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PLAYING WITH FIRE

DANIEL MORROW

On Monday, Monday, May 7, the Board of Directors of the Middleburg Volunteer Fire Department accused its former Treasurer, Paul Draisey, of embezzlement.

In a prepared statement Counsel for the Board, Middleburg Attorney Ed MacMahon, charged that Draisey, over the last three years, had "embezzled a substantial amount of funds from the Department." The amount in question, MacMahon said, "... approaches \$500,000.

According to MacMahon, once the evidence that funds were missing "came to light, Mr. Draisey was "immediately confronted and the facts related to the embezzlement were immediately reported to the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigation Unit.

"The Board," he said, "deeply regrets that this incident has taken place and is taking every step available to see that it never happens again. This violation of the public trust is completely unacceptable to the Board."

Due to "the ongoing criminal investiga-

tion" of the charges, MacMahon concluded, he was "not able to go into more detail," saying only that the "Middleburg Fire Department has been, and will continue to, cooperate fully with this criminal investigation.

A forensic audit of the department's financial records is being conducted, he reported, noting "It is the Board's intention to make the audit results public on the first appropriate date that those results can be released . . ."

On behalf of the Board he assured area residents that Middleburg's fire fighters and emergency medical service personnel remain on duty, and expressed his hope that "... our appreciation for what they do for all of us will not be diminished by these unfortunate events, for which none of them is responsible."

Reaction

The small audience gathered at Town Hall for the press conference, including the Mayor, Volunteer Fire Department Officers, and representatives of three local media organizations sat for some time in what can only be described as stunned silence.

One unidentified attendee stood and took the Board to task for apparently "forgetting" all the

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VIRGINIA PROVIDES \$432,000 TO HELP SAVE MT. DEFIANCE



(LEFT TO RIGHT): NVRPA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PAUL GILBERT, NVRPA BOARD MEMBER & VICE-CHAIR STELLA KOCH (FAIRFAX), NVRPA BOARD MEMBER DAN KASEMAN (LOUDOUN), GOVERNOR ROBERT MCDONNELL, NVRPA BOARD MEMBER MICHAEL NARDOLILLI (ARLINGTON) CIVIL WAR HISTORIC TRUST PRESIDENT O. JAMES LIGHTHIZER, DIRECTOR OF VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF HISTORIC RESOURCES KATHLEEN KILPATRICK, NVRPA BOARD MEMBER JOAN ROKUS (LOUDOUN) AND NVRPA BOARD CHAIRMAN BRIAN KNAPP (FAIRFAX CITY).

Even well read Civil War buffs may have only a vague notion of the 1863 battles of Aldie, Middleburg and Upperville, but there were 1,500 combined casualties at these three interconnected battles, more than were suffered at the Battle of Brandy Station, the largest cavalry battle of the Civil War.

Recently, Virginia Governor Robert McDonnell and other state officials joined the Civil War Trust and the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority at the National Sporting Library & Museum to announce an exciting public-private partnership to preserve Mt. Defiance, a key portion of the Middleburg Battlefield.

The news conference took place at the National Sporting Library and Museum. Joining Governor McDonnell was Director of Historic Resources Kathleen Kilpatrick, Virginia Secretary of Natural Resources Doug Domenech, Civil War Trust President James Lighthizer and Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority executive director Paul Gilbert.

"Protecting irreplaceable historic sites like Mount Defiance at Middleburg is always a cause for celebration," McDonnell said.

"By working together in

partnership to set aside this hallowed ground, we are honoring the Commonwealth's past and simultaneously making an investment in its future."

The commonwealth will provide a \$432,000 Transportation Enhancement grant to assist in the permanent protection of the property, according to the governor's office.

The site, located in both Loudoun and Fauquier counties was the scene of a Civil War cavalry battle on June 19th, 1863.

"This public private partnership gives us an opportunity to save five key acres associated with the beginning of the 1863 Gettysburg Campaign," explained Civil War Trust President Jim Lighthizer.

"This Mount Defiance tract, part of the Middleburg Battlefield, will preserve the key position where troopers from Maine, New York, and Pennsylvania fought Stuart's forces from North Carolina and Virginia."

Join us as we work to save Mount Defiance at the Middleburg Battlefield, to donate, please visit <http://www.civilwar.org>

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NEWS OF NOTE

HART & O'BRIEN ENGAGED



Kim and Linda Hart are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Celie, to Shane O'Brien of Eugene, Oregon. The two met while attending Boston University. Celie is currently

working as a Content Editor in social media at Hill-Holliday--a leading marketing and PR firm in Boston. This fall, Shane will begin a Masters in Clinical Social Work at Boston College.

COPPERSUN MARKS 30

Jan and Geoff Ogden, with Coppersun (wearing a king's crown) celebrating his 30th birthday at a champagne lunch held in his honor. Coppersun, as he is known, was Maryland bred, with historic ancestry that includes Polynesian, Bull Lee and Man of War. But, he has lived his entire life in Virginia, with a winning career as a steeplechase racer, and then after an injury, a foxhunter. Coppesunr came to the Ogdens when he was eight and foxhunted with Geoff for 14 years. For the past several years, he has been and continues to trail



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Angie's List Super Service Award winners have met strict eligibility requirements. These include: earning a minimum number of reports; obtaining an exemplary rating from their customers; and abiding by the operational guidelines of Angie's List.

"We are extremely honored to receive the Angie's List Super Service Award," commented Mike Appleton, president of Appleton



Campbell, Inc. "Our technicians are dedicated to providing exceptional customer service and complete customer satisfaction and this award reflects that," he shared.

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DANIEL MORROW

With both Mayor Betsy Davis and Public Safety Chair Bundles Murdock away, Vice Mayor C. Darlene Kirk presided over the regular monthly meeting of the Middleburg Town Council on Thursday, May 10.

Budget Hearing

Council scheduled the required public hearing on the Town's annual budget to coincide with its May 24th work session.

According to Town Administrator Semmes, Middleburg's real estate tax will not being "increased" under the proposed budget, but "equalized." An increase in tax "rates" will be required to balance the Town's budget, but individual taxpayers, for the most part, will pay approximated the same

dollar amount of real estate taxes as they did last year

The budget also projects a six percent increase in utility rates.

Semmes told Council she had prepared an ad to notify citizens of the increase in on a quarterly basis, but had been reluctant to do so while Council was still considering moving to a bi-monthly billing system.

Parking

Town Administrator Semmes reported that, in 2006, the last time the Town had a parking permit program, it charged \$300/year per space. Only one or two permits were sold.

She suggested that if the Council wanted institute a new program, ten spaces be set aside and offered for an annual fee of \$320/space.

On a motion by Mark Snyder Council then directed Town Staff "to

develop and implement a parking permit along those lines, with the \$320 fees payable in quarterly increments.

Thanks to Chief Klugh

At its Thursday, April 26, work session Council unanimously adopted a resolution "extending its appreciation to William F. Klugh for his service as the Chief of Police for the Town of Middleburg."

Councilmember and Public Safety Chair Bundles Murdock said that it had "been an honor and a pleasure to work with Chief Klugh" noting that "he left the Town better than when he arrived."

Council expressed special thanks to Klugh "for the time he spent helping the Council hire his replacement."

Chief Klugh thanked Council for the opportunity to serve and said

that he had told everyone who applied for the job the "he could not have been asked to be treated better."

Noting that he still had mixed feelings about retiring, Klugh said he was confident that Middleburg's new Chief, A.J. Panebianco "would do a great job."

The New Chief

Middleburg's new Chief of Police, A. J. Panebianco reported that he was working hard to meet as many people as possible in the community, and had recently attended his first Bizz Buzz meeting.

He has assigned officers to address speeding and other traffic issues raised by Council at its last work session, including the identification of visibility problems caused by overgrown trees and shrubbery

Noting that he has been genu-

inely overwhelmed by the warm welcome he has received, Panebianco told Council that "the town has more than lived up to his expectations; and, he truly hopes to live up to theirs."

Panebianco has already visited Middleburg Elementary School and The Hill School, and reports he and his officers are looking forward to hosting National Night Out on August 7, and to offering Middleburg area children and families "something fun to do that was related to safety."

Pilates Studio Application

Joan Strahler, a resident of the Middleburg since 1991, appeared before Council on May 10 to ask their help with regulations preventing her from opening what she termed "a small Pilates studio on the second floor of 101 West Federal Street" The studio, she said, would have only one room and a few pieces of simple equipment. It would serve private clients and small groups no larger than four or five people.

When she asked the Town Office what would be required for her to open, she said, she was informed she would need to apply for a special exception permit, like that required to open "a large commercial gym."

Suggesting that operating a small Pilates studio was more akin to running a physical therapy office than a Gold's Gym, Strahler told Council that "if she had to get a special exception permit it would be a financial hardship and she would not be able to afford to open the studio"

Town Administrator Martha Semmes later reported Town staff was working with Strahler; and would like to discuss the possibility amending the Town's legal definition of a "fitness center" at the next Council work session. A distinction could and should be made, she noted, between large and small operations.

Notng that Strahler wanted to open as soon as possible, she suggested discussing the options at the Council's next work session.

Town Planner David Beniamino then noted that just such a change in the Town's zoning ordinance had been discussed by the Planning Commission several years ago and they had rejected it. He asked for Council guidance before approaching the Commission again.

Town Administrator Semmes suggested Beniamino draft language for the work session discussion; Council agreed; and Beniamino reminded all concerned that "amending the ordinance would be a lengthy process."

When Councilmember Trowbridge Littleton suggested Council give Ms. Strahler a waiver, Councilmember Kathy Jo Shea observed that "this was not the only situation where the ordinance applied."

Mark Snyder then observed that simply granting a waiver might well constitute the first misstep on a slippery slope.

Beniamino agreed, noting that a passing a legal waiver "would require the same length of time as an ordinance amendment."

Town Administrator Semmes suggested that, at the very least, Town Council and the Zoning Commission might hold joint public hearings to save time.

Christmas in Middleburg

Councilmember Kevin Hazard reported that he has already received e-mails from Jim Herbert, Chairman of the Christmas in Middleburg Committee, outlining first steps toward building a large donor base for this year's celebrations.

Hazard said the Middleburg Players will soon be asked to be part of the parade, and that the committee was doing its best to discover other things people would like to do in Middleburg during the celebrations.

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"4 WOMEN PAINT" AND MANY WATCH

On Saturday, April 21st., an enthusiastic crowd joined Live An Artful Life Gallery for their show "4 Women Paint", in The Plains, VA. The idea of artists and gallery owner's, Tom and Linda Neel, the event was filled with art lovers and artistic novices, who came to watch professional artists Trisha Adams, Elaine Elinsky, Christine Lashley, Libby Stevens, all paint from life - with a twist.

With one large floral arrangement placed in the gallery's atrium, the concept had each of the four talented artists surrounding it, as each painted

a still life. Not only were the onlookers able to see four different artist's interpretations of the same subject matter, at least three different mediums - oil, acrylic and pastel, were also used. This really allowed everyone watch the individual processes of each artist develop towards a completed work of art.

The wonderful opportunity of questions and answers were abundant by the audience and artists, as the four worked away at each of their paintings. "It was a joy to see so many of artistic types in the group being mentored on the spot", says Tom Neel. "This

was a fun event for all that joined us and they'll be happy to know it will become annual."

The show, which runs through May 13th, also has at least four paintings available by each artist and rounding out the theme as a superb added bonus, Delaplane Cellars joined in with a pairing of four delicious wines. The gallery is located at 6474 Main Street in The Plains. For more information about the gallery and the show, please visit LiveAnArtfulLife.com or call 540-253-9797.



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Everyone enjoyed the Land Trust of Virginia's 15th annual Garden Party to Save the Virginia Countryside at Dr. Vas and Linda Devan's Rock Hill Farm in the heart of horse country.

Rock Hill Farm's beautifully restored rural farmhouse (built in 1797) and its surrounding farm complex were judged eligible for the Virginia Landmarks Register in 2008, and the farm's gorgeous patio

offers truly majestic views of the Blue Ridge Mountains to the west.

During the Garden Party, the Land Trust of Virginia announced their 2012 award winners: Kathy Milam and Barbara Riggs were named Landowners of the Year; Malcolm and Pamela Baldwin were named Land Stewards of the Year, and Mrs. Edie Smart and Ms. Peggy Arundel were named Conservationists of the Year. Previous winners of the Conservationist

of the Year include Mrs. Linda Porter and Mrs. Maggie Bryant.

This year's event also highlighted a "Farm to Table" celebration of local foods and wine, featuring Chef Jason Lage, proprietor of Market Table Bistro in Lovettsville, Virginia, who prepared all the food for the Garden Party. In addition, a wide variety of local wines and desserts were also served.

ECUMENICAL FREE CHURCH HOMECOMING SERVICE TO BE HELD JUNE 17TH

Middleburg's 36th Annual Free Church Homecoming—a unique ecumenical tradition with roots in the late 1700's—will take place on Sunday, June 17th at Middleburg Baptist Church, 209 East Federal Street, Middleburg.

Bringing together the clergy and choirs of eight area churches, this joint service is held every June at Middleburg Baptist, site of the original "Old Free Church" constructed in the late 1700's. The Old Free Church, built on land donated by the Levin Powell family, founders of Middleburg, was known as a 'free church' because it was dedicated as "a place where all the people can worship."

The Baptist, Episcopal and Methodist churches of Middleburg, as well as the Presbyterian Church in Aldie, held their services there until the original building was destroyed in the mid-19th century. A second Free Church, built on the same site in 1840, today serves as the sanctuary of the Middleburg Baptist Church, host of the Homecoming celebration.

The modern Free Church Homecoming celebration was inaugurated as an annual ecumenical service during the 1976 Bicentennial. At that time, Our Redeemer Episcopal Church, Long Branch

Baptist Church, and St. Stephen the Martyr Catholic Church joined the originating churches thereby adding to the celebration's ecumenical spirit.

Responsibility for the service rotates year-to-year

among the participating churches. The service begins at 11:00 a.m. and is followed by a potluck picnic with the entrée provided by the host church. Childcare is provided for the service and all events are open to the public.



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NEWS OF NOTE

MIDDLEBURG LIBRARY EXPANSION

As of April 30, 2012, the friends of the Middleburg Public Library reported that they had raised well over half, 61%, of the \$775,000 needed to complete the work of doubling the size of the current facility. Most of those funds have been raised to date through generous personal contributions from "Cornerstone" and "Leadership" level contributors. An equally generous response to a mail campaign

launched on April 24 will be necessary to bring the project home. More than \$1,900 was raised during the library's May 12 Used Book Sale. In the meantime Middleburg Bank has approved a bridge loan. The Town of Middleburg has approved and issued the all important Location Permit. The Middleburg Community Center has formally approved the facility's final design. For more information, including drawing and floor plans

for the new facility go to new Friends' website at: www.middleburglibraryfriends.org Webmaster Bill Ferster is a former member of the Middleburg Library Advisory Board was an active participant in the development of the 2010 strategic plan that set expansion as the Friends top priority if they were to continue to meet the growing demands of the community. Librarian Tia Maggio provided the extraordinary artwork for the website.

NATIONAL SPORTING LIBRARY & MUSEUM BOOK FAIR SATURDAY

The highly successful Book Fair organized last year by the NSLM will become an annual event with the second scheduled as part of the 53rd Hunt Country Stable Tour on Saturday, May 26th, Memorial Day weekend. The NSL&M Book Fair opens at 10 a.m. and closes at 5 p.m. The event is free and open to the public. Book signings and scheduled brief lectures by five authors will take place in the Library's lecture hall, the Founders' Room and in a duplicate book sale

on the upper level. The Book Fair will offer book signings and scheduled brief lectures by five authors in the Library's lecture hall and the Founders' Room. A duplicate book sale to benefit the Book Acquisition Fund will be organized on the upper level. Author book signings and lectures will be scheduled as follows: 11 a.m.: Kathryn Masson – Hunt Country Style; Stables: Beautiful Paddocks, Horse Barns, and Tack Rooms; Historic Houses of

Virginia: Great Plantation Houses, Mansions, and Country Places. 12 noon: Patrick Smithwick – Flying Change: A Return to Steeplechasing; Racing My Father: Growing up with a Riding Legend 1 p.m.: Elizabeth Letts with guest Harry de Leyer – The Eighty Dollar Champion: Snowman, the Horse that Inspired a Nation, debuted on the New York Times Hardcover Non-fiction Bestseller list 2 p.m. Anne Hambleton – Raja: Story of a Racehorse, a book for young readers 11 & older 3 p.m. F. Turner Reuter, Jr. – Animal & Sporting Artists in America.

LOCAL STUDENTS FLY HIGH AT KITE CONTEST

On Saturday March 31, Hill School's "Teen & Team Saturday" went on a field trip to the National Mall's Cherry Blossom Festival to compete in the National Kite Festival! Sponsored this year by Japan. Joan Gardiner's 10 art students entered the Kite Festivals Competition's handmade youth kites ages 12-15 division with their beautiful handmade kites. The winners were announced as we were rushing back to catch the bus. 1st place was Ernesto Cortes of Middleburg, 2nd place was Guadalupe Sandoval of Middleburg and in 3rd place Taylor Moore of Upperville. The National Kite Festival! Sponsored this year by Japan.

MIDDLEBURG BANK PROMOTES ANDY MCLEAN

WELL-REGARDED RICHMOND BANKER PROMOTED TO EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

Middleburg Bank, a wholly owned subsidiary of Middleburg Financial Corporation (Nasdaq: MBRG) announced today that Andy McLean has been promoted to Executive Vice President, Commercial Relationship Manager and Regional Community Executive. Gary R. Shook, Middleburg Bank's CEO said "This promotion is in recognition of Andy's contributions since he joined the Bank in February, 2011 as well as our need to have a regional executive to oversee our growing

presence in Richmond and Williamsburg." Mr. McLean continues to be responsible for all Middleburg Bank activities within the Bank's newest Financial Service Center in Richmond as well as providing executive leadership for the Williamsburg FSC. Prior to joining Middleburg Bank, Mr. McLean spent the majority of his banking career in Richmond, serving in leadership roles with Essex Bank, Central Fidelity Bank, Jefferson National Bank, Resource Bank and First Capital Bank.

MT. ZION HISTORICAL PARK OPENS TO PUBLIC FOR MONTHLY PROGRAMS

Historic 1851 Mt. Zion Baptist Church, which sits alongside Rt. 50 east of Gilbert's Corner, will open its doors to the public again this year for guided tours and living history programs on the fourth Sunday of each month, April 22 through October 28, from 1:00 – 5:00 PM. Used as a place of worship by members of the Old School Baptists from 1851 until 1980, Mt. Zion Church and its adjoining cemetery witnessed fighting during the Civil War, but also served in the aftermath of battle as a hospital for the wounded and as a final resting place for some who fought in the war. It's also known as the first, and frequent, meeting site of Confederate guerilla fighter John Singleton Mosby and his Rangers, and was used intermittently as a barracks and prison during the war. A renewed focus for this year's tours will be the historic graffiti found on sections of the interior wall, according to Site Supervisor Tracy J. Gillespie. "Mt. Zion is one of several sites where soldiers from both North and South spent time, usually recuperating from wounds or illness," commented Gillespie. "Perhaps as a way to say 'I was here and I mattered,' they sometimes signed their names and regiment affiliation on the walls. 'We're busy deciphering the writing now.'"

Mt. Zion is one of five sites featured in the soon to be published Northern Virginia Civil War Graffiti Trail brochure. It will give visitors directions to the historic sites in the area where they can see the handwriting of Union and Confederate soldiers on the walls. Also new to Mt. Zion later this year will be interpretive signs around the property, explaining the history of the church and grounds to visitors whenever they arrive at the site. Included will be the history of the Old School Baptist Church, whose attendees followed doctrines and practices of the original Baptists, claimed to be the New Testament church. Admission to the fourth Sunday programs & tours is free, but donations are gratefully accepted. For more information, contact Tracy J. Gillespie at tgillespie@nvrpa.org or call her at Aldie Mill Historical Park, 703-327-9777.

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NEWS OF NOTE

FOXCROFT STUDENTS NAMED CHERRY BLOSSOM CHAMPIONS



Foxcroft School students were recently honored for their stunning support and impressive fundraising on behalf of the Cherry Blossom Breast Cancer Foundation (CBBCF) at the first annual Cherry Blossom Champion award dinner. Susan T. Carroll of Leesburg and Inova Hospital was also honored as a "Cherry Blossom Champion" at the Creighton Farms Clubhouse event.

CBBCF Board member Sandy Atkins praised Foxcroft not only for creating the Foundation's main fundraiser, Nanette's Walk, with its numbers and enthusiasm, but also for all the money raised, and for the School's commitment to teaching and practicing community service.

"These 156 girls have raised, in this school year alone, \$10,000," said Atkins. "This is an amazing gift for a school of this size and certainly we will put it to good use. What moves me the most, though, is that the School, the administration, and the faculty are so committed to teaching these young women the value of

philanthropy.

"These lessons are going to stay with these girls throughout their lives," she said. "The fact that they were able to use their time and their talent to raise money for a cause that is so important, to give back to the community, and to make a difference."

Student Head of School Samantha Nelson of Oak Hill, VA, Vice Head of School Alexis Hall of Atlanta, GA, Head of the Athletic Association Maev Couzens of Middleburg, and Mary Motion, a junior from Upperville whose family introduced Foxcroft to the Foundation, accepted the award on behalf of the Foxcroft students. Head of School Mary Louise Leipheimer and several administrators and students who were key to the effort also attended the dinner.

"I am so proud of our School and all the girls," said Leipheimer, who has made certain that giving back and leadership are core aspects of a Foxcroft education. "They choose to make a difference and our world benefits."

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CHANGE AT PIEDMONT COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

The Piedmont Community Foundation begins a new era this month with the retirement of long-time executive director Karen Krei and the arrival of her successor, Amy Owen, after a 10-year stint as executive director of the Eastern West Virginia Community Foundation.

Ms. Krei and her husband Michael, the director of competitive shooting for the National Rifle Association, who also is retiring on May 31, had long planned a move to the state of Washington. They'll be living in Cusick, Wash., about 70 miles north of Spokane.

Ms. Owen joined the EWWCF in 2001. She and her husband Don are relocating to Unison. Don Owen serves as executive director of the Land Trust of Virginia and they have two adult daughters.

Ms. Krei joined the PCF in the summer of 2004 at a time when it was being run by five volunteers, without any professional staff. The foundation had \$80,000 in assets and only two active funds — the Loudoun County Juvenile Detention Center and Fresh Air Full Care, which helped low-income families provide day care for their children.

The PCF now has 29 funds overall and in 2011, went over the \$1 million mark in assets for the first time. The same year, it exceeded the million-dollar mark in grants awarded (now at \$1.2 million), also for the first time.

"When I first arrived, it was a blank slate in terms of where to start and how to start building permanence into the charitable funding base," Ms. Krei said. "They needed someone to come in and develop assets, provide a formal structure for grant-making, to set policies and provide guidelines of operation leading to certification of national standards which all sets the table for philanthropic credibility and engagement with the community."

"We've only been able to do it because of the incredibly dedicated efforts of our officers and directors. Equal credit goes to those have responded to our efforts with support for the Community Fund or are building their own unique philanthropies using PCF. At times, it was a struggle, but it just shows what people dedicated to doing the right

thing for the community can do."

Ms. Krei said she was particularly proud of the PCF's grant-making program for youth, the S. Murray Rust and Mary H.C. Rust Student Philanthropy Project, made possible by a grant from The Rust Foundation.

The program started in 2006 with a grant of \$50,000 and a goal to encourage and empower permanent strategic student philanthropy. The curriculum is designed to build the skill sets of philanthropic leadership and stewardship in each generation of students.

There are now 19 high schools, public and private in Loudoun and Fauquier counties that participate in a program that has included over 150 students involved in grant-making in their areas.

"In addition to giving funding support for youth community service projects the program has had a major impact on the student grant-makers themselves," Ms. Krei said. "I knew the educational value would be good when we started, but I didn't realize how good."

This year, a program to connect the elderly and shut-ins with young family members, an "all girls" engineering project that builds community service projects, and money for youth to upgrade a homeless shelter are three of the 2012 recipients of five grants totaling \$5,000 awarded by Loudoun and Fauquier high school students who are advisors for youth grant-making at the Piedmont Community Foundation.

The other two grants were awarded in a new collaboration with the youth Step-Up program, a community service project fair run by the Youth Advisory Council of Loudoun County Public Schools. The 2012 Step-Up grants support a green environment club building a box garden project at Lunsford Middle School, and before and after school tutoring by academic honors students to help struggling students at Freedom High School.

Ms. Krei said she was "totally optimistic" about the future of the PCF.

"We've been able to demonstrate that we are a good landing zone for people to help the community and also have private donor-advised funds.

We're building permanent resources for the community and we can meet emerging needs. My time here has been a wonderful opportunity. It's been a gift for me, as well, to work on something of substantive value."

Brad Davis, president of the PCF, described Ms. Krei as a "highly dedicated, committed individual who really knows the ropes concerning philanthropy and charitable organizations. She's in early, weekends, and she's done a magnificent job. We're going to be really sorry to see her go."

At the same time, Davis said the PCF was "extremely fortunate" in finding Amy Owen to replace Ms. Krei. Under Ms. Owen's leadership over the past decade, the EWWCF grew from just over \$1 million in endowed assets to more than \$16 million today.

"I think we can anticipate tremendous growth in this region," Ms. Owen said. "All of us in the Community Foundation area — there are more than 700 across the nation — struggle with helping people understand what a community foundation is. I'm coming to an area where philanthropy and endowment are understood and endorsed, and that's an excellent launching point. I look forward to getting to know the board members and our current donors. I know what heavy lifters they are and it's important to keep the momentum going."

Ms. Owen is a native of Tuscaloosa, Ala., and earned her undergraduate degree at the University of Alabama. She also has a Masters degree from West Virginia University and had a background in both non-profit and foundation work before she joined the EWWCF.

Said President Brad Davis, "Amy has a comparable background to Karen, after running the EWWCF for a number of years. She's very oriented toward the marketing aspect to help us build and grow and she's got the technical capability to make sure it's done correctly."

MONEY, PARKING, BUSINESS CONTINUED FROM PAGE 4

Councilmember Kathy Jo Shea asked whether the Christmas in Middleburg Committee addressed the "Christian" comments that went out in the advertising last year, noting that she heard concerns expressed by one of the businesses about Bible quotes regularly posted on the event's website.

Hazard said that he was not aware of this issue.

Town Administrator Semmes observed that, in any case, the material appeared on the home page of the independent Christmas in Middleburg organization, not on the Town's official website.

She suggested, however, that "from a Town perspective, caution needed to be exercised."

Councilmember Hazard said he would bring the matter to the Chairman's attention.

DeLeon Metro Coordinator Phil DeLeon, Middleburg's long-time Town Engineer, appeared before Council for the first in a new capacity: as Project Coordinator for the Dulles Metro Rail Project for of the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation.

DeLeon urged everyone in Middleburg to let their County Supervisor know their views on the proposed Phase II extension of the rail to Loudoun County.

A public input session is scheduled by the Supervisors, he noted, for June 4, in preparation for a July 4 decision.

SOUND OF MY VOICE SPEAKS WITH INTEGRITY



MARK DEWEY

Young film makers Zal Batmanglij and Brit Marling know people pretty well. Their new feature *Sound of My Voice*, which opened in New York, Los Angeles, and Washington on April 27, hit some of our human nails on the head so squarely that you wonder how they came to know so much so soon.

They know, for example, that most of us want to be saved — from the good life, from the bad life, from our fears, maybe even from our hopes — it doesn't matter, just save us! And they know that, since we're a little bit ashamed of that desire, messiahs have to be seductive. When this movie's messiah lifts the veil that covers her face, she might as well be our bride.

Her name is Maggie. In order to meet her, Peter and Lorna must drive into a stranger's garage, take off their clothes, shower ("Be thorough with the soap."), put on open-backed hospital gowns, allow themselves to be handcuffed, blindfolded, and driven to another stranger's house. That's quite a commitment, one suffused with erotic undertones — nudity, bondage, surrender, and a promise that the first night will be unforgettable. Then the beautiful creature appears and proceeds to seduce them by telling a story that leaves her ravished, in effect, wandering through an underworld dressed in nothing but a soiled bed sheet and her hair.

Or she tries to seduce them, but Peter and Lorna have come to Maggie's temple as infiltrators, not as converts. Batmanglij and Marling know that since we're a little bit ashamed of our desire to be delivered, we'll root for anyone who makes an effort to expose a charlatan, especially when doing so seems dangerous. Everybody loves to see a false messiah stripped of her sheep's clothing and left naked on the street, and the film's initial momentum derives from our desire to watch that happen.

Batmanglij and Marling also understand that false-messiah killers are a special kind of hero: the kind that protects us from something we're not sure we want to avoid. Because falling in love with a fantasy feels like falling in love. So when we realize that one of our heroes might be too weak to stand against the power he's trying to protect us from, we're not sure how we feel. We want him to be strong, but we're also glad to see that he's like us: a lesser angel longing for connection to something beyond the pale of what little we can see. That longing has been with us since we started drawing pictures on the walls of caves, but it's a little embarrassing in the information age, when anything that can't be verified with data is considered bogus.

When Peter falters, the movie's question changes from "Will the heroes get the proof they need before they're discovered?" to "Will this hero turn out to be weak like us?" The second question is a lot more interesting than the first one because we're not sure how we want it to be answered. His half-surrender is convincing: sufficiently seduced by magic Maggie to take the step she asks of him, but not with both feet. And it's right

that the fallen hero should be Peter rather than Lorna because he was the zealot to begin with, which means that he was the more eager to believe.

Another thing these young film makers know is that "the human mind is capable of being excited without the application of gross and violent stimulants," as Wordsworth said. There's no sex, just a jittery erotic charge. There's no violence, just a suggestion of danger which is heightened by Rostam Batmanglij's score and by the fact that Maggie's followers give her their blood. There's a lot of missing information, but its absence never seems to be a ploy. In fact, there are no tricks of any kind.

In the end the movie says that simple story-telling is what matters, and that the realm of our experience is probably nothing more than the realm of our experience. And it turns our cynical tendency to condemn anything that's not consistent with our limited perspective on its head. The movie knows we want to see Maggie exposed as a charlatan; it knows we want Peter to be punished for falling under her spell; but instead of giving us those satisfactions, it leaves us with a look of wonder on Peter's face.

That's what the word awesome really means.

Sound of My Voice is currently playing at AMC Georgetown and Bethesda Rowe Cinema. It will open in Shirlington on May 4.

DELAPLANE GOES TO THE DOGS FOR ARF

More than one hundred adults, thirty children and twenty dogs enjoyed a beautiful, sunny Sunday afternoon at the First Annual Animal Rescue Fund "Dog Fest" at Fox Hall Farm in Delaplane.

The event kicked off with a dog walk along trails cut through the 150 acre farm. Walkers and dogs enjoyed the magnificent views and companionship as they leisurely strolled the grounds.

Highlights for the children were the Marshall Volunteer Fire Department truck provided by Fire Chief Eddy Payne and the Pony rides. There were also games and plenty of treats for the kids.

Fauquier SPCA, Middleburg Humane, SPCA of Northern Virginia and the Virginia German Shepherd Rescue were there with "ready to be adopted" dogs.

There was also a Silent Auction, an ARF store, and other vendors. The B. B. Q. by a local caterer received rave reviews.

The generosity of Pedigree, distributed by 'MARS Petcare', meant that no guest went home empty handed.

Event hostess, Ursula Landstrath said, "We hope this annual event will grow to be as large and important to Delaplane as the annual Strawberry Festival founded by the late wife of Willard Scott. Mary Scott began on a small patch of grass in Delaplane that has grown to become an annual event for thousands".

Event Chair Mary Johnson, pointed out that "All the funds raised will go to Animal Rescue

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RANDOLPH RECEIVES FOXCROFT'S HIGHEST HONOR

DEDICATED VOLUNTEER, FORMER TRUSTEE, AND PASSIONATE ALUMNA GIVEN ANNE KANE MCGUIRE AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

Foxcroft School's Board of Trustees Saturday bestowed its highest honor -- the Anne Kane McGuire Distinguished Service Award -- on Pickett Davis Randolph, a member of the Class of 1956, former member of the Board of Trustees, and outstanding volunteer whose omnipresent "Go Foxes!" greeting proclaims her deep love of the School. A Bethesda, MD, resident and graduate of Wheaton College and the Naval War College, Randolph becomes the 28th recipient of the award.

The surprise presentation took place Saturday (April 14) at a luncheon held at Foxcroft's Athletic/Student Center during the School's

Reunion Weekend. Randolph was clearly stunned at the announcement of the honor by Board Chair Stuart D. Thayer and when her brother and his family walked in -- but she was not rendered speechless. "Go Foxes!" she said as she took the podium.

The Anne Kane McGuire '52, named in honor of the late Board of Trustees chairwoman, was given to Randolph, Thayer said, "for a lifetime of dedicated service." A Baltimore native, Randolph served on Foxcroft's board for 18 years, and has been chair of her Class's Reunion every five years since graduation. She was a Major Gifts Volunteer for the School's Gateways to Excellence Campaign

and currently serves as co-chair of the Memory Committee for Foxcroft's upcoming Centennial celebration.

Service -- to country as well as school -- has been central to Randolph's life. After college, she went to work for the CIA and, in 1982, she was awarded an MA in National Security Affairs from the Naval War College -- one of just eight women and two civilians among of her class of 360.

Since her retirement, a host of organizations have benefited from Randolph's energy and enthusiasm for doing good. She volunteers at the District of Columbia Rape Crisis Center, the District of Columbia Women's Jail, and the Humane Society. She is

also a docent at the National Gallery of Art.

"Pickett has more than responded to the challenge of her greatest mentor, Miss Charlotte," read Thayer from the citation Randolph received, referring to Charlotte Haxall Noland, founder of Foxcroft who served as Head of the School for 40 years. "Living and breathing 'To whom much is given, much is expected.'"

When Randolph took the microphone, she, too, quoted Miss Charlotte -- but only after her usual "Go Foxes!" cheer, of course -- "Miss Charlotte told me, 'You can do whatever you want, Pickett. You can be whatever you want. But in order to get your best you

must give your best.' That advice has guided me through life."

FOXCROFT LAROSSE FALLS TO EVENTUAL CHAMPS IN STATE TOURNEY

The girls on the Foxcroft Lacrosse Team couldn't disagree with Vince Lombardi more. For them, winning isn't the only thing, its only one thing.

The thrill of traveling to the "Final Four," the experience gained by playing really good teams, and the many other achievements of the season kept them in good spirits Friday after they fell, 17-0, to Cape Henry Collegiate in the Virginia Independent School Athletic Association Division II Girls Lacrosse Tournament semifinal at Old Dominion University.

It was Foxcroft lacrosse's first trip to the semifinals of the state tournament in five years. Foxcroft's field hockey team reached the first round of the state tournament last fall before losing to Cape Henry Collegiate. On Saturday, Cape Henry's lacrosse team took its fourth girls state title of the year with a 14-3 victory over Highland School of Warrenton, a team Foxcroft beat out for the DAC title. Cape Henry placed four players on the All-State team.

"It was fun," said co-captain Maeve Couzens after the lopsided loss Cape Henry Collegiate, which went on to beat Highland School of Warrenton 14-3 in the final to claim the title on Saturday. "Making it that far is awesome and we played really well."

Patrick Finn, one of the triad of Foxcroft coaches who were named Delaney Athletic Conference Coaches of the Year earlier this month, agreed with Couzens' assessment of the team's effort.

"Although we were out-matched," the former UVA All-America said. "Our team played with heart and hustle and kept fighting until the final whistle, despite the score. They represented the Foxcroft spirit quite well and we are all proud of them." Athletic Director Michelle Woodruff and Student Life Assistant Kathy Gonzalez were Finn's co-coaches.

Foxcroft, seeded fourth, did its best against a talented top seed. Cape Henry held only a 3-0 lead with 11 minutes remaining in the first half, as Foxcroft's defenders played their best game of the season. They turned back a strong attack many times and sophomore goalie McKenna Andrews posted 8 saves early to stay within striking distance.

But draw controls and ground balls by the Dolphins proved to be the difference. With the vast advantage in ball control this gave them, they kept the Foxcroft defense stayed under constant pressure and began to score. Foxcroft fell behind 9-0 at half, and although the players kept hustling and fighting through injuries and exhaustion, in the end the Dolphins proved just too much for the visitors.

While there are no inconsequential losses in the playoffs, the team had much to be proud of in 2012, including a 10-5 record, the regular season Delaney Athletic Conference title, and its first trip in the state semis in five years, earned with a gritty 11-8 victory over Fredericksburg Academy. Five Foxcroft players were named First-Team all DAC players -- juniors Caroline Fout, Olivia Jane Johnson and Carter Ware and MacDonal sisters Charlotte, a senior, and Lilly, a sophomore. Freshman Emma Rogers, who scored 25 goals in conference play, received Honorable Mention.

PLAYING WITH FIRE

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good Paul Draisey had done for the community, and gratuitously inflicting more pain and humiliation on the family and friends of a man who had just taken his own life.

The Volunteer Fire Department Board, however, stands by its statement, which on its surface is unambiguous, and at press time has neither been retracted nor modified in any way.

MacMahon was, on May 7, unable to answer questions raised by the press about the mechanisms in place to ensure ongoing oversight of the department's funds, before or after the alleged embezzlement

The Money

At press time neither the County's forensic audit nor any other evidence of wrong-doing has been made public, and no one other than Paul Draisey has been named by the Volunteer Fire Department Board as a responsible party.

The signatures on the Department's IRS form 990 for 2009, the most recent made public by the Loudoun County Government are dated May 12, 2011. The form was signed by the non-profit organization's President, John B. Draisey, and by paid preparer Stephen L. Combs of the accounting firm Updegrave, Combs & McDaniel, PLLC.

The 2009 form lists total revenues of \$363,499, an increase of more than \$47,000 from the year before. The 2008 and 2007 forms, prepared by the same accounting firm and signed by former Treasurer Paul Draisey, report total revenues of \$316,080 and \$317,302 respectively.

"Contributions and grants" and "investment income" are the listed as the largest sources of revenue for each of the three years.

Monies spent by the department are spread across several general categories, with little or none of the detail that a simple examination of the non-profit's checkbook might reveal.

Loudoun County's Role

Each year the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors approves a "contribution" to the Loudoun County Fire and Rescue Commission for distribution to each volunteer fire and/or rescue company in the county.

The Fires and Rescue Commission, chaired by Douglas Rambo, then directs the County Treasurer to distribute the money in semi-annual increments, a process roughly similar to that followed by the Loudoun County Public Library Board of Trustees.

For each of the past two fiscal years, 2011 and 2010, those contributions have remained the same, a flat \$166,294.

Asked about the Fire Commission's role determining when, where and how those funds are spent, Rambo told the Eccentric:

The Commission adopts and enforces guidelines that address a range of operational and administrative matters within our combined fire and rescue system.

Each company is an independent corporation and the Commission relies on their administrative and operational leadership to establish practices consistent with the guidelines and accepted business practices.

The Commission reserves the right to audit volunteer companies for compliance and requiring corrective actions if shortcomings are identified.

As for the Commission's role in the unfortunate developments in Middleburg, Rambo stated:

The Commission relies on each company's annual filing with the Internal Revenue Service as their annual financial report. Middleburg's last income tax filing was for the fiscal year ending 30 June 2010.

The Fire and Rescue Commission is working with the Sheriff's Office, the Department of Fire, Rescue, and Emergency Management, and County Administration to ensure that a complete investigation is conducted and appropriate corrective ac-

tions are taken.

We are relying on the Sheriff's Office investigation as well as a subsequent, independent audit to help us understand what occurred.

The Commission wants to ensure that the audits are thorough and if current financial management practices are not adequate, we want to ensure that the recommended changes are made.

Asked about the evidence, if any, against Paul Draisey, Rambo replied:

Again, we are relying on the Sheriff's Office investigation and the independent audit to help us understand the scope of this issue.

As for the impact of the missing funds on capital outlays, the expansion of the Middleburg Fire Station, equipment and operating expenses, Rambo said:

The company has advised that they

manage public and County contributions in order to provide quality emergency fire and rescue services to their communities. We were disheartened to learn of this issue and are anxious to identify and correct any shortcomings identified through the investigation.

Career staff assigned to the Middleburg Fire and Rescue Station are Loudoun County employees and are paid directly by the County.

Rambo, stated on behalf of the Commission that, "We are saddened by the death of Mr. Draisey and extend our condolences to his family."

He also reassured the citizens of the Middleburg Area that, "Fire and rescue protection in the Middleburg area was not and has not been jeopardized as a result of the misappropriation of funds. Our volunteer companies responsibly

The criminal investigation by the Loudoun County Sheriff's Department continues.

Non-financial Issues

Over the past several years the Middleburg department has been plagued by a number of unfortunate, sometimes well-reported, and sometimes rumor-based problems: allegations of sexual misconduct; career staff being pulled from the station in the face of reported conflicts with volunteers; resignations; allegations of equipment theft; and the re-deployment of a new heavy-duty rescue truck to the Aldie Fire Station.

The allegations of embezzlement on the part of one of its most well known and well-liked officers, in the words of one Middleburg resident, seemed like a bad end to an ongoing bad dream.

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ESCAPE FROM L.A.

7TH INNING STRETCH

ALEX CUDABACK

A little more than one year after a group of Los Angeles Dodgers' fans beat a visiting San Francisco Giants' fan into a coma on opening day, another group of Dodgers' fans was arrested this past weekend for beating yet another fan following last Sunday's game.

Apparently, the altercation ensued after the game when the victim, a man in his late 20's, was involved in a small fender-bender in one of the parking lots outside of Dodgers' stadium.

During the ensuing fracas, police speculate that three of the individuals arrested forcibly restrained the victim while a fourth individual "kicked and hit him about the head and face area while he was on the ground," according to Sgt. David Armas of the Los Angeles police.

And all of this occurred while a woman eight months pregnant sat in the victim's car, powerless to do anything.

Given the blistering pace the Dodgers have started the season on, I'd say onetime Nationals team president and current member of the Dodgers new ownership team, Stan Kasten, may be forced to spend more time dealing with off-the-field issues than he'd prefer.

It's southern California, people. Chill out.

Meanwhile, just east of the Piedmont, both the Nats and the O's are battling it out for first in the respective divisions of their respective leagues. And while the O's recently took two of three from the Nats, neither of those victories was the kind of blowout the Nats enjoyed on Sunday, with Lynchpins Espinoza, Harper, Zimmerman, Desmond and Strasburg all contributing two hits and all except Zimmerman pushing across at least one run during the game, with Strasburg's coming on his first

major league homerun.

In fact, looking at MLB's standings here on Monday morning, I don't know what should make a local fan happier, the O's actually sitting in first place, the Nats only a game and a half out, or the Red Sox, Yankees and Phillies all cellar squatting like the filthy wretches we've all always known that they are.

Speaking of the Phillies, you may have missed the shenanigans a couple weeks ago (and that might be revisited) when Phillies' pitcher Cole Hamels decided to "welcome" Nats phenom Bryce Harper to the big leagues by intentionally beaming him the first time the two squared off. Following the game, Hamels admitted he'd hit Harper on purpose, explaining that, "it's something that I grew up watching, that's what happened, so I'm just trying to continue the old baseball get away from it..." Sometimes the league is protecting certain players and making it not that old-school, prestigious way of baseball."

Major League Baseball suspended Cole Hamels for five games for, 1) intentionally hitting Harper, and 2) being stupid enough to admit to it. The beauty of MLB's system of suspending pitchers for throwing dense, leather wrapped projectiles at defenseless individuals at upwards of 95 MPH? Most of the time, and certainly in Hamels' case, the offender doesn't even miss a start. So, keep up the iron-gloved discipline, Commissioner.

As for Hamels' claim that beaming rookies is something he "grew up watching"? Last time I checked, Hamels is 29 years old, born in 1983. So, realistically speaking, the good old, wild-west, self-policing days of baseball that he remembers so fondly were the 1990's. If memory serves, those weren't exactly the days of foaming-at-the-mouth, glowing-



eyed intimidators taking the mound every day.

Of course, Nats' starting pitcher Jordan Zimmermann retaliated. The good news? He retaliated by going after Hamels, not some poor schlub on the Phillies who had nothing to do with any of it. The bad news? He clipped Hamels in the leg when he squared around to punt.

Hamels will have pitched against the Nats on Wednesday by the time this hits the stands. I'll be interested to see what happens.

As I'm sure will Hamels.

Kudos to the Redskins (I know, never thought I'd say that, did you?) for sitting rookie QB Robert Griffin III next to undoubtedly the most professional player on the team, linebacker London Fletcher. I don't honestly know if the arrangement was management's idea or Fletcher's, but it's the right one. Griffin has an unrealistic amount of expectation to live up to this year and being able to learn the game on the fly from a player as upstanding and well adjusted as Fletcher can only help the first-year player focus on the task at hand and not get carried away by all the hullabaloo.

Speaking of hullabaloo, if you're still paying attention to the sideshow in Miami instead of the remarkable play that's taking place in San Antonio, you're a chucklehead. The Spurs are showing anyone who cares to look what consistent excellence looks like. If I were the new owner of a dreadful, local basketball team, I might want to tune in and pay attention...

Just saying.

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few seed heads are left to ripen, you must keep track of which colors were best to let them go to seed.

Dianthus is best done with scissors, even hedge trimmers will work. Just a quick snip of flowering stems as they sit above the foliage. Some perennials go without deadheading, examples include, brunnera, Dicentra spectabilis or bleeding heart, corydalis and polygonatum. Even more reason to plant them.

Next the daylilies and lilies will flower. Daylilies are not bulbs, lilies are. With the day-lilies you can show tough love. Cut back the stems and even the foliage when it looks tired. The leaves will regrow, especially if you water well afterwards. Lilies on the other hand are bulbs and enough foliage needs to remain to feed the bulb. Cut the top of the stem, where the seed pods form, nothing more. Be careful when you cut them to put in a vase, certainly don't take more than thirty percent of the plant. For that they will thrive and grow stronger every year.

The price we pay for all of that loveliness is definitely worth it. What a splendid spring it's been.

REINVENTING WEIGHT LOSS

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There is a societal belief that as we grow up, we need to get serious. We go to work, raise children, and pay our bills. We learn the need to be rid of those fanciful activities and ideas that brought passion into our youth. Slowly but surely as the years unfurl, we discover that the only place passion might be left is in the bedroom. And the key words are "might be left". Reinventing weight loss is about bringing more joy into your life by achieving two goals at one time: Living more passionately AND losing weight.

As a fitness professional for over 25 years I have watched people try and try to lose weight without success. One key to a successful weight loss program is finding activities that you enjoy - specifically, the very ones that get you excited about life and living.

Passion & Exercise

Think back to when you were younger. What class, sport, club, or hobby did you look forward to the most? We can combine so many things with exercise these days. Dance, dogs, horses, gardening, boating, travel, wine, flowers, sports, and even photography and art. I started riding horses at the age of 5 and gave it up at the age of 17 for a career in dance. I don't want to take dance classes but I LOVE being back on a horse a couple of times a week. From fencing to boxing to the sport of your choice there is a class, club or team out there just waiting for your participation! If you love flowers, start a flower cutting garden. There's no better exercise than digging, weeding, and planting! Do you have a dog? Is he/she overweight? Have your pet become your workout partner - it will benefit their hips and heart too! Plus, they never look at you and say: "Can we skip our walk today?"

Wine... Here's a good one: you can take horseback riding, cycling, and

hiking trips all over the US and Europe that center around your love of wine. Whether it's horseback riding through Tuscany or cycling through France, what a wonderful goal to achieve! With every sore body part or push of the pedal you can remember that the work is worth the ultimate prize. Photography and art? Hiking through the National Parks with a camera around your neck or French easel in your arms. The best places are those seen off the beaten path.

Travel all by itself can be combined with exercise so many ways. You can go on a cruise and take advantage of their classes and gyms. You can hike the Grand Canyon or paddle down a river. You can check out National Geographic and go on one of their travel adventures. You can hike the Appalachian Trail - 2,184 scenic miles between Georgia and Maine, 550 of them right in Virginia - or follow the Kalalau Trail in Kauai. Want a more aggressive goal? Sign up for a rigorous hiking, kayaking, rock climbing trip with Outward Bound.

If your passion embraces a particular cause, you can use that as a reason to get fit and lose weight. Maybe you had a family member who struggled with cancer or a best friend who suffers from a rare disease. There are 5k runs, walks and triathlons for almost every cause you can imagine. Train, raise money, and feel good at the end knowing that you are in better shape and made a contribution that wouldn't have happened without you and your efforts. Your money DOES count.

Passion & Food

Do you love to cook? Do you enjoy food that tastes great? Awesome. Why not use this passion for food to your health's benefit. Good, nutritious food does NOT have to taste like cardboard. Play with recipes. Take classes. Read cookbooks. Go back to school: Brenda Cobb's Institute for Living Foods or Living Light Culinary Arts Institute (raw chef school). If sushi's your taste sensation, learn to make your own. Start your own organic vegetable and/or herb gar-

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During mass at Saint Stanislaw Kosta Church, in Zoliborz, Poland, a boy now best known locally for his work with the Windy Hill foundation, pointed a pistol at the church organist and made him play his country's national anthem.

The organist, though he could not admit it at the time, was both terrified and delighted. Most, if not all the congregation sang, even though they risked their lives doing so. The boy, not yet 16-years-old at the time, was Julian E. Kulski, architect, author, critic and friend of Middleburg.

In May of 1944, in Nazi-occupied Poland, the penalty for those who sang the anthem was death, and Kulski, and the organist, could have expected much worse.

In 1939, when Germany and the Soviet Union invaded Poland, Kulski was only 10, living with his family in Warsaw. Kulski, and an extraordinary group of men, women and children made trouble for the Germans in Warsaw almost from the very beginning.

Many were killed. Kulski himself was captured, imprisoned, and tortured, but survived to tell their extraordinary stories in a new memoir, accompanied by an equally compelling CD.

Kulski's Legacy of the White Eagle describes his experiences from the first days of the invasion to liberation from a POW camp at war's end. He witnessed the early Blitz and the German occupation. Denied admission to school he became a fireman at 14 and a dedicated, and deadly, resistance fighter.

His stories, and those told on the accompanying CD by those who survived with and beside him, are remarkable, describing from an teen-age partisan's perspective, day-to-day acts of resistance and defiance, the creation and destruction of the Warsaw Ghetto, and the tragic Warsaw uprising of 1944.

The new memoir, the CD, and if

you can find a copy of his diaries, Dying We Live, first published in English in 1979, are treasures, readable and truly worthy of a reading.

Legacy of the White Eagle (Middleburg: HMP Press, 2006). \$24.95. Order it from the "online shop" on the National History Day web site: <http://www.nationalhistoryday.org/>.

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THE ARTIST’S PERSPECTIVE

TOM NEEL

When talking about Hunt Country and the Middleburg area, I often reference it into what I call “the box”. The box I am referring to basically runs from Rt.15 west to the Ashby Gap and from Snickersville Turnpike down to I-66. To me, this special little piece of the Piedmont is ground zero for Hunt Country.

Now that’s not to say there isn’t some fudging with the lines of the box, but you get the picture and being widely known as Hunt Country for over a century, it has certainly become the brand it deserves. It’s not only an area known for equestrian sport, it’s an area rich in

history, with unmistakable landmarks and great beauty. But it is the open rolling hills, scenic Blue Ridge views, dry stack stone walls and primarily the picturesque villages of Middleburg, The Plains, Upperville and Aldie, that give Hunt Country its personality.

Our hunt country is known as an equestrian playground throughout the world and it’s certainly one of the most competitive, equestrian sport capitals as well. Fox hunting, jumping and steeplechase racing maybe at the heart of it, but dressage and polo have been around for years too and polo is in a major growth swing.

Along with the expansion of The Sporting Library and Museum, the area hosts some of the largest and

oldest equestrian events in the country and likely supports our most important economic base – horses. The sheer amount of riders, trainers, vets, farriers, grooms, helpers, tack shops, saddle and boot makers, leather repair, horse blanket cleaners, barn builders, hay farmers, farm managers, farms hands, equipment suppliers, truck drivers, feed stores, fence companies and yes, even artists, relying on the health of Hunt Country is important. It’s a diamond in a beautiful setting.

As an artist, this beautiful setting has truly given itself to me and I certainly hope I have and will continue to give back to it. Known over the years for sporting art, the area has never really been known or thought of as an art haven. But it has

long supported a rich sense of artistic contribution and diversity, none the less. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Mellon, along with his father Andrew’s contributions to the world of art alone, give our area a lofty artistic status. There could not be a more perfect example of Hunt Country and a connection to fine art. Living in Upperville, not only have the Mellons epitomized everything Hunt Country is, Paul Mellon’s father Andrew funded the west wing of the National Gallery of Art and Paul and his still living wife “Bunny”, filled it with its most prized possessions. Just imagine Washington D.C. without that gem! They are not alone in this area of generosity either.

But Hunt Country and the close surrounding area, do offer tons of talent and choices for enjoying, purchasing and learning art. As an expressive industry, art doesn’t need to be bigger than Hunt Country to have its identity passionately recognized. Peter Wood, Middleburg resident and metal artist, has made it his goal though, for Middleburg and “the box” especially, to gain a greater art presence by essentially reforming The Middleburg Art League which Aeron Mack created in 2003. To me,

Live An Artful Life, Tom



RICHARD A. ENGBERG

Have any of you fallen into a well? Let’s see a show of hands. I don’t see any hands other than mine. That’s right, the water guy actually fell into a well. I’ll tell you about it shortly.

Two anniversaries to mention: I’ve been writing Water World for one year this month. It’s been fun. Second, this is my 50th year of being a water guy. So, I want to divide this column between a little about my life as a hydrologist and how I fell into a well, and a little about groundwater.

I started with the U. S. Geological Survey (USGS) Water Resources Division 50 years ago as a chemist in a laboratory in Lincoln, Nebraska. After four years, my supervisor informed me the laboratory was closing, and that all but one chemist would be transferred. He offered me the job, but as a hydrologist, not a chemist. He indicated my academic background met the USGS requirements for hydrologist, and if I agreed, with a stroke of a pen, I could become a hydrologist. What cinched it was my opportunities for advancement were greater as a hydrologist. I couldn’t agree fast enough. The pen stroked and I was a hydrologist, a field hydrologist at that. I quickly learned that as a hydrologist, you sometimes get wet!

I was assigned a project sampling groundwater in north-central Nebraska. We collected and analyzed samples to determine the chemical composition of the water. We re-sampled the same wells on a yearly basis to determine any changes. In the project area, we were interested in nitrate concentrations in groundwater. Nitrate is a component of fertilizers and human and animal waste, and we were concerned about the health of small children drinking water containing it.

Aquifers are subsurface formations that contain economically viable amounts of water. There are two types, water table (unconfined) and artesian (confined) aquifers. When you drill into an unconfined aquifer, water rises in the well casing to the same level as in the aquifer. However, an artesian aquifer

is confined by a relatively impervious formation above it and is under pressure. When you drill into an artesian aquifer, water rises in the well to a level higher than the level in the aquifer. In some instances, it rises to land surface and flows without a pump.

So what about falling into a well? This was my first trip and I had not been to any of the wells. I spent the previous night in a motel, and fortified with a good breakfast, headed to the first well, about 30 miles from nowhere. It was early May, windy, and the temperature was in the low 40’s. We had permission from landowners to access their land to collect samples and when I arrived at this well, I had never seen anything like it. It was a true flowing artesian well. There was a pipe, probably 4 inches in diameter rising about 10 feet above land surface from which water was cascading. Around the base of the well was a stock tank probably 12 feet in diameter. Water actually overflowed the tank and created a small creek that flowed across the pasture. There was a flange around the base of the pipe and balanced on the flange and the side of the stock tank was a 2X10 board. In the pasture was a herd of Angus cattle.

I realized that to fill my sample bottles, I would have to walk the plank and sample the cascading water, as the water in the stock tank was probably contaminated by the cattle. I knew I’d get wet, I just didn’t realize how wet. I grabbed my two sample bottles and carefully walked the plank to the pipe, no problem. I did get splattered considerably but was successful filling the bottles. Then I had to turn around. That’s when the klutz in me took over. As I was almost completely turned, one of my feet slipped and off I went. I guess I was lucky I didn’t straddle the plank, but what I did was fall sideways, completely submerge for a couple of seconds in the tank. It was cooold! Still clutching my precious bottles, I got to my feet, waded to the side of the tank and climbed out.

I was dripping wet and shivering. I got to my vehicle, stowed my samples, and opening my suitcase fished out a change of clothes. There in the field, miles from anywhere, I stripped naked with only an audience of curious Angus cattle. They mooed their appreciation or maybe I’m just flattering myself. I only had one pair of boots with me. Dressed, I got in the van barefoot, still shaking from the cold, and fired up the heater full blast. I put my boots under the heat vent and they were somewhat dry by the time I got to the next well that fortunately was just a simple hydrant in a rancher’s yard.

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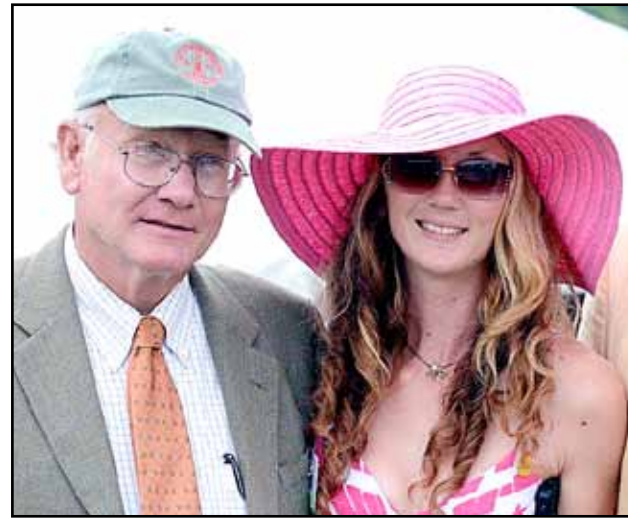
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Non-riders are invited to join us for lunch and to hear Ms. Porter's talk. Lunch is \$30 for MHAA members and \$40 for non-members.

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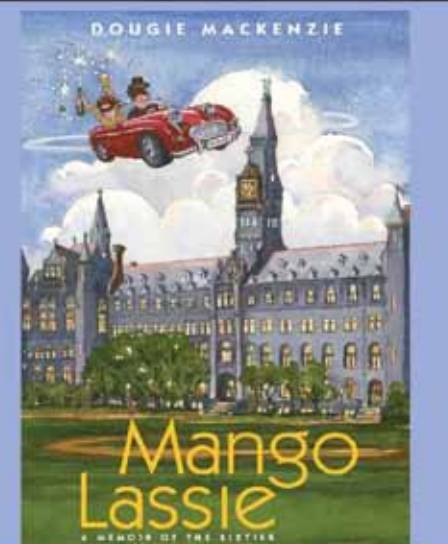
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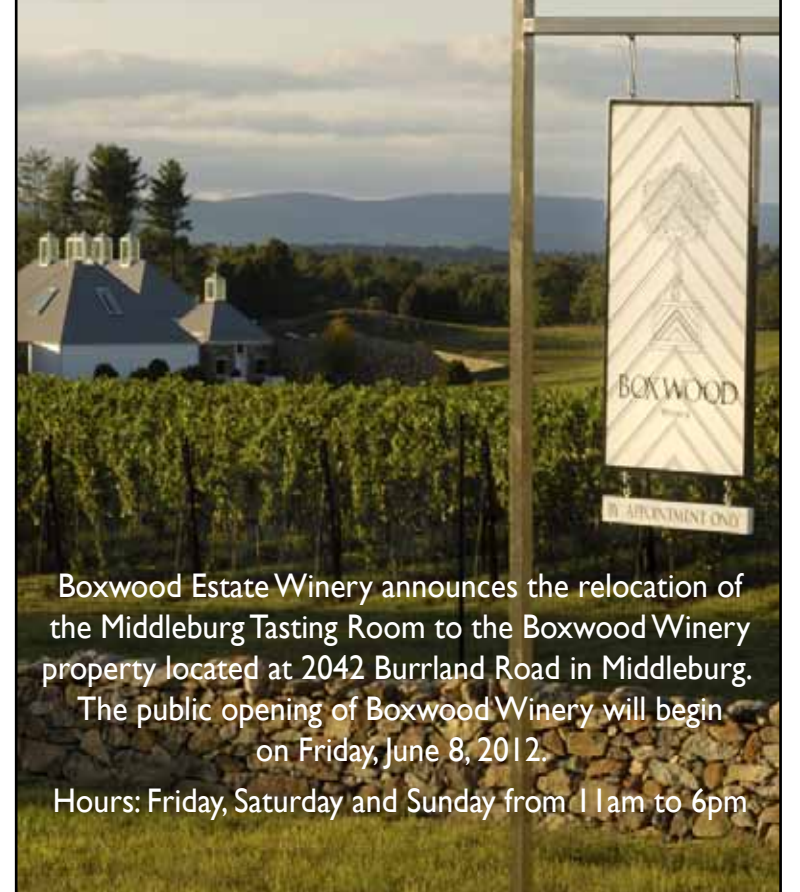
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Red is a beautiful 7 yr old, 17h TB gelding who is super people oriented & sweet. Red suffered a broken pelvis 3 yrs ago, but has healed & can be ridden lightly. He is a good boy & deserves a loving home.



Josephine is a gorgeous 4 yr. old kitty. She is very sweet & affectionate. She has always lived indoors, loves to be brushed & gets along great with other kitties.



Lulu is an adorable 8-9 yr Chihuahua. She is timid of new people, but she loves attention. This little lady has had a tough life & was living outside tied to a car. She deserves to spent the rest of her life being pampered!



Leo lived a long life on a chain so he is still learning lots of new things. He has a very kind temperament & likes to please. He enjoys attention & loves to give hugs! He has come a long way & truly deserves a second chance.



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The first time I heard the word 'recall' was in 2007, when a lot of pet food companies got into a lot of trouble because of something called melamine. That was a very dark year for pet parents and the pet food industry. Back then, there wasn't much good news for a foodie like me, but I hoped there would be a silver lining. I hoped

pet food companies would learn a lesson and be more careful about ingredients and processing. I hoped no more animals or people would suffer.

In some ways, there have been improvements. For a long time after 2007, there were no major recalls and it looked like things had gotten better. Recently, however, the word 'recall' has been slipping back into the news far too often. It started with a smattering of recalls here

and there. The problems seemed to be short-lived and well managed, without far-reaching consequences. Then there started to be lots of talk about tainted chicken jerky from China. The FDA got involved and issued warnings. There were hundreds of reports of sick pets. Pet owners started complaining last November and the media was still reporting on the subject through March of this year. The FDA never issued a recall and the talk has quieted for the moment.

Perhaps discussions about jerky have quieted because a major pet food manufacturer has grabbed the spotlight, issuing a recall on April 6 after finding evidence of a rare strain of salmonella. The company followed that recall with eight more. The FDA launched an investigation and has been highly critical of the company. At this time, the recall is possi-

bly linked to illness in three pets and 16 people.

The most recent issue is a big one because it affects many brands. As is common practice in the pet food industry, this manufacturer owned a plant that produced food for many different companies.

Unfortunately, there's not much that pet parents can do other than trust brands with good reputations and hope for the best — exactly the same approach people take with their own food. There are, however, a few things that can help. I recommend following websites like dogfoodadviser.com and truthaboutpetfood.com. These websites make it their sole priority to stay on top of industry news, including recalls. They often report recalls within moments of companies issuing them.

I also recommend saving

pet food containers until your pet has eaten the contents. The bags or cans have lot numbers that help determine whether a particular batch is involved in a recall. Finally, remember to wash your hands after handling pet food. The unfortunate reality is that the pet food industry isn't regulated the same way the human food industry is, and pets are not as sensitive to bacteria as we are.

Let's hope we've seen the last recall for the foreseeable future. In the meantime, I'm going to follow news of the pet food industry like a dog with a bone.

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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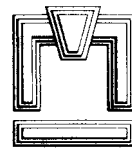
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EDITOR’S DESK

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RENTS, GAINS, LOSES

Some say we’ve been lucky during the Great Recession.

Rents are high, but the County is rich. Thus, we have newly opened (or opening soon) in Middlburg : El Agave, Layendar Moon, Common Ground, Whoopsie Pies, Stich and an antique shop.

On the other hand we’ve LOST (or are losing) the Middleburg Animal Hospital, The Tasting Room, Country Way, The Magic Wardrobe, Nobel Nielsen Shoes, French Antiques, Mello Out, and the Backstreet Café.

Our Southern States store, long rumored to be on its last legs, hangs on, but with management keeping a sharp eye on sales.

Something must be done to keep our town alive, well, and appealing, and it is up to Town Council, our landlords, our lenders, and us to engage whenever and wherever possible in support of our local businesses.

REGULATIONS

At the last regular meeting of Town Council, a resident of the Middleburg area for more than 20 years asked that a permit be granted that would allow her to open a small, one-room, low-impact, minimally-intrusive, by-appointment-only, perhaps-four-people-at-a-time Pilates studio on the second floor of a building on West Federal St.

The Pilates studio, all agreed, would be a valuable addition to the Town’s com-

mercial offerings. It would pay fees and taxes. Its owner would, of course, agree to meet all the Town’s health and safety requirements for exercise facilities.

A quick WAIVER, however, was for all practical purposes declared IMPOSSIBLE.

Why? There’s a law on the Town books that treats an application for a one-room Pilates studio as if were a request to open a full-size, full-service, Gold’s Gym on Main Street.

For the Pilates studio to open, the law would have to be changed., even though changing the ordinance will require a long and expensive process that the applicant says she just can’t afford.

But given the existing ordinance, and the rules for changing it, issuing a waiver would take just as much time and effort as changing the law.

Even though the entire Town Council appeared to agree that whatever needed to done would be done, to allow this new business to open . . . and the owner pledged to meet any requirement the town might impose . . . the process will take months.

Opening before the process is completed risks high fines and possible jail time.

Turning Lord Nelson’s blind eye until the Council does what everyone agrees it will do, was deemed illegal, immoral, and the first step on the slippery slope to put-a-Sheetz-beside-the-Community-Center perdition.

There must be a better way.

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BLUE NOTES

DANIEL MORROW

“Every man thinks meanly of himself for not having been a soldier, or not having been at sea.”

Samuel Johnson wrote those words well over two centuries ago, and for American men of a certain age and background they still ring true.

Arguably, they are especially true for some of us whose fathers and uncles (and in some cases mothers and aunts) served in World War II or Korea, and who, ourselves, never wore a uniform.

Except for those with the courage required of true pacifists, many of whom serve in the most dangerous jobs in the military, it also makes the most conscientious of the rest of us eternally susceptible to what can only be described as a variant of inescapable embarrassment.

We who have never served are forever doomed to an unresolved and ultimately unresolvable doubt.

We are forever in debt to those who served at times and in places we never had to go.

And thanks to them, we will never really know if we had what it took to do what they did, in those times, and in those places in which all too many served, and all too many died.

Genuine courage re-

quires genuine fear . . . and thanks to those who served in our place, most of us will never really be afraid, at least not on those terms.

That said, and those debts admitted, it seems reasonable to ask of those we have freely and openly deemed our betters some small measure of forbearance, and to say to the outrageously self-righteous among them: enough.

For those of us who have been privileged to know and love and admire soldiers, the scorn of those who choose to take advantage of their honored status, and especially the scorn of those who have served in what Bill Mauldin once described as places “too far forward to wear ties and too far back to get shot” is particularly painful and galling.

The disdain of those who never fired a shot, or never served under fire is particularly inappropriate, even contemptible when directed at others.

It is the self-righteousness of an unassailable bully . . . and unworthy of those who truly serve and served.

Erasmus knew from sad experience that “War is delightful to those who have no experience of it.” He also knew they know themselves and are all too easily known, even by those they hold in contempt.

HYPOCRISY LETTERS

TOM PRATT

I have a bumper sticker which reads: “Millions against Monsanto” and I think it is quite accurate. Monsanto, the world leader in genetically modified crops has been named the worst company of 2011 by Natural Society. According to Forbes “Monsanto is so despised by environmentalists that Google’s first suggested search term for the Company is “Monsanto evil” which coincidentally is how I started the research for this article.

Monsanto produces some of the worst toxins and dangerous products on the planet.

Saccharin

The sweetener helped launch the company and was its first big product. It is a coal product derivative with no nutritional value and was not until lab rats started to develop cancer after being fed a steady dose did the FDA issue a health warning.

Polystyrene

Nothing biodegrades it and it breaks off into small pieces which endangers animals who mistakenly eat it. It is nearly indestructible, nonrenewable and releases benzene into the environment which is cancer causing. In spite of all the evidence that condemns this product the House Republicans voted to reintroduce these cups into the House cafeterias this year.

Agent Orange

Developed as an herbicide and defoliant it was used in Viet Nam to defoliate the Ho Chi Min Trail and has left over 500,000 babies deformed and caused over 400,000 deaths during the war.

Bovine Growth Hormone

The U.S. is nearly the only developed nation that allows the sale of milk from cows injected with artificial growth hormones. Except for Brazil all the rest of the developed world has banned growth hormones in milk for human consumption. It is known to cause cancer and lowers the nutritional value of the milk.

Genetically-Modified Seeds

Because the seeds are supposedly “disease resistant”, Monsanto sells the world through multi million ad campaigns that this is the way they can feed

To the editor:

The firestorm over Tom Pratt’s March column doesn’t surprise me. Tom is a pacifist asking disturbing questions about wartime atrocities. If that isn’t enough to push people to the boiling point, add Factor X. What’s Factor X? Well, our community newspaper isn’t called The Middleburg X-centric for nothing.

No shortage of Rugger Individualism in this town, that’s for sure. Strong views don’t surprise me a bit around here.

What does surprise me is the name-calling. The character disparagement.

the world’s poorer nations. A bunch of bunk. Monsanto says they own the seeds and make sure the seeds are sterile at the end of the growing season forcing the farmers to go back to Monsanto to buy more seeds. According to Emma Must of the World Development Movement “Currently 80 percent of the crops grown in developing countries are grown using farm-saved seed” If Monsanto has its way and peddles suicide seeds the biotech multinational companies will lock the world’s poorest famers into a new form of genetic serfdom”

Monsanto has been blamed for the bee collapse so much so that the company has been banned from Poland as they should be from all countries including the U.S. So in their clever way they have recently BOUGHT the leading bee research firm, Beelogsics, which found that Monsanto’s GM corn may be devastating the bee population. The sale occurred in September of 2011 and was not reported in the media until the reason behind the Polish ban became known, that of the declining bee population in that country.

There is a referendum coming up in California in November to make it mandatory to mark all foods that contain GMO, 500,000 signatures were needed and over 1,000,000 were gathered, so fingers crossed it will pass there and hopefully spread to all the rest of the states.

I urge you to rent the films “Food Inc.” and “The World According to Monsanto” to really explore why “evil” and Monsanto do go together.

It’s disappointing. It’s unacceptable. And what’s even worse, it’s beneath us. Beneath us all.

Let’s all take a deep breath and remember who we are in this community, what roles we want to play in one another’s daily lives, and what we stand for. I know many of you have called this place home for many decades, but my short 16 or 17 years in these parts have taught me that, whatever our circumstances or beliefs or politics, we share a few common, enduring values. We value courtesy and compassion as much as curiosity and conviction. We respect an honest opinion delivered by an authentic person. We practice giving one another the benefit of the doubt. We like to know what our friends and neighbors are thinking (and why), but when we differ (and God knows, we do!), we remember that the higher calling of a civil society is forbearance.

That’s the “Middleburg” I’m proud to hail from. In our household, those are the values we want our daughter to practice every day, and to absorb when she reads the local newspaper.

So I’d like to keep reading this thread, begun by Tom Pratt, on the subject of our civic responsibilities in wartime. It’s making me think, and I’m learning a lot. But name-calling and mudslinging will only discredit the “full and frank exchange of views” that we hope to benefit from.

Let me end by contributing something to the broader discussion. I admit that my personal sympathies are with Tom’s viewpoints, but I also have a military heritage and I count decorated war veterans from five wars--WWII, Viet Nam, Falklands, Northern Ireland and Iraq--among my dearest lifelong friends and mentors. None of my combat veteran friends can justify-let alone make sense of--atrocities or crimes against humanity committed by anyone, for any reason. They all agree: extreme stress in the heat of battle is no excuse for killing civilians in cold blood. Ever. Those actions are outlying events--uncivil, taboo, dishonorable. As a direct result of these views, which my friends came to hold over time and after deep experience, three of them have worked for greater justice and transparency in the armed forces. I have aided

their efforts in one case, gaining firsthand experience, at the Servicemembers Legal Defense Network, in how the US armed forces really deal with legitimate differences of opinion—which absolutely do exist, even among the top brass--and integrate them successfully. It can be done, it has been done, and it is being done today. My experience has taught me that not every brave soldier wants war or even believes in it, and that not every peace-loving civilian can avoid it.

Because of my military friends, out of respect for them, I have tried to keep up with major works of military history. It’s an uphill battle, believe me! But over the past few years, all my combat veteran friends who are still living have asked me to read and discuss one, single book: On Killing by Army Ranger Dave Grossman. Have you read it?

That book, praised by soldiers and sailors, marines and airmen, and civilians alike, has challenged and deepened my own thinking about the philosophical issues that lie beneath the fiery exchange here. Just because personal and political aggression is to be expected, given human history, should it be acceptable today? If so, then where and under what conditions? If not, why not?

Hope you enjoy the book. I look forward to hearing your thoughts. Just please don’t call me any names.

Suzanne Gerber-Stroh

Mr. Pratt: Whereas I have not changed my feelings regarding what you originally said concerning the military by statement or implication, I must apologize to you for the impolite statement made about the use of your article. It was most inappropriate.

I have read your lengthy response and obviously agree with you that there may be misunderstandings regarding your point of view concerning the men and women who serve. However, your words - as mine - remain and I continue to believe that what you originally wrote constitutes an attack, with a broad brush, on those who “put themselves in harm’s way to protect their fellow citizens.”

I continue to believe that these men and women do not join the army, navy, marine corps, air force, or

coast guard in order to get a free education. In fact the DOD has indicated that less than 20% of those who serve for four or fewer years avail themselves of this opportunity, an opportunity which they so richly deserve thanks to President Truman and a nation which cherished their service.

In conclusion I reiterate my apology and confirm my belief that denegrating the service of these men and women, whether intentionally, or not is totally inappropriate and is a blatant attack on their service.

Whereas I fully respect, as I said before, your right to decry the unfortunate actions of the few none should adopt a position such as yours in so cavalier a manner. The fact remains that the continuance of our nation depends on the men and women in our service, and that it is our responsibility as citizens to support them in their commitment to our freedom and not maliciously attack them.

Sincerely,
Don Woodruff

Dear Middleburg Eccentric Editor:

It’s easy to understand the response from military families over Tom Pratt’s article in the Middleburg Eccentric, given the sacrifices--even the supreme sacrifices--that they’ve made. But as I read it his article didn’t criticize them personally; it criticized the government policies that put American soldiers into harms way to begin with, and which are ultimately responsible for those sacrifices.

There is nothing sacrosanct about such policies: they should be openly debated if we really have popular sovereignty in this country. Polls suggest that the majority of the American people no longer support these conflicts, which--again, according to polls--have made the United States the most hated country earth. At a time when our government has essentially declared a policy of perpetual war, who will stop the folly and the sacrifice if people like Tom Pratt don’t? It’s the first obligation of a free press.

Sincerely yours,
Richard Squires

THE TRAGEDY OF PARTISANSHIP

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America is heading into a political campaign to decide who will be responsible for healing America’s wounds, many self-inflicted. You all know them:

Unsustainable fiscal and trade deficits / debt
Excess unemployment
Climate disruption / energy policy

Nuclear proliferation – Iran and North Korea

Israel / Pakistan and the “Arab Spring”
Education and immigration

Social issues: contraception, guns and gays

There may be more. Most are inter-related. None can be solved by a silver bullet. All will take patience, time and collegial effort to come up with the least painful solutions. Many are the result of our foolish national addiction to consume now, pay later, encouraged by irrespon-

sible politics over many years and administrations. It is time for our political parties to face up to the responsibilities of governing – tell it like it is, and work together to come up with the least bad solutions, and then sell them to America, regardless of who gets blamed.

A recent straw in the wind suggests we do not have an electorate or Congress up to the task.

Republican voters in Indiana recently rejected Senator Richard Lugar, a 36 year veteran and former chair of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, for nomination to a seventh term. The sin that beat him? “He was too willing to work with Democrats to solve problems.” The winner? A Tea Party ideologue.

When Purple was in government he knew and respected Dick Lugar. One incident from 1988 sticks

in mind.

Sen. Lugar and I are seated next to each other at a luncheon in Washington in 1988. Either on that day or the day before, Presidential nominee Vice President George H. W. Bush has selected Indiana Senator Dan Quayle as his running mate. Lugar is clearly distressed. I try to comfort him along the following lines:

“Bush has to pick a Midwest Senator for balance, because he is basically a New Englander, transplanted to Texas. To avoid losing a Senate seat he has to pick one from a state with a Republican Governor who can appoint a Republican replacement. The candidates under that scenario become Bob Kas-

ten of Wisconsin and Dan Quayle of Indiana. He couldn’t pick you because you are up for reelection in 1988, and you can’t run for two offices on the same ballot, though you clearly

are a better VP candidate than Quayle or Kasten. Bush can’t afford to lose the Senate seat.”

Lugar’s response: “Of course I can run for both offices.” He was right. Senator Lloyd Bentsen of Texas did run for both the Senate and VP. My guess is that Bush got bad advice from his campaign staff. On such mistakes history turns, and a second Bush term evaporated with that decision, as did a probable uptick in Dick Lugar’s career. C’est la vie.

As one of many who are distressed with the recent primary election in Indiana, Purple cannot help but reflect on what might have been, and on what has become of our Republican Party, which Dick Lugar served so well for many years, and I for a much shorter period.

Senator Lugar had a

marvelous 36 years in the Senate, reaching across the aisle to get things done. The things Congress has done best are in his specialty, foreign affairs. We all thank him for it.

But I fear that the current “take no prisoners” attitude in politics will destroy our country. I believe Norm Ornstein’s and Tom Mann’s recent book “Let’s Just Say It – The Republicans are the Problem” is right. I do not believe the vitriol that Republicans are spewing into my telephone as recently as this evening. But many voters may accept it as fact.

With fond memories of the GOP we once had – Teddy, Ike, Gerry Ford, George H. W, even Dick Nixon - where have you gone?

We need a new Republican Party. Mitt Romney, where are you?

PASTIMES

THE BLACKBURN MURDER

DANIEL MORROW

Thrice Told Tales

“You are not allowed servant, horse, or dog, beard, mustache or a wife. If you get caught hazing you are dismissed. Some are. You must not send or accept a challenge to a duel.”

-- Francis Henney Smith
VMI Superintendent

Tales of Christian’s “interview” with Tom Blackburn began to crawl out of the McDowell Hotel and evolve almost as soon as the boys left the bar. Hugh Laughlin, the bartender who said he had hidden rather than see something he’d rather not see, said he saw Blackburn and Christian emerging from their encounter in the hotel passageway. “Both looked changed,” he testified. “Both seemed to be in better humor and looked satisfied.”

Duty Done

Laughlin was right about Blackburn. Almost as soon as he got back to the VMI barracks, Tom Blackburn told his roommate, Robert Carson, all about the affair. Christian, he said, had admitted to his face he was “acting properly” or “doing his duty,” and that he even “admired” Blackburn “for his noble principles.” According to Carson, Blackburn was smiling as he told the story and seemed to be genuinely in “good humor.” Cadet James White Humes, who had accompanied Blackburn and George Baylor Horner on the search for Christian, told Cadets Robert McKinney, Edward Alexander Langhorne, and no doubt a number of others congregated in Cadet Richard Taylor’s that he believed the matter “had been adjusted.”

Richard Taylor said he heard that Christian was “very frightened and seemed glad to get out of the scrape.” Taylor agreed that, when all was said and done, “everybody thought all parties were satisfied.”

Cadet Edward Alexander Langhorne, a young man with a particularly fine-tuned sense of personal honor, disagreed. He knew both Christian and Blackburn and had been with Christian at McDowell’s both before and immediately after the “interview.” Ned Langhorne insisted that Christian, far from being mollified or intimidated, has said quite clearly to him that “the affair was not done with.”

Thus, several versions of the story continued to spread around the VMI barracks. Cadet John Howard Sharp, nearly half a century later, claimed that Christian’s line about Blackburn’s “noble principles” had been “told all around.” As he remembered the line, Christian said: “I admire you Mr. Blackburn for the course you took under the circumstances and would have done just as you did.”

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Blackburn, he said, “coldly made no reply” to Christian’s remarks” but “with a sneer turned his back on him and left him.”

Relief

At Samuel McDowell Moore’s House, where Blackburn’s cousin Mary Evelyn Anderson was still in residence, news of “the interview” had apparently produced a universal sigh of relief.

Moore’s fourteen year old daughter, Sallie Alexander, wrote that to everyone’s delight, Blackburn and Christian had shaken hands and “parted friends.” Blackburn, she wrote in her memoirs, had admitted to Christian “that he knew nothing personal about him” and “had only heard about him from hearsay.”

Sallie had no doubt heard the story from Christian’s rival for Mary Evelyn Anderson’s affections. Blackburn’s close friend, roommate, and the man who would eventually marry Mary Evelyn, Cadet Alexander Broadnax (“Sandy”) Bruce.

Blackburn had talked to Bruce soon after the “interview,” on Saturday evening, when Bruce was on actually on his way to visit Mary Anderson. Well aware that Bruce, and not Christian would be walking Mary Evelyn Anderson to church on Sunday, Blackburn asked Bruce to tell her “he had taken some notice” of the affair with Christian.”

According to Bruce, Blackburn didn’t go into detail and made no mention of how Christian had conducted himself.

Like nearly everyone else in the Cadet Corps, Bruce seemed to think the “affair” was over and said so to Mary Evelyn and the Moore family.

Fear and Outrage

Christian, who stood a “smallish” 5’8”, was no doubt physically intimidated by his encounter Tom Blackburn.

Blackburn was some four inches taller than Christian, significantly heavier, and brought with him to the hotel not only a reputation for settling matters with his fists and friends, but two such friends in uniform.

Thus, at around 3:00 PM on Saturday, Christian walked into J. M. Pettigrew’s store, to pick up an equalizer.

He picked out a “six-barreled revolver,” one of several pistols Pettigrew claimed Christian had been “considering” for “a month past.”

When Pettigrew asked Christian how he intended to pay for the weapon, the notoriously penurious orphan law student told him, “he was looking for money every day,” and would pay “when he got it.”

Pettigrew, a well-known Lexington merchant, and one of the directors of the local bank, later swore he had no idea that Christian “had a difficulty with

any one.” He let him take the pistol on credit.

Christian knew a little about pistols. Before entering law school in Lexington he had been asked to leave the Virginia Baptist Seminary for threatening its president with one.

His selection of the pepperbox (and perhaps the notion that he might well be able to get away with using it) may also have been inspired by recent events at the nearby University of Virginia

On December 21, 1853, the day after Christian had asked Mary Anderson to “walk out” with him, the Governor of Virginia had pardoned a former UVA student from Amherst County, a “graceless scamp” named John Singleton Mosby, for using just such a weapon to shoot a student named George Turpin.

Turpin was tall, handsome, and popular, with a reputation as a brawler and campus bully.

Mosby, it was true, had served time, but in the end had both regained his freedom and redeemed his “honor.” Chief among the arguments that won over the Governor were Mosby’s claims of self-defense and allegations of prejudice on the part of the jury toward the well-known and highly popular victim of Mosby’s pepperbox.

Whatever he was thinking, Christian, pistol in hand, quickly returned to his room in McDowell’s Hotel.

There, shortly after 3:00 p.m. he showed up in William R. Winn’s room. Another law student, W. M. Morris, showed up a few minutes later.

By all accounts Winn and Morris were the first to hear the Christian’s version of the encounter with Blackburn and friends.

It was also, apparently the first time Christian told anyone the details of what he considered an unbearable and now terribly public humiliation at the hands of Mary Evelyn Anderson,

Winn and Morris reacted predictably, though perhaps not in precisely in the way Christian might have preferred.

“I asked why he did not knock Blackburn down?” Winn later testified.

Morris, equally shocked by what he considered a blatant insult, asked why he “didn’t pitch into him?”

Christian offered the boys three good reasons.

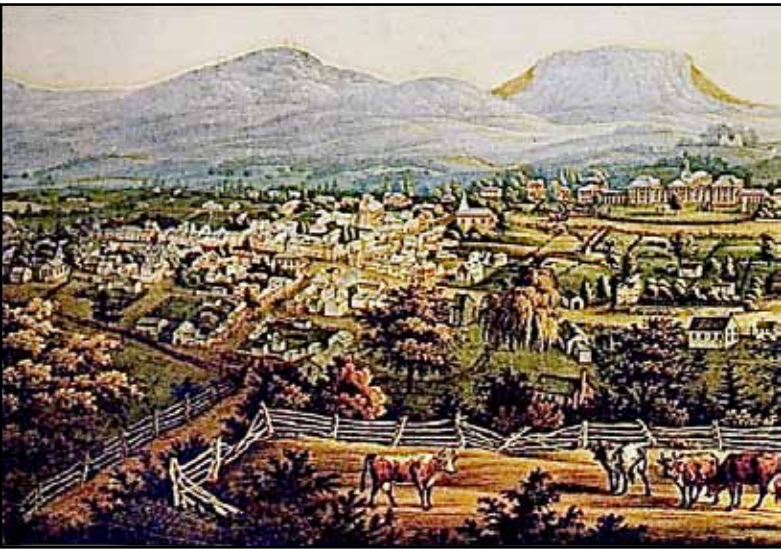
First, he said, the taller and heavier Blackburn “could whip six of him.”

Second, he believed at the time that Blackburn was armed.

Third, Christian said, there were several Cadets present at the “interview” while he, “had not a friend” in sight.

In fact, the more he talked about it, the more Christian said he believed he had been set up.

It was a “preconcerted affair” he told Winn and Morris. While he was in the office (and bar) at McDowell’s, he said, “one of the Cadets” had taken his heavy, silver-headed walking stick “out of his hands.”



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There were also, he said, several Cadets standing about the door of the hotel “some of whom came up with Blackburn.”

Christian didn’t mention that it was young Cadet Edward Alexander Langhorne from Amherst who had asked to see his cane, had given it back, and had been standing beside Christian at McDowell’s, watching for “young ladies” minutes before Blackburn and his friends arrived.

Christian then asked Winn and Morris what he should do.

Morris replied there was but one response possible for a gentleman: “Christian had been basely slandered . . . he would either have to challenge Blackburn or encounter him in a street fight.”

Christian reiterated that a formal challenge was out of the question, now remembering that Colonel Smith, the VMI Commandant, kept his cadets under

such tight scrutiny there would be no way for Blackburn to get away to engage in a formal duel.

Then, the law student noted, there was the law.

Duelling was illegal in Virginia and Christian, who had just had to ask for credit to buy his new pepperbox, had no money to set up a challenge in some place like North Carolina unless, he said, he could himself get “away to Richmond or Lynchburg” for a loan.

As for a simple street fight, Christian once more made himself absolutely clear.

“Well,” he said to Morris, “you wouldn’t let Blackburn beat me to death, would you?”

Morris, by now worried that Christian might well do nothing at all, replied that, if it came to a street brawl, he would “pull him off if I saw him on you.”



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HIDDEN CREEK, ORLEAN AREA, VA

Orlean area, 5BR home with 4.5BA. In addition there is a 2 BR, 1 BA guest house all on partially wooded 10 acres. Main house has hardwood floors, finished lower level, 2 car garage. Guest house is newly renovated. \$599,000.

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Adorable Farmhouse style home on 3 wooded acres only minutes to I-66 at Marshall. Newly renovated chef's kitchen with custom cherry cabinets and top line appliances, family room with fireplace, large deck and patio for entertaining, first floor BR & BA, + add'l 3BR, & 3FBA. LL has media & game area with gas fireplace + private office. 2 car garage. \$395,500.

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