Twilight Polo at Great Meadow

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The Middleburg Town Council, meeting regularly in full-council "work sessions" as well as its regularly-scheduled formal monthly meetings, continues to move toward final approval of zoning critical to the construction of the Salamander Inn and Spa. On July 9 Middleburg's Planning Commission recommended that the Town Council approve all the amendments to the Town's Zoning Ordinance required to allow Salamander to begin breaking ground.

A formal vote on the changes was scheduled for the July 26 Council work session. Before the Council could officially vote on the changes approved by the Commission, however, those changes had to be formally posted for public review, that is, advertised, in a legally recognized public newspaper, for at least two weeks in a row.

An advertisement listing the changes appeared, as scheduled, week one. For reasons as yet undetermined, however, the second week's ad did not appear. Some sources have blamed Leesburg Today for not fulfilling the Town's insertion order. Others point fingers at the Town staff, or Salamander, for not following up to make sure the critical second ad appeared.

In any case, the Middleburg Town Council must now wait until at least August 9, before voting on the zoning amendments.

SALAMANDER ZONING NEARS APPROVAL

MAYOR ADDRESSES "PINK BOX" ISSUES

Daniel Morrow

Opposition Voices

Despite what appears to be a solid four-vote majority of Council in favor of moving the Salamander project along as quickly as possible (Council members Eura Lewis, Trowbridge Littleton, Lisa Patterson, and Karen Robinson), a vocal minority continues to oppose construction of the Inn and Spa. Council Member Bundles Muddock has opposed the project consistently. Vice Mayor Darlene Kirk, a proponent of the original "memorandum of understanding" with Salamander, changed her mind after Council was given what she perceived to be a "take-it-or-leave-it" ultimatum, to increase the size of the inn to 168 "lodging units." Mark Snyder, widely perceived as the Council member who cast the deciding positive vote for Salamander's original proposal, now insists that the Town is not being adequately compensated for its concessions to the project.

Citizens have appeared before the Planning Commission and Council, expressing concerns about wording in the zoning amendments that appear to give Salamander a loophole for avoiding its promise that, once given permission to expand to 168 guest rooms, there would be "... no increase to capacities or square footage in any other area of the Resort." Concerns about late-night noise were raised at the July 12 Council meeting.

A debate about who should bear the cost of changing the awkward and potentially dangerous Foxcroft Road intersection is ongoing.

OASIS OF TRANQUILITY AND GRACE

MANAGEMENT TEAM EXUDES COMMITMENT, CARE AND COMMUNITY

Middleburg’s Meadowkirk offers the perfect antidote to the frantic, chaotic pace of personal, professional and family life. Situated on 384 acres of rolling countryside, the former Delta Farm property is an exquisite representation of the beauty of the Virginia countryside and a valuable addition to Loudoun County’s destination portfolio.

Borders by Goose Creek on three sides, graced with a pond, hardwood forest and wildflower fields, Meadowkirk, National Capital Presbytery’s new camp and retreat, offers children idyllic summer sessions, individuals a tranquil space for inquiry and reflection, and groups the quality of the programs accurately reflect Andy Woodworth, who is Meadowkirk’s Program Director, will welcome 100 children to summer camp this year.

“We’re only 25 minutes from Leesburg, and 40 miles from D.C.” he said. “Parents appreciate our geographic proximity to the D.C. area, and children love our multi-faceted programs.”

Cabin Camps, five days in duration include swimming, arts, crafts, nature exploration, Bible study, singing, group games, hiking, stargazing in the new Brinton Observatory and much more for a $400. Fee.

Meadowkirk also offers Leadership Training Camps; a Music, Art, Drama Camp; Night Owl Camp for children who love to sleep late; Equestrian Camp; High Adventure Camp; Family Camp; Service Camp and C3 Celebration Camp.

Andy, a tall, charming, gentle young man who answers tough questions directly and with ease, plans the programs for each of these camp experiences to ensure that participants receive individual and group dynamic attention with plenty of time planned for meditation, hayrides, campfires and lots of swimming and singing.

The quality of the programs accurately reflects Andy’s experience, education and personal goals. After he completed his Bachelor of Arts as a Phi Beta Kappa at Emory College of Emory University in Atlanta, he continued there to complete his Master of Divinity in 2007.

Andy has been actively involved in Christian Continued Page 38

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NEWS OF NOTE

IRWIN URAN’S LIFE EXEMPLARY

W hile Irwin Uran was an accomplished lawyer, businessman, and philanthropist, his true legacy is as a community leader. Uran was born in Michigan in 1931 and moved to Virginia in 1966, at the age of 35. He was known for his generosity and his commitment to improving the lives of those around him.

Uran attended the University of Virginia and later earned a law degree from the University of Virginia School of Law. He began his legal career in Virginia and later became a prominent lawyer in the Washington, D.C. area.

Although Uran had a successful career as an attorney, his true passion was giving back to the community. He was a member of the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors for many years, and during his time in office, he was known for his dedication to improving the quality of life for residents of Loudoun County.

Perhaps Uran’s most significant contribution to the community was his donation of $1 million to the Loudoun County Library. This donation helped the library expand its services and improve the library’s facilities. Uran also made important contributions to many other organizations and causes in Loudoun County, including the Leesburg Christian Academy, the African American Museum, and the Loudoun County Animal Shelter.

In addition to his philanthropic work, Uran was known for his quiet and unassuming nature. He did not seek the limelight and was often described as a humble and unassuming individual.

Although Uran passed away in 2007, his legacy lives on in the many ways he contributed to the community. His contributions helped improve the lives of many people and are a testament to his commitment to making the world a better place.

WATER – OUR MOST PRECIOUS RESOURCE

W e live in a world where water is a precious resource. In fact, water is our most precious natural resource. It is essential for life as we know it, and it is a vital part of our daily lives.

Water is not just essential for our survival, but it is also crucial for the health of our environment. Water is necessary for the growth of plants, and it is also essential for the survival of many animals. Water is also used in many industrial processes and is a vital resource for the agriculture industry.

Unfortunately, water is also one of the most precious resources on the planet. It is a limited resource, and we must use it wisely. We must protect our water resources and work to ensure that everyone has access to clean and safe drinking water.

Go Green – Middleburg

G o Green is an important effort to help protect our most precious natural resource. Middleburg residents are working to reduce their water usage and to conserve this valuable resource. By using water efficiently and by recycling, we can all play a role in protecting our most precious natural resource.

The National Sporting Library & Museum, located in the heart of the horse country of Virginia, recently announced the launch of a fellowship program in honor of its most fervent supporter, John H. Daniels. The John H. Daniels Fellowship for Researchers is a unique opportunity for scholars to conduct research in the field of equestrian history and sport.

Daniels, a long-time friend and supporter of the Library, passed away in 2006. He was a passionate advocate for the importance of preserving the history and culture of horse and field sports, and his legacy is celebrated through the creation of this fellowship.

The fellowship is open to researchers interested in exploring the Library's collections, which include rare and wonderful books on equestrian and field sports. Daniels' personal library, which he donated to the Library, is a testament to his dedication to the sport of dueling – his love for the sport is reflected in the collections available for research.

Applications for the fellowship will be accepted through the end of December, with successful applicants notified by January 31, 2008. For more information, interested researchers can contact the Fellowship Coordinator, Elizabeth Tobey, at fellowship@nsl.org.

The National Sporting Library & Museum is located in the historic barn of the 19th-century estate of Capt. John H. Ellys, who served as a Union general during the Civil War. The Library's collections include books, manuscripts, paintings, and other artifacts related to equestrian and field sports, as well as the history and culture of hunting and field sports.

The Library is open to the public and offers a variety of programs and exhibitions throughout the year. It is a popular destination for researchers and scholars interested in the history and culture of horse and field sports.

In addition to the fellowship program, the Library offers a range of educational opportunities, including research residencies, lectures, and workshops. It is a center for the study of equestrian and field sports, and a place where scholars can come together to share their passion for the history and culture of these timeless activities.
News of Note

Chefs on Motorcycle Riders Raise over $50,000 for Share Our Strength's Fight to End Childhood Hunger in America

Chefs on Motorcycle Riders was co-founded in 1984, they have led the fight against hunger and poverty by inspiring individuals and businesses to share their strengths. For more information, go to www.mbecc.com

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It's Your Business

said Bill Jackson, President of Tri-County Feeds. "It's the right thing to do."

resources wherever feasible to protect our environment and limited natural resources.

The facility that Tri-County Feeds has developed in an environmentally responsible manner is going to be a showcase for the work of the Loudoun Convention and Visitors Association.

Tri-County Feeds Goes Green

As Chair of the LCV A's Board of Directors, Bill Gibson will be responsible for the programmatic and financial resources required to sustain the work of the organization; approve its policies; assist in securing the share responsibility for effective restorative and media programs, and will lead the 28-member LCV A Board for the past 2 years.

As Business Development Manager at the National Conference Center, Bill Gibson has a wide range of experience as a senior staff member in strategic relationships with senior executives of hotels and hospitals, and with federal government agencies.

Bill Gibson has a wide range of experience including The National Conference Center, Hilton International Hotels, Director of Sales for Xerox Document Systems, and Regional Sales Director for Synxis Corporation, prior to joining the marketing of hospitality services.

With 20 years of experience, a native of Washington, D.C., Dr. Jackson founded a comprehensive restorative and cosmetic practice in Middleburg in 1981, and practice and spends an equal commitment to environmentally sustainable dental care and giving back to the community.

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Editor's Desk

The Luxury of a Legacy

We all enjoy the history of Hunt County, the beautiful countryside, the working of the farms, the estates, schools, and small towns that all make up this history. The history is what makes us unique. There are people all over the world who want to come to this place to see it, to learn about it, and to experience it. We should take advantage of this history and make sure that others can see it too.

Letters to the Editor

We are here to try to make a difference. We are here to try to make our community a better place. We are here to try to make our lives better. We are here to try to make our country better. We are here to try to make the world a better place. We are here to try to make the world a better place.

Rant & Raves

Red vs Blue

Right Direction, Wrong Direction

The Only Thing We Have to Fear
Pastimes

Confessions from an Oiler

FROM BEHIND THE STOVE

By Brian Lichorowic

Everybody that sits in our kitchen always wonders what's in all the bottles on the back counter. It's an old habit left over from my childhood where my Dad would have no less than eight different wine bottles of homemade hot and cold infused oils at the ready on the restaurant's cook line.

"Mr. L," my Dad's professional moniker, drilled several rules into my head. Two big ones were: 1) "Hot pan + cold oil = foods won't stick" and 2) "Ingredients supply a flavor - a good oil enhances it." Those little morsels of knowledge along with the legendary, "Get that out of your mouth you scmuck!" have stuck with me like dried Irish oatmeal on a wooden floor.

As I recall, green bottles were cold infused oils and clear bottles were hot infused oils. Sloppy grease pencil labeling would tell us of its use: Beef, Lamb, Pork and Seafood. Each assembled by one of our Chefs with the ingredients given to him with precise instructions on the preparation methodology. Naturally, the inevitable would happen where 500 people decided on the same entrée so we'd have to quickly make up 5 more gallons of the stuff. Which at times was even more annoying than de-boning 500 chickens. But in the end, a simple way to enhance the flavor of any meal is to accent (or drizzle) with infused oil.
PASTIMES

BOOK NEWS: A BIT OF HISTORY, FICTION, GIRL STUFF AND HILARITY

W e are thrilled to announce the

HEROIC DEEDS OF THE AUSSIE

team of professional athletes

who will be guests at the Middleburg

Eccentric on Monday, July 30, at 7 p.m.

at the American History Society. The
time will also be at the Middleburg

The team has been trained and

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The Plant Lady

Breakfast’ was one of the fantastic! The tomato ‘Kellogg’s cucumbers and corn, it’s been to harvest ripe fruit. Between so well so that I never remember fruit, a golden orange in color. to produce beautiful, large ripe flowers and there are still others still. Many things determine have plucked it off the vine on days for me to pick my perfect for the garden. This particular tomato takes 80 days from seed to maturity and how to make it flower earlier. flowers, especially flowers. It’s really bringing to the table better. zinnias are an example of an annuals are actually day neutral, the industry reads this as well as coleus and plumed

Mysteries of law and order Roger Goodell is further forces us to ask what kind of law and order. Which two animals attempt to kill each other? At times, the expression of human beings, is a despicable and maiming them repeatedly to the ground. These methods allegedly included, Terrier mix which two animals attempt to kill each other? These methods allegedly included, even dirtier, smellier and nastier than previously imagined. Some methods were to recracker injured to provide additional rev-

WHAT MAKES ART GOOD OR BAD?

Adrienne Lewis

What makes art good or bad? Aesthetic standards? Beauty? Artistic ability? What art can be emotional? Art can be emotional, expressive or manipulative. What art can be emotional? Art can be emotional, expressive or manipulative?

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SUMMARY OUTLINE'S MINUTIAE

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NOTES FROM THE PARENTS AND PROGENY

PARENTS & PROGENY
A CALL TO ACTION

Public hearings will be held on Dominion Power’s plan to deface the historic Virginia Piedmont with 15-story high power towers.

**July 26th, Faulkner High School Auditorium,**
1:30 PM OR 7 PM

**July 27th Faulkner High School Auditorium,**
9:30 AM

**Protect this historic land originally surveyed by a young George Washington and revered by Thomas Jefferson.**

While Dominion’s preferred route is through an existing easement, they have not ruled out using the route along I-66. Under their plan, some private property will be taken. Other property will be subdivided without compensation.

**Greed Not Need:***

Dominion has continually refused to provide proof that we need this electricity. Every megawatt will pay the cost for these monstrously ugly damaging towers.

**Attend the Hearing Near You:**

Visit [www.mbecc.com](http://www.mbecc.com) for more hearing locations, dates and times. Don’t miss your opportunity to let the State Corporation Commission know that we won’t stand for greedy Dominion defacing our beautiful Piedmont and taking your land.

Vesuvius for Serious Energy Policies

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**SATURDAY JULY 28th 2007, 3PM**

**Great Meadow, The Plains, VA**

Gates Open at 1PM

[www.derbycross.com](http://www.derbycross.com)
Innisbrook Resort and Golf Club in Palm Harbor, Florida is the most recent Salamander Hospitality acquisition. Purchased from Golf Trust Of America July 16, the club will receive major investments to bring it up to premier property status.

“We’re going to turn Innisbrook around,” said Salamander founder Sheila Johnson on Fox News. “We’re going to put it back on the map as one of the best golf resorts in the country, if not the world.”

Salamander’s plan for Innisbrook includes a complete renovation of the 65,000 square feet of meeting space, major investment in landscaping, the addition of a 10,000 square foot, world-class spa and the rehabilitation of all four golf courses.

The $10 million dollar investment Salamander plans to invest in improvements over two years managers indicate will take the property from a diamond in the rough to a crown jewel in the Salamander portfolio of premier resorts according to local managers.

Salamander Hospitality President Prem Devadas confirmed the firm’s goal to work closely with Innisbrook’s proud and caring staff, many of whom have been with the resort for over 20 years.

“It is the combination of facilities and service enhancements led by Vice President of Operations Chuck Pomerantz that will be the basis for Innisbrook’s successful turnaround,” Devadas said to the press.

Plans call for Innisbrook to cultivate relationships with major sporting events and entertainment as well as international conventions.

According to Innisbrook’s Director of Golf Jay Overton, the planned improvements will be of real value to next year’s PGA Tour players as well as to resort guests and club members.

Middleburg, the quaint little town nestled in the middle of Virginia’s horse country, is cleaning out its closets and storage areas and moving into the streets on Saturday August 4 for its first annual Middleburg Summer Sidewalk Sale.

In an effort to bring people into town to explore shop and eat, the shop owners have decided to create a sort of “shopping event” with a little fun involved. Mayor Betsy Davis, owner of the Fun Shop, has had special sidewalk sales in the past with proceeds benefiting the local fire station.

“We thought we would extend an invitation to all the shops to really make it a much bigger effort,” said Mayor Davis.

Known for its unique boutique shop offerings, visitors will be able to hunt for some wonderful gifts for themselves or others while experiencing the small town atmosphere as opposed to the big box or mall shopping experience. “We wanted to create an event that connects all the shops, but gives the visitor a reason to explore a store they may not have visited before,” said Middleburg Business Association President Jo Ann Hazard.

Special offerings include 50% off select items from Mystique Jewelers, Summer Sportswear sale from The Tack Box, Felton Jewelers will offer 20% off all Sterling Silver fine jewelry, Carol Hartley’s Esthetics will have her luxury bath products at a 25% discount and 10% a salon service to name a few. Shoppers are encouraged to come and browse the streets of Middleburg for other one of a kind bargains.

The Middleburg Summer Sidewalk Sale will be held all day on Saturday, August 4 throughout the town, with business hours from 10:00 am until 4:00 pm.
4TH OF JULY

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION
Middleburg Community Center, Middleburg VA, July 4, 2007
PHOTOS BY DEE DEE HUBBARD

4th of July
Independence Day Celebration
Middleburg Community Center, Middleburg VA, July 4, 2007
Photos by Dee Dee Hubbard

WILLISVILLE ICE CREAM SOCIAL
Willisville, VA, June 23, 2007
Photos by Cindy Pearson

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The Western Loudoun Community Association is proud to present: Thunderhead Thunder in the Sky. Thunderstorm is a thrilling firework display with synchronized special effects to create a visually stunning show. This event will feature a variety of firework shows, including a grand finale featuring the American flag. The event is open to the public and is a perfect way to celebrate the 4th of July. For more information, please visit www.thunderheadthunder.com.
I definitely keep up with trends. People might call me “cutting edge”, “au courant”, or “in the know”. Call it what you will, I’m chill. (And humble, too!) Right now, nothing is more fashionable than going green. I’m happy about that, but I do hope it’s more than just a fad. Going green is a permanent state of mind, not a mental note. So in keeping with my concern for what’s hip and happening, I’m writing about being kinder to the planet. Please keep in mind, however, that this is wisdom for the ages!

The great thing about the current love of all things green, organic and generally planet-friendly, is that manufacturers are jumping on the bandwagon faster than I answer the dinner bell. Every time I turn around, a new product hits the shelves promising that those who use it will be doing a favor to the earth. This is encouraging news!

But how does it relate to the pet world? Believe it or not, we’re going green too! With just a tiny bit of extra effort, people and pets can share in being environmentally responsible. For instance, many dog and cat food brands offer certified organic ingredients – but I go a step further for the environment during their manufacturing. Every soft, comfortable bed that contains recycled materials is probably a desirable but all-too-familiar routine. Nothing makes picking up our “litter” fun, but using biodegradable waste bags cuts the trash talks! Speaking of taking a stroll, getting cars off the road is a simple way to contribute to the health of our beautiful planet. Yes, it’s something we have to do with you, too. I know many of you need to drive a little to keep your dogs or cats healthy. Everyone benefits, especially if you bring us along!

Finally, the very careful selection of what treatments to use is important. In fact, many household chemicals are dangerous to you and for the sensitive creatures that share our home. Pet owners should always check with their veterinarians before making the switch to something better!

In short, you’re going green. Treat your pet to the latest trends. Albert’s Corner is always happy to share his thoughts in the future. After all, it’s your plant and everyone deserves to be a part of it!
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