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SELFLESS EFFORT CHANGES LIVES MIDDLEBURG HUMANE'S TWO TRIPS TO THE GULF RESCUE, REUNITE AND REHOME MANY ANIMALS

PATRICIA BARRAZA VOS

It is the nature of the modern news cycle that before we're even done understanding the implications of an event - scandalous, tragic or otherwise - our attentions are drawn to the next one. By the time this newspaper reaches you the furor of Hurricane Katrina and her chaotic aftermath will be but a memory, our notice drawn now to an earthquake in Pakistan, a supreme court nomination.

But for Hilleary Bogley and the rest of the staff and volunteers of the Middleburg Humane Foundation that particular disaster has had en-

during personal and professional outcomes, mostly in the form of a host of new "clients" at their Marshall facility.

Bogley and staffers have now taken two trips to the affected area. The first trip left September 9, shortly after the August 29 hurricane and ended in Waveland, Mississippi. That trip included a caravan of three vehicles and trailers packed with literally tons of donated supplies. In Waveland they banded together with a group of concerned citizens and started a makeshift shelter to care for hundreds of animals in need. Bogley and crew came back with 37 animals - dogs and cats.

The MHF staff quickly made accommo-

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TOWN COUNCIL UNANIMOUSLY SUPPORTS SALAMANDER REQUEST TO COUNTY

In an extraordinary show of support the Middleburg Town Council voted unanimously to send Mayor Tom Dimos to Leesburg on October 24 to urge the County Board of Supervisors to grant a special operating exception critical to the opening of the Salamander Inn and Spa.

The 7-0 vote at Thursday's regular meeting came despite the "unofficial" appearance of four council members at the Supervisors' public hearing on the matter, just two days earlier, with three of the four expressing "concerns" about the project.

At issue were sixteen "Conditions of Approval" for the County exception. On Tuesday, they had been debated vigorously before the Supervisors, who sent the matter back to committee for further review.

In the face of fears that the County might actually water down the minimum conditions required or Salamander, the Inn offered to abide by tougher restrictions negotiated with the Town "even if the Supervisors voted to remove them."

The Debate

Mayor Tim Dimos opened Thursday's debate by noting that the County's approval of a special-use exception was critical to the success of the Salamander project.

"We are heavily invested in it," Dimos noted, reminding the Council of "... the benefits that would accrue to the Town" with passage.

"No special exception, No sewer plant," the Mayor noted. "As a body we WANT Salamander to get this special exception."

He then asked for comment from the Council, with the Salamander Inn's Prem Devadas and the Town's professional staff on hand to answer questions.

The View from Salamander

Prem Devadas spoke for Salamander, noting his view that the original "Memorandum of Understanding" between the Town and Salamander "... meant that we would work together for a long-lasting and positive effect ... and that together we could deal with any issue."

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NEWS OF NOTE

NATIONAL SPORTING LIBRARY NAMES PRESIDENT & CEO

PATRICIA BARRAZA VOS

The National Sporting Library has a new President and CEO, Nancy Parsons, who replaces Acting Director Rebecca Tomlinson. The changing of the guard of this research center for horse and field sports, its impressive collection, its mission and future, took place in September with enthusiasm from both the outgoing and incoming directors.

In the official press release concerning her appointment, Parsons is quoted as saying she is "thrilled to be here in Middleburg and to have this fabulous opportunity to lead the National Sport Library." But in conversation her assertion that she was "born for this job" gives one a better indication of just how passionate she is about her new position.

Of her successor Tomlinson expresses more than subtle confidence. "I am wildly enthusiastic about her!" Tomlinson, who stepped up to the charge of overseeing the Library's operations when her husband Ken Tomlinson, then Director of the NSL, was called to other duties in

Washington, has mixed emotions about leaving.

"We didn't come to Middleburg to run a library," jokes Tomlinson, "But working with the Ohrstrom family and serving the community has been one of the delights of my life."

In fact, Tomlinson and husband came to Virginia on a more personal mission, which though consistently interrupted by various calls to duty, remains to breed and race thoroughbreds. When Mr. Tomlinson arrived here from his long-time home in Westchester, NY, he enjoyed some early success in this endeavor and this brought him to the attention of Library Chairman Emeritus, George Ohrstrom, Jr.

Mr. Ohrstrom tasked Tomlinson with launching the NSL in its current 15,000 square foot location in Middleburg. Tomlinson was happily at work on this when duty called yet again, this time by none other than President Bush. In 2003 Tomlinson became Chairman of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

The NSL was turned over to the capable hands of Tomlinson's wife Rebecca who became Acting

Director. During that time she made sure the institution operated in the black, originated a popular lecture series and oversaw a number of unique sporting and art exhibits including the current "Animals in Art" collection now on view in the Library's Founder's Room.

Still, "acting director" indeed implied that one day the position would be turned over to someone else. While Tomlinson has enjoyed her tenure at the Library she is happy for the opportunity to return to her life. "I'm going to read and travel and do all the things you can't do when you have responsibility like the library."

In the meantime, Parsons is bringing her considerable strengths and experience to her new position. She comes to the Library from Monticello where she lead the principal gifts effort. Prior to that she lead the Arts and Historic Preservation campaigns at the University of Virginia and managed the major gift office at the Darden Graduate School of Business at UVA. In addition, she organized and managed the regional campaigns in New York City and Chicago for the University of Virgin-



ia's \$1.5 billion capital campaign. Before all this, Parsons was the Director of Development for the Virginia Horse Center in Lexington, VA. It was during this stint that she first came to the Middleburg area to hunt with Orange County, Blue Ridge and Piedmont hunts.

Yes, Ms. Parsons hunts. And is an avid horsewoman. And a firm believer and lover of all things sporting. Which, combined with her impressively suitable resume lends credence to her assertion that she was, in fact, born for the job.

Again, both women agree not just on Parson's

suitability for the job at hand but on what that job, and the very mission of the Library mean in the broadest sense. "The Library is about books and scholarship, and racing and fox hunting – but its ultimate mission in the 21st century is the preservation of our open space and sporting culture," says Tomlinson. Parsons agrees, noting that her personal vision "goes beyond preserving this wonderful collection of books but to the very culture it represents, and sharing it with an ever more broadening audience."

MIDDLEBURG BRINGS NEW WATER TREATMENT PLANT ONLINE

Middleburg has more than doubled its capacity to provide water to customers and significantly improved the quality of the water with the addition of Well No. 4 and the completion of the Town's first full service Water Treatment Plant

Prior to March of this year, the Town was using two wells: Well No. 2, which has produced a high quality product since it first went on-line in 1971, and Well No. 3, which could only be used when its water was mixed with that from Well No. 2. (Well No. 1 was taken off-line more than 15 years ago due to its poor water quality.)

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treated to remove manganese and other minerals as well as reduce its "hardness", providing a product which is less corrosive on the system's pipes as well as the lines providing water directly to your home or business. (Well No. 3 has been taken off-line and will probably not be used until it is needed at some point in the future and its water can be treated through the new Water Treatment Plant.)

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MIDDLEBURG FINANCIAL CORPORATION NAMES CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER

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for future rescue crews what was found and done at each house – dead pets left behind, barely living ones removed (including information regarding where they were taken too), and food and water stations set up for wandering, now feral animals. All this was communicated via the low-tech method of spray paint on house walls. Since the entire region was still without power this was the best means available.

The living animals found were barely that – emaciated, dehydrated and severely traumatized by the storm and the long, bleak, lonely aftermath. The dogs and cats were carefully removed from shattered houses and taken to the growing shelter at the elementary school. Vet techs and volunteers did what was possible to revive and care for the recovered animals, while Bogley, Braun and about a hundred or so other animal rescue volunteers combed the streets for survivors, and left food and water behind.

Two days into their search and rescue work Bogley and Braun were recruited to a “grid search” effort where blocks of the city were searched in a methodical way. That day 100 homes were entered. Most homes were locked, many with bars on windows, and sledgehammers were sometimes needed to get inside.

These Herculean efforts were rewarded on that one day with the recovery of five live dogs, one cat, one rabbit and some fish. All other animals found that day were dead, most having died of starvation and a handful clearly having drowned in the floodwaters.

According to Bogley the animals that had survived were the result of owners who had made some attempt to provide for them before leaving. Bathtubs were filled with water, cans or bags of dog food were left open. On the other hand, those who perished often did so in the most abysmal circumstances. Many were found tied to beds or doorknobs with their leashes.

Bogley and Braun returned to Virginia this time with 10 dogs, six cats, one hamster, one rooster and three fish. All are recovering, and once finished with quarantine and all efforts to reunite them with their owners have been made, they will be available for adoption.

The MHF team have most likely done all they can in terms of Gulf region rescue work as now they have their work cut out for them back at home. Like all local non-profits the Middleburg Humane Foundation is feeling the pinch of dropped donations. Typically when “epic” disasters come along (like 9/11 and Hurricane Katrina) citizens feel compelled, naturally, to do what they can. This often means sending a monetary dona-

lations to basically double their capacity. On Sunday, September 25 they held an open house during which visitors could meet the new denizens of the MHF and find out about adoption procedures. All the Katrina animals have to remain at MHF during a 30-day quarantine and during that time period efforts are made to reunite the pets with their owners.

The exhausting nature of this marathon trip might have spelled the end of a person’s resolve to help further. But Bogley and crew were only determined to do more. They were home for a week, collected more supplies, and headed south again, this time with Dr. Janet McKim and two vet techs from the Middleburg Animal Hospital.

They arrived in New Orleans on October 1, a month after the hurricane. There they obtained Homeland Security clearances from an animal rescue group based in California. With that group, Bogley, Dr. McKim and the vet techs put together a makeshift emergency MASH vet unit based in an elementary school in the Orleans Parish and got to work caring for the hundreds of animals on hand.

That following Monday Bogley and fellow MFHr David Braun, were drafted into the next

part of their epic struggle to help the animals of the Gulf region – search and rescue.

Keeping in mind that any animals they found would have gone over 30 days without food and water, Bogley and Braun prepared themselves for the worst. And still,



they were shocked by what they saw.

The search and rescue work consisted of going door to door, breaking into homes, and noting



DR. JANET MCKIM, HILLEARY BOGLEY, DIANE ARNOLD, BERK LEE, DAVID BRAUN, KELLY BOSWELL, JIM FURR

tion. Unfortunately for small local non-profits this often comes out of a set amount of annual charitable contributions – money that might normally be sent to a local group.

While the MHF crew now feel compelled to stay in Virginia and care for the animals under their charge they note that the need in the Gulf states is still very real – and will be for some time. Bogley encourages all willing and able bodies to assist in any way possible. Volunteers are desperately needed, and as far as the animals of the region are concerned that

need is real and immediate. According to Bogley, “People need to remember, New Orleans and the Gulf Region in general, are going to need help for months to come. But animal rescue groups need help now. Time is critical.”

In the meantime the MHF is moving forward in their care and plans for the rescued animals currently under their care. Another Open House will be held on Sunday, October 23 from 1-4 PM at their Marshall facility. For more information please call (540) 364-3272.

ANIMALS DESERVE RESCUE TOO

WENDY SHELTON, DVM

A recently released National Pet Owners study found that seventy-four percent of dog owners regard their pets as a child or family member. This is no surprise to those of us who cohabitate with the critters. There is that melty feeling when we lock on to the sparkling eyes of happy recognition or feel our tensions fade when we bury face, hands or toes into a furry coat. With the satisfying weight of a warm cat on my lap, I am never home alone.

One can only imagine how people who have lost their wardrobes, keepsakes, photos, furniture, gardens, and jobs (and the litany goes on and gets worse) manage the additional profound sadness that comes with losing a beloved animal companion.

What is obvious to pet owners has not yet been universally acknowledged by rescue planners. Because pets are regarded as members of the family, folks will not always evacuate in an emergency unless their pets can come too. (Pets can be anything from turtles and birds to llamas and goats – they are the creatures to whom we have extended our hearts.)

In fact, studies in the disaster-prone western state of California show that the desire to stay with one’s domestic animals is the most common reason people refuse to evacuate under the threat of fire or flood. As a

result, California emergency planners there have made best efforts to include animal care in their emergency planning activities.

The current question has been why were animals not included in the (somewhat ineffective) preparedness protocols following Hurricane Katrina? Was it because local government and culture still regard animals as legal chattel and nothing more?

Regardless of why dogs and cats were left off of the boats and buses, we are left to ponder about the next time. As species-centric animals, we should and do regard human life first.

The general consensus has it that the private sector needs to take responsibility for caring for displaced and misplaced pets. First responders are plenty stressed just looking after people’s primary needs.

But it makes most sense for government agencies to change their rules and regulations to allow for the transportation of reasonably sized, behaved, and restrained animals at the time of rescue or forced evacuation. What happens after that will be for the local animal control, humane societies, veterinary clinics and associations to execute.

Next month I’ll outline my recommendation for how this handoff would work and what would be required to avoid the sad and desperate situation we face in the Hurricane Katrina aftermath.

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The County Supervisors, he noted, seemed particularly concerned about two things: 1) how many “special events” would be held on the Salamander property each year, and 2) traffic.

Concerns about traffic, he noted, seemed to have been addressed, with minor exceptions, to everyone’s satisfaction.

“Special Events” were another matter entirely. According to Devadas, he was asked to provide a comprehensive list of “Special Events” planned for the Inn’s first year of operation prior to the public hearing on Tuesday. Any event not listed and pre-approved, he was warned, might well be prohibited.

“Special Events”, Devadas continued, were defined as any activity that would attract people to the Salamander site over and above those already staying at the Inn. A Middleburg “Fourth of July Fireworks” celebration on

Salamander property, for example, would count as a “special event.” Moreover, each day of such activity was counted as a separate “event.”

Devadas thus compiled a list of 43 “special events” . . . including 27 he deemed critical for the economic success of the Inn and another 16 anticipated as “civic events”, events to be done in partnership with the town, a school, or charity, and not intended as a revenue producer for Salamander.

Salamander’s list of 43 special events created a furor until the County observed that the 17 “civic” events would each be subject to special governmental approval, and, thus, did not really belong on the Salamander list. The “Conditions” for approval were thus modified to include only 26 days of “special events” for Salamander.

By the time the Board of Supervisors sent the revised “Conditions of Approval” back to com-

mittee, seven of the nine County Supervisors had spoken in favor of approving the revised 16-point, 26-event, list of conditions. Two Supervisors, according to Devadas, were even arguing that the revised conditions were too restrictive.

When it became clear that the County might actually be willing to grant Salamander a special exemption with fewer restrictions than those negotiated with Middleburg, Devadas said he immediately called Mike Casey, Middleburg’s Town Administrator, explained the situation, and promised to abide by Salamander’s original more-restrictive agreement with the Town, no matter what the County decided. Mike Casey confirmed the story.

Devadas then told the Council that he was willing to put that commitment in writing and go with Mayor Dimos to the Board of Supervisors and confirm it on the record.

Council Comments

Mayor Dimos then called for Council comment of any or all of the sixteen “Conditions of Approval”, reminding everyone that “. . . as a Council, we badly want this. We should be working to make this happen.”

Referring to the “unofficial” appearance of four Council Members at Tuesday’s Board of Supervisors meeting Dimos offered some advice, observing that as Mayor, “I would not go to a public hearing and expect to speak as an ‘individual.’”

Mayor Dimos warned the Council that despite disclaimers and the best of intentions, whenever a Council member speaks in a public forum, especially on an issue as important as the Salamander Inn, their remarks are all too often interpreted as “official”. that the Council does not stand behind

its own decisions.

Including the four Council members and former Council Member Mark Tate, some eighteen people had addressed the Board of Supervisors on Tuesday, and debate had gone on for more than two hours.

Ironically, some sources credit remarks by County Supervisors and other speakers in Leesburg on Tuesday as helping to unite the Middleburg Town Council. Most often cited were variations of Supervisor Jim Clem’s observation that many of the town’s traffic problems might well be solved by banning horse trailers and remarks by a number of speakers who pointed to racist overtones in some of the opposition to the Salamander project, its management and ownership.

When Mayor Dimos asked the Council on Thursday who still had concerns about the “Conditions of Approval” four members raised their hands.

Margaret New suggested that Salamander might well agree to limit itself to only ten “special events” per year “as a start” and then apply for more later. Prem Devadas replied that he could not operate at a profit with only ten special events and that he would keep his word to the council and limit the Inn to 26 days of such events, even if the County lifted all restrictions.

Bundles Murdock was particularly outspoken about events at Tuesday’s Board of Supervisors meeting. Though Murdock had long opposed the Salamander project on grounds of its impact on the character and environment of Middleburg, at Thursday’s Council Meeting she said she was “very upset” about some of the talk in and around the Supervisors meeting on Tuesday.

Murdock characterized the

tone of much of the discussion as “horrendous” and decried any effort to depict Middleburg or the opponents of the Salamander project as racist.

In a show of agreement with Mayor Dimos, she noted: “It is so important that we work together and not show up at Board meetings and appear to work at cross purposes.”

Helen Hyre noted that a better explanation of the definition and content of the proposed “Special Events” might be helpful, and Devadas agreed to meet with any and all council members who wished to review them with him. He also noted that the Inn was committed, on principle to meet or exceed all noise and light pollution standards set by the state, county or town.

Mark Snyder effectively brought the “special events” debate to a close by pointing out that the second “Condition of Approval” called for the County Zoning Administrator to keep a “record of complaints” associated with any and all such activities. The second “Condition of Approval,” Snyder noted, stated that the County Administrator “. . . in consultation with the Town . . . may revoke an annual permit if the activities . . . result in complaints due to noise, odor, traffic impacts, or other life, safety, or health concerns.”

Snyder’s observations and a reiteration by Prem Devadas that Salamander would keep its word to the town even if the County lifted restrictions on special events led Mayor Dimos to call for what turned out to be a unanimous vote of approval.

PIEDMONT COMMUNITY FOUNDATION RECEIVES MATCHING GIFTS

The Directors of The Piedmont Community Foundation (PCF) are pleased to announce they have receive a \$25,000 gift to use as a match anchor for the general fund of the foundation. One match is already secured raising the total receipts to \$50,000. both donors wish to remain anonymous at this time.

PCF executive director, Karen Krei, said she and foundation leaders are excited to see donors stepping forward with significant support for a strong local community foundation that is flexible and responsive to the charitable need.

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UPDATE FROM AFRICA



Katie Leach-Kemon {right}, her father Ed Kemon and friends seek a little shade in Niger where Katie is serving as a Peace Corps volunteer. She had the pleasure of showing her father the village where she is based before they traveled to Niamey, the capital, before a Niger River hippo watching excursion.

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PASTIMES

FOR THE LOVE OF LIVER

FROM BEHIND THE STOVE

BRIAN LICHOROWIC

One of the most warped stories of my gastro-nomic childhood deals with how my brothers and I were presented different fodder as life altering surprises. When I was ten, I was already pretty much a full time summer employ-ee as the primary dishwasher at Dibbles Inn, our family’s restaurant for three decades in Vernon, NY. My older brothers, Bruce and Bob, manned the enormous line of ranges and every weekend, and were always crazy busy.

This particular weekend we had 5 weddings of 500+ people each in 2 days in addition to our normal Sunday dinner crowd. In walks my father on a busy Friday evening and he nonchalantly tells us not to plan anything for Sunday night. “I’ve got a big surprise!” he exclaims. And for the next two days he’d pester us with this same expression. At the height of battle, say around 3PM on a Saturday afternoon, Dad would walk by and whisper, “Sunday night. Big Surprise.” My older brothers and I would be going nuts trying to figure out what was up. We looked through all the food orders and deliveries to see if anything special came in. Beef tenderloins? Naaa...Maine Lobsters? No big deal...Huge Racks of Lamb? Nope...These were all of the usual suspects we kept in abundance because of the restaurant. We’d work like dogs all week with our main incentive being the culinary carrot that gets dangled in our faces.

Sunday evening arrives and the last of the “blue hair dinner crowd” leaves (along with several sugar bowls and salt & pepper shakers). We stick close to the kitchen, saying goodnight to staff and waiting for Dad to emerge from the front. It was time. Dad made his grand entrance swinging open the kitchen door while holding a large, brown paper wrapped item. “You ready?” he asked. We were in a pandemonium. Dad had a cold beer in his hand, the official signal that we could all go “off duty”. Now the unveiling. Dad rips off the paper. It was eight pounds of fresh calf’s liver.

We went nuts, “LET’S COOK IT!!!” It was as if a scavenger hunt had started. Like we couldn’t get there fast enough, we all scattered behind the range line, each grabbing the necessary pans and knives. Mass hysteria. One brother started chopping onions and the other sprinted to grab a cookbook that had a recipe already earmarked. Lets all remember there are 25 employees leaving through he kitchen door. Many hung around knowing there was a “surprise”. They now know its calf’s liver. No wonder I couldn’t get a prom date.

We were presented with several foods like this. Food, that to this day, if I held it up in a grocery store would cause, whomever I was with but particularly my wife, their face to contort in an excruciating exhibition of palette revulsion. Kind of a true Pavlov’s Dog response for humans. Pig knuckles, blue crab, calf sweetbreads, goose, tripe or ox tail. But each one of these delicacies would send us into a frenzy. It was better than Christmas.

My Mom, the wiser, knowing how abnormal this was to most individuals, would just shake her head and go in to the dining room to get the family table ready. This was our version of “Sunday Dinner”. Exiting waitresses and kitchen help would stare at us, all ‘behind the stove’ on a Sunday evening cooking eight pounds of calf’s liver together.

One brother is still in therapy. Health Benefits

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Simple Marinated Grilled Calf’s Liver with Grilled Onions

Simple is sometimes the most astounding way to prepare something classic. My older brother, Bruce is pretty much a grillmaster, far and away, the best in the family.

He came up with this using any meat this in an effort to eliminate using butter, oil and/or lard which was our norm. Its flavor is remarkable. Think of it as ‘Liver and Onions’ without all the oil and fat.

1lb Calf’s Liver, sliced to your liking
4 Med Avocado, ripe but firm, peeled
cup Flour
2 glugs Olive oil
3 Lemons
2 sprigs Fresh Thyme, crushed
1 stick Butter (what the heck, if you’re gonna go...)
cup Beef stock
Salt & Pepper

Mix the flour, dash of salt and pepper together on a tray. Peel and cut the avocado into ½ slices (thinker the better in my opinion). Sprinkle with a small amount of lemon juice. Lightly coat liver and avocado slices with olive oil and then dip into seasoned flour giving them an even dusting.

In a cast iron skillet, melt 2 oz of butter, let foam and add the liver and avocado, sauté until brown and remove. Now for the sauce. Empty the skillet, add the rest of the butter and heat until it browns, add the juice of 3 lemons, beef stock and thyme, bring to boil and reduce by ½. Pour over liver and avocado and serve.

1lb Calf’s Liver, sliced to your liking
1 large Onions, sliced thick for grilling
2 glugs Olive oil
3 cloves Garlic, crushed
2 sprigs Fresh Oregano, crushed
Salt & Pepper

In a pestle and mortar add the garlic, oregano and salt & pepper. Crush and move to a bowl and add olive oil. Mix well. Marinate the liver and onions for a few hours and cook on a very, (this is very important!) very hot grill. Place the liver atop the onion when serving.

Fried Fresh Calf’s Liver with Avocado

My Dad made this a lot. I guess it was his signature liver dish. Avocado was introduced to me. Back then I just thought he was nuts to pair liver the two. Then, about 7 years ago I see this dish (and subsequently order it) on the Four Seasons menu in NYC.

I guess he was ahead of his time.

accommodate roast
5 cloves Garlic, crushed
1 1/2 Lbs Spinach
4 tbsp Parmesan Cheese, grated
Salt & Pepper
Flour for dredging

Cooking the Onions: Preheat oven to 400 degrees. In a large oven proof skillet, add a glug of oil, add onions and brown (about 10 minutes). Add a few tbsp of the sherry, balsamic vinegar, 1 chopped sage leaf and a dash of salt and pepper. Braise the onions for a few minutes until tender and remove. Keep the skillet handy.

Making the Sauce: In a small saucepan, over medium heat, melt ½ of the butter. Add shallots and sauté until translucent, add remaining sherry and cook down for 3 minutes. Add cream, bring to boil and add 1 tbsp of the mustard and a dash of salt & pepper. And a dusting or two of the flour if you want it thicker. Set aside but keep warm.

Prepping the Roast: On both sides of the liver make small (shallow) slits (about 12 total) and push a slice of sage into each. Dip in milk and dredge with flour so it’s completely coated. Heat a small amount of oil and the remaining butter in the skillet and brown the liver lightly on all sides (3 minutes a side).

Lather all sides of the roast with the remaining mustard and parmesan cheese. Add remaining sage and garlic to the skillet. Cook the roast in the oven for the better part of 10 minutes (medium rare) turning once. A firm crust should form on the outside.

Serving: I like my spinach uncooked, but you can steam it if desired. When liver has sit for 10 minutes, carefully slice liver into ½ slices. On a plate, place liver slices and onions atop a handful of spinach. Cover with the sauce and serve.

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THE EDITOR’S DESK

CONGRATULATIONS BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Middleburg’s Town Council deserves our congratulations and thanks for their unanimous decision to rise above differences and support Salamander Hospitality’s request for a special exception to current zoning regulations.

After a detailed but civilized discussion, Council Members voted unanimously to support the request and to ask Mayor Dimos to take their unanimous decision to the County Zoning Committee meeting with the Council’s full support.

When we put our differences aside and move forward together after a decision has been made, we represent our community, our constituents and our citizens well.

Middleburg Eccentric welcomes and encourages Letters to the Editor. Letters must be signed and include writer’s name, address and daytime phone number. Please submit letter via email: editor@mbecc.com or P.O. Box 1768, Middleburg VA 20118

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:

I will be very brief . Everyone has heard the arguments against the CPAM proposal . This will ruin the quality of life in Loudoun forever.

Robert Nauheimer
Purcellville, Virginia

To the Editor:

If you go upstairs to the choir loft in the Unison Methodist Church, you can see messages written on the walls by soldiers who were hospitalized there in 1862 after a battle that took place in and around the village. The roads in Unison are narrow and are lined with the same stone walls that these same soldiers marched along. The trees are tremendous and ancient. The neighbors all know each other and they all know the children who practice for track down the middle of the road, or the kids who skateboard there. And this is okay. There are no sidewalks so folks drive slow and pause to wave as they go by. After all, this is where they played as they were growing up. The village of Unison is a treasure- not just because of the history there, or because the views of the Blue Ridge are breathtaking, but also because the people are so welcoming.

I arrived at the church, a stranger from Eastern Loudoun, for a meeting on “historic preservation” thinking I’d learn some-

thing about the area. I did learn something, though perhaps more than I was hoping for. I learned that the soil in Unison and around Middleburg is hard packed clay. I learned that when you have a septic system on top of hard packed clay, you can’t do 3 loads of laundry and run the dishwasher in the same day. The water won’t filter through, and you get a swamp in your backyard. Who knew? This doesn’t bother the current residents, though. They know how to conserve water. I also learned that the aquifer that supplies their wells is dangerously low. Some families truck in water and store it just to make sure their needs are met. This doesn’t seem to be a huge issue to the little community. They know how to conserve and work with their environment. I also learned that the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors thinks it’s a really great place too. Don’t you wish we could hide our little treasures from these guys?

Another development of “McMansions” is due to go up on a hill looming over the little village of Unison. Twenty-nine lots on 90 acres of land, 3 of which are designated wetlands that drain into Goose Creek- the water supply for the City of Fairfax and many of the rapidly growing suburbs in eastern Loudoun County. Just imagine what will happen when 29 families from the ‘burbs move in and try to wash their kids’ soccer uniforms and all the sheets on the weekend. They will, you know, because I was the only one from suburbia who came to learn that you can’t do that. And apparently, some

of these homes are going to have “alternative septic systems.” Is that good? I can’t find it on the internet. No? Clark County has banned alternative septic systems. Oh dear...does the developer know this? He does, huh? But then how come....Oh, he’s doing it here because it’s not illegal here. Does the Board of Supervisors know this? They do? Huh... I bet the City of Fairfax is going to be so happy when they learn how polluted Goose Creek is about to become! Oh, and then there was the issue of traffic. VDOT says there will be 300 more car trips daily in and out of the area. Those 18th century stone walls will have to come down to widen the roads, and, um, a couple of those big oaks, and oh, by the way, your kitchen.

Oh, and this was an interesting point! Really well put- pay attention. A lady from the Middleburg Volunteer Fire Station was there and she stood up when we were all learning about well water and water pressure. It seems that the developer only has to guarantee something like one gallon of water per minute out of all those new faucets. Well apparently you can’t put out a fire with one gallon per minute. She said there won’t be much the fire department can do if any more strain is put on the existing water supply. And not only will the new homes be in danger of burning down should there be a fire, but the existing residents will no longer have water pressure enough to put out their fires either. Unless a miracle happens, this is not apt to change.

Other residents stood up to have their comments heard. Two older gentlemen struck a note that made everyone feel kind of low. Both of them were republicans, and they wanted us to know that republicans didn’t used to act the way the republicans on the Board of Supervisors act. Republicans weren’t about rape and pillage of the land. They weren’t about destroying communities to make a quick buck. It seems that the Grand Old Party used to be concerned with equal rights, equal justice, and good, solid American principals. Indeed, part of the Republican Oath states: I believe that good government is based on the individual and that each person’s ability, dignity, freedom and responsibility must be honored and recognized. They were very much embarrassed and hoped to get the message out that Republicans really were good people- at least they used to be. After all, another verse of the Republican Oath claims: I believe that Americans value and should preserve their feeling of national strength and pride, and at the same time share with people everywhere a desire for peace and freedom and the extension of human rights throughout the world. What a beautiful belief system.

As I left, deep in thought about how yet another community is fighting to keep from being razed over by the Loudoun Board of Supervisors and their cronies, the developers, dusk had fallen on the foothills of the Blue Ridge. The families from the meeting stood around and chatted in the parking lot, arms around their children. Deer looked up as the gravel crunched under my tires and people returning home briefly silhouetted the windows of the farmhouse kitchens. As I crested the ridge of a hill and looked out beyond the black shape of a grazing horse against a rose colored sky, I thought, “Wow! That view is the reason people like me come out here.” Oh please don’t let them build one more ugly subdivision in Western Loudoun! Those of us in the eastern half of the county have got to be more educated when we choose our next board of supervisors! We just have to. We’re one county, not two. These are our neighbors and we must stand up for them. Better yet, we should be standing WITH them.

Gail Itschner
Countryside, Virginia

To the Editor:

Recently I decided to find out how much I could reduce my gasoline consumption, so I inflated my tires properly when cool, checked my air cleaner, accelerated more moderately, and adhered to the speed limit (peaceful). During this month-long test, my miles per gallon increased by 17.62% (I always keep good records). My “Owners Manual” suggested changing the oil and filter after 7,500 miles – not 3,000 miles.

If you, I, business, government, military and all others reduced consumption of oil by 10%, this would result in a savings of over 2,000,000 barrels per day in the United States alone. Over 4,000,000 barrels for 20% and would surely bring the price down.

There are a lot of good comfortable, safe, economical cars available like the Ford Focus, 21 city, 35 country MPG; Chevrolet Malibu, 24/35 MPG, that burn one half (or less) than many SUV’s. Also Hybrids and diesel cars with very good mileage.

Walk more, ride a bike, ride with friends. Conservation is good for our country and the world.

Harold Morency
Middleburg, Virginia

RANTS & RAVES

RED VS BLUE

CONSERVATIVES AND CHRISTIANS FOR TIM KAINE

DAN MORROW - BLUE

For conservatives the key issue is . . . management! The Governor of Virginia should be able to demonstrate at least a modicum of plain old, bottom-line, money-management prudence and common sense. Kaine put himself on the line, risking his political future to support Governor’s Warner’s financial reforms. Warner was right, and so was Kaine. His opponent was dead wrong, opposed reform, rolled the dice with your future, and your children’s, to appease his single-minded base, and promises to continue to do so in the future. The Washington Post described his fiscal policies as

uniformly “ . . . wrongheaded or ill-informed . . . “ and described Kilgore as, “ . . . in fact . . . a radical.” The Post is right.

For Christians, especially those who disavow their special-insight-into-the-mind-of-God brethren on the radical right, Kilgore disqualified himself by virtue of mean-spirited, cynical, truth-blurring alone. Kilgore shamelessly uses murder victims’ family members to charge that Kaine “stood with murderers” or, believe it or not, imply that the devout Roman Catholic Christian Democrat, was soft . . . on HITLER. Shame on Kilgore. To have him in the Governor’s mansion would be an embarrassment.

KILGORE IS THE BEST CHOICE!

MARK TATE - RED

On November 8th we will be electing a new Governor, Lt Governor and Attorney General for the Commonwealth of Virginia and locally we will be electing our Delegate to the General Assembly. This may come as a surprise to some being this years election has generated very little attention by the public. This month I will write a little about the election.

In my mind the choices for voters is very clear.

Jerry Kilgore, the republican candidate for Governor is by far the best choice.

He is the former Attorney General for Virginia and brings an impressive record from that office. Jerry Kilgore fought as AG to keep our communities and streets safe. He successfully fought domestic violence in our communities and gangs on our streets.

As our Governor Jerry Kilgore has plan to help all Virginians by fighting to keep taxes low, especially by reining in out of control real estate taxes. He also has a plan to help pay for much needed road improvements and to allow local decision makers to decide where best to spend tax dollars on roads. Jerry is the best man for governor and I encourage you all to vote for him.

The other two state wide of-

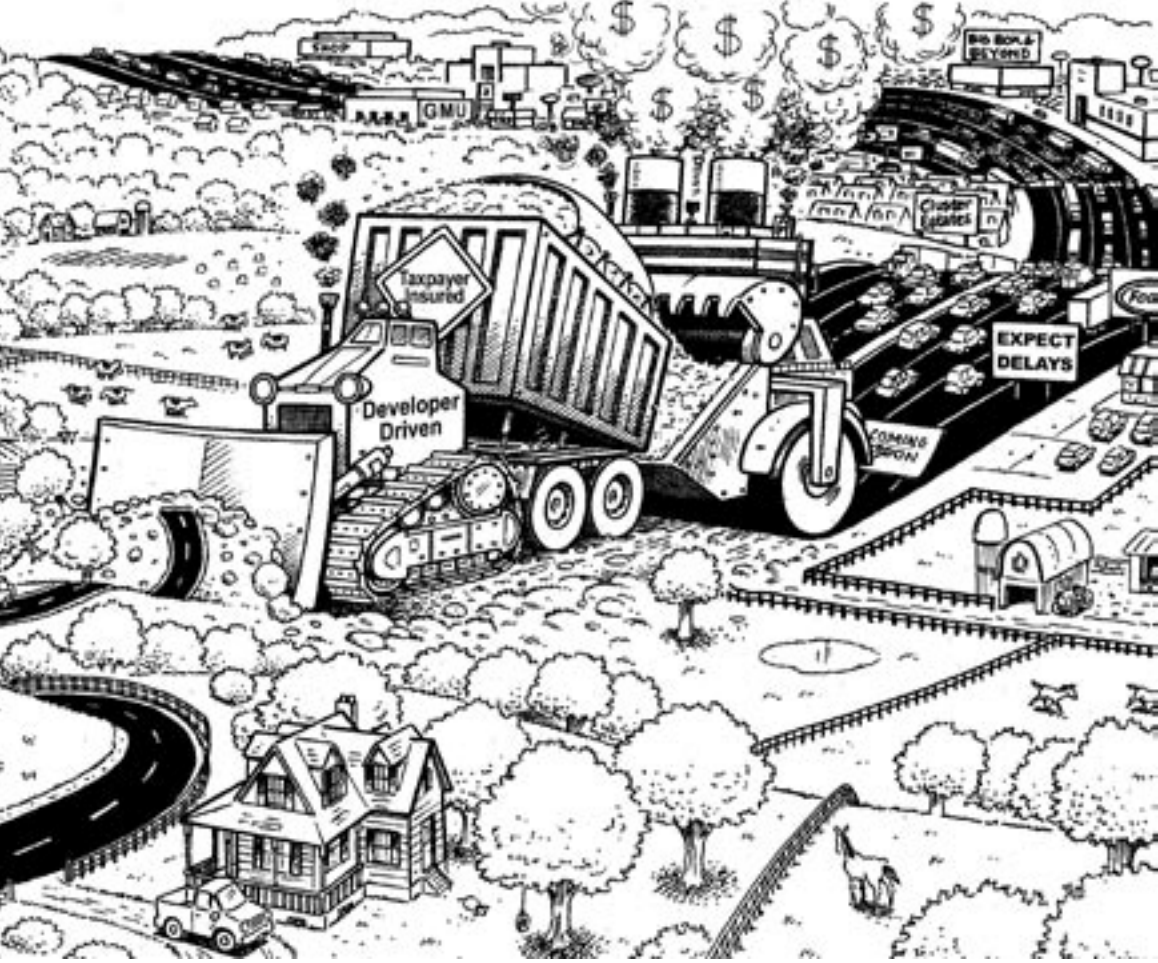
fices up for election are Lt Governor and Attorney General.

Clearly Senator Bill Bolling and Delegate Bob McDonnell are the right ones for these jobs.

Senator Bolling has presented a comprehensive plan to make Health care affordable to all Virginians. Senator Bolling is a long time Senator with a great conservative record of fighting against tax increases and supporting families. And Bob McDonnell is a proven prosecutor and long time delegate who will work to protect all Virginians. Both of these men a very qualified for the office they are running for I encourage you all to vote for them. Finally Delegate Bob Marshall is running for re-election for the `13th Delegate District. Bob is one of my favorite Delegates and one of my favorite elected officials.

He has always fought to support families, against tax increases, to support reasonable environmental policies. Most importantly he always keeps he word. If he makes a promise you can be sure he will keep it. In politics your word is your only asset and in the regard Bob Marshall is the wealthiest politician I know. Please vote For Bob Marshall For Delegate. (The other local Delegate , Joe May is running unopposed but please vote for him also.)

DULLES SOUTH: RUSHING IS ONE THING BUT NOT BEFORE WE PICK A FLAG



MIKE DEHART
PIEDMONT ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL

Have you heard? Loudoun County intends to create a new country !

That’s right, country. Planning documents from Loudoun County reveal that “Dulles South” would be stuffed with 28,000 homes and eventually have a population of more than 77,000. Bigger than Silver Spring, Gaithersburg, or Frederick. Another Ashburn or two Leesburgs. And yes, bigger than Liechtenstein, Dominica, or Greenland. This plan is expected to go to the Board of Supervisors amid media reports of questionable developer tactics. The Washington Post was moved to comment (editorial Oct. 3) that “proponents of limitless growth in Loudoun County keep inventing new ways to railroad their designs into law.”

Sure, let’s approve a comprehensive plan calling for 77,000 people. Let’s send it to the Board after only one public hearing. Never mind the irregularities reported. Never mind the assurances that roads will fail and taxes will go up. Never mind that Loudoun is already growing faster than any country (and six times the global rate). But for goodness sake, we’ve

at least got to have a flag!

But should it be a bulldozer? What should the colors be? Black for Asphalt? Maybe green would be better. Green for what we swept away? Or for the piles of money going into developers’ pockets? These are questions you can’t enter into lightly. It would be unfair to impose a flag upon these people without SOME sort of process. I mean, there will be 14 schools to buy flags for. 16,000 students that will need to face it every morning. We could use the American flag, but... no wait. We live in a democracy. This place is just going to need its own flag because clearly this sort of process wouldn’t happen in America.

Ah, but it is happening. Here’s how. Developer interests gave unprecedented sums of money to certain candidates for the Board of Supervisors (check it out at www.vpap.org). These candidates get elected, and (surprise!) new policies kick in.

Just little things. Sewer lines for instance, are now needed (for safety) across huge swaths of semi-rural land. An Outer Beltway around Washington is called for through (coincidentally) the same area. Now, these Supervisors are poised to junk the growth

restraints in (you guessed it) the same area. 28,000 houses might be too much for, say, Gibraltar (population 27,884), but not for Dulles South!

According to the CIA’s World Factbook, 38 of the globe’s 239 countries would be smaller than a built-out Dulles South. So you’d think we’d have some big-time planning here. But the proponents of this “State of South Dullesia” seem to be suffering from a “state of self delusion”. And delusion of course it is, to park this new country 15 miles by road from the airport entrance and call it “right next to the airport.” 15 miles also happens to be the distance from Dulles to Tysons. But oddly, no one says Tysons is right next to the airport, and a dedicated access highway connects the two.

But the traffic from Dulles South to the airport isn’t bad. Oh wait. This plan won’t fix traffic? Loudoun County’s official report says every road will fail or at least get worse? Check for yourself online at http://inetdocs.loudoun.gov/planning/docs/trans- sition_/092605_/transportation/transportationi.pdf or www.loud- ounsfuture.org ? Na. Why bother. We’re getting a university campus

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I have been an activist for many years and for the last four have been vociferous in my opposition to the Iraq war and to the current administration.

When I got to the conference I thought, great, all these like-minded people will be dying to hear my anti war anti government rhetoric. Well, surprise! When I started on my spiels there was polite silence and then the subject changed to what we could do that was positive instead of negative to effect change and promote peaceful solutions to domestic and international crises. After all who can be against

peace?

The conference attendees were a wonderful mixture of people, Black, White, Hispanic, Muslim, Christian, Jew, men women and children, all coming together to promote peace through the formation of a Department of Peace.

The Department of Peace is a bill calling for a cabinet level department funded by 2% of the military budget, to support our military with complementary approaches to ending violence. The Department will provide educational programs to help ameliorate domestic and international violence, school violence and conflict between law enforcement officers and the community. It will also establish an Academy of Peace as a sister to the Military Academy to train personnel in nonviolent conflict resolution.

The Department of Peace will

not replace any existing departments but will offer an overall structure to a broad-based approach to making the work of peace a national calling. Wars and conflicts are beginning to be predicted through economic and social indicators such as child mortality, access to markets and populous voices in governments. Our international policies and strategies need to reflect and include this new knowledge as a means to implement preventative measures. Our presidents need to be provided with nonviolent alternatives to war.

Ohio Congressman Dennis Kucinich, the first sponsor, has been joined with 59 other committed representatives and on Sept.22 Senator Dayton (D MN) introduced the bill to the Senate, very exciting news!

Speakers at the conference in-

cluded Walter Cronkite, Judy Collins, Patch Adams, Ambassador John W. McDonald, Barbara Marx Hubbard, Congressman Kucinich

Other speakers included: Azim Khamisa who's 20 year old son Tariq was killed by a 14 year old gang member 10 years ago. Mr. Khamisa is remarkable; instead of seeking revenge he started a foundation in his son's name with the grandfather of the boy who pulled the trigger, to educate school aged children on the dangers of gangs. They have both committed their lives to defeating the continuing cycle of violence in schools and have been incredibly successful. Before going through their 2 week program 85 to 90% of the students regard gang membership as the way to integrate socially and protect themselves from harm After the program the percentage drops to between 10 & 20%.

John Titus, the father of Alice Titus who was a flight attendant killed on United flight 175 on September 11. He is a member of September 11 Families for Peace-

ful Tomorrows, an advocacy organization consisting of 180 family members and 4,000 supportive members, united in striving to break the cycle of violence for future generations by recognizing their common experience with all people affected by violence. Needless to say many tears were shed listening to Mr. Titus.

Another amazing part of the weekend is how 10 people from different parts of Virginia, few knowing each other, came together and have now formed a group with a strong spiritual connection to work for this incredibly important initiative. I am honored that they elected me to be the Virginia state coordinator and I hope that many readers will join me in working for a department that can really deliver what we need to achieve peace here and abroad. It can be done! All the solutions are there all we need to do is find them.

To find out how you can become involved visit the National Campaign at www.thepeacealliance.com

DULLES SOUTH

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out of the deal. Possibly at taxpayer expense, but whatever.

Ok. We really do need to be fair. It's true that Dulles South WOULD be the World's 202nd most populous country, bumping the Isle of Man (pop. 75,049) down next to Aruba (pop. 71,566). The problem is with the CIA, which seems to be having a little problem with this country thing. The Faroe Islands for example (pop. 46,962), are technically not a country. They're a self governing region of the Kingdom of Denmark. To quote the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, "a close and continuous co-operation exist between the Danish government and Faroese and Greenlandic home rule governments." I can see the real estate ads now: "Bigger than Greenland, but oh the traffic."

Dulles South would have other similarities with these quasi-republics. You've got the regular government for times of crisis, and this new instrument called a Community Development Authority (CDA) that provides the amenities people expect in today's walkable transit communities. Ok, skip the walkable transit community part. Here's how it works. Each year, residents pay a non tax-deductible assessment to the CDA. The unelected CDA board decides what to do with it and often doesn't have to deal with messy things like public hearings. But in times of crisis, like when the CDA goes bankrupt, you can still count on good old fashioned taxpayers to step in. And one thing is absolutely clear. The Faroe Islands don't fly the Danish flag. So it is simply unjust to deprive these future Dulles South people of one.

Developers of Dulles South

want Loudoun County to create a CDA to finance schools, roads, and other public amenities. The CDA would be a public subsidy to the developers, since they won't have to assume the obligation and risk of amassing hundreds of millions of dollars of debt. It's a mechanism that's only been used once before by the county, but this CDA debt is expected to be larger than Monaco's gross domestic product. This transforms the CDA into a mechanism for issuing highly speculative "dirt-bonds," Wall Street's name for bonds repaid by assessments on individual projects that do not yet exist.

"Dirt-bonds" ! How colorful ! How appropriate ! The developer-friendly Board of Supervisors majority appoints the CDA's leadership, which is, well, fitting for this new country. Democracy isn't for everyone. But the CDA's default is a real threat if the projects aren't completed on schedule. That's what happened in Colorado's Douglas and Aurora counties, and elsewhere, in the late 1980's and early 1990's.

A financial analysis commissioned by the Piedmont Environmental Council shows that despite CDA financing, the plan leads, at a minimum, to a 20-year real property tax increase for all Loudoun taxpayers of about \$120 million. This assumes the income from the units would match school budget needs -- so the actual property tax increase could be much higher.

The total cost for building out this new country of Dulles South would likely be over a billion dollars, before annual operating costs.

Maybe a simple red flag would be in order.

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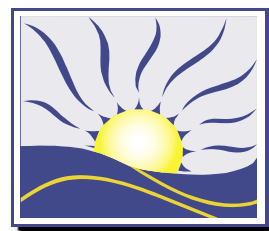
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PURCHASING ORIGINAL ART; PART 1

THE ART OF ART

TOM NEEL

When it comes to purchasing original art-work there are certainly more than a few choices. And things such as size, subject matter, color, framing and so forth are but a few of the things that come into play while choosing, but most often what can be the least known to many is something about the actual paint and painting itself.

Most of us know of oils, acrylics and watercolors too, but what is it and why would you want one over the other? Those three fore mentioned paints are not the only ones either. Pastel, tempera, gouache, and casein may find their way into your life as well and don't forget about scratchboard, pencil, charcoal or graphite and

the list goes on.

You may also wish to consider how the paint was applied, thick (impasto) or maybe in thin layers (glazing) or what the painting or sketch was done on. Called "supports" these include canvas (such as cotton, linen, etc.), Panels (such as wood, etc.) and then numerous types of papers as well.

So there can be a lot to know, but just knowing a little can help you know a lot about what you are really buying. So let's start with paint or the medium.

Paint is actually a very complex thing and none of the types mentioned work exactly the same, but paint in general works like this. You have color or pigment, which is basically a dried powered. You then need something to make it come off the brush, a vehicle or "medium" and then something to make it stay together, a binder.

The oil in oil paint does both, in the case of acrylic paint there are synthetic resins that do this and they can be mixed or thinned with water as with watercolor. Watercolor itself uses a gum as a binder and the water used during painting is what delivers the transparent pigment to the paper. Gouache (gwash) is basically opaque watercolor. It's most popular use, by the way, might be old cartoon cells, Mickey mouse, Bugs Bunny etc., which were painted on clear film. Pastel is basically pure pigment held together with a binder just to make it into a crayon of sorts. It's probably the purest form of painting. Real crayons by the way are basically colored wax.

There are also some rather earthy paints such a tempera which as an example, instead of using oil the pigments are mixed with an emulsion such as milk or egg

volks as in egg tempera and casein is made by allowing skin milk to sour and then separating the curd from the whey, washing and then drying it to be used as a binder. Apparently the earliest recorded periods show the crude curd from milk used as an adhesive.

Okay, now we have a bunch of different types of paint, which one do you want? Maybe one or all, but the important thing to know is all of them have different characteristics and if you are attracted to many different types of art, it is likely these characteristics are part of your varied attraction. Artists through trial and error pick favorites that works best for them and what they like to paint. I like to somewhat think of each as a tool and use the one best for the task so, let's see how that analogy might apply to you and your particular taste.

We'll start with the big three first. There's little question the most widely used medium by the masters is oil. Oil is slow to dry (days) which makes it easy to blend colors smoothly. This makes it perfect for portraits (skin tones) and landscapes (beautiful skies), but oil also has a rich deep feel to its color which makes it very inviting.

Acrylic is very quick to dry (seconds to minutes) which makes it great for detail, but also thick impasto paintings and it has bright color which it best for modern or graphic paintings. I think it's fair to also say because it dries fast and mixes with water, it is a favorite medium among beginners and or those with a sensitivity to oils. That is not to say you won't find some very accomplished artists using acrylics, because you will.

Watercolors being transparent pigments, used properly rely on the white paper they are painted on to represent any white color you see. They dry fairly quickly and are usually applied in a blocking technique where the artist starts



with a light sketch and fills in areas with the color. Soft and sometime blended areas of color such skies are done using a "wash" technique which can be hard to master. Great watercolors are truly that and they are wonderful for detail, can be soft or hard edged, be soft or strong in color. Others can take on a beginner look which is logical because again with the use of water as thinner and for clean up as with acrylics, they are widely used by students and such.

Pastels do not need to dry, they are raw color and as an example would be like using chalk. They can be used for any type of subject matter, they blend well meaning with portraits are likely used by artists second only to oils. Color can be strong or very soft depending on technique. I would say the only hazard is that pastels usually need to be properly fixed by a spray top coat because the color is basically colored dust on paper.

The other mediums mentioned such as tempera are difficult to use in that the artist has to make their own paint. You must admit, that in itself takes dedication and it is one of the oldest mediums. Most tempera paintings are very detailed and often have a somewhat flat finish. If you find a tempera painting and like it, understand the artist likely put great effort into creating it. This would also go for scratchboard which is really not a paint at all, but rather a waxy black coated panel where the artist scratches away this coating with a scribing tool to reveal white. This makes for very detailed works of art with high contrast. Done right they can be a real treat to see and again a true labor of love for the artist.

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WANDA K. CROSSLEY

Deep down, we are all Rembrandt wanabees. However, very few of us are actually brave enough to put paintbrush to canvas for all the world to see. For us chickens, our homes can become our canvas, a creative outlet for the artist within.

In the world of interior design and home fashion nothing plays a more dramatic role than color.

For some the choice of paint color is as important as where to send their first born to college. For others, it's just a fifteen minute visit to Home Depot. Still others fear making a color mistake and end up with a safe but uninteresting environment.

Surprisingly, the choice of

paint colors is often among the last decisions designers tend to make. Finding the right rug design, window treatments and upholstery fabric combination is typically the most challenging, expensive and consequential, and therefore the best place to start.

Here is a secret real world experience technique I often use. Open a box of Crayola crayons. What colors are you drawn to most? Your favorite color is the one you will live with best. Sometimes there are just not the right paint colors off the shelf so a lot of mixing patience is in order.

Once you have a family of colors in mind, bring home several shades of paint in quart size and apply small patches to different areas in your room. Study the color

as the natural and artificial light changes throughout the day and in different weather conditions. See how the paint colors interact with your fabrics and rugs. How does it make you feel?

Serenity is often the reason for choosing neutral color tones. A monochromatic room may be one of the most challenging. While style evolves over time, colors such as green, blue, red and yellow stand the test of time. Red speaks louder than any other color, acting very dramatic. When yellow's warmth is not quite enough, a dash of red will increase the intensity, both are primary colors with passion.

Whites always complement architecture and seem to be the frequent color of choice. Whites



just work to make other colors stand out and so is a great accent color. Soften your whites with a tint of warm color to keep from being cold or jolting. Take a portion of the wall color and tint it with the white on the ceiling and trim to give off a warm complementary tone.

Hey, relax. History's greatest artists often made changes to their timeless creations, and so can you, so don't be afraid to express yourself!

Wanda Crossley is the owner of The English Manor in Leesburg, Virginia



wearing what many five and six year-olds wear to bed.

There's a reason to Stern's madness, of course, there always is. He's no fashionista, mind you, but he's no fool either, and he's tired of seeing his players dress like hoods rather than the professionals he pays and expects them to be. This is tricky, of course, because years ago Stern decided the best star to hook his wagon to was the hip-hop, urban style / culture that was so "in" at the time. And like most marriages, the union of NBA and hip-hop was all warm-fuzzies for a while. Recently though, with violence, drug use, and fatherless children grabbing more and more of the headlines when it comes to the NBA, Stern thinks it might be time to reassess this particular union.

Hence, the dress code.

And, as day follows night, here comes the head-smacking...

just as good, reside in Big Al's Pantheon o' Sports Greatness, otherwise known as my special place. Every one of them, however, is going to have to make room, for a new and remarkable moment o' Sports Greatness is in the oven, and I'd say it's just about done.

David Stern, the Commissioner who turned the National Basketball Association into the cash monster that it is today, wants a new and improved dress code for his players.

The dress code, as I understand it, would not be onerous. It is what most of us would recognize as business casual: a pair of slacks, a shirt with a collar, maybe even a jacket if a player were feeling particularly crazy. The dress code, as I understand it, would be no more invasive than any other dress code at any other business, i.e., when you are working or traveling with the company, you should not be

if you work for a daily, but for a monthly? Puh-lease!

And the best part? You don't have to go to a game or watch the highlights to see some of their best material!

T.O. and his Eagles induced TO? Off the field.

Kwame Brown and his latest potshot at the Wizards and his former teammates? Off the court.

Latrell Sprewell and his I've-got-a-family-to-feed-and-can't-do-it-on-\$10-million-a-year-nonsense? Off the court. (Choking his coach was on the court, but it was at practice so you wouldn't have been able to see it anyway.)

Rafael Palmeiro and his horrifyingly transparent attempt to blame his illegal use of steroids on a teammate, a teammate who had done nothing but support him through the whole ordeal? Off the field.

Every one of these, and more,

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ALEX CUDABACK

One of my favorite things about professional sports is that you never have to wait very long for something forehead-slappingly-amazing to happen.

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It is impossible for these guys to go too long without doing something guaranteed to absolutely blow you away. Maybe

JACK O'LANTERN

THE PLANT LADY

KAREN REXRODE

I have always thought that Halloween holiday comes at a perfect time of year. The garden is filled with spiders and spiderwebs. Leaves rustle in a most eerie way, especially at night which comes earlier and earlier every day. There's a crisp edge, a chill and a persistent smell in the air. It's a fall smell which is much different than the smell of spring. A very busy time for the gardener, with the night temperatures dropping into the forties, you must bring any houseplants into your warm home and take cuttings of annuals your interested in saving. Gather seed and harvest the last tomatoes, peppers and herb cuttings to dry. Dig your cannas, and tender bulbs or corms (like gladiolus) to store in a frost free environment. The dahlias will have to wait because they are just beautiful right now. Note to self: plant lots of dahlias next year!

I was fortunate enough to visit Longwood Gardens this fall and watch a pumpkin carving demonstration. In Longwood Gardens style it was nicely done with lots of odd gourds and pumpkins. Amidst the colorful pumpkins there was a lone turnip, carved and illuminated, lumpy and small. Along with the turnip came a tale as old as carving pumpkins and I was embarrassed to say that I

didn't know anything about it. The real story about Jack of "Jack O'Lantern" and the reason pumpkins are set out at this time of year is really quite interesting and obviously a powerful enough tale to have found its way into just about every household in America. It seems that there are several versions of the original story but I like the one I heard at Longwood Gardens best. The original tale comes from Ireland and tells of a ornery old man named Jack who struck a rather odd deal with the devil on the night of his appointed death, October 31st. Jack manages to trap the devil in a cleaver scheme and is allowed to remain on earth for 10 years, after which the devil returns for Jack, again on October 31st. On the anniversary of his second calling, Jack once again tricks the devil, it seems that he's not a very bright character. Despite Jack's tactics to remain on earth, he eventually dies and upon his death is rejected from heaven for his evil life and turned away from hell for his scheming tactics. It seems that Jack is left in a place somewhere between heaven and hell where it's always dark and very windy. While eating a turnip in the land of darkness, Jack asks the devil how he might see to travel. The devil tosses him a lump of coal which is too hot to carry so he carves out his turnip and sets it inside.



10TH ANNUAL HUNT COUNTRY CLASSIC BRITISH CAR SHOW



British car owners and spectators showed up in droves at Bill and Barbara Scott's Willoughby Farm for the 10th Annual Hunt Country Classic British Car Show. At the end of show car registration over 200 cars were registered and on the field. Spectators arrived in large numbers. Beautiful cars, exceptional food, bagpipers, hay rides, apple grinding, vendors, and a silent auction to benefit the Middleburg Humane Foundation - a full day for everyone. With the award ceremony for the winning cars at 2 PM the day drew to a close. Another Hunt Country was complete. Plan to attend next year on October 8th 2006.



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Coach Humphreys says, "Having the chance to coach such an amazing bunch of girls is out of this world, but to see them make one of the most amazing turn-arounds in any sport is truly remarkable and an honor to be a part of. Thank you so much girls and GO DRAGONS!"

BLOOD DRIVE AT FOXCROFT SCHOOL DAY STUDENTS SPONSOR OCTOBER 31 EVENT

Recent disasters in and around the Gulf Coast have depleted both national and regional blood supplies. The Day Students at Foxcroft School invite you to help respond to this urgent need by participating in a Blood Drive on the campus of the Middleburg school on Monday,

Oct. 31 from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. The drive, one of three held annually at the school, will take place in the FoxHound Auditorium, located in the main schoolhouse. Appointments may be scheduled by calling 540-687-4322 or emailingblamond@foxcroft.org. Walk-ins are also welcome.



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MIDDLEBURG ELEMENTARY NEWS

Students Plant Rain Garden
Middleburg Elementary has recently received a grant from the Loudoun Soil and Water Conservation District. This \$500 grant was used to plant a "Rain Garden" on the Middleburg school grounds. The purpose of a Rain Garden is to offer a natural solution to water pollution. These gardens capture the rain water from parking lots and roads and slowly filters the run-off into the ground rather than into a storm sewer. The garden features native plantings and will not only improve the natural environment but will be an aesthetically pleasant and ongoing instructional opportunity for the students. Lisa McGuinness, a Middleburg parent volunteer and experienced gardener, has organized the effort. If the community is willing to donate seeds, trellis, garden tools or other supplies, please contact the school.

Children Helping Children

For the month of September, Middleburg Elementary students are collecting school supplies and story books for children affected by Hurricane Katrina. Each classroom will fill several backpacks with donations. Suggested donations include story books, notebooks, folders, crayons, markers, colored pencils, pencils, erasers, glue and glue sticks.

15 FOXCROFT STUDENTS EARN AP SCHOLAR STATUS GROUP INCLUDES THE SCHOOL'S FIRST TWO NATIONAL SCHOLARS

Three current students and 12 recent graduates of Foxcroft School have earned AP Scholar designation from the College Board for their exceptional achievement on the college-level Advanced Placement Program (AP) Exams taken last May. Of special note, Kathryn Grant, of Lovettsville, Va., and Elicia Williams of Middleburg, Va., who both graduated in May, became Foxcroft's first National Scholars, a designation granted to U.S. students who receive an average grade of at least 4 (out of 5) on all the AP Exams they have taken and grades of 4 or higher on eight or more of the tests.

"I think these are remarkable results considering the size of our school," said Academic Dean John Sutor, noting that Foxcroft's enrollment last year was 180 girls. The Middleburg, Va., school had 12 AP Scholars in 2003-04 and 9 the previous school year.

Grant, now a freshman at Bowdoin College, and Williams, who is attending the University of Virginia, were joined by four classmates as AP Scholars with Distinction. those classmates are: Alden Denegre of Middleburg and Duke University, Tommie Herbert, of Middleburg and Vanderbilt University, Sophie Massie of Washington, Va., and UVA, and Vanessa Vallecillo of Camden, N.J. and Columbia University.. All six students earned an average of at least

3.5 on all AP Exams they took and grades of 3 or higher on five or more of the exams.

Current Foxcroft junior Jillian Cairns of Chantilly, Va., and 2005 grads Jenna Hill (Leesburg, Va.) and Caroline Markoski (Alexandria, Va.) earned AP Scholar with Honor status, with a 3.5 average overall and 3 or higher on five of the tests.

Six students, including current seniors Clara Bertozzi-Villa of Bloomington, Ind., Amber Ogbolu of Ashland, Ky., were named AP Scholars, for receiving grades of 3 or higher on three or more AP Exams. The 2005 graduates who earned this honor are Emily Compton of Purcellville, Va., Liza Eldredge (Bluemont, Va.), Carly Leins (Boyce, Va.), and Randall Teeley (Upperville, Va.).



CLARA BERTOZZI-VILLA, JILLIAN CAIRNS AND AMBER OGBOLU ARE AMONG THE SCHOOL'S 15 AP SCHOLARS NAMED EARLIER THIS MONTH.

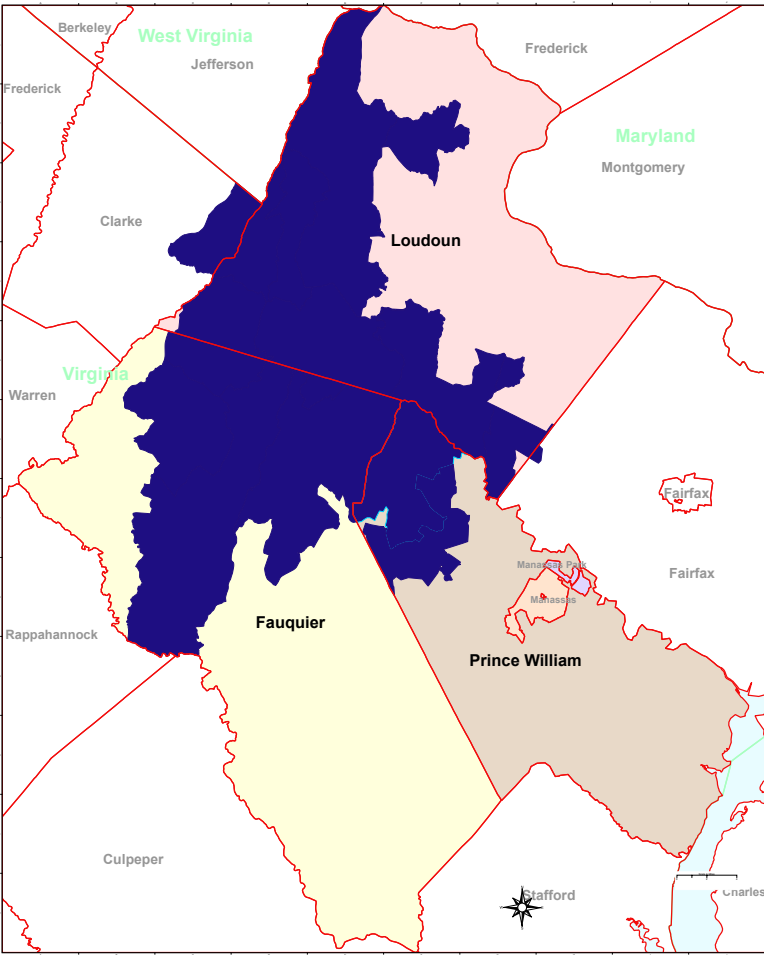
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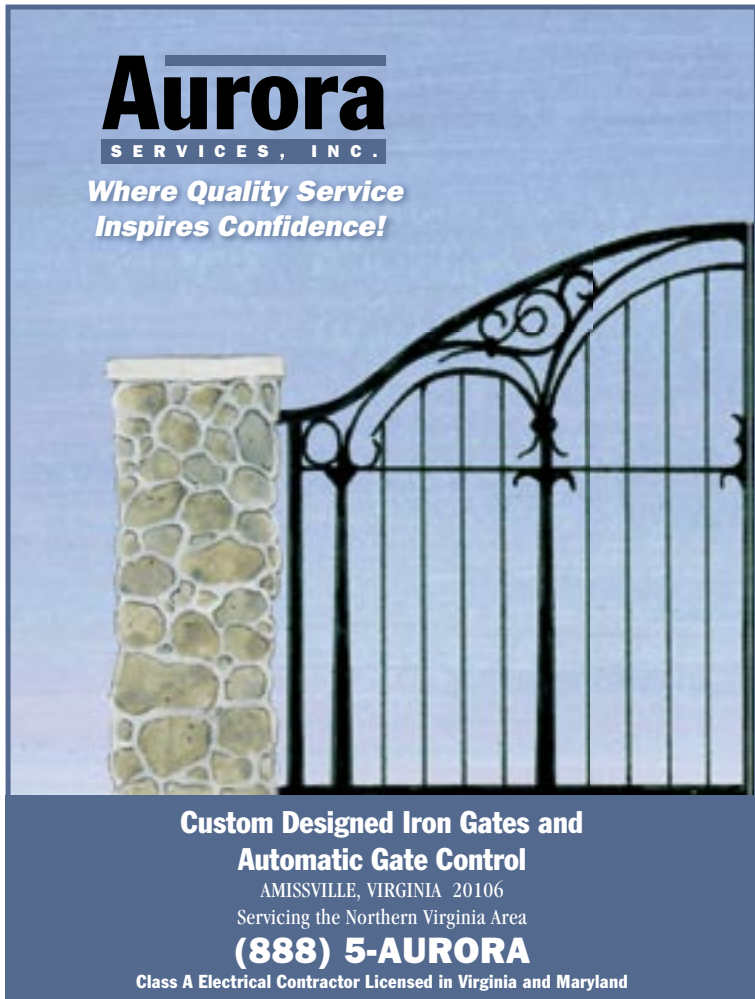


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THINGS TO DO

October 29 – Antique Appraisal Day: Mosby Heritage Area Association in partnership with Sloans & Kenyon Auctioneers and Appraisers of the Metro Washington area will be holding an Antique Appraisal Day on Saturday, October 29th from 10AM to 5PM at The Hill School in Middleburg. A team of expert appraisers will be on hand specializing in Paintings, Decorative Arts, Silver, Porcelain, Jewelry, Furniture, Clocks, Books, Civil War Relics, etc. \$25 fee per item appraised. Raffle drawing every hour, \$5 admission fee includes raffle ticket. Lunch available on premises provided by Mr. B's Barbeque. Call MHAA at 540-687-6681 for further details. This event will benefit the non-profit Mosby Heritage Area Association whose purpose is to recognize, promote and foster the many historic, cultural and scenic qualities of our unique region.

October 30 – Leven Powell Celebration: The community will aid a celebration in the Community Center at 3:00pm to honor Levin Powell, the founder of Middleburg. A highlight of the event will be a viewing of a portrait painting which was recently "rediscovered" in Roanoke and restored through the efforts of relatives now living in Pennsylvania.

November 4,5,6 – The 9th Annual Beastie Bazaar Holiday Fine Art & Craft Fair at Ayrshire Farm, 21846 Trappe Rd., Upperville, VA 20184. SHOP unique gifts for your family and animal companions. ENJOY delicious food, hay rides, pet adoption center, etc. BRING donations of dog or cat food or pet supplies for distribution to community rescue groups helping our areas needy animals. www.BeastieBazaar.org or email: info@beastiebazaar.org. Proceeds benefit Spay Virginia, a project of the Virginia Federation of Humane Societies.

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November 3,4,5 – Emmanuel Church of Middleburg will be holding its 56th annual Christmas Shop. It will be held in our newly renovated Parish House on Washington St. next to the Church. There will be about 30 shops selling a variety of goods: antiques, jewelry, men's gifts, needlepoint gifts...proceeds benefit the Emmanuel Church outreach program

SKY MEADOWS STATE PARK AND HOLLIN FARMS PRODUCE AREAS LARGEST PICK-YOUR-OWN PUMPKIN PATCH

There are over 8000 pumpkins in the patch ranging from tiny "Jack-be-Littles" to gigantic 80 pound "Big Maxs". The park expects the pumpkin patch to draw visitors this October and has scheduled a series of interpretive and musical events on October weekends to coincide with the pumpkin picking.

According to park manager Tim Sky Meadows State Park is close to Middleburg and draws visitors from Loudoun, Fauquier, Fairfax, and Prince William counties. The 1800 acre park also has miles of hiking trails that connect to the Appalachian trail as well as pony rides and horseback riding. The main part of Sky Meadows For more information contact: Sky Meadows State Park 540-592-3556 For more information about the pumpkin patch and Fall festival events go to <http://hollinfarms.com/pages/pumpkins.html>

Middleburg Library
Oct 3 @7pm PASSING THBOOK Share your thoughts on books you've read

Oct 6 @7pm Geraldine Brooks reads from her new book "MARCH" at the Middleburg Community Center. Books will be available for purchase.

Oct 8 @3pm NATURAL ATTRACTION SERIES: pt 2 RAPTOR MIGRATION, with Liam McGranaghan

Oct 21 @ 2pm ART IN THE AFTERNOON SERIES: pt 2 DEGAS'S HORSES, with Jeffrey Allison, Paul Mellon Collection educator, Virginia Museum of Fine Arts

Oct 24 @7pm MIDDLEBURG LIBRARY BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP: pt 2 "FLOWERS FOR

ALGERNON", by Daniel Keys

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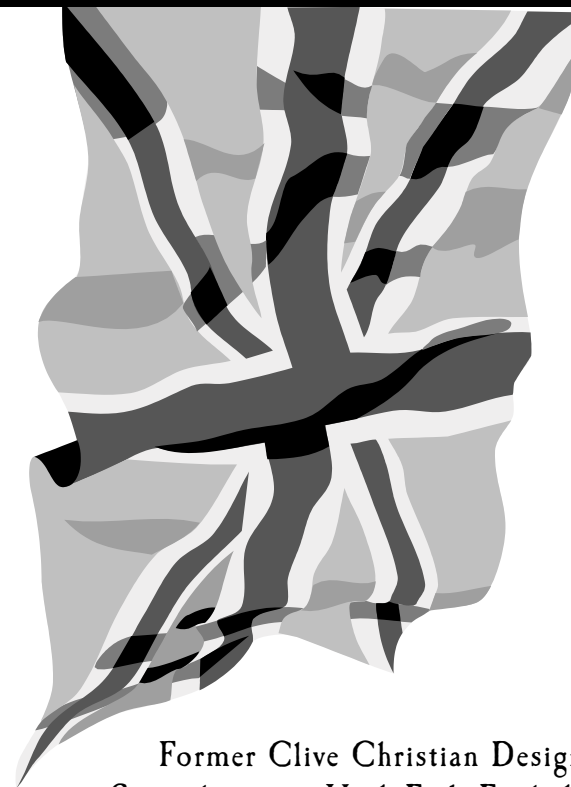
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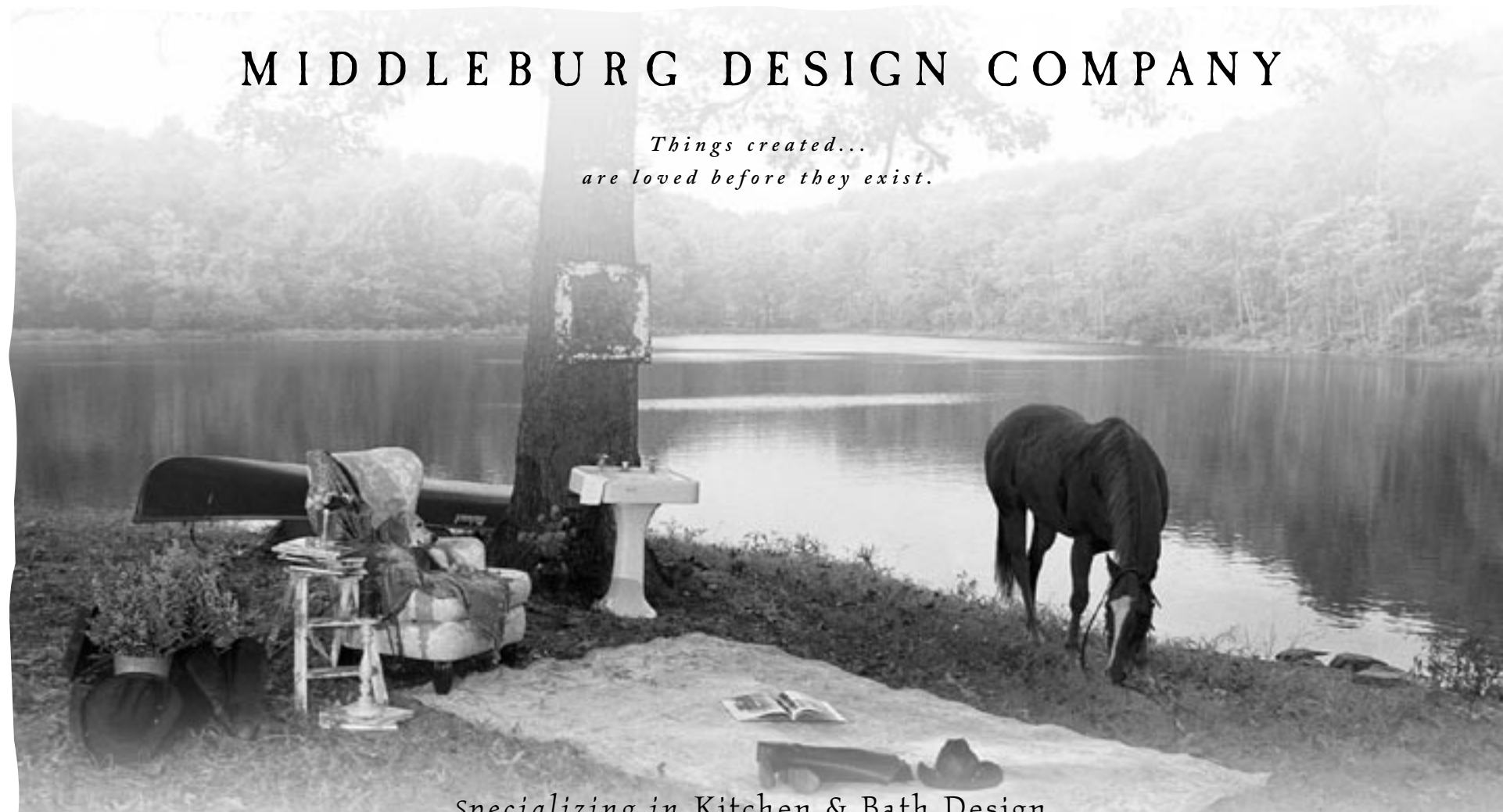
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The extraordinarily beautiful wedding was the perfect gesture of generosity of a woman who is truly in love to her fiancée and the many family members and friends she values and treasures.

Envisioned by the bride, orchestrated by Preston Bailey and executed by the talented and dedicated staffs of both, the exquisite affair underscored clearly that the good life is alive and well in Vir-

ginia's Horse Country.

Although extravagance was the order of the day on this happy occasion, style, elegance and true romance were the inescapable hallmarks of every aspect of the festivities that had been planned so impeccably.

From cocktails and Todd Grey's finest fare under the Linden Trees, to the ceremony in all its autumnal glory, to a delicious dinner for 800 in a silk-lined and flower filled tent under the stars it was easy to understand why the guests in the crowd of beautiful cosmopolitan people spoke in hushed tones about how happy they were for the couple.

Arlington County Circuit Court Judge Newman met Sheila

Johnson over thirty years ago when they were both acting in an Ensemble Company theater production in Washington, D.C.

They did not meet again until he presided over her divorce from her first husband, Robert L. Johnson, with whom she founded Black Entertainment Television {BET}. That second meeting led to his proposal, and culminated in a wedding that splendidly reflected their happiness.

Stunningly beautiful in a Bob Mackie designed off the shoulder, intricately beaded ivory gown and floor-length cape which framed her face and fell into a graceful train, Mrs. Johnson could just as well have been a St. Petersburg princess as the mistress of a mod-

ern thoroughbred farm, global philanthropist and successful business executive.

Paige Johnson, her mother's maid of honor, was lovely in a diaphanous apricot silk and chiffon gown.

Talented Preston Bailey listened carefully to the bride's wishes and created a series of glorious settings for the event.

As guests moved from cocktails to the wedding ceremony, they saw a 50 foot silk printed autumn forest in front of which Bailey had built a full size, classic white clapboard church and steeple. As guests walked up the steps of the church, and through the double doors, they arrived in an enormous, center-aisle church graced

with dozens of 20-foot composed trees which created a canopy of silk autumn leaves, crystals, sparkling lanterns and orchids for the congregation

The impact of this beautiful forest inside the amazing church was immediate, delightful and a clear sign that the bride wanted every guest to enjoy this day as much as she.

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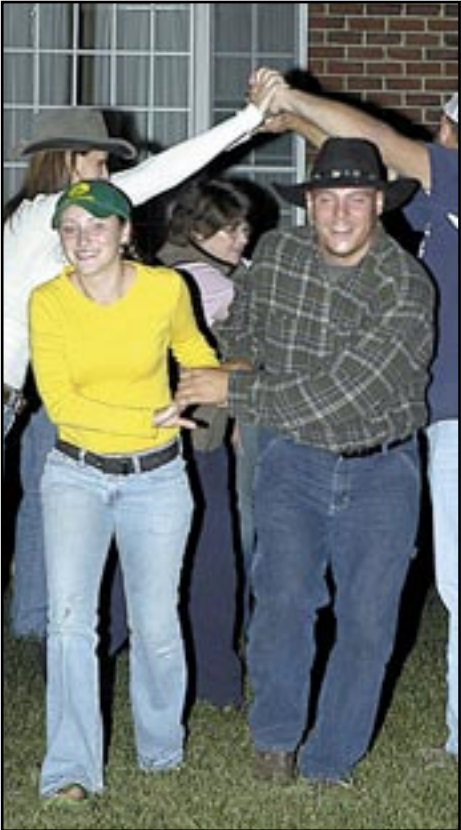
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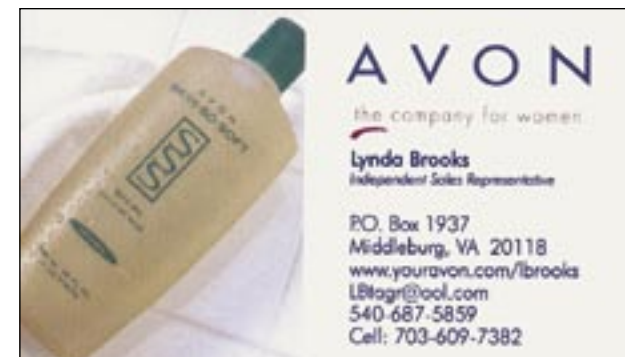
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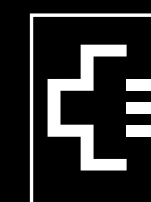
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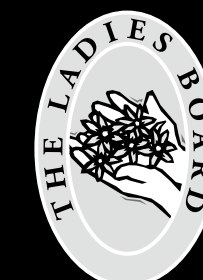
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- If you decide to take your best friend along on a family trick-or-treat outing, make sure your pet is on a leash and always in your control. Unusual costumes, noises, and excited children can be alarming to animals. If there's any doubt that your pet will calmly welcome all of the strange sights and sounds, leave him or her at home.

- If you get a lot of costumed visitors on Halloween, it's usually best to place cats and dogs in a secured part of your home away from the front door. Pets may react unpredictably to Frankenstein and Dracula paying a house call. Please, however, make sure your pet gets lots of attention and affection when you're not at the door dispensing candy. Prevent anxiety through reassurance.

- Throughout the evening and after it is over, make sure candy stays well out of reach of wet noses. Chocolate can be extremely toxic for dogs and cats. The best "candy" for your best friend is a plain or carob-coated treat made specifically for dogs or cats.

- If you want to dress your pet for the occasion, pay close attention to how he or she feels about wearing a costume. Some dogs and cats are anxious in clothes and would

prefer to enjoy the evening without any frills. Of course, some animals seem to really enjoy dressing up – those who do will let you know with a peppy demeanor and bounce in their step. If a full costume doesn't sit well with your best friend, however, there are options that cause very little stress, like holiday-themed collars and bandanas.

- And importantly, please keep your pets inside for the evening. Many animals – especially black cats – fall into dangerous hands on this holiday. Unfortunately, there are many reports each year of animals being stolen or abused on Halloween.

I happen to be a dog who enjoys dressing up, so I'm on the hunt for the perfect costume. I'm thinking of something wearable and edible. Hmmm.

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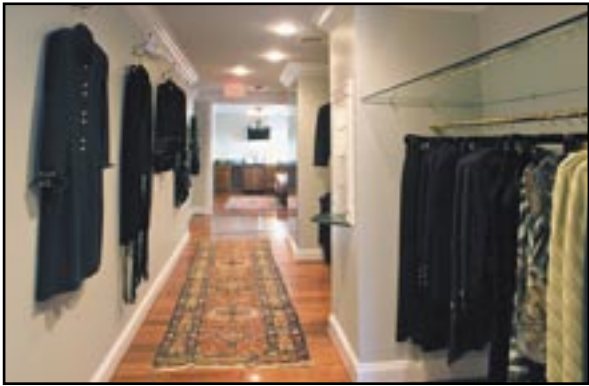
Linda was the Senior Commercial Lender and Georgia the Chairman & CEO at Southern Financial Bank, where they worked together for nearly 18 years and shared a passionate interest in fashion; they've decided to live their dream of opening a high fashion store.

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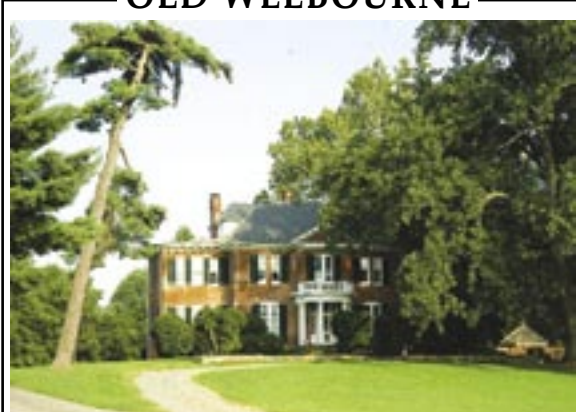


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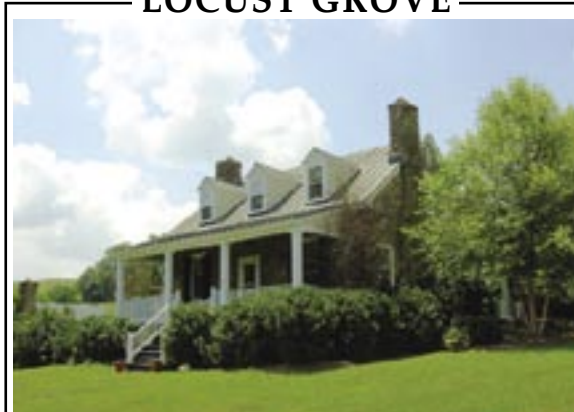
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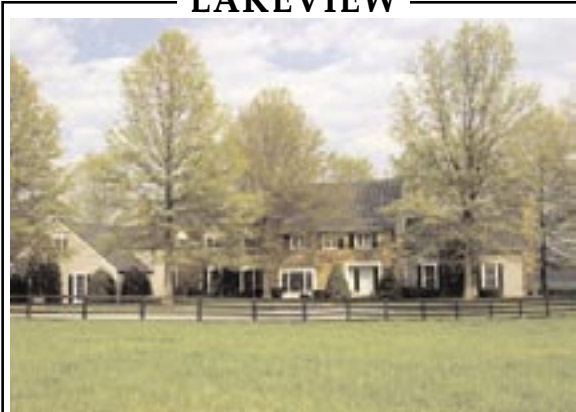
Grand estate on 55 gorgeous acres in a secluded setting •Utmost in luxury •3 furnished levels •Brazilian cherry floors •Marble baths •Floating staircase •2 story ceilings •Au pair suite •Sauna •Library •Designed for gracious living **\$4,900,000**

LOCUST GROVE



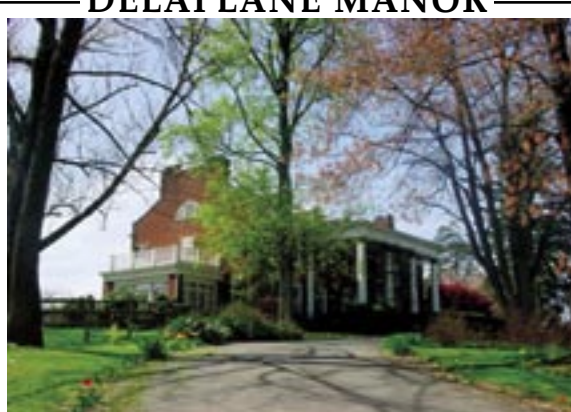
Extraordinary 250+ acre farm •Meticulously restored stone main residence •Charming log guest house •Sep. office/studio •4 stall center aisle barn •Sep. apt. over garage •All in pristine condition •Gorgeous views in a protected area **\$4,975,000**

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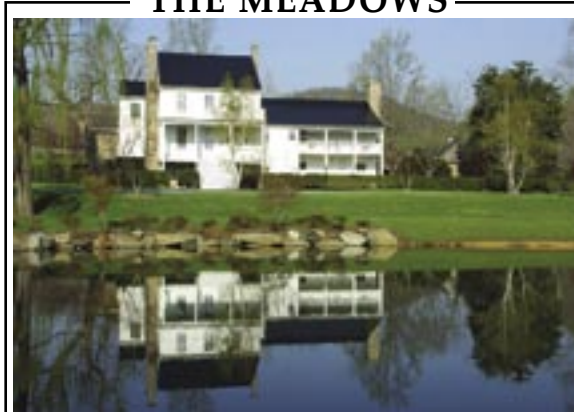
Exquisite Georgian Colonial •Approx 7000 sf with high ceilings, wood floors and gorgeous millwork •4 Fireplaces •Gourmet kitchen •Banquet sized dining room •Sun-filled Great Room •Wine Cellar •17+/- acres **\$2,390,000**

DELAPLANE MANOR



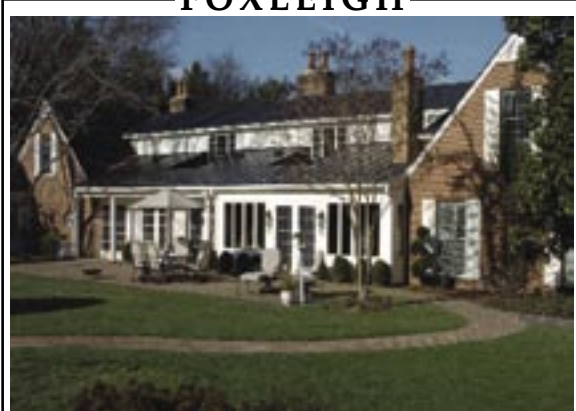
Extraordinary brick manor on 76 acres •High ceilings •Stone & hardwood floors •Historic residence •12,000 sq. ft. •Library •Sunrooms •Office •7+ BR's •Formal living & dining rooms •Pool •Brick terraces •Pond •Stream **\$3,600,000**

THE MEADOWS



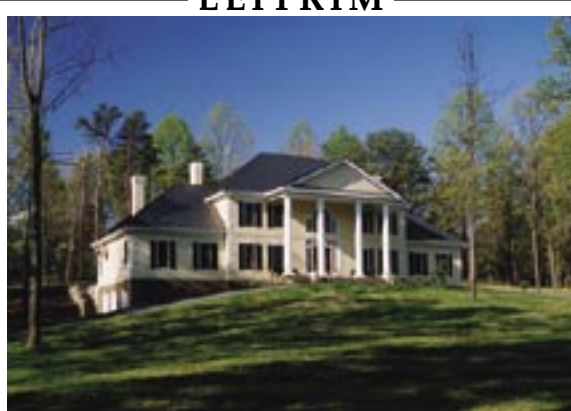
Washington, VA •c.1749 Manor house •Greek revival wings added 1810 •Completely restored with modern fieldstone kitchen & grand living room additions in 1990 •Central air •Heated Pool •Pond •21+ acres in the village **\$2,995,000**

FOXLEIGH



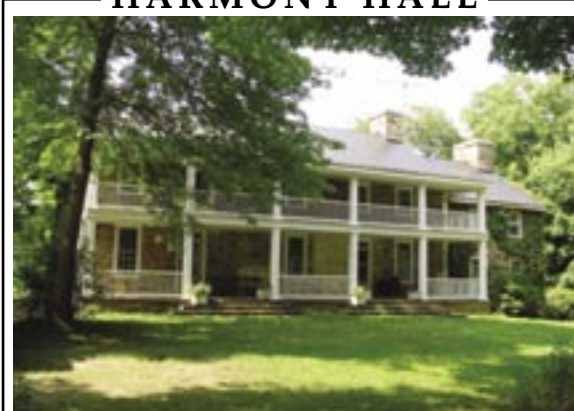
Delightful country property on 26+ acres just outside of Middleburg •1st floor Mstr Ste w/luxurious bath •4 BRS •4 BAS •Formal DR & LR •Pine paneled family room •5 FP •Gourmet kitchen •Heated pool •Sep. 4 car garage **\$2,975,000**

LEITRIM



Exquisite Georgian Colonial, Approx 7000 sf with high ceilings, wood floors and gorgeous millwork, 4 Fireplaces, Gourmet kitchen, Banquet sized dining room, Sun-filled Great Room, Wine Cellar 17+/- acres **\$2,390,000**

HARMONY HALL



6.6 acs on E. Col. Hwy in Hamilton •Stone res. •High ceilings, HW floors, 7 FP •Guest cottage •Stone office •Sm. farm bldg w/paddock •Stone Spring House •Great potential as B&B or restored historic home •Sold "AS IS" **\$879,000**

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