

igated any adverse visual effects by the building design and by placing the store behind a grove of trees on the opposite side of a major highway.

To get from the Wal-Mart site to the battlefield park, one must go

the Orange County Board of Supervisors made their decision to favor the new store. They should be commended for serving the best interests of the community.

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tant that we ensure our species' survival, or at least value our great-grandchildren's need to breathe clean air, drink clean water and discover our beautiful world?

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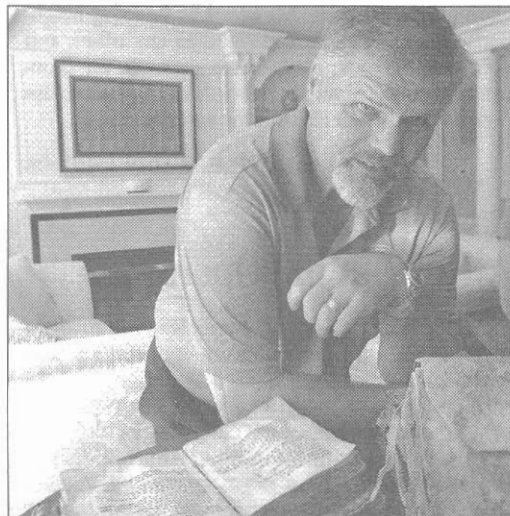
Ethiopian History at Home in Spotsylvania

Neely Tucker's article regarding a private collection of rare Bibles ["Words of the Profit," Style, Sept. 17] was as enlightening as it was a powerful tale of the challenging times we live in. Indeed, the owner of the collection, Mel Meadows, achieved a remarkable feat in acquiring more than 100 rare and old Bibles. One can only hope that their future owners are as diligent as Mr. Meadows has been in preserving the collection.

I was also fascinated by a photo caption stating that Mr. Meadows's collection includes an Ethiopian book "from the 1500s that once belonged to Haile Selassie." As a devout Christian, Emperor Haile Selassie used to give Bibles as gifts during overseas trips. These exquisitely bound and sometimes handwritten Bibles usually bear his signature and royal seal.

I wonder if Mr. Meadows's Ethiopian book displays these attributes. Whether it does or not, I am still amazed that an old Bible from my native land has found a home in Spotsylvania.

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Mel Meadows and an Ethiopian book from the 1500s.

What's Wrong With Recycling for Oil?

The comments of Greenpeace's Kert Davies in the Sept. 16 Business article "Turning Trash Into Fuel" indicated that for some environmental organizations, technology that increases the availability of oil is bad news even if it comes from

other day regarding "some invention that magically makes the world whole," Mr. Davies raised the bar and indicated that even if the Envision Oil Generator works as advertised, it requires people to "waste plastic" when we probably

Mr. O'Malley Deserves Credit on Budget Choices

A more appropriate headline for The Post's Sept. 14 editorial "Damage Control" might have been "Maryland Makes Significant Reductions in Spending, Protects Education and Keeps Its AAA Bond Rating."