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From a Different Perspective



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Here's a photo from today's excursion over the Grand Mesa - makes pretty decent pc w allpaper. Sorry about the size of the file, but I took it at a higher resolution than the usual email-size photo and just hated to shrink it down.



In the Aftermath of Isabel



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As I wrote a bit ago, I'm up and on-line again, power on and gosh I feel so good about that...nearly put the message on my answer machine at home it felt so good. I have a new respect for Hurricanes.....they are not amusing and they destroy, destroy, destroy!!! My friend, Sylvia's house...den is gutted at the moment because the water was a foot deep in there and her garage....she lives in Poquoson, which was one of the most severely damaged places....a crane removed a tree from her house, all the insulation under the house is gonejust

one thing after another, everything in the den and garage gone....but she is one of the lucky ones out there as she still has her home. I spent last Saturday/Sunday/Monday helping her because for some reason my lovely little townhouse had no damage, not even a shingle loose----and I face the Hampton River. I stayed with friends after boarding up my windows and getting my deck things removed and into my house (looked like an indoor yard sale!) and we had trees falling and ringing their house, but luckily no damage to their house either.....but others, gosh it just makes your stomach sick.

"Do you have power?" is the question of the day here...with people still without it. Next time they say a hurricane is due, I will board my windows again, and this time **leave town**.....I don't find these things even remotely exciting....the damage is like nothing I've seen before and how do you measure loss? The amazing thing here in the Hampton Roads area is that the loss of life was minimal....and that is quite astonishing.

The day before and the day after the hurricane were both glorious Virginia Days....yellow with sun and air that smelled of the flowers in your garden. I have a ginger lily plant in my back garden and I could smell the intoxicating scent the night I returned to my house....amazing.

For myself, I have lived mostly with snow storms and blizzards having spent 18 years in upstate New York....looking back on those, they were more fun than this Hurricane!!!! However, probably if I had to go through a blizzard again in February with -20 temperatures, I would think twice on that thought. The "other side" of nature is not something I want to experience again if possible!!

Well, it is another glorious day here and I have decided to get my garden back into shape for next Spring. I also extend my heartfelt hope that everyone, along with their families and loved ones close or near or in this storm or any storm(and storm can be a relative term!), remained safe and well.



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Hurricane Isabel gave us
NO PROBLEM...



...that a college student with a box of matches couldn't solve.

Many thanks to the intrepid Oklahoma Gas & Electric linemen, who drove their orange trucks 1,400 miles to fix our neighborhood's power lines this weekend. But, with respect and not to seem ungrateful, it might be time to rethink that Sooner nickname.

September 28: power is back, beer's getting cold, TiVo's expected back soon. Life is good.





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Due to Isabel, I was without power here in Richmond for 8 days - it really got cold. Fortunately, we had no serious damage to our property, but many friends and co-workers did. Things are slowly getting back to normal. Of course, my office got power back the day after the storm, so I had no excuse not to go to work - really didn't want to stay home in the dark anyway. We are still housing the equipment of a tree crew from Texas - They are a wild and crazy bunch, but they continue to get the job done along with all the power crews from everywhere - there are still people without power. Well, better get to work.

On the Lighter Side



Brander Galleries



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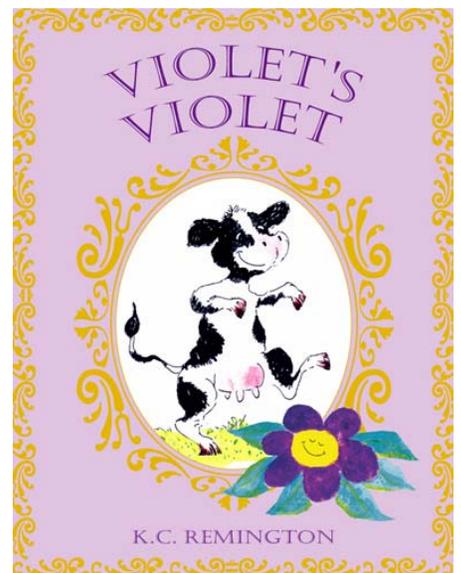
While many of you were watching the Yankee/Sox Game, I was pestering Kent with requests for some of his written material to be published in the Brander Galleries. Our monthly "Arts Section" which focuses on the creative skills of the Class. This month we feature the works of K. C. Remington of

Micanopy, FL. Below is the description in the artist's own words:

Roberto - As soon as that PITCH went toward the plate I thought in real-time, 'Its as fat and big and as wide as the world,' and then it was GONE - Da' Po' Sox ...

VIOLET'S VIOLET (29 pgs 39 pix) is a children's story about a cow who falls in love with a flower, and vice versa, searching for a publisher.

All inquiries are welcomed, but especially those accompanied with a shoebox fulla' hundreds ...



Before 'n' After



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I'm sending some pictures with this message that are special to me. The first is my daughters and I this summer, right after I learned I'm going to be a grandma! Can you tell I'm happy?

The second picture is the mini reunion from last year that Sheila referred to in her note to the new sletter. In the front row we have Sheila Rice Evans, Kristen Aszling Howard, Jill Guinon Slocum; back row : Janet (Yonnie) Madenford Triplett, Kolbe Pitkin Smith, Gretchen Aszling Leache, Sue Lewis Mitchell, Rilla Eckholm Varley. We had an incredible time, walked around Todd's Point, and (of course) ate at Manero's! "Old" friendships are so worth preserving, and offer something very special and comforting.

The third picture is of my son-in-law and me standing on top of my final 14,000' peak in Colorado. There are 54 of them, and I just completed my last one this summer, with a lot of help from my "son!" Life is very, very good.



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Ginny and I thought it would be fun to send this photo to you to add to your collection.

We have traveled together a couple of times and are headed for Paris in a few weeks for a short visit.

This photo was taken in Spring 2002 in Chalons sur Saone, France just at the end of a river cruise in Provence and Burgundy.

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