'm sure. Fortunately I can live vicariously through other peoples gardens, not actually owning all of those tree peonies (as I example), but tending to them.

So recently I was thinking about my own plant baggage, like what must I have in my summer garden? It struck me that so much of what I like fits into the category of temperennials.

I will note that fall planting is not ideal, the winter survivors

of tender perennial or temporary perennial. Long and short it stands for plants that are either border line in their hardiness or just flat out tropical, perennials in their own tropical climate versus true annuals, which die after producing seed. Now we live in a pretty moderate climate, getting warmer as each year passes. We do have freezing temperatures in winter, but it's nothing like it used to be. I remember when crape myrtles would freeze to the ground in Loudoun County, sometimes even in Fairfax county.

Many of these temperennials flower from spring to fall and come back in spring. A pretty good deal when you think of hardy perennials that flower for a matter of weeks (6 is average). In the last few years I have seen dahlias return with a certain degree of regularity. I hear the same with cannas and I can definately say that my Salvia 'Black and Blue' has come back for 3 years and is now 7 feet across. Agastache rupestris is the only variety of agastache that's returned and it's done so for 4 years. All of these flower the entire summer. I'm beginning to think that its time to try various verbenas and go back to growing Salvia farinacea selections and snapdragons, all of which fit in the category of temperennials.

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That smashing sound you hear is the shattering of countless hopes and dreams of countless D.C. sports fans as the temporary relevance of the region's professional sports teams come crashing to the ground.

Exhibit A. The Redskins. Less than a year ago, less than a month ago, you couldn't swing a cat around here without hitting someone who honestly, fervently believed that the Redskins' first division title in nearly a generation, since the last millennium, somehow guaranteed a return to the glories of Grimm, Green, Gibbs, Riggins, Monk, Mitchell and Theismann.

RGIII's second-to-none rookie season, steamroller Alfred Morris, a creative (and career threatening) playbook and the return of injured stars Bryan Orakpo and Pierre Garcon paid for a region's worth of rose-colored glasses.

Everyone seemed willing to overlook fact that Griffin would be having his OTA's, off-season and preseason workouts during the season.

Everyone seemed willing to overlook the fact that all the defenses and defensive coordinators Griffin, Morris and Kyle Shanahan spent 2012 tormenting would not spend their off-seasons convincing

themselves they could do the same things that didn't work last year and expect them different results this year.

Everyone seemed willing to overlook the fact that Griffin's rookie season, certainly looked at through the prism of efficiency, may well have been the quintessential lightning strike, ripping across the sky, impossible to bottle, never to be seen again.

Everyone seemed willing to overlook the fact that the Redskins' defense, not good last year, to be kind, did not do a thing to get appreciably better in the off-season. Orakpo returned, to be sure, but he's not a team unto himself. The same team that cut DeAngelo Hall (woohoo!) signed him later (ack!), albeit it a steep, steep discount.

But most remarkably, everyone seemed completely, mystifyingly, bafflingly willing to forget that midway through last season the head coach of this team was packing his bags and had, for all intents and purposes, turned to greener pastures.

For lack of a better word, he quit.

He'd written off the season, a season saved by a magical run, one that will always be remembered for its hope and promise, and the delight it bestowed upon a giddy populace.

This past week, following a heartbreaking loss to a vulnerable Lions team, a game many



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WATERWORLD

RICHARD A. ENGBERG

There are approximately 53,000 water utilities in the United States. These include public systems, private systems, and cooperatives and these utilities serve 85 percent of our Nation's population. As a group, they provide some of the safest drinking water in the world. Probably the principal reason is that for over 100 years, most U. S. water utilities have chlorinated the water they deliver. Chlorine disinfectants destroy the organisms that cause diseases such as cholera, typhoid and dysentery among others. Still, there are some problems. Can our drinking water be made even safer?

My last several columns dealt with our water resources infrastructure and so does this column with a different slant. An article in the Science section of the August 27 issue of the New York Times prompted me to write this column which primarily summarizes the information contained in the article.

The article states that many individual cases of waterborne diseases still occur (in the U. S.) and related hospitalization costs approach \$1 billion each year. Microbes such as mycobacteria can survive chlorination and cause infections particularly in elderly people or persons whose im-

mune systems are compromised. In 2007 and 2008, the last two years for which data are available from the Center for Disease Control, 164 waterborne disease outbreaks occurred, nearly all from the parasite Cryptosporidium. In response, many utilities now are treating their produced water with ultraviolet light that inactivates Cryptosporidium and some other organisms that are chlorine resistant.

In spite of these statistics, the fact is that waterborne diseases affect far, far less than one percent of the U. S. population. Nevertheless, researchers are studying ways to decrease further the number of waterborne illnesses or infections.

Recent research has determined that in many cities and towns, the principal problem is not with the water supply itself but with the delivery infrastructure.

Water delivery infrastructure in many cities and towns is very old, very complex, and in some cases not completely known to the current water utility employees. Researchers led by Norman Pace of the University of Colorado are studying the ecology of several of these old delivery systems and are mapping the ecological niches in them where certain chlorine-resistant microbes may hang out. What the researchers have discovered is that in some cases,

the water from the faucet may be markedly different from the water that leaves the treatment facility. Dr. Pace said, "The ecology is the distribution system."

The research indicates that one reason for this is that some benign and a few potentially harmful bacteria species survive chlorination and may persist in older distribution systems in something called biofilms. Biofilms are a sticky polymer-like substance made up of DNA, proteins and carbohydrates that form on and cling to the inside of pipes. Evidence exists that in some cases these biofilms may break loose and carry bacteria throughout the distribution system.

Still, our utility-supplied water is safe. But the work of the researchers in the Pace program together with greater attention to the aging distribution systems can make it even safer. I strongly support this research and urge cities and towns to monitor bacterial concentrations carefully and to consider upgrades to their distribution systems. Even safer water should be the goal of every utility.



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THE ARTIST’S PERSPECTIVE

TOM NEEL

Have you ever experienced the feeling of knowing you are exactly where you should be at the right time? I live my life in complete belief that I am where I am suppose to be. That no matter how random we think life can be, it is far less so than we assume.

I am writing this to you on September 13th, yes, that Friday, and just a few days ago a friend who owns a business jet asked me to join him on what was just going to be for me, an up and back flight to New England. So we flew up and on the way back, I was alone in the cabin with the crew up front, choosing to have the cabin lights off and my iPad on. Flying south, the setting sun was to my left side and was offering an elongated glow as it fell behind a long wedge shaped

cloud bank.

Our route had us going inland a bit over Poughkeepsie, New York, before turning more truly south. As we did, we started to encounter some mild turbulence. Through the right side windows, now looking west, distant thunderstorms could be seen. Everything looks different from the air. Artistically speaking, it is much easier to understand how light affects the landscape at ground level, if you can see it from above. On this day, we were flying on the edge of an incoming cold front. At 28,000 feet, the storm below was also below the cloud cover and looked as though a war had erupted, as the lightning illuminated the moisture filled atmosphere with great bursts of energy.

Looking down through the left side windows, to the east, was clear and the almost iridescent

mass civilization was apparent by the many tiny dots of ambient light that population brings especially along the mid Atlantic coast. Through those millions and millions of lights though, from my lofty view above, just two stood out. They ascended with a spiritual glow from ground zero. I was seeing one of the most powerful uses of creativity a person could ever witness. Creativity used with a pure symbolic purpose, that of remembrance. Did I mention my flight was on 9/11?

I started this story by telling you that I believe what we experience in life is not as random as we might think. This was no accident or random joy ride. This was exactly where I was suppose to be on 9/11, more than a decade after watching those twin towers collapse, live on television, as more than 3000 souls were lost.

I have seen those two beams of light gracefully make their way up from the ground, but at 28,000 they are life affirming and had no problem reaching me and going well beyond. They stood in stark contrast to the war like light show I was seeing at the same time to the west, but both a narrative to that fateful day. Both energy, both powerful light, one seemingly angry, the other graceful and patriotic. One sending violent charges to the ground, the other spiritual rays to the heavens. One actually the power of nature, the other an amazing tribute created by eighty-eight 7000 watt xenon light bulbs. "Tribute in Light", as can be seen on its website, mas.org/programs/tributeinlight/, was the conception of many.

As explained on their website - it was independently conceived by several artists and designers who were brought



together under the auspices of MAS and Creative Time. Tribute was designed by John Bennett, Gustavo Bonevardi, Richard Nash Gould, Julian Laverdiere and Paul Myoda with lighting consultant Paul Marantz. It was originally made possible by a grant from the Lower Manhattan Development Corporation and with the generous assistance of Con Edison.

They describe Tribute in Lights as a world-renowned icon of remembrance, I call it a life moving experience.

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WEARING WHITE AFTER LABOR DAY

SINCERELY, ME
BRANDY GREENWELL

Ahhh, autumn is upon us. The leaves are starting to change, the cravings for hot apple cider have started, pumpkins and mums are everywhere and the crisp cool nights reunite you with the snugly sweaters you have missed for the past six months. By now you are sick of shorts, sundresses and sandals and are begging for a wardrobe change. What are you going to wear transitioning into fall?

Saying tweeds, sweaters and boots are "fall trends" is about as unique as saying floral prints and pastels are "in" for spring. This year something in particular has gotten press as being fashion forward for the 2013 fall closet that has many traditionalists twitching. White.

My grandmother would smack me upside the head with

the heel of her Ferragamo if I sported white after Labor Day, but apparently this year, that rule is being amended. White jeans, jackets, sweaters and dresses are being shown as transitional pieces to wear straight through the holidays.

Don't worry; I am as shocked as you are! I sincerely hope that even if it is a trendy color this season that we don't see any white shoes hitting the pavement. As an aside, white shoes should be reserved for babies, little girls, brides and nurses.

As someone who has been dressing women for many years, of course I have seen what are considered traditional trends fall by the wayside. Let's take, for example, wearing black to a wedding. It used to be considered an insult to the bride and groom, but now it is very common and widely accepted. You know that when a kind of dress reaches acronym

status that there is an all access pass for any event.

Now, I am guessing that some of my more traditional readers are thinking that I must be referring to "winter white" as it is as classic as wearing navy in the spring and black for formal-wear. Though I would wholeheartedly agree with the above, I am not referring to winter white. I am talking paper white, egg white and milk WHITE.

Upon learning of this trend I did a little test run in my own wardrobe. Guess what? I put together some unexpectedly fabulous fall ensembles. For example, I took a white (ok, it could have possibly leaned more toward egg-shell) shift dress that I wore to a spring race meet and put black tights and tall suede boots with it and....it was stunning. Then I put my white, ankle length jeans I have been sporting all summer with tall, chestnut brown boots,



CLIMATE CHANGE

A digit degree, a breath warmer than the last exhaled caused the shift - the fissure.

And the arctic cliff shivered once, then crashed to the waves liquefied free to seek the ocean depth.

Unable to sink in, buoyed by the salty surface, it rushes, skips the waves, races to a new continent it floods in fury.

~Krista Genevieve Farris

VINE & DISH



ELLEN KASSOFF GRAY

The late summer early fall marshals in fickle weather, returning school busses, plenty of football and the king of all seasonal harvests. It is a time when transformation and change are in the air, which is both exciting and curious for the culinary inclined. Late summer crops of corn, berries and tomatoes yield

ing to the line up of food friendly enjoyable, wines of Chrysalis is the 2011 Albariño, a terrifically crisp, ultra-premium grape that originated in Spain's northeast-coast.

Very much like a Sauvignon Blanc, Albariño's are terrific wines to drink in weather such as fall when it can be frosty at daybreak and unashamedly sizzling by late afternoon. While this 2011 Albariño makes a terrific seafood wine, it unexpectedly pairs remarkably well with squash. Squash in general ranges in flavor from sweet to nutty and earthy. These flavor profiles pair nicely with the crispness of the Albariño. The 2011 has a bright, crisp minerality with notes of pineapple, making a striking contrast to the down-to-earth natural rich sweetness of winter squash. Tropical fruits and bursts of pineapple brighten your taste buds, while the acidity of the wine carries the rich flavor of the soup through the palate.

There are over one hundred varieties of squash, technically a fruit because of it's interior seeds. Eight of the most common varieties are Acorn, Calabaza, Delicata, Hubbard, Kabocha, Pumpkin, Spaghetti and Butternut. This recipe calls for Butternut however Pumpkin and Kabocha could easily be substituted. I've not personally tried other varieties for this soup recipe but it may be fun to experiment with Acorn and Delicata, using more apples to maintain the sweetness. Butternut is the most nutritious as its high in beta carotene, antioxidants, and fiber. Its bright deep orange color makes is aesthetically pleasing in cooking.

Here is a recipe that celebrates butternut squash and should be included in your fall repertoire every year. Pair with the 2011 Albariño from Chrysalis and you will deliver a delicious wine that does a great job at highlighting earthy flavors, bright tropical notes and creamy nuttiness.

Salute

Butternut Squash Soup with Crushed Amaretti

Serves 8

For the Squash

3/8 cup canola oil

2 butternut squash (1 small, 1 medium—enough to yield 5 cups chopped)

1 medium yellow onion, chopped

4 garlic cloves, sliced

1 tablespoonful curry powder

4 cups vegetable stock, preferably homemade

2 cups heavy cream (or substitute low fat milk for one of cups of cream for lighter soup)

2 teaspoons salt

1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

2 small Granny Smith apples, peeled, cored, and diced

1 tablespoonful unsalted butter

1/4 cup crushed almond cookies, such as Amaretti di Saronno

1/4 cup toasted & spiced pumpkin seeds (recipe follows)

1/4 tsp salt

1/4 tsp pumpkin pie seasoning

Prep the squash

Peel the squash. Cut them in half and scoop out the seeds. (Reserve the seeds and rinse them under cold water – set aside). Neatly dice enough of the squash flesh to equal 1 cup and set it aside for the garnish. Coarsely chop the rest—you should have about 4 cups.



Cook the soup

Heat the oil in medium-size heavy saucepan over medium heat. Add the 4 cups chopped squash, onions, and garlic and cook for 5 minutes, stirring frequently. Stir in the curry powder and then add the vegetable stock; bring the stock to a boil, then lower the heat and simmer gently, stirring occasionally until the squash can be easily pierced by a fork—for 20 minutes. Stir in the cream, salt, and pepper; cook for 15 minutes more.

Puree the soup

Working in batches, transfer the soup to the container of a blender or food processor fitted with a blade, and process until the mixture is smooth. Pour each batch through a fine mesh strainer into a clean saucepan; cover and keep warm over low heat.

Serve the soup

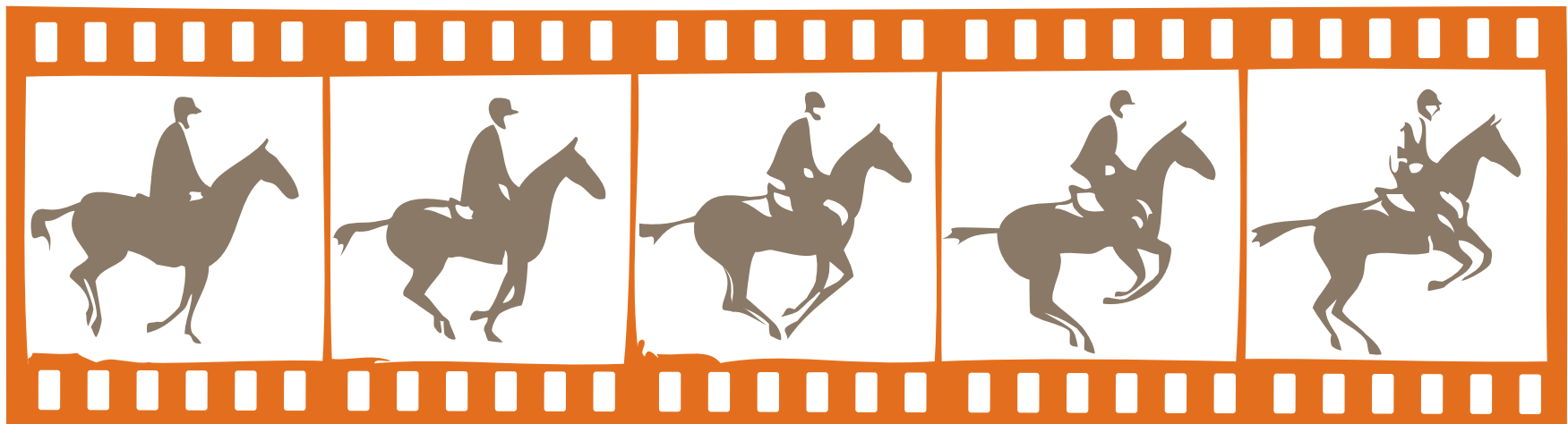
Melt the butter in an 8-inch nonstick sauté pan over medium heat, coating evenly. Stir in the apples and blanched squash; cook, stirring occasionally, until soft—about 5 minutes. Ladle the soup into individual bowls, spoon on some of the sautéed garnish, sprinkle with spiced pumpkin seeds and Amaretti cookies.

For the seeds

Pre-heat oven to 275. Take reserved washed seeds and spread them onto a cookie sheet. Lightly drizzle olive oil on seeds, sprinkle with pumpkin pie seasoning and salt. Depending on seed yield adjust seasoning to taste. Bake for about 20 min., stirring half way through.

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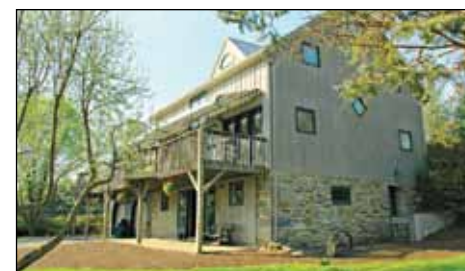
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LONG BRANCH AUCTION OF HARRY Z. ISAACS COLLECTION

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The estate, located in the Shenandoah Valley, is on the U.S. National Register of Historic Places and the Virginia Landmarks Register. The sale at Potomack Company features over 250 lots from the collection, including English and American antiques, furniture, decorative arts and artwork being sold by Long Branch as it repurposes its mission to attract future visitors.

Harry Z. Isaacs (1904-1990), a successful businessman who had a passion for many things, including Long Branch, restored, renovated and decorated the historic home. His exceptional taste led him to acquire through his world travels fine 18th and 19th century American, English and Continental furniture, decorative arts, and artwork from the most respected dealers in the United States and London, including Israel Sack; Bernard and S. Dean Levy, Inc., NY; Mallet, London; Marchant, London, and Peter Lipitch Ltd, London.

An art historian and decorative arts specialist who was a close friend of Isaacs commented, "He bought only the best."

Situated on 400 acres, the historic home was built on property surveyed originally by a young man named George Washington for Lord Fairfax. In 1788, Robert Carter Burwell inherited the land and in 1811 began building on it. Burwell consulted with the U.S. Capitol's architect, Benjamin Henry Latrobe, regarding the original floor plans. Additions were made, and the estate survived the Civil War, changing hands multiple times until it was acquired at auction by dynamic Baltimore philanthropist Harry Z. Isaacs.

A textile magnate, Isaacs devoted his knowledge, time and passion to restoring the home to its former glory and acquiring the best period furnishings and artwork.

Potomack Company owner Elizabeth Wainstein said, "Highlights of Isaacs's exceptional collection include a Federal Inlaid Mahogany Bow Front Sideboard made in Maryland or Virginia circa 1820, a pair of George III Inlaid Satinwood Small D-Shaped Console Tables in the manner of George Simson, a George III Gilt Bronze and Cut Glass Six-Light Chandelier attributed to Parker and Perry, a George III Silver Nine Basket Epergne by Daniel Smith and Robert Sharp in London in 1768 and a group of English Sporting Scene paintings and bronzes."

Long Branch's Executive Director Nicholas Redding said, "Long Branch is seeking to restore the home to its historic appearance and provide a 200-year experience to guests visiting the property. Several rooms will be refurbished to their Civil War era appearance with Empire furnishings more in parity with that era when Major Hugh Mortimer Nelson owned the estate and made design changes to the home. Other rooms will showcase the late Victorian period of the 1890s along with a bedroom from the 1960s and a den from the 1980s,



rounding out 200 years of history in one home.

"At the end of his life Isaacs set up a nonprofit foundation to support the restoration and maintenance of the Long Branch estate. With this in mind, Long Branch is de-accessioning Isaacs's fine furnishings and artwork collection to assist in this important effort to breathe new life

into the property."

In celebration of Long Branch's new reinterpretation and goal of acquiring objects original to the house, Potomack Company specialists will hold an Appraisal Clinic open to the public at the museum's "Reopening Weekend" on Saturday, October 26.

For information regarding

Long Branch, visit www.HistoricLongBranch.com.

Viewing for the auction will begin Saturday, September 28 at Potomack's gallery located at 1120 North Fairfax Street in Alexandria, VA. View the catalogue at www.potomackcompany.com or call 703-684-4550 for more information.



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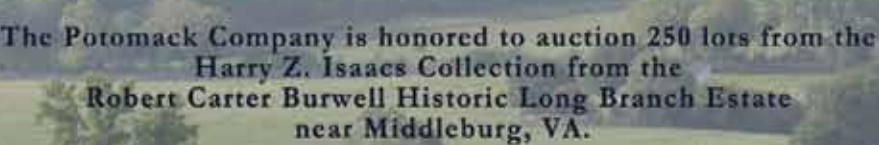
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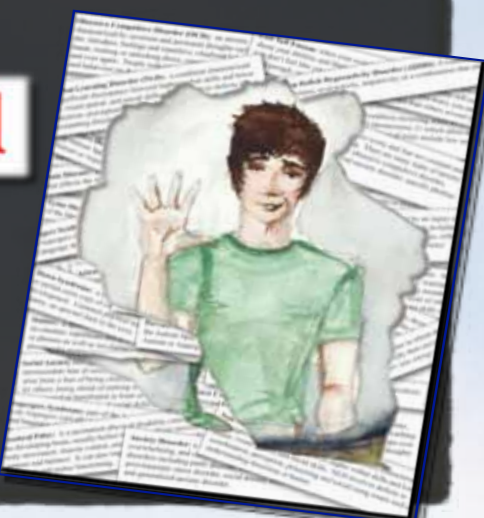


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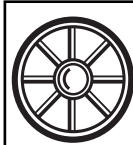
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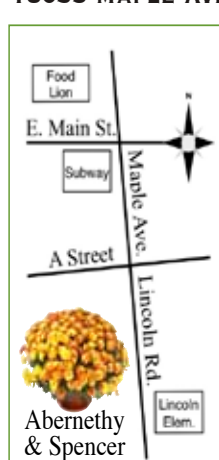
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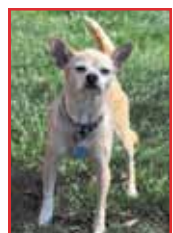
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Not so very long ago, it was unusual for hotels to allow pets. And even when we were able to check in with our people, we felt like second-class citizens. Well, my friends, those days are o-v-e-r! Booking a room with us in 2013 is a whole new ballgame.

Just last week, the New York Times ran a lengthy article about the tremendous increase in the number of hotels that welcome us. In fact, 61% of hotels now encourage guests to bring dogs. And these properties aren't simply letting us stay with them. They're actually rolling out the red carpet.

Pampered pet programs in hotels across the country include a host of incredible perks: pet sitting, pooch minibars, "pet" icures, doggy reiki, pet psychics, special room service menus, beds, treats, leashes, and more. These hotels say that most of

their four-legged guests are dogs, although an increasing number of properties allow other pets.

All of this welcoming comes with a price. Generally, pet fees at nice hotels range from \$80 to \$150 per night. And while I know that's a lot of money, there are many reasons why traveling with a pet can be practical and fun. It can also provide peace of mind for people who are nervous about leaving a pet because of illness, separation anxiety, or any number of other circumstances.

Middleburg's own Salamander Resort and Spa is a dog-friendly destination, with in-room amenities including bedding, bowls, treats and toys. They also offer on-site pet sitting. Best of all, there's a Yappy Hour every Tuesday through October 29th for resort guests as well as locals. You can find out more about it in the events section of their website.

And speaking of websites, there are lots of op-

tions when it comes to web searches for hotels that allow pets. My favorite site is bringfido.com, which is an excellent source for all things related to traveling with your dog. They even have pet travel experts ready to answer questions for people who call their helpline. You'll also find a ratings system similar to the one used on Travelocity, but instead of stars, properties are rated in bones.

Of course it's wonderful that we can go to all

kinds of fabulous hotels, but there are some things our people should know before we go. First and foremost, completely review the hotel's pet policy. Some hotels have weight limits and do not allow larger breeds. Also check to see what the rules of our stay will be. For instance, does the hotel require pets to be crated when owners are out of the room? Additionally, and obviously, do not check in with dogs who do not do well in new environments, are not house-

broken, or have a tendency to chew.

As for me, I'm on my best behavior because I'm hoping to go to San Diego, where the Loew's Coronado Bay has a resident dog surfing instructor and offers doggy massage. (Oh, I am SO there!)

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EDITOR’S DESK

MIDDLEBURG LOOKS TO THE FUTURE

The opening of the new Salamander Resort and Spa has already changed Middleburg in ways residents from the 1960’s (or even the 1980’s) would never have imagined. Happily, many if not all those changes . . . increased vehicle and pedestrian traffic, expanded water and wastewater treatment requirements, the impact of event-related noise and light, parking issues, security issues, land and viewshed preservation and more . . . have been anticipated, planned for, and in many cases, already addressed. Better still, over the past decade, relationships have been established between Salamander and the Town that should allow calm, rational, and effective approaches to addressing the inevitable surprises that will emerge in the years ahead. Best of all, Town Government has already begun to take steps that will allow Middleburg to stay ahead of the curve as those changes occur.

Particularly noteworthy are the new formal guidelines adopted by Council to preserve and enhance what’s best about Washington Street, to protect its priceless water supply, and to provide expanded police protection for the town, its businesses, its visitors and citizens. Town staff and the Town Council have been both protective of what’s best about Middleburg and its traditions and open to suggestions for change and improvements. The coming year will no doubt bring with it many surprises, problems, issues and opportunities. Rather than fearing them, we look forward to addressing them all, with a firm belief in both the professionalism and quality of our staff, the dedication and commitment of our Town Council, and a partner/stakeholder in the Salamander organization that has already demonstrated its commitment to the highest standards of corporate good citizenship.

Why are the Neanderthals of American conservatism (the disproportionately old, white, male side of the TP-GOP) so adamantly and irreconcilably negative

about the UN? For some, no doubt, their negativism harks back to misty memories of tales of Republican “success” in shooting down the original League of Nations after World War I. Statistically, however, the TP-GOP nay-sayers are older, whiter, disproportionately male and arguably more crotchety than the rest of us. There are, of course, specific UN- related issues that have hacked off the American right (and sometimes the left) during the past year: recent problems with Russia and China in the Security Council over Syria; the “new” arms trade treaty we refuse to ratify; the organization’s outspoken condemnation of Israel’s civil rights record, and other things. In general, however, the older, grumpier, denizens of the far right just don’t like many of the things the UN stands for. It is, after all, full of “foreigners” and it shamelessly celebrates cultural diversity. Its universal declaration of human rights, described by Pope John Paul II as “one of the highest expressions of the human conscience of our time” was written by a commission chaired by (gasp) Eleanor Roosevelt. That same declaration enshrines, as universal principles FDR’s four freedoms: freedom of speech, freedom

THE UN: A LOVE/HATE RELATIONSHIP

BLUE DANIEL MORROW

The establishment of the United Nations was arguably one of the greatest achievements of the generation that emerged victorious from one of the most destructive wars in human history. Surprise. Republicans don’t like it very much. Indeed, most Republicans like it less this year than they did last year, and most like it a LOT less than the American people as a whole. According to a September Pew Research Center Poll (covering the US and 38 other countries) Americans in general have an overwhelmingly favorable view of the UN: 58 % positive. (A rating higher than the President’s and a LOT better than that of the United States Congress) Democrats, whose party has special ties to the UN, are 72% positive, compared to 70% last year. For younger Americans, those between 18 and 29, positive attitudes toward the UN rise to 71%. Only 41% of TP-GOP folks, on the other hand, have good vibes. . . . down from 48% last year and WAY down from an astounding high of 51% in 2011. Why are the Neanderthals of American conservatism (the disproportionately old, white, male side of the TP-GOP) so adamantly and irreconcilably negative

of belief, freedom from fear and freedom from want.

The UN strives, as a matter of principle, to care for the sick and helpless (UNICEF alone has made the UN a treasure), promote education and economic development.

It engages in thankless peace-keeping missions where no one else will go and all too often, where no one else is trusted.

It insists that no one be tortured or subjected to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment.

It convened the 2002 Rome Conference to establish an international criminal court (arguably the best way to address not only Syria’s Assad, but those guilty of engaging in genocide, crimes against humanity, war crimes, and aggression everywhere.)

I had dinner with one NGO worker who lives a few blocks from the restaurant where we were having dinner and he said on another posting six years ago he freely walked to the restaurant but now he travels in an armored vehicle with another following and is escorted in by security. I sat next to a young Canadian diplomat on the flight from Istanbul to Kabul who had just accepted a posting to the Canadian Embassy for one year and he was told in advance that he could not leave the compound except for trips to the airport.

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The Afghan people are physically beautiful, one sees few if any unfit overweight people. They have a steely resolve that shows in their eyes whenever they look into yours. They seem to be saying “we have fought and won every battle and we will defeat you as well.” Having said that they are extremely polite, courteous, outgoing and helpful. Most people in Afghanistan live in poverty but are not poor. In my travels to many underdeveloped countries, I have found that poverty breeds ingenuity and strengthens love of culture. Once you get behind the walls and pass at least three security checks through steel bomb-proof doors, there are lovely gardens, good food, good company and a sense of elegance that certainly is belied by the street front. In the daytime the streets are filled with people shopping and going to work but when night falls they are empty of pedestrians taken up mostly by foreigners out with drivers delivering them to safe spots to eat. The hotels are heavily fortified but once inside people congregate, often with musicians playing tra-

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HYPOCRISY

TOM PRATT

Afghan Report

Kabul is a city behind walls for non-Afghans. On the street, life for the average citizen goes on much as I am sure it has for years, not particularly dangerous these days but filled with the challenges of life in poorer countries. For NGO workers and diplomats it is an entirely different story, because the employers and Embassies are so worried, not only for the safety of employees, but of the liability they themselves face. They restrict movement and literally do not allow them out of sight of the security teams.

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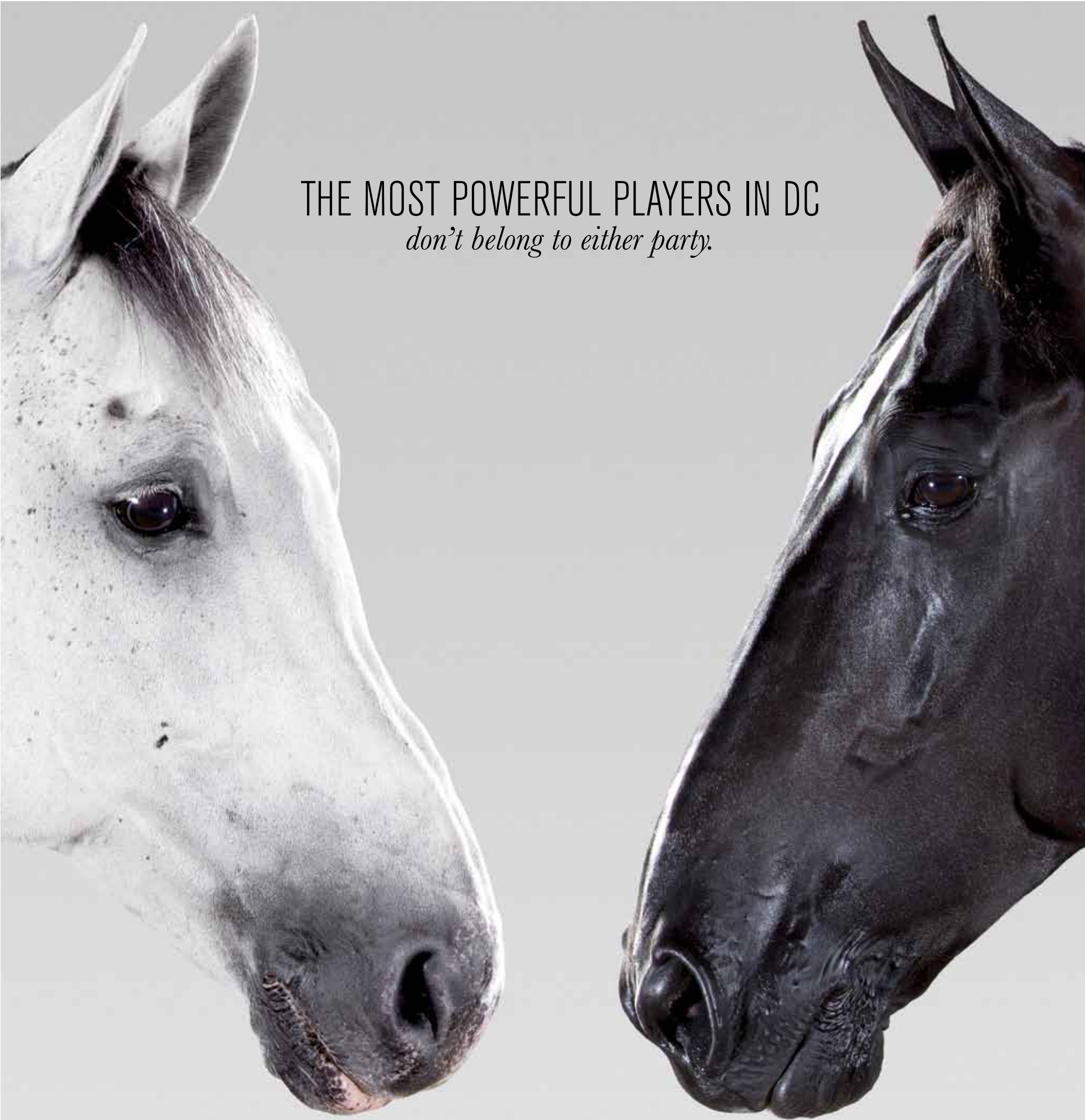
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