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## NEW POLICE CHIEF

DANIEL MORROW

On Monday, April 23, Anthony J. ("AJ") Panebianco will become Middleburg's third Chief of Police in less than a year. He succeeds the town's current Chief, Bill Klugh, hired in June 2011, and Klugh's predecessor, Steve Webber, who announced his decision to retire at age 52 in March of the same year.

The town received more than twenty-five applications for the position after Chief Klugh discovered that the provisions of his retirement package from Fairfax City made keeping his new job in Middleburg financially unwise.

Panebianco is currently serving as Chief of Police in the Town of Louisa, the county seat, just east of Charlottesville, formerly known as Louisa Court House.

In Louisa, Panebianco commands a Middleburg-sized force of four officers in a growing town of more than 1,499 people. Louisa is the home of the North Anna Nuclear Generating station and Virginia's oldest commune, the Twin Oaks Community, founded in 1967.

A major factor in his selection, according to the town of Middleburg, was his "22-year career serving small communities in Virginia. . . ."

According to the Town of Louisa, Panebianco began his law enforcement career in 1986, serving with the City of Covington police force as a dispatcher and then with the Virginia Department of Corrections. At 21 he joined the Buena Vista Police Department as a patrolman. There he was promoted steadily, first to sergeant, then to captain, Assistant Chief, and Chief of Police.

While serving in Covington he earned an Associate's Degree and a Bachelor's Degree in Administration of Justice from Bluemont College. He is also a graduate of the Virginia Chiefs and Richmond University's Professional Executive Leadership Schools.

Panebianco left Covington to serve as interim Chief in Warsaw, Virginia, where he produced a well-regarded assessment of the Warsaw Department and played an active role in the selection of their new Chief.

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## THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES

REGGIE DAWSON RETIRES

When Reggie Dawson announced his retirement from Middleburg Bank, he was inundated with requests to serve on boards of directors and to help with worthy initiatives.

"I was honored by these requests because I have always believed in helping wherever I can, but I decided that I'm going to wait a while before I decide what to do next.

"I have always followed the golden rule, and I believe that if you treat people with respect, they will always trust and come back to you. . . . I am so grateful for the kindness and support everyone in Middleburg has given me over the years. . . . I will definitely continue to help where I can."

This gentle, distinguished and dedicated man exemplifies what citizenship and stewardship are about, and everyone in Middleburg has benefited from his support and kindness at one time or another.

The very idea that he will no longer be at Middleburg Bank seems impossible to many, but Reggie remembers his time there in exquisitely positive detail.

"I was born and raised in Middleburg," he remembers. "I attended Middleburg Elementary, graduated from Loudoun County High School in 1965 and joined the Air Force in March of 1966."

Ultimately stationed at Eglin AFB in Fort Walton Beach, Florida, his Dad came to pick him up when he finished his service.

"We cruised along back to Middleburg," he said, "toddling along until we got home."

"Tuesday of the next week, I went to Middleburg Bank to interview about a job

my mother had heard about from Mr. Ed Wright, a good friend. They were looking for a teller, and when my mother said I might be suitable, they waited for my return from the Air Force to give me an interview."

William F. Curtis, president of Middleburg Bank and John Palmer interviewed Reggie, and they called him at home the very same day to offer him the job.

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"Yes!" Reggie answered emphatically.

That was forty-two years ago. Forty-two years of exceptional service and dedication to the bank and to the community he loves.

"On my first day, February 2nd, 1970, I walked in the back door and met the woman who was to become my wife. In fact, when I was working on the 100th anniversary of Middleburg Elementary, I saw in the record books that she also attended Middleburg Elementary. . . . She was in the second grade when I was in the first."

Reggie and Gloria Jean Sutphin were married in October of 1971, and she agrees completely with his plan to wait a while before deciding what to do next.

"We don't plan a lot of exotic travel when I retire," he explained. "If we make it to Winchester or to Virginia Beach, it's a big day," Reggie said.

But he does remember how dedicated he and all the Middleburg Bank officers were to passing on their sense

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## NEWS OF NOTE GRANT STEEL CAIN



Grant Steele Cain of Purcellville, Virginia, died in a tragic accident at home on Wednesday, February 22, 2012. He is survived by his parents Scott and Laure Cain and sister Carolyn; grandmother Katharine Cain, aunt Tracy Anderson, cousins Darius, Camron, Cyrus, and Marshall Saiedi; uncle Doug Anderson, cousins Katie & Carl Anderson; uncle Ed & Aunt Anita; uncle Jim & aunt Kelley Truxel, cousins Kate Truxel, Emily & her husband Gonzalo Ramella; aunt Courtney & uncle Jon Nordling, cousins Claire & Teddy Nordling and great grandmother Jeanne Cain. Grant was predeceased by his grandparents Ed & Annette Anderson and grandfather Allan Cain.

Grant was born on May 18,

1995, at Loudoun Hospital, weighing a bit over 10 pounds 7 ounces. This began a life-long trend reflected in everything Grant did. He did it big.

Grant attended Round Hill Elementary, Blue Ridge Middle School, Harmony Intermediate School, Episcopal High School and Middleburg Academy.

Grant was a competitive athlete who began his athletic career with the Upper Loudoun Youth Football. He played soccer and little league baseball as well. At age 11 his heart was captured with the sport of Lacrosse. Grant played youth Lacrosse. Grant played for Nova West for 5 years and most recently played for MadLax Orange.

He played for both Episcopal High School and Middleburg Academy. Recently Grant received the honor of an invitation to the Nike Bluechip Lacrosse camp to be held this summer. Both coaches and teammates knew they could count on Grant to be the ultimate team player. Rarely a game passed that Grant's mom and dad were not cheering on the sidelines.

Grant learned at age nine to drive go-karts, and he spent many seasons racing. Grant raced locally at AllSports in Sterling, Virginia, where he won the "Kids League Championship" season after season. He traveled around the east coast where he raced successfully. His father served as Grant's one-man pit crew, coach, driver, chaperone, and sponsor. At age 15, he moved to spec Miata racing. Grant had an entire family of racing friends who respected Grant's driving skills and loved him as a reliable friend.

He was loved immensely by his immediate family and his larger, extended family of friends, coaches, athletes, and teachers with whom he

## SECOND CHAPTER BOOKS HOSTS WORLD BOOK NIGHT

From Kodiak, Alaska, to Key West, Florida, in 6,000 towns and cities across America, volunteers will give away half a million free books on one day: April 23, 2012. Come meet those volunteers and hear the stories of where they will be distributing their books — as varied and colorful as the people themselves, and as engaging as their book choices—at Second Story Books at 8 East Federal Street in Middleburg, Virginia.

World Book Night U.S. is an ambitious campaign to give away half a million free, specially printed books across America. Volunteer book lovers will help promote reading by going into their communities and distributing free copies of a book they enjoy to new or light readers, reaching them especially in underserved places — and even some fun places.

Volunteers from your area will be picking up the books they

selected to share in places as diverse as VA hospitals, nursing homes, prisons, ballparks, mass transit, diners, and more.

"We are proud to be a community partner for the first World Book Night in the U.S!," said Second Story Books owner Kathy Jo Shea. "From March 22 until April 18 the Reading Circle will meet weekly from 12:30 – 1:30 pm to read aloud from one of the chosen book titles. Since only a few of the titles will be given out on the March 23 in our town, we are making all the titles available now, at a fifteen percent discount."

"We will also host a gathering the week before World Book Night, in preparation for the givers going out into the community on April 23. The event will take place April 18th at 6 p.m. at Second Chapter Books, 8 East Federal Street, Middleburg. Please visit our website, chapterbks@gmail.com, or telephone 540 687 8049 for more information."

shared his life.

The simple stats of schools attended, teams belonged to, jobs held, do not collectively add up to a complete picture of who a person is. Grant was bigger than the places he visited, schools he attended, or teams on which he played. He was extremely intelligent, clever, caring and determined. He was loved beyond the words that can be written on this page or spoken aloud.

He was funny and had a great

sense of humor. All it took was for Grant's interest to be piqued and he would take on a project, a sport, or any endeavor until he completely mastered it. He was both a charismatic boy and a charming man.

Donations may be made to: The Grant Cain Scholarship at Middleburg Academy, 35321 Notre Dame Lane, Middleburg, Virginia 20117.

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# NEWS OF NOTE

## PROTEST & RESPONSE NOTES FROM STATE SENATOR VOGEL

DANIEL MORROW

On Saturday March 3, 2012, more than 500 men and women marched through downtown Richmond and then gathered on the steps of the Virginia State Capitol in Richmond to demonstrate their opposition to legislation that would have required women to undergo an ultrasound examination before terminating a pregnancy.

Protesters who refused Capitol Police orders to “disperse” or move to another location were met by helmeted, masked and plastic-shield-carrying Riot Police, supported by a Virginia State Police S.W.A.T team armed with automatic weapons.

Though no acts of violence were reported, more than 30 of the protesters were arrested and held in buses, hands cuffed behind them, for more than six hours before processing.

The original version of the legislation, Senate Bill 484, had been introduced by State Senator Jill Vogel, supported by 11 others, and for a time by Governor Robert McDonnell himself. It would have required women seeking abortions in Virginia to undergo a trans-vaginal ultrasound inspection, and required that their doctors, on request, show them the results of that inspection.

A preponderance of pro-choice opponents of the legislation characterized it as yet another incremental step in an ongoing, state-by-state effort to ban abortion, and, perhaps, birth control in the United States.

Libertarians denounced the bill as yet another government intrusion into the private lives of American citizens.

More traditional conservatives objected to the bill’s perceived effects on doctor/patient relationships.

The particularly intrusive nature of the instrumentation and

procedures required by the original legislation lent further support to opponents.

Once John Stewart, Steven Colbert, Saturday Night Live and the bloggers entered the fray, the bill was being credited with not only making the State of Virginia a laughingstock, but ending whatever 2012 Vice Presidential ambitions Governor McDowell may have harbored.

SB 484 was eventually withdrawn by its principal sponsor, and a less-intrusive, though similar variant substituted in the Virginia House.

The Eccentric asked State Senator Vogel to comment on both the police response to the demonstrations in Richmond, and the unprecedented state and national reaction to the demonstrations as well as the bill itself.

### The Demonstration

“I was appalled to hear the re-

sults of the protest,” Vogel told the Eccentric. “It is totally uncharacteristic of law enforcement at the Capitol to hinder protests. Organized, public displays of protest or support are a common event at the Capitol and people who take the time to visit Richmond and make their positions known are usually given great deference and treated with dignity and respect.

“I go out of my way,” she said, “to visit with protestors and organized advocacy groups when they come to petition at the Capitol. I also go out of my way to make them feel welcome and feel that their views matter. Because their positions DO matter and I find it offensive and certainly undemocratic if peaceful protestors were mistreated.” Vogel was not, herself, in Richmond on March 3.

### Vogel on HB484

Asked to comment on reaction to what she terms the “informed consent bill,” Vogel was direct. “I killed the Senate bill,” she said, “a bill which began with very good intentions.”

Conceding that she was “embarrassed,” by the whole thing Vogel noted that the bill “had twelve Senate patrons and it had bipartisan support, including the actual patrons who were Republicans and Democrats.”

Vogel also noted that she “had been promised” and perhaps mistakenly “took for granted” that some very simple medical facts “were at the heart of the legislation.”

“I think of myself as an honest, straightforward and modern person who thinks that government should stay out of your life, out of your business, out of your bedroom and out of your health care. I only make exceptions when there is a legitimate health reason,” she said, “and I genuinely believed that there was a benefit to women having more information about their own health and about the procedure.”

She said she was particularly distressed that the controversy generated by HB484 had so overshadowed what the Senate had accomplished on “transportation, public safety, teachers’ pay and state employee pension and other things that really matter around here.”

“It was very clear that ultrasounds were the standard and everyone gets one prior to the procedure to terminate, period. This bill was only intended to offer the woman the results of the ultrasound - just an option.”

This year, Vogel noted the Virginia House and Senate have often been “... criticized in the press for introducing bills on social issues. In fact,” she pointed out, “a mere 12 of the 686 bills introduced in the Senate have any impact on social matters.

Her primary goal in introducing HB484, and that of her co-sponsors, she said, had been simple: “... to bring Virginia’s informed consent rules in line with current reproductive technology.”

“It was sure never my intent to offend women or to trespass in any way on their rights, she said. “The bill offered a woman the opportunity to view the results of an ultrasound in advance of a procedure to terminate a pregnancy and was strictly optional. Women would not be forced

to view the results of the ultrasound, only offered an opportunity to do so. My bill was based on language used in 20 other states that have similar informed consent laws.”

“This was all consistent with the information provided during initial discussions about the measure” Vogel asserted. “Clinics currently perform - and recommend - ultrasounds as a routine part of screening. The procedure is considered to be a safety measure, constituting current “best practices.”

“Planned Parenthood advocates the same ultrasound technology in their clinics,” she said, “and the National Abortion Federation includes the procedure in their standards.”

Asked about what doctors thought, Vogel noted that “Physicians had explained that ultrasounds reflect the standard of care required to safely perform a procedure. It is the only way to determine gestational age and to screen for serious complications (like ectopic pregnancy), which place the mother at increased risk.”

“Finally,” Vogel noted, “patient advocates have emphasized how critical it is that women have access to information in order to make good decisions about their health. Ironically, that was precisely the Senate’s posture on a mammogram bill that was voted unanimously out of committee just minutes before my bill was heard. The mammogram bill required that women be provided results of certain mammogram tests.”

### Women’s Rights

“It was never my intent to force a woman to have a vaginal screening against her will, only to ensure that women seeking abortions are fully informed and that current state-of-the-art safety procedures are followed,” Vogel concluded. “I struck the bill over the objections of the Governor and others who have worked hard on the bill. But at this point in the process, it was for me a matter of conscience. New information about the ultrasound bill placed a number of facts in conflict. After new feedback from physicians, clinicians, lawyers and constituents, I had to conclude I clearly did not have all of the answers. Also, I learned the Governor was hurrying amendments to the floor and at that point it was time for me to call ‘time out’ on my bill.”

Asked about the flak she had taken from all quarters as a result of her role in introducing the bill, she noted that “... the difficult work of legislation requires an open mind, a measured reaction and respect for those who disagree.”

“I have great respect for my colleagues,” Vogel told the Eccentric, “and try to engage in conduct that is always kind, even when we vociferously disagree.

“Some of the public debate on this matter was at times undignified. But I have to acknowledge an unusual act by Delegate David Englin (D-Alexandria) who took to the House floor Friday to extend a public apology to me for misstatements he made recently in the national media. I was very appreciative and in the end it is a good lesson for us all in kindness and decorum.”

## FINALLY, A DOG GROOMER WHO UNDERSTANDS



If there is one thing a dog cannot abide, it’s being cooped up in a dark, distant cage while waiting for a bath and a haircut. Those little rooms filled with crying dogs simply ruin what should be a relaxing and luxurious experience.

That’s why Sarah Watkins, owner of The Studio, Middleburg’s Boutique Dog Salon, refuses to cage her clients at all, and allows them to roam freely while waiting for their turn to be beautiful.

“No one would be happy if they were cooped up in a scary place when they went to the groomer,” the pretty young newcomer to Middleburg explains. “I want my customers and clients to enjoy total transparency with no dark corners while they are with me. You wouldn’t expect any less from your own hair salon.”

As Sarah tosses back her shoulder-length brown bob to better comb out a nervous King Charles Spaniel, she tells a story of her arrival in Middleburg that will be familiar to many.

“I grew up with horses and dogs and always loved animals. Among our many dogs, my parents had a very difficult Cockapoo who needed a personal groomer to come to the house. At ten years old, I was fascinated with how gentle she was and how much confidence she inspired in this frightened little dog. She kindly taught me about grooming and, when she retired, she gave me her mobile practice after I completed grooming school.”

Becoming a professional dog groomer is a five-day-a-week, eight-hour-a-day, ten-month endeavor. All breeds must be groomed to satisfaction before one graduates, and every aspect of coat, paw, ear and eye care must be learned thoroughly.

“I grew up in Silver Spring, Maryland, and I operated a mobile grooming business for three years before I decided to go to college.”

Focusing on real estate, finance and economics at the University of Mississippi, Sarah investigated all her options for her future career. But she missed animals much too much to forego her original instincts.

“My finance degree has been invaluable,” explained the owner of a successful grooming business in Silver Spring, “especially in the current economic climate.”

“I moved to Middleburg for my horses, and was really surprised that there was no dog groomer in the Village.”

Now, at a crisp, colorful address on Federal Street, Sarah offers her services to address the lack of a Middleburg groomer.

“I hadn’t intended to open so quickly, but the first weekend my sign was mounted on the building, customers began knocking on the doors asking if their dogs could be groomed while they had lunch at The French Hound... I could not have been happier to comply.”

Owners are welcome to stay with their dogs while they are being groomed, and customers may enjoy the cookie bar.

Sarah specializes in trims for geriatric dogs and puppies, and welcomes dogs who are recovering from surgery. She hand scissors poodles, hand strips, plucks and cards terriers

## MIDDLEBURG WELCOMES A NEW VET



As the old dog wobbled out of the examination room, Dr. Tim Dabkowski followed, saying soothingly, “We can take care of him... let’s think about what we want to do, and we’ll keep him as comfortable as possible.”

The handsome young vet with beautiful pale blue eyes exuded kindness and empathy for both the animal and the owner, and conveyed clearly that he would do whatever was decided with the care Middleburg Animal Hospital was known for when Love/McKim set standards for animal care in The Piedmont.

Although Tim did not originally decide to pursue a veterinary degree, his sister encouraged him to “follow his passion” when she was very ill with cancer. Her encouragement gave him the boost he needed to leave Dun & Bradstreet where he was a successful consultant and do what he’d always wanted to do: provide professional care for animals in need.

The youngest of seven children, Tim took his sister’s advice quickly and literally.

“Life’s too short,” she emphasized. “You need to do something you love.”

Two months later, Tim resigned from D&B and finished his science courses while he worked part time for a vet. He is a graduate of Virginia Tech Veterinary School.

Now the owner of a successful veterinary practice in Rehoboth, DE, that is growing rapidly and requires a new building that is under construction, Tim decided to talk to his bankers about opening a second practice as he was returning from a conference.

“My business degree and my D&B experience have been extremely valuable as I’ve established and enlarged my veterinary career,” he explained. “I know and understand the financial vocabulary, and my bankers know I know how to create

and build a successful business.”

When he found that Middleburg Animal Hospital in Middleburg was for sale, he immediately investigated its history and reputation closely.

“This was a practice that was dearly loved and admired by the community,” he said “Clearly it needed to be reinvigorated and brought up to present-day standards, but, basically, the customer and employee loyalty was still there, we simply needed to prove that my commitment and dedication were as serious and strong as theirs.”

One only need walk into the reception room at Middleburg Animal Hospital today to realize that the dedication and commitment Tim talked about are very clearly in place and that he loves the Middleburg community.

Is it easy running two clinics at the same time? No, not really, but it is more than worth it, according to the intense and focused vet.

“We’ve purchased a little house on Rt. 50 and we spend more than half of every week here,” he explained. “I found the Love’s expansion plans when I was cleaning shelves the other day... they’re wonderful, and I hope to turn them into

reality someday soon.”

Cleaning and refurbishing have been at the forefront of Tim’s mind since he closed on the practice.

“All our machines need to be replaced,” he noted.

“But I view this as a turnaround venture that, not so long ago, enjoyed a fantastic reputation. My goal is to create a thriving business here again.... A business that puts customers and their animals first.”

“I am a reasonable man,” Tim emphasizes. “I take my responsibility for the quality of life for animals under my care very seriously... I want my clients to have the information they need to make the right decisions for their animals, and my standards of care are very high. I know it will take a while to build community confidence again, but I’m confident that will come as people get to know me. Everyone here has been so welcoming and helpful.

“I’m extremely pleased to be able to serve this community.”

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# NEWS OF NOTE

## MALICIOUS PROSECUTION AND DEFAMATION

DANIEL MORROW

At 12:20 PM on March 1, 2012, Middleburg Eccentric Editor Dee Dee Hubbard, her son Jay, his wife Megan, her daughter, former Middleburg Town Council Member Lisa Patterson, and Patterson's husband, Tom, filed suit in Loudoun County Circuit Court, requesting that the court enter judgment against Jack and Mary Kirk Goehring, "jointly and severally," for "malicious prosecution" of Dee Hubbard and for "common law defamation and defamation per se" of the named members of the Hubbard and Patterson families.

Jury trials were requested. The suit requests the court order the Goehring to pay penalties totaling more than \$3 million plus any punitive damages determined to be appropriate by the court.

At press time, no court date had been set.

The suit seeks damages for what is termed, "... an unprecedented, premeditated and vicious conspiracy" to injure the plaintiff "... through a campaign of malicious prosecution, libel, slander, and defamation that ended with Dee Dee Hubbard being acquitted by a jury of her peers in a criminal case instigated by the Goehring's."

"Beginning on or about June, 17, 2010," the suit continues, "... Mr. Goehring began a campaign of defamation and slander against the plaintiffs seeking to obtain baseless criminal charges against all of them with the goal of using the leverage obtained by the filing of charges to

extort money from the plaintiffs and to have them all evicted from ... various properties."

The documentary evidence cited in the suit includes an ID Theft Affidavit filed with Middleburg Bank that, in the words of the suit, "... falsely and maliciously accuses the plaintiffs of the crime of Identity Theft." The statement, filed under oath, accuses the plaintiffs not only of identify theft, but with "fraud, embezzlement and/or bank fraud." Those charges, according to the suit, were "false and were knowingly false when made," and are "defamatory per se."

### Police Involvement

Dee Dee Hubbard was arrested on November 30, 2010, the suit continues, "... after the Goehring made a series of false and defamatory statements to the Middleburg Police and the Virginia State Police ..."

"Not satisfied simply to have Dee Dee Hubbard arrested for false charges," the complaint continues, "Mr. Goehring, who had been tipped off by the Middleburg Police Chief as to the date and time of the arrest, arranged for a friend who was a photographer, to take photographs of the arrest. Mr. Goehring then assisted his friend to find a buyer for the photos which happened to be the local press."

As a result, the plaintiffs charge, the photos of Hubbard's arrest and of her in handcuffs, were "... featured on the front page of the local newspaper, Channel 4, NBC Evening News and YouTube."

This was done, according to the filing, "... in furtherance of the Goehring's scheme to humiliate and defame the entire Hubbard family and to damage Dee Dee Hubbard." Goehring himself, it is charged, "published copies of the arrest photos on several websites."

While the trial of Dee Dee Hubbard was still pending, the filing charges, "... the Goehring met with Special Agent Robert Mrak of the Virginia State Police ...," telling Mrak, "... they wanted a 'fraud' element added to the criminal charges [against Hubbard] so that they could seek over \$100,000 in back rent from the Hubbards, even though no back rent was due and owing." Emails sent to the Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney confirming that and similar conversations were uncovered during the discovery process in Hubbard's criminal trial, and were submitted as evidence in the filing against the Goehring's.

### Goehring Emails in Evidence

Also submitted as evidence, the complaint continues, were emails sent by the Goehring to the Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney in which they "... clearly demonstrated their intention to use the pending criminal case to advance their supposed civil claims against the plaintiffs." In those emails the Goehring's accused Dee Dee Hubbard of being a thief. Because the statements were "published and are false," the filing continues, "... they are defamatory per se."

A long list of Goehring emails that the filing notes were not only

"published," but "false," and "defamatory per se" follows. Most if not all appeared in the criminal trial in which Hubbard was unanimously cleared of all charges against her.

Among them were:

An April 6, 2011, email in which Goehring accused Dee Dee Hubbard of stealing from John Bennison, her employer and a business partner of Goehring's. Bennison testified on Hubbard's behalf in the November trial.

An April 7 email flatly accusing "... all of the plaintiffs of 'crimes of fraud and conspiracy to commit fraud.'"

An April 16 email accusing Hubbard's family members of "forgery."

An April 27 email, accusing Dee Dee Hubbard of "embezzling from the Middleburg Christmas Parade," and accusing Lisa Patterson of "... colluding with her mother and being a 'criminal accomplice' of the embezzlement." In that same email Goehring wrote, "Having studied these intensely dreadful circumstances, it is my view that logic dictates pressing charges against Lisa and Jay, her children, as they are her most valuable asset."

A May 10, 2011 email, accusing Hubbard of theft.

A May 16 email, accusing Hubbard of being a "master criminal/con artist."

A May 22 email accusing Dee Dee Hubbard of being a "master criminal" and accusing the Hubbards

and Pattersons of "... being part of a 'crime family' engaged in a 'criminal conspiracy.'"

An email sent to the Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney "prior to the start of the November 7 trial" accusing Hubbard of "forgery" in an effort to "steal" more than \$144,000.

"On November 8, 2011," the suit notes, "a jury in Loudoun County Circuit Court acquitted Dee Dee Hubbard of all of the embezzlement charges that the Goehring's had submitted," and that during the course of that trial, "... Mr. Goehring admitted, as is set forth in his profligate correspondence to others, that he always intended to use the malicious and baseless prosecution of Dee Dee Hubbard to collect debts he believed he and his wife were owed and obtain the eviction of the Hubbards from his properties. All this was done maliciously and with the specific intent to harm Dee Dee Hubbard."

### "False and defamatory per se"

Since Hubbard was found innocent of all charges on November 8, the suit continues, "... the Goehring's have continued to harass and sue the Hubbard family and to tell others that the Hubbards are a crime family that stole a substantial sum of money from them."

"Each of these statements are false and defamatory as they accuse the Hubbards of criminal activities," the filing concludes.

## A DELICATE DRINK OF COOL, CLEAR WATER



If you've ever closely observed a thirsty horse delicately breaking the surface of a pool of water, you will understand and appreciate the magnitude of the wonderful Nic Fiddian-Green sculpture, entitled "Still Water" that greets visitors to the National Sporting Museum.

The massive hammered sculpture sheathed in hammered lead that balances so delicately over an imaginary pool of water is a perfect reflection of Fiddian-Green's passionate obsession with the head of the horse. Although the piece is nine feet by ten feet and two inches, and is immensely heavy, it impossible not to be breathtakingly swept away to a refreshing summer stream when in its presence.

"Nic is a genius," said one of the NSLM Directors, Turner Reuter. "The delicacy of this piece, made by hand of hammered lead, is astounding. His classical influence is amply evident, but, as we all know, the horse is a timeless icon of human endeavor."

"The thing is that, for me, it's not about the horse," explained Fiddian-Green. "It's about the shape, the form, the finish."

Be sure to visit Fiddian-Green's "Still Water" at The National Sporting Museum on view through May. If you love horses, and admire their ability to express emotions, you will be enchanted by this sculpture.

For more information about The National Sporting Museum, in Middleburg, VA, please visit [www.nsl.org](http://www.nsl.org). Museum hours: Wednesday - Saturday, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm; Sunday, noon - 4:00 pm.



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# NEWS OF NOTE

## CREIGHTON FARMS OPENS BEAUTIFUL CLUBHOUSE

Years of preparation for discriminating members concluded this month with the opening of the Clubhouse at Creighton Farms. Widely regarded as the Washington D.C. area's most extraordinary resort-style community, the opening of the Clubhouse is an important benchmark in the development of the property.

"We were delighted to receive approval to formally open the Clubhouse," explained David Southworth, president of Southworth Development, the owner of Creighton Farms. "It will be the social heart of our community and a keystone of the impeccable service we offer our members."

Although a formal grand opening is to be announced later this spring, all Clubhouse services are now available to members. The finely appointed 34,000-square-foot manor house offers a variety of dining options, event space, elegant full-service locker rooms, club rooms (a small number of private hotel rooms) and the Golf Shop, where the latest golf equipment and ready-to-wear is available.

Members will enjoy the Grille Room, a light, airy room overlooking the golf course and rolling hills; The Trophy Room, reminiscent of an English club

with wood paneling and a fireplace; Jack's Pub, offering a relaxed atmosphere with booths, lounge area, fireplace and a horseshoe bar; and the Billiards Room.

A private meeting and conference room overlooking the golf course has a fireplace and the very latest in A/V equipment. The conference room is available for social and business functions.

Members and guests will enjoy the Clubhouse's classic country décor, and Artist-in-Residence Tom Neel's works enliven the expansive space with charming paintings of the Piedmont region.

The full-service locker rooms include private showers, dressing rooms and steam rooms with separate lounge areas in each of the men's and women's lounges. Massage rooms offer a chance for relaxation and the fitness area includes the latest aerobic and weight training equipment.

"We are extremely pleased to offer our members a home away from home. At Southworth Development, we know that the Clubhouse is the heart of any Club," said General Manager Attila Harai.

"We value our members who have been waiting for this

day, and are confident that the Clubhouse will attract new social and golf members."

"Our staff is prepared to offer exceptional service and we look forward to the season."

Special events and weddings may be scheduled at Creighton Farms by contacting Alexandra Mannino at 703 957 4817.

"We already have a social calendar for members with a variety of events, as well as a number of weddings and special events this year," Alexandra explained. "Creighton Farms is such a beautiful place for truly special events and we offer full event services to our clients."

"Brides may choose from beautiful interior spaces or al fresco patios that provide sensational backdrops for the ceremony. Whether they choose an outdoor space overlooking the 10th hole, or the Pergola, or many other options, they can leave the work to our very professional staff and enjoy a spectacular day."

Memberships at Creighton Farms include Social, Sports and Golf for residents and non-residents. For more information, or an appointment to visit the Clubhouse and discuss membership options, please contact Mike Robichaud at 703 957 4800.

## MIDDLEBURG ACADEMY SEMI-FINALIST IN US PHYSICS TEAM COMPETITION



Yang (Robert) Xu, a junior, will represent Middleburg Academy, the only independent high school in Virginia to claim a semi-finalist, in the 2012 U.S. Physics Team Competition.

He now sets his sights on the upcoming final exam which will identify the top twenty physics students in the country.

The U.S. Physics Team Competition is sponsored each year by the American Association of Physics Teachers (AAPT), the premier national organization and authority on physics and physical science education.

Robert completed AP Physics during his sophomore year and is currently undertaking In-

dependent Science Research in Physics with Dr. Ann Reimers.

"He is an incredibly curious learner," Dr. Reimers said. "He is able to see problems in ways others can't, so he can solve them in very creative ways. He also works very hard."

Robert's course load includes AP Chemistry and college-level Biology through Middleburg Academy's Dual Enrollment Program. An AP Scholar, he recently earned perfect scores on three SAT subject tests: Physics, Chemistry and Math 2.

Not surprisingly, Robert hopes to be a physicist someday.

When not engrossed in science, Robert serves as President of the Junior Class and on the Student Council. He is a member of the Math Club and ranked in the top 1% of 300,000 test takers in the recent American Mathematics Contest 12.

## HILL SCHOOL TOP REDUCER IN 2012 GREEN CUP CHALLENGE

Students from 116 schools in 22 states collectively prevented 1,567,562 pounds of global warming carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) from being released into the atmosphere in just four weeks, during the 2012 national Green Cup Challenge. Top reducing schools for this year's GCC included The Hill School in Middleburg, Virginia (-23.4%) which came in 3rd in the nationwide group of 16 participating schools.

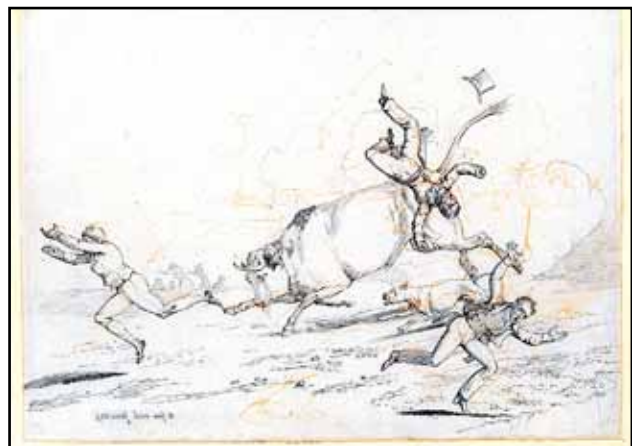
Now in its 5th year, the GCC is an inter-school energy conservation challenge, for grades K-12, sponsored by the non-profit Green Schools Alliance. The friendly competition empowers students and staff to conserve electricity, raise environmental awareness, and decrease their campus's carbon footprint.

The Saplings and Tree Hugers, two student environmental clubs, led the effort to turn off Hill School lights and computer monitors when not in use, to fully close doors and windows, and to reduce trash output. Faculty leaders Pat Kidder and Lois Johnson-Mead praised Hill's students for their dedication to reducing waste and saving our natural resources.

## SCRAPS FROM THE MELLON COLLECTION NOW SHOWING AT THE NATIONAL SPORTING MUSEUM

Paul Mellon was a great admirer of works of art that showcase an artist's direct experience of his or her subject because it is often the transitory experiences that, although not momentous occasions, are for many, the very essence of sport and country life.

It is for that reason that the "Scraps: British



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Sporting Drawings from the Paul Mellon Collection" exhibition will bring such pleasure and humor to visitors to The National Sporting Museum in Middleburg, Virginia.

The title, taken from Henry Alken's series of drawings and prints, accurately depicts the varied and often humorous episodes of sporting and country life. Those who commissioned paintings often conformed to a formal vision of sport that reflected established traditions and motifs.

This exhibition, however, celebrates emotional drawings that illustrate a greater personal freedom artists were allowed that so accurately captured visions of the animals, sport, and country pursuits they encountered and observed directly.

The works in this exhibition are drawn entirely from the Paul Mellon Collection at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts in Richmond. As noted in Mellon's autobiography, "Preliminary drawings or sketches in oil or pastel often have an immediacy and emotional appeal far greater than the final canvases."

This exhibition was organized and is shown in Middleburg by the courtesy of the VMFA.

For more information about the "Scraps" exhibition on view through June 30, 2012, please visit [www.nsl.org](http://www.nsl.org). Museum hours: Wednesday - Saturday, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm; Sunday, noon - 4:00 pm.



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## IT'S OFFICIAL, WINDY HILL IS HOME TO 20% OF MIDDLEBURG

The 2010 census data confirmed what members of Windy Hill Foundation have been suspecting for some time. Of the 678 residents of Middleburg proper, 137 of them live in Windy Hill properties. That's fully 20% of the town of Middleburg. The story of how this came about starts 31 years ago in 1981.

That was 12 years after we had put a man on the moon, and yet, at the western end of town the Windy Hill community of 12 families was served by 6 dilapidated outhouses, and water, in the form of 2 outdoor spigots, had to be carried home in buckets or jugs.

Rene Llewellyn, a local citizen, said "this is not acceptable—not anywhere and especially not here." She started Windy Hill Foundation and raised \$1 million to purchase and rebuild 9 properties on Windy Hill Road. Today, the old sycamore tree at the entrance to the road remains, but the rest of Windy Hill has been transformed by Rene's vision. In all, the Windy Hill Foundation now owns 67 units of affordable housing in Middleburg, providing homes to 92 adults and 45 children.

Who is in the Windy Hill community today? First, there are hard working families. In the last five years, Windy Hill residents have worked at the Exxon, Southern States, local restaurants, local shops, and on farms in the area. The average household income for these families ranges from \$14,000 to \$33,000 per year.

Second, many in the community are elderly. Most of these residents come from a lifetime of farm work or ser-

vice in the Middleburg area. Social Security is their only source of income and those payments are very modest due to a long history of low wages.

All of these elderly residents require added subsidy from Windy Hill Foundation.

And third, the community is home to more children than ever before. A few years ago, there were only nine children in the community. Now there are 45! The Foundation's goal continues to be to encourage self-improvement and self-

sufficiency through access to better healthcare, better education, and better choices for kids.

Executive Director, Kim Hart says, "Here's what makes Windy Hill Foundation different. To the Foundation, providing an affordable home isn't the end of our mission, but only the beginning. Windy Hill is unique in this area as the only provider of workforce housing that also offers a full range of family services to help our residents be success-

ful."

Board Chairman, Joe Boling says, "When Rene Llewellyn set out to raise \$1 million in 1981 for the first Windy Hill community, the task seemed overwhelming. Thanks to the generosity of the local community she succeeded in changing the lives of nine families forever. Windy Hill Foundation continues to change lives for just one reason, because enough people believe that substandard housing for hard working families

is simply not acceptable in our community. In these tough economic times, never has the need been so great. We need everyone's help."

If you would like to make a donation, please send a check to Windy Hill Foundation, PO Box 1593, Middleburg, VA 20118. To learn more about the Foundation or to donate on-line, go to [www.windyhill-foundation.org](http://www.windyhill-foundation.org). All donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

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## FOXCROFT, NORWOOD TAKE TOP PRIZES AT K2M STEM SUMMIT

INSPIRES NEXT GENERATION OF FEMALE LEADERS IN SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING AND MATH

Dozens of high school and middle school girls spent last Saturday engineering brick walls, mixing chemical solutions, solving genetic and forensic quandaries, and conquering tricky logic problems at Foxcroft School's K2M Expedition: The STEM Summit.

When the fun-filled day was over, Foxcroft and Norwood School (Bethesda, MD) had captured the high and middle school titles, respectively; a score of other girls had won prizes ranging from iTunes gift cards and a massage to a Kindle Touch; and just about every one of the 150 people involved was wearing a K2M t-shirt and a smile.

"I had very high expectations for the day," said one middle school student, holding her hand chin-high and then raising it above her head and adding, "but this went way above them!"

"It was an outstanding day for all involved," said Foxcroft Head of School Mary Louise Leipheimer. "What these girls can do with math, science and technology is amazing. I don't know when I've been so proud of our school."

The STEM Summit attracted a breadth of talented stu-

dents from Virginia, Maryland, and Washington, DC, with 19 high school and 12 middle school teams participating in the all-girl competition. Working in teams of 3 or 4, students solved problems that draw on STEM skills. Challenges included engineering a brick wall with the longest possible overhang, mixing chemical solutions to identify each element, solving a genetics problem called "Who's Your Daddy?" and conquering tricky logic problems. The middle school competition also included a forensics exercise that involved analyzing fingerprints and fiber samples.

Sponsored by K2M, Inc., a Leesburg, VA firm that develops technological innovations for surgeons to treat the world's most complex spinal disorders, the event included two of the company's young engineers who conducted one of the STEM Summit events, and CEO Eric Major came to observe.

"We were so impressed with the energy, enthusiasm and intellectual curiosity of the Foxcroft girls who visited our lab last spring," said Major, referring to a field trip by the School's Engineering and AP Biology classes to learn about K2M innovative

engineering. "So we thought partnering with Foxcroft to sponsor this event made a lot of sense."

Foxcroft's leadership in STEM education was a prime motivator for creating the event. "Providing an environment that combines the use of academic skills to solve exciting real-world with competition in a team setting can be powerfully motivating," said Foxcroft's Science Department Chair, Dr. Maria Eagen, who holds a PhD in Aerospace Engineering Sciences. "By offering this event every year, we hope that participating schools will develop programs that help their students be more competitive. Ultimately, we hope that it will foster a life-long love of the STEM fields."

The high school Summit concluded with a luncheon at which medals and other prizes were awarded to the champion "Derivative" team of Chloe Jung, Cindy Li, Lexy Lu, and Hazel Yan of Foxcroft. The Incomplete Dominators of Loudoun Valley High, Emma Thomson, Christine O'Mara, and Jenn Harris placed second. Third place ended in a tie between Middleburg Academy's Zephyr team (Justine Lee, Joanna Guo, Cheyenne Sams and Cayla



Schnebele) and Madeira's Nova entry (Devin Williams, Hang Yin, Lydia Parker and Lijing Fang).

Team Derivative won two of the five individual events while Nova, and Tangent, a Foxcroft team comprised of Melody Kabai, Alicia Gordon, and Olivia Saez, each won one. (The fifth event ended in a 9-way tie.) Jung, Amy Edgmond (Foxcroft), Meredith Markwood (Georgetown Visitation), and Morgan Hadlock (Wakefield School) also won prizes for a combination of brains and luck: They solved problems offered during the breaks in the team competition to earn a place in a raffle for the prizes – and were drawn out of the hat!

In the afternoon, Nor-

wood's "Dimension" team of Olivia Cong, Carolyn Hoover, Susanna Bradbury, and Neelam Shaikh took first overall among 12 middle school teams. Loudoun Country Day's "Pi" team (Rachel Wilmans, Lindsey Rust, Emily Cleland, and Megan Mazzatenta) placed second, while third went to Immanuel Christian's "Mitosis" entry (Sarah Christopherson, Natalie Jones, Rita Bodrog and Emma Yergat).

Math Department Chair Susan Erba and Science Chair Maria Eagen, PhD, led their colleagues in organizing the event. Members of Foxcroft's Math Club and other volunteers welcomed the visitors and helped make sure the event ran smoothly.

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NEWS OF NOTE

HUNT COUNTRY WRITERS' RETREAT

AUTHORS AND ASPIRING WRITERS MEET IN MIDDLEBURG

Horse country has long embraced its riding community but many don't realize that there is a robust horse country writing community as well. Two Middleburg residents who are well connected to the literary world and writing, Jan Neuharth and Genie Ford, have created a Writers' Retreat that they plan to host annually.

This year's event took place on Saturday, April 21st after a Friday night (April 20) reception from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Anyone who has ever been interested in writing or is a published writer should plan to attend next year's Hunt Country Writers' Retreat. The intensive, one-day event in beautiful Virginia hunt country promises to inspire, motivate and educate. Attendees learn from one of the best editors in the business, meet published authors and learn about their paths to publication, and have a chance to chat with one of publishing's top agents.

Presenters at this year's event included Mike Sirota, a freelance editor and author of 19 published novels who has facilitated many workshops and taught many seminars. An instructor for the University of California,

San Diego Extension, a workshop leader for the Southern California Writers' Conference and the La Jolla Writers Conference, he has also served on the faculty of the Alaska Writers Guild Conference. Jeff Kleinman, one of the founders of Folio Literacy Management, joined Mike. Jeff has represented many successful authors, including New York Times bestsellers. He is always looking for wonderful, character-driven novels. In addition, a panel of hunt country authors offered their perspectives on the joys and challenges of publishing.

Topics covered in the retreat included: outlining, point of view, dialogue, plotting, characterization, pacing and the hook, as well as what agents expect, what they want and don't want, and more about landing an agent of your own.

Cost of the Writers' Retreat is \$275 and includes a Friday reception, the Saturday workshop and lunch on Saturday. To register for next year, please deadline Jan Neuharth at info@huntcountryrnsuspense.com or call 540-687-3345, or email Genie Ford at genie@printmanagement.com.

CONGRESSMAN FRANK WOLF KICKS OFF NEW "WATERFORD BOOKS & WINE" SERIES

The Waterford Foundation recently announced the re-launch of its popular author lecture series. Originally named the George Bentley Lecture Series, after the longtime Waterford resident and preservationist who died in 2000, the lectures were suspended following the 2007 fire that destroyed the Old School.

They will begin again May 12th as "Waterford Books & Wine." These informal Saturday afternoon lectures in the beautiful new Waterford Old School Auditorium will be followed by a tasting of wines from prominent local wineries.

"We are honored to have Congressman Wolf as the first speaker in this new series," said Foundation President Bonnie Getty. "Congressman Wolf has been an ardent champion of preserving Waterford during his thirty-one years representing Virginia's 10th District. It's fitting that his new book, 'Prisoner of Conscience,' which explores his longtime championing of human rights causes,

will be the first tale told in the new auditorium."

Thirty years ago, Frank Wolf was elected to the U.S. Congress to address local transportation issues. Fueled by a faith that made him believe he could do something about it, the congressman grew to defend human and religious rights around the world-from cracking down on gang-related crimes in the U.S. to relieving suffering from war, AIDS, and famine in places like Darfur, China, and Bosnia.

As the Congressman visited some of the most dangerous places in the world, he saw firsthand the need for members of Congress to speak out for persecuted people around the globe. In 'Prisoner of Conscience: One Man's Crusade for Global Human and Religious Rights,' he shares intimate stories of his adventures from the halls of political power to other dangerous places around the world and what he has learned along the way.

On June 2, author Douglas Rog-

ers, will talk about his new book, "The Last Resort: A Memoir of Zimbabwe," which the New York Times Book Review called "...the best account yet of ordinary life for blacks and whites-under Mugabe's dictatorship."

Details on additional Autumn lectures will be released shortly.

Since 2001 book and author lectures in Waterford have featured such notable writers as Geraldine Brooks, Tony Horwitz, Diane Rehm, Susan Eisenhower, Kate and Jim Lehrer, Adriana Trigiani, Col. Walter E. Boyne, Tom Mathews, and Alan Geoffrion, as well as filmmaker Ron Maxwell and playwright John Guare.

Tickets are \$10 at the door or on-line before the event. Books and wine by the glass will be available for purchase.

For more information, please visit www.waterfordfoundation.org or telephone 540 882 3018.

MIDDLEBURG ELEMENTARY INVITES PARENTS AND PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS TO APRIL 10TH OPEN HOUSE

Middleburg Elementary School invites area parents and students to an open house for rising kindergartners and prospective students Tuesday, April 10th from 3:00pm to 5:30pm.

Kindergarten registration will begin April 17, 2012. Any child who will be five on or before September 30, 2012 is eligible to enroll.

Middleburg Elementary is a small, 100-year-old school who is offering special permission enrollment to any county

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If you would like to learn more about Middleburg Elementary School, please contact Mrs. Karen Roche, Middleburg's principal, at 540-751-2490 or visit the Middleburg Elementary web-page at www.lcps.org/middleburg.

WISEMAN & ASSOCIATES OPENS MIDDLEBURG OFFICE

Wiseman & Associates Financial Services, LTD of Winchester Virginia today announced the recent opening of their new office in "Noble House" at 2 West Washington Street in Middleburg.

"We are not trying to start a new business in Middleburg, rather, we are hoping to expand our existing business in the region," said Tom Wiseman, president of Wiseman & Associates. "While we have based our operations in Winchester for over twenty years, we have many existing clients throughout the area."

Wiseman added, "Our team of professionals already manage the assets, estates, life insurance and family office needs of many residents in the area. Our new presence will allow us to better serve these clients."

Wiseman cited that studies illustrate that most clients are not happy with their current wealth advisors, and that, when it comes to their insurance coverage, life insurance in particular, most people don't realize what they have.

"Last year, we were able to improve over 82% of the life insurance coverage we reviewed," stated Wiseman. He also added, "If an individual is happy with the service and performance they receive from their current wealth and life insurance advisors, they should stay where



they are. If there is any doubt in their minds, they should consider getting a second opinion."

At a time of such economic volatility, anyone who has investments should consider a second opinion.

"Just as you receive second opinions for medical advice, you should consider a second opinion to ensure fiscal health as well," Wiseman explained. "Financial savings are a critical component in true quality of life. Retirement and investment portfolios are something that should be carefully reviewed and second opinions can only help."

FOXCROFT JUNIOR EARNS NATIONAL PHOTOGRAPHIC HONOR



Olivia Jane Johnson, a junior at Foxcroft School, recently was selected as a finalist in Photographer's Forum's 32nd Annual College and High School Photography contest for a photo she took in India two years ago. Foxcroft Visual Arts teacher Gary W. Cox announced Monday.

More than 17,700 photographs, taken by students from around the world, were submitted to the contest, which is sponsored by Nikon, U.S.A. Johnson's photo of a snake charmer and his serpent received honorable mention from judges Dr. Janet Bonsall of the University of Central Missouri, Christopher Broughton of the Brooks Institute of Photography, and Mark Takeuchi, Art Center College of Design.

The daughter of Kelly and John Johnson, Olivia is quite a talented photographer. A stunning photo of a bee drawing honey from a flower last year earned her a spot in a Best of 2011 Photography anthology published by Boulevard of Photographers and she had been accepted into an Advanced Photography Workshop in Mongolia next summer.

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# NEWS OF NOTE

## NEW POLICE CHIEF

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In Louisa, he was reportedly praised for "his people skills, love of community policing, strong work ethic, high integrity, and impressive professional and administrative skills." He has also served as "an instructor for the police academy, emergency manager, grants professional, and as a consultant to other police departments."

Panebianco is credited with doing an excellent job during the 2011 Virginia Earthquake, whose epicenter was just nine miles from Louisa. He began Louisa's popular "Breaking Bread" program, in which the Chief and his officers ate lunch and discussed safety issues with local students, and introduced a new, supplemental oath of office for officers serving under him in Louisa:

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*I will always uphold the Constitution, and the community*

*I serve, So Help Me God.*

**New "Senior Police Officer"**

On the same day that Panebianco was named as the Middleburg's latest Police Chief, the Town announced that Police Officer Charles M. "Mike" Prince had been offi-

cially promoted to the position of "Senior Police Officer."

Prince, now the longest serving and perhaps the best known member of the Middleburg force, will be the first officer in the department to hold the position, newly created by Town Council "to recognize officers who provide outstanding service to the department over at least a four-year period" as well as to "provide opportunities for advancement" within the town's four-officer department.

By April 23 Prince will have served as a Middleburg police officer under three different Chiefs and prior to the arrival of Chief Klugh, as Acting Chief. He joined the Middleburg force in December 2007.

According to the new rules and regulations governing

Prince's new position, he may be assigned supervisory duties over other officers, and will assume the role of Acting Chief whenever the current Chief is absent.

Town Administrator Martha Semmes voiced special praise for Prince. "This promotion recognizes Officer Prince's previous service as Acting Chief, as well as his loyal and excellent service to the Town."

Chief Klugh agreed, noting, "I appreciate the assistance and guidance Mike has provided to me during my time as Chief, and I am sure he will continue to serve the department and the town well."

### New Town Attorney

The Town of Middleburg has formally employed Angela Plowman to replace Elizabeth Whiting as the Town's Attorney.

According to a contract signed on March 26, Plowman's term of service began officially on March 23, 2012.

Beginning in April she will be paid \$2,960 per month, plus expenses for up to 16 hours of legal work per month, and \$250/hour for work in excess of the contracted minimum.

Her contract formally expires on March 31, 2013, though, unless either the Town or Ms. Plowman exercise a 30-day exit option, the contract "... shall automatically be renewed

for an indefinite period subject to any agreed upon revisions . . ."

### New Middleburg Museum

The Chairman of the Middleburg Museum Committee, former Town Council Eura H. Lewis, reported to Council at its regular March meeting that she had given the Town Clerk a list of people who had volunteered to serve on the committee. She noted that the Museum would need people who had a passion for this type of work and expressed her hopes that the Town Council would vote to appoint them.

A Middleburg Museum Community Event has been set for April 20th from 5:00-8:00 p.m., at 7 West Washington Street to allow people interested in the project to come, enjoy refreshments, and share "ideas, suggestions and artifacts for the museum."

The Museum Committee's goal, she said, was not only to gather information but to actually begin to collect and catalog artifacts.

### New Town Council

At press time the Mayor and all three members of Council whose terms expire in June will run unopposed for re-election in May.

## SOMETHING DELICIOUS IS COOKING IN CHEF BADGER'S CREIGHTON FARMS KITCHEN

Reid Badger will not share the recipes he learned from Phyllis, his grandmother, but he will prepare them -- and many other delicious treats -- when you enjoy the dining options at The Club at Creighton Farms.

An Arlington, Virginia native, Badger studied anthropology at Virginia Commonwealth University until he gave in to his desire to be a culinary professional and enrolled in the Culinary Institute of America.

"My grandmother taught me to love cooking," he said nostalgically. "I still have her recipes in my knife kit."

"We are thrilled that Reid has joined us at such an exciting time in the development of The Club at Creighton Farms," said General Manager Attila Harai. "He has the personal and professional experience, training and skill to confidently provide the caliber and quality of service our members expect."

A 1997 CIA graduate, he spent years in catering and at The Tower Club in Tysons Corner before he moved back to Arlington and helped a friend open Portabellos Restaurant.

As executive chef at The City Club of Washington, D.C., he broadened his experience and had overall responsibility for menus, sourcing and preparation with a staff of twenty-five.

While at The City Clubs, Reid garnered many awards including the "Food & Beverage Team of the Year" and the "Super Star" award for overall performance on a national

basis. Reid also participated in the Club Corp 2008 CIA at Greystone Program, a prestigious continuing education and wine-pairing program.

The City Club was three-time host for the Celebrity Chef Tour benefiting the James Beard Foundation, where Badger had the honor to work with such renowned chefs as Walter Scheib, former White House chef, Lynn Crawford from Four Seasons and Mark Vetri, owner of Vetri Osteria.

"I'm an experimental locavore, and I could not be more delighted to be working in the heart of The Piedmont. This is the home of important agricultural innovation, and our members will benefit enormously from the quality of the products produced in Loudoun County and beyond."

Chef Badger is already slow roasting his own turkeys and curing Creighton Farms bacon alongside his shelves of pickles and preserves.

"I want to hand-craft as many of our menu offerings as possible," he said "I care deeply about my craft and about what Creighton Farms will offer its members."

From his love of French, Spanish and Portuguese cooking, and his experience in Santa Fe, there is no question that there is a real treat in store for Creighton Farms members in Chef Badger's "Elevated Rustic Cuisine."

For an appointment to discuss memberships, please telephone Michael Robichaud at 703 957 4800.

### Middleburg Community Center Senior Luncheon Thursday, March 1, 2012

We would like to thank all the special seniors who attended and helped make this luncheon a great success. A wonderful time was enjoyed by all in attendance.

Thanks to all our volunteers who dedicated their time in helping with this special event.

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EDITOR’S DESK

MAY ELECTION

We note with both pleasure and regret the current roster of candidates running for re-election to Town Council in May.

We note with pleasure that, at press time, Mayor Betsy Davis, and Council members Trowbridge Littleton, Bundles Murdock, and Kathy Jo Shea had all announced their intentions to serve another term on Council.

The work they do, have done, and presumably will continue to do is critically important, demanding, time-consuming, all too often thankless, and for a paycheck that is essentially no pay at all.

That they would continue to put themselves at the service of the town is truly commendable and a pleasure to report.

On the other hand, all will (at press time) run for office unopposed.

That’s not healthy for even a small democracy.

OUTER BELTWAY

The Loudoun County Board of Supervisors may soon have an opportunity to approve an expansion of Belmont Ridge Road from four lanes to six lanes, and Northstar Boulevard from two to six.

Though cloaked in the language of improved safety and traffic flow, we believe these “improvements” really represent nothing more than incremental construction of the so-called Outer Beltway, by linking the Virginia Department of Transportation’s proposed “Tri-County Parkway” to I-66.

If completed, the project will facilitate north-south traffic (not east west) and help turn Dulles Airport into THE major truck-freight destination on the east coast.

Good for some folks.

Bad for Kirkpatrick Farms, Stone Ridge, South Riding, Arcola, Brambleton, Broadlands, Ashburn, Belmont, River Creek, Lansdowne, and their neighbors. Not to mention priming the west for the next stages of urban/suburban development.

From there a link south to I-95 is but a logical pen-stroke away.

Bad idea. Call your Supervisor.

FAMILY VALUES?

PURPLE  
BRUCE SMART

There has been a lot of loose talk about “family values” in recent months – on the campaign trail, in the newspapers, on the airwaves and in some of America’s houses of worship. Little of it conforms to the values Purple was brought up to adhere to and respect.

Purple - as most Christians, and probably many of those of other faiths, was taught to “Love thy neighbor as thyself.” He has been unsuccessfully searching the campaign statements of the contenders for a presidential nomination to find where they are practicing this commandment. Nor does he see those opposed to other faiths, or to non-traditional sexual orientation, willing to act in a loving way towards behaviors they do not agree with, but which may be deep-seated culturally or even embedded genetically in the individuals they scorn. “Neighbor” of course also applies to both genders, and so includes women wishing to plan their families and protect their health.

Purple was brought up to believe that “Thou shalt not bear false witness.” The Koran also says “Do not veil the truth with falsehood, nor conceal the truth knowingly.” Yet the campaign dialog is rife with accusations, both by candidates and their public mouthpieces, that are full of demonstrable untruths and misleading innuendo intended to excite and deceive the inattentive voter. And that dialog is often laden with statements that deny scientific evidence about how the planet works and should be protected. Today’s America apparently values that misleading approach highly. One newspaper recently estimated that a prominent broadcaster of divisive innuendo is paid \$50 million a year for his dis-services to the nation.

In short, tell ‘em whatever lie you have to, in order to win.

Much of this campaign rhetoric is financed by institutions and individuals with very deep pockets, lined by financial trading and privileged manipulations using insider information to make financial killings over the last decade. They now resist legislation that would rein in these unethical practices. Their money did not come from productive enterprise; it came out of the pockets of those investors who did not have access to the same inside information. Purple remembers once hearing something to the effect that “Thou shalt not steal.”

Unfortunately this culture of false values is now being exported. American soldiers sent to Afghanistan to rebuild that nation (in our im-

HYPOCRISY

TOM PRATT

The horrible event in Kandahar last week of the slaughter of nearly an entire family by a member of the U.S. military provokes so many thoughts about the war and war atrocities.

My first reaction is of course shock and dismay that any human being could commit such an act and then because of the non transparent policy of the military, wondering if we are getting the true story since our only source is the military.

Unfortunately, according to many free lance journalists in Afghanistan and Iraq, these types of atrocities are more commonplace than we realize or are reported in the U.S. press. When an innocent family is killed by U.S. forces and there is more than one soldier involved it is justified by it being an act of war and the perpetrators were ostensibly looking for the enemy, but if a soldier acts alone he is labeled a deranged psychopath. Here is an example of what often happens in rural villages in both Iraq and Afghanistan as reported by Neil Shea a freelance reporter who has been covering Iraq and Afghanistan since 2006 for Stars and Stripes and the

Christian Science Monitor. In a recent article titled “Afghanistan A Gathering Menace” published in the American Scholar he reports that troops on patrol need a place to bed down and try to find an abandoned house but failing that they either pay a family to move out or demand that they be allowed to stay in that home. Fearing that their neighbors or the Taliban will think they are U.S collaborators they refuse and are then subjected to abuse, anger and many times murder by the soldiers. Ian also points out that in such an unconventional war with no purpose and no end soldiers are in such limbo that these actions seem justifiable and are almost enjoyed. Many of these men hate the people, hate the country and have been deployed too any times so that their mental states are severely impaired and they simply are at their wits end.

These endless senseless wars are taking an enormous toll on the military and the reputation of the United States. What other civil nation has soldiers who urinate on dead bodies, burn holy books, go on killing patrols and bring back human remains as trophies. What other nation has soldiers who

massacre entire families?

The answer in part, I feel stems from the society we Americans live in and who and how the military recruits. In the days of the draft we got a large cross section of the population but now many who enlist feel that it is the only way they will ever gain financial security and perhaps educational opportunities. Because this nation of ours has become a nation of intolerance and hate mongers who fear people whose religion or beliefs are different from ours, I think it almost makes killing those people OK in the mind of a person who has grown up hearing that kind of rhetoric and has been trained by the military to kill. We have people such as Rush Limbaugh thinking it is perfectly fine to call an intelligent articulate woman who is dedicated to helping women protect their health, a slut and a prostitute simply because he disagrees with her policies.

We have religious leaders who stage Koran burnings, we have the New York police department illegally in cahoots with the CIA spying on innocent Muslims. We have countless untruthful mass emailings telling people that The Nation of Islam is determined to take over America and wipe out all other religions. So if all this goes on at home why would our soldiers not simply carry this kind of thinking to Afghanistan and commit these horrible acts, especially if one of their own is killed by Al Queda or the Taliban.

It will be very interesting to see how this man who has confessed to the slaughter in Kandahar is treated compared to Bradley Manning, the whistle blowing hero. The killer’s attorney has already done the talk show rounds trying to garner sympathy for him. I will bet that he is not kept naked in a cell for months without contact from lawyers or fam-

COURAGE

BLUE NOTES

DANIEL MORROW

After yet another breaking of bread with old school Republican friends, the question remains: what-ever happened to political courage?

“Off the record,” bless their hearts (see below) they are all willing to admit that:

- \* this year’s GOP candidates for President are embarrassing, though each is embarrassing in his own special way
- \* religious extremists are, sadly, religious extremists
- \* global warming is real and burning carbon-based fuel doesn’t help
- \* evolution is, for the moment, the best model for explaining how modern humans became modern humans
- \* abortion is sometimes necessary, and whether or not to have one is no one’s business (other than the people who are pregnant and the people giving them medical advice)
- \* birth control is a good thing, that makes life better and even saves money
- \* no one should be

condemned to a life of misery because of the cost of health care.

- \* no one really “needs” to buy more than one handgun a month or carry concealed weapons into bars, even if they have the “right” to do so
- \* gay people should have the same rights and privileges as everyone else
- \* people who incite hatred and empower bigotry are contemptible and should be exposed for the contemptible people they are
- \* it is good to be skeptical
- \* science trumps myths and fairy tales, especially when the science gets personal
- \* sadly, strong governments are necessary, and so are taxes
- \* business isn’t in the jobs business, it’s in the business of getting work done . . . as cheaply as possible
- \* most people we know who work for governments (most of them educators, cops, soldiers and the people who back them up) tend

ily. Bradley Manning was trying to prevent these types of crimes from happening and then HE is treated like a criminal and his persecution and abominable treatment by the military and justice department is set as an example of what happens to people who expose war crimes. Even by its own admission the Pentagon cannot come up with a single example of anyone being harmed by Bradley’s braveness and they are accusing him of aiding the enemy. This is one of the most egregious examples of the miscarriage of American and military justice. Bradley should be found not guilty and freed immediately.

Perhaps if more brave souls such as Bradley Manning would have the courage and conviction to come forward horrific tragedies such as Hadifa and Kandahar would not have happened and future atrocities will not happen.

to be decent hard-working folks.

- \* the war in Iraq was at worst, wrong, and at best a big mistake.
- \* Afghanistan is a wound that will not heal
- \* unregulated greed, not government, did in the economy
- \* the only thing worse than strict government regulation and law enforcement is no government regulation and law enforcement.

**Cheney’s Heart**

“Oxymoron !” some cry.

While others hope for the best.

He would, after all, need a big one . . . and ours, we think, are bigger . . . though they tend, at times, to bleed.

Could have gone either way, I suppose.

Lets hope for a change for the better.

And no matter what give thanks for the donor, whose family’s heart (as well as his own) was clearly in the right place.

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PASTIMES

WHY BOTHER?

7TH INNING STRETCH

ALEX CUDABACK

Another year, another busted bracket....

Didn't see Duke losing to Lehigh. In the first round. Or ever, for that matter.

But I guess every "Coach for Life" is going to step in it every once in a while.

Congrats to Georgetown for, yet again, showcasing how highly prized academics remain on the Hilltop. No matter how favorably seeded, it's a good bet these Hoyas will always be back in class and hitting the books for good after the first weekend of the tournament.

Mizzou, I guess there was no way the basketball gods were going to let you rip the heart out of the Big 12 in a naked money grab, win your conference tournament AND make it to the Final Four all in the same year.

But sacrificing you to Norfolk State in the first round?

Cold. And nice work, Florida State, you dark horse darlings with your swarming defense. Too bad you bowed out in the second round, to a Cincinnati team that has a harder time scoring than I did in high school.

Am I bitter? You're darn right. I was briefly in the top 5 of my pool over the opening weekend, though that's largely due to the way in which our pool is organized.

Alphabetically. By first name....

Spring is in the air (seriously) and with spring, comes taxes.

Oh, and baseball.

Speaking of baseball, I'd like to be the first schlub to congratulate our hometown "Natinals" on what, to those of you who've paid little or no attention, will suddenly appear to be an impressively talented and capable professional baseball team.

(Of course, to those of us "professional" sports cognoscenti, those of us who can pick one out of four Final Four teams with little more than a Ojia board, a divining rod, and a tin foil hat on our heads, we've seen this coming for weeks now.)

But congratulations, Lerner! Congratulations, Stan Kasten! (Don't let the door hit you on the way out. And good luck with those Dodgers.) Congratulations, Mike Rizzo!

You've built a contender!

A contender with the potential to have a starting rotation that reminds some of us of the Atlanta Braves, circa the 1990's.

A contender with the potential to have four 30-homer guys in the starting lineup, every day.

A contender with a still-relatively-brand-new ballpark that's aging nicely and, if the economy continues dragging itself out of a recession exponentially magnified by two ill-thought wars that nobody

wanted to pay for, might one day in the not-too-distant future find itself in something other than a desolate wasteland of un-development.

A contender that, suddenly, finds itself in arguably the most dog-eat-dog, knuckle-busting, eat-your-own-young-and-ask-for-seconds division that baseball has seen in a while.

Some people even think that this year's two National League wild-card teams will come out of the East.

Wait. What...? You didn't know there were two wild-card teams in each League this year? Well. Um.... There are. Two wild-card teams. In each league. They play a one-game "series" to determine which one will be the actual "wild-card" team that plays the team with the best division record.

It makes about as much sense as the NCAA's "play-in" games in the tournament, and their subsequent insistence on calling those games "first-round" games, and the round of 64 the "second-round" but don't get me started.

Where was I?

Oh, the Nats, right.

So, congratulations. You finally made it to the big leagues!

Enjoying getting pounded.

Nick Saban got a contract extension at Alabama this week, effectively keeping him there for the rest of time or until he chooses

to abandon ship and grab soullessly for whatever career advancing opportunity presents itself, whichever comes first.

I mention this only because in his official announcement, Saban insisted on referring to himself as "we" throughout. Now, he's not the first professional coach or athlete to refer to him- or herself in the third person, but given the size of his ego, and the high likelihood that he's possessed by Beelzebub himself as well as several lesser demons, he may be the only one to actually do it through necessity.

While I'm happy for all the Redskins fans out there salivating at the possibility of the burgundy and gold drafting a "franchise



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DAISY THE PIG AT MIDDLEBURG COMMUNITY CENTER



famous potbelly pig. Also in attendance, and riding in her own specially outfitted carriage, was Lily the pug, one of Daisy's companions on the farm. Together they presented their "Pig Out on Reading" program to a crowd of more than 40 enthusiastic preschoolers.

After learning about Daisy's exciting life and travels to libraries, schools, and senior centers around the country, the children raised their right hands and made a pledge to read more books. Then each had the opportunity to pet, kiss, and hug their new porcine friend who snorted and squealed with approval. The March visit marked Farmer Minor and Daisy's third public appearance in Middleburg

On a recent and surprisingly snowy March morning, the Middleburg Community Center welcomed Farmer Paul Minor of Bristol, Connecticut, and Daisy, the world's most

FOXCROFT SCHOOL WALK-A-THON TO BENEFIT LESS CANCER

Foxcroft School's Junior Class invites area residents to join them to really make a difference in our world by supporting the Foxcroft Walkathon to benefit the Less Cancer campaign, a program of the Next Generation Choices Foundation, Friday, March 30th.

Walkers, runners and cyclists are welcome to join the five-mile trek, which starts at Brick House on the campus of the Middleburg, VA school at 3:30 p.m.

Let's Help These Young Leaders-Help Less Cancer

Individuals may also sponsor participants or make a donation. Tax-deductible contributions of any size are appreciated and may be mailed to Junior Class Walkathon 2012; Foxcroft School; P.O. Box 5555; Middleburg, VA 20118. They may also be given to members of the Class of 2012. Please make checks out to the Foxcroft School Walkathon.

The Foxcroft Walkathon is organized each year by the School's Junior Class, which researches and chooses a beneficiary, elicits sponsorships from local businesses, families and friends, and conducts the walk, with help from faculty sponsors.

In recent years, the event has raised thousands of dollars to build a school in Malawi, Africa (2006), support a pediatric AIDS unit in Accra, Ghana (2007), and benefit the Christopher and Dana Reeve Foundation (2008), Multiple Sclerosis Foundation (2009), American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (2010), and Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (2011).

The 38 members of this year's Junior Class chose to benefit the Less Cancer campaign of the Next Generation Choices Foundation because virtually all members of the Foxcroft community and their families have been directly affected by this disease in one of its many forms.

The Less Cancer campaign educates and provides information centered on evidence-based science that helps reduce health and environmental risks associated with cancer.

Since its inception the organization has been focused on having prevention be part of the cancer conversation with a focus on decreasing the rising incidences of this terrible disease. Please join our students in support of this program whose mission is quite simply, "a world with less cancer."

Mello Out

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# Easter Menu

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| Appetizers                                                                                              |                                                                                                          |
| Grilled Spicy Chicken Skewer<br>with Soba Noodles, Julienne Vegetables and a Thai Peanut Sauce          | Corn Bisque<br>with Chives and Crème Fraiche                                                             |
| Grilled Shrimp and Polenta<br>With a Spicy Scallion Butter                                              | Chilled Spring Antipasto<br>with Fresh Asparagus, Prosciutto, Tomato and Mozzarella, Pesto               |
| Caesar Salad<br>With Romaine, Parmesan and Croutons                                                     | Chilled Spinach Salad<br>with Strawberries, Mango, Walnuts, and a Blueberry Vinaigrette                  |
| Entrees                                                                                                 |                                                                                                          |
| Eggs Benedict<br>with Lump Crab and Smoked Ham on Toasted Brioche with Hollandaise and Roasted Potatoes | Jumbo Lump Crabcakes<br>With a Pea Shoot Salad, Roasted Potatoes and a Chive Buerre Blanc                |
| Open Faced Omelet<br>with Fresh Roasted Lobster, Tomato and Basil and Roasted Potatoes                  | Lamb Osso Bucco<br>With Quinoa-Brown Rice, Spinach and Veal Jus                                          |
| Pan Seared Trout<br>with Scallop, Shrimp and a Warm Frisee and Roasted Potato Salad                     | Housemade Raviolis<br>with Tomato Concasse and Parmesan with Braised Short Rib                           |
| Pan Seared Salmon<br>With a Spinach Mushroom Fondue, Jasmine Rice and a Balsamic Butter                 | Grilled Filet of Beef<br>With Pommies Anna, Sautéed Portobello Mushrooms, Blue Cheese Crisp and Veal Jus |

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# PASTIMES

## GOODBYE TO MARCH

THE PLANT LADY

KAREN REXRODE

March has its ups and downs, this year more up than down, what a fickle month, especially for the gardener. And it's not just the weather, but the mind and body. Beautiful sunny days motivate us to get out and get physical. Our muscles need to reacquire themselves with gardening moves, the stretching for weeds, the bending to get to the weeds and the sawing off of wayward limbs on woody shrubs. March is after all, a call to action, the month before it's "in your face April".

There are a few things best accomplished while it's early in the gardening year. Here are just a few:

Lift and divide perennials that are overcrowded or in the wrong location (exceptions - peonies, lily and poppies)

Beg for a piece of that special perennial from a friend while it's still dormant, before they remember how fabulous it is

Start looking for signs of aphids on honeysuckle vine and other newly leafed plants, take action

Organize your garden shed and lubricate your clippers

Label metal markers for all of the new plants that are coming, so planting will be fast and easy

Finish pruning crossed branches on trees and shrubs and

cut back your butterfly bush

Direct sow nasturtium and sweet peas in the ground

Spray dormant oil on deciduous trees before they leaf out, especially if you have scale

Take note of the cold tolerance of various perennials and shrubs. Varieties that perpetually freeze in flower or bud may need to be moved to the coldest part of your yard to delay flowering.

Sow seeds of pepper plants and various herbs indoors so that they can be moved out 5 to 7 weeks from now

Eastern tent caterpillar hatch when magnolias bloom, be prepared to take action (spray BT or bacillus thuringiensis, a biological pesticide on the foliage they will be eating)

Keep old sheets around to cover tender shoots on newly emerging perennials and shrubs. Plastic is not an insulator but can be placed between 2 sheets for added wind protection.

Get stocked on compost to amend new planting holes

Lightly topdress the garden with mulch or compost

If you haven't already, start a journal to record temperatures, keep stock of new plants, and favorite articles about wonderful plants

I also recommend that you take a photograph of your garden, particularly when you don't like how it looks. Take 15 minutes to



snap a few shots each month and keep them in your journal as reference. This can be particularly helpful when you're buying new bulbs and am not sure of what you already have. Winter can be greatly enhanced with a few, strategically planted, structure plants. Placement will become quite clear when you have a visual reference or photograph.



## THE ARTIST'S PERSPECTIVE

TOM NEEL

One thing I love about art is the lack of rules. Artistic expression is possibly the last truly free place we all can visit. It's a place where buildings can be any shape, dogs can have two heads, chairs can stand perfectly on three legs and all of it is just fine with me.

As you may imagine, I have been asked by developing artists to critique their work on many occasions and my general approach is to say no thank you and then to offer that if they have a specific problem, I'd be happy to help. To critique an artist's artwork is to force an opinion that may interrupt their journey and passion. If someone wants to paint things out of scale or an unrealistic color, who am I to say they shouldn't or that they did a poor job of doing it? For all I know, there is a huge demand for their vision and if hundreds of people enjoy that vision, would they be wrong? In short - NO.

This by the way, doesn't mean I don't have an opinion about the art I see, I've just learned in the grand scheme of things, it means very little.

I remember over twenty years ago when my wife Linda and I were directors of a very large gallery in Southport Connecticut owned by the fine art publisher, Greenwich Workshop. The paintings we sold ranged in price from \$1,000. to \$100,000. New work had come in by an artist and I was looking it over. I recall noting that I wasn't in love with one of the three new paintings. It was a small piece priced at \$2,500. and the next day one of our better clients pulled up in his classic Bentley to come see these paintings. He came in, saw the three paintings and purchased the one I wasn't fond of on the spot. It was obvious it made his day and delivered a good lesson to me in the process. Beauty really is in the eye of the beholder. We all like different things and isn't life grand because of it?

During our time there, we also designed the framing, set pricing, arranged the first show and sold the first "Dinotopia" paintings by artist and author, James Gurney. The story Dinotopia became a successful series of books and even had a short television run on ABC.

Now while Jim was then and is still very much today, one very talented painter, Greenwich's gallery represented some amazing, mostly realist painters. So who knew how colorful paintings and illustrations of dinosaurs cohabiting with people would be accepted? I can share our approach had very little to do with the subject matter, but rather on Gurney's ability to

make his subject matter believable through solid technique.

This by the way is what also made his book an amazing success.

It was a wonderful story, but the art and magical creativity Gurney displayed, made the story shine. I'm sure if we got wrapped up in who would spend thousands of dollars on dinosaur paintings, the opportunity for this art to make it into the hands of collectors would have been lost. We instead presented the art only as that which was already in demand, whimsical and fun. Not as something which broke some set of rules.

Andy Warhol's paintings are yet another incredible example of art easy to have been critiqued. Yet Warhol couldn't have cared less and neither could his collectors. Warhol's fascination with Marilyn Monroe alone is still interesting to me. Since he was the first to artistically popularize the star after her death in 1962, I think of all the other artists that still create Marilyn images today. A gallery walk down Worth Ave. in Palm Beach will net you more interpretations of her face than you may care to see and to some degree I'm always left wondering if this is about her or about him. Certainly there are those who would not have considered Warhol's representation of the film icon to be great art, but I wonder just the opposite. Did Warhol actually make Marilyn much more of an icon today then she would have ever been? He made this sort of artist expression okay and others followed. Is it good art? Not for me to decide, it's just a good thing Andy didn't care about art rules either.

Finally, I also have to mention the massive grazing horse head sculpture by Nic Fiddian-Green at the National Sporting Library & Museum. GO SEE IT! Scale is an exciting thing to tamper with and I feel this piece of art is a balance of narrative genius and a three dimensional mind game. It is one of the best vertical creations I've ever seen. Viewed as a profile, broad visionaries will see an entire horse, not just the head. From the front you can only want to pet it and from the rear, a view you couldn't normally see, it still looks like something alive, but not a horse. I understand some have seen a whale. I see something peaceful and a free thinking artist at work. Again, if rules had of dictated scale beyond life size as off limits, we'd all feel the loss.

Live An Artful Life, Tom



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## NEWS OF NOTE

### THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

of stewardship to the younger executives.

"We always try to explain that we will have no success if we don't help our customers be successful. We have to get outside the bank into the community and care deeply about the people who walk through our doors."

"We lead by example," he emphasized. "That makes it possible for our young executives to see and understand the importance of truly caring for our community."

Over the years, Reggie has cared deeply about and dedicated many hours to Middleburg's Fire Department, the Windy Hill Foundation, Christmas in Middleburg, the United Methodist Church and many other important community initiatives. But he has also said "yes" to dozens of requests for help. In fact, no one can remember Reggie saying "no" to any request.

"Middleburg is changing, but everything changes," he said. "Once Salamander is open, I believe Sheila Johnson will have done the community an enormous

favor by locating her resort here. We may be a bit overbanked now, but, if every bank supports the community the way it should, we will all benefit."

"I love to help make Middleburg successful in any way I can," he added. "As long as we keep our noses to the grindstone and take good care of our customers when they need help, we will always be successful."

"I will always believe that, if someone gives us a chance to help, we will always do better than anyone else."

When asked how he'd like to be remembered, Reggie simply said, "Thanks for the memories. I owe a wonderful career to the support I've received in Middleburg. I only hope I have returned those many favors fairly."

Without question, Reggie Dawson has returned those favors exceptionally well. And, according to everyone in Middleburg, his support and stewardship have been, and will continue to be, of enormous benefit to the community he loves.

### SEND IN THE DRONES

MARK DEWEY



"...by 2013, the FAA expects to have formulated new rules that would allow police across the country to routinely fly lightweight, unarmed drones up to 400 feet above the ground - high enough for them to be largely invisible eyes in the sky." In case you missed this announcement it was reported by Peter Finn in the Jan. 23rd edition of the Washington Post. Finn went on to report that domestic drones could allow local police to record the activities of the public with high-resolution, infrared and thermal-imaging cameras.

Reports of the demand for drones among local police departments are proliferating in our new era of across-the-board budget cuts aimed at balancing budgets absent tax increases. Police Chiefs simply want an opportunity to purchase technology to replace laid off staff - and to get better results on the most challenging cases. People talk of using drones in manhunts and hostage situations. A US market of 15,000 civilian drones has been forecast for 2018. Will they be patrolling the Middleburg skies before the end of the decade?

In the civilian world, power companies are clamoring for drones that will enable them to more effectively monitor their power lines and farmers envision them soaring over fields to identify crops that need water. Even ranchers see drones as being high tech cow counters. Seems reasonable enough if you stop after seeing the "logical" applications and economic justification.

Is drone coverage part of a left-wing or right wing conspiracy? Hardly. The sources of these news reports have been as diverse as the Washington Post (article cited above), the L.A. Times, The Wall Street Journal and Fox News. All sources have covered the pros (better law enforcement with less manpower) and cons (the specter of drones spying on any one

of us without cause, or crashing randomly in populated areas).

Ironically, although the FAA rules are not yet in place, there are three pilot tests underway for these pilotless vehicles: in Colorado, Florida, and our neighboring state of Maryland. Drones are also being actively used in Texas, flying their friendly skies for border surveillance.

How large are drones? You may be surprised to learn that models range from those with a 116-foot wingspan to seed-sized drones with imaging sensors that weigh less than one ounce.

Being news reporting organizations, the Shenandoah Press and the Middleburg Eccentric would be remiss if we omitted one additional creative employment of drones - for gathering news. This dream of Clark Kent skipping the costume change and flying overhead with his brief case and glasses in hand may sound far fetched, but it may be old news.

It has been reported that the FAA is investigating whether one of Rupert Murdoch's online publications, The Daily, has used drones without permission for aerial photographs or videos of the floods last year in North Dakota and Mississippi. And a journalism professor at the University of Nebraska, who has started a lab for his students to experiment with a remote-controlled helicopter, believes a news drone is feasible.

A recent article in a magazine for users of mapping software pondered the many ways new technologies are advancing the concept of participatory government. While noting that privacy issues may arise, the author asserts that they "seem to be a non-issue for younger generations who are comfortable sharing almost any information."

Perhaps this Orwellian image in the age of social media should be our biggest concern. Will the helicopters we've come to love in the Blue Ridge be replaced by airborne manifestations of the late Allen Funt? Maybe it's time every family had a conversation with their kids and their elected officials?

## LUNGE LINE

### WAKEFIELD EIGHT GRADERS ADVANCE TO INTERSCHOLASTIC POLO NATIONALS



Tara McClory and Kate Welsh, two of Wakefield's eighth graders, will advance with the University

of Virginia Juniors team to the Interscholastic Polo Nationals in Charlottesville on March 1st-4th. The team is one of eight to make

it to the Nationals.

Established in 2003, the Virginia Juniors is similar to the Polo Club at UVA except that it caters to high school level polo enthusiasts. It provides an opportunity for students to learn the sport of polo and to teach them basic polo skills.

The students are replacing an injured teammate. The UVA coach asked the girls' home team coach, Amir Pirasteh of Team Taigo at Natania Polo, if Tara and Kate could play for the UVA Juniors. The hard work and collective coaching is giving these fourteen-year-olds a rare opportunity to compete in a high-school dominated tournament.

Although they will be underdogs, Tara and Kate are seeing this as great exposure to the competitive league with sights to being national winners before graduating from high school.

### RUSSELL AND PRESTON MOORE WIN FIRST PLACE IN WARRENTON HUNTER PACE RACES.



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# THE BLACKBURN MURDER

DANIEL MORROW

This is the story of the 1854 murder of VMI Cadet Tom Blackburn, the trials that followed, and the impact of those events on young men and women who would all too soon face the larger trials of the American Civil War.

### Part 9: Fateful Decision

“ . . . repel wrong, prevent ignominy, and resent aggression.”

Francis Thomas

“Never do a wrong thing to make a friend, or keep one.”

Robert Edward Lee

According to Samuel McDowell Moore, Tom Blackburn left the Moore house on Saturday morning, January 14, 1854, feeling “ bound to inform Christian” that he had advised his cousin Mary Evelyn “not to walk with him” to church.

That decision, would kill him.

In a note to Mary Evelyn’s father, written the very next day, Moore attributed Tom’s decision to his “chivalrous disposition.” It was, in fact, a decision defined, shaped, and compelled to action not only by Tom’s “disposition”, but by the spoken and unspoken demands of his family, friends and peers.

### Roommates

James White Humes, Blackburn’s friend and classmate, not only believed he was first to tell Tom Blackburn that a man of unsavory reputation had made “advances” toward his cousin. He believed he was honor bound to do so.

Humes was not however, Blackburn’s only source of information or pressure to behave “honorably.”

In 1854 Blackburn shared room 13 of the “new” VMI barracks with four other popular and demanding cadets.

Two of them, Charles Edward Lightfoot and Robert Preston (“Kit”) Carson were seniors, VMI First Classmen, like Blackburn himself.

“Charley” Lightfoot, was First Captain of the Corps, the highest ranking cadet officer. Like Blackburn he was well known,

well-connected, very popular and had come perilously close to dismissal from the Institute.

Unlike Blackburn, Lightfoot’s problems did not take the form of one or two big things, but many small ones: namely demerits, ninety-nine of them, just one short of automatic dismissal.

Despite (or, perhaps because) of those dubious achievements, Lightfoot’s classmates had elected him (and Blackburn) to the Board of Managers for the 1853 graduation ball..

“Kit” Carson had the best grades in room 13. He would finish third in the class of 1854, behind James Lane and Richard Taylor. Taylor’s younger brother (class of ’57) would become Robert E. Lee’s most famous adjutant. Troops from one of “Little Jim” Lane’s regiments would shoot Stonewall Jackson..

Carson was also one of a large contingent of Cadets from Abingdon, Virginia . Among them was none other than James White Humes, who had not only told Blackburn that Christian had made “unwelcome” advances toward his cousin, but had told Christian that Mary Evelyn had become vocal about her dislike of him..

George Buck of Berkeley Springs was room 13’s junior, or Second Classman. “Kit” Carson described him as “ . . . a nervous, cracked-voice sort of a fellow” who, when asked his name, “ . . . invariably answered, “G. Buck, by Gad.” Buck, like Carson, was very bright. He would eventually finish medical school and then serve as Lieutenant Colonel of the 37th Virginia.

The youngest roommate was Cadet Hiram Claiborne Burks, one of the Burks of Bedford County and a third cousin (once removed) of Charles Burks Christian.

Like Blackburn and Lightfoot, Burks regularly found himself in trouble. After only a year and five months at VMI he would be dismissed for “excessive demerits.”

### From the Moore House to Christian’s Hotel

As Tom Blackburn walked from the Moore house back to see his roommates and friends on the adjacent VMI campus, he asked his friend (and Mary Evelyn’s husband-to-be), Sandy Bruce, what he thought he should do, especially about the passage he had just read in Christian’s letter to his

cousin describing him as a “calumniator.”

Bruce, of course, hadn’t read Christian’s letter himself, and had heard only selected passages (in Latin by all accounts) read aloud. He had no idea what Blackburn was talking about, until his friend explained the passage (or perhaps, given Bruce’s class standing) defined the word for him).

“After a little consultation,” Bruce later testified, “we concluded he had better see Christian” and tell him Tom Blackburn was indeed, “the gentleman” who had advised Mary Evelyn Anderson to stay away from him.

Once Blackburn and Bruce reached the VMI barracks they separated. It would be the last time Bruce saw Tom Blackburn alive.

At some point after Bruce’s departure, probably soon after returning to room 13, Blackburn ran into Richard Taylor and tried to solicit his advice in a way that can only be described as obtuse.

As Taylor remembered it, Blackburn bent his ear, “endeavoring to plague me because a young lady whom he said I was in love with up town had sent some message or something to him.” Only later would Taylor discover what Blackburn was really talking about.

“Kit” Carson, ran into Blackburn in the VMI barracks some time between noon and 1:00 p.m.

Blackburn spoke frankly to Carson, telling him directly that he’d seen a letter from Christian to his cousin Mary Evelyn, that Christian had referred to him as a “calumniator,” and that “he had determined to go and tell” Christian that “he had advised his cousin.”

Later, around 2:00 p.m., at the VMI mess hall, Blackburn found Cadets James White Humes and J. B. Horner of Warrenton finishing dinner.

“Fellows, you are the very ones I want to see!” he said as he entered the side door of the building. His tone apparently prompted Horner, who had roomed with Blackburn in 1851, to ask him if something was wrong.

Blackburn warned himself at the mess hall stove and told his story one more time, describing Christian’s note as “the most ridiculous thing he ever read . . . “ For “delicious nonsense,” he concluded, “he had never seen its equal.”

Blackburn then asked Humes and Horner if they thought he ought to go to town to confront Christian, man-to-man.

Humes, who was friends with both Christian and Blackburn, encouraged Tom to see Christian immediately.

“I did not think it a matter in which a fight was to feared,” Humes later testified, “but, however that might be, justice and honor demanded that Mr. Christian, if he desired it, should know the name of the man who had done him an injury.”

Humes also told Blackburn, “From what I have seen of Christian . . . if he did not shut him up about it, or take some notice of it, he would make the whole affair, and his cousin’s name in connection with it, a subject of town gossip.”

After listening to Humes, Blackburn appeared ready to go.

Horner, however, warned him not to be hasty, especially about going into Lexington alone. Horner “knew” he said, “ . . . that if Christian resented the communication made by Blackburn, he would strike him.” Indeed, he said, it was his belief that Christian would either strike a blow the moment Blackburn told him that “he was the calumniator,” or that he would “resent it in some other way” perhaps by sending Blackburn a formal challenge.

Humes then came down on Horner’s side,, arguing that if Blackburn confronted Christian, especially “in the presence of others” he might “have a difficulty with him . . . .”

Worse, Humes noted, “if this happened among or in [the] presence of Christian’s friends,” Blackburn might well “need some assistance.”

That said, Humes and Horner ten told Blackburn that “if he could wait” they “would go with him . . . .”

Blackburn took them up on their offer, and as soon as his two friends had finished dinner, the trio set off together “ . . . with the expectation and purpose, “ in Horner’s words, “ to put it to Christian . . . either to act the coward or the man of courage,”

Blackburn had walked to the Moore house that morning wearing only his tight-fitting navy-blue “furlough coat” uniform only VMI First Classmen were allowed to wear off campus. Apparently the weather had turned colder and the boys stopped by room 13, to



GEORGE BAYLOR HORNER (1834-1892), SEATED. PHOTOGRAPH, COURTESY OF THE VMI ARCHIVES. TAKEN AT THE HANGING OF JOHN BROWN, DECEMBER 2, 1859

pick up Blackburn’s long, gray overcoat, modeled on those worn by West Point Cadets. Buttoning only the cape to keep it place, he and his friends then set off across the parade ground toward Lexington in search of Charles Burks Christian.

The trio’s first stop in was McDowell’s Hotel, where Christian was a boarder. A “servant,” no doubt a slave, sent up to fetch him. Christian, he soon reported, was “out.”

At Horner’s suggestion the Cadets next checked Moore’s Hotel, a popular hang out, just up the street. Christian wasn’t there either.

After two false starts Blackburn and his friends were now not only frustrated, but openly expressing their hope that when they finally found him, Christian would take offense at Blackburn’s “revolution.”

Horner later admitted their only real “fear” at that point was that Christian would be too “obtuse” to understand that he had been insulted and would avoid a fight.

Thus fully prepared for a tussle, the three Cadets returned to McDowell’s hotel, with Blackburn, according to Horner, walking with his hand stuck in the breast of his overcoat, in the style of the Emperor Napoleon, “as was his habit.”

Christian, they discovered, had been at McDowell’s Hotel the entire time.

To be continued

# VILLAGE GREEN

## LOOKING TO THE PAST TO PRESERVE THE FUTURE

A CREEK RUNS THROUGH US

CHANDLER VAN VOORHIS

From the trickling of time, the creek that runs through our Hunt Country carried the Indian name Cokongoloto and Gohongarestraw, meaning the “river of swans or geese.” While the Indians have been gone for the last 300 years, the name Goose Creek remains.

The abundance of waterfowl moving in concert with the ebb and flow of the water cutting through our land has been a time-honored tradition of stewardship. As my mother and father once told me, “The cultivation of soil and character are two of the greatest joys in life. In each case, we invest in the greater good. While the cultivation of soil anchors us, the cultivation of character elevates us.” We fortunately live in

an area that values both.

Building equity back in the land continues today. Recently at the March Forum, the Goose Creek Association recognized both the Horkin Family of Cleremont Farms in Loudoun and Katherine McLeod of Oak Grove Meadows in Fauquier for their outstanding stewardship of the land and water. Both recipients have fenced out their cattle from streams and tributaries by employing the use of cost share programs.

For landowners interested in conservation funding sources and how the money works for various programs, the Piedmont Environmental Council has put together an excellent online resource. Just go to [www.pecva.org](http://www.pecva.org), click on Land Conservation and then Sources of Conservation Funding.

However, as philanthropic dollars and government funding are stretched, the next frontier is restoration economics. Restoration has not been integrated into the economic value system to this point because the natural environment has not been costed. Without a price, it has no value. But as the liabilities of a dwindling supply of land and natural resources and their impacts on the sustainability of our population increase, value and price are being assigned to what has been considered an “externality.” Restoration economics is ultimately about removing the environment as an externality and making it part of the business structure of the 21st century and economy.

In that light, a local umbrella mitigation stream bank has been formed by Brad Gable called Rock

Hedge. This bank quantifies the stream credits generated through the act of restoration and sells them to buyers.

Bringing private capital into conservation forces why the conservation mind-set to look to returns --- both economic and environmental. I call this the blended return. As conservation becomes more centered in economics and economics become more focused on purpose --- the blended return becomes a powerful and dynamic proposition, enabling a wider net of available dollars available to create exponential impact.

A sustainable investment is a good thing. But a sustainable investment that is hooked to a sustainable investment process becomes a force for exponential change.

Through the footsteps



of history, the name and

meaning of Goose Creek carries the distinction of mother nature’s abundance when we act as stewards of the land, putting more back into nature than we take out. Whether we call our creek Cokongoloto and Gohongarestraw or simply Goose Creek, the link to our past remains vibrant as long as our actions today insure the River of Swans will be cleaner and more abundant than we took possession for our brief moment in time.

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State, previously of UVA? Ask him about how Virginia Attorney General Cuccinelli, a climate change skeptic, went after him issuing subpoenas for his research on global temperature while he was on the faculty at UVA.

Just a few days ago, a Virginia court ruled against Cuccinelli.

One of the most vocal anti-global warming organizations has been the Heartland Institute, a 28-year-old Chicago-based think tank. For several years, the well-funded Heartland, which declined to release the names of individual or corporate contributors, has been on a crusade of global warming denial.

Recently, a prominent climate scientist, Peter Gleick of the Pacific Institute, who, frustrated about trying to learn about Heartland by conventional means, used a false name to obtain documents from Heartland that

he then released. After he admitted doing this, Gleick rationalized his actions as frustration with “often anonymous, well funded and coordinated” attacks on climate scientists.

It turns out that over the years, some of Heartland’s backers have included General Motors, Exxon Mobil and others many of whom have been involved one way or another with fossil fuels. Even knowing this, it strikes me that Gleick’s unfortunate actions may have done more harm than good to the 95 percent of scientists who understand that global warming is a legitimate concern.

Interestingly, those who deny global warming have found some willing listeners in the current group of presidential candidates. A few quotes. Romney: “We don’t know what’s causing climate change.” Santorum: “...junk science.” Paul: “hoax.” Gingrich calls for

replacement of the EPA.

So what happens in the future regarding global warming?

My take: Scientists will continue to warn us of severe consequences if we don’t cut down on carbon dioxide emissions. Those who now deny global warming will continue to deny global warming. So who’s right? Only time will tell, but if the 95 percent are correct, the consequences may be catastrophic.

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On behalf of the animals, I want to thank you with all of my heart & wish you peace & happiness for 2012.

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## ALBERT'S CORNER

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

ALBERT P. CLARK

I'm just a little distracted. Spring has sprung and I'm beyond excited. Spring fever has me itching to write about long-awaited games of fetch, sunny morning walks, and constant bunny-watching. This month's column, however, is about an itch of another sort: seasonal allergies. Okay, so it's not the most fun topic, but it's something every pet parent needs to know!

Basically, we can get allergies just like our people, and we're allergic to lots of the same things. Tree and grass pollens can cause us to itch and scratch, chew our paws, have watery eyes, sneeze, get skin inflammation, and lose our hair. These reactions aren't always the result of pollen, of course. We can also be sensitive to fleas, mold, food ingredients, medications, dust, and a long list of other culprits.

An easy way to find out exactly what's bothering us is to ask a vet to perform a skin allergy panel. It's not uncommon for vets to sedate pets during testing, and while the tests can be expensive, they do help determine exactly where the problem lies.

For this column, I'm focusing on seasonal allergies. Just being aware of how pollen

counts are trending in a region can be extremely helpful. If a dog's symptoms worsen as pollen counts climb each year, it's most likely a seasonal situation. Keep in mind that some allergies can develop later in life, so even if a dog has always been allergy-free, allergies can still pop up when spring arrives.

In addition to the pollen that annoys many of us in the spring, chemicals used to treat lawns can wreak havoc on us. Dogs should stay off of surfaces that have been exposed to harsh pesticides. People who treat their own yards should always use pet-safe formulas. It's often harder for people who live in communities where property managers choose the form of lawn treatments. In those situations, residents have to be proactive and demand a pet-safe approach. Our reactions to pesticides can range from mild to severe, so it's best to avoid exposure completely.

Treating seasonal allergies can be a challenge, but there are lots of options. Some are much better than others! Vets can help navigate all of the medications out there. Treatments like antihistamines, Benadryl, topical sprays, shampoos, and/or allergy shots may be appropriate. Additionally, air filtration can sometimes be enough

to ease the irritation. Keeping doors and windows closed and installing a really good filter reduces exposure to irritants.

One thing I would definitely caution against is the frequent use of steroids such as Prednisone. In my humble opinion, steroids are prescribed far too often. They're administered in the form of pills or shots and they are not expensive. However, long-term steroid use can

damage internal organs, promote incontinence, and jeopardize a dog's overall well-being. Yes, they work well as an emergency method of interrupting the immune response, but they should always be used sparingly.

Sneezing, itching, scratching ... yuck! People don't like it and neither do we! Fortunately, with a little research and TLC, allergy symptoms can be off of the agenda. It's spring, and all of

us pups have lots better things to do. Hey ... is that a ball in my person's hand? And a leash? Time for this canine journalist to close up the laptop and head into the great outdoors!

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

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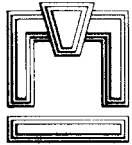
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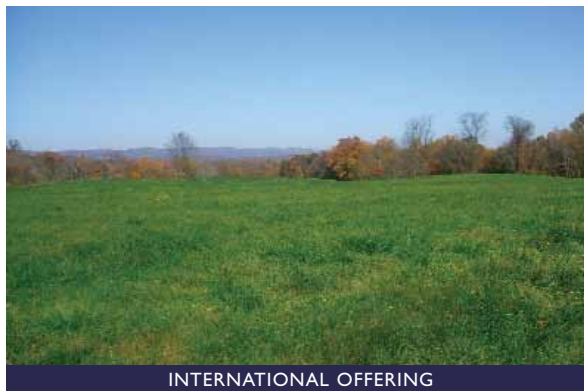
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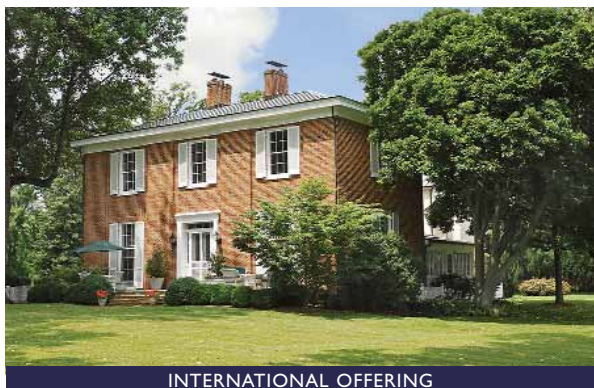
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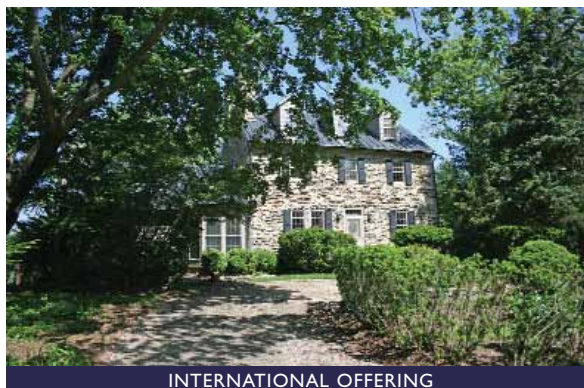
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