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FREE PARKING

MIDDLEBURG TOWN

COUNCIL REPORT

DAN MORROW

Punkin Lee, President of the Middleburg Business & Professional Association appeared before Town Council at its regular monthly meeting on May 12 to plead for free parking and present mock-ups for signs announcing the policy she and Middleburg's business community were asking Council to approve.

The negative effects of the construction projects that touch the entire length of Middleburg's central business district have, by all accounts, have touched every business in town and for some, have resulted in devastating effects on shopping.

The MBPA insisted that doing away with fees and parking tickets linked to the few spaces that remain available to shoppers would help.

Lee brought with her mock-ups signs announcing and promoting free parking developed by Middleburg Eccentric Editor DeeDee Hubbard, and now in place at both the east and west entrances to town on Route 50.

The signs feature a Jack Russell Terrier in work clothes sporting the Middleburg Fox logo on his hard hat. Lee suggested the design could also be used on shopping bags, bumper stickers, t-shirts and other ways.

When Council member Kathy Jo Shea questioned whether the MBPA was asking for free parking throughout the town, Lee confirmed she was.

Council Member Bundles Murdock observed that she thought free parking was "a good idea," but noted a long-standing concern "how some merchants would park in front of their stores for the entire day."

Vice Mayor Darlene Kirk agreed, noting that she, too, had reservations about offering free parking as the business owners have abused this in the past.

Mayor Betsy Davis pointed out that the issues raised by Kirk and Murdock were why "... Council agreed to only offer free parking in the public parking lots." She too worried that "... if the Town offered free parking that the parking spaces that were available would have people parked there all day and would not turn over."

Lee noted that people currently parked in the spaces all day even with the meters.

Council member Shea observed that "everyone needed to park somewhere and advised that there were not enough spaces when entire blocks were marked off. She then suggested that "parking limits be enforced AFTER the construction ended."

When Council member Mark Snyder asked how long VDOT would be "working on the roads and closing sections of the town," Town Administrator Martha Semmes replied that the "estimated completion date was the end of October."

If the work is not finished by the time specified in the contract, Semmes observed that substantial "liquidated damages were imposed on the contractor."

Weather permitting, she continued, the first phase of construction would be done on or about the week of May 19-24, at which time. The Plains Road and Pickering Street could be

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LO9651330 \$389,000

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NEWS OF NOTE

WILLIAM MONTAGUE ("BILL") BACKER



William Montague ("Bill") Backer, of The Plains, passed away on March 13 after a brief illness. Born on June 9, 1926, he was a few weeks shy of 90 at the time of his demise. He is survived by his wife of 33 years, Ann (née Mudge) Backer.

Sharp and intuitive, Mr. Backer had a Midas touch when it came to writing snappy jingles and catch phrases. An accomplished pianist, he became known for his ad copy being set to music, which popular singers and groups would then record. No doubt, his perceptive observations of humans being themselves contributed greatly to his success in the advertising world.

Even if you don't recognize Mr. Backer by name, it's a sure bet that you know what's considered to be his most famous commercial, a catchy tune immortalized by an international group of young singers: "I'd like to teach the world to sing in perfect harmony... I'd like to buy the world a coke and keep it company. It's the real thing. What the world wants today."

Born in New York City, he grew up in Charleston, S.C., and graduated from Episcopal High School in Alexandria, VA. After serving two years in the Navy, he completed his Bachelor's degree at Yale University in 1950. Three years later, he started in the mailroom at McCann Erickson, in New York City, where he

ascended the corporate ladder to the creative directorship and, six years later in 1978, was named the agency's vice chairman. It was during those years that Mr. Backer became a legend among ad men, coining the phrase, "Things go better with Coke" and teaching the world to sing, as well as employing his magic on Miller, Lowenrau, Beechnut and Campbell's Soup, to name a few.

Success was all well and good, but it wasn't everything. He was inducted into the American Advertising Federation's Hall of Fame in 1995 and "Ad Age" magazine honored Mr. Backer in 1999 as one of the top 100 players in advertising history. Yet, according to his Hall of Fame bio, Mr. Backer "became disenchanted with being the vice-chairman and creative director of a big agency. He felt his duties were taking him too far away from what he entered the business to do... i.e., create, help shape, and promote advertising."

Mr. Backer exited McCann Erickson and, after crossing paths with another "escapee" from the same agency, they created Backer and Spielvogel in June 1979. Within two years, they rocketed from nowhere to

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BETTY OWEN HATRICK

Betty Owen Hatrick of Leesburg, Virginia, entered the Resurrection Life on Thursday, May 19, 2016.

Born Wednesday, May 12, 1943 in Danville, Virginia, Betty was the daughter of the late Willie Smith Owen and the late Ruth Armethia Cox Owen. She was a graduate of Spring Garden High School and Radford College where she majored in English and French. She came to Loudoun County High School in 1965 to teach both subjects. There she met and married fellow English teacher Edgar B. Hatrick, III. Betty went on to be a charter faculty member at Broad Run High School before leaving the classroom in 1969 to begin her family with her husband. As a young mother she helped to found the St. James' Episcopal Church pre-school, which flourishes to this day. For many years she organized the coffee and fellowship hour. She saw that time as a ministry of the church in welcoming visitors and newcomers and encouraging members and visitors to share events of their lives and support one another. She served for a number of years on the Board of the Douglass Community Center.



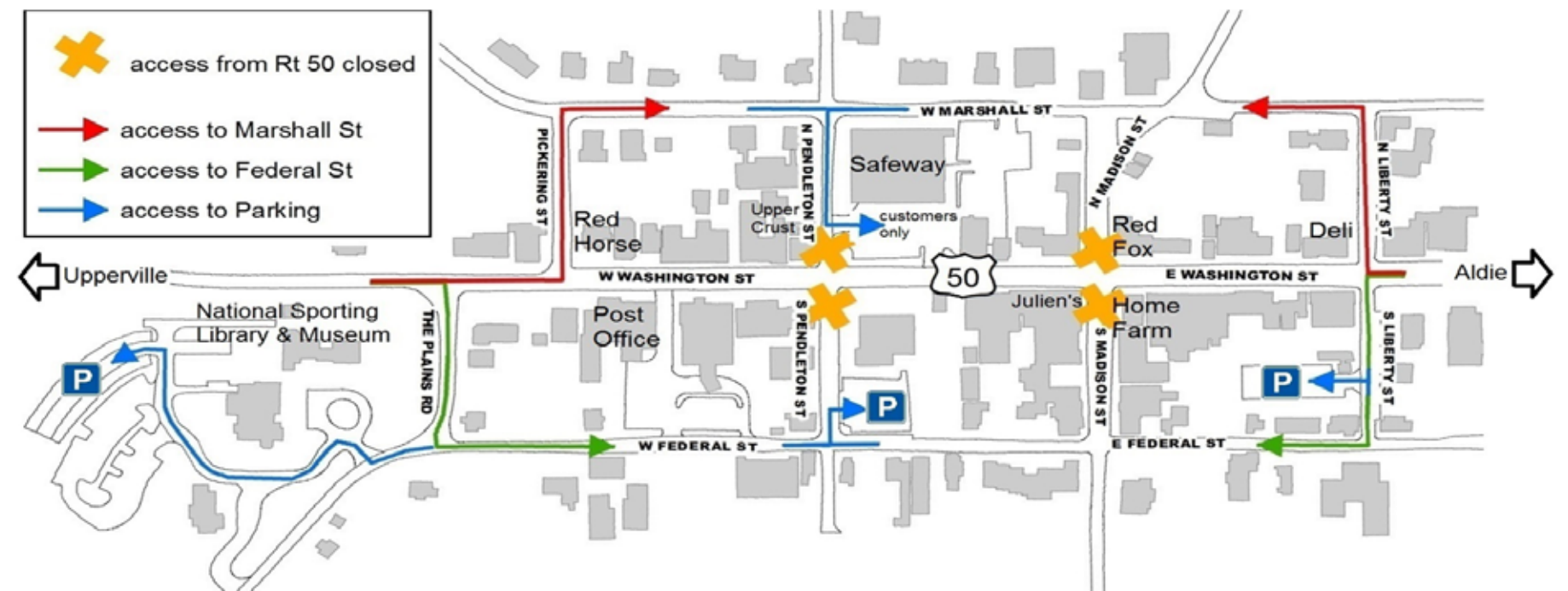
She also helped with many St. James' Rummage Sales as well as the annual Loudoun Hospital Rummage Sale.

Betty was a devoted mother, grandmother, sister, and homemaker. She was an avid gardener, extensive reader, and supporter of the performing arts. She treasured time with her friends and their families. Her life was guided by her Christian faith. Throughout her marriage she joined her husband in numerous professional activities at the local, state, and national levels. Wherever she traveled she was always seen as a model of

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Getting Around Middleburg

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NEWS OF NOTE

SEN. VOGEL PRESENTED VIRGINIA GOLD CUP MEDAL

The Virginia Gold Cup Association honored Senator Jill Holtzman Vogel, of Upperville, at the Virginia Gold Cup Races, May 7, for her leadership and relentless efforts, following the closing of Colonial Downs, to bring about legislation that would help protect and promote the Commonwealth's horse breeding and horse racing industries. VGC Race Chairman Dr. Will Allison presented the Virginia Gold Cup Medal of Honor to Sen. Vogel following the awards presentation of the 91st running of the Gold Cup. A full-page "Thank You" ran in the program, acknowledging Sen. Vogel's hard work and the subsequent formation of the Virginia Equine Alliance, which united Virginia Harness Horse Association, Virginia Thoroughbred Association, and the Virginia Gold Cup Association. VEA now shoulders the responsibility to sustain, promote and expand Virginia's horse breeding and horse racing industries.

"I'm incredibly honored," said Vogel. "The equine industry is not just important to my district, but to the entire Commonwealth. It has a rich history in Virginia and was a significant part of the economy until recent years when the industry went into



decline. My goal has been to promote policies and introduce legislation that will help sustain that industry in Virginia. Agriculture is still the

biggest sector of Virginia's economy and the horse industry should be a thriving part of that economy. I care a lot about what the future of Vir-

ginia looks like and am proud to be a part of good decisions for that future."

For information about Virginia Equine Alliance: www.virginiahorseracing.com

For information about Sen. Vogel and her run for Lieutenant Governor in 2017: <http://www.senatorjillvogel.com>

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ler reviews on TripAdvisor, and is extended to qualifying businesses worldwide. Establishments awarded the Certificate of Excellence are located all over the world and represent the upper echelon of businesses listed on the website.

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etary algorithm to determine the honorees that takes into account review ratings. Businesses must maintain an overall TripAdvisor bubble rating of at least four out of five, volume and current reviews. Additional criteria include a business' tenure and popularity ranking on the site.



JULIA SAVAGE AND SUSAN PIERCE RECOGNIZED AS 2016 SUPER LAWYERS

A V-rated Walker Jones, PC partners Julia Savage and Susan Pierce recently received the Super Lawyers 2016 Award. Savage focuses on divorce, child

custody, property division, and wills and trusts. Pierce's practice areas include personal injury, wrongful death, medical and nursing home negligence, and general litigation.

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Initially, Mary's love of horses drew her to the area, but she instantly fell in love with the Blue Ridge Mountains and the rolling countryside in the Piedmont. Not only did she enjoy galloping along the hills and valleys after the Piedmont Hunt, but she also enjoyed the history, quaint towns, and spending long days on the Potomac and Shenandoah Rivers. This area has so much to offer those who enjoy spending time outdoors in nature riding horses, boating on the rivers, hiking on the AT or biking on the C&O canal. After a very successful and rewarding career making and training foxhunters, Mary focused on her career as a real estate agent. She employs many of the traits that made her successful training horses to her real estate career, such as being trustworthy, honest, reliable and

detail-oriented. Mary will make the purchase or sale of your home worry and stress free by managing the transaction from start to finish. Most important to Mary is that you find a home that matches your lifestyle. A healthy and happy lifestyle is more than eating healthy, it is about finding balance in your home and work life; it is about finding a home that complements your personality; it is about living in an area makes it easy for you to pursue interests that are most dear to you when you are not working. As a Certified Health Coach, Mary believes that people's well being and health are closely related. Mary's great knowledge of the local area will be instrumental in helping you find that balance, whether your love is riding horses, or putting a boat in the river.



Champions of the



Cherry Blossom Breast Cancer Foundation

Northern Virginia women are fortunate again this year because of these four Champions who significantly contributed in 2015 to our mission of Detection, Treatment, Education, and Elimination of breast cancer.



Middleburg's Foxcroft School



Catlett's H.M. Pearson Elementary School



Steven M. Lewis



Dr. Sage Bolte, Inova's Life With Cancer

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NEWS OF NOTE

FOUR NAMED CHERRY BLOSSOM CHAMPIONS



STEVEN M. LEWIS



DR. SAGE BOLTE, INOVA'S LIFE WITH CANCER

At its fifth annual Cherry Blossom Champion Awards May 19, a Fauquier County school, a Loudoun County school, and two individuals were honored for their inspirational efforts in 2015 in support of local women.

Middleburg's Cherry Blossom Breast Cancer Foundation, entering its eleventh year and granting almost \$750,000 to help local women fight breast cancer, conducts the Champion Award program to recognize individuals who, and organizations that, have significantly contributed the previous year to the Foundation's objectives of Detection, Treatment, Education, and Elimination of breast cancer.

For 2015, Steven M. Lewis of Warrenton, Dr. Sage Bolte of Inova Health System's Life With Cancer program, Middleburg's Foxcroft School, and Catlett's H.M. Pearson Elementary School were selected.

Mr. Lewis, a retired Allergan sales executive, committed to donate \$500 for fifty half-marathon races he would run, one in each state. He also recruits his friends and family to join his donations, with him matching all donations over \$1000. He currently has run twenty races and has raised \$14,800 for Cherry Blossom. When completed, he will have raised at least \$30,000 for local women.

Dr. Sage Bolte, Director of Inova's Life With Cancer program in Fairfax, has a doctorate in social work and has established the program as a nationally recognized psychosocial support and education service for local breast cancer patients, whether served by Inova Health or not. In her remarks about Dr. Bolte, Cherry Blossom board member, Mary Jo Jackson, said "She has really made life better



FOXCRIFT SCHOOL

for women with breast cancer."

Foxcroft School, for girls in grades 9-12, was selected because of its increased commitment to the Foundation's mission with local women. Since its first selection as a Champion in 2011, the students and staff have hosted and supported the annual Middleburg Cherry Blossom Walk, Run, and Pooch Prance for Breast Cancer; committed the proceeds of the school's annual Think Pink Basketball Tournament to Cherry Blossom; integrated breast care self-

advocacy into its educational curriculum; accepted the Foundation's invitation to place two students and a faculty member on its Board of Directors; and promoted that Board participation to the National Coalition of Girls' Schools as model for other schools.

H.M. Pearson Elementary of Fauquier County Schools in Catlett, received its recognition because its leadership decided in September 2015 to raise funds to support local women and recognized Cherry Blossom as the



CATLETT H. M. PEARSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

best local non-profit beneficiary. Teacher, Louise Summers, and Principal, Wendy Wilcox, accepted the award as the crowd was told that students, faculty and staff organized as "Pearson Pandas Paws for the Cause" then sold pink t-shirts and the right for teachers to wear jeans to school, and walked the school grounds during that October National Breast Cancer Month.

Cherry Blossom Breast Cancer Foundation, a 501(C)(3), was created in late 2006 to specifically assist local women and is a totally volunteer organization of fifteen board directors and an Advisory Board of more than thirty other volunteers. Its principal fundraisers are two simultaneous Cherry Blossom Walks, Fun Runs, and Pooch Prances for Breast Cancer, one in Ashburn and the other in Middleburg, this year on Sunday, Oct.16. Register at cherryblossombreastcancerfoundation.org. Donate there or at Box 1051, Middleburg, VA 20118.

For more info: James Atkins 703.447.2302 or jamesatkins100@gmail.com

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GALLERY ON MADISON FEATURES AWARD WINNING ARTIST

IN CONJUNCTION WITH MIDDLEBURG'S FOURTH ANNUAL ART IN THE BURG CELEBRATION GALLERY ON MADISON WILL FEATURE A SPECIAL EXHIBIT OF OIL PAINTINGS BY JEFF MORROW

Morrow is an accomplished portrait and sporting artist who has been featured on the cover of *The Artist's Magazine*, a national publication. His oil painting entitled "The Dandy" appeared on the July/August 2014 cover of the magazine and won First Place in the magazine's All Media Competition. Jeff was also awarded a Certificate of Excellence by The Portrait Society of America for his entry, "The Dandy" in the International Portrait Competition at their annual conference and Best of Show at the inaugural exhibition of the Greenacres Artist's Guild.

This is the first time the Ohio based artist will have his art exhibited in Virginia. In addition to his portraits of people, the exhibit and sale will include sporting scenes of dogs and horses in various settings. One painting shows his four legged friends frolicking by the lake and another painting captures early morning riders working out their horses. Gallery On Madison owner, Jim Allmon, said that "anyone interested in potentially having a portrait commission of themselves, a family member, beloved dog or horse will have the opportunity to discuss the process during the opening."

Jeff Morrow is a member of The Portrait Society of America, Oil Painters of America, The Academy of Equine Art, The MacDowell Society of Cincinnati and a signature member of the Cincinnati Art Club. Prio to becoming a full time portrait and sporting artist ten years ago, Morrow had a 28 year career as a commercial photographer and video producer. He attributes this experience as beneficial in creating his painting compositions.



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NEWS OF NOTE

MOSBY HERITAGE AREA CONTINUES PRESERVATION THROUGH EDUCATION COMMITMENT CREATING UNDERSTANDING, PRIDE AND STEWARDSHIP



VOLUNTEER JOR BECIK INTRODUCES STUDENTS TO THE ALDIE MILL DURING THE ALDIE TRIANGLE PROGRAM (COURTESY OF MHAA)

The Mosby Heritage Area Association (MHAA) is concluding another successful year of its 14-year-old outreach program to area schools. MHAA has worked with 3,637 students from Grades 4-11 in schools across Loudoun, Fauquier, and Clarke counties as of late May, and is projected to reach over 4,000 students in 33 schools by

the end of this school year. The 501(c)3 non-profit organization works for "preservation through education." MHAA's educational programs cover various aspects of the heritage area's prolific history, such as our 20th century Civil Rights landscape, slavery and the Underground Railroad, the American Civil War, and the heritage area's involvement

in the American Revolution. MHAA staff bring local history into the schools, using pictures, artifacts, and great historical stories to spark students' interests to make them advocates of the historic landscape. Additionally, every student receives a historical scavenger hunt relative to their county, which prompts students to take their friends and family out on the region's historic back

roads, where they can touch, feel, and sense the history that happened down the street from where they live.

Aside from these in-school history lessons, MHAA has partnered with NOVA Parks to bring over 400 students from Loudoun and Clarke counties to several historic sites in one day during our annual Aldie Triangle Program. Split between two days in

April, the staff and volunteers of MHAA and NOVA Parks brought history to life at Oak Hill, President James Monroe's Loudoun County farm, the historic Aldie Mill, and historic Mt. Zion Church outside of Aldie. One teacher participant spoke to the program's importance to his students. "All three stops on the triangle provide detailed, authentic information, but more than that, the people at each stop convey the human reality of the life and times of the Civil War era. This is an invaluable component, essential for our teaching."

Also in 2016, MHAA, NOVA Parks, and Oatlands Plantation are conducting several other versions of the Aldie Triangle program, replacing Oak Hill with Oatlands, Loudoun's largest plantation on the eve of the Civil War. Students from Woodgrove High School and Harmony Middle School will likewise be able to visit these three historic sites in one day while attending learning sessions on a variety of local history topics. MHAA feels strongly that historic sites make excellent classrooms. The visits will be part of a continuing learning experience that students will take beyond the trip. Woodgrove's tri-site trip is the beginning of a year-end project where students will conduct their own research on a particular piece of Loudoun's history and create a video about it that will be distributed to local historical sites and societies. Harmony Middle School's program will be the capstone to their study of the American Civil War.

MHAA's education programs all share a major goal: lighting the spark for students or adults by making them aware of the history around them. If they know what happened at the site they may drive past once a week, may work at, or even live in, they are more likely to be stewards of this fine historic landscape, keeping it as such for years to come. To learn more, visit the heritage area website, www.mosbyheritagearea.org and click "Pass It On."

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NEWS OF NOTE

DON'T MISS MIDDLEBURG'S "MAIN STREET MEETING" A GREAT WAY TO PARTNER AND BUILD SUCCESS

Sometimes, a conversation that makes everyone aware of coming plans can pave the way for the creative and confident activities that are so necessary to support Middleburg's excellent reputation as a delightful family and elite destination.

Being "in the know" about what's happening can also help avoid costly confusion and duplication of effort.

To ensure that all citizens are well aware of what is going on in the Village, the Town of Middleburg invites everyone to attend a monthly 'Main Street Meeting.' These meetings are designed to coordinate events and activities that support and increase business and tourism in the Village, and they take place at 8 a.m. on the fourth Wednesday of each month

in the Town Office.

These opportunities to share important information and collaborate on promotions, special programs, marketing activities and event logistics greatly increase awareness, efficiencies and partnership opportunities for everyone involved.

The 'Main Street Meetings' are also ideal moments to make suggestions about new activities and to find solutions to problems that require coordination of multiple parties.

Past meetings have produced tremendously valuable insights and have helped avoid logistical challenges that could have created nightmare scenarios without the networking of those in attendance.

For instance, not so long ago, when VDOT planned to re-

move the bridge and replace it on Foxcroft Road, the work had been scheduled to take place during Foxcroft's graduation. The Town quickly contacted VDOT and the work was immediately rescheduled, thereby avoiding a nasty snarl and many unhappy students and parents.

Another unhappy eventuality was avoided when an area historical association had organized an event that included Civil War cavalry riding down Route 50 through the Village at the same time State Police were scheduled to organize a "helicopter school" at Middleburg Elementary. Imagine the misery of visitors, horses and riders if the participants in the Main Street Meeting had not pointed out the need for a change in plans.

Thanks in advance for noting the next 'Main Street Meeting' at 8 a.m. Wednesday, June 22nd on your calendar. You will leave

very well informed about Village plans and will have an opportunity to offer your insight and suggestions.

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re-opened..

Council member Snyder encouraged Council "to consider eliminating the parking fees as parking was hard to find and the stores were suffering."

He then suggested parking be free at any meter for four hours, with enforcement provided by the Police Department "chalking" tires. In his view, four hours was plenty of time for someone to shop, and urged council to make the regulations "as flexible as possible."

Mayor Davis and the Council agreed.

Until further notice parking is now free in Middleburg for up to four hours in designated spaces.

Public Hearings

As required before passing legislation on certain topics, Council held three short "public hearings" on May 12 to gage public opinion on: 1. A new ordinance instituting changes in the Town's Utility Rates; 2. Middleburg's Real Estate Tax rates; and 3. The Town's Budget for Fiscal Year 2017.

No one spoke at any of them.

Immediately after the hearings Council:

1. Raised Middleburg's sewer rates by five percent (5%), and left its water rates unchanged. The average water and sewer customer, according to Council Member Mark Snyder, could thus expect "just over a two and a half percent (2.5%) increase in the overall bill."

2. Council ordered Town Staff to produce two draft budgets, one based on a Real Estate Tax Rate of seventeen cents per one hundred dollars of assessed value, and one based on sixteen and a half cents.

Council member Kathy Jo Shea requested that, with the draft budgets, the Town Administrator provide "a list of projects that she knew were needed" and would have to be paid for. She made clear she was "not saying the staff should come up with projects, only that it should identify the things that needed to be replaced."

Happy Water Customers

Council member Trowbridge Littleton reported that he had heard residents on east end of Middleburg, long suffering from low water pressure, "... did not know what to do with all the water they had as a result of the water line replacement project."

He had heard, he said, "many positive comments." One resident reportedly complained, jokingly, that "she now had so much

pressure that she needed to replace her washers."

Software Security

Middleburg's Town Treasurer, Ashley Bott, reported that she had been working with the Town's IT consultant on software security issues and that Council could soon expect a report outlining suggestions for improving same.

It was clear, she noted, the Town needs stronger passwords and that, in the view of her consultant, Middleburg's "data and server could be encrypted without issues."

Police Report

Police Lieutenant Mike Prince reported that Middleburg's Drug Takeback Day had been "very successful" and that the Town's "Go Green" committee had also "collected a lot of batteries that day."

Middleburg's Police Officers, he noted, have also "increased their patrols in the residential areas in order to try to tame the issues associated with the construction detour."

The number of summonses issued have increased dramatically, he said, describing the number of traffic and related violations as "unreal."

Much of the speeding, he thought, was "due to commuters who were trying to avoid the construction zone."

Interim Appointment to Town Council

Due to the resignation of Town Council Member Erik Scheps, Town Council must make an interim appointment to fill his seat until a special election can be held in November.

At Town Council's last April work session Mayor Betsy Davis raised the issue of "whether the Council was going to hold a closed session" to consider the matter.

According to Town Clerk Rhonda North's work session minutes Council, at that time, had "received two applications for the interim Town Council position, one of which was an individual known to the Council."

The person "known" to Council was later revealed to be former Council Member Kathy Jo Shea, who had declined to run for another term.

Shea noted that she would be willing to help "as long as the appointment did not last past November."

North then suggested that "if the Council wanted to bring the

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MIDDLEBURG CONCERT SERIES PERFORMS BROADWAY MEDLEY FOR CHARITY



Broadway comes to Middleburg for the summer concert of the Middleburg Concert Series, featuring soloists Abby Foy Middleton and Benjamin Curtis who will sing selected songs from Broadway musicals. The program

will also include performances by Middleburg Concert Series musicians in residence Dr. Alan Saucedo (cello) Cynthia Saucedo (violin) and Karen Chase (voice) as well as Daniel Miller (piano) and Miho Sato (voice). The concert will be June 5th at 4 PM at the

historic Middleburg United Methodist Church, and will benefit the Cherry Blossom Breast Cancer Foundation to help women fight breast cancer. The increasingly popular Middleburg Concert Series strives to give back to the community by presenting one concert each year to benefit a local charity.

Abby Foy Middleton and Benjamin Curtis are both graduates of the prestigious Eastman School of Music in Rochester, New York and have performed in numerous operas, operettas and traditional musicals. Ms. Middleton's roles include Liesl in The Sound of Music, Marian in The Music Man and Beth in Little Women The Musical. Her lovely soprano voice has been described as "wistful at times, buoyantly hopeful at others". Mr. Curtis' rich baritone once described as having "roughly masculine vulnerability" has been a delightful addition to such roles as Billy Bigelow in Carousel, Bemando in the Asheville Lyric Opera's production of West Side Story, and Marchese in La Traviata at the Berkshire Theater Festival.

The goal of the Middleburg Concert Series is to provide virtuoso performances to Middleburg residents and visitors in a small town setting.

The June 5th concert is open to the public and admission is free. Donations are requested and will be given to the Cherry Blossom



Breast Cancer Foundation. Following the performance there will be a reception with light refreshments graciously provided by the Middleburg Bank, to afford an opportunity for the audience to meet the artists. The Middleburg United

Methodist Church is located at the corner of Washington and Pendleton Streets. For further information please email middleburgconcertseries@gmail.com or telephone 540-303-7127.

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NEWS OF NOTE

PROTECTING ENDANGERED WILDLIFE



LAUREN R. GIANNINI

“The last rhino in the world may have been born today.”

- Damien Mander

On May 15, a group of concerned citizens gathered at a private home in The Plains for a presentation about wildlife crime, specifically the poaching of rhino and elephants in South Africa. They listened attentively to Damien Mander, who opened his talk with the chilling statement: “The last rhino in the world may have been born today.”

Mander’s the founder of the International Anti-Poaching Federation, a 501c3 not-for-profit organization that equips and trains “boots on the ground” in Zimbabwe and Mozambique. He’s in the U.S. to raise awareness and funds so that IAPF can continue its mission.

A former Australian Navy clearance diver and Special Operations sniper, Mander completed 12 tours of duty in Iraq. While traveling in Africa, he

witnessed firsthand the illegal slaughter of wildlife and knew what his next mission would be. He gained valuable knowledge working as an anti-poaching volunteer in Zambezi National Park, Zimbabwe, wrote training courses, and decided to liquidate his Australian assets to start IAPF in 2009.

IAPF’s mission is wildlife conservation through direct action: training locals as anti-poaching rangers, conducting anti-poaching operations, putting technology to use in the bush to thwart poachers, and more. But it takes a lot of money to equip and pay rangers, let alone finance heavy-duty vehicles and surveillance tools such as helicopters and UAVs (drones) with thermal and night vision technology. Mander couldn’t do everything and run IAPF, to boot.

Enter Jason Paterniti, whose own non-profit helps fund conservation projects. In March, he also stepped up as pro bono chief executive officer of the IAPF. This frees Mander for talks and fund-raising when he isn’t in the bush.

“Our strategy is to deny poachers freedom of movement and access into the parks and conservancies,” said Paterniti. “Our goal is to reduce the rate of poaching so that it’s below the net population growth rate. We’re starting to see positive results in this war. For the first time since 2008-09, Kruger National Park is reporting a 23% reduction in poaching so far this year. If we can stay ahead of that curve, we can ensure there’s enough rhino around in 10 years time.”

Big ifs, but canine patrols, helicopters, and predictive analytics programs originally designed to help the U.S. military protect our servicemen in Iraq are helping to safeguard the wildlife. Arrests are being made and long term prison sentences handed out, but funds are vitally needed to keep the momentum going. When rangers are trained and paid regularly – imagine the economy where \$300 to 400 per annum is a living wage! — local people are less likely to be bought by poachers to report on where to find wildlife.

One very important IAPF project, in agreement with the Mozambique government, involves the Greater Lebombo Conservancy. GLC is the most critical area for rhino conservation as it provides poachers from Mozambique access to Kruger National Park (South Africa), home to the largest concentration of rhino in the world. Mozambique not only borders Zimbabwe and South Africa, it has 1,550-plus miles of coastline on the Indian Ocean – a smuggler’s paradise.

of Africa’s wildlife, you should be. In fact, you should be really angry. The wanton slaughter of these animals to use their horns for medicine and their ivory tusks for trinkets is fueled by greed and ego. It’s funding terrorism while destroying animals in the most senselessly wanton and cruel ways possible.

Jane Goodall, Dame of the British Empire, gets the final say: “In 200 years, people will look back on this particular period and say to themselves: how did those people destroy their only home? How did those people just allow all these amazing creatures to vanish? But it would be very little use in me or anybody else exerting all this energy to save the wild places if people are not being educated to be better stewards than we’ve been.”

Please visit IAPF.org to learn how you can be part of the solution.

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individual who was not known to them in for an interview during the [May]work session, this could be arranged.”

Mayor Davis then suggested that “prior to the start of the May work session, the Council come early so they could meet and talk with the applicant,” noting that “during the meeting, the Council could have a closed session for more discussion.”

Council Member Mark Snyder urged that the discussions, instead, be held in a session open to the public and press. “All the others disagreed,” he told the Eccentric, “saying they want a closed session so they are able to discuss frankly without embarrassing the “candidates.”

In Snyder’s view, a closed session was “... not necessary when discussing a POLITICAL appointment (unlike volunteer positions on a committee).”

Virginia Law does not require such discussions be closed, but permits it.

Both Mayor Betsy Davis and Town Administrator Semmes made the case for a closed session by asserting the appointment’s similarity to day to day personnel decisions and, thus, all the reasons day to day personnel decisions are discussed in private.

Snyder agreed that Middleburg’s traditional sense of “courtesy” and an unbroken record of discussing “personnel” matters in private came into play.

Town Council, in any case, agreed to hold a session closed to the public and press in May to discuss candidates and vote on the interim appointment.

At press time Council had not made public the name of the “individual unknown to the Council” and a “closed session,” labeled “Personnel/Appointment to Town Council,” has been scheduled for Thursday, May 26, between 5:30 and 6:00 PM.

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NEWS OF NOTE

WILLIAM MONTAGUE (“BILL”) BACKER
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29th biggest of the nation’s ad agencies, thanks to billings of more than \$200-million. Seven years later, their billings had more than doubled when Saatchi and Saatchi bought the agency. Mr. Backer did more than come up with catchy jingles and slogans. While easing into retirement, he wrote “The Care and Feeding of Ideas,” which was published in 1994. In it, he takes

readers behind the scenes and uses his real-life success stories and now-legendary advertising campaigns to expound on his theories of how to cultivate and pitch an idea. Among the “Backer’s Laws” is this gem: The best ideas are the most dangerous to your career. Unfortunately, the opus is out of print, but secondhand copies are available and worth the price as they’re

now collector’s items, but also cost, because the information comes from the horse’s mouth of a very successful idea man. In contrast to the highly competitive world of advertising, Mr. Backer enjoyed spending time with his wife Ann at their farm in Virginia. He raised cattle, hay and bred Thoroughbreds. An avid supporter of Orange County Hounds, his involvement with

fox hunting dates back more than 45 years. He enjoyed many seasons riding to hounds and continued riding for pleasure into his late 70s. Mr. Backer was actively involved in racing and steeplechasing, and his homebreds ran on the flat and over fences. To name a few: Applause (by Shecky Greene out of Swan Song, by Ribot),

won seven stakes in the early 1980s. Blind Date, a great-great-granddaughter of Native Dancer, earned her keep as the winner of six stakes races, including the 2009 (Gr.3) Virginia Oaks and the 2010 Maryland Million Distaff Handicap. In April and May, Sweet Victory and Rose Brier, both bred by Mr. Backer, won stakes at a mile or longer for other owners.

Mr. Backer gave generously of his time and support to his many interests. In 2004, Mr. Backer was elected as a member of the Jockey Club. He served on the board of directors for the Grayson-Jockey Club Research Foundation. Mr. Backer was an avid conservationist, who championed saving open space and led by example by placing land under conservation easement.

According to the obituary posted by the Moser Funeral Home in Warrenton, Mr. Backer advised Piedmont Environmental Council to “attack the location, but not the beloved Disney brand” in the early 1990s. The opposition to the theme park prevailed. Since 2004 and until the time of his demise, Mr. Backer served as president of the board of the Piedmont Foundation, the non-profit established to manage funds in support of the PEC.

Mr. Backer’s friends and acquaintances describe him as being very smart, extremely kind, strong-minded, and sharp. He maintained a low profile in the community and did good things for the people and the land without broadcasting his deeds. Bill Backer was a great guy.

A memorial service and celebration of Mr. Backer’s life is planned in the near future. Date and Location TBA. In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory can be made to the Piedmont Environmental Council in Warrenton.

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Middleburg Bank’s Marshall, Leesburg and Ashburn Financial Service Centers will host a free Community Shred Day on Saturday, May 21st from 9 am to 12 pm. At Middleburg Bank’s Community Shred Day, area residents may bring documents paper files and have them professionally shredded at no cost. There is no limit to the amount of material that an individual may bring to the event.

Middleburg Bank’s Community Shred Day is a great way for area residents and businesses to safely and professionally dispose of confidential documents and reduce the possibility of becoming a victim of identity theft. The Shred Day locations are 8331 West Main Street, Marshall, VA.; 106 Catoctin Circle, Leesburg, VA. and; 43325 Junction Plaza, Ashburn, VA. Together we can outsmart identity thieves.

BETTY OWEN HATRICK
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southern womanhood. She leaves her beloved family to cherish her memory including her husband of 48 years, Edgar B. Hatrick, III, of Leesburg, VA; daughter, Elizabeth Hatrick Scheib and husband Gregory P. Scheib of Leesburg, VA; son Edgar B. Hatrick, IV, and wife Kristi G. Hatrick of Brunswick, ME; and son William Owen Hatrick of Sacramento, CA. She also leaves three granddaughters, Lillian Elizabeth and Evelina Virginia Hatrick, and Grace Elizabeth Scheib. She is also survived by two brothers, Thomas B. Owen and his family, and Gene F. Owen, of Pittsylvania County, VA, as well as numerous cousins and extended family members. The family will receive friends for visitation from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM on Friday, June 3, 2016, at Loudoun Funeral Chapel, 158 Catoctin Circle, SE, Leesburg, Virginia 20175. A Memorial and Celebration of Betty’s life will begin at

10:00 AM on Saturday, June 4, 2016, at St. James’ Episcopal Church located at 14 Cornwall Street, Leesburg, Virginia 20176 with the Rev. Mark R. Feather officiating. A reception at the church will immediately follow the service. Interment will be held at 1:30 PM in Union Cemetery, Leesburg, VA. Memorial contributions may be made in Betty’s memory to St. James’ Episcopal Church, 14 Cornwall Street, NW, Leesburg, VA 20176 or online at stjamesleesburg.org/pages/giving; the Loudoun Education Foundation, 21000 Education Court, Ashburn, VA 20148 or online at lef-va.com/donate.html; the George C. Marshall International Center, 312 East Market Street, Suite C, Leesburg, VA 20176 or online at georgemarshall.org/donate. Online condolences may be made to the family at www.loudounfuneralchapel.com

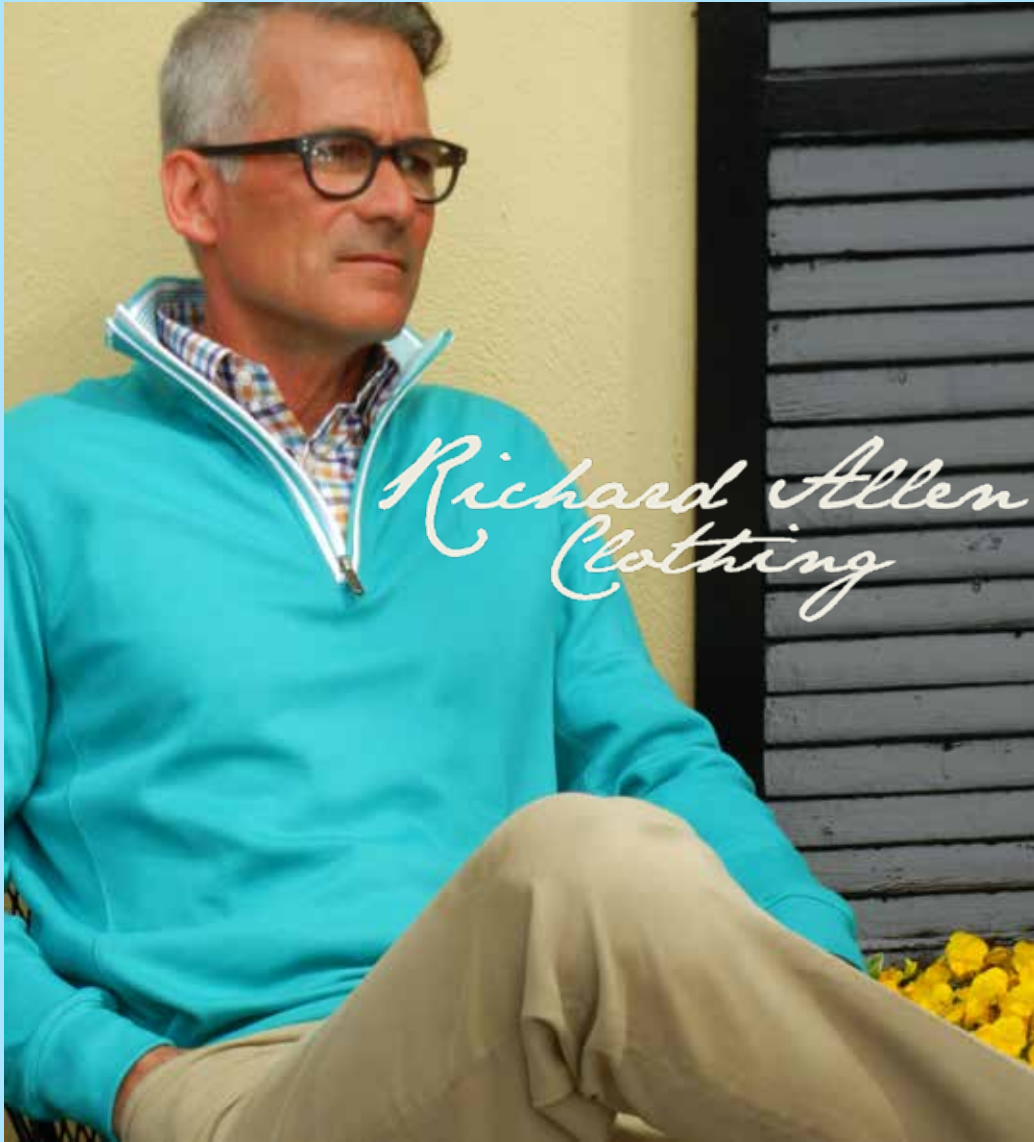


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Linda Sandridge, our SVP in the lending department, has lived in the village for years. “I remember at our predecessor bank, Southern Financial, we were instrumental in some of the early growth of small business and home lending in our community. We helped build some of the beautiful homes and businesses in the area that we still see today. At Sonabank, we work the same way. We lend money to small and medium sized businesses to help the local economy grow and prosper!” You’ll see Linda walking her Bichons around town, and if she doesn’t remember your name, she remembers the name of your dog!



Natalie Lacaze, Sonabank’s branch manager in Middleburg, also grew up in the area. “I grew up helping my dad (Jean Michel Lacaze) at Frogs and Friends restaurant across from the Livestock Exchange. He runs Julien’s Café in Middleburg now, and we always get our lunches from there!” Natalie’s daughters attend the Middleburg Montessori School, and she is very active in the local community.



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Twilight Jumpers returns to the arena for its 6th season with opening night on Friday, May 27, at Great Meadow, The Plains. The four-show invitational series features the traditional two-class format limited to 20 entries each in the \$500 Children's/Adult Amateur Classic and \$5000 Mini Prix.

Based on Twilight Polo, it's an exciting evening of show jumping action, followed by dancing under the stars.

Riders in the Children's/Adult Amateur Classic tackle a course at 1.05meter while Mini Prix jumps are set at 1.30meter. The goal is a clear round

– no jumping or time penalties – to qualify for the jump-off over an abbreviated course with a shorter "time allowed."

Twilight Jumpers showcases up-and-coming riders and horses in both classes. It's also a great opportunity to watch seasoned veterans, professional and amateur, from the Grand Prix circuit competing in the Mini Prix.

Twilight Jumpers serves as the primary fundraiser for the High Performance Equestrian Foundation, a 501c3 non-profit, founded in 2009 by Alden Denegre. It continues today with administration handled by Alden and her professional rider-trainer husband, Gavin Moylan. Several years ago, they handed the reins of the

Friday shows to Liz Billings so that they could focus on building their hunter, equitation horse and jumper sales, Gavin Moylan Stables.

The Friday night series continues through the summer months with Twilight Jumpers on June 24, July 29, and August 12. Great Meadow's Gate 2 opens at 6:30 p.m. The first class begins at 7 and the Mini Prix starts about 8:30, followed by the dance party with a DJ. General admission is \$40 per carload; \$10 for one person.

For information and to reserve railside boxes, tailgate spots, and the larger entertainment decks, please visit: equestrianfoundation.org or call: 540-454-6673



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ries, there is still hope to improve your riding abilities and your quality of life!

As a native of Lexington, Kentucky I am well versed in riding injuries as I had the opportunity to work with a slew of riders with various injuries at my first job out of physical therapy school. I am board certified in Sports Physical Therapy and have extensive experience providing medical coverage at sporting events to provide acute onset medical care for athletes. I am also completing fellowship training in Sports Physical Therapy for The Upper Extremity Athlete. This includes extensive training to treat simple, complex and post-surgical conditions of the neck and upper extremities. This way I can provide the best care possible for all of my patients with these particular conditions.

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LAUREN R. GIANNINI

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The GMI Nations Cup is a great outing for family, friends and/or work, whether you choose one, two or all three days. The action begins on Friday when the gates open at 1 p.m. – #FreeOnFriday! You'll be able to check out the cross-country course to pick your vantage points on Sunday. The Meadow Market will be open to the delight of all shopaholics and equestrian/country couture fashionistas.

At 3 p.m. on Friday, the official FEI first "jog" takes place at the "Polo Lane." Each horse must pass this nail-biting veterinary inspection that examines the horses' soundness. No matter how well prepared and fit for the event, the bottom line is for each horse to trot (jog) sound in front of a jury of equine veterinarians. Anything can happen. An exuberant fit horse might perform airs above the ground and strike its own leg or spook at something and step on itself. Any sign of unevenness in the 2-beat rhythm of the trot could result in being eliminated.

The Nations Cup Welcome Party & Opening takes place from 6-8 p.m., Friday. The party is open to all as part of #FreeOnFriday! with bar and food available for purchase. VIP ticket holders will be treated to gourmet hospitality in the VIP tent.

On Saturday, dressage tests begin at 7:40 a.m. and conclude at 3 p.m. The Meadow Market is open from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. The show jumping phase runs from 5 to 7 o'clock. A ticket is required for the VIP Dinner/Dance Party that runs from 6 to 11 p.m.

On Sunday, gates open at 7:30 and the Cross Country runs from 9:30 to 11:30. Please note: if you purchase a Cross Country Tailgate, you must be parked in your spot by 8:30 a.m. Make sure you plan for an early arrival and allow plenty

of time for traffic, because no amount of sweet talking will get you to your vantage point if you miss the cut-off time. The presentation of awards will take place at Fleming Arena at noon.

General Admission tickets are \$30/carload one day and \$50/carload both days. Remember, #FreeOnFriday! You might enjoy the Red Ribbon General Admission package for two at \$200, which includes one 2-day GA car pass and two individual VIP tickets for gourmet lunch on Saturday between the dressage and the show jumping. Ringside Rail Boxes are also going fast: \$250 for two 2-day GA car passes and reserved box on the rail for 6 guests on Saturday.

VIP Hospitality tickets are going fast. If you're interested in a VIP package or VIP individual tickets, now is the time. Cross Country Tailgate tickets are still available, but do it soon. Great Meadow is in the heart of a huge eventing community and they know all about cross country day. For more information, check out EventingNation.com – you might even get to pose for a selfie with a chinchilla.

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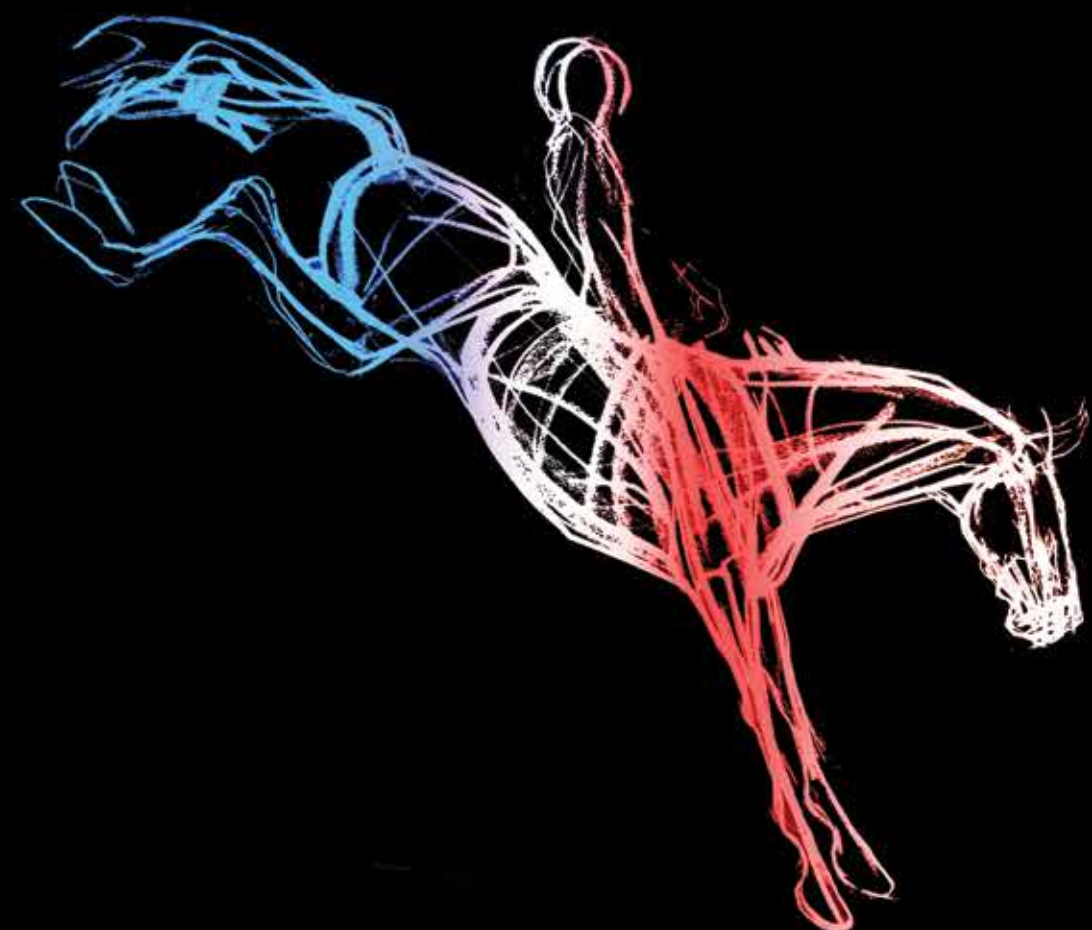


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Victoria Mars, Chairman of the Board of Mars, Inc. and a 1974 graduate, kicked off Foxcroft School's first Reunion Weekend Alumnae Career Program April 15th with an engaging keynote address that combined memories of being homesick and snowed in at the girls' boarding school with career advice that went beyond the tried and true.

"Find your passion," she said, echoing counsel often offered to students. Acknowledging that one's passion may not be immediately evident, she added, "Explore. Go places and do things that you have no idea about. And explore sideways, too, not just up. It's important to go out and try a number of things until you find your true passion. . . . You are going to work a long time so do something you enjoy."

Even in her one-company career, Mars did just that by exploring diverse aspects of the family business -- working in marketing, learning finance, managing products from boats to candy bars -- before eventually landing in an area she was passionate about, human resources. She went on to create and run Mars' noted Ombudsman program before becoming Chairman of the Board several years ago.

"Finally, there were no more voices about going back to school

or becoming a doctor," she said. "I realized that I had wanted to be a doctor because I wanted to help people. As Ombudsman, I was able to do that in a different way."

Showing compassion, being true to your ethics and values, doing whatever you do well and with passion, and always staying open to learning were the other key points Mars made.

"Take some risks, try new things," she urged, "It's not going to be easy. You will have to make choices and change routes. Sometimes you must step back and look at what you are doing."

Following Mars' talk, the 10 alumnae "panelists" who graduated between 5 and 37 years ago, introduced themselves and then split up into individual sessions with groups of 15-20 students. The women were an impressive group; representing fields ranging from nursing, marketing and event planning to biodefense analysis, environmental studies and investment banking.

Two back-to-back sessions offered the girls a chance to learn from two alumnae of their choice. Whether sharing tales of snorkeling in the Chesapeake Bay, as Maryland Department of Natural Resources biologist Brooke Landry '96 did, or talking about becoming a singing star on YouTube (Amanda Lee Bogart '11), these accomplished women engaged and educated the girls for the next hour. And, perhaps, the day helped to begin some girls' journeys to find their passions and embrace them.

MIDDLEBURG ACADEMY RECEIVES HARRY F. BYRD LEADERSHIP AWARD



We are pleased to announce that Bridget Rizzo '16 has been awarded the prestigious Harry F. Byrd Leadership Award and accompanying \$10,000 academic scholarship. Each year every public and private high school in the Commonwealth of Virginia can nominate one senior for the Bryd Leadership Award. Out of hundreds of nominees who apply for the award, thirty-three students are selected as finalists. These finalists travel to Richmond for a panel interview in front of judges, business leaders, attorneys, and Deans of Admission from UVA, the University of Richmond, the College of William & Mary, Virginia Tech, and Washington & Lee University. Out of the thirty-three finalists, one student from each of the eleven congressional districts in Virginia is selected for the award based on his or her "excellence of character, qualities of leadership, devotion to duty and academic accomplishment." Bridget is the first student from Middleburg Academy to receive this award. In addition, she has also been named an Echols Scholar at the University of Virginia.

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FOXCROFT'S SOFIA TATE AND LINDSAY WOODS TO ATTEND ELITE GOVERNOR'S SCHOOLS



SOFIA TATE



LINDSAY WOODS

Two Foxcroft School juniors -- Sofia Tate of Upperville and Lindsay Woods of Philomont -- have been chosen to attend Virginia Summer Residential Governor's Schools, highly selective institutes for gifted students that take place at university campuses, Academic Dean Courtney Ulmer announced Tuesday.

Tate is one of approximately 160 students in the entire commonwealth selected to participate in the Governor's School for Mathematics, Science and Technology, which will be held at Lynchburg College July 3-30. Woods will attend the Governor's School for the Humanities from June 26-July 23 at Radford University. Fewer than 200 students are accepted for that program.

Sponsored by the Virginia Department of Education, Summer Residential Governor's Schools provide gifted high school juniors and seniors with intensive educational experiences in various subjects. Students live on a college campus for up to four weeks and are involved in classroom and laboratory work, field studies, research, group projects and seminars with noted scholars and other professionals. Nominations are limited to one student per school for a given school and selection is difficult.

"We are extremely proud of both Lindsay and Sofia," said Ulmer.

Woods is an outstanding student, athlete and leader. She was recently selected to Foxcroft's Cum Laude Society, a rare honor

for a junior, and was twice named to the VISAA Division II All-State field hockey team. Lindsay has also served as a class officer for two years, as well as an Admission Office intern and dormitory leader. She is the daughter of Dennis Lisa Woods of Philomont.

Tate is an honor student and multi-sport athlete who has served as a Dean's leader in Foxcroft's Currier Library. She is the daughter of Ann Cahill of Upperville and Christopher Tate of Middleburg.

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Banneker and Round Hill Elementary Schools are trying to transport bikes all around the world to people who need them. You can help too! Just deliver donations to the back door of the Banneker's cafeteria or to one of the bike racks at Round Hill. School secretaries will accept donations, checks payable to Bikes for the World, to cover shipping of the bikes and supplies. Suggested donation is \$10 per bike, but every little bit helps! We are collecting bikes and accessories during the month of May at both schools. Our final collection day, and a fundraising car wash, will be held on June 4th at Round Hill Elementary from 9 am to 12 pm.

There is a splendid company called Bikes for the World that Banneker and Round Hill are supporting. Bikes for the World is a non-profit that delivers quality used bicycles and parts to people with lower income, and select institutions in developing countries, to enhance their lives and livelihoods through better transport. We will working in conjunction with Bikes for the World to deliver our donations. Banneker and Round Hill Elementary students are counting on you to help us help the world.

Bikes for the World recycles used bikes to transform lives. They work with volunteers, community groups and businesses to collect, "prep", and donate bikes to non-profit partners around the world. These partners refurbish and channel the bikes to people who rely on them. We need bikes for doctors and vets to reach patients, students to get to school and workers to get to work. Bikes for the World is a community of people helping people. Their vision is to achieve an ever-larger impact around the world by reducing waste and helping others earn more, learn more, and live more healthy lives.

We asked Yvette, a volunteer for Bikes for the World, what she does in her job, what she likes about her job, and what inspired her to join the organization. She replied, "I help manage and motivate our volunteer network and we collect and donate over 12,000 bikes. Volunteers come to prepare other bikes for shipping and load our containers that hold about 500 bikes that will be delivered to another organization overseas. I also share stories of how our bikes are being used overseas so our donors and volunteers can see how their hard work and generosity is affecting the lives of people around the world. As a cyclist I wanted to help put more people on bikes which is why I got involved with bikes for the world. I just knew I had to come home and collect even more bikes to help these kids graduate. I also love working with young volunteers. Putting a pedal wrench in someone's hand and watching them work through a sticky pedal is quite rewarding. I think it's awesome to work with an organization that does so much good."

For more information please contact: Jennifer Maulfair (540) 751-2480 or Mark Muldowney (540) 751-2450. For more information about Bikes for the World, see <http://www.bikesfortheworld.org>

TAKE BACK OUR OCEANS



ANYA PARKS
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Seafood is a popular American staple, celebrated for its superior health benefits and flavor. Americans love seafood, and many feel that would be unable to live without it. My question is, how many Americans actually know the effects of their nautical diets?

Developed nations began industrial fishing in the 1950s. Since then, populations of all fishes consumed by humans have dropped roughly 90%. This does not take into account the destruction of ocean floor ecosystems, caused by trawling nets dragged across the ocean's bottom.

What is our role in all of this, as consumers and global citizens? How could we possibly be implicated in the coming extinction of almost all fish eaten for cuisine? The answer resides in consumer power, community ignorance, and years of tradition. From ancient times, people

have relied on fish to feed entire empires, and it's now a favored global staple. It is natural for us to eat fish; it is unnatural to glut ourselves to the point of their extinction.

Fish are deeply interwoven into their ecosystem's food web, an intricate system in which all organisms are connected to each other via the food chain. If the ocean's fish disappear, it will have dramatic consequences. This can already be seen in an increase of algae blooms and lamprey populations in the Chesapeake.

It is important that we, as consumers, take back our oceans. Commercial fisheries have seen fit to deplete them and all the beautiful mysteries within. Farmed fish are designed to trick us, fed on wild anchovies. As consumers, we should not allow this. The ocean is a fount of endless potential and information, important to our long human heritage. Think with your heart and your dollar! Next time you go out, avoid the fish.

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KAREN REXRODE

For decades and generations of gardeners, the gladiolus have been largely ignored. More

popular with florists, the large, cut flower sprays are inexpensive, primarily used in funeral arrangements. Sadly they are often called funeral flowers, not a

pleasant moniker.

But that may be changing! Several thoughts come to mind when I think of their recent popularity. The bulbs (technically

corms) are inexpensive. Our gardening styles have changed, we trend towards looser, more free flowing gardens. Recent hybrids are glorious in their color blends and quite a few are hardy in our zone. And lastly, it may be just another “what’s old is new again”.

For a minimum of 15 years I have grown *Gladilus dalenii* ‘Boone’. Very hardy, the petals are a soft apricot with a hint of yellow on the lower petals and small orange stripes. Flowering in late June and early July, it’s beautiful with matching daylilies. Discovered in Boone, NC. It was found at an old homesite by their agricultural extension agent, Jeff Owen. Like so many old fashioned flowers, these were pass along plants, easily done when the gift was little more than a dormant bulb, shared from gardener to gardener.

Last fall I decided to try another hardy glad, this one *Gladiolus communis* var. *byzantinus* ‘Cruentus’ (often called *Gladiolus byzantinus*). There was much



made about buying the right one, a paler flowering counterpart is not nearly as beautiful. My small box arrived, I say small because the price tag was big. Having never grown this species, I knew only to expect purplish, gladiolus-like flowers. To my delight they began flowering in May, and I had placed them with *Salvia* ‘Madeline’, *Amsonia tabernaemontana*, and *nepea*. Brilliant! The flowers are a glorious shade of rose-purple. Striking in their intensity, perfect spikes in my mix of blues and purples.

I was so stoked, that 5 more bags of gladiolus await my planting. These are mixed hybrids of questionable hardiness, they will join the rows of others that have wintered over, my hopes high that they may too.

A quick search on the internet finds most purveyors of glads sold out. Possibly due to the time of year, or might it be a trend? Are people glad happy?

THE ARTIST’S PERSPECTIVE

TOM NEEL

Those of you that know me as an artist, may or may not know about my long automotive past. I had three loves as a child: cars, art and music. While I was in a band by 4th grade, my love of art was honestly drawing my first love of cars. When I wasn’t drawing them, I was building models of them. This is a hobby that later became a business as an adult, with my fine scale models going off to places such as Ferrari in Italy and the largest collection of them is still on display here locally at Ferrari

of Washington.

My father, who worked at a Chrysler Plymouth dealer, took me at 11 years old or so, to the dealer to see the actual 66 Baracuda George Barris customized for the movie “The Fireball 500”, which was making the rounds. Seeing custom designs shed a new light on creativity. By 13 he taught me how to drive our 1964 Fiat Cabriolet, a purchase was likely inspired by my Italian mother. With that car, not only did we become the only family in the neighborhood with radial tires, we were the only ones with an Italian designed Pininfarina body, whose name was placed

like no American designer, on the lower front fender. It’s a name still seen on Ferraris today. But this was somewhat new to me, seeing the designer’s logo actually placed on a car. Up until this time I think the only American car I recall was the Fisher Body emblem found on the door jams of Cadillacs. But “coach builders” in their day were responsible for designing what went onto a chassis, a throwback to old time carriage building.

By 1974 I was working on one of the finest collections of Ferraris in the world, with at least one of the more well known of them being the 1967 275 NART

Spyder used in the original “Thomas Crown Affair” starring Steve McQueen and Faye Dunaway. As I began working on Italian cars like Ferrari and Maserati, designers like Pininfarina, Bertone, Zagato and Ghia were as known as their signature lines and certainly in the case of marques like Porsche, Ferdinand Porsche would be the icon bringing us the still classic 911.

So why exactly was an artist as I telling you this? Well, along with a serious addiction to internal combustion engines, which one day may become a thing of the past, I’ve always loved automotive design. I loved how designers were inspired to give us tail fins like rockets, side vents like shark gills, front ends that mimicked faces, proud hood ornaments, soft and fast lines, hide away tops and headlights, with wonderful colors, two tone paint and even wood panel sides. Wheel covers of the day alone are an art form to me. Designers like Bill Boyer, the lead stylist of the original Thunderbird in 1955, Ed Cole, chief designer of the beautiful 1957 Bel Air and Larry Shinoda, who gave us the cool split window Corvette Stingray in 1963, are in my opinion, as much artists as any. Their art forms touch us daily and often in emotional ways.

As an example, there’s a name behind several amazing designs that spans the most exotic automobiles, to everyday fun ones that all of us know. A worldly person, he holds a US citizenship and is a graduate of the Art Center College of Design in Pasadena California. His name is Frank Stephenson and those exotic lovers will know him for his design of the McLaren P1, where he is Design Director today. But



he also held this position at Ferrari overseeing Pininfarina’s evolutionary developments of cars like the F430, along with several Maserati including the MC12 and Quattroporte. During this time there though, Fiat who owned Ferrari until recently, really needed his help in sparking Fiat’s lagging sales and so Stephenson directed the designs of Fiat’s new Punto and the design production of the new Fiat 500. So why would Fiat even think this exotic design genius was the right man for this job? Well, while Stephenson began his design career at Ford, it was at BMW as Senior Designer where he would give us the beloved re-designed Mini Cooper in 2001, a retro design that still is with us today. Just think of being an artist who has not only shown us the future through the most exotic of automobiles, but to also to have reshaped cars that touch many of each day.

So, do you think I would bring you all this way and close on an uneventful note? No way my artistic loving readers. This is my little way of saying you should attend the 2016 Middleburg Festival of Speed (.org) on June 18th at The Hill School, where exciting examples of automotive design through the years will be on display!

Live An Artful Life, Tom

A PRIMER ON INTERIOR HOME MAINTENANCE

ASK A REMODELER



TIM BURCH

Homeowners often ask, “What are some general guidelines for keeping my home safe and healthy for my family?” Our experience over the last 28 years has proven that certain interior maintenance steps are critical to the long-term performance of your home, and a regular maintenance schedule can help you to avoid serious problems and inconvenience.

Heating Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC)

As a mechanical system, they require regular maintenance to operate at their most efficient level. For optimum efficiency, you should have your HVAC systems serviced twice a year, spring and fall. This should include changing the filter (monthly with an EAC) and a system inspection; and for your AC, a refrigerant check and a cleaning of the condenser.

Humidifiers

Many homes are equipped with a humidifier to help raise the humidity during the dry winter months, and provide a great benefit to indoor air quality. To keep the units working properly, they do require annual maintenance to replace the pad inside the humidifier. Over the winter months the pad collects calcium and other deposits from the water source, which may cause it to clog and start leaking. To keep this from happening, be sure that your HVAC service company replaces the pad every fall during their service visit.

Hot Water Heaters

The process of heating water

causes particles and minerals to form and settle at the bottom of the water heater, which can cause inefficiency and lower capacity over time. To ensure maximum performance and to minimize maintenance hassles, you should drain 10-15 gallons of water from the bottom of the unit annually.

Fireplaces and Chimneys

Regardless of use, it is recommended that fireplaces and chimneys be inspected at least

once per year to ensure nothing has nested and deposits have not formed in the flue. Additionally, the exterior of the chimney should be inspected for possible point up and to inspect the masonry cap as cracks and voids can cause water damage.

Bathtubs and Showers

The lifespan of caulking at bathtubs, showers, sinks and backsplashes is greatly impacted by the amount of use and expo-

sure. Twice a year, all bathroom caulking should be inspected and repaired as needed to avoid leaks.

Showerheads and Faucet Screens

Even with a water cleaning system, it is possible for deposits to build up in showerheads and faucet screens. It is recommended that you inspect each a minimum of once a year and clean as needed to keep them flowing properly.



Appliances

All appliances require some level of maintenance to continue efficient operation. A few examples are vacuuming the refrigerator and ice maker condenser coils and cleaning the screens on your range hood. Please refer to the manufacturer’s literature for specific maintenance and cleaning instructions for appliances throughout your home.

A regular schedule of home maintenance is critical to keeping your home healthy and family safe all year long. These baseline preventative maintenance steps should help to ensure your home’s interior stays in top shape.

Tim Burch is Vice President of BOWA, an award-winning design build firm specializing in luxury renovations ranging from master suites and kitchens to whole-house remodels. A Northern Virginia native, Tim focuses on clients in the Loudoun and Fauquier County areas providing them with his 25 years of expertise in the design build construction industry. He is a third generation builder, certified remodeler, and instructor. Prior to joining BOWA, he was the Lead Project Manager of Construction for the Emmy Award winning construction reality television show, *Extreme Makeover Home Edition* on ABC Television. For more information on Tim and the BOWA team, visit www.bowa.com, or call 703-734-9050. Have a question for Tim that you’d like to see covered in Middleburg Eccentric? Email him at AskBOWA@bowa.com.

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CROCS, AMERICA AND BUG SPRAY

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BRANDY GREENWELL

“Dearly beloved, we are all gathered here today to get through this thing we call life.” Prince 1958-2016

Between the death of Prince, the construction in Middleburg and what seems to be months of non-stop rain, this has been quite a spring of sorrow, frustration and vitamin D deficiencies. It seems the entire community is walking around like Grumpy Cat in galoshes and the novelty of youthful puddle splashing has lost its charm. Summer must be on its way and when it gets here, will you be prepared to finally embrace the season? Here are a few of my must have's for summer

2016.

Bug spray. Between Lymes and Zika we must make a big effort to protect ourselves from disease infected bugs. Normally I would like to support something natural and without chemicals, but I think I am going for the big guns this year with the bug repellent. What ever your chosen brand, wear it like your daily SPF with full coverage and frequent reapplication for maximum protection.

Off-shoulder dresses have been catching my eye for a fun, flirty fashion trend for the summer. Go ahead and expose your irresistible décolletage. I have seen many different bohemian styled pieces that scream comfort

and coolness with the extra added benefit of ease. Just pull on and go- shoes, optional.

Who would have thought that rain boots would be a fashion trend until people started wearing them for function this year? I do love a good wellie, but I am also a huge fan of Crocs, the distant, air-conditioned, cousin to the classic rubber boot. My husband and I strut around the farm looking like Ronald McDonald yet our toes feel like 10 best friends on a camping trip while being massaged by the hideous foam clogs. Disclosure: not suitable for public use.

Lately I have been obsessed with Moscow Mules

and have vowed to make them our official summer cocktail. So refreshing. So chill. So cool. The copper mug is a must to enjoy properly and also makes a fantastic hostess gift for all your summer outings.

I love a great graphic tee for beaching, pooling or casual carefreeness and have recently been turned on to a great local source. jCUBEDk is a local business with adorable designs. Everyone must have their flowy tank sporting a stylized map of the USA filled with 1776 to reach true patriotic status this 4th of July. Find them on Etsy, you'll have a hard time choosing just one.

After one listen to Justin



Timberlake's "Can't Stop The Feeling", I dreamt of grooving to that jam somewhere warm, breezy and sandy wearing a fabulous, roomy linen button down shirt, well broken in and rolled jean shorts and the Ray Ban du jour. It will be on repeat for a while. That song is pure sunshine.

All right already, Ma Nature. Get to it, we're ready.

STEELY DAN IS COMING IN UNISON



STEVE CHASE

I was eleven when I heard my first Steely Dan song. My pal John pulled a record out of a stack of albums and flashed the cover at me.

"You have to hear this" he said as he cradled the cardboard album jacket. "It's Steely Dan"

"Steely who?" I said. He dropped the needle on the vinyl record and a drum and conga groove began that led into a wider ensemble. When the lyrics kicked in, sung by a guy with a melodic, but slightly mocking voice that was unlike anything I had ever heard, I was in awe. The guitar solo was jazzy, but it was rock, played on what sounded like a sitar (even though I don't know what a sitar was then), then the organ moaned bluesy chords capped off with twinkling bells. The chorus, "back, Jack, do it again..." was captivating. My amazement continued through the rest of the songs: the mournful *Dirty Work*; the unbridled pop of *Midnight Cruiser*; the exuberance of *Reelin' In The Years*.

"Who the heck are these guys?" I asked. They didn't sound like the Allman Brothers, our usual fare at that point. How did they make this music that kept us in near rapture? As the years passed, they released album after album, and we kept listening, each set better than the last, with amazing songs: *Your Gold Teeth*, *Pretzel Logic*, *Ricki Don't Loose That Number*; *Any Major Dude*, *Dr. Wu*, *Bad Sneakers*, the list goes on and on. And even more remarkable lyrics:

"I would love to tour the Southland in a travlin' minstrel show"; "If I had my way, I would move to another lifetime"; "I'm a bookkeeper's son, I don't want to shoot no one"; "turn up the Eagles, the neighbors are listening."; and "They call Alabama the Crimson Tide, they call me Deacon Blues."

"Becker and Fagen, they're crazy, cynical, genius musicians from Bard who hate pop music, but compose and produce the best pop music." explained another friend, who would send his daughter to the same school thirty years later. Damn right. And it continued. In the summer of seventy-six, I was working at summer camp. As I walked into the staff lounge, the

program director was setting up a stereo--turntable, amplifier, big speakers. He pulled a record album out of a paper bag. A purple album cover, a bum with bad shoes asleep on a park bench surrounded by monster skyscrapers.

"New Steely Dan," he said "The Royal Scam, best one yet."

The record became the soundtrack for the summer, played start to finish, over and over and over. Why not, with the brilliant guitar work by Larry Carlton on Kid Charlemagne; the perfect confluence of jazz, rock, and lyrics on *Don't Take Me Alive*; the funky *Everything You Did*; and the progressive and brooding title song. Every track perfect. Forty years later, It's playing right now as I write this, the songs as fresh as they sounded at camp in '76.

So yeah, I like Steely Dan and their amazing Songbook. Since those discovery years, I've learned a lot about Walter Becker and Donald Fagen and how they composed and produced the albums. They were meticulous, obsessive, compulsive, genius. They thrived in the studio, using studio musicians like fine tools to mold masterpieces of sound, that resulted in some of the most remarkable moments of high fidelity in popular music.

With the exception of a brief tour in 1974, the band neglected the road until the nineties, when they started to tour on a regular basis. I have a bunch of their live shows, usually obtained thanks to a member of the crew getting a patch off the sound console and the recording slowly being shared amongst fans. There are some good commercial live releases as well.

If you have not seen the band live, we in Middleburg have a chance this summer, one of their favorite venues on the East coast is Jiffy Lube Pavilion (the band doesn't worry about the horrible parking and traffic), and they are slated to play there on July 12th with the great Steve Winwood. I recommend getting lawn tickets, and make sure you use the voice memo feature on your phone for the best songs. Maybe they'll play the whole Royal Scam set. I have a great Spotify playlist of Steely Dan covers for you at <http://tinyurl.com/hhlk7ju>.

Steve Chase lives in Unison and tries not to play the music too loud.

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As the hot weather finally sets in, the availability of fresh produce & ingredients should, in theory, make individuals more adventurous with food in the coming months. At times we get in a recipe rut. No ingredient is more true of that than with fish.

Healthy summer eating can get boring without the occasional recipe "flyer". Salmon is the one fish that, without distinction between where it's from or how its farmed, is the one thing we humans seem to benefit from. With fish especially, people tend to get stale in their preparation methods. Here're three unique and original recipe "flyers" for hot weather salmon preparation.

Salmon Nicosia Pasta Salad

Recipes that are considered standards usually have the best chance for consistency. In short "If it ain't broke don't fix it." I add ½ can (tin) of sardines to bring out a Mediterranean essence to the palate. Better the ingredients better the dish, it's that simple.

1 (1-2 lbs.) salmon fillet

½ tsp salt, divided

½ tsp freshly ground black pepper, divided

3 tsp olive oil to cook fish

2 ½ cups Farfalle or other short pasta

1-¼ cups green beans, Haricots vert cut into 2-inch lengths

¼ cup olive oil (good quality for dressing)

2 tbs red wine vinegar

½ tin Sardines (canned in olive oil)

1 garlic clove, chopped

1/2 tsp Dijon mustard

1 cup cherry or grape tomatoes, halved

1/3 cup niçoise or kalamata olives, pitted and halved

1/4 cup thinly sliced green onion

1/4 cup chopped fresh Italian parsley

4 Tsp capers, drained

Sprinkle salmon with salt and pepper. Heat a couple of teaspoons of olive oil in a large non-stick skillet over medium-high heat. Add salmon; cook 4 minutes on each side. Transfer to a

plate, cool completely, and break into chunks.

Meanwhile, cook pasta according to package directions, adding beans during last 4 minutes of cooking time. Drain and rinse in cold water.

For Dressing, place 1/4-cup oil, vinegar, sardines, garlic, mustard, and salt and pepper in a jar. Cover and shake briskly. Combine pasta mixture, salmon, and remaining ingredients. Toss gently with dressing.

Salmon with Late Spring Lemon-Mint Dressing

Distinctive in different tastes to the palate. The combination of the mint and lemon coupled with the mildness of the salmon is flavorful. Service with a nice side salad. (The dressing goes well on that too!)

4 wild salmon fillets (6-ounce estm)

1 tbs lemon zest

2 tbs fresh lemon juice

2 tsp Local honey

3/4 tsp salt

1/4-cup olive oil (good quality for dressing)

1 tbs shallot, finely minced

1 sm chopped fresh

mint, sm bunch,

Freshly ground black pepper, d Grinder recommended)

Garnish: fresh mint sprigs

Whisk together lemon zest, lemon juice, sugar, pinch of salt, and pinch of pepper in a small bowl; slowly whisk in 1/4-cup olive oil. Stir in shallot and mint. Set aside.

Sprinkle salmon with remaining 1 salt and pepper coarse grind

Heat remaining 1-tablespoon oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Sauté salmon 4 to 5 minutes on each side or until desired degree of doneness. Drizzle. And continue to baste with dressing. Garnish, if desired.

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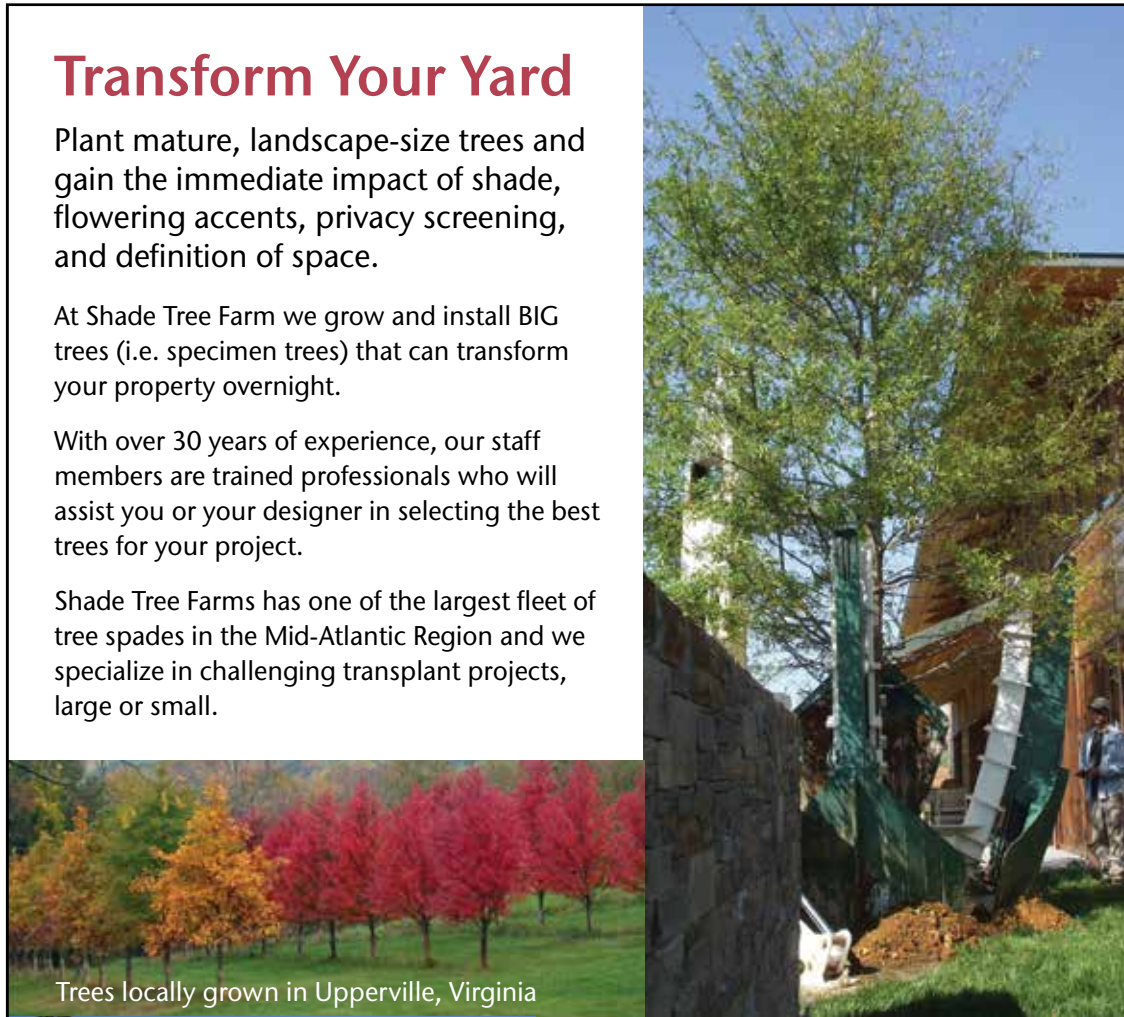
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TERRY SHARRER

It wasn't that long ago when the drug companies firmly held that genetics played no significant role in how medicines worked. But that changed in 1988 when researchers at the National Institutes of Health reported that between five and ten percent of white people had a recessive gene that made them poor metabolizers of an antihypertensive drug. This finding extended to other drugs as well.

With the anti-leukemia drug, 6-Mercaptopurine, some children who were fast metabolizers needed fifty times the normal dose to have the desired effect, while others, very slow metabolizers, could tolerate only one-fifteenth the normal dose without sustaining liver toxicity. It is now known that human genetic variability holds optimal individual safety and efficacy bounds for all medications, from powerful antipsychotic drugs and everyday vitamins.

With 3-D printing, it's possible to conceive that one day, drugs can be tailor made for patients, according to their pharmacogenomic profile. How soon that day arrives depends on knowing how a drug acts upon a gene or genetic pathway, and

how an individual's genome reacts to a single drug or drug combination. As that sorting out proceeds, not only are new medicines becoming more specific, but new indications are arising for older medicines because in some instances seemingly unrelated diseases have intersecting molecular pathways.

Two highly innovative areas in drug development are monoclonal antibodies and nanoparticle delivery systems. The first monoclonal antibody was licensed in 1986—made from fusing single antibody producing B cells of mice to human myeloma cells. The cancer cells kept dividing, and the antibody production kept pace. Since then, about thirty monoclonal antibody “biologics” have come into medicine, with names like Abagovomab, Cetuximab, and Zanolimumab—the “mab” suffix meaning monoclonal antibody. Because these molecules have specificity for particular human cell types, they can act as guided missiles carrying cytotoxins, radioisotopes, or fluorescent labels. There was much good news at this past September's conference of the European Cancer Organization about single mabs and others in combination against deadly late stage melanoma, lung and kidney



cancer.

Nanoparticles are about the same size of biomolecules—that is, on the one-billionth scale. (There are a billion nanoseconds in one second). They can be made from lipids, polymers, gold and silver, or other materials, and because of their high surface to volume ratio can carry nucleic acids, small molecule drugs and imaging agents on their surfaces.

By giving them a positive charge, they are attracted to negatively charged cell membranes, which then allows these structures to be absorbed into a tumor cell's body. By this means, nanoparticles also can cross the blood-brain barrier to attack glioblastomas.

There are so many promising uses for nanoparticles—for example, artificial antibiotics and vaccines, treating arterial plaque,

controlled drug release, visualizing surgical margins—that “nanomedicine” is becoming a specialty in itself. In the United States much of the research funding has come from the National Nanotechnology Initiative (1999).

The headquarters for the American Society for Nanomedicine is in Ashburn, VA.

ALBERT'S CORNER

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

ALBERT P. CLARK

I've lived with Riley all of my life. He's my best friend and constant companion. He's the brawn and I'm the brains, or so I like to think. Early last year, he had surgery that left him with a few stitches. He started to lick the incision area incessantly, to the point that he was injuring himself. He created what is known as a lick granuloma. This disease causes chronic skin lesions that often result in ulceration. While we all thought this was a strange development, no one in our family understood the nightmare that was ahead.

In the beginning, my people tried discouraging the compulsive licking with cones and ban-

males. Most of what I found out was disheartening. Riley's long and difficult path to recovery is relatively normal for this situation. Vets agree that there can be many underlying causes, but no quick cures.

Those underlying causes can include irritants, allergies, wounds, and arthritis, as well as psychological stressors like separation anxiety and boredom. Some professionals theorize that licking produces endorphins, encouraging the dog to repeat the behavior even if the initial



gages. Nothing worked. If Riley couldn't get to the exact spot, he would start obsessively licking a different spot. His demeanor, meanwhile, seemed absolutely fine. He did not exhibit any signs of stress whatsoever, other than the fact that he absolutely, positively, would not stop licking.

Of course, my family consulted a vet. That yielded no conclusive diagnosis or solution. Meanwhile, the behavior continued for months. Desperate, my family finally had to resort to a basket muzzle that allowed Riley to drink water, but made it almost impossible for him to get to the wound. His compulsion to lick remained so strong, however, that he would begin licking within seconds after the muzzle came off. It was heartbreaking for all of us. Riley, a 14-year-old Weimaraner, is not a young dog. We didn't want him spending any time in a muzzle – much less the precious time of senior years. And yet, we had no choice.

Throughout the saga, I learned a lot about the condition, which is more prevalent in large breeds. In fact, certain breeds are especially prone to lick granulomas, including Weimaraners, Doberman Pinschers, Labradors, Golden Retrievers, Boxers, and German Shepherds. Males are twice as susceptible as

trigger goes away. One thing is certain: regardless of what starts the behavior, it becomes something deeply psychological and dangerous. Dogs will often lick themselves until they have serious wounds with associated infections.

If you notice your dog licking one spot to excess, watch carefully to determine if there is the potential for a lick granuloma. If there is, go to the vet right away, administer medication as needed, be consistent with whatever treatment options you use, reduce stress and boredom as much as possible, and, by all means, do not become angry with your dog. He or she will need lots of love and attention to break the pattern and heal.

More than a year has passed, and Riley is finally able to be without his muzzle. Even now, we are still on alert, fearful that his compulsion will return at any minute. So far, however, things are going well. The old guy is playing fetch, sleeping, eating, and doing all the happy things healthy dogs do. I think he has licked his condition for good!

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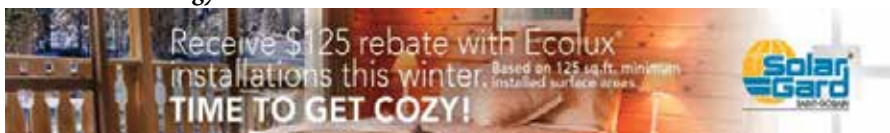
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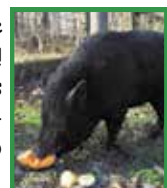
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Dudley - Poor Dudley has been here way too long! He is the best dog ever: obedient, good with cats & adores kids. His biggest deal is that he is not a fan of livestock. Come meet this crossed eyed cutie!



We have **kittens** looking for homes! They are 8 weeks old & ready to go. These little ones were raised in a foster home & are very friendly. We have 3 from this litter, & another couple of litters in foster who will be needing homes soon, too!

Marco is a young, healthy neutered male potbellied pig who loves to eat cantaloupe! He's mostly been an outdoor pig who thinks people are very interesting. Marco is extremely smart & learns new things in no time at all.



Puppies! MHF has six, super special puppies in need of homes. Their DOB is approximately 4/1/16. Mom is a small sweetheart boxer, bull dog mix, dad was likely a beagle! Very friendly & healthy little chunky monkeys!

Mopsy is an incredibly friendly cat who needs a special home. She is FIV positive. Cats with FIV can have long lives & be very comfortable, but the virus is transmissible to other cats. Mopsy is looking for a home where there are no other cats, or where the other cats in the home are already FIV positive. She is affectionate with people & has good social skills with other cats.



Cameron is wishing for a home of his own with a family who loves him. He is a playful 2 year old coonhound who loves romping around with other dogs. Cameron is very much a people person & would really like to have someone with him most of the time. It's just more fun to have friends! Are you looking for a fun, playful dog? Then Cameron may be the one for you!

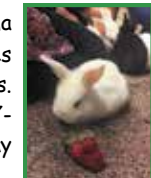
Tobias is a very special kitty! He has micro-opthalmia (small eyes). Tobias is able to see & his eyes do not bother him, but he looks a little different than most kitties. Tobias is a snuggly cat who loves everyone he meets & plays well with other cats but prefers a home without dogs. He will climb onto your shoulder when he wants attention.



Cheyenne is 9 yr old QH who's had some training & handles well on the ground. She is more suited & would be happier as a companion, no riding. She gets along well with other horses & ponies. Cheyenne would do best with minimal grass. An excellent friend for a dry-lot kept pony or another easy keeper.



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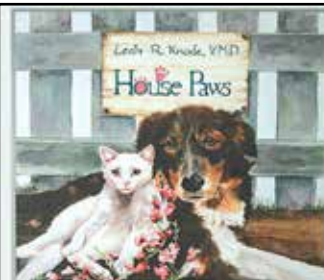


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EDITORS DESK

— STRANGE LIGHT IN THE SKY - SECRET REVEALED —

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— TIP OF THE HAT : FREE PARKING —

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— WAGS OF THE FINGER: SECRET SESSIONS —

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BETTER TRUMP THAN HILLARY?

BLUE

DAN MORROW

"By the end of his first 100 days as the nation's 45th leader, the wall with Mexico would be designed, the immigration ban on Muslims would be in place, the audit of the Federal Reserve would be underway and plans to repeal the Affordable Care Act would be in motion, Trump pledged. "I know people aren't sure right now what a President Trump will be like," he said. "But things will be fine"

-Washington Post 5/5/2016

Missing from the Post's early May analysis were: Trump's calls for arming Japan and South Korea with nuclear weapons; His urging that we "re-negotiate" America's solemn oaths to pay her debts in full; His willingness to threaten countries whose economies (not to mention their militaries) will be critical to both world

peace and our own economic success; His anti-free-trade advocacy for a brand of neo-isolationist protectionism that once brought us the joys of the Great Depression; His uncanny ability to alienate both the Labor left and the Conservative right in Great Britain; and His argument that women seeking abortions should be "punished", as well as those who help them. Worse than what Trump has said, however, has been the appropriation of his words and mindset by truly evil people both here in the United States and abroad. His counterpart in the recent Austrian presidential elections, to cite one example, represented a party quite literally founded and led after World War Two by former SS officers. Trump is an unabashed admirer of Putin. Still worse, things Trump says are all too often taken seriously by the worst of

us. We know there will be some who will gladly answer his call to murder the families of suspected terrorists. We know there are some, even in our military who would happily violate international law and our own Uniform Code of Military Justice to "serve" the President by engaging in practices that go far "beyond" waterboarding and other forms of torture. Even more distressing in this scenario are those Republicans who, after clearly calling Trump out in no uncertain terms during the Republican primaries, now, for whatever reasons, are "rallying 'round." Their slogan, "Better Trump than Hillary." The phrase reminds this writer of nothing so much as the French right in the mid and late 1930's, facing the aftermath (demographic, social and economic) of a devastating world war, the impact of The Great Depression, and the

resurgence of a Germany that had never really admitted defeat. The leader of that French Government was a "socialist" in what we would now describe as the Bernie Sanders/Willy Brandt/Tony Blair sense of the word. He was also a Jew, like the still hated Alfred Dreyfus, the first to hold the highest electoral office in France. His name was Leon Blum. The French royalist right, big business and heavy industry, much if not all the French Catholic Church, and French anti-semites of all stripes, all found at least one good reason to hate Blum. He had, after all, introduced the 40-hour week, empowered labor unions, kept France out of the Spanish Civil War. And he wasn't a Christian. What the French right couldn't find was a leader of their own who could hold a candle to him. When asked why they voted for the likes of men who would later tried as war criminals and traitors, their answer

was always a call to party, or religious, or national loyalty, couched in the knee-jerk recital of what became their slogan, "Better Hitler than Blum." Trump is not Hitler. He does, however, attract, encourage and empower all too many folks of a similar mindset to those who supported National Socialism then and its paler modern anti-semitic and anti Muslim analogs. Urging others to vote for him out of pure hatred for Clinton or liberalism bears more than a striking resemblance to the self-destructive mindset of the French right of the thirties. Some of Trump's most patriotic and articulate Republican opponents were right about him early on. Nothing has changed. But if he is elected President, much will change ... and, odds are, for the worse.

ELECTION UPDATE #3

RED

JIM MORGAN

What an unbelievable mess! The insurgency within the Republican Party has succeeded and the outsider has won. The insurgency within the Democratic Party has failed and the (relative) outsider has lost. Oh, he's still making noise but he clearly has lost. Barring divine intervention or a Justice Department indictment, neither of which seems likely any time soon, Americans will have to choose between two individuals, neither of whom should - or, in a sane society, would - be allowed anywhere near the presidency. There's Hillary Clinton, witch-queen of the Democratic establishment and widely viewed as an untrustworthy liar who really should be in jail for endangering American security with her incredibly (and perhaps deliberately) careless handling of classified information, never mind the rest of her scandal-plagued career. Then there's Donald Trump, the con artist carnival barker, who has been called obnoxious, crass, a bully, and a back-stabber among other things. The Republicans had 16 better alternatives though, for various reasons and at various times, each one crashed and burned. The Democrats never had any better alternatives unless the definition of "better alternative" includes a goofy old Bolshevik who shouldn't be taken seriously by anyone over twelve. Choosing between Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton, someone wrote, is like choosing which of two venereal diseases you would rather have. All you can do is pick the one that you think would have the least bad effects and be the easiest and quickest to get rid of. And yet, this situation is not his-

torically unique. Though it may be just grasping at straws, we might actually take some comfort, perhaps even some hope, from the fact that this is not the first time that we've had a thoroughly nasty and apparently incoherent election campaign or one that featured "outsiders" of one type or another. It's more immediate because it's happening now and because of the multiplier effects of social media but Americans have been here before. Reagan was an outsider, as was Eisenhower. So was Teddy Roosevelt in a manner of speaking and, of course, Lincoln before him. But the ultimate outsider in American presidential election history prior to Donald Trump was Andrew Jackson. This is not to personally compare him to, much less equate him with, Trump. For better or worse, Trump is not Jackson. But the perceptions of both men by their politi-

cal enemies were much the same. Those perceptions led then, and lead now, to expectations of disaster as their opponents saw each man as being vulgar, ignorant, uncouth, unsophisticated, and utterly unprepared for the office. As Jackson was "the wild man of the woods," so Trump is a kind of wild man of the city. Both, however, proved to be rather more clever and nuanced in their approaches to politics than they were given credit for. Andrew Jackson was, and Donald Trump is, thoroughly hated and feared by the Washington establishment which viewed a Jackson presidency and views a Trump presidency, in the words of one Jackson biographer, as "the end of their reign." In Jackson's case, this fear proved, at least temporarily, to be true. We'll have to wait and see about Trump. As to nasty campaigns, neither the Republicans' intra-party broadsides,

nor the increasingly barbed arrows being fired at each other by Hillary and Sanders, have been any worse than the fight between Jackson and the Henry Clay-John Quincy Adams tandem. Vicious name-calling, behind the scenes wheeling-and-dealing, and even attacks on Jackson's wife became the norm. Clay changed his positions on some issues based on Jackson's positions just so that he could criticize him. Had Twitter existed then, there would have been a full-fledged #NeverAndrew-Jackson campaign. And once Jackson was elected, Clay called the result "mortifying," "sickenening," and "a calamity." So take heart, patriots. Perhaps this is a national wake-up call. America has faced this sort of assault before and survived.

immediately. That term ends June 30, 2018 (May 2018 election). Placing Middleburg council candidates on the November ballot with candidates for president and congress is not wise, in my opinion. Council candidates are non-partisan. The national offices on this ballot are highly partisan. Local candidates may thus get lost on the November ballot. However, the legislature determines the process to fill council vacancies. Moreover, I certainly prefer election to appointment. Election officials in the Middleburg precinct must determine voters who live within Middleburg Town limits this November. Those voters are eligible for a ballot with the council election. Voters residing outside of Town will receive a ballot without the council election. This may add to the waiting time for voters in the November election in Middleburg. Please keep this in mind! Do you disagree with me, and favor moving the Middleburg council elections onto the November ballot? Middleburg's water utility has made significant progress recently. We replaced the old water lines on Wash-

ington Street from the Plains Road east with a new 12-inch line. We included a new water line for eastern residences with excessively low water pressure. We also awarded an engineering study to design a replacement for the old west end pumping station near Windy Hill that is at the end of its useful life. This facility pumps wastewater from the gravity flowing sewer lines on the west side of Town over to the wastewater treatment plant in the east end. Council financed these improvements with a \$1.5 million dollar low interest rate bond. I am not yet certain that the current bond will cover the estimated \$500,000 for constructing the new pump station. We have many other needs, but we must first determine funding before we can address them. Among these is a sorely needed project to replace out dated water lines in the Ridgeview neighborhood area. This work is overdue, but if we fund the replacements from available utility revenues, it will likely be about five years before the utility fund has the estimated \$500,000 in hand to pay for it. The state sets up municipal utilities as enterprise funds. This means

that it is fine to use surplus utility funds (from rates, etc.) to offset general fund expenses. However, our auditor frowns on funding utility expenses out of the general fund (mainly from taxes). Do you think we should borrow that money by adding to the utility's recent \$1.5 million dollar bonded debt (increasing the bond to two million (or \$2.5m) dollars), wait a few years until we can fund this from the utility revenue as one project or to fund five smaller projects in a series of work (likely to cost more)? In our meeting on May 12, council heard reports of many business hardships due to the construction on Washington Street. The VDOT contract performing this work helped Middleburg install the new 12-inch water line before proceeding with the rest of the project. VDOT is now focusing on the streets, sidewalks and streetlights. Town staff assists with overall direction and coordination. The project affects merchants and shoppers alike by making driving and parking difficult. Businesses fear looking inaccessible. The project schedule runs through October, so this impact is hard for many. In an ef-

fort to address this issue, at least partially, council agreed to eliminate parking fees until the project ends in October. Do you have other ideas council can use to help make this work more bearable? Because Marshall Street and Stone-wall Avenue now experience traffic bypassing construction, Middleburg Police increased traffic patrols. These patrols are mainly to reduce speeding and maintain safety. In my opinion, the Middleburg Police Department is doing a great job. Do you disagree or have suggestions for improvement? Your May water bill, if you live inside the Town, included the Annual Drinking Water Quality Report (mis-labeled 2015) for 2016. The Virginia Department of Health (VDH) provides the format of this report and Middleburg complies with VDH requirements. I would like to make this report more useful and understandable. For example, I would like to see all actual reading levels, especially for lead (the report states that our water did not meet any action level for lead or copper). I want it to be more explicit and easier to read. If you read this report, did you understand it? Do you have any suggestions to improve it? Middleburg has contracted for a part-time Town Attorney for many years. Angela Plowman now holds this contract. The Town Attorney's role is to advise council on matters relating to state law, contracts and other legal issues, including staffing and acquisitions. As such, Ms. Plowman represents the council directly and Middleburg indirectly. For example, she defends members of council and Town staff, in the event we may be vulnerable by our decisions or actions to challenges in court. However, a bigger role is advising us so that our decisions and actions are not likely to invite such challenges. Do you have any questions regarding how Middleburg government functions, how to get involved or who to ask to address your issues? Please send your questions, suggestions, comments or complaints to the Eccentric. I will address them in upcoming articles. editor@mbecc.com

ELECTIONS, ELECTIONS, ELECTIONS HYPOCRISY

TOM PRATT

Elections, elections, elections, most of us are getting weary, myself included, but like many others it occupies so much of our thinking time that I feel compelled to keep writing on the subject. I have researched 15 different polls on the general election and have found that none have Trump beating Sanders but the same is not true of Trump vs Hillary. A Fox poll, Rasmussen and Reuters actually have Trump up by 3, 5 and 3 respectively. The polls are, Fox, CBS, Morning Consult, NBC, CNN and others so not off the wall polling. In the polls that show Sanders beating Trump they are

nearly all double digits raging from a high of 16 points to a low of 9. On the other hand Clinton's numbers are all single digits from a high of 6 to a low of 2 and then the 3 negative numbers showing Trump leading by 3 and 5 points. I do not think these numbers are errant and think the reasons are as follows: The entire country is fed up with the same old politics where the two parties control everything from elections to policy making. They are also fed up with the electoral system where money is the most important factor in electing a Congressperson or president. Bernie and Trump are appealing to that part of the electorate who no longer are willing to sit back and let the estab-

lishment keep power. They are also impressed by the rhetoric that Bernie and Trump use, telling it like it is instead of the same old politically guarded speak. I also think the respective camps admire the fact that both Bernie and Trump are willing to take on the old guard and are not one bit afraid of ruffling their feathers. The inception of super delegates is a prime example of the Democratic party trying to subvert, in some cases, the will of the voters by insuring that if a Democrat who does not play along with the party will have a much harder time being elected. Although I would hate to see a Trump presidency I am ever more fearful that if

Hillary is the nominee that will be the case. One has to understand that Bernie supporters are not the usual and do not see the benefit in switching to Hillary if she actually does win the primary race. Noam Chomsky did say recently that he supposes that if Hillary does become the nominee we will just have to hold our noses and vote for her, but what does that say about Hillary, not a pretty endorsement. Many are calling for Bernie to drop out and make the path to the Democratic nomination easier for Clinton but I disagree. I still do not believe that Ralph Nader is the reason Gore lost to Bush. He lost for many reasons and if Hillary is the nominee and loses to Trump I do not

think Bernie voters and Bernie should be blamed. Her polling in the trustworthy department is still dismal and there is a huge faction in this country who simply do not like her and will not vote for her in any case. So if Bernie wins California, and I think he will, and the race is so close as to make the super delegates the deciding factor and if the polls still show Trump beating her in some cases or having only a few points between them I think SHE SHOULD DROP OUT FOR THE GOOD OF THE COUNTRY and let Bernie beat Trump.

ELECTION NOISE THE PUBLIC SQUARE

JERRY VAN VOORHIS
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We once produced national leaders who deeply cared about the fate of our nation and its people, but not now. No longer can we depend on the leadership class being on our side. Surely no one much approves of how today's American leadership elite does things, and for good reason. The political class has become a privileged estate, in a nation born by throwing one out. An empty vessel of leadership, they are out of ideas. Like Great Britain then, they show disdain for the population. They lack a clear idea of our national identity. They have no fiscal anchor. Rather than watch over the dollar, they use it to starve the country. Our leaders appear to be living on borrowed time, which the public understands and they, as yet, may not. While it's fashionable to condemn our political elite, however, we do so at great cost. For it's possible were we in their shoes, we could act as they do - "But for the Grace of God, go I," right? A better approach might be to ask what made them turn out as they have, and condemn those things instead. Made up of elements of Washington, Wall Street, and Big Media, much of the

top is structurally conditioned by four elements. First, it is captive of ideology and its cobwebs of power. Ideology, or the deliberate aggregation of viewpoint, is partially blind by nature. The long ascent of the modern bureaucratic state as the specific engineer of our national life foresees no end to its perfectibility. Ironically, however, the purpose of the state has been lost in its vast growth. And the more intrusion it tries, the more complicated it seems to get anything about it right. Second, the modern leadership class also is trapped by a treasury built around a public tax dollar to fund decision-maker dreams. Why wouldn't many decision-makers want to tap into a gush of treasury notes to push program ambitions? They know every dollar going to the government gives it relatively more power, and the people less. By feeding the flow of power, the nation's Treasury is a vein, which only deepens the growing separation between our leadership elite and the American people. Third, our leaders are, of course, among our most educated Americans today. Their trappings of degrees and seats of hierarchy have spawned a tight alignment of information and authority. Beyond ideology and money, then, the tools of information have emerged as an ex-

clusive property of the bureaucratic cost state. The result is not good. These tools breed control, and control breeds power, and power, in turn, breeds arrogance. Creating a society where authority is carved from expertise, and fed by ideological purpose, overwhelms common senses too often. As public sentiment is pushed more and more to the margins of national debate, the self-aspirations of government steadily unify and enlarge themselves. This is why many Americans feel government has come to cohere around a giant Speech Code - and not much more. Finally, the state has become a huge moat. Yet in its dispossession of the public, the strengthening of the bonds of the political class does in fact, strangely enough, intervene. The power of the hurt ego flies everywhere. Our politicians, agency heads, and media allies continually scheme among peers in and out of government to protect or favor pet programs, enable their funding over competing ones, or retain informational swagger. The strategies of turf rarely centralize around any public good. They actually drain the energy of our public sector. These inhibiting burdens - ideology, money, information, and ego - eat the seed core of public service. Acting in

concert, they fracture leadership. They splinter personal character, rather than build it. They divide the public domain itself. So leadership collapses right on our desks of power. And, public courage withers. Indeed today's elite are warped, often against their will, by the system they run. Fortunately our government in its founding elevated the individual by limiting wanton aggregations of public thought and power. The Founders knew men are not wholly responsible for the station they occupy. So the rule of law bound us from the beginning to a common citizenship heritage. It enabled our leaders to govern from duty rather than personal arrangement. Through cultivation of exemplary individual character, responsibility, and virtue, leaders folded into a higher norm of public service. For us all, a citizen ethic was born. The ethic once carried great force; it gave, in fact, belief to law. Our complexity today is not cause, as argued, for dissolving this ethic; but for high leadership expectations again to return - and prevail. We may be looking at the wrong problem. We shouldn't condemn our leadership for what it can't provide. Rather, turning our gaze, The Public Square sees our citizenship as our true

national spine, and the essence of the American Dream. Holding we must look beyond the political class, the Public Square sees the citizenship ethic of our public as the future model for charting a new course for the country. But how are we doing? While America sees brilliant pockets of citizen leadership in action every day - from our military, to first responders, to model athletes, to small business leaders - our citizen bread as a whole may need more baking first. In coming columns, The Public Square will look at America's citizenship model. We will look at the way it defines and graces us now. And then, we will explore new layers of freedom and responsibility that one day, again, may be the chief bulwark of our defense. During the Revolution, we fought privilege and rank. At the time, others lamented the loss of dignified obedience and false order. Today our version of a smug order has taken their place. Now this order is running its course. An ocean, however, no longer divides us. Thought, alone, does. But as Gladstone once reassuringly stated, "The resources of civilization are not yet exhausted." We must take heart.

COUNCIL IN THE LIMITS

ASK A COUNCIL MEMBER

MARK SNYDER

Hello Middleburg! This article addresses a hodgepodge of issues. I includ-

ed a few questions for you below. Please send the questions (and comments or complaints!) to you want me to address to the Eccentric.

Middleburg voters elected J. Kevin Daly, Trowbridge M. Littleton and Phillip M. Miller to council, along with Betsy Davis as Mayor on May 3. Please

join me in congratulating them! Please also accept a big thank you from me to all who voted! Council is still short a member, so

we will appoint a temporary, fourth new member to serve until the seat goes onto the ballot in the November election. The member elected then will take office

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EDITORS DESK

FEDERAL WATER AGENCIES: THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY WATERWORLD

RICHARD A. ENGBERG

In my series on federal water agencies, so far I've written about the Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), the U. S. Geological Survey (USGS)and the Bureau of Reclamation (USBR). Although there are many other federal agencies that have water resources responsibilities, I'm concluding the series with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The mission of both the Corps and the USBR has traditionally been resource development. The water mission of the USGS is neither development nor protection but rather resource investigation and research. The water mission of EPA is resource protection.

Prior to the 20th century, there was little concern about the environment.

The country was vast and the population while increasing was only a fraction of what it is today. Of course there were concerns about water pollution. Typhoid and cholera were known to be waterborne. University laboratories in the Eastern United States studied these problems and determined that chlorination of drinking water would eliminate their threats.

During the first few decades of the 20th century, however, small environmental movements began to spring up in different parts of the country.

The concern of many of these movements was water pollution from such diverse sources as mining waste, raw sewage, and agricultural chemicals among others. These movements coalesced in the early 1960's with the publication of "The Silent Spring" by Rachel Carson.

This book was essentially an indictment of DDT as the culprit in water pollution and wildlife deaths. Within a short time, the Federal Water Pollution Control Administration came into existence and in a few years was renamed the Federal water Quality Administration (FWQA). Several other federal agencies were given responsibilities for other environmental contamination such as air pollution.

In 1970, President Richard Nixon proposed an organization that would consolidate the Federal environmental responsibilities including FWQA into one entity. The proposal was passed by the House and Senate, signed by the President, and EPA came into existence. Under the law creating it, EPA's responsibility was to protect human health and the environment by writing and enforcing regulations based on laws passed by

Congress. While EPA is not a cabinet-level organization, its Administrator is normally afforded cabinet rank.

EPA's responsibilities for water are only a part of its overall responsibilities but the rest of this article will deal only with the responsibilities for water.

Within a relatively short time after EPA's creation, Congress passed and the President signed two water laws that became the responsibility of EPA to enforce. The Clean Water Act of 1972 is the primary federal law that governs water pollution. Among the provisions, it gave EPA the responsibility to create and enforce water quality standards for industry. It also gave EPA the responsibility to set water quality standards for surface waters in the U.S.

Two years later, Congress passed and the President signed the Safe Drink-

ing Water Act whose intent was to ensure safe drinking water for all citizens. These laws together with subsequent amendments are the basis for EPA's responsibilities for protecting the water resources of the U. S.

While EPA has done much to ensure clean water and safe drinking water, it remains controversial.

Ensuring clean water and safe drinking water can be expensive and EPA regulations have met resistance from resource development organizations, industry, municipalities and even from individuals who contend that their livelihoods are impacted by EPA regulations.

Nevertheless, I believe EPA, on balance, has managed to ensure that our streams, groundwater and drinking water are safer than they were prior to its creation.



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266 acres in Piedmont Hunt • Panoramic views of the Blue Ridge, Bull Run and Cobbler mountains which surround the whole property • Improvements include 4 farmhouses, an iconic red dairy barn and many agricultural buildings • Ponds and traditional stone walls • This working farm is protected by a Virginia Outdoors Foundation conservation easement which allows 2 parcels

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Oakstream
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\$3,200,000

Elegant & sun-filled country home • Gracious rooms for entertaining • 4 private suites • Extensive millwork • Main level living just minutes from town • Views of 65 protected acres • Stream • English gardens • Terraces • 200 year old stone walls & open pasture • Idyllic setting also includes 3 BR cottage • Garage & bank barn • Middleburg Hunt Territory • Shows beautifully

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TIME FOR 15 MPH
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of the numbers involved in vehicle and pedestrian accidents. As a National Ski Patrolroller I know the forces involved in collisions.

The key physics equation for you all to consider is the one for Kinetic Energy (KE) generation and absorption, KE=M x V Squared, divided by 2. This reads as M = Mass, V= Velocity. The critical value is Velocity. The average canonical FAA human being weighs 170 pounds (used in the design of commercial aircraft). Get out your calculator and look at the kinetic energy

(KE) generated by a car weighing say 3000 pounds (a ton and half) striking a pedestrian weighing 170 pounds. The energy created is absorbed by both, the pedestrian clearly being the worst off.

Now do a calculation where the value V, the speed (velocity), is 25 miles per hour, and then calculate it for 15 miles per hour. Remember that the value V is squared. 15 squared is 225, versus 625 for 25 squared. My point is self evident. Not only can the 15 mph vehicle stop more quickly over a given distance than the 25 mph vehicle, the

KE involved is dramatically reduced.

We need to urgently address the speed limit in town.

Sadly neither our very fine police Chief and his great team, nor the Town Council, have control over the town speed limit, and cannot mandate by vote in Council. It is a VDOT controlled issue, and historically VDOT is very slow to act. I have direct experience.

It took me several years, countless visits to Warrenton to Transportation Committee meetings, and support from

both the Sheriff and State Police, before I succeeded in lowering the speed limit at Half Way on The Plains Road, and for new safety signage to be erected, together with the more recent rumble strips that were installed. In the interim we have had multiple accidents on the bend at Half Way, at the junction with the Landmark Road. VDOT can be a law unto itself.

This leads me to advocate a multi pronged approach to the lowering of the Middleburg speed limit to 15 mph, by a community organized Petition

to VDOT, and Loudoun Transportation Committee, political action by the Town Council, and direct action by our local State and Congressional representatives, with our Police Chief helping to lead the charge.

Now is the time to act, before completion of the renovations. I never want to see what I witnessed here, in Middleburg, a few years back, with the death of a driver. Speed kills. We need a 15 mph speed limit in Middleburg.

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