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TOWN COUNCIL PASSES RESOLUTION SUPPORTING LIBRARY EXPANSION

DANIEL MORROW

Two supporters of retiring Middleburg Police Chief Steven L. Webber made public statements at the March 10, 2011 regular session of the Middleburg Town Council. They were followed by Denis Cotter, President of the Middleburg Public Library Advisory Board, seeking the Council's support for a resolution in support of that organization's efforts to fund an effort to effectively double the size of the Middleburg Library.

Webber Praised

Michael Bedard (or Bedard) of Foxcroft Road, a former law enforcement officer currently employed in the personal security business, appeared before Council to say that, in his opinion, Chief Webber had done an outstanding job. Noting that he had read press coverage and had seen "both sides of the issue" of Webber's conduct during the November 30 arrest of Middleburg Eccentric co-founder and Editor in Chief, Dee Dee Hubbard, he told Council that the Chief was "well-respected in the community" and, indeed, "throughout other local enforcement agencies in the state." He noted that it was not unusual for police officers to lie in order to lure drug dealers and other dangerous criminals into the open, and that it was standard procedure for dangerous criminals to be handcuffed when they were arrested. Indeed, he told Council, he himself had lost a friend in law enforcement who was stabbed to death by a woman over sixty years old who had not been handcuffed.

Sally Bolton praised both Webber and the officers under his command for their courtesy and responsiveness. Bolton has run a business in Middleburg for nearly thirty years, and was a one-time candidate for Town Council. Noting that by praising the Police Department she in no way intended to say "something bad about someone else," Bolton praised the officers of the Middleburg force for how they dealt "... with robberies and settling private issues between neighbors." She also noted that, from time to time, they helped capture and return her dogs, who now and then break loose and run away. In her view, she said, "the police department made issues go away without a problem," and she "stood behind them."

Library Expansion

Accompanied by new library advisory board member Mike Morency, Denis Cotter, President of the Advisory Board, updated Council on progress toward expanding the

Middleburg library.

Cotter noted that the slow, and in some cases negative, growth of the areas served by the library would make it very difficult for a project to double its footprint to make the County's already stressed Capital Improvement budget.

For that reason the Advisory Board has put together a plan to raise the money necessary for the expansion privately.

On March 10 Council unanimously passed a formal resolution, reiterating its support for the project.

On Wednesday of the following week the Advisory Board reported on Middleburg's resolve to a full meeting of the Loudoun County Public Library Board of Trustees, the body responsible for administering the library system, hiring its Director, approving its programs, and for the care and maintenance of its buildings, of which the Middleburg Library is one.

The Board of Trustees was supportive of the idea of expanding the Middleburg library, and appointed a three-person committee to oversee the effort. Chairing the committee will be Joe Maio, appointed to the Board of Trustees by Middleburg's representative on the Board of Supervisors, Blue Ridge representative Jim Burton. Joining Maio will be Dan Morrow, appointed by Sally Kurtz from the neighboring Catocin District, and Larry Stepnick, of Ashburn, appointed to the Board by Supervisor Lori Waters.

Library Board Chairman Scott Stewart expressed his confidence that the new committee, working closely with the Middleburg Advisory Board, would provide the best possible approach to getting the library expansion completed, while crossing all the t's and dotting all the i's necessary to meet all the rules, regulations and requirements imposed on the project by the Town of Middleburg, the County, and the strategic plans for the County Library system.

Representatives of the Middleburg team expressed their pleasure with arrangement as well, and will be meeting soon with the new committee to maintain momentum.

Emergency Plan

Council Member Bundles Murdock reported that she had "met with Chief Webber regarding the development of an emergency plan." The Chief, she noted, had given her a copy of information gleaned from

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NEWS OF NOTE

LANG WASHBURN, A LIFE OF ADVENTURE, STEWARDSHIP AND GENEROSITY

Cary Langhorne Washburn passed away on Friday the 4th of March, 2011, at his home, Holly Hill, in Middleburg Virginia, at the age of 92. He died of natural causes. A remarkable American, Lang Washburn’s long life was full of adventure and accomplishment and reflects the grand adventure of America in the 20th century.

In many respects Lang embod- ied the very best of American values and spirit.

He was a descendant of the Washburn brothers of his grandfa- ther’s generation, who helped found the Republican Party and played leading roles in the abolitionist movement and the Civil War. He inherited a love for the Republican Party and devoted his middle years to helping elect moderate Republicans to federal office. His father, Stanley Washburn, was a war correspondent and world traveler.

Lang was born in Liver- more Falls, Maine, on July 14, 1918. Along with his brother and best friend Stanley Jr., Lang grew up in Lakehurst, New Jersey, in the shadow of the great dirigibles of the 1930s. Lang and Stanley’s lifetime of adventures together started with the design and construction of their own blimp, which they flew at great peril on flights up and down the Eastern Coast. Lang received his formal education at the Hotchkiss School and the University of Virginia.

With the outbreak of World War II, Lang saw action in the South Pacific from 1942-46, piloting mas- sive PBV and PBM military sea-

planes, hunting submarines, rescuing sailors and downed airmen, and al- most losing his own life in a kami- kaze attack.

Lang returned to the Bay Area after the war, where he married Peg- gy Harrison in 1944.

His diverse career began as a commercial real estate broker in San Francisco from 1946-47. From 1947-55, he served as a test pilot and Operations Manager for the Hiller Helicopter Corporation, where he flew the first pilotless helicopter in history and survived several crashes.

His love of flight surfaced again in the Eisenhower presidential campaigns of 1952 and 1956, when he took a leave of absence from his job to manage the unique Band- wagon campaign from coast to coast, which featured dozens of “We like Ike” blimps.

He was Vice Chairman of the National Citizens for Eisenhower Committee in 1952, and in 1956 was the Director of the Campaign for Na- tional Citizens for Eisenhower.

Lang worked in the private sector until 1965 when he moved to Washington DC, where he met and married Judith Davies to whom he was married for 44 years.

For the last 33 years, Lang and Judy lived at their rural home, Holly Hill, in Middleburg Virginia.

Lang was Director of Finance for the Republican National Com- mittee from 1965-70, when he was appointed by President Nixon as As- sistant Secretary of Commerce for Tourism; he went on to serve in this position during the Ford Administra- tion. He left national service in 1975

to serve as Vice President for Walt Disney Productions from 1975-83, where his duties included the recruit- ment of foreign governments to partic- ipate in the EPCOT World Show- case facility at Walt Disney World.

After retiring from Disney, Lang devoted his time to develop- ment consulting for nonprofit institu- tions, corporate clients, and commu- nity projects in the Middleburg area. His consummate fund-raising skills benefited dozens of worthy causes, boosting support for affordable hous- ing, education, the arts, and com- munity improvements. He served on many boards including The Hill School, The Windy Hill Foundation and the Wolf Trap.

He loved Middleburg and was instrumental in finding a home for the local library, starting the Farmer’s Market and, during Middleburg’s bi- centennial year, he raised the needed funds at the town’s request to brick sidewalks and plant trees on Main Street. He was also a co-founder of The Middleburg Forum. Last year, he and Judy received the Loudoun Laurels Medal in honor of their ex- emplary stewardship of Loudoun County.

His adages “Success is assured unless energy fails,” and “There’s al- ways a procedure,” were continually illustrated by the enthusiasm, energy, and creativity he brought to the en- deavors and adventures he took on.

Throughout his life, Lang was a great outdoorsman, sailor and aviator. He spent his summers in Edgartown, and was a devoted sailor, fisherman, and pilot. A masterful story-teller and a terrific husband, father, and grand-



father, Lang lived a life full of adven- ture and great humor. He is survived by his wife Judith Davies, by his sev- en children, Alice Taylor, San Mateo, CA, Cary Washburn, Cuernavaca, Mexico, Tayloe Washburn, Seattle, WA, Alexandra Washburn-Weidlein, Oxford, MS, Pammy Brooks, Green- wich, CT, Serena Washburn, Barce- lona, Spain, and Natalie Washburn, Washington D.C., and by fourteen grandchildren and nine great-grand- children.

At the family’s request, me- morial contributions may be made to Washburn-Norlands Living His- tory Center, 290 Norlands Road, Livermore, ME 04253 or The Windy Hill Foundation, PO Box 1593, Middleburg VA 20118.

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NEWS OF NOTE

WEBBER RETIRES



DANIEL MORROW

In a memo released to the Middleburg Eccentric at 1:09 PM on Friday, March 11, Middleburg Town Administrator Martha Semmes announced the early retirement of the Town's Police Chief, Steven L. Webber, effective in late June:

Middleburg Chief of Police Steven Webber has announced his retirement effective June 28, 2011. Upon hearing this news, the Middleburg Town Council expressed their deep appreciation for his many years of dedicated service to the Town. They noted the outstanding job he has done since starting with the Town in March of 1996. He was appointed by the Council as Chief in November of 2000. The Council has directed the Town Administrator to start recruiting for a replacement in the coming weeks.

Webber's decision, announced at a Thursday, March 10, closed session of Council effectively brings to an end a Middleburg career that began in the midst of controversy in the late 1990's, and ends amidst a flurry of unanswered questions about the Chief's professional judgment and personal conduct before, during, and after the arrest and perp-walk of Middleburg Eccentric Editor-in-Chief, Dee Dee

Hubbard, on November 30, 2010.

A Part-time Hire

On May 9, 1996, Middleburg Town Council Member Betty Kirk, the mother of the current Vice Mayor, announced that The Town had hired "a new part-time police officer." His name was Steve Webber.

Carol Bowersock was in her last weeks as Mayor, soon to be replaced by one of her Town Council members, C. L. ("Tim") Dimos.

Mark Tate and Trowbridge Littleton served on the Town's "Public Safety" Committee and were, at time, still responsible for primary oversight of Middleburg's popular Police Chief David L. Simpson and his force of two full-time officers.

By all accounts, few if any concerns were raised by the decision to hire Webber. He was around 36 years old, a Loudoun County High classmate of a number of local citizens, and a former Marine Corps Military Police-man.

After his discharge from the Corps in 1982, he had joined the Leesburg Police Force, where he served for 12 years. In September 1994, he was a Sergeant.

A number of current and former members of the Middleburg Town Council now remember there were, at the time, unsubstantiated rumors "floating around" about the reasons for Webber's departure from the Leesburg Department.

Vetting, however, was informal. After receiving assurances from "people who should know," including a "reliable and prominent source on the Leesburg Town Council," one former Council member told the Eccentric, the rumors were simply dismissed. I was told, he said, that the rumors "really didn't amount to anything."

Personnel records then and now are not subject to the Freedom of Information Act and thus closed to public scrutiny.

Chief Simpson needed help covering the streets of Middleburg. Council approved the new hire.

Steve Webber thus became a part-time patrolman in Middleburg

with little or no serious scrutiny.

Cover-up, Termination and Appeal

A deeper investigation of Webber's record however, now indicates he left the Leesburg force shortly after appealing a decision to terminate him for cause.

In the spring of 1994, according to recently discovered Loudoun County Circuit Court documents, a police officer under Webber's command "... was investigated by the Department for raping and assaulting a young woman and ultimately was dismissed from the Leesburg Police Department."

The same documents reveal that the officer's superior, Steve Webber, was "... investigated by the Department for failing to report the attack on the victim when it was reported to him and for covering it up."

"After the charges against him were sustained," the Court filings continue, "he too was dismissed from the Town Police Department."

Both officers appealed their terminations.

Both agreed to be represented by Michael T. Leibig, a UVA-trained lawyer who, until his untimely death in 2004, was the General Counsel of the Virginia Coalition of Police and Deputy Sheriffs (VCOPS).

Both agreed that their appeal would be heard by the same three-person panel, drawn from the twelve-person Loudoun County Board of Grievance Commissioners appointed by the Board of Supervisors.

On or about October 27, 1994, records indicate, the grievance panel heard and upheld the decision to terminate the officer investigated for rape and assault.

Webber retained a new lawyer, George-Mason-trained Peter D. Greenspun, perhaps best known for his defense of John Allen Muhammed, the so-called "Washington DC Sniper" and consistently ranked as one of the top criminal defense lawyers in the DC area.

Webber's hearing, initially set for November 22, 1994, was postponed for six months, until

April 26, 1995.

On April 25, a day before the hearing was scheduled to begin, Webber's attorney had "hand delivered," a request to the Civil Division of the Loudoun County Circuit Court to compel the Town of Leesburg and the Leesburg Police Department to reconstitute the panel that would hear Webber's appeal.

Having the same grievance panel review Webber's appeal after it had already upheld the termination of his subordinate would be unfair, it was argued. The panel, would have heard things that Webber had not heard; as a result might well be prejudiced against Webber; and Webber, in any case, would have no way of knowing what the panel knew or had heard during the earlier proceedings.

Judge Thomas D. Horne heard Webber's appeal for a new panel.

Jack L. Gould, Counsel for the Town of Leesburg and the Leesburg Police Department, argued that: Webber had already agreed to have his appeal heard before the previously selected panel; that nothing really pertinent to the charges against Webber had been raised in the earlier hearing; that witnesses had already been assembled for the hearing (with one coming from as far away as California) and that, in any case, Webber was unlikely to prevail.

Webber's subordinate had been investigated "for raping and assaulting a young woman," Gould noted. Webber, on the other hand, was investigated by the Department and dismissed, "for failing to report the attack on the victim and for covering it up."

On July 19, 1995, Judge Horne denied Webber's request for an injunction against Leesburg

and the Leesburg Police Force.

Based on evidence before the Court, he wrote, "... that there was a waiver by the complainant of any objections to the constitution of the Board of Grievance Commissioners, or the hearing panel, and there is little likelihood of complainant's succeeding on the merits, that the balance of equities is in favor of the town."

Horne concluded with an admonition that the panel over-hearing the Webber appeal should be careful in its approach. "Each member of the panel shall be asked prior to the beginning of the administrative appeal hearing," he wrote, "whether he or she is able to lay aside any preconceived opinion and render a decision ... solely on the evidence presented."

Council Members serving at the time insist that the Middleburg Town Council knew none of this when Webber was hired.

None of it, apparently, became known as he moved up the chain of command in the tiny Middleburg force.

Indeed, because of the special protection afforded "personnel matters" it would appear that none of these facts would have become public at all had Webber not taken his appeal for a new panel to Judge Horne's court.

Once he became a part-time patrolman in Middleburg, Webber's record in Leesburg was apparently never again questioned, and never investigated by Council or any of his superiors.

The readily available documentation of his termination and appeal was, by all accounts, never circulated, up to and including the night he announced his retirement in March 2011.

THE HUBBARD CASE

DANIEL MORROW

After a preliminary hearing before Loudoun County District Court Judge Dean Worcester, it now appears that a Grand Jury, meeting in mid May will determine whether the surviving charges against Middleburg Eccentric co-founder and Editor in Chief, Dee Dee Hubbard, will go to trial in Loudoun County Circuit Court.

Evidence presented at a March 16 preliminary hearing resulted in a reduction in the amount of money Hubbard has been accused of deliberately mis-depositing, and brought into serious question the timing and motives of both those who brought charges against her, and those who handled her arrest on November 30.

The Hearing

Eight witnesses testified at the March 16 preliminary hearing, described by Judge Worcester as a "screening process to make sure the evidence is sufficient to charge you ... " Hubbard had not been formally charged by the Commonwealth before her arrest, and was released on her own recognizance when she finally appeared before a magistrate.

Following standard procedure, all those called to testify at the hearing (which lasted, with recesses, well over three hours) were sent out of the courtroom, and called in one by one to testify, thus ensuring that no one would hear the testimony of another witnesses before giving their own version of events.

Mis-deposited Checks

The first five witnesses were tenants or former tenants of buildings owned by Jack Goehring and, at that time, managed by Hubbard.

Under questioning by Assistant Commonwealth's Steven E. Sincavage each identified as genuine rent checks they had written and delivered to Hubbard, made out to Jack and Mary Kirk Goehring's "Piedmont Standards Corporation." The checks, totaling just over \$8,000, had been deposited into the wrong accounts, a point not in dispute.

Under cross-examination, all but one agreed their checks had been properly endorsed for payment to Piedmont Standards.

All testified that before Hubbard's arrest they had been approached by Middleburg Police Chief Steve Webber, accompanied by officers they did not recognize to identify the checks. The unidentified officers were, it appears, members of a Virginia State Police investigating team.

All agreed they had no idea that Webber and the other officers were in fact investigating Hubbard for an alleged crime until after Hubbard's arrest and parade down Federal Street on November 30, 2010.

Hubbard's defense attorney, Edward B. MacMahon, noted that properly endorsed checks should have been caught by bank staff before they were actually deposited into the wrong account. Middleburg Bank, he asserted, had in fact offered to make good on any such mistakes they had made in the Hubbard case, and had been turned down.

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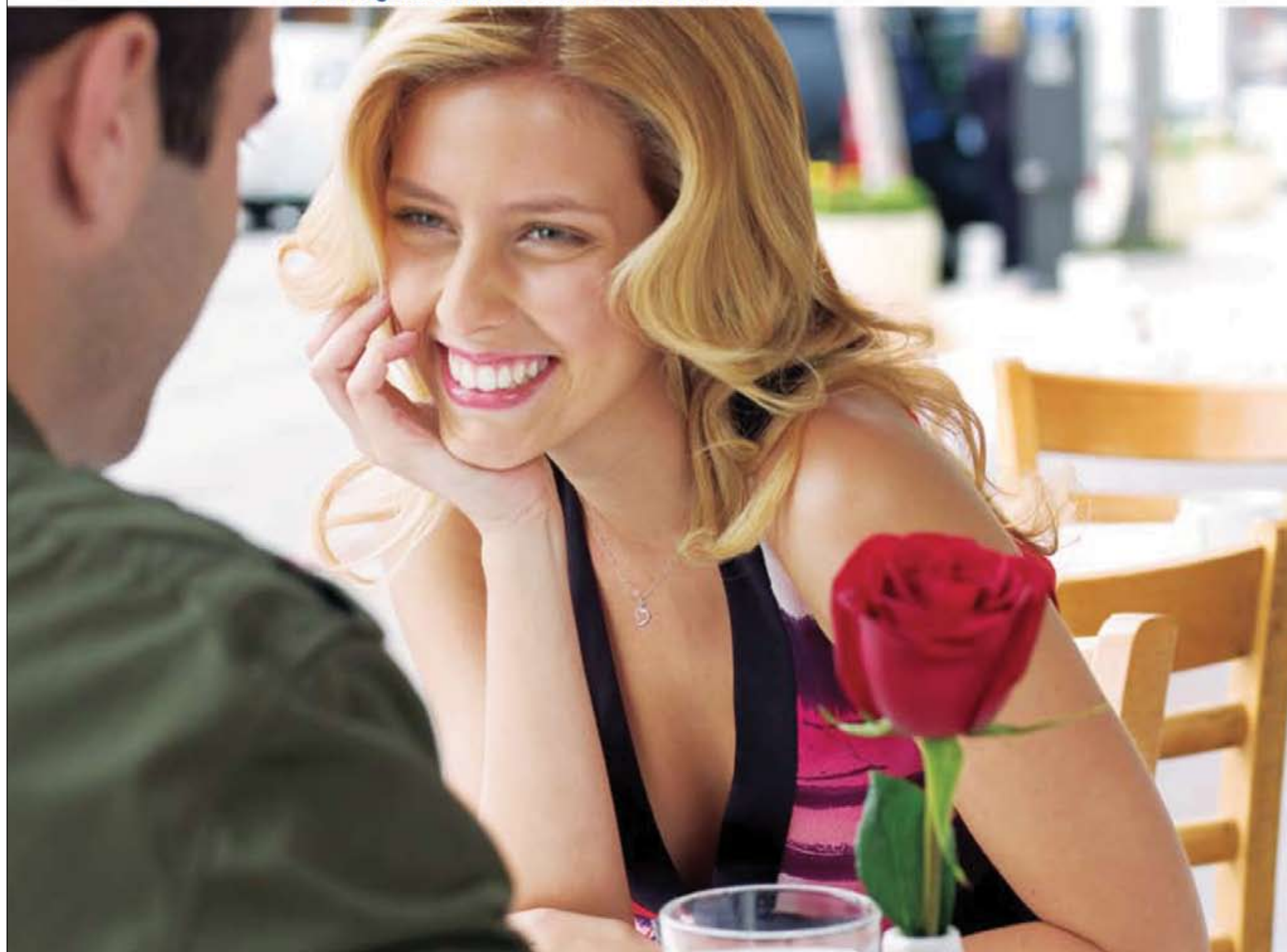
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NEWS OF NOTE

VERNON PETERSON, 80 YEARS YOUNG



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The country was still in the Great Depression and segregation was the law of the south. He remembers that in order to go to school, especially in the winter, they had to walk a long way on treacherous roads. Vernon's sister Gloria, in a touching testimonial to her brother wrote "This brother will see you through sadness and share your pain-will stand and protect you until you are well again-will do what is necessary to send you to school-but only if you work hard and prove that you're no fool..."

In 1951 Vernon went into the Military and served his country in the Korean War. Upon returning home five years later, he found that all was not well at home. His family needed him and he gladly answered the call. Vernon spoke beautifully about his faith and about doing good in the world. "If you do good for others it will come full circle. It always does."

As the years past, Vernon became a father himself. He told a wonderful story of a child named Reggie that he and Sharon had taken in when the boy was only a few months old. "He was in a very bad situation and when we had the chance to take him we did. At first it was difficult. The birth mother was in and out of jail mostly on drug charges. She kept trying to take Reggie back but would not take care of him. The courts at first tried to help her, thinking a child belonged with his natural parent. They ordered the Petersons to let him go but gave them liberal visitation rights. "Every time we picked him up he was dirty and in rags"

remembered Vernon. "We would send him home with nice new things and she would sell them for drug money. Finally the Judge reversed his decision and Reggie came to be with the Petersons on a permanent basis. Reggie is 23 years old now and Sharon and Vernon love him as they love their own children. The feelings that the Petersons have for their family is evident. One need only to spend a little time in their presence to see and feel the closeness. One grandson, Zach, took the microphone to honor his grandfather and said that now that he was in college he hoped to make Vernon proud. One by one family members and friends came forward to speak of their love and admiration for this man.

Besides his family, the other love of Vernon's life is his work at the Rock Hill Cemetery. He tells of driving by one day more than 50 years ago and seeing that it had fallen into complete neglect. "You couldn't even see the tombstones for all the weeds" he declared. Not only did Vernon have family in the graveyard but felt that it was big part of black history in our area. According to Eugene Scheel, historian and mapmaker, Rock Hill Cemetery was founded in 1889. The land was purchased from former slave-owners for \$100 for one acre. This was well over the going price said Mr. Scheel. "white people lived in the neighborhood and a person paid dearly for breaking the color line. " It took 11 years for cemetery trustees to pay off the debt. At the time, with the exception of one cemetery at the county poor farm,



VERNON WITH DIANNA AND LARRY GREGG

there was no other graveyard for African Americans in the Unison-Bloomfield area. Poor blacks and whites were simply buried in their backyards. The new cemetery was called Rock Hill after the village it was to serve. Today there are only three houses in the whole village. When Vernon Peterson was born there in 1931 it was the largest black community between Bluemont and Upperville. The cemetery was created 3 miles east of the village on Furr road. "It's a lot of work but people tell me it's the prettiest cemetery in the whole area" smiles Vernon. Vernon also proudly tells of discovering the graves of a black Union soldier. The graves had an unusual symbol on the headstones and it took a lot of research to finally discover what they were. You will find the same symbols on graves in several other small graveyards

in both Leesburg and Aldie. For the last 5 years Vernon has fortunately had the help of his friend Richard Holmes, a retired Middleburg Bank employee and Saint Louis resident. He is, however, genuinely concerned that he will not be able to find a younger person to take over his stewardship. "It will take a very dedicated person to do this "He said. After all these years he is very afraid that it will all have been for naught.

Vernon and Sharon also live in Saint Louis and own the oldest house in that historic community. Sharon's family, the McQuays and Berrymans played a significant role in African American life as it developed in this area from at least the early part of the nineteenth century.

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BIOMASS IN BUMPASS

ALEX CUDABACK

Renewable energy is growing in beautiful groves on hundreds of acres near Lake Anna in Bumpass, Virginia, tended carefully by WoodFuels Virginia, the state's newest and largest chip production and wood pellet manufacturing facility.

Boiled down to its core, renewable energy is energy that comes from natural resources that are renewable, or naturally replenished.

Unlike traditional energy resources such as coal, petroleum and natural gas, renewable energy presents the opportunity to shift the power paradigm from seeking out and tapping finite, use-them-until-they're-gone resources to one where resources are cultivated and harvested in a balanced, well-managed cycle.

Currently, renewable energy accounts for only about 8% of the energy in the United States' supply. Given the ongoing and ever-evolving discussion about power production and consumption across the country, however, and the growing realization that smarter energy resources must be quickly brought online for reasons ranging from environmental to those involving national security, that percentage must and will only increase.

Ask people about renewable, or "green", energy and many will likely mention what they think are the most traditional or popular forms: hydroelectric, wind, solar, or even geothermal. Ironically, those four methods of renewable energy production, combined, account for only 50% of the renewable energy produced in the United States. These numbers from 2009 are the most recent figures available from the United States Energy Information Administration.

So what, all by itself, accounts the other 50%?

Biomass.

And what is biomass?

Biomass, as any renewable energy source, uses naturally replen-

ished resources to produce energy. In particular, industrial biomass utilizes plants to produce fuel that in turn is used to provide an alternative thermal energy resource. So instead of burning up resources that can't be replaced and that release environmental pollutants trapped underground for millions of years, biomass presents the opportunity to use replaceable stocks of fuel to heat homes, produce electricity and fire power plants.

WoodFuels Virginia produces wood pellets at the new manufacturing facility.

That's right, wood pellets, aka, biomass, and they're not just for firing up your fireplace or woodstove anymore.

The WoodFuels Virginia plant in Bumpass represents a partnership in the growing renewable energy sector between Ensign-Bickford Renewable Energy of Great Britain and International WoodFuels, a U.S. company headquartered in southern California.

"Our mission at WoodFuels is to provide utilities with a clean, predictable and convenient replacement to coal," said Steve Mueller, International WoodFuels' founder and president. "The goal is renewable thermal energy."

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That product Mr. Mueller mentioned is wood pellets, small, dense pellets that look an awful lot like guinea pig food. But instead of feeding rodents, these pellets hold the potential to feed the world's need for energy.

WoodFuels has been working in New England for several years,

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EARTH THE SEQUEL

THE GREEN SHELF

For over 20 years, Fred Krupp, the President of the Environmental Defense Fund, has championed the power of the markets to solve environmental issues. In his latest book, "Earth: The Sequel", Krupp and Miriam Horn explain the roots of the cap and trade system, how it works and how human ingenuity combined with renewable energy can stop global warming and create jobs.

Krupp and Horn detail how various forms of renewable energy fit into the climate and energy equation. Ranging from solar to wind to biomass to biofuels to ocean energy, the authors push the boundaries to detail how these cutting edge developments can transform our economy.

While the authors focus on

energy generation, what they do not detail is how the transformation of our grid system into a smart grid can force changes at the nodes. For anyone looking to venture out on the cutting edge of how renewable energy can transform our lives, this book is for you. The authors do a very good job cutting through the misinformation and clutter on Cap and Trade and explain how this tool helps accelerate the reinvention our energy infrastructure.

"Earth: The Sequel" by Fred Krupp and Miriam Horn is available at Second Chapter in Middleburg on The GreenShelf, where you will also find many other titles of interest to conservationists.

PHOTO BY CARY CRANE

OUR VILLAGE GREEN

THE GREEN FALCON

Fauquier High School, Home of the Falcons, is going green in a big way.

A new LEED-GOLD certified, four-story building housing classrooms and offices is going up at the front of the old education complex.

The new building will use geo-thermal heat exchange, natural light, and a host of other "green" building techniques and technology to create, in the words of the projects architect, "a much more energy efficient learning space."

Improving a massive educational complex that had been expanding piecemeal to meet the county's needs since 1963, the project will rationalize the use of existing architecture, renovate and upgrade the school's 10,000 square foot library, demolish the schools existing, outdated main classroom wing containing some 55,000 square feet of floor space, and replace it with more than 89,000 square feet of new, task-designed, LEED certified, educational classrooms, labs, and other facilities.

Best of all, the new larger facilities will be, in the words of Warren Darrell, Construction Director for the Fauquier County Public Schools, "not only good for the environment and for the world, it will improve the quality of education we offer to our student and save the taxpayers of Fauquier County money."

Among other things, per square foot, the new and improved larger facilities will cost significantly less for water and to heat, cool, light,

and ventilate than the smaller building wing that is being demolished.

One hundred twenty "bore holes," each nearly as deep as the 555 foot-tall Washington Monument is tall, will serve state of the art ground-source heat pumps, for geo-thermal heating and cooling. The system pumps water deep into the earth, to depths that are consistently cooler in summer and warmer in winter than the air of the surface. The system is "closed" so that no water is taken from the environment, and none is added. Darrell noted that the geo-thermal system alone would save taxpayers more than \$25,000 a year in heating and cooling costs, and that those figures were in comparison to a new, state-of-the-art, modern heating and cooling system, not the old systems that will be replaced.

Build along an east/west axis, the new rooms will be oriented to take maximum advantage of passive solar heating and daylight.

Sunshades on southern windows will serve as protective shields when solar heat needs to be avoided.

"Light shelves" are planned for south facing windows to reflect more sunlight into the classrooms, and photo-sensors will be set to dim artificial lighting in the rooms when natural light is present.

Materials from the demolished wings are being recycled.

Local woods and recycled materials are the materials of choice for new construction and renovations.

The design will not only make it easier for students to work and



travel within the educational complex, the new four story building will be awarded LEED points for its stairs. Climbing them promotes fitness and health.

None of this would have been possible, Darrell noted, without the leadership and support of the County Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Jonathan Lewis, Assistant Superintendent, Janice Bourne, and the Fauquier County School Board.

Darrell also had high praise for the energy-efficient example set by the award-winning Loudoun County Public School System.

The lead architects on the project, Charlottesville-based VMDO, was founded in 1976 and is a recipient of the Virginia Society of the American Institute of Architects prestigious T. David Fitz-Gibbon Award.

EZ GREEN

What keeps most of us from "greening" our homes?

It's too hard, it's too drastic and it's too expensive.

I'd love to replace all my windows but it isn't exactly cheap. (That being said, if your budget is a little more elastic than mine, replacing the windows in an older home, or even one as little as five years old, with triple-paned, energy saving windows is without a doubt one of the best ways to save heating and cooling costs year-round.)

But, like I said, not in the budget this year.

Some things, though, were. Here are just a few ideas that are underway or planned for the year ahead.

- Water heater. This is a no-brainer, and probably the safest and quickest of the bunch. Walk down to your basement, or into whatever closet your water heater is located, and turn down the temperature. Most water heaters have an easily noticeable dial like on your stove. By turning your water heater down, you'll lessen the need for it to keep water hot around the clock that you really only use sporadically.
- Water heater, part II. Insulating my water heater is next on my list of things to do, and I hope to report back in subsequent issue. The idea here, in simplest terms, is slipping a jacket onto your water heater to keep it warm. Every time the water in your water heater cools, your water heater kicks back on again to get itself back

up to temp. All those on-again, off-again cycles are wasted energy. Better to cut some of them out and make sure you take some of the heat-up / cool-down out of the cycle. The R-value, or insulating value, of any product you buy will directly affect how well your insulation works. A product with a higher R-value with do a better job of insulating but will also cost you more up front. It's also important on this particular project to make sure you know what type of water heater you have, be it gas or electric. Both require different types of application and both have different safety issues you need to be aware of. Like I said, should be pretty straightforward but I'd hate to burn down my house.

- Lightbulbs. This is a bit of a sticking point in our household. Like a giddy schoolboy with a new Trapper-Keeper I've been running around the house replacing our old filament bulbs as fast as my wallet will allow. It's honestly gotten to the point where I get excited when I hear when of those 19th century marvels "pop!" when I flip a switch. Never mind that the federal government has mandated the switch from filament to CFL or LED bulbs starting next year, I want those Edisonian holdovers gone now! My wife, however, is a bit more of a history buff and is fond of that 100-plus-year-old technology. She's one of those people who bemoans the harsh, cool light cast by CFL's, saying it isn't as warm and yellow as she'd like light to be. Which is fine, but new CFL's now

available really are better at reproducing that "soft" light than their earlier cousins. A good experiment to try is to replace the next bulb that blows in a table lamp with a warm-light CFL. Don't tell anyone else at home. See what happens. Proceed. LED's are even better and last even longer. I just got done replacing all the cans in my kitchen ceiling with LED's and the light is completely indistinguishable. Even better, the things should last forever, or at least a decade. They'll need to, since they each cost roughly \$45, but the energy savings alone should make sure they pay for themselves in the long run and by the time I do need to replace them I guarantee they'll be a lot cheaper. All the rest of the recessed can lights throughout the house will be replaced by the end of the year.

Other simple ideas for getting your home a little greener this year include: replacing your air filters as of-

ten as they need replacing, at least every three months but for those of you with lots of animals and lots of kids check them out monthly. As soon as those things get clogged up (and that IS what they're supposed to do) they start making your heating and cooling system work that much harder to move the air around your house. So keep your filters clean. Even better, pop for someone to come to your home and clean your air vents. They can blow out your dryer exhaust while they're there. Replace your old thermostats with newer digital ones. These are programmable, and should be much more accurate. And if your spouse and HOA with let you get away with, pop for rain barrels this year. Watering your plants with captured rain water instead of running to the tap several times a week will save you money and help you take advantage of one of the last truly free resources out there.

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THE GARDENER'S GENEROSITY

KAREN REXRODE

The objects of our obsession are sprouting all over. A joyous time is upon us, well almost upon us. Winter seemed especially long and cold and even March has been damp and chilly. Good news, it seems, is around the corner with spring's arrival and a surprising lack of winter damage. Rose bushes, fig trees and tender perennials have fared well. The gardener can never predict this, we all just slaves to mother nature.

I recently attended a book exchange held by the Piedmont/Blue Ridge Horticultural Society and was astonished at the generosity of gardeners. Fabulous books were available for the taking, a real sign of the giving nature of gardeners. We seem to be generous with our plants as well as our advice, it's a fine hobby for nice people. With that, I have a bit of advice, now is the time to ask for a piece of that special perennial your gardening friend owns. Now, because chances are they have forgotten just how lovely that plant is, and soon before it sprouts to two feet tall and they will see (once again) the real potential of its beauty and you won't stand a chance. While the days are a little chilly and the plants still a little dormant, make your move.

Now is also the time to put

out your lettuce and start your sweet peas. The cool season in Virginia can be fleeting. The cool days have persisted and the gardener must take advantage of them. Some nurseries and farm supply stores are wonderfully prepared. I was surprised to find cool crops available at Southern States in the first week of March. These cool crops can tolerate temperatures in the low twenties and it's been a fabulous March for them.

It's also time to remove the old foliage on your helleborus, all of the leaves from last year. If you hurry, you can remove foliage on epimedium, do so before the flower stalks stretch. The flowering stalks are very delicate and easily cut or knocked off. I prefer to do them at the end of February. Any ferns that have stayed evergreen also need the old leaves removed. You don't want to cut into the new fronds as they unfurl. If these jobs are done early enough, you won't be damaging new growth.

The Piedmont/Blue Ridge Horticultural Society will be giving a garden design symposium in Warrenton on April 9th. I will be one of the speakers and you can register at their website which is pbhrs.org (go to future meetings). This is a great group of generous people with lots of great advice and probably a good plant or two.



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Setting aside the contentious debate around Cap and Trade or Carbon Taxes as mechanism for dealing with Global Warming, the notion where we put a price on ecological services is an important step in the next frontier of the conservation movement.

For example, the only economic value a tree has is once it is cut down. At the point of harvest, the tree could be turned into paper or used for housing material. We all know trees have more value than paper and board feet. Trees scrub the atmosphere by sequestering and storing carbon, produce oxygen, provide flood control, provide habitat for all sorts of wildlife, just to name a few. These ecological services are important to us all. However, our economic system recognizes these services as an externality.

Putting a price on carbon represents an opportunity to create a new tension point in how we manage our forest. With a price on carbon, we can ask is the tree worth more up than down? In the past, we would look to maximizing revenue from the timber industry. With carbon we can migrate to a model of optimizing revenue from several different sources.

As President Theodore Roosevelt once said, "Disregarding for the moment the question of moral

purpose, it is safe to say that the prosperity of our people depends on the energy and intelligence with which our national resources are used. It is equally clear that these resources are the final basis of national power and perpetuity." How we used our nation's resources is a function of the values we hold and the questions we ask.

The act of storing carbon in trees and paying for this service means conservation is the beneficiary. Since most of conservation has been funded through philanthropic or governmental money, private capital in conservation represents a new frontier. Bringing private capital into conservation forces the conservation mind-set to look to returns — both economic and environmental, creating the blended return. As conservation becomes more centered in economics and economics become more focused on purpose — the blended return becomes a powerful and dynamic proposition, enabling a wider net of available dollars available to create exponential impact.

Historian Will Durant once said, "Civilization exists by geological consent, subject to change without notice."

With the average age of today's landowner at 62, we will see lands change hands, if not possible use over the next two decades. Likewise, both philanthropic and governmental dollars are increasing stretched. By putting a price on carbon, we allow private capital to bring new sources of money to the table. This, in turn, creates a unifying force on a fragmented landscape.

Creating a Cap and Trade market as envisioned in last year's legislative proposal would have created a demand for 1 billion tons of carbon offsets from trees and other biological sources. At a price of \$20 per ton, this would have created \$20 billion dollars annually to keep a tree as a tree, putting landowners on the front lines of the energy and climate equation.

While a forest has many layers of value, the ripple effect of pricing some of these values will create new sources of money for conservation while producing positive change for generations to come.

BIOMASS

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providing heating energy to universities, hospitals, schools and commercial and industrial properties. Franklin Pierce University in New Hampshire turned to WoodFuels to reduce their dependence on traditional, non-renewable energy sources. After installation of wood pellet boilers to service its activity center and three of its dormitories, the University reduced its annual consumption of liquid propane by 106,000 gallons and of heating oil by 48,000 gallons.

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The US still lacks a Fiscal Year 2011 budget. Congress, egged on by its vocal new Republican members, is using the debate over interim "Continuing Resolutions" (which allow the government to function in the budget's absence) to impose spending cuts to reduce or eliminate activities they don't like. Among their targets are the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Planned Parenthood, and Public Broadcasting.

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Obviously the nation has a huge debt and deficit problem. But neither Party has offered a comprehensive plan to go after the meat of the problem – health care costs, social security, military spending, climate change, subsidies for farmers and oil companies, and taxes and tax reform.

Instead, the Republicans pose as deficit hawks, crowing about spending cuts amounting to minor dollars compared to the enormous realities the nation faces. Their aim seems to be to advance their social agenda, while embarrassing the President so they can win in 2012. That they are ignoring America's real issues, as defined by science and arithmetic, seems to them irrelevant.

Fortunately, there is a ray of hope. Senators Mark Warner (D, VA) and Saxby Chambliss (R, GA) are working together to see if there is a bi-partisan opportunity to get serious on these issues. All they have to overcome is the aging and ethnically changing demographics of the nation, voter ignorance or rejection of science, political cowardice in telling voters to face up to arithmetically obvious deficit facts, and political party single-minded focus on the 2012 elections. Good luck.

It's high time to wake up,
America.

BLUE NOTES

DANIEL MORROW

Between now and June 28, the day Middleburg Police Chief Steve Webber's formal retirement becomes effective, the Town Council will have its public safety work cut out for it.

1. Council must seek out, carefully screen, interview and hire a new Chief of Police.

Many citizens of Middleburg believe there is at least one excellent

candidate currently serving on the force, and maybe more than one. Indeed, in recent weeks the Town's line patrolmen have often been praised for their work,

and especially for their courtesy and responsiveness to citizens' requests for service.

Whether the new candidates for Chief are drawn from the current force, or are recruited elsewhere, they must be rigorously screened.

The leading candidates for the post of Director for the Loudoun

Public libraries were put through a background review process that including criminal background checks and fingerprinting.

The candidates for Chief of the Middleburg Police force, and for that matter, for all its armed line officers, should be subject to no less scrutiny.

2. Council must, once and for all, determine who will be the new Police Chief's day-to-day supervisor.

In order to do so, Council must eliminate the discrepancies between the Police Department's current published regulations and the Town's Employee Handbook.

Both the public, and the police officers serving under the new Chief deserve to know, in no uncertain terms, just who is in charge. The chain of command must be made clear, and unambiguous.

3. Council must set guidelines for adequate oversight and review of the Police Force's performance, and especial-

ly that of its Chief.

Among other things, Council must decide what, if any new rules, regulations and guidelines for Police behavior it will adopt. Leesburg's current guidelines for "Community Policing" as well as the "Dimos Rules" noted elsewhere in this paper, might well serve as a start.

4. Council must enforce its own rules.

Oversight of the police force and its Chief must be ongoing and meaningful. The presentation of an Excel spreadsheet once a month, followed by a statement of willingness to answer questions (of which few, if any, are ever asked) must no longer count as "oversight."

5. The events leading up to and following the arrest and parade of the Eccentric's Editor in Chief down Federal Street must be thoroughly investigated.

The Council must determine what steps, if any, the current Chief of Police took to convince

the Virginia State Police that the time, place, and manner of arrest in the Hubbard case were inappropriate.

If he made no such suggestions, Council must determine why.

If he made such suggestions and was simply ignored, he should make clear why he did not bring the State's plans to the attention of his superiors, who might have intervened on his behalf.

Most important, Council must determine why the current Chief did not make the State's plans for the arrest, and his role in executing those plans, clear to the Mayor, or Town Administrator, the head of the Town's Committee on Public Safety, or any other member of the Town Council or Staff well before the event.

Recent testimony under oath by Hubbard's accuser, Jack Goehring, indicates that he was informed of the day, time and place of the pending arrest after simply "pestering" the Chief about it.

6. Once the Webber Case has been investigated, the lessons learned from it must be used for improvement.

The new Police Chief and his officers must clearly understand that only flight risk, or genuine fear for the safety of the public (or the accused) can be used to justify such behavior. "Perp-walking" a suspect in order to humiliate them, or in an effort to enhance the "tough-on-crime" image of the police force or Town should never be tolerated.

Alerting the press, or the general public, and especially one of the parties to the crime for which a suspect is being arrested must be made clearly unacceptable.

Lying to the Town Council (or to the public, or to the press) or attempting to mislead them by misdirection, obfuscation, sophistry, half truths or silence must not be tolerated, or, worst case, must be tolerated only in the most dire of circumstances.

7. The notion that an action of the part of a police officer is “right” just because it is not “illegal,” should be banished forever from both the Police Force, and those responsible for managing it.

There are times when it is an officer's duty is to lay his badge and gun on the table rather than carry out orders that conflict with his or her sense of honor, duty, ethics, and good judgment. There are times when what "can" be done and what "should" be done are mutually exclusive. There are times when an officer should be dismissed or disciplined by his or her superiors for simple lack of good judgement, or behavior that is merely improper, even though it is perfectly legal. Our next Chief must be a person who can be trusted to be able to make those distinctions, and with the character to act on them.


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NEWS OF NOTE

DON'T BELIEVE THE HYPE

7TH INNING STRETCH

ALEX CUDABACK

So what did I not see coming this year.....?

I didn't see Pitt losing in the second round to Butler. Though I should have. Butler made it closer to winning a national championship last year with a bunch who-were-those-guys than Pitt has ever made it with 100 times the talent. Pitt... More like the pits.

I didn't see Michigan State flaming out in the first round. Why? Because they never flame out in the first round. One of the great truths of

the NCAA basketball tournament is that Tom Izzo can be relied upon to make more silk purses out of more sows' ears than just about anybody else in the game. So falling down against UCLA hurt. Even if John Wooden's great grandson is on the team.

I didn't see Wisconsin getting by K-State. Of course, I probably bought into the what-the-heck-was-that hype after the Badgers laid a 33-point egg in the Big Ten tournament against Penn State. Wisconsin is averaging 71 points over its first two games. Huh. More than I expected,

gotta be honest.

I didn't see Purdue and Notre Dame packing it up in the second round. Frankly I was looking forward to Purdue and Notre Dame playing one another. Then I remembered it was basketball we were talking about. Sadly, I'd already submitted my brackets.

I didn't see the Richmond-Morehead St. second round matchup coming. Poor Rick Pitino...

I didn't see Ohio State being this legit. I'll admit it. The notion that Ohio State's basketball program is actually a power gives me the

willies. Flyover states should not be basketball powers, simply put.

But most tellingly, I didn't see the Big East get absolutely steamrolled. You start with 11 teams in the first round, you should have more than 2 in the Sweet Sixteen, period. You know who else has 2 in the Sweet Sixteen? The Big Ten has 2 teams in the Sweet Sixteen. The BIG TEN! They started with 7. The SEC has 2 teams in the Sweet Sixteen; they started with 5. The Mountain West, home of San Diego State and BYU, has 2 teams in the Sweet Sixteen. They only sent 3 to

the tournament; too soft, everybody said. They don't know how to play "tournament" basketball out there, everybody said. Huh. How many does the ACC have in the Sweet Sixteen? Well, they had to beg and claw to get just four teams into the tournament. Yup, that ACC, the one with Tobacco Road and all the tradition, got just barely more than a third of the tournament invites that the big, scary, Big East did. Well, they've got 3 teams in the Sweet Sixteen now, between UNC, Duke and FSU. The Big East will be represented by UConn and Marquette.

Blegh.

Seriously, from 11 down to 2 over the span of a weekend? Brutal. Big East? More like Big Least.

Maybe Maryland and Virginia Tech should've been invited after all. Maybe they really did get hosed.

Who knows. But I think it's safe to say the Big East may want to tone down its chest-thumping and self-promoting next year. It's called takin' care of business, and it's hard to do when you're watching the second week of the tournament from your dorm room.

To be fair, I could just be bitter. After all, I did have two Big East teams in my Final Four.

Sucker.

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HUBBARD

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Twenty Years

John Bennison, formerly a full partner with Jack Goehring in the rental business in Middleburg, and still a one-third owner, with the Goehring's of the building which houses Middleburg's Back Street Cafe, testified that he had worked with Hubbard for more than twenty years.

Asked if she had ever mis-deposited a check, he laughed and told the court, yes, but rarely. Such things happen in business, he said, noting that Hubbard had always corrected her mistakes as soon as she learned of them.

Such errors, he said were almost inevitable in the course of business, and in Hubbard's case, were always, in his view, "honest mistakes."

Goehring vs. Goehring

Hubbard's accuser, Jack J. Goehring, was of a different opinion, and testified at some length.

Under oath, he swore that:

1) Hubbard had deliberately stolen more than \$9,000 from him by mis-depositing rent checks.

2) that she had never made good any of the mis-deposited checks and still owed him \$9,000 or more.

3) that he had signed affidavits at Middleburg Bank charging that Hubbard, her son, her daughter, her son-in-law, her daughter-in-law, and her ex-husband had "stolen his identity."

4) that he had not, or could not remember, taking a watch from a local jeweler in lieu of rent, and

5) that he could not remember Hubbard having worked for him on a construction project on property he owns on the site of the Civil War battle of Middleburg [the location of a privately-constructed battlefield monument, and a new building, identified as "The Union Club"].

Goehring appeared to testify against himself when asked about the "identity theft" affidavit he signed at Middleburg Bank, admitting under oath that he had signed the accusatory documents only to compel the bank to sift through the records of what amounted of every adult member of the Hubbard family living in the Middleburg area.

Unaware of what her husband had said on the stand, Goehring's wife and business partner, Mary Kirk Goehring, also appeared to contradict her husband, almost point by point, under cross-examination.

Presented with a series of checks from Hubbard to Piedmont Standards, totaling more than the mis-deposited checks in question, and written well before Jack Goehring accused her of embezzlement, Mrs. Goehring readily testified that they were, indeed, checks from Hubbard, and that they had been properly deposited to the Goehring business accounts.

Asked about an expensive watch, accepted by her husband in lieu of rent from a prominent Middleburg jeweler, Mrs. Goehring testified that, much to her surprise, her husband had, indeed, taken the watch. She first found out about it, she said, when she could find no records of checks received to cover the rent in question, and demanded that Hubbard cover the missing amounts. Hubbard, she said, wrote a check covering the mysteriously "missing" rent checks. Mrs. Goehring then found out about the watch, realized that there were, in fact, no "missing" checks, and that Piedmont Standard owed Hubbard the amount she had mistakenly paid. Mrs. Goehring duly credited, she said, the Hubbard account.

Mrs. Goehring also testified that the Middleburg Battlefield construction project had come as a surprise to her, and that at first, she had no idea it was going on. The Goehring's live in McLean. She later discovered, she tes-

tified, that Hubbard had indeed worked on the project.

Goehring vs. Webber

Goehring also testified under oath that Middleburg Police Chief Steve Webber had given him advance notice of the date, time, and place of the impending arrest and parade of the Hubbard down Middleburg's Federal Street.

Both the Virginia State Police and Webber have consistently denied that they had alerted either the press or the public about Hubbard's impending arrest. The Mayor of Middleburg, the Town Administrator, and nearly every member of the Middleburg Town Council and Town Staff have also told the Eccentric that they were unaware of the impending arrest.

Jack Goehring, on the other hand, testified that he, for one, knew what was about to happen to Hubbard. Under cross-examination he swore that after "pestering the Chief about it for weeks," Steve Webber had informed him in advance of the date, time and place of the Hubbard arrest.

Webber, despite claims that the arrest was solely in the hands of the Virginian State Police, was well aware of those facts. An exchange of emails between Hubbard and Webber published in the Eccentric explicitly reveals that the Middleburg Police Chief himself, not the Virginia State Police, lured Hubbard to a mid-day meeting at Mello Out on November 30, ostensibly to discuss "Christmas in Middleburg." She was, instead, called out of the building, met by five armed police officers, handcuffed, and walked in the rain down Federal Street to police cars that would take her directly to the County jail in Leesburg.

Who else was informed, and by whom, has not been determined. At least two photographers armed with 35mm cameras appeared at Mello Out on November 30 and captured Hubbard's arrest. One of them, still unidentified, sold the resulting pictures to the Loudoun Times Mirror, reportedly after an unsuccessful effort to sell them to Leesburg Today and Middleburg Life.

Hubbard insists that on November 30 she had no idea she was even under investigation, much less that she was to be arrested.

A full investigation of Webber's actions by the Middleburg Town Council will not take place, according to Mayor Davis, until after the Hubbard case has been settled. The impact of the Chief's decision to retire, effective June 28, on that decision has not been determined.

Intent

Unless Hubbard's attorney decides to move directly to trial, a Grand Jury hearing on May 16 will decide whether or not the charges against Hubbard merit further consideration.

That 13 checks totaling a little over \$8,000, were mis-deposited is not disputed.

The issue for a jury to decide will be whether or not Hubbard deliberately set out to mis-deposit the rent checks in question.

In his summation Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Sincavage compared the Hubbard case to someone who stole a TV, watched it, and then returned it after it was discovered missing.

Hubbard's attorney, on the other hand, claims that, at best, the dispute between Goehring and Hubbard might have been "... a civil case, and one that would have been thrown out because all the money in question had already been repaid."

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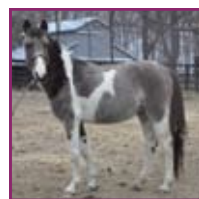
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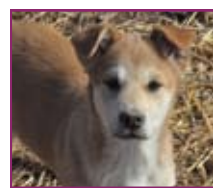
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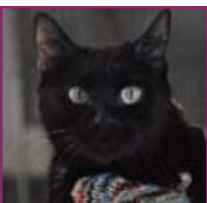
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Leroy is a very laid back kitty who is friendly & gets along well with other kitties. He would be happy as an indoor, indoor/outdoor or barn kitty.

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As I follow the tragedy in Japan, my heart goes out to the people whose lives have been changed or cut short by the earthquake and tsunami. My heart also goes out, of course, to the vast number of animals who are suffering. I'm sure many of you share my concern, so I wanted to pass along some resources for those people who might want to do something for four-legged victims.

1) Visit the World Vets website: www.worldvets.org. World Vets states that they are "a non-government organization (NGO) providing veterinary aid around the globe in collaboration with animal advocacy groups, foreign governments, US and foreign military groups and veterinary professionals abroad". They have been incredibly active in Japan disaster relief and they provide numerous ways to help, including donating and volunteering.

2) Send money or supplies to: Animal Miracle

Network, 4804 NW Bethany Blvd., Ste 12-197, Portland, OR 97229. For a list of needed items, visit www.animalmiraclefoundation.org/japan.htm.

3) Join the Japan Animal Rescue and Support Facebook Group to learn about emerging opportunities to help needy animals. With 33,000 members at the time I'm writing, it has quickly become a vast resource.

4) Donate to Humane Society International: www.hsi.org. They have sent staff to the region and are reaching out to Japanese partner organizations to identify where and how best to provide emergency support and veterinary attention.

5) Donate to a Japanese shelter. Animal Rescue Kansai (www.arkbark.net), for example, is particularly active in the region affected by the earthquake and tsunami.

Of course, disasters strike all over the world. In fact, it seems that recent years and months have been marked by far too many

critical situations threatening the well being of people and pets. It's important to remember that for each devastating catastrophe, there is always a chance to reach out to animals as well as people. If you are fortunate enough to be able to give a little bit of your time or money, it can go a very long way.

And, for those of you with Facebook pages or blogs, keep in mind that social networking is an incredibly valuable tool in any disaster. Even if you cannot donate time or money, you can spread the word about ways to help. Even when we are so far away that we feel helpless - i.e., earthquakes in Japan and New Zealand or floods in Australia - remember that communication is instantaneous and powerful. We are never truly helpless if we have access to technology.

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Middleburg, Virginia

103 acres and towering white oaks surround this delightful 1800's Virginia farmhouse in a well protected area near Foxcroft School. Ultra charming main house has 9 fireplaces, multiple staircases, original wood floors and 5 bedrooms. Additional guest house and stunning pool house/game room make this a unique compound for entertaining. Gorgeous stone walls, terraces and garden walls wrap around the pool and overlook lovely spring fed pond and barns. \$5,000,000.

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Custom built log home on 109+ acres, top of the mountain with unbelievable western views. Private but easy access to Route 50, hunters' paradise, house has 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, 2 fireplaces, vaulted ceilings, gourmet kitchen, 3-car garage, top of the line finishing throughout. Very energy efficient. \$1,490,000.

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Rectortown Road
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1942 home located in a quaint village setting. Main house has a first floor master suite and 2 additional bedrooms. Large wood paneled living room with a wood burning fireplace and French doors leading to the stone terrace and garden area. Additionally there is a charming guest home and 3 stall barn on approximately 3 acres in 2 tax parcels. Lovely setting. \$885,000.

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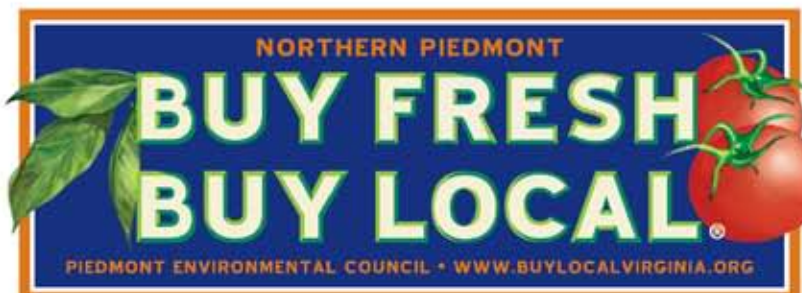
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