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MIDDLBURG RALLIES AROUND THE PANEBIANCOS

DANIEL MORROW

Lt. Mike Prince stood in for Middleburg Police Chief A. J. Panebianco at this month's regular meeting of the Middleburg Town Council on Thursday, August 14.

He didn't say why in so many words, though it soon became apparent that some, if not all the members of Town Council knew why.

No one on the Town Staff spoke of it either.

Prince had stood in for the Chief before. It wasn't all that unusual.

Prince gave his report. Thanked everyone for their help in making the Town's most recent "National Night Out" celebration a success. Asked for questions. There were, unusually, none of substance.

When Prince left Council chambers, the Vice Mayor quickly left her seat and followed him out.

The next day the website of the Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police posted the following statement:

Amy Panebianco, the beloved wife of Middleburg Police Chief AJ Panebianco, has been dealt a heartbreaking blow in her courageous fight against cancer. AJ and Amy lead lives of selfless service to others, as all police officers and nurses do. Please help if you can.

Readers were referred to a gofundme.com site headlined, "One Last Gift for Nurse Amy" (www.gofundme.com/d1e0as)

At press time the gofundme post had been shared nearly a thousand times, and many of those whose lives had been touched by the Panebiancos had donated nearly $7,000.

Middleburg Bank has also established a fund to support the family. Checks made out to "AJ Fund" may be deposited at any branch of Middleburg Bank.

Liability Insurance Increased

"As a result of several high profile cases with police-involved shootings," Town Administrator Martha Semmes reported, many of the Towns near Middleburg have been reviewing their liability insurance coverages.

At $1 million, Middleburg's coverage, she reported, was currently on the "low end of the scale.

Town Council unanimously approved an immediate increase in the Town's coverage from $1 million to $5 million

New Rules Political Activity

In July of this year Middleburg Town Attorney Angela Plowman reported on several changes to the Virginia State Code that required the town to formally adopt personnel policies governing the use of equipment belonging to the town for political purposes. On August 14 Town Clerk Rhonda North presented a draft addendum to the Town's Employee Handbook, spelling out not only general rules of conduct, but specific rules governing, among other things the use of government-owned vehicles, electronic communication devices and services, social media, cell phones, credit cards, government-funded travel, meals, credit cards.

Council Meeting Procedures

New rules and guidelines have also been drafted describing precisely how meeting of the Town Council and other official public meetings are to be conducted, who can speak, when, about what and for how long. Among other things the Town will adopt the Virginia State guidelines allowing for electronic participation in meetings, providing that a quorum of live participants is present at the meeting itself.

The new guidelines and Employee handbook may currently be seen at the Town Offices.

The Town Charter is available in its entirety on line at http://townofmiddleburg.org/Town_Ordinances.html

"Health Center" Donations

For many years the "profits" earned from rents paid for space in the Town-owned and operated "Health Center Building" have ostensibly been distributed by Town Council to a variety of Middleburg charities and other non profits. The town's volunteer "Health Center Advisory Board" recommends which organizations should be funded in a report to Council each year.

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Scott Buzzelli 540.454.1399 | Peter Pejacsevich 540.270.3835



LO8269159 $2,800,000

MILLVILLE RD, MIDDLEBURG - Beautiful stone home on 40+ acres. Goose creek surrounds the property. Bright, spacious 4 bdrm 5 bath house. Open floor w/ spacious light-filled dining room & living room. 8-stall stone horse barn w/ tack room. Additional guest house & lot available.

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LO8425027 $2,445,000

HAPS LN, PURCELLVILLE - Turnkey equestrian facility for any equine discipline! 28 stall double isle barn, office, kitchen, vet room, tack rooms, interlocking rubber flooring, 2 wash stalls, inddor arena, ceiling fan/stall, auto waterers, 1/2 mile track, 15 paddocks,pond , 2 lots consist of 50 acres w/ another 3 ac. lot w/ well & 4 bdr perc.

Joy Thompson 540.729.3428



LO8294956 $2,400,000

NEWLIN MILL RD, MIDDLEBURG - Professional grade horse farm. 35 pristine & private acres w/ gorgeous views of Blue Ridge Mtns! 2 barns (11 stalls), auto-waterers/run-in sheds in every paddock, 2 riding rings (one lighted). Boxwood gardens, hardwoods, guest quarters above garage, barn appt., and a pool.

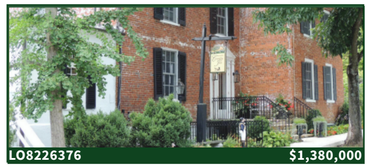
Ted Zimmerman 540.905.5874



FQ8230417 $1,725,000

BRIAR LN, DELAPLANE, VA - Turn-key Equestrian property 31+ acres, Goose Ck. 4 BR; Master suite on main level w/ jacuzzi. Mahogany beamed vaulted ceilings. Gourmet kitchen, Wolf appliances, double 58' decks. Stable stalls, ring, 5 paddocks, sheds with water/elec. Great ride-out, Convenient commute....

Anne McIntosh 70.509.4499



LO8226376 $1,380,000

MIDDLEBURG COUNTRY INN - c.1820 brick Federal style Building w/ C-1 zoning* prime location* east end main st. Middleburg* .25 landscaped acres*Off St. pkg.*uses inc Offices, antique shop* residence* other. 4,000 sq. ft.+bsmt. Currently operating as B&B. 30 Mins. from Dulles, 60 mins. from DC.

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FQ8200839 $1,099,000

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$1,260,000

TOWNSEND RD, MARSHALL VA - LAND - 126.56 open acres. Rarely available large parcel! In Conservation Easement. Build your dream home featuring spectacular views!

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LO8245968 $990,000

CHARTER HOUSE LN, PURCELLVILLE - EQUESTRIAN DELIGHT!! 16+ Gorgeous Acres, 5 Stall Show Barn, Riding Ring, Run-in Shed, 5 Bdr Colonial, 5600+ Sq Ft Spacious Living, Gourmet Kitchen, Lovely FR w Stone Fireplace, Sun Filled Rooms, Spacious Deck, Finished Basement with Rec Room, Extra Room, Full Bath, Gorgeous Wine Cellar...

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SOLD

$800,000

38284 JOHN WOLFORD ROAD, PURCELLVILLE - Custom home in the heart of the wine trail, 5 acres overlooking two ponds, 5 bedrooms and 3 baths upstairs, main floor office, sun room, living room, dining room all centered around a spacious kitchen and great room.

Billie Van Pay 703-727-4301



LO8301075 $650,000

MIDDLEBURG - Outstanding opportunity to own a state of the art indoor rehabilitation swimming pool, designed for horses, also well suited for dogs. A 24 stall, 2 tack room belmont barn, a shed row barn converted to garage space, fencing, riding ring, machine shed, numerous run in sheds and a pond.

Ted Zimmerman 540.905.5874



LO8287491 $649,000

DOVER RD, MIDDLEBURG - Charming Cape has been fully renovated. ideally situated on quiet cul-de-sac street. Remodeled kitchen & baths. Hardwood & marble floors throughout first floor. 4 fireplaces, large great room & pool - ideal for entertaining. The grounds are mature with large oaks & extensive landscaping. A Must see.

Scott Buzzelli 540.454.1399 | Peter Pejacsevich 540.270.3835

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News of Note

Amy's List

Middleburg's Chief of Police and his wife Amy could use our support. Amy is an inspirational lady. In her role as a school nurse she has cared for hundreds of children who know her as 'Nurse Amy'. As a church member she has cared for, prayed for and served countless people from all walks of life. As a cancer survivor she served as a smiling example and inspiration of strength.

Despite beating back breast cancer once before, she has recently been given a diagnosis of terminal breast cancer. She is taking treatments to extend her life for as long as possible for the sake of her loved ones. If they succeed she has 6-12 months. If they fail, she has 3 months at best.

There are no words to fully express our sympathy or grief. This page was created to fund her bucket list and to make these last months worth a lifetime. For those her life has touched, this is an opportunity to pay back a life full of love and caring for others.

Donate as much as you desire and please keep Nurse Amy in your prayers.

The Middleburg Bank has established an account to accept donations. Make check's payable to AJ's fund. To donate online go to http://www.gofundme.com/d1e0as



PROPERTIES IN HUNT COUNTRY

MELMORE MANOR



New Listing

Stately Colonial on **3+ acres** with a spring fed pond and gazebo. Generously sized rooms, great for entertaining. 4 BD, 2.5 BA, large kitchen with slate floors, granite countertops opening onto a large slate terrace and screened in porch. Large Master with his and her bathrooms and closets. 3rd floor converted into studio-type space. Minutes east of Middleburg, great for commuting. **$985,000**

Anne Marstiller (540) 687-7808

CHURCH HILL



New Listing

Lovely post & beam home surrounded by large land parcels in conservation easement; 13 mins.from Orange & Culpeper & 40 to Fredericksburg's Train. Large double glazed windows, spiral staircases, cathedral ceilings, & the open interior concept is completely unique & mind blowing. Horses live in style and comfort. Lots of pastures with a creek running through. **$599,000**

Susie Ashcom (540) 229-3201

MAIDSTONE ROAD



Located in beautiful horse country of Delaplane, surrounded by Virginia wineries, this 3 Bedroom 2.5 Bath home has been completely updated. (Located 55 miles from DC) Paved driveway, 2-car garage, Mudroom Lightfilled Sunken living room with fireplace, hardwood floors. Gourmet Kitchen with large dining area, island & granite, bay window with views. Basement with ceramic tile floors and wine-cellar **$599,000**

Cricket Bedford (540) 229-3201

WISTERIA



New Listing

Sophisticated and charming country retreat on prestigious country road. Immaculate property and landscaped on **1.32 acres** with large field and barn suitable for an office, guest house, party barn or garage. Open flow interior, beautifully maintained, refinished floors and freshly painted. Located between Leesburg and Middleburg. Convenient to Rt. 7. Must see! **$569,000**

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MOUNT JOY



New Listing

A lovely setting and a wonderful home with a contemporary flair on **8.12 acres,** a mostly wooded parcel with spacious front yard. 3 car garage, vaulted ceilings, large deck, balcony off second level bedroom, great light throughout. Partially finished basement. Very private. **$369,000**

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News of Note

Oak Spring Farm Offered by Washington Fine Properties

$70 million for "One of Most Beautiful Estates in America"







Thomas B. Anderson, President of Washington Fine Properties, recently announced that Washington Fine Properties will offer the truly remarkable 2,000 acre Upperville, Virginia farm of Rachel "Bunny" Lambert Mellon, who died earlier this year at the age of 103. One of the most important farms in America, Oak Spring Farm is where Paul and Bunny Mellon shared their many passions including horse breeding, horticulture and art collecting.

Oak Spring Farm includes a rare and private mile-long airstrip, extensive equestrian stables and barns, extraordinary gardens and greenhouses, guesthouses, tenant houses, a pool house designed by noted architect I.M. Pei, and the stately 10,000 square foot neo-Georgian mansion known as "Brick House". Designed in 1941 by renowned architect William Adams Delano of Delano and Aldrich, the Brick House became a home for Mr. and Mrs. Mellon's world-renowned art collection. The property is being offered in its entirety for $70 million.

"Washington Fine Properties is extremely honored to have been chosen to represent Mrs. Mellon's beloved farm," said Tom Anderson. "For over 65 years, the mystique of the farm has captured attention worldwide."

"For my over 30 years of working in this wonderful town and throughout the country," Anderson continued, "I have recognized the farm's importance as one of the most beautiful properties in America.

"Mr. and Mrs. Mellon created a true treasure and we will work tirelessly to find the best buyer to keep Oak Spring a tribute to their vision forever. This is rare opportunity to own a property with an unmatched provenance amassed over a lifetime. "

Rachel "Bunny" Lambert Mellon (1910-2014) was a renowned horticulturist and collector, whose marriage to Paul Mellon in 1948, the only son of financier Andrew Mellon, united two of America's most affluent families.

A supremely private woman with a deep passion for gardening, Bunny sculpted the couple's beloved Oak Spring Farm into the closest American version of the English Cotswolds. While Oak Spring was her private treasure, Mrs. Mellon's extensive list of contributions to the world of horticulture includes redesigns of the Rose Garden and East Garden at The White House for her close friend, Jacqueline Kennedy, and the revival of Louis XIV's kitchen garden at Versailles.

The Oak Spring Garden Library, Mrs. Mellon's celebrated collection of rare books, manuscripts, works of art and artifacts relating to gardening, landscape design, horticulture, botany, natural history and travels, is world-renowned and among the finest of its kind.

Sharing a fondness for art, Mr. and Mrs. Mellon built an extraordinary collection and generously supported the National Gallery of Art in Washington, DC.

Equally passionate about horses, the couple bred and raised champion racehorses at Oak Spring Farm. The Mellons are the only individuals to ever own a winner of the Kentucky Derby, Epsom Derby, and Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe.

For more information, please visit: www.wfp.com, join: http://www.facebook.com/WashingtonFineProperties, or follow: https://twitter.com/washfineprop



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• seafood display
• live music
• bottomless mimosas
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News of Note

Seven Loaves Turns 20

Seven Loaves Services, arguablby one of the most succdssful and beloved organizations of its kind in this area, was founded in 1994 to provide nutritious food, personal supplies and other assistance to those in need in Middleburg and the surrounding community.

A number of local churches and civic organizations came together at the time to further the vision of Rev. Martin Spilman, at that time the pastor of Middleburg United Methodist Church, to provide a community-wide, ecumenical approach to alleviating hunger and food insecurity in the community.

Several other churches, including Middleburg Baptist, St. Stephen the Martyr Catholic, Emmanuel Episcopal, Long Branch Baptist, and others, joined forces, together with civic groups like the Middleburg Lions Club, to provide initial funding and volunteers to support the effort.

All of these organizations, and others, continue to support Seven Loaves' mission.

Last year, it served over 725 households -- comprising some 2,900 people -- who visited Seven Loaves over 4,800 times for food assistance.

It's patrons come from Loudoun and Fauquier counties, as well as Clarke, Warren, Frederick and more than a dozen other counties in Virginia and West Virginia.

Seven Loaves is a volunteer organization that relies on the hard work and tireless efforts of more than 40 individuals each week to meet the needs of the people in need it serves.

Volunteers are always needed

Additional information can be found at www.sevenloaves-middleburg.org or by calling (540) 687-3489.

Middleburg Charter School Officially Open

Ribbon Cutting Marks First Day of School

The Middleburg Community Charter School, Loudoun County's first public charter school, officially opened for the first day of school with a ribbon cutting ceremony August 4th. 7:00 pm, at the school, located at 101 N. Madison St, Middleburg, Virginia. Among the guests attending the ribbon cutting ceremony will be Dr. Eric Williams, Loudoun County's new superintendent of schools, joined the teachers, staff and guests to mark the occasion.

The former Middleburg Elementary is very busy as staff, newly hired teachers and parent volunteers meet, welcome and begin relationships with new students. Led by school principal Dr. Barbara Smith, the excitement of the team is palpable.

"Preparing for opening day has truly been a community effort. Witnessing the talents of our community has been one of the most inspiring experiences I have ever had in education," Dr. Smith commented.



The charter school opened with 120 students - three Kindergarten through 2nd grade classrooms and two 3rdthrough 5th grade classrooms, combined age groups being one of the innovations the teachers will implement.

"We have the most talented team in education that I believe has ever been assembled.," Dr. Smith shared. "Having a critical mass of talent and promise is the "magic" we need to design a school like none other!"

The elementary charter school has adapted an interdisciplinary curriculum, the Leonardo Da Vinci Project, modeled after a program first developed at Barcroft Elementary School in Arlington County. Dr. Smith will guide teachers in developing work plans and tailoring the curriculum to meet the needs of the attending students.

To contact the school, please visit MiddleburgCharterSchool@gmail.com or telephone 540—687-5048.





Goodstone Inn & Restaurant Opens Playa Cativo Opening

Luxury Beachfront Paradise in Private Costa Rica Rainforest

Goodstone Inn & Restaurant is pleased to announce the much-anticipated opening of Playa Cativo, a luxury beachfront eco lodge set on 1,000 acres of private rainforest in Costa Rica.

Surrounded by the Piedras Blancas National Park and accessible only by boat, this breathtaking resort is set on the coast of Golfo Dulce in southern Costa Rica and is the sister property of the award-winning Goodstone Inn & Restaurant in Middleburg, Virginia.

"We have been working on the Playa Cativo project for over six years and it's been a tremendous but sometimes painstaking adventure," explained owner Mark Betts. "When I arrive by boat, I still feel an almost child-like excitement but when I leave, I am sometimes struck by a deep visceral sadness. In between, it's pure pleasure and, sometimes, sensory overload.

"The property is alluring, adventurous and romantic. It's a unique combination of vast rainforest jungle, long and totally private beach, rich tropical flora, fauna and architecture (built with reclaimed precious hardwood), excellent local and fresh fusion foods, and genuine and thoughtful local service," Betts continued.

"The entire Playa Cativo team, from our chefs and gardeners to our guides and servers, is profoundly passionate about sharing our piece of paradise with adventurous visitors."

The Costa Rican eco lodge offers seven stunning beachfront guestrooms with panoramic ocean views, including an inviting private casita nestled on the beach, gourmet farm-to-table restaurant and tropical bar, fresh-water pool, adventure center, working farm and concierge services. Playa Cativo activities include rainforest tours and hikes, swimming, fishing, snorkeling, paddle boarding, sea kayaking, birdwatching, whale and dolphin watching plus self-guided and private tours of the property.

El Gavilán Restaurant at Playa Cativo features gourmet dining in a romantic and private setting.



Inspired by breathtaking views of the Golfo Dulce and Pacific Ocean, the restaurant will showcase seasonal organic produce harvested daily from the on-site farm, along with organic poultry, locally caught seafood and grass-fed Costa Rican beef. The menu includes a variety of options, from traditional to modern Costa Rican cuisine, including selected fusion and international recipes.

"We are committed to offering a truly unique and luxurious Costa Rican vacation, with the finest in accommodations, dining, amenities and personalized service," says General Manager Luis Pardo. "Guests will experience a taste of Paradise and unimaginable wildlife adventures in this extraordinary destination."

Playa Cativo has a variety of travel themes planned for 2014, from birdwatching trips, family vacations, corporate retreats, photography workshops, and organic gourmet cooking classes to girlfriend getaways, health and wellness workshops, friend and family reunions and educational retreats.

Playa Cativo is also an ideal setting for a truly unique destination wedding and romantic honeymoon in Costa Rica.

For more information about Playa Cativo, please visit www.playacativo.com or telephone 508-745-5779.

Blue Ridge Hospice Opens Leesburg Office in Cornwall Medical Pavilion

Blue Ridge Hospice, a not-for-profit hospice serving Loudoun and eight surrounding counties, will open a new Leesburg office in August in Suite 200A at the Cornwall Medical Pavilion, 224 Cornwall Street.

A public open house is planned for Wednesday, Aug. 27, from 5 to 7 p.m. Representatives from the Loudoun Chamber of Commerce and Town of Leesburg officials will be present for the ribbon cutting at 6 p.m.

The Leesburg office, which will be staffed by Blue Ridge Hospice clinical professionals, is the third office for Blue Ridge Hospice in Loudoun County; other Loudoun locations are in Purcellville and Middleburg. Blue Ridge Hospice also has offices in Winchester, Front Royal, Berryville, Woodstock, and Luray.

"Over the past two to three years, more Loudoun residents have chosen Blue Ridge Hospice as their provider of hospice care resulting in our decision to open the Leesburg office," said Blue Ridge Hospice Executive Director Ernie Carnevale. "We are pleased to respond by effectively meeting the need for quality, not-for-profit hospice care," he added.

Blue Ridge Hospice is celebrating its 33rd anniversary of serving the counties of Loudoun, Fauquier, Clarke, Shenandoah, Page, Rappahannock, Warren, and the City of Winchester.

Last year, Blue Ridge Hospice cared for 1,133 patients and assisted more than 2,000 family members through its grief and loss services and provided $367,900 in charity care to the communities it serves.

For more information, visit blueridgehospice.org or telephone 540-536-5210.



News of Note

Riders Up!

Steeplechasing News

Lauren R. Giannini

Middleburg and its environs qualify as a horse mecca: every kind of equine and everything equestrian from international level eventing, show jumping, and dressage to AA-circuit show hunters (ponies and horses) and side saddle champions to driving horses to field hunters and racehorses — flat, hurdle and timber — running at local hunts' point-to-points and "under rules" at meets sanctioned by the National Steeplechase Association (NSA).

Last winter's snow delayed the start of the point-to-point season from the first Saturday in March for two weeks. It was a crazy spring, and everyone was pretty glad when it settled down to summer. Then, in a twinkle it was time for Saratoga, July 18 to September 1. The country's oldest race course and the oldest sporting venue of any kind offers flat racing with steeplechases carded weekly (one on Wednesday, one on Thursday) through August 28.

It is a sporting getaway like none other, especially with the Saratoga Sales, social events, and the ambience of the Spa town itself. It's win-win for anyone with a penchant for Thoroughbred racing and excitement.

Saratoga dates back to 1863 and the race course owes its existence to John Hunter and William R. Travers. Each thought his horse was the best, but Kentucky won and earned Travers, his owner, the distinction of having a Grade 1 stakes named after him. First run in 1864, the Travers highlights the summer race season at Saratoga and is open to 3-three-olds and runs over 1 1/4 miles with a purse of one million dollars. Its 145th running takes place on August 23, right about the time this issue hits the stands.



Photo by Lauren R. Giannini

The history of Saratoga alone is worth a visit to: www.saratogaracetrack.com, and there is no better way to keep up with all the action than the Saratoga Special, available in its entirety online at www.thisishorseracing.com — look for the icon in the upper left hand corner. This is the Clancy family summertime opus – a labor of love, sweat, tears and occasionally blood. One of them, Sean Clancy, lives in Middleburg.

Saratoga's big $150,000 Grade 1 NY Turfwriters steeplechase ran on August 22 – you don't have to wait to find out the outcome, you can read about it in the Saratoga Special (see previous paragraph). Maybe you can mosey over to see what the NSA — www.nationalsteeplechase.org — has to say about the Turfwriters.

After Saratoga, all eyes turn to the $150,000 Lonesome Glory Stakes (Gr. 1) at Belmont and the rest of the NSA's fall schedule. In Virginia, the calendar at www.centralentryoffice.com offers the Blue Ridge Races (Berryville) on Sept. 20, Foxfield Fall Races (Charlottesville) on Sept. 28, Virginia Fall Races (Glenwood Park, Middleburg) on Oct. 4, and please note that the International Gold Cup races (Great Meadow, The Plains) take place a week later than usual on Oct. 25.

Next month, look for a profile about local trainer Richard Valentine, standing fourth in NSA standings for both races and money won: 50 starts, 6 wins, 5 seconds, 7 thirds for 217,550.

Orange County Hounds Host Annual Team Chase Event

On Sunday, October 26th the Orange County Hounds will host their annual Cross-Country Team Event at Old Whitewood Farm near The Plains, Va. Modeled after the tradition of the English Team Chase, Orange County Hounds have hosted the event since 1987. Foxhunters of all ages and levels will travel across the state to compete over a cross-country course set in the heart of Virginia's hunt country.

Teams of riders compete over a course one might encounter during a day of foxhunting. There are two divisions; Hilltopper Pairs ride over a course of 12 jumps designed for ponies or less experienced horses and riders The First Flight Division with teams of 3 to 4 horses or ponies features a longer course of fences designed for foxhunters who regularly hunt first flight.

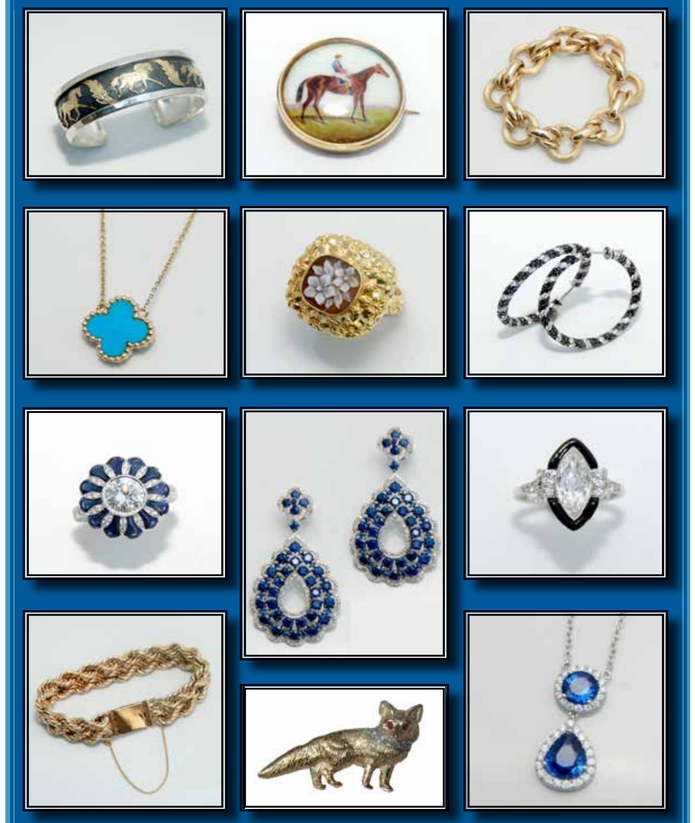
Hilltopper Pairs compete for Best Turned Out and Best Pair over fences. First Flight Teams awards include Best Turned Out, Best Team over fences and Closest to Ideal Time (a fair hunting pace). The final events of the day are the Junior and Adult Championship rounds. Judges choose the top horses and riders to ride a test over a shortened course designed by the judges. The winning junior will receive the coveted George L. Ohrstrom Junior Championship and Trophy. The First Flight Adult Champion will be presented with the Alfred Hunt Trophy. The event begins at 9am. Spectators are welcome. Food concessions available. General donation to Orange County Hounds kindly requested Reserved Parking $100

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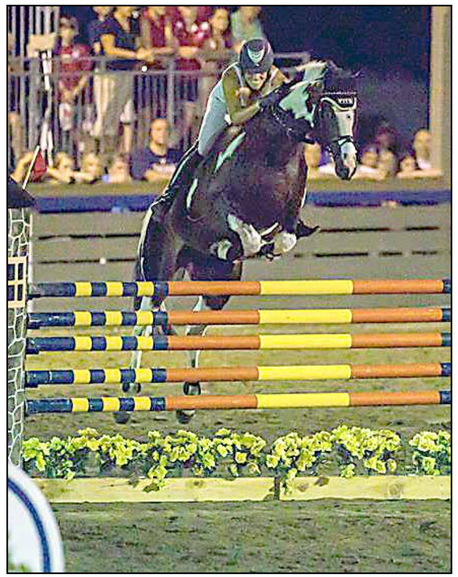
Morningside Training Farm to Host Community Event and Fundraiser

Bareback Puissance and Speed Classes

Morningside Training Farm, located at 5687 Merry Oaks Road, The Plains, VA 20198, will be having a young rider fundraiser featuring bareback puissance (high jump) and speed classes on August 23rd at 4PM. The event is open to the public. This is a family event. Morningside also hosted the popular bareback puissance class at Great Meadow during the World Equestrian Games preparatory trials for the U.S. Eventing Team on July 26th. There will be great food and wine vendors, DJ music, and other fun activities. BYOB. Everyone is invited, so bring your friends and family with chairs and blankets and come relax and have fun. We look forward to seeing a lot of you from the local community, and you don't have to be a horse person to enjoy!

Tickets are $15 in advance at www.morningsidetrainingfarm.com. Save $5 per ticket by ordering before the event.





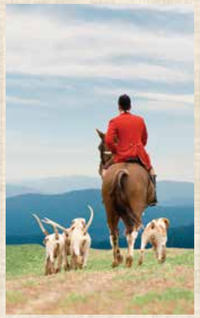
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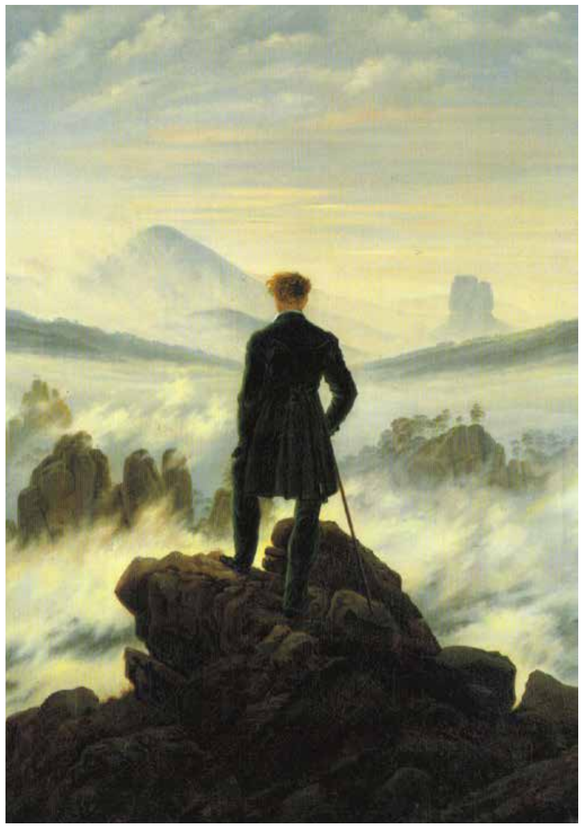
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PRCS at Middleburg Community Center starts off September with a burst!

School is finally in session and Loudoun County PRCS at Middleburg Community Center has a full schedule for September. For the toddlers, we have our 1st Preschool and Toddler Time. Our Preschoolers can take part in our Creative Preschool, Ballet, Hello Pony, and Soccer. Our elementary school students are already enjoying themselves at Kids Club, but we also have Sewing, Running Club, Ballet, Photography Club, and First Fridays to sign up for. For the adults, we have a week of health and safety presentations- see below!

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS
Tuesday, 9/16 7:00 PM

FREE (All Ages) Do you have an emergency plan? Preparing yourself or your family for the unexpected emergency is of the utmost importance. Join us to find out what you need to stay safe in an emergency

NUTRITION FOR LYME Wednesday, 9/17 6:00 PM

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HOME Safety and Fall Prevention
Thursday, 9/18 2:00 PM

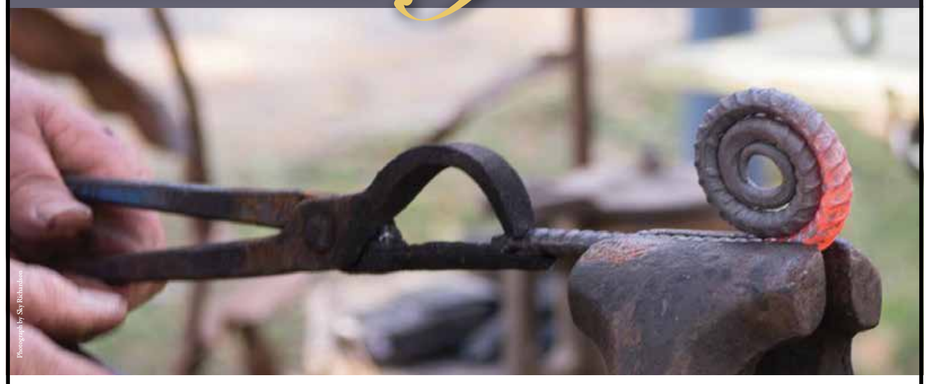
FREE (All Ages) Among older adults, falls are the leading cause of injury deaths and the most common cause of hospital admissions for trauma. However, there are many things that can be done to improve safety in the home. In this afternoon presentation, we will cover what causes falls, what can be done to prevent falls, and what to do if a fall happens; how to check the home for hazards and possible improvements; poison risks in the home; and how to create a fire safety plan.

And Save the Date for the Fall Fox Faire on Saturday, October 25th! We look forward to seeing you around the Center!

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At this month's Town Council meeting Council Member Cathy Jo Shea noted that, at times, indeed in roughly half the years in which "profits" have been distributed, the town has donated funds to charities in the name of the Health Center Fund that exceed the "profits" earned that year from Health Center rents.

Shea suggested that in the future Council make clear from precisely which sources those "excess" donations are paid: 1) as is currently the practice, paying them from the Health Center's standing operating fund, thereby decreasing it each year the practice is continued; 2) from "profits only," meaning that in years in which expenses are high and rents are low, donations may suffer proportionally, or 3) from the Town's taxpayer funded "General Fund."

No Farm Animals in Town Limits?

In 2008 Middleburg changed its Town Code to allow Loudoun County's Animal Control Department to handle animal control within Town limits.

According to report by Town Clerk Rhonda North, that system has worked well, though issues do arise from time to time with regard to the keeping of chickens.

Currently the only sections of the Town Code applicable to crowing roosters and cackling hens are the provisions of Middleburg's noise ordinance.

Issues related to the other ends of the chickens are covered by health codes. Dogs and "other animals" are covered in separate sections of the code.

A recent flurry of complaints about farm fowl prompted Vice Mayor Darlene Kirk to suggest that perhaps the time had come to ban all farm animals from the Town.

After lengthy discussions of the advantages and disadvantages of raising chickens and rabbits and pet pigs and other animals within Town Limits, Council Member Trowbridge Littleton suggested that the discussion be tabled until complaints arise that simply can't be handled on a one-by-one basis, using the tools currently at Council's disposal.

Water Water

Terry Inboden, of Inboden Environmental Services, the town's subcontracted water and sewer system management team drew applause when he reported, in essence, that all was . . . well . . . well.

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News of Note

Don't Miss Waterford Homes Tour & Crafts Exhibit

Often referred to as The Waterford Fair, The Waterford Homes Tour & Crafts Exhibit deserves the national recognition it receives as one of the best home tours and craft exhibits in the country. The tours of many historic homes in the National Historic Landmark fascinating village of Waterford and the extensive and high quality of the crafts on display throughout the village make this a must-attend event on calendars across the country.

This year, 140 artisans will demonstrate techniques of heritage craftsmanship and extensive tours of preserved homes and buildings will be extremely popular.

You will also have ample opportunities to tour Civil War and Quaker cemeteries and to audit class in an 1880 classroom in Waterford's restored one-room schoolhouse on Friday, October 3.

Three floors of juried handcrafts will be for sale in a restored brick mill; vintage barns will showcase fine art and photography, crafts and music.

The Country Store will offer homemade baked goods, jams, coffee, candles, soaps, baskets and more and visitors will enjoy continuous traditional music and dance.

Colonial era militia encampments will fascinate visitors, the marching fife and drum corps will enliven the events and Civil War re-enactors will skirmish during the festivities. Plus, lots of activities are planned for children throughout the weekend.

The three-day events take place throughout the Waterford Village and surrounding fields. The main headquarters is located at 40183 Main Street, Waterford, VA 20197.

Please plan to visit Waterford Friday, October 3 – Sunday, October 5, 2014, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Tickets at the gate are $20 per person per day, children 12 and under admitted free. Advance tickets are $16 per person per day, $15 for active military (order online Aug. 13-Sept. 29). Advance tickets at ticket outlets may be purchased through October 2 (check web site for list of outlets).

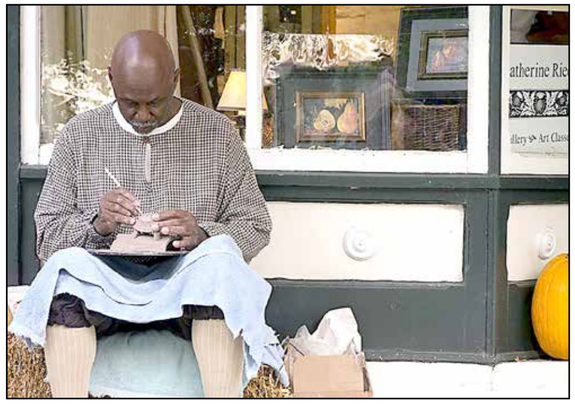
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Dr Mark Hart, Mary Ann Ghadban with Elvis, Jan Byyny of Surefire Eventing (Purcellville) and Tom Finnen



Christina Allison, Lili Alexander, Will Allison, Liza Duvall and Jennifer Lee



Olympic 3-day medalists – "hometown" event riders: Karen O'Connor and Linden Ryan



Baby Savannah Rose with parents Matt Gavin and Holidae Hayes, Julie Banner



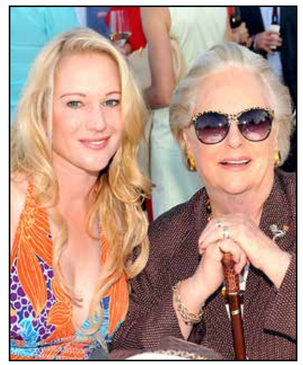
Silva & Boyd Martin,WEG 3-day team, Jessie & Silvio Mazzoni, US eventing show jumping coach



Chrystina USEF president, following David O'Connor) & George Tauber, Allison Springer, a four-star event rider



Bonnie Jenkins (executive director USET Foundation) with attending Gold Medal Club Anniversary Award Recipients: Carolyn & Paul Rizza, Jacqueline B. Mars, Gregory Gingery, Karen Stives, Cheryl & Stagg Newman. Chrystine and George Tauber, and the reception's emcee Philip Richter (USET Foundation treasurer).



WEG 3-day team alternate Marilyn Little and Jacqueline Mars



Liza Duvall, Lili Alexander, Jennifer Lee, Rob Banner and Debbie Nash



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World Equestrian Games Prep Trial

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WEG team members Phillip Dutton, Buck Davidson, Sinead Halpin, Lynn Symansky, Kim Severson, Marilyn Little (alt), Hannah Sue Burnett (alt), Meghan O'Donoghue (alt), WEG team member Boyd Martin, US Eventing Chef d'Equipe David O'Connor.



WEG alternates: Hannah Sue Burnett (The Plains) and Harbour Pilot, owned by Jacqueline Mars



WEG-bound: Phillip Dutton (PA) and Trading Aces



WEG-bound: Kim Severson (VA) and Fernhill Fearless (aka Sparky)



WEG-bound: Lynn Symansky (Middleburg) and Donner





WEG-boung: Lynn Symansky (Middleburg) and Donner perform their dressage



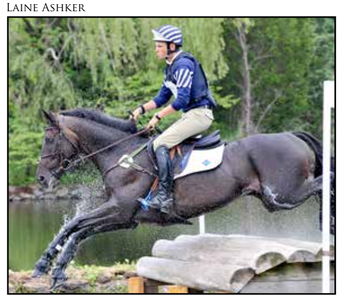
Bareback Puissance winner, four-star event rider Laine Ashker



Jim Wofford, well-known eventing trainer (Upperville), Bernadette Cogdell (NC),



WEG-bound: Sinead Halpin



WEG-bound: Boyd Martin (PA) and Shamwari 4 on the cross-country



Madcap Farm's Jeanne Blackwell tended David & Karen O'Connor's exhibit of Olympic and WEG medals, trophies, and painting of their champion horses on Saturday evening.

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Foxcroft's Stuart Hall Named Finalist for "Best in Building" Award



Foxcroft School's Stuart Hall has been named a finalist for one of the U.S. Green Building Council's Best in Building Awards. The awards, established this year, celebrate the "best of the best" in green products, projects, organizations and individuals with an impact in green building.

The 50-student dormitory was designed by USGBC member Hord Coplan Macht and opened in August 2013. It is one of just seven finalists in the "Best Project Design for LEED Building Design and Construction" category, which recognizes buildings with excellent design that were certified in the past year under the LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) rating systems.

The first green building in Foxcroft's campus-wide Go Green Initiative, Stuart Hall earned Gold Certification – the second highest among four levels in the LEED Program. In February, the building collected two Wintergreen Awards for Excellence in Green Building from the Maryland Chapter of the U.S. Green Building Council. There are more LEED-certified buildings in Maryland than in any other state in the U.S.

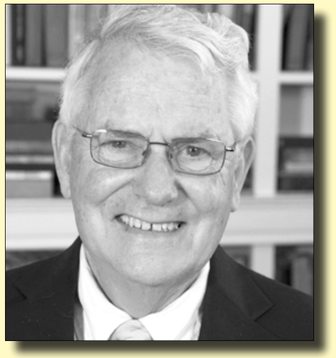
The "Best in Building" awards offer USBGC members an opportunity to earn exclusive recognition from their peers around the United States. Voting takes place through August 22 and the winners will be announced in early September.

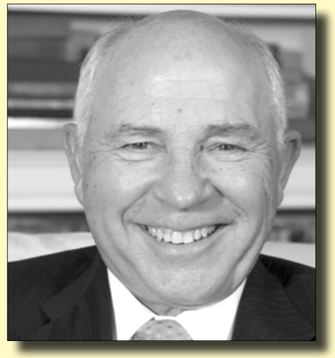
Part of the continuing accolades stem from the unique "Project Green Build" seminar series for Foxcroft students that accompanied the construction, teaching girl about various aspects of design and building with monthly presentations, hands-on activities, and construction site visits. A second seminar, "Bridging the Gap," is accompanying the ongoing renovation of the School's oldest dormitory, Court.

"These seminars complement our innovative STEM program by offering students another engaging, hands-on opportunity," said Dr. Maria Eagen, Foxcroft's Science Department Chair. "Hord Coplan Macht and our contractors, Forrester Construction, are terrific partners in this unique business-school program."

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Young Equestrian is a Rising Star

Middleburg's own Ellia Giuliani is just turning 13 years old and is already demonstrating her exceptional equestrian skills. The year started off great for Ellia with her wins of Champion and Reserve Champion at the Palm Beach International Equestrian Center. This summer, she won Grand Champion Local Hunter at the Upperville Horse Show and the Patty Motion Trophy for Best Local Child Rider, Grand Champion Medium Green at the Loudoun Benefit Horse Show, and numerous ribbons and trophies at the Kentucky Summer Horse Show.

Ellia took up riding at the age of five and has loved every minute of it. She started riding with a pony named Jack Black and has had "Exquisite" a medium pony that's a 6-year old welsh cross for the past year. Her family recently purchased "Lunar Eclipse" a Canadian Sport horse who is a 13-year old large pony. Ellia trains with Bill Schaub at Over the Hill farm.

Riding has become a family hobby and a way to spend weekends together. The whole family attends the shows and provides lots of moral support for Ellia.











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Pastimes

The Artist's Perspective

Tom Neel

This summer I was watching the afternoon sky develop into what might make for an interesting sunset. I set out with plenty of time to make it to one of many places to view it, but going north on Rokeby Road I crested the hill at Oak Spring Farm and simply pulled over and stopped. It was certainly not the first time I had ever stopped there, but the sun was at least a half hour from setting. For some reason I just didn't venture on.

I found myself alone with the exception of a handful of passing vehicles. The distant western view is iconic to Piedmonters. Its elevated majestic perch, overlooking the Mellon's old runway, was seemingly always something from an untouchable world when I first moved to Rectortown closing in on thirty years ago. The road so purposely lined with stone walls braced by rustic wood railings and only stable rooftops to the east gives passers by a taste of the farm itself.

The sun's decent behind narrow banded clouds was as if to see a shinning face through venetian blinds hung from a window to heaven. I thought back on my first visit to Oak Springs Farm during a stable tour decades ago. There, in the Mellon stable was a new born chestnut foal with an absolutely perfect white heart on its forehead and four white socks. I was amazed at such a thing.

The last time to Oak Springs Farm was as a guest of a friend who worked there. It was a history lesson as much as the strengthening of my vocation and love of landscape. It made me think about the Mellons as husband and wife and some of the peaceful times they must have enjoyed during their long lives there. Their ages spanning some of the most historic times in our country's history_there are places on that farm that seem like Brigadoon to me, as if I was Tommy stumbling upon it only once in a hundred years.

Mrs. Mellon was not without being seen, but I only met her once, maybe six or so years ago while visiting with Nora Letaif Haddad, owner of Les Jardins de Bagatelle. Nora's charming shop is shall we say, intimate. I came just inside the door saying hi to Nora, Mrs. Mellon was with her assistant looking at things, but was only a few feet away and moving closer. She then daintily picked up some perfume and tried it on her hand at the outside base of her thumb, softly rubbing it into her skin using the same spot on her other hand and then smelling it. Only a couple feet away at this point, I saw her smile and she looked up making instant eye contact with me. Her eyes were kind and she extended her hand to me, offering to also enjoy the floral fragrance. We both smiled with appreciation. It was a simple gesture of kindness from an elderly, but graceful women and one I've obviously not forgotten.

As private as the Mellons were though, this view in front of me was never tarnished with long rows of view killing pines that many plant as some sort of overbearing privacy fence. They could have easily done this, but they allowed all of us passing by to enjoy it as I am tonight. Acreage is privacy itself. Views are to be shared and the Mellons, for all of their privacy, shared quite a lot, especially in the way of art.

Deep in the field, a half dozen deer, mostly young bucks, are the only life I now see past a passing bird or two. It is delightfully quiet. As I like to say, not the kind quiet where you hear nothing. It's the kind of quiet where you hear nothing but peace or the smallest of things.

As I sit on the tailgate of my truck, I'm consciously watching the active light of the setting summer sun to the west and the rosy, peach colored affect of the reactive light on a beautiful puffy cloud aloft over the stable to the east. The backlit layers of the blue ridge are like soft brush strokes now, loosing definition as this day comes to an end. An illuminated disk, peeks its face one last time through the last layer of those



narrow cloud bands as if smiling to me. I look back and say, "Goodnight and thank you."

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Angel's Trumpets

The Plant Lady



Karen Rexrode

August has been a very good month for angel's trumpets or brugmansia. Within in the next couple of days I may have over 100 flowers on one plant, something I've achieved only once before. Our cooler summer temperatures are part of the reason since brugmansias prefer temperatures between 60 and 75 degrees to produce buds. The other reason for this bonanza of flowers is the age of my plant, saved from last summer, it's every bit of 5 feet tall and wide.

My particular plant is Brugmansia 'Frosty Pink', a single pink and white that is floriferous and relatively easy to find, often sold as a generic pink. Each flower lasts a couple of days when temperatures are warm, as long as a week when it's cooler. Like many of the new hybrids, the bud may begin as yellow or white and change to pink as it opens. I find that this particular hybrid is from Brugmansia versicolor, one of only seven species and native to Ecuador. All seven species are native to South America, tropical and therefore happiest with daily watering's (and feedings) in the summer months.

Best growth is often achieved when they're planted in the ground. Truth is they are very top heavy in a container. My plant is in a raised bed, four feet wide, filled with rich compost. When it comes time to save my plant for next year, which should be done when temperatures dip into the the high 40's, I will cut back the branches and pot it directly into a large tub. Brugmansia can be stored in a dimly lit room, watered occasionally and checked for bugs. With minimal leaves, brugmansia can survive enough to plant again come late spring. I say minimal leaves because they tend to draw white fly and aphids, so instead of spraying, I just remove leaves that show signs of bugs.

Brugmansia is closely related to datura, both are poisonous, datura more so. The most obvious difference between the two is how the flowers are held. Brugmansia holds its flowers down, datura up. We have a naturally occurring datura, D. stramonium which has many common names, Jimson Weed, Hell's Bells and Devil's Weed. The flowers are white flushed purple, small, not nearly as showy with subsequent purple, prickly, seed pods. It's been said that jimson weed is a derivation of Jamestown Weed, from early settlers ingesting the plant and suffering from hallucinations.

For me the joy of brugmansia comes from the strong night fragrance which is best in August, the month with the most flowers. It's the time of year when our gardens can be tired and dry, matched only by our own desire to see summer come to an end. For me, summer could go on and on because each night gives me a reason to celebrate.

Glutes and Golf

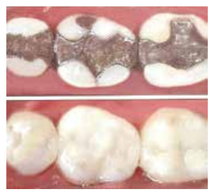
Kay Colgan,
Certified Fitness Professional,
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Did you know that strengthening your glutes could improve your golf game. Weak glutes are becoming an epidemic in our society. There are many reasons for weak glutes, but many of them can be solved.

Weak glutes can be caused by sitting to much. We drive to work, sit behind a desk, then drive back home only to sit down to dinner. All this sitting can lead to a slouched, rounded upper back posture with the butt-tucked in. Try sitting on a ball, standing while your are on the phone and really notice where your shoulder blades are. Shoulder blades should be down your back lying gently around your spine, not rounding forward. Poor posture can be corrected just by being aware of how you stand. Lift up from the abdominals and with the shoulder blades lying close to your spine, shoulders wide will help to get your posture back Make sure you exercise most days of the week and add some glute strengthening exercises such as bridge, squats and duck walks. Most exercise programs focus on the front of the body, so adding extension training will not only strengthen your glutes, but improve your posture and balance as well. . Extension exercises work all the posterior muscles such as latisimus dorsi, glutes, hamstrings, posterior deltoids (shoulders). Creating balance is the key when designing your fitness program. Having tight pectoral and medial deltoids (shoulders) along with tight hip flexors will wreck havoc on your body, and will literally wreck your golf game. Everything we do in front of our body we need to balance by working the back of the body Remember too, that functional muscles which are strong and flexible are preferred to strong and inflexible muscles. Injury can happens when there is an imbalance muscularly, so it is so important to keep the balance.

Work those glutes and reap the benefits of good posture and improve your golf game as well. For more information about health and fitness, please contact Kay Colgan at Middleburg Pilates and personal Training, 14 S. Madison street, Middleburg, Va or call 540-687-6995.

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Teeth in a Day

Dr. Robert A. Gallegos



One of the great advances in medicine and dentistry is the ability to effectively replace worn-out, diseased, injured and broken parts of our body with man-made prosthetics for worn-out, broken, injured, abused and diseased parts of our body. Consider the great advancements in prosthetic limbs for our wounded warriors. I salute these heroes who have sacrificed so much. It is somewhat comforting to know that many can be assisted in regaining some of what they have lost with prosthetics. Consider athletes who have advanced degenerative joints at young ages from extreme use. Consider our aging population who have joints that are wearing out from normal everyday use. And now to my topic, consider our teeth that are used daily and often over used. Besides normal chewing we use our teeth in many ways that make me as a dentist cringe- we open packages, bite fingernails, suck on citrus fruits, drink sports and energy drinks, chew on toothpicks, chew tobacco, hold pens, pins, pipes, hairpins between our teeth- the list goes on.

It may surprise you that in this country, which is blessed with a highly educated public and advanced preventative dentistry, approximately 25% of adults over 60 have no teeth (edentulous). Just next door, in West Virginia, 42% of people over 65 are without teeth. These are the most recent statistics from the Centers for Disease Control, 2006.

The most common cause for the loss of teeth for adults is gum disease (pyorrhea, periodontal disease) and secondly is tooth decay (cavities). Education, excellent homecare and regular dental visits are important to good dental health which is linked to good medical health.

How do we replace teeth for those who have lost all of their teeth? There are three ways to do this: removable dentures, removable dentures stabilized with implants or non-removable implant supported teeth. The non-removable implant supported teeth procedure is an exciting option.

For people who have lost or need to lose all of their teeth in one or both jaws, replacement with non-removable teeth is the closest thing to nature and it can be done in a day! Imagine being able to have a few visits to consult with your dentists and then go in one day and come out with new non-removable teeth. What a special day this is for patients who have suffered with no teeth, poor dentures or diseased teeth, often for many years. This is an incredible achievement and a huge advantage to patients. They are no longer handicapped by having no teeth, loose dentures or gums and teeth that are full of disease.

The way this incredible treatment is accomplished in a day is through close team collaboration between a restorative dentist, a dental laboratory technician and a dental surgeon. The team all need advanced training in surgery, placing implants, making teeth and restoring implants for patients missing all of their teeth or needing extraction of all their teeth. The restorative dentist and surgeon have a few visits with the patient to gather records (photos, impressions, x-rays) prior to the big day. Then the two dentists discuss the case and bring in the lab technician to plan and make the first set of teeth. The day the patient gets his or her new teeth they will be very comfortable, often sedated. Any remaining teeth will be removed, the bone adjusted, 4-6 implants placed per jaw and the first set of teeth placed and attached to the implants. It sounds a bit overwhelming but the facts and science show this to be an incredibly effective and successful treatment.

About 6 months after the big day a final set of stronger teeth are made and placed by the restorative dentist and lab technician. During this 6 months any changes to appearance, bite, color and shape of teeth can be discussed so that the final set is even more natural and pleasing for the patient. This involves a few new records but no more surgery just impressions. Simply take out the first set of teeth and put in new final set of teeth. WOW!

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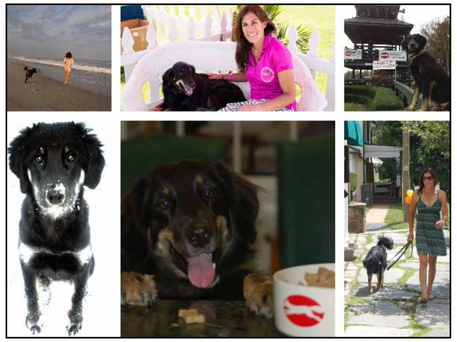
Girls and their Dogs: Travels with Charley

"We got Charley at the Fairfax County Humane Society. We saw her online and went to visit her. Her mother was quite feral and wild and had a litter of half a dozen puppies and they all looked like they had different fathers. One looked like a hound, one looked like a schnauzer, but Charley was my favorite one. She was quite young – a couple of months old. I wanted my husband, Tom, to meet her – but he was out of town so we came back a week later and she had been adopted. She had moved to South Riding and was named Prada. I was quite heartbroken. But about a week later I checked back and she was back! The family had returned her because the woman had a small child, was pregnant and put on bed rest. She didn't need a puppy that wasn't housebroken, So, Tom met her and we took her home. I felt it was meant to be.

Charley is 3.5 years old; she will be four this winter. She was originally Pixie, then Prada. When we got her we couldn't think of a name for her so she was Puppy for a long time. She got the name Charley – even though she is a girl – because I loved the book Travels with Charley, by John Steinbeck. I travel around quite a bit; not the gypsy I used to be. Charley in that book was a black Standard Poodle. I don't think she is a poodle, but she has a fluffy, curly tail. Her mother looked like she could have had a little poodle or Portuguese water dog or something in her. I figured Charley would be traveling with me quite a bit so - travels with Charley. And that's how it is spelled in the book – C H A R L E Y. It's a fabulous book! It was written in the sixties, but still is so incredible.

A day in the life of Charley: She has two types of days. Some days we get up pretty early and go right to the barn and Charley goes on trial rides, keeps an eye on the cats at the barn, and eats horse treats. She is a good farm dog. She keeps the cows out of the yard and the deer out of the garden.

Some days we get up and work on the computer, so she goes to the coffee shop with Tom or hangs out around the house. Charley likes to run errands at Wylie Wagg. She picks out her treats and we stock up on dinner. We take her on field trips. She loves water and swimming. We take her to the beach. She also likes to go skeet shooting. She went to her first skeet-shooting party when she was three or four months old. She was a little bit scared the very first time, but she got over it quickly and had a good time retrieving the clays. She is a party dog. In the evenings she goes to dinner around town. She likes to go to The Hunter's Head to order an organic dog dinner. She gets either a small or large dinner depending on whether or not she's had her actual dinner. Most often however, we go to The French Hound. We dine on the patio, outside the bar, at Mason's Table. She sits there and welcomes people. But then, she is welcome most places around town."



Jessica Rich and Charley







The Ten Commandments of Facebook

Sincerely, Me

Brandy Greenwell



Like it or not we live in a Facebook kind of world. There are so many wonderful advantages to social media from information sharing to connectivity. Everyone's Facebook page is exactly that: their own page on which to post silly pet pictures, inspirational quotes, political statements or whatever they see fit. But sometimes the cyber world takes over and reality gets blurry. Let's bring it back in check, shall we?

The Ten Commandments of Facebook

I am Facebook, the King of all social media.

I haven't figured out all the others so I just stick with Facebook. If someone wants to explain the rest to me, I'm a curious student.

Thou shalt read the post in its entirety before commenting.

I recently posted a joke about buying cat food at Target for a diet. I instantly saw a comment questioning buying pet food at a big box store rather than locally. I do think she eventually read it all the way through as the comment disappeared moments later, but you get the point.

Thou shalt read all the comments before posting yours.

Again, if there are a lot of comments on one post, it is probably best to thoroughly read them all before adding your comment. It's like echoing a Jeopardy contestant after the question has already been answered.

Remember to fact check before sharing.

This one is particularly valid in the equine and pet communities with rescue animals. I wholeheartedly support rescues but some of these tales of neglect are seriously outdated and misinformed. I should also add that Facebook should not be used to spread gossip. A bad rumor can ignite a wildfire with 12 views and 3 shares.

Honor thy privacy policy.

This is a no brainer. Don't hack someone's account or post/forward things they intentionally haven't without permission. Remember, these are your "friends".

Thou shalt not make comments that you would not say directly to someone's face, bully or intentionally commit mean spirited cyber acts.

This is probably the most important of all the commandments. Please don't hide behind your glass keyboards when typing stones. Negative and intentionally hurtful acts are not constructive and potentially destructive to many. Just don't do it.

Thou shalt not poke strangers.

This is just creepy and gives me chills. It makes me think of predatory types that hang around playgrounds. Ick.

Thou shalt check and re-read statuses before posting.

I am guilty of this one. Recently I posted something about stud piles completely innocently after cleaning my horse's stalls. After a comment or two I re-read it, blushed and deleted it before I was reported for inappropriate sexual content. Just when you think you are being clever, you look at your statement through different eyes and laugh at your own stupidity.

Thou shalt keep one's game apps to thy selves.

Ok, this one we may not have control over, but we do have the control to unfollow the gamer and block app if we find offensive.

Thou shalt not stalk.

I don't find any harm in not using your real name if you are worried about privacy, but creating entire aliases can be a little weird. Hasn't anyone seen Catfish? If you are simply looking at the content of your friend's page, that's not stalking, after all, what you post is there for all your connections to see.

Happy Facebooking!

Donna Clark - Mindscapes





Live An Artful Life® Gallery in The Plains, VA will host a unique solo exhibit "Mindscapes" by widely acclaimed local artist Donna Clark. The show will run from August 31st through September 28th. The public is invited to an opening reception on Sunday, September 7th, 5:00 - 7:00 PM. In addition to the show Clark will be demonstrating her distinctive painting technique, in the gallery, on September 14, 2014 staring at 2:00 PM. The demonstration is a great opportunity to watch her paint and ask questions of this very talented artist.

Clark was born in New York City and lived most of her life in the Lower Hudson Valley. She studied painting, printmaking and photography at Bard College and earned a BA degree in painting. While attending Bard she developed a passionate interest in printmaking and photography. Clark had the unique opportunity to study monotype printmaking with the renowned master printmaker Matt Phillips, photography with contemporary photographer Doug Baz and painting with Alan Cote. She has exhibited work in many shows throughout New York State and New England as well as Virginia. She says of her work, " I am inspired by the sunrises, sunsets, clouds, rain, mist and sunshine. A snapshot in time translates into my inner consciousness and then I create abstract paintings referencing the natural world."

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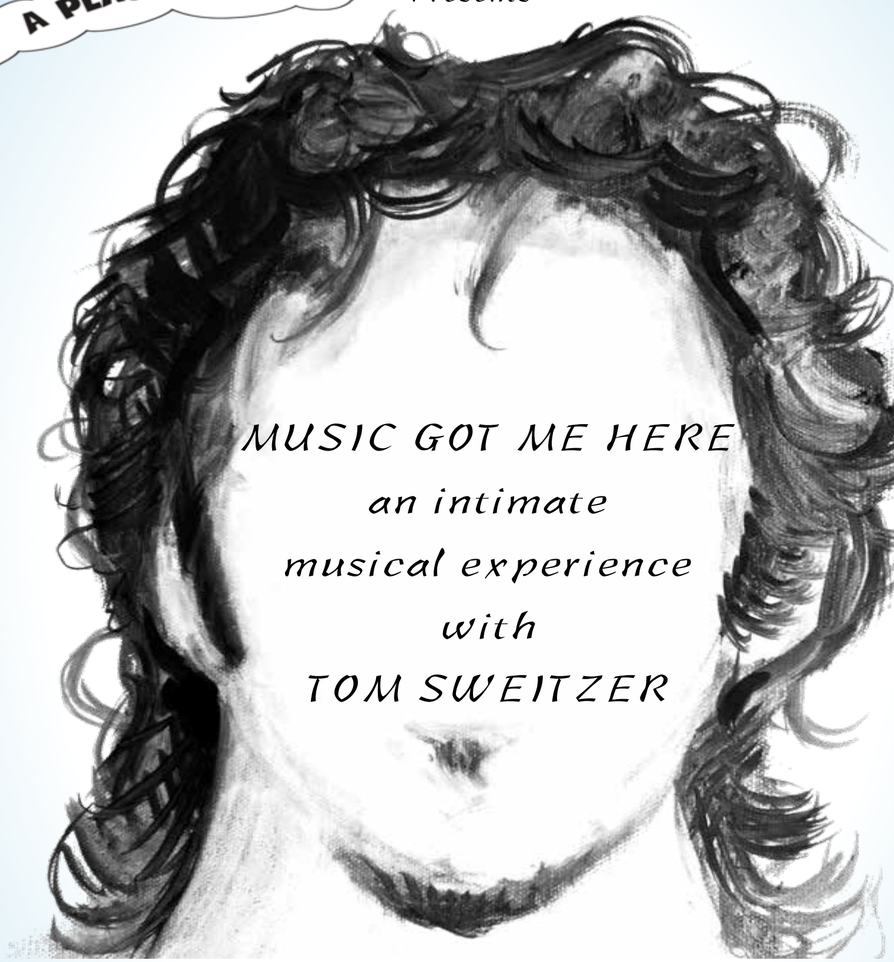






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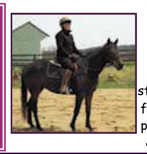
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Albert's Corner
A monthly column for people who share their homes with four-legged friends.



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

Albert P. Clark

Have you ever heard of SDS? It's a real problem in the canine world, and it stands for Small Dog Syndrome. Napolean Complex jokes aside, this is a serious concern, and one that is entirely the fault of the person, not the pet.

Full disclosure: I know a lot about this because I, ahem, struggle with SDS myself. My people know it and we're on the road to recovery.

SDS starts innocently enough. Small dogs simply seem less threatening than their larger counterparts. Pint-sized pups often elicit chuckles when they bark, growl, nudge their people, jump up on visitors, take up the bed, rule the furniture, and pull on their leashes. When a big dog does these things, people take notice and take action. But the thing is, dogs are dogs whether we're mini or max. Taking the tiny ones less seriously leads to lifelong problems.

Canines are pack animals. If we lack a leader, we become the leader. When we live with people, the people are part of our pack. If the people don't exhibit leadership with us, we decide we're top dog and act accordingly. In our minds, leadership has nothing to do with size and everything to do with guidelines. If we're allowed to push the envelope, we push it. If there are no ramifications, we assume we're in charge.

Nudging isn't cute. It's demanding. Jumping on people without being invited isn't exuberance; it's dominance. Ignoring well-known commands isn't just stubborn; it's a statement. The list goes on and on. Unfortunately, a tiny dog can get away with these behaviors far too often because, frankly, they just don't seem like that big of a deal.

What many people don't understand is that the development of dominance is a process. It doesn't happen overnight and we're not born with it. We learn to be the head honcho over time. In my case, I started exhibiting more severe signs of it as I got older and my people got more lenient. Now I push my toys into their hands a lot. I bark constantly while they're talking. And I pretend not to know that I'm not allowed on the sofa. I know it's wrong. And I'm getting help now that my people have decided that it's time for a training refresher. There's hope for me.

If you live with a diminutive dog, remember that a big dog's heart beats in all of us. We need structure, rules, and training. We need to know that you're the boss. Small things mean a lot: walk through doors before we do; don't carry us everywhere; teach us commands and use them; don't pick us up if we paw at your leg. Consistently and constantly use positive reinforcement to reward us for the good things we do. Don't tolerate behavior in us that you wouldn't tolerate in a large dog. And through it all, remember that there's never a need to yell or use force.

I worry about all of the little guys who don't get help. Lots of them end up not being the active part of their families that they could be if they behaved. Some of them even end up in shelters when their people get too exasperated to manage bad behavior any longer.

If you have a tiny terror in your house, take hope! A little training will go a long way. You can do it yourself by googling Small Dog Syndrome and seeing what the pros say. You can also sign up for Middleburg Humane Foundation's new training classes with Genevieve Warner. Just go to their website for details. She's really talented!

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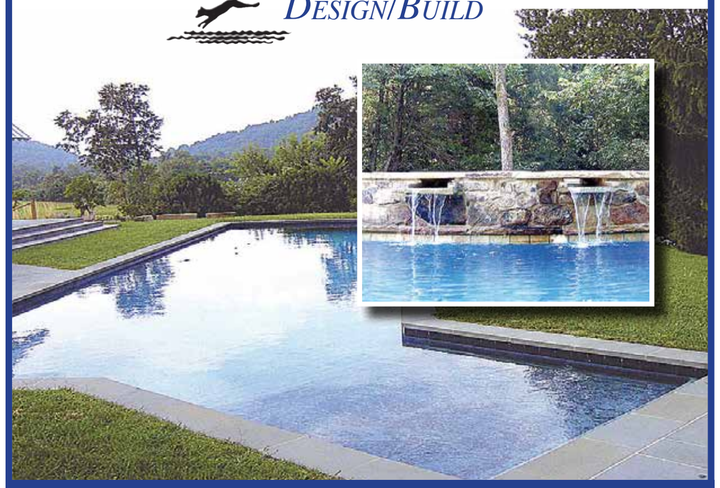
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Editor's Desk

The Good Guy

After the recent events in Ferguson, Missouri, it's all too easy for those of us here in Middleburg to think how lucky we are to be here, and to have a police department that not only does what it's expected to do, but does it better . . . often doing far than what's legally required of men and women all too often overworked, underpaid, and at risk.

In truth, luck plays no role at all.

Someone made a decision to hire Chief A. J. Panebianco. We are in debt to the Town Council, the Town Administrator, and those that served on the search committee that found and chose him.

We're in debt to the Chief and his family for accepting Middleburg's offer

Since his arrival Chief Panebianco has more than lived up to all our expectations.

He has built a force that reflected his own high standards, his personal values, and his belief in the role of a community-oriented approach to law enforcement.

He neither kept nor hired men or women he didn't think he could trust with his life, or the lives of his family, or the lives and safety of anyone who lived here, or worked here, or came here for business or pleasure.

He saw the potential in Mike Prince, trusted him, saw his senior officer develop talents that he knew were there . . . and wisely promoted him to Lieutentant and the department's chief investigative officer.

He hired and trained people he respected: Officers Tim Tharp, Heather Fadely, Jay Hollins, and Mark Putnam, and the department's first administrative assistant, Karin Kilday.

Every single member of his force not only takes the official oath of office required by law, but Panebianco's own oath of honor and commitment, sworn in the presence of the town council, the citizens of the town, and perhaps most important, every officer's family and friends.

Far from militarizing a small community oriented police department (though he could have done so easily), he got rid of rapid fire, large magazine, semi automatic riot guns. Although he never said so, our view is that he truly believed that if he ever needed such weapons, he and his force would have failed to be what they all had sworn to become.

He led the charge to formalize and codify the rules of conduct for the Middleburg force.

Even better, unlike all too many others, he made that code public.

His officers have sworn on their sacred honor to uphold the law and behave by certain rules.

Panebianco insisted not only that those rules be written down, but that the people he served know what they were, and hold him and those who served with him accountable.

His Police Chief's car has been filled with food for the poor, arguably as often as it has been filled with anything else. He has taken more than one bath in a dunking pool for charity. He never misses and opportunity to walk and talk with everyone he serves, from school kids, to octogenians, to the rich and famous and powerful

He has never, in our experience, taken personal credit for anything his force has accomplished, never missing an opportunity to give credit to the people to whom he thought real credit was due: his officers, the town staff, the Town Council, and the people who make Middleburg, Middleburg.

Many of us owe him more than a mere debt of gratitude.

It's rare to have an opportunity to even begin to repay that debt.

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Terrorism II

Blue

Daniel Morrow

Terrorism takes many forms.

One man's terrorism is nearly always another man's defense of the faith, or honor, or country, or rights, or tribe or family.

Terrorism, always, is as easy to defend for those on one side as it is easy to condemn for those on the other.

The terrorists on the wrong side are mad men, or ideologues, or fanatics.

But mad men, ideologues and fanatics, great and small, can always justify what they've done.

Special insight into the mind of God is a favorite excuse. Think Jihad, Pogrom, Crusade, Inquisition, Slavery, the "Troubles" and "Manifest Destiny," to name but a few.

Perceived threats to "civilization" or the "national culture" also rank high. Think Holocaust, India-Pakistan, China-Tibet, the Indian Wars, Lynch mobs, Jim Crow.

The peoples of the middle east still cite horrors recorded in the most ancient religious texts as excuses for atrocities committed in the 21st century.

Cities wiped from the face of the earth and peoples murdered and enslaved or worse create long memories filled with hate.

There are Americans who still spit hate at the mere mention of the French and Indians, much less the burning of Atlanta.

And two numbers . . . 9 and11 . . . still gin up furies that match or exceed all the pain and suffering and loss associated with the horrors of that day.

War, of course, is war.

Terror has long been a tool of war . . . as well as a tactic of choice by those unable to stand and fight toe to toe with their enemies.

The one thing that terrorist and victims alike feel especially compelled to condemn in others (or justify in themselves) however, is the murder of innocents.

Usually those "innocents" are defined as non combatants, especially women, children, the old and sometimes even the wounded.

Killing or maiming them, whether deliberately or "by accident" creates resentments and breeds hatreds that last for centuries, if not longer.

The Germans soon discovered the true consequences of bombing population centers in Britain. It only made the British angrier and more determined.

The Japanese sowed similar dragons' teeth in China and the rest of southeast Asia.

The Allies, east and west, reaped the same whirlwind.

Bombing German cities did less to win the war than to boost the determination of German troops.

On the eastern front our Soviet allies, furious at atrocities commiteded as the Germans moved east, committed unspeakable atrocities against German civilians as the Red Army rolled west.

Germans fought to the end in hopeless engagements in the streets of Berlin rather than submit.

So, what about Gaza?

The Israelis, of course, cannot and will not submit to terrorism from any quarter.

They know the meaning of terrorism on an unspeakable scale and the consequences of failure to resist it.

They also know what it means to be a victim and the power of the phrase, "Never Again."

In Gaza the Israeli right has gone too far and, they know it.

At some indefinable point they crossed a hard to define line. The justice of the ends was overshadowed by the horrors of the means they had used to achieve them.

And at some point Israel realized what that means for the future strength and security of Israel.

Their leadership knows that, at some point, Israel had no real need to use tactics that put them on the wrong side of moral outrage.

And the Israelis not only know better, they are better than that.

They have proven it time and time again: On the battlefield. In the pursuit of the Munich terrorists. In Israel itself, under conditions that, comparatively speaking, make Hamas bouncing of rockets off the Iron Dome seem insignificant.

The disproportionate killing of innocents in the Gaza fight has hurt Israel.

It has strengthened the resolve of their enemies.

It has provided fuel for their enemy's fund raising and recruitment efforts

And, as we are already seeing in Europe, Latin America, Africa, and here in the US, it provides anti-semites of all stripes, religious and non-religious, with fuel for their fires of hate.

Israel's current leadership, arguably with good intentions, has done their country a great disservice.

Israelis know better ways to handle these problems.

They need to find and elect leaders with the wisdom, and power and political courage to use them.

STAND WITH ISRAEL

Red

James Morgan

"If the Arabs put down their arms, there will be no war. If the Israelis put down their arms, there will be no Israel." – Benjamin Netanyahu

In the 1967 war, Israel defeated the combined forces of Egypt, Syria, and Jordan, capturing the West Bank, Gaza, the Sinai Peninsula, the Golan Heights, and East Jerusalem. At that moment of complete victory, Israel offered its defeated foes the return of the captured territories in exchange for real peace. That's all Israel has ever wanted. In response, the Arabs announced the Khartoum Resolution which declared "the three no's" - no negotiations, no recognition, and no peace. That remains the official position of some, though happily not all, Arab nations, now of Iran, and of all the jihadist Muslim terrorist groups.

Since 1967, Israel has traded land for peace several times, the result being that it has less land and no peace. In 2009, it agreed to a ten-month cessation of new settlement construction in exchange for negotiations with Hamas. Construction stopped. Hamas refused to negotiate. Israel has agreed to numerous cease-fires, all of which has been broken by the Arab side. When Israel has had to fight, it has made a greater effort than any other nation, including our own, to avoid non-combatant casualties. Yet Israel is reviled, branded an aggressor, and condemned by "progressives" throughout the world. The lack of moral clarity here is staggering.

This is a no brainer. Israel is a vibrant, functioning democracy. It respects human rights, including those of its ethnic minorities (Israeli Arabs have more rights than those in Arab states) and its religious minorities (there are Muslim and Christian representatives in the Knesset). Hamas, on the other hand, is a murderous gang of jihadist thugs. Doubt that? Read the "Hamas Covenant:" http://avalon.law.yale.edu/20th_century/hamas.asp.

Officially recognized as a terrorist organization by the United States and several European nations, Hamas is anti-democratic, anti-woman, anti-gay, anti-everything that progressives claim to support. So why the excuse-making for Hamas and the frothing-at-the-mouth criticism of Israel?

Some of it is old-fashioned anti-Semitism, a left-wing staple these days. But most is misguided blame based on "disproportionate casualties," a militarized version of another progressive mantra, "fair share." Progressives love to whine that various groups or individuals don't pay or do their fair share, whatever that means. In this case, conflating it with "disproportionate casualties" means that Israel's self-defense effort is illegitimate because Israel has caused more civilian casualties to Palestinians than vice-versa. And that's not "fair."

By that logic, America's effort during WWII was illegitimate because we caused more civilian casualties to Germans and Japanese than they did to us.

Israel's critics ignore – some even deny - the fact that Hamas uses hospitals, schools, and mosques as weapons depots and rocket firing positions thereby deliberately turning Palestinians into targets so as to gain sympathy from the much-publicized photos of the dead and wounded for whom it, not Israel, is responsible. As Benjamin Netanyahu correctly noted, "We're using missile defense to protect our civilians and they're using their civilians to protect their missiles."

For years, Israel has been subject to attack by terrorists operating from Gaza, yet has continued to allow humanitarian aid into Gaza during that entire time. Hamas has confiscated much of that aid and used it to support its military build-up, including its tunnel network which was built partly with forced Palestinian child labor (Hamas itself admits that at least 160 Palestinian children were killed during the construction of the tunnels). Israel finally was obliged to fight back and progressives object on the absurd pretense of "disproportionate casualties." They should be ashamed.

This conflict between civilization and barbarism will stop the moment the terrorists decide to stop it. But they won't because the true "underlying cause" (yet another silly progressive mantra) is the jihadist Muslim commitment to the destruction of Israel. Remember "the three no's."

America should stand squarely and resolutely with Israel.

Hypocrisy

Tom Pratt

On August 1, NPR's Morning Edition broadcast a story by reporter Dina Temple-Raston that vindicates the government's assertion that the leaks by Edward Snowden damaged national security.

According to Glen Greenwald that particular story on Morning Edition was about a tech firm, Recorded Future, that worked with supposed cyber expert, Mario Vuksan to produce a new report that supported the government's assertion that leaks by Edward Snowden severely damaged national security by allowing terrorists to develop countermeasures of communication because of the tip off by the Snowden leaks.

What Temple-Raston failed to inform her listeners is that Recorded Future is funded by the CIA and U.S. intelligence community with millions of dollars. It also filed forms to become a vendor for the NSA. And, further, the investment arm of the CIA and other intelligence agencies (including the NSA) have seats on the board of Recorded Future.

There is nothing wrong with reporting on the report but there is something seriously wrong with not disclosing the above facts so listeners can decide if a company with those kinds of ties to the organizations it is attempting to use as proof of an event is credible.

It is also extremely naive to think that terrorists have not always been bent on finding secure communications and have used all tools available to them to keep their movements and plans as secret as possible, there is plenty of proof of that in the years before the Snowden leaks.

The revelations by Edward Snowden have mainly embarrassed the administration and started a debate (that never would have begun without him) about the overreaching of the NSA and CIA.

The public should have a chance to decide whether or not they want their government to operate in secret and Edward Snowden has provided them with that opportunity.

Here's nother example of corporate media deciding to mainly show one side of the recent invasion of Gaza by Israel:

One rarely sees Noam Chomsky interviewed on corporate or government supported media. On a recent Democracy Now program, Professor Chomsky asserts (with plenty of first-hand experience) that at lease two of the reasons for the recent invasion of Gaza are that Netanyahu was incensed when Hamas and Fatah joined forces thereby offering an even bigger threat to Israel, and that a goal of Israel and the U.S has always been to keep the West Bank and Gaza from uniting, which is a contravention of the Oslo agreement.

Professor Chomsky also contends that Israeli officials have used scientific data to only allow so many food calories to enter the Gaza Strip in order to keep the Palestinians from thriving. They use the blockade for this purpose. They do allow enough food to pass through to keep the population from starving, because starving would bring condemnation from the entire world.

These are but a few reasons that listening to and watching only networks whose reporting is influenced by corporate money and government watchdogs limits your ability to learn the truth.

If you want absolute straight talk news, listen to Free Speech T.V. and particularly Democracy Now with Amy Goodman. This is not intended as simply a plug for Amy but to point out that even a normally trusted media organization such as NPR is not above being influenced by outside forces.

I will keep listening to unbiased sources and report as much truth as I can to counter corporate owned outlets and I hope you do the same.

The 2014 Chesapeake Watershed Agreement

Waterworld

Richard A. Engberg

The Chesapeake Bay Watershed includes the largest and most important estuary in the United States, but the watershed is much more than the bay itself. I'd venture a guess that many of us living in northern Virginia don't realize that we live in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed.

Sure, we live in the Potomac River Basin, but guess what? The Potomac River is one of the many major streams that comprise the Chesapeake Bay Watershed. What body of water does the Potomac River drain to, the Atlantic Ocean? Wrong. It's actually Chesapeake Bay.

The watershed is large, 64,000 square miles. Parts of six states from New York south to Virginia and all of the District of Columbia comprise the watershed. More than 17 million people live in the watershed including the greater Washington-Baltimore area. Major river basins beside the Potomac in the watershed are the Susquehanna and the James River basins.

Chesapeake Bay is the crown jewel of the watershed.

More than 3,000 species of plant and animal life are supported by the Bay.

Because much of the land surrounding the bay is agricultural, the plant and animal life in the bay are continually threatened by pesticides and by nitrogen and phosphorus fertilizers that are flushed into the bay primarily by storm water runoff.

The Chesapeake Bay Program partnership was formed in 1983 by Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia and the District of Columbia and others, including the Environmental Protection Agency.

The partnership recognized the extent of the pollutants entering the bay and began to look for ways to stem the deterioration of the bay and where practicable, work at restoration.

Significant success has been achieved but there still is a long way to go.

To this end, the new Chesapeake Watershed Agreement signed in 2014 brought Delaware, New York and West Virginia into full partnership thus broadening the partnership to include the full watershed.

The new agreement includes 10 goals aimed at restoration and protection of the watershed:

Sustainable Fisheries –sustain all fisheries to provide a balanced ecosystem

Vital Habitats – restore/enhance land and water habitats to support fish and wildlife and other public benefits such as recreation and scenic value

Water Quality – reduce pollutants to achieve better water quality

Toxic Contaminants – ensure that the bay and rivers are free of toxics that impact resources and human health

Healthy Watersheds – maintain state-identified healthy watersheds

Stewardship – increase the number and diversity of local citizen stewards to support conservation and restoration

Land Conservation – conserve landscapes to maintain habitat, forests, farms and maritime communities and conserve lands of cultural and indigenous value

Public Access - expand public access to the Bay and tributaries through parks, refuges, trails, etc.

Environmental Literacy - educate students with skills to protect and restore local watersheds

Climate Resiliency – increase the resiliency of the watershed to withstand adverse impacts from changing environmental and climate conditions

The program partners are aware that Rome wasn't built in a day and that continued future progress must be made in a strategic manner with a focus on efforts that will achieve cost-effective results.

In my opinion, this partnership is trying to do the right thing for the bay and watershed and deserves the support of all of us living in the watershed. Look at the goals, particularly environmental literacy and stewardship.

Each of us in a small way can contribute to this effort.

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Signal Mountain
The Plains, Virginia • $1,795,000

160 acres terracing the Bull Run Mtns. • Stone walls through property • Views across the entire region • Stone & cedar carriage house with 3 bay garage and top of the line finishes • 1/2 acre pond • Gated entrance • Complete privacy • Rare find- great escape

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Page Brook
Boyce, Virginia • $1,325,000

Classic 1880's Virginia farmhouse • Lovely setting • Private 1st floor master suite • 2 bedrooms on 2nd floor • 2 additional rental houses • Large stable & storage building • Fencing for horses & cattle • Property is protected by VOF conservation easement • Tear down the small cottage & build a new main house • Lots of options with 110 acres

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Horse & Garden
Middleburg, Virginia • $995,000

Completely renovated country cottage with lovely kitchen & baths • French doors open to very extensive gardens, patios, porches & stone walks • 8 acres • 6 stall barn with wash stall • 2 stall run-in shed • 5 paddocks, riding ring & tremendous ride out • Studio/office • Efficient turn key property very close to town • A great find

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Washington Street
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Classic Virginia colonial • Circa 1926 • Stone and frame construction • 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths • Hardwood floors • High ceilings • Screened side porch on .65 acre in town • 2-car garage with apartment • Beautiful gardens and rear terrace

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4+/- acre small private farm • Easy access Route 66 • Three bedroom home in very nice condition • Great porches, hardwood floors, 2 fireplaces, new kitchen & updated bathrooms • Lots of storage in unfinished basement with many uses • Property is fenced for horses with run in shed, machine shed, 2 stall barn, electric & water to all outbuildings • Generator

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Western Cottage
Middleburg, Virginia • $499,000

Just west of Middleburg • Shows like a new home but built like an old house • 3 to 4 bedrooms • Updated kitchen • 3 full baths • Open living room w/ wood burning fireplace • Hickory floors • Lower level is fully finished w/ a family room & full bath

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Hunt Court
Middleburg, Virginia • $390,500

Beautiful brick end unit townhouse • 4 bright levels • Hardwood floors • Gourmet kitchen with stainless steel appliances, granite, center island • Recessed lighting throughout • Finished lower level with bedroom and full bath • Gas fireplace • Master suite with luxury bath, dual sinks & shower • Great in town living, close to shops, galleries & wineries

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