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SPLENDID SPORT OF COACHING TO ENJOY LEADING ROLE

DANIELS FELLOW DRIVES ATTENTION TO CARRIAGE CULTURE

Whether you refer to it as coaching, driving or horse and buggy, riding through the countryside in your carriage behind four beautifully matched prancing horses remains a very popular, if rarefied sport in Hunt Country and the equestrian world.

Fortunately for carriage driving enthusiasts, the National Sporting Library and Museum of Middleburg, Virginia plans to celebrate the opening of its new art museum with one of the largest coaching gatherings in the country October 7th -9th.

According to Carolee Klimchick, who just completed her research on coaching as a John H.

Daniels Fellow at the NSLM, coaching was very central to people's lives for hundreds of years.

"My Ph.D. topic at Yale is 'Guiled Age Coaching Culture,' Carolee explained." "As I was refining my search for a topic, I kept coming across coaching as an aspect of life that delineated, defined and described life at the turn of the 19th century."

Carolee finished her Bachelor's at Smith College in Art History, and completed her Masters at William and Mary in American Studies with a focus on consumer culture.

"My research kept taking me further and further back in time," she noted. "Coaching, in all its as-

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MIDDLEBURG LIBRARY 2011 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS



VAMSI MOHAN MEKA, ALEX NORTHRUP, KAYLA TAYLOR

The Middleburg Library Advisory Board has announced that Vamsi Mohan Meka, and Kayla Taylor are the 2011 winners of Book Scholarships. Vamsi, son of Gouthan Meka of Aldie, VA, graduated from Freedom High School and will attend the University of Virginia. Kayla, daughter of Kevin and Carol Taylor, also of Aldie, VA, graduated from Freedom High School and will attend James Madison University. Mr. Meka and Ms. Taylor were each presented with a check for \$1,000.00 to purchase books in

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NEWS OF NOTE

LOCAL RESIDENT COMES IN FROM THE COLD

COMMENDATION BY GOVERNOR McDONNELL PROVIDES RARE INSIGHT INTO WHAT WE DON'T KNOW

One of our local residents who has for many years worked behind the scenes in various capacities in our national security interests came out of the cold into the limelight when she received on June 12, 2011 a letter commendation from the Governor of Virginia, the Honorable Robert F. McDonnell.

Dr. Carol Evans was personally thanked by Governor McDonnell for, quote, "helping to ensure that the Commonwealth of Virginia continues to maintain a robust capability to prevent, respond and recover from any challenges affecting the safety and security of our citizens."

The personal recognition followed many years of work nationally and internationally, and specifically in those parts of Virginia and the National Capital Region that are vulnerable to various threats. The Governor reflected on the recent multi federal agency, local and state organizations involved in a large scale exercise in the greater Norfolk area that covered multiple threats. The Governor went on to say of Dr. Evans, quote, "Your leadership during these stages of the exercise was crucial in conducting and evaluating this complex and demanding initiative."

We can all sleep more easily in our beds knowing that our local Carol Evans is out there running things. As a former member of the CIA STAP appointed by several Directors of the CIA, she is a professional of the highest caliber, who also sat on the Defense Science Board. The Federal



Bureau of Investigation and Virginia State Police have likewise commended Carol who worked increasingly before 911, and long before Osama Bin Laden became a household name, to protect the United States from various threats to our national security.

In an interview with her husband, Dr. Anthony Wells, he stated that Carol is far too modest to ever blow her own horn, and reminded us that she had been a voice in the wilderness calling for the elimination of Bin Laden long before the East Africa embassy atrocities, and that she has worked with the FBI team that

tracked down the USS Cole attack perpetrators, as well as working with the SEALs in several special events.

Tony told us that this is about as far as he could go without crossing security boundaries. He said that the entire extended Evans-Wells family is very proud of her achievements.

Earlier in her career Dr. Evans was a Professor at Georgetown University in the School of Foreign Service. Prior to this, Carol taught at the London School of Economics and Harvard University, and was a Visiting Professor at the University of California Berkeley.

She holds a Bachelor's degree from Wesleyan University and a Masters and Ph.D. from the London School of Economics, University of London. Her very early work was on third world arms production. Carol has been an expert witness testifying before Congressional Committees. Subsequently, she joined the Defense and National Intelligence Community.

From the Eccentric we say on behalf of our community - thank you so much Carol for your service and keep up the good work.

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CAROLEE KLIMCHUCK

pects, permeated all levels of society and culture. Not only the quality of horses, but the entire coaching culture from improvements and new models, related fashions and regulations, and the many levels of standards for coachmen kept surfacing. Eventually, it was clear that this form of transport as an essential part of American society at the turn of the century and had many hallmarks of society when so very much was changing.

Quickly realizing that newspapers covered coaching extensively, Carolee's research expanded axiomatically, and when she learned of the John H. Daniels Fellowships at the NSLM, she quickly applied.

"I was absolutely delighted when I learned that I would have some time at the Library as a Daniels Fellow," she said. "But, I had no idea what a treat it would be to be here

and to learn about this spectacularly beautiful and fascinating part of the world."

Everyone at the NSLM welcomes the Daniels Fellows with open arms.

"These scholars represent an exceptionally important aspect of our work here," offered Director Rick Stoutamyer. "Supporting and furthering their pursuits is a big part of our reason for being."

Among Carolee's favorite discoveries at the NSLM were the collections of Sportsman Magazines and Moseman's Catalogs.

"The fabulous, enormous, leather-bound volumes are priceless to a researcher," she emphasized. "I was so fortunate to be treated to carriage rides by NSLM board members Jacqueline L.Ohrstrom and Hector Alcalde. Allan Freitag, one of the coachmen, was really thrilled when I invited him to meet me at the Library to look through these fascinating volumes. He generously helped me understand many of the terms and vocabulary, and we both had a lovely time perusing these rare books."

The exceptional young New Yorker who loves eclectic fashion and has a charming sense of style, loved learning about ladies who refused to marry the Duke-in-waiting, preferring to elope with their coachmen instead.

"My research has surfaced many women who refused to play the traditional game..." I identify with that," she concluded, smiling.

Many special events are

planned for the celebratory opening weekend of the new National Sporting Library and Museum, including the Coaching Event.

The gathering will provide a rare opportunity to view over twenty-five beautifully restored four-hand coaches put to (or pulled by) magnificent teams of four horses, to hear about the history of coaching, and learn about different types of vehicles.

Several NSLM members are major participants in the sport of coaching, including Hector Alcalde, Jacqueline L.Ohrstrom and George "Frolic" Weymouth.

For more information about The October Coaching Event and the National Sporting Library & Museum, please visit www.nsl.org.



HECTOR ALCALDE, NATIONAL SPORTING LIBRARY AND MUSEUM BOARD MEMBER AND COACHING VETERAN, TOURS THE HISTORIC COUNTRYSIDE OF MIDDLEBURG, VIRGINIA, WITH HIS GUESTS.

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BECOME A PILOT DAY

Udvar-Hazy Center "Become A Pilot Day" show-plane pilots fly into Dulles International Airport (shown in background) on June 18, 2011. Stearman biplane flown by Chuck Tippet, Quicksilver ultralight flown by Tom Simmons, photographed by Steve Beste flying an Aero-trike Safari ultralight.



GOLF LIST MANIA!

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ALEX CUDABACK

This summer, as golfers everywhere dust off their clubs and begin the long-overdue march to the 1st tee, celebrated writers Leonard Shapiro and Ed Sherman aim to fill our heads with all things "golf" with *GOLF LIST MANIA! The Most Authoritative and Opinionated Rankings of the Best and Worst of the Game* (Running Press), a comprehensive record of epic moments and massive disappointments, of major heroes and Sunday breakdowns, of sage advice and the greatest pick-up lines to ever be uttered on the set of Caddyshack.

"Both Ed and myself had done similar all-sport list books for the same publisher and both of us have covered golf together for a long time. It just seemed like a no-

brainer, and we had a ton of fun doing it," said Shapiro when asked what the impetus was behind the new book.

Shapiro and Sherman have been covering golf as long (or longer) than many of us have been playing.

Sherman was a longtime sportswriter for the *Chicago Tribune*, including 12 years as the Trib's national golf writer. A winner of numerous Golf Writers awards, he writes a popular golf blog on *Crain's Chicago Business* (www.chicagobusiness.com). He also hosts "The Scorecard," a Saturday-morning golf show on WCSR-AM 670 in Chicago and heard throughout the Midwest.

Shapiro, also an award-winning sportswriter, wrote for the *Washington Post* for forty years (covering the national golf beat for 18 years), was president of

the Golf Writers Association of America, and is currently a feature columnist for *Global Golf Post*, a popular digital weekly golf magazine (www.globalgolfpost.com).

On the topic of Tiger Woods, Shapiro said, "I think [he] will shut it down until August when he'll try to come back and play in Akron two weeks before the PGA championship. I hope he's smart enough to get totally healthy before he does return and think long-term, not, 'Oh my god I just missed a major!'" and try to rush back too quickly.

Somewhat presciently, a week before the just-completed U.S. Open at Congressional Country Club outside of D.C., Shapiro predicted, "I believe Rory McIlroy of Ireland, still only 22 years old, will be the next great superstar with a nice run at No. 1. Great for 18 years), was president of

really nice kid who actually spent two days in Haiti for UNICEF before the US Open last week."

As for a most indelible golf memory? That's an easy one for Shapiro, and it's in the book as well.

"On the Sunday of the final round of the 1997 Masters, I was standing next to Lee Elder, the first African American golfer to play in the Masters, about thirty yards from the first tee. We were waiting for Tiger Woods to finish up on the practice putting green and make his way through a funnel of fans to begin his historic final round as the first man of color to win the tournament, with a record score and margin of victory to boot. As Woods was being introduced, I could see the tears welling in Elder's eyes as he took it all in. Then I turned around and gazed back to the nearby clubhouse. The sec-

ond-floor balcony overlooking the course was lined not so much with Augusta National members but mostly with the men and women who served their meals, mixed their drinks, washed their dishes, shined their shoes, and cleaned their rooms, virtually all of them African American as well. I also felt a shiver down my spine standing there on the memorable afternoon, and I still get goose bumps typing these very words."

From Best Courses to Biggest Chokes, Most Underrated to Worst Dressed Golfers, there's a list for everything in *GOLF LIST MANIA!*, including original lists written by the top names in the game like Jack Nicklaus, Arnold Palmer, Gary Player, and more, plus a Foreword by Jim Nantz.

GOLF LIST MANIA! is available at fine booksellers near you.

TEN LOUDOUN COUNTY ICONS RECEIVE DESIGN AWARDS

Winners of The Loudoun County Design Cabinet Awards for 2011 include Claude Moore Recreation Center in Sterling, the Purcellville Public Safety Center, the Mahlon Myers Cottage in Waterford, the Lucketts Community Center, the Bush Tabernacle in Purcellville, the wagon outside Hill High Orchards in Round Hill, the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation headquarters in Lansdowne, the Loudoun Street Mini Mart building in Lovettsville, and the Stoneybrook Farm Market in Hillsboro.

Recently announced by the Signatures of Loudoun Design Excellence Program, the initiative recognizes current and historic architectural icons of Loudoun County. Loudoun County Board of Supervisors Chairman Scott York, Blue Ridge District Supervisor Jim Burton, Leesburg District Supervisor Kelly Burk, and Potomac District Supervisor Andrea McGimsey were on hand to congratulate the winners during a ceremony in the Board Room of the Loudoun County Government Center.

Loudoun County high school students also participated in the evaluation process with the Design Cabinet, and selected Stoneybrook Farm Market for the annual "Students' Choice Award."

The Design Awards are selected from public nominations each winter, and this year 55 residential and commercial projects were evaluated. The awards will be on display at Dulles Town Center, the Loudoun County Government Building, and

online at <http://biz.loudoun.gov/designawards>.

The Loudoun County Design Cabinet was formed in 2002 in partnership with the Department of Economic Development. The Cabinet is comprised of professional architects, planners, and engineers who volunteer for the county with a mission of encouraging the highest quality physical design in order to complement Loudoun's natural beauty, and to reinforce its sense of place, identity and community.

INOVA LADIES BOARD AWARDS \$102,300 TO NURSING STUDENTS

Inova Loudoun Hospital's Ladies Board recently announced that it awarded 64 nursing scholarships this spring with a value of \$102,300. Awards ranging from \$700 to \$2200 were awarded this year.

According to the Board, the quality of applications this year was exceptional, and the diversity of the students very evident. Recipients are enrolled in LPN, RN, BSN, and MSN programs in 19 different schools.

The Ladies Board Nursing Scholarship Program was established in 1959 to award supplemental funds to worthy nursing students. In the past 15 years The Ladies Board has offered 630 scholarships with a total value of over \$850,000.

Funds for this important project are raised at The Gift Shop at Inova Loudoun Hospital; Twice Is Nice Thrift Shop in Leesburg; the Lights of Love remembrance program; and the Annual Ladies

Board Rummage Sale.

Scholarship applications for next year's awards will be available in January 2012. Applicants must live or work in Loudoun County and must be in an accredited school of nursing.

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KATHY CHOVIK AND MICHELE STEVENS

More than 175 Long & Foster sales offices throughout the Mid-Atlantic region including the headquarters staff in Chantilly, Va., met recently to participate in the company's annual Community Service Day.

Thousands of Long & Foster sales associates and employees rolled up their sleeves and applied their talents to work on-site at parks, schools, shelters, homes and day care centers, helping local organizations with everything from property maintenance to fundraising efforts.

"The dedicated Long & Foster sales associates and employees look forward to our annual company wide event because it gives all of us an opportunity to spend some time supporting the communities that mean so much to us," says P. Wesley Foster Jr., chairman and chief executive officer of The Long & Foster® Companies.

"Now the 14th year this has been an important part of the Long & Foster culture, Community Service Day allows the entire Long & Foster team to roll-up our sleeves and get involved, and always leaves us with a tremendous sense of satisfaction."

Projects this year vary greatly by region and include collecting donations for tornado victims, delivering non-perishable food items to food pantries, serving meals at homeless shelters, raising money for animal shelters, doing yard work for community centers and engaging in the building efforts of Habitat for Humanity.

"I am so proud of this commitment Long & Foster associates have for their communities, which is demonstrated every day, but in particular on our annual Community Service Day," Foster added.

THEY HAVE THE KEYS TO THEIR FUTURE



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JOHN CHEN AND OLIVIA KIM

MEGAN CATHERWOOD

Just about the time most teenagers are turning over in bed on a Saturday morning, two Middleburg Academy seniors have long been up and out the door, pursuing their musical passions. For the past five years, John Chen has undertaken a weekly commute to The Juilliard School in New York, while Olivia Kim has headed to Johns Hopkins' Peabody Conservatory in Baltimore. Indeed, these outstanding pianists and recent graduates give new meaning to the words "extra-curricular activities."

It is an accomplishment in itself to be selected for Juilliard and Peabody's pre-college divisions. "I walked in, and there was a panel of people including [legendary American pianist] Leon Fleisher. I was so nervous!" In addition to the ninety-plus minutes of first-rate private instruction they have received each week, both are grateful for their programs' emphasis on performing regularly before their peers and participating in master classes with internationally renowned pianists.

Still, the privilege of these Saturday studies has come with the responsibilities of hours-long daily practice plus the demands of Middleburg Academy's college-preparatory program. Nineteen year-old Olivia, an international student from Korea, admits to occasionally falling asleep in the evenings, head on the keyboard. There is also travel for competitions and performances. Olivia has played in Austria and Italy, and, locally, she has earned First Place, twice, in the Maryland Teachers' Association Competition at the University of Maryland.

John has taken top prizes in the National Symphony Orchestra's Young Soloist Competition and the World Piano Competition, among others. He

has already performed in some of the world's most celebrated concert venues including five times at Carnegie Hall's Weill Recital Hall, The Kennedy Center, New York's Lincoln Center, Cleveland's Severance Hall, and Beijing's National Centre for the Performing Arts. The 17-year old, who was born in China and moved to the United States when he was five, has been designated as both a Young Scholar and College Scholarship recipient of the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation.

Talent, interest and perseverance led to their admittance to these world-class conservatories yet like all new graduates, they are now thinking about the road ahead.

John is proud of his recent acceptance into Juilliard's College program, but has decided instead on a new setting: Texas Christian University. TCU's School of Music is familiar to many through its long association with the Van Cliburn International Piano Competition.

Olivia, still weighing her options, feels the pull towards the music programs at Stony Brook and Catholic Universities.

John's mother, Litong Yang, says they know pianists who drop academics and study only music. Yet she cannot imagine forgoing the broader education that John has received at Middleburg Academy, and prior to that, at Loudoun Country Day School.

Olivia, John, and their families are grateful for the extraordinary support they've received through their high school teachers. Mrs. Yang struggles to convey the magnitude of her family's appreciation for making this difficult balancing act possible. Finding the English alternatives inadequate, she employs a Chinese word that, very loosely translated, means "thanks is not thank you enough."

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NEWS OF NOTE

POLICE RECORDS SUBPOENAED

DANIEL MORROW

In mid June a subpoena was served on the Police Department of the Town of Middleburg requesting any and all communications between the Town of Middleburg Police Department and/or Chief Steven L. Webber regarding the “investigation” of the “charges and claims” made by Jack Goehring against Middleburg Eccentric Editor Dee Dee Hubbard and the “means and timing” of her arrest on or about November 30, 2010.

Specifically sought with regard to the “investigation” are communications between Chief Webber, members of his department, Goehring, the Virginia State Police, and State Police Inspector Robert J. Mrak.

Communications shedding light on the “means and timing” of the arrest are sought from the Police Department, Chief Webber, the Town Council of Middleburg, any member of the media, print or television, and any other “person or entity.”

Hubbard stands accused of deliberately misdepositing some 14 rent checks, totaling just under \$8,500 given to her by the tenants of property owned by Goehring’s limited liability corporation, Piedmont Standards.

Professional photographs of her mid-day arrest, and march down Federal street, handcuffed, in the company of five armed officers appeared on line and in print the next day.

Hubbard has testified that she “repaid” all of the funds in question “plus more” after learning “that errors had been made” in the depositing of the checks in question.

“A Scheme”

In a “Motion for Discovery and

Inspection” filed on June 2 in Loudoun County Circuit Court, Hubbard’s attorney, Edward B. MacMahon of Middleburg, argued that “it appears clear to the defense that some of the witnesses” in the case, “including principal witness Jack Goehring, plainly lied to the State Police...” in an effort to obtain criminal indictments against Hubbard.

Goehring did so, MacMahon continues “... as part of a scheme to force Ms. Hubbard and members of her immediate family to pay substantial undue sums of money to Mr. Goehring.”

Since the indictments were returned, MacMahon continues, “... Mr. Goehring, posing as an active member of the Virginia bar, has sued at least four persons or entities and demanded substantial funds from Ms. Hubbard and her family.”

In court documents MacMahon notes that the defense further seeks appropriate discovery of “... whether Mr. Goehring, or his wife, told the State Police or the Commonwealth that they intended to sue Ms. Hubbard or her family members once the investigations began and indictments were returned. This evidence shows bias and motive on the part of the complaining witnesses.”

“Bank Errors”

The defense is also seeking correspondence between Goehring, the State Police, and Middleburg Bank, which MacMahon asserts “... will show that Middleburg Bank officials, as confirmed by Mr. Goehring at the preliminary hearing [of the Hubbard case], offered to repay the misdeposited amounts in full due to mistakes made by the tellers at Middleburg Bank.”

“False Testimony”

Citing verbatim transcripts of the March 16 preliminary hearing in the case, MacMahon notes in court documents:

“As the Court can see, Mr. Goehring plainly testified falsely at the preliminary hearing that Ms. Hubbard had not paid back all of the money at issue in this case long before the case was filed or even investigated by the State Police. As the Court can see by the testimony below, Mr. Goehring’s testimony was false and was contradicted by the admission of checks showing immediate and complete repayment of every penny demanded. Regardless, Mr. Goehring’s testimony was immediately rebutted by his wife, who testified that all of the monies had been repaid as the errors were found in the accounting.”

MacMahon further concludes that since “no party to any litigation is allowed to sponsor false testimony,” there is good reason for the Court to believe that Goehring not only testified falsely in the preliminary hearing, but “... lied as well to the State Police and the Commonwealth before his testimony was provided under oath.”

“Earlier Mistakes”

The defense also seeks copies of statements it contends were made to both the State Police and Commonwealth by “... Mr. Goehring’s former business partner, Mr. John Bennisson, that Ms. Hubbard made earlier mistakes in accounting that were always resolved amicably.”

“Personal Bias”

“Lastly,” MacMahon’s filing asserted, “the Commonwealth should provide evidence of how the State Police and Agent Mrak in particular, elected to have Ms. Hubbard handcuffed and arrested in broad daylight after inviting the local press to come and watch and record the spectacle.”

Evidence related to that decision, the defense contends, would be admissible in court “... to show bias by Agent Mrak against Ms. Hubbard who would simply have reported to Court to answer these charges as she has done so since she was released.”

Goehring, MacMahon continues, “... has already testified that he received advance notice of the arrest from the Middleburg Police... and has apparently elected to publish the photograph of Ms. Hubbard’s arrest on at least one website. ...”

“Chief Webber”

“The defense is entitled,” MacMahon also asserts, “to offer evidence” of the advance notice given Goehring by the Middleburg Police Department of Hubbard’s pending arrest “... as well as evidence of the personal bias of former Middleburg Police Chief Webber against Ms. Hubbard.”

In that regard court documents indicate the defense is also seeking relevant communications between Maud Krulla and the Middleburg PD, Chief Webber, Jack Goehring, and Virginia State Police, “... regarding the time and place of the arrest” of Hubbard on November 30.

Krulla is alleged to be one of the photographers who took pictures of the November 30 arrest.

The defense also seeks from Krulla “any and all communications” related

to “any offer by you to sell photographs to any paper or entity pertaining to the arrest of the defendant.”

Photographs of the arrest appeared on the front page of the Loudoun Times Mirror and on line the day after the arrest.

Chief Webber, who has announced his retirement from the Middleburg Police Force effective at the end of June, issued a press release on the day of the arrest, but, by all accounts to date, has consistently denied alerting “the media” in advance of the event.

Town’s Response

Asked about the subpoena, Middleburg Town Attorney, Elizabeth Whiting, told the Eccentric she “... received a telephone call from Ed MacMahon indicating that he planned to ask for a judge to issue a *subpoena duces tecum* for production of documents evidencing the contacts you describe involving the Middleburg Police Department.”

“Several days later,” she continued, “I received via USPS what I took to be the subpoena he intended for issuance to the Middleburg Police Department, but did not know whether it would be issued as requested, modified or denied by the judge.”

Whiting then confirmed with Town Clerk Rhonda North that “... while she is the point of contact for requests under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, she is not the custodian of the records of the police department...”

Whiting then advised MacMahon that it made sense to serve the Police Department directly.

That subpoena, according to Whiting, “... was served less than 24 hours before production was required in the Circuit Court Clerk’s office.”

Effort to Quash

When Whiting returned to her office, “... the evening before the return was to be made” ... she found waiting for her “... a voicemail from Commonwealth Attorney,” Jim Plowman, “asking her to call and speak to him directly.”

According to Whiting, Plowman indicated, “... that he did not believe that a *subpoena duces tecum* could or should issue in a criminal case and that he would be filing a motion to quash the subpoena the following morning.”

Whiting was “not aware of the issuance of other subpoenas or the basis on which they, or the subpoena issued to the Middleburg Police Department, were issued,” she said.

Whiting was the only representative of Town government to comment on the record by press time. No responses had been received to late requests for comment emailed over the weekend of June 18-19 to others.

Well before MacMahon’s discovery motion was filed, and well before the subpoena was served on the Middleburg PD, all members of the Council, Town Staff, and the Police Department had been advised by the Town Attorney that it would be inappropriate for them to comment on matters related to the investigation, arrest, or case against Hubbard until the case had cleared the courts.

Retirement

Several weeks before the subpoena was served on the Police Department, the Town had issued invitations to a June 30, 5:00-to-7:00 PM “Reception in Honor of Chief Steve Webber” be held on the front lawn of The Health Center at 14 South Madison Street. Part of that building also serves as Police Headquarters.

RSVPs were to be made to Town Hall by email (cpearson@townofmiddleburg.org) or by calling the Town Office, 540-687-5152.

The invitation asked those who could attend to “Join us in thanking Steve for his service to the Town of Middleburg, 1996-2011.”

R2D2, BRINGIN’ THE HEATER

LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT COMPETES IN INTERNATIONAL SCIENCE COMPETITION

ALEX CUDABACK

Caught up with Nick Montgomery last Friday to pick his brain a bit about the science project he’d completed earlier this spring.

Nick’s a pretty unassuming kid on the phone, pleasant, well spoken and well mannered.

He’s off to Virginia Tech in the fall to study mechanical engineering.

He’s a former baseball player who grew up patrolling the middle-infield until a growth spurt turned the once unimposing second-baseman / shortstop into a rangy, 6-foot, 4-inch Hoover of a first-baseman.

“I think the coaches probably thought I made a pretty good target,” he laughed.

He was home-schooled until high school when he traded in home for Freedom High School in South Riding.

That’s also when he was chosen as one of the select few Loudoun County high school students to jointly attend Loudoun’s Academy of Science (AOS), a math and science magnet school program for students in the county.

As part of their time at AOS, during their junior and senior years, students are required to develop a two-year research project of their own design working independently and collaboratively with peers, mentors, and scientists. Guidance is provided by faculty mentors on campus and from scientists from the regional network of universities and organizations as needed.

So what does a baseball-loving gear-head decide to focus on for two years of high school?

“I wanted to build a robot that could play baseball,” said Nick.

Really, as I discovered in our conversation, Nick wanted to build a robot that could pitch.

OK then....

“The big problem, especially for a robot, is that baseballs are spherical. The exterior of a baseball is composed of two identical pieces of leather tightly sewn together. To pitch successfully, you have to master certain grips for certain pitches: four-seamer, splitter, curve ball, cutter, slider and on and on. People automatically notice the orientation of a baseball and can adjust that orientation accordingly to get the grip they want for the pitch they want. Getting a robot to do that? That was harder.”

Uh huh....

“So I created a vision system that would allow a robot to autonomously recognize a baseball’s orientation when it picked it up and adjust it accordingly for a desired pitch.”

Of course....

“I had to build an apparatus that would allow me to quantify the movement of a ball in controlled rotation. That included taking over 100 different pictures of various rotations from a given starting point. Then I had to teach myself to use MATLAB®,” said Nick, (enthusiastically, I could’ve sworn.)

What is MATLAB®, you ask?

This is from the official website:

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KAREN REXRODE

So you taught yourself a high-level programming language and “environment” that you’d never used before so you could design a vision program that, in layman’s terms, would theoretically allow a robot to autonomously complete a task that only a tiny fraction of the human population can perform and, for those who master it, can expect a lifetime of Midasian fame and fortune?

“Pretty much.”

Sort of on a whim, Nick entered his final project in Google’s inaugural Science Fair this spring. How’d that turn out?

“I made it to the top 60, which was pretty cool.”

Out of how many applicants, Nick?

“Oh, about 7,500. From around the world.”

My head’s still swimming. I let Nick go after about 45 minutes on the phone.

He had to brush up his valedictory address for graduation.

Really.

Kids today, right? If Nick’s any indication, I’d say all the hemming and hawing might be a little bit overblown.



TIME FOR FEVERFEW

after the plants finish blooming, even pulling some out entirely. All that’s really needed is 1 or 2 plants which will provide enough seed to fill gaps in the garden. In fall you will see young plants here and there, if too many return pull or hoe some out. Good planting companions include the shrub spirea, lilies, larkspur, cone flowers and roses.

The common name, feverfew, comes from its medicinal use in prevention and management of migraine headaches. The name comes from the Latin febrifugia, meaning “driver out of fevers”. Herbalists also used the leaves to treat indigestion and it was commonly used to promote menstrual flow. Crushed leaves and stems produce a yellow juice which has been used as a dye for fabrics. The plant is said to repel bees as it contains pyrethrin, a natural insecticidal compound. A common pollinator is the hover fly, which looks like a bee (but is just a fly) and in its larval form eats aphids therefore considered a very beneficial insect.

If I were to plan a garden using the small white daisies of feverfew, I would include babies breath (preferably the variety ‘Bristol Fairy’), then add the new coneflower ‘Virgin’ (Echinacea p. ‘Virgin’) and finish it off with the ornamental elderberry named ‘Sutherland Gold’ (with white flowers at the same time). Now that would make for a gorgeous white garden with a touch of yellow from the elderberry foliage. A garden to brighten up the months of June and July.

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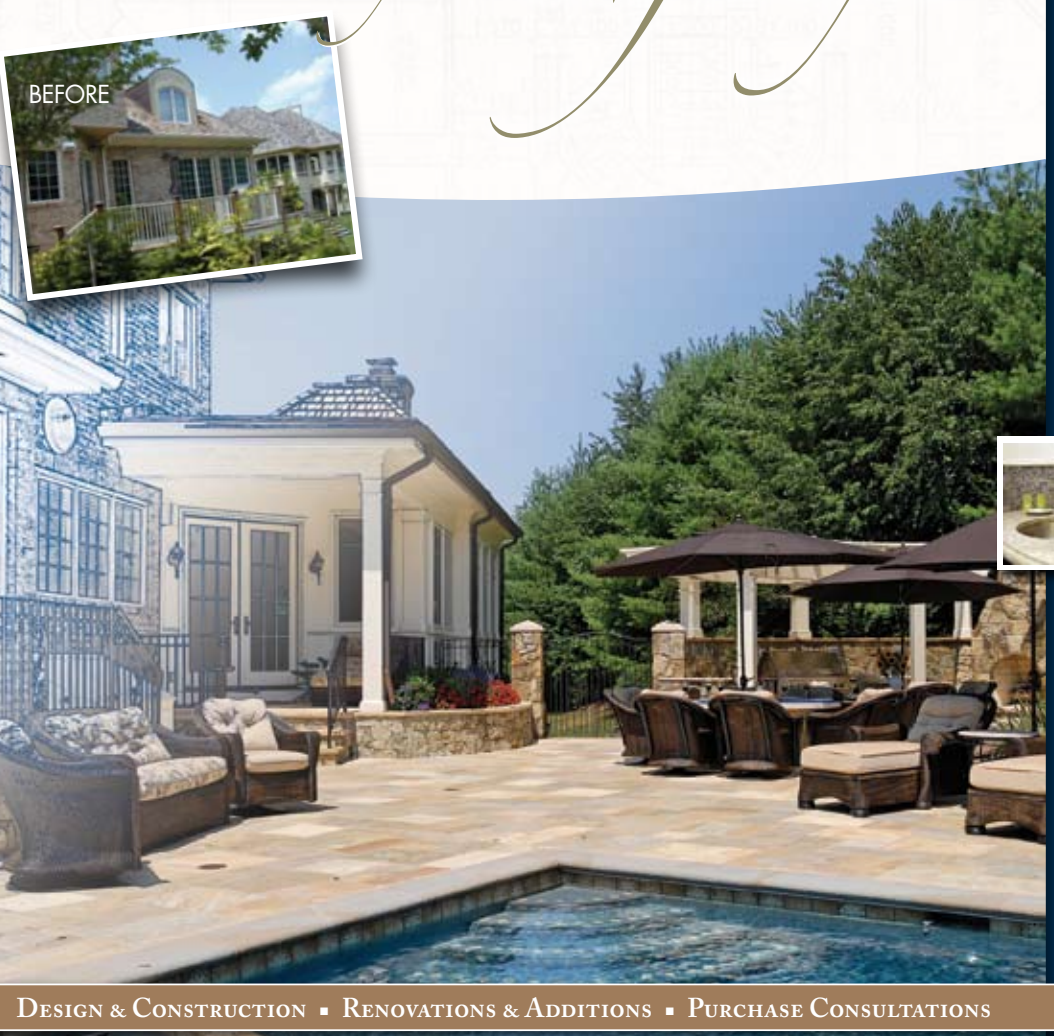
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EDITOR'S DESK

THE PRICE OF LIBERTY

Cartoonist Bill Mauldin, now probably best known to fans of the Peanuts comic strips, won his first Pulitzer Prize at 23, for Up Front, a narrative written around a collection of cartoons he had drawn while serving with the American Army in Europe.

At the end of his tour of duty, while waiting for a medal he didn't want, and didn't think he deserved, Mauldin attended a Memorial Day service in Italy, at which the main speaker was General Lucian Truscott, commander of the Fifth Army since December of 1944.

He described the experience in The Brass Ring: A Sort of a Memoir, more than a quarter century later.

"Normally I am allergic to Veterans Days and Armistice Days and the like, but Truscott was somebody special. Besides, I was curious to hear that gravelly voice over a PA system. The Anzio-Nettuno cemetery was a collecting point and there were about twenty thousand American graves. Families hadn't started digging up the bodies and bringing them home. The speakers platform, covered with bunting, was arranged with its back to the endless rows of white-painted temporary wooden markers. Before the stand were spectator benches, with a number of camp chairs down front for the VIPs, including several mem-

bers of the Senate Armed Services Committee.

When Truscott spoke, he turned away from the visitors and addressed himself to the corpses he had commanded here. It was the most moving gesture I ever saw. It came from a hard-boiled old man who was incapable of planned dramatics. The general's remarks were brief and extemporaneous. He apologized to the dead men for their presence here. He said everybody tells leaders it is not their fault that men get killed in war, but that every leader knows in his heart this is not altogether true. He said he hoped anybody here through any mistake of his would forgive him, but he realized that was asking a hell of a lot under the circumstances. One of the Senators' cigars went out; he bent over to relight it, then thought better of it. Truscott said he would not speak about the glorious dead because he didn't see much glory in getting killed in your late teens or early twenties. He promised that if in the future he ran into anybody, especially old men, who thought death in battle was glorious, he would straighten them out. He said he thought that was the least he could do."

[From Bill Mauldin, *The Brass Ring: A Sort of a Memoir* (New York: W.W. Norton, 1971), p. 272]

HYPOCRISY

TOM PRATT

The shocking attempt by the Republicans to block Elizabeth Warren...

Not all of you may have heard the name Elizabeth Warren. She is the Harvard Law professor whom President Obama has chosen to head up a new department: the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, which sounds to me like an excellent idea in light of the enormous foreclosure problems and the nearly (actually not so

nearly) criminal acts by large financial institutions relating to the sub-prime mortgages.

The new bureau's first move was to persuade two government agencies to combine mortgage forms into one easy-to-read document and to make bank disclosures more transparent and easier to understand. One would think there would be no objection to these two logical attempts to help those of us who are not trained in commercial law, and one would

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BRUCE SMART

when Purple was in the federal government, it wasn't this way. We had a consistent bipartisan foreign policy, centered on containing the Soviet Union. In Purple's area, international trade, companies and unions were often on opposite sides. Despite that, we managed to obtain bipartisan Congressional support for a US - Canada Free Trade Agreement (later succeeded by NAFTA), the Uruguay Round of international trade talks leading to the current World Trade Organization, and significant reductions in tariffs and other trade barriers.

Sure, we disagreed on specifics, but civilly, and we compromised. All this leads up to today's apparent inability of Americans, citizens as well as elected officials, to come together to solve the complex problems our nation now faces, among them:

- Fiscal deficits, debt and unemployment
- The growing cost of health care and social security
- Global warming, climate disruption and energy policy
- Wars, and relations with Islamic peoples and

governments

- Lagging US international competitiveness and trade deficits
- Education, from cradle to retirement

Thoughtful readers will recognize that these subjects are interconnected. For example, fiscal deficits are impacted by whatever policies are adopted - or not adopted - in each of the other five problem areas.

In such a complex and threatening environment we desperately need dialog (listening as well as speaking), civility, and a willingness to compromise and focus on the nation's future rather than Party wish lists.

Sadly, the huge amounts of money flowing into the impending campaigns is coming heavily from those with special financial interests, or ideologies resting at the outer extremes of general thinking. Little is coming from those imploring politicians to consult and compromise in the interest of their grandchildren.

So elections are being bought by moneyed interests, with candidates elected beholden to them, perpetuating the nasty food fight that passes for government in

Ms. Warren is also digging into to the extremely explosive foreclosure robo-signing scandal. If you have not heard of this one check out the 60 Minutes archives for the story they did on how practically all the leading lending firms including Bank of America and Citi Bank, hired people for a few dollars per hour to pretend to be bank officers and sign thousands of illegal foreclosure documents EVERY DAY 5 DAYS A WEEK! The story

Washington.

Absent public financing of elections, improvement will be difficult. It is hard to see how reform can be realized while those who benefit from the current situation remain in control.

But citizens do have a small lever, the Virginia Public Access Project (VPAP). Their website contains up-to-the-minute tabulations of past and present political giving to candidates running in any Virginia election, totaled by individual, and summarized by industry. As an example, VPAP reports that in the 2009 Virginia gubernatorial election Bob McDonnell (R) outspent Cree Deeds (D) \$23.8 million to \$13.7 million, and won by a similar margin.

The largest industry contributor to McDonnell's campaign fund was Energy and Natural Resources (Principal subcategories: Coal and Electric Utilities). Second was Construction and Real Estate. McDonnell won, Dominion remains powerful, and we are threatened with a new developer-friendly Outer Beltway. Q.E.D.

Elections and public policy follow the money.

MUSINGS ON THE 4TH OF JULY

BLUE NOTES

DANIEL MORROW

In 1946, soldier, scholar, sharp-penned curmudgeon and social critic, Paul Fussell, a decorated combat veteran of the Second World War, came home to finish the degree he had started before he enlisted in 1941.

Fans of 18th century literature may remember his 1954 thesis, *Theory of Prosody in Eighteenth-Century England*, which became a popular textbook under the title "Poetic Meter and Form."

Students of military history know him better for his *Great War in Modern Memory* or his autobiography, *Doing Battle*.

As an aging writer I now remember him best for his honesty, and his now all too pertinent descriptions of his increasing loss of control, especially when it came his reactions to words and deeds, past and present.

After describing a note written by Dwight Eisenhower, on the eve of the Normandy invasion, in which the general assumed full and personal responsibility should the operation fail, Fussell wrote:

"Increasingly as I've grown older, I find myself brought to tears by evidence of such nobility . . . It's hope ritualized that gets to me, or evanescent beauty and youth in any form."

And, a few lines later:

" . . . despite some of my critical views about America, the very idea of the Constitution moves me, for there's an implication in it of the essential decency of ordinary people . . ."

We the People do have our moments. And what greater hope ritualized, than a celebration of the Constitution?

All such hope is constrained, however, by duty.

And that's especially true, or should be, I believe, for those of us whose livelihoods are specially defined and protected by the words in that document, . . . or by a commitment to preserve, protect and defend it.

As lawyer and Union

Army Captain Frederick Aiken put it this way, in 1865:

"For the lawyer as well as the soldier, there is an equally imperative command. That duty is to shelter from injustice the innocent, to protect the weak from oppression, and when necessity demands, to rally to the defense of those being wronged."

Aiken gave up the practice of law after his most famous client, Mary Suratt, was convicted and executed for her role in the conspiracy to assassinate Lincoln and his cabinet. He turned instead to another profession, and became the first Managing Editor of *The Washington Post*.

HAIL TO THE CHIEF

DARLENE KIRK

Middleburg Chief of Police Steve Webber recently announced his retirement, well-deserved but sad for the town and its citizens. Chief Webber has brought stability to the town police department. The four outstanding officers he hired recently attended a Council meeting to express their support for their beleaguered boss and their regret at his retirement. Three drove from the Woodstock, VA area or further on their day off to be there. That alone speaks highly of their regard for Webber.

His officers talk about his openness and support of them, how he is willing to work shifts for them, and how he is always available to take their calls. In a recent conversation with Owen Heine, he recalled how Webber took shifts for him late last year when other officers were unavailable, so he could be home for the birth of his daughter. The others have similar stories.

As an aside, Webber's retirement was neither early, nor unexpected. Police officers may retire at any age with 25 years in the Virginia Retirement System (VRS) Law Enforcement Officer Service (LEOS). Not all Virginia towns belong to LEOS but Middleburg does. Webber was 3 years over and had been talking about it for at least that long. He had made travel plans with his family long before the announcement and had discussed it with at least 3-4 members of Council.

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enhanced relationships with the Sheriff's Office and the State Police, allowing us to expand our police coverage, assist us with large events at little to no expense to the town, and provide us with a virtually free information service where we can have background and financial checks and polygraphs run.

Many other of Webber's accomplishments are smaller and brought out only because of incidents to individuals. Recently several Town Council members were stopped by business owners to express their outrage over the treatment of Webber by the media. One even went so far as to say, we haven't always seen eye to eye on issues, but he has been fair and equal in his treatment of all of us.

Either way the town is losing a valuable employee and friend, someone who put the good of the town and its citizens overall, before the good of the individual, including himself. I only hope the Town can find as good of a replacement for him.

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EDITOR’S DESK

CELL PHONES, TEXTING & USE OF OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES WHILE DRIVING

DR. ANTHONY WELLS

I am probably right in assuming that many of your readers have had bad experiences on our roads as a result of either encountering a driver distracted and driving erratically or recklessly because of cell phone, texting or other electronic activity, or indeed because they have shocked themselves because they were on their cell phone, became distracted, and then found themselves in a threatening situation. Some of your readers may have been involved in accidents with injury as a result of all the above. I hope that none have suffered the sad effects of a tragic family fatality from such causes.

As a concerned citizen I wrote recently to Governor McDonnell of Virginia

requesting that he introduce legislation to ban on Virginia roads the use of these devices by drivers. My letter which is reproduced in full below lays out the case for legislation. I will not repeat the arguments, except to make additional points. Typically it takes a lot of self evident information, and often many fatalities, before legislation is passed. Data is required. On reflection, the very sad observation is, simply stated, that it takes many lives, often thousands (in the case of the DUI laws) before restraining laws are enacted. May I suggest that we should not wait any longer for such time to pass and lives be wasted. None of us want any of our loved ones to be hurt or worst case killed by irresponsible and reckless drivers distracted by these devices. By the same token

none of us who are decent, honest people who never in their whole lives ever want to harm anyone, want to find that they have seriously hurt or killed someone because of a foolish reckless moment in time that costs another human dearly and their families bereavement. It is far better to have legislation than remorse.

May I encourage you please to write to our Governor, Robert F. McDonnell, and encourage him to introduce the legislation described in my letter. Many of you may not have time for lengthy epistles, so please just quote my letter below and say you support this. Also, since we live in the greatest democracy on earth and we have complete freedom of speech, and if you do not agree with me, then here is an opportunity to say so. It’s a free

country thank goodness. My letter is reproduced below.

Dear Governor McDonnell:

The Evans-Wells family were so pleased to read the letter that you wrote to my wife, Dr. Carol Evans, commending her for her fine work in preparing Virginia at the federal, state and local levels for dealing with a range of threats and disasters that may occur, and for which our great Commonwealth is now better prepared thanks to her expertise and those with whom she works.

May I take this opportunity to raise another threat to our citizens in Virginia please?

Recent reports now indicate that our fellow citizens are more likely to be killed by a driver who is using a cell phone, texting, or another electronic device while driving than by a driver under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol. This is a daunting situation.

Other highly reliable reports from recent research by credible institutions indicate that the distraction factor for those drivers using cell phones, and texting while driving, is on the order of 30-40 %, and even higher in some cases, depending on several factors such as age, health, amount of sleep, stress, other distractions in the vehicle, and so on.

Within the past twelve months I have personally experienced three very serious instances of almost being driven off the road and receiving serious injury as a result of oncoming drivers both using a cell phone and driving too fast. In one recent instance, on the Zulu Road, near Middleburg, Virginia, a driver came round a bend at high speed as I was approaching from the opposite direction, half on my side of the road, and cell phone glued to his ear (with one hand on the

steering wheel). Only because I am an experienced defensive driver did I avert a serious accident and injury by taking avoiding action to the right without driving off the road into trees.

I speak from experience as someone involved in emergency medicine. I have been a US National Ski patroller for four decades and seen the results of recklessness, and treated severely injured persons. I am currently the Vice President of The Plains Volunteer Fire and Rescue Company in Virginia, and a Life Member.

May I request that you introduce legislation to ban the use of cell phones, texting and other electronic devices while a person is driving a vehicle in Virginia, both on state roads, and also on non state roads?

The latter would include, for example, school premises (both state and private) where people are equally at risk.

We can all remember the days when it took some time for legislative processes to introduce the drinking and driving laws, and then later the seat belt laws. These critical legislative acts have saved countless lives in Virginia and all over the United States. The data clearly indicate that we should do the same regarding the use of cell phones, texting and other electronic devices while driving.

Thank you again for your commendation of my wife’s terrific efforts, and I quote your letter, “for helping to ensure the Commonwealth of Virginia continues to maintain a robust capability to prevent, respond, and recover from any challenges affecting the safety and security of our citizens”.

Finally, thank you for your service as Governor and leading in the endeavors for which Carol was commended.

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ALEX CUDABACK

Isn’t karma a funny thing?

Just over two months ago the world watched a heralded young Irishman take the Masters by storm, building, what seemed going into the final day, if not an insurmountable lead then certainly one that would be hard to overcome.

But that final fateful Sunday came and the final nine holes laid waste to what could have been an epic performance if the wheels had not so disastrously come off the Rory McIlroy express that had been tearing through Augusta.

Fast forward to this past weekend and we watched as McIlroy, more gracious in defeat than so many of his athletic peers in victory, simply dismantled Congressional Country Club over four days en route to a record setting performance at the 2011 U.S. Open.

The beat-down McIlroy applied to Congressional will be talked about for years to come, particularly if it serves as the launch pad for what many are predicting will be the next meteoric rise, toward the rarefied air of golf immortality.

I don’t know if McIlroy will be the next Tiger or the next Jack. Is it possible? Sure. It’s just as possible that he’ll join the long list of onetime major winners who never flew quite high again.

But if I had to bet (and though I like betting I’m notoriously bad at it, as my crumpled NCAA Tournament brackets will attest) I’d lean more towards McIlroy being well on his way to what everybody wants in the suddenly Tiger-less void better known as the PGA Tour: a prohibitive frontrunner that gets the nod as tournament favorite going forward.

In my lifetime (which did not include any near brushes with the dinosaurs, yuk, yuk, yuk...) only two people have led the U.S. Open from wire to wire: Tiger, twice, and this McIlroy kid.

I fully understand that, to date in his career, McIlroy has won exactly two tournaments on the Tour. I fully understand that he has been on people’s radar for years, and didn’t just explode onto the scene this past weekend like Tiger did all those years ago at the Masters in 1997.

But, my goodness, to stare

down that epic collapse from just this past April? And to return the golf gods the favor by trampling both the field and the course at his very next major championship? And to do it all with grace and charm and good humor?

Kids today, right? Speaking of kids, what IS the deal with LeBron James?!?

Just last year James single-handedly orchestrated the most graceLESS of exits one could possibly imagine when he famously announced he was packing up his toys and “taking [his] talents to South Beach.”

Days later James and new best friend Dwyane Wade (and that Bosh guy, the one everybody likes to treat as a throw-in like floor mats for a new car) laughed it up at their pyrotechnically aided introduction with James blithely losing count when describing the number of championships he and his new amigos would be bringing home with them.

From that point on, and if you lived in Cleveland, much earlier, James was a marked man, the “Chosen One” tattoo on his back replaced with a big ol’ target. Every loss was dissected, every win greeted with a “what have you done for me lately.”

It was the Championship or bust for James, all the goodwill accumulated over years of carrying a dreadful Cavaliers team on his self-anointed back a vague and receding memory.

The chattering classes and retired professional athletes alike questioned James’ heart and fortitude in seeking out a better hand than he’d been dealt on the banks of the Cuyahoga. From hero to villain, James had sunk not just in latitude but people’s hearts.

So when the Heat lost to the Dallas Mavericks in this month’s NBA Finals there was quite a bit of smug, self-satisfied rejoicing, head nodding and “I-told-you-so”-ing.

And then Jason Reid of the Washington Post pooh-poohed all the schadenfreude!

Last week Reid wrote that all these glad tidings at James’ expense were overboard and unfair; he may have even implied that people like Ray Lewis, Michael Vick, Ben Roethlisberger, and Kobe Bryant had been involved in far more heinous activities than James, some even found guilty of actual crimes.

So James had acted like a classless, enabled, entitled jerk

for a year (or more.) So what. He’s still a young man, wrote Reid, he still deserves the time to learn from his mistakes.

Okay, fine, it’s a point, albeit not one that I personally agree with. I’d argue that for James to pull himself over the hump, to get himself to the top of the NBA pile, instead of so regularly and predictably sticking his own foot in his own mouth, instead of making fun of other people (cough, cough...), instead of paying so much attention to what everybody else says and thinks about him, James needs to lose his rabbit ears and focus on rounding out the thing that’s most supposed to be a given: his game.

You can’t be the chosen one jacking up ill-advised threes from all over the court in the Finals. Especially when you’re the size of my refrigerator.

And you can’t stomp on all the little people (who have as many rings as you, by the way) because you fold up like a cheap suit every time the pressure gets turned up.

Suck it up, LeBron. Champ or chump. It’s up to you.

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THE ARTIST’S PERSPECTIVE

TOM NEEL

Power lines and landscape painting. Not exactly a combo like horses and hunt country is it? There they are, strung across the land, not to be ignored. I’ve been driving out Crest Hill Road for decades and I have to admit, when I first saw the effects of an overgrown easement widened to its last inch, much less the shiny new towers and then power lines going in, it was a shock. I mean to a point where I needed to stop and take a deep breath. I don’t want to be overly dramatic, but it was as if I was looking at a natural disaster, but this of course was not the case. No tornado did this, we did. It is our reality though and we’re all caught in a conflict of interest.

The word POWER is so interesting. In one way it simply means force. In another way it can be force over anything or anyone and yet in another way, it can mean energy. I don’t like being tired, I love having energy and when my lights go out, I love it when they come back on. It’s downright celebratory. Yet, I don’t like power lines.

We live in a busy and modern world and I’m certainly convinced a part of the population will never really notice these blemishes across the landscape or they’ll quickly become use to them.

As a landscape painter though, I’ll give you a birthday cake analogy. I’ve got you thinking now don’t I? Well think about it this way. A baker spends hours upon hours making and decorating the most beautiful cake you could ever imagine. It has layers, it has texture, it has flavor, and it has a story to tell. That’s your landscape. Then there becomes the so called necessity to put candles all over it and light them. The beauty of the cake itself apparently falls short of a celebration, we need little candles of energy lit up all over it to make the point. Problem is, we can’t blow these big new candles out. The bigger problem might be our dependency on them. Power is a very addictive drug and everyone is on it. My problem is, I just liked looking at the cake.

A big part of the magic of this place in the Piedmont, is that there are still timeless vistas. Vistas that you can’t tell if it’s 1800 or 2011. Power lines instantly date those vistas and as an artist who paints them, I am now left with a choice. To represent them or not. Part of my roll as an artist is to record. Should I allow my personal preference to abolish the record? I know land that has been in a family’s care for hundreds of years and the virgin, timeless view from it, now changed by the glitter of celebratory candles.

They celebrate energy. It’s perplexing, as I’ve already mentioned, I and all of us, enjoy the benefits of energy.

By the way, these new lines of energy are not even close to being the first of their kind. Lines of utility (utility sounds better, it sounds so handy), and their little poles (that sounds better than towers too), have been strung across the land for decades. Show me a local road and I’ll not only show you the lines, as an artist, I’ll point out those old, but funny looking trees beneath them! Take note to their odd topiary-esque appearances. While I’m on the subject, will we please stop planting little trees that grow up to be big trees, under utility lines? I’m surprised the utility companies (sounds better than POWER company) even let us do such a thing. We buy a small tree and plant it in a place destined to decapitation and amputation. What kind of parents are we?

Back to the power lines. In Germany they have massive wind turbines that dot the landscape. Landscape I might add in areas, so beautiful, so filled with contrast of rolling green with deep, rich evergreens, that it’s striking. Then, as if aliens landed, you see these massive towering poles, with even more massive, but peaceful moving props. They are in this country too, but not quite like this - yet.

The Germans have added an interesting yet creative twist to these utility devises. The tapered poles themselves, rising two to three hundred feet high, have been painted in a gradient manner, going from a landscape green to a grayish sky blue, as they ascend. The props gray blue as well. It certainly doesn’t hide them, but somehow softens their effect. Still, while the props appear to be lumbering through each rotation, their tip speed is

around 200mph, making bird strikes a sad reality. I still commend their artistic attempt.

Alas, we all and us landscape painters, have our reality. I don’t have the answers, just the question of my responsibility, both as a citizen and as an artist who now must choose to represent the lines as part of the landscape or not.

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148 rolling and rising acres, mostly open with panoramic views, protected area, surrounded by large tracts. Stone cabin, 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, 2 fireplaces, vaulted ceilings, stone & hardwood floors, large screened porch overlooking pond. \$1,795,000.

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The Plains, Virginia

Classic farm house with 8 acres in Orange County Hunt. Charming log and clapboard well-maintained residence surrounded by pristine protected land. Spacious master bedroom with elegant en suite bath. Beautiful family room/den with exposed beams. Kitchen equipped with updated stainless appliances. Two stall barn with water and electric and run-in shed. Great ride-out. \$1,295,000.

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Rectortown, Virginia

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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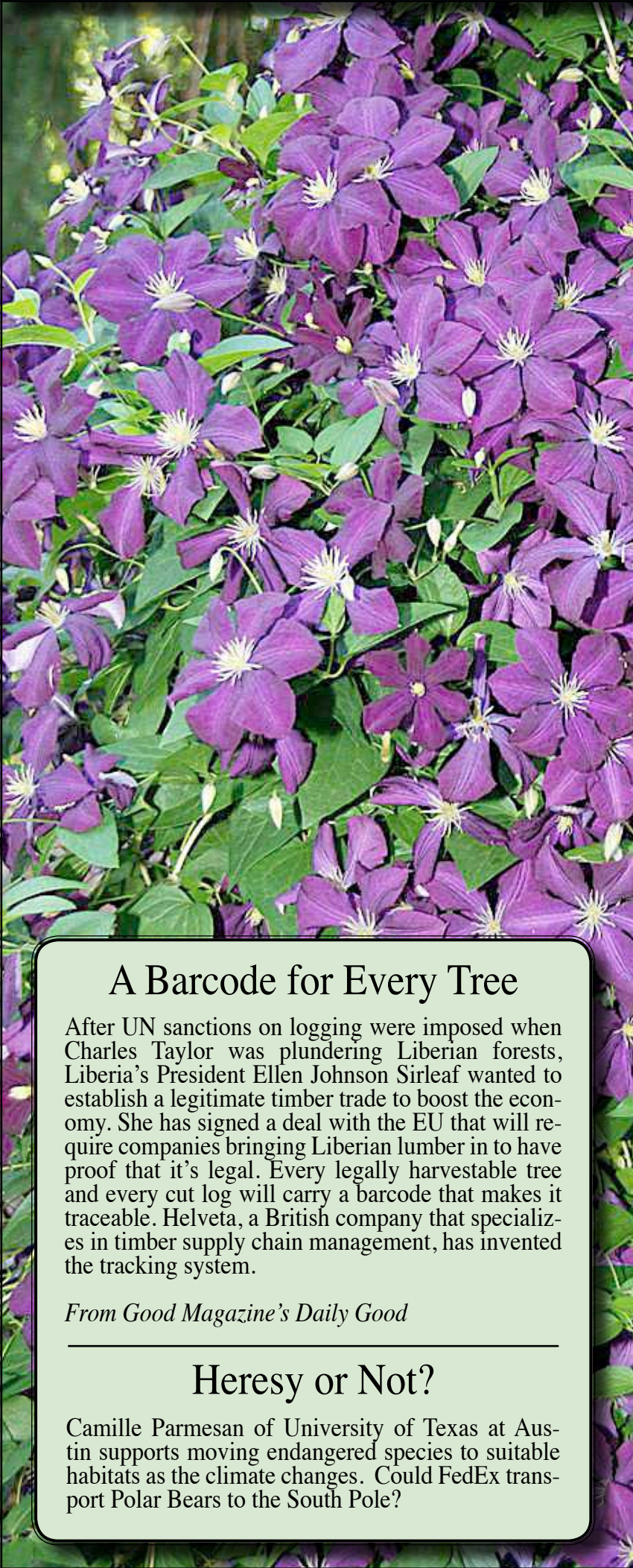
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A Barcode for Every Tree

After UN sanctions on logging were imposed when Charles Taylor was plundering Liberian forests, Liberia's President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf wanted to establish a legitimate timber trade to boost the economy. She has signed a deal with the EU that will require companies bringing Liberian lumber in to have proof that it's legal. Every legally harvestable tree and every cut log will carry a barcode that makes it traceable. Helveta, a British company that specializes in timber supply chain management, has invented the tracking system.

From Good Magazine's Daily Good

Heresy or Not?

Camille Parmesan of University of Texas at Austin supports moving endangered species to suitable habitats as the climate changes. Could FedEx transport Polar Bears to the South Pole?



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NORFOLK SOUTHERN AND GREENTREES INITIATE CONSERVATION PROGRAM THAT'S GOOD FOR BUSINESS AND GOOD FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

Underscoring its leadership in "conservation capitalism" – the growing understanding that environmental progress and American business are closely linked -- Norfolk Southern signed a \$5.6 million, five-year reforestation and carbon sequestration agreement with GreenTrees LLC of Middleburg, VA and planted a ceremonial first tree at the Rick Lowery Farm here today.

Under the program, NS and GreenTrees® will plant 6.04 million trees on 10,000 acres in the Mississippi Delta area served by the railroad, significantly offsetting the company's CO2 emissions while creating a national environmental legacy.

GreenTrees is the leading reforestation program on private lands in the United States today. Recognized as one of the most innovative developments in the fight to revitalize the nation's ecological health, GreenTrees is at the cutting edge of the new industrial revolution – making conservation a business.

Of the agreement, NS CEO Wick Moorman said, "Norfolk Southern as a company is dependent on carbon-based fuels and other natural resources. We use them, and we transport them for our customers and communities. Fortunately, rail is the safest, cleanest, and most efficient transport mode. Where we are evolving is in our ability to serve as a balancing force in protecting the environment. The GreenTrees initiative is a substantive long-term commitment to doing just that."

GreenTrees Founding Partner Carey Crane said, "Norfolk Southern becomes our newest and largest investor. NS and our other sponsors are far-sighted in their responsible stewardship of North America's 'Amazon' – the Mississippi Alluvial Valley (MAV). The recent flooding across that region highlights the future national benefits that will flow from putting trees into the ground on scale there. We are pleased to be leaders in conservation capitalism with Norfolk Southern."

The NS-GreenTrees program calls for planting native hardwoods and cottonwoods on privately-owned acreage in Mississippi and Louisiana. The land is in a region served by NS and its predecessors since the earliest days of railroading in the U.S. To put it in perspective, the plantings will represent 211 trees for every NS employee, 299 trees for every mile of NS track, or 1,450 trees for



CAREY CRANE (FOUNDING PARTNER) AND WICK MOORMAN, CEO OF NORFOLK SOUTHERN, PLANTING THE CEREMONIAL TREE

every NS locomotive.

Chandler Van Voorhis, GreenTrees managing partner, added, "We take one acre at a time and compress time and space to accelerate forest growth by six to eight times in the critical first fifteen years, creating an ecologically healthy and permanent forest in an area that is central to our national ecosystem interests."

Over time, the trees should deliver more than a million carbon offsets. "That's good news for all of us who enjoy breathing, and it's a solid financial investment for NS," said Blair Wimbush, NS vice president real estate and corporate sustainability officer. "This isn't mere landscaping – it goes beyond anything else in the transportation industry, and its impact will be felt for generations to come."

Restoration of the MAV will support the commercial, climate, and energy interests served by America's longest river. At the same time, it will protect wildlife habitats, improve water quality, and forestall soil erosion and nutrient run-off. The program will help conserve land in the hands of family owners and farmers, as the NS trees will be planted on private tracts under long-term leases.

Today's announcement complements other components of Norfolk Southern's carbon mitigation strategy, including partnerships and financial support for non-profits and coordination and collaboration with government and non-government organizations.

In 2008, for example, NS permanently protected some of the most ecologically significant land in the world when it granted a conservation easement on 12,488 acres of its Brosnan Forest timber and wildlife preserve northwest of

Charleston, S.C. The easement, one of the largest in the Southeast and the largest ever by a corporation in South Carolina, protects the dwindling longleaf pine ecosystem and endangered bird species, preserves forever the rural character of the area, and conserves the Four Holes Swamp ecosystem and Edisto River watershed.

NS is also supporting research by The Longleaf Alliance, which seeks to restore the tree's forest ecosystem. The longleaf pine once dominated the landscape of the South and to some extent even its culture, occupying 90 million acres in nine southeastern states. Over-exploitation has reduced that footprint to 3.5 million acres – a loss comparable to that experienced in tropical rain forests, redwoods, or America's wetlands.

NS also supports the American Chestnut Foundation in its efforts to reintroduce that tree species to native forests. Before being decimated by blight, the American Chestnut was an integral part of the lumber economies of many eastern U.S. communities, and it was a key source of food for wildlife.

"When NS originated some 180 years ago, one of the first things those early railroaders did was acquire the land needed to satisfy the demand for wood to build tracks and bridges and buildings and even to power the first primitive locomotives. In 2011 we're at the opposite end of the spectrum, finding practical ways to be a positive force for the environment," said Megan Garry, NS manager corporate sustainability. "That's a remarkable irony and a reason for optimism."

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cap accessible. All units will be equipped with washers, dryers, and dishwashers. The units will be available for occupancy early in 2012.

Windy Hill Foundation has created a special Board of Directors (WHF-II), including a majority of local citizens from The Plains, to oversee and guide this \$5 million project. The project was made possible by the generous leadership of the Ohrstrom family and Andrea Currier.



FOR THE FIRST TIME EVER, THREE COMMUNITY BANKS HAVE COME TOGETHER TO PROVIDE A \$3 MILLION CONSTRUCTION LOAN TO THE WINDY HILL PROJECT. SHOWN ARE REGGIE DAWSON FROM MIDDLEBURG BANK, JEFF SIESSON FROM THE FAUQUIER BANK, AND R. RUCKER SLATER, JR. FROM OAK VIEW NATIONAL BANK. PERMANENT FINANCING WILL BE PROVIDED BY VHDA AND BOSTON CAPITAL.

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“This is a big deal for The Plains,” said Mayor Bob Gurtler, a long-time supporter of the project. “It will go a long way toward providing housing for local

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ON A FROSTY MORNING LAST DECEMBER, MEMBERS OF THE TOWN COUNCIL, WINDY HILL FOUNDATION BOARD, THE WHF-II BOARD, GRACE CHURCH, THE PLAINS POSTMASTER, UNIT SERVICES—GENERAL CONTRACTOR, TM ASSOCIATES, AND OTHER COMMUNITY LEADERS GATHERED TO BREAK GROUND FOR WINDY HILL—A NEW PROJECT BRINGING 16 APARTMENT UNITS TO THE PLAINS.

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WHY AND HOW DO WE MEASURE STREAMFLOW?

WATERWORLD

RICHARD A. ENGBERG

About three miles north of Middleburg on Foxcroft Road, you cross Goose Creek. Have you noticed the corrugated metal structure off the right side of the bridge? Likewise, when you cross Goose Creek between Gilberts Corner and Leesburg, have you noticed the small building that looks like a porta-potty but has an antenna on its top? No, it’s not a porta-potty with a television. Actually both the corrugated structure and the building are U. S. Geological Survey (USGS) stream gages.

Why is it important to measure streamflow? It must be because the USGS operates more than 9,000 stream gages nationwide. Let’s leave the reasons for the end of the article and talk first about how the stream gages work.

Within each stream gage are sophisticated devices that measure the height of the water flowing in the stream, bounce the information off a satellite and make it available in almost real time to computers at the nearest USGS office. Based on this height measurement, the actual streamflow is computed.

About 18 times a year over each year the gage has been operated. USGS personnel using a device called a current meter physically measure the volume of water flowing in the stream, either by wading the stream at low flow or from the bridge. Multiplying the width of the stream times the average height of the water above the stream bed gives the cross-sectional area of the water. Multiplying the area times the average velocity gives the actual flow of the stream. The results are recorded in cubic feet per second.

Using the height measured by the gage and the physical measurement just described, USGS personnel plot the streamflow against the gage height on a graph. Each time a velocity measurement is made, it is plotted on the graph. After a number of points are plotted, they are connected by a line. The plot is called a rating table and the line is used to determine the streamflow each time the instruments send a gage height reading to the satellite and on to the USGS office.

Now, let’s get back to the original question, why are gaging stations important? I’ll give you a few of the many reasons. First,

and probably most important, is public safety. NOAA and the Army Corps of Engineers use this information both for forecasting and managing floods. When you hear that River X is 3 feet above flood stage, it means that it’s 3 feet above the gage height of the nearest gaging station on River X at which it overflows its banks. Countless lives are saved every year thanks to predictions developed from gaging station data.

A few of the many other reasons include power production scheduling at dams, designing bridges, culverts, and levees, determining loads of stream sediments and chemical constituents, and setting permit requirements for discharge of treated wastewater. In sum, streamflow data from gaging stations is valuable for both immediate decision-making like flood forecasts but also for long range decision making such as siting and size of a new bridge.

Perhaps now, when you see a porta-potty with an antenna by a stream or river, you’ll have a new appreciation for how these simple structures impact our everyday lives.



A CREEK RUNS THROUGH US

CHANDLER VAN VOORHIS

Doing well by doing good! These are simple words that speak volumes. They also aptly describe a local businessman, conservationist and dear friend named Carey Crane.

Crane’s vision has propelled C2I and the GreenTrees program to an emerging national leadership in the new world of restoration economics – or, more simply, “replenishing the earth” by putting more into it than we take out. In founding C2I and GreenTrees seven years ago, Crane began harnessing business principles to environmental outcomes. Instead of the natural world funding the industrial one, he wanted business to fund the environment – as Norfolk Southern is now doing.

Crane and his family have been at the height and edge of private enterprise and philanthropy for three generations. GreenTrees is a massive reforestation effort designed to restore health of a vital part of the United States ---- the Mississippi Alluvial Valley.

The Mississippi Alluvial Valley is a critical ecosystem that drains 41% of the United States and is a flyway for 60% of all birds in North America. The historic floods of the spring present an opportunity to convert the frequently flooded or marginal lands into forests that further buffet the wind and absorb, in part, the swollen waters.

By successfully fusing agriculture and energy, people and community, and the public sector intention with private market place ingenuity, Crane believes we can heal the Delta and make the river a vital corridor for commerce and conservation. He hopes one day to have carefully planted 1,000,000 acres of healthy forest up and down the Mississippi River. Recognizing that landowners are the backbone of

our citizenry, he wants their stewardship of the land to prosper then steadily enough so their land passes seamlessly down the generations – -- as both a family and ecological heritage.

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\$869,900 Amy Adams 703.851.2051



Middleburg - Charm & character, and new central AC in this spacious 5BR/3BA bungalow w/many of its original features. 2268 sf boasts big beautiful rooms, wood floors, high ceilings & tall windows, kitchen w/new appliances, formal dining room, fireplace, curved staircase and apartment with private entrance. Excellent location, quiet area, yet close to everything.
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Purcellville - Spacious & private, on nearly 7 acres of meadow and hardwoods in sought-after Philomont area. 4BRs, including a main-level master bedroom suite and sunny au-pair suite/professional office. Newly remodeled kitchen area and open flow are perfect for entertaining. Wrap-around porch and multiple decks allow you to enjoy the country views.
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Purcellville - This bright 4BR/2.5BA home in Philomont sits on 3 fenced acres surrounded by horse farms. Enjoy evenings on the patio next to the fountain and stone barbecue and soak in the beautiful scenery. The lower level opens onto a stone patio, and tucked behind is a full house generator. This is the perfect country home.
\$524,000 Kristin Johnson 703.673.6920



Middleburg - Located on Foxcroft Road, this wooded 7.67 acre property sits on two lots. A 3BR/1.5BA cedar contemporary home with cathedral ceiling and skylights plus an old log cabin. Located in the heart of Piedmont Fox-hound territory. Property is priced below recent appraisal. Great location with privacy.
Kathleen.Chovnick@longandfoster.com.
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Marshall - Cabin Branch Road. Well-built and maintained, recently updated 3BR/2BA home on 5.46 ac. Mins to Warrenton & Marshall. Open floor plan - kitchen, dining area, living room, MBR 1st fl, 2 BR w/BA 2nd lvl. Private, yet conveniently located. Also offered as larger parcel (103.47 ac) w/well & 4BR drain field. Perfect as main home, tenant/rental house.
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Pete is about 14h, dark bay, 10 year old Arabian X pony. We don't know anything about his past, but he's sweet and healthy and would make a fun project or lawn ornament/companion.

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Mattie is a cute 2 yr old Beagle mix. She is very sweet, walks nicely on a leash & really wants to find her lifelong people.

Jeb is an affectionate 4 yr. old kitty. He came to us after he had been declawed and then left outside to defend for himself. He is very interactive & will make a great companion!

Socks is a small Dachshund mix less than a yr old. He is a bit shy at first until he gets to know you but then he's incredibly sweet! He likes other dogs and would love to have canine friend in his new home.

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ALBERT'S CORNER

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

ALBERT P. CLARK

Every now and then, I like to share my paw of approval. Sometimes I'm wagging about a product and sometimes I'm wagging about a service. This time, it's a service. Did I have a pawdicure, you may ask? Why no, I had a visit from the vet! And it was actually fun.

You see, there are 4 dogs and a cat in my house, and we're not an easy bunch to get to the vet - as a group or individually. We don't love to get in the car and we definitely don't do well in any vet's office. We either drool and shake and act like the world is ending ... or we jump all over everyone and have no manners whatsoever. (So we have a flair for the melodramatic ... is that a crime?) Anyway, going in for wellness check-ups is totally chaotic, so my people were looking for a solution. (And yes, my people know our behavior is probably their fault and they feel very badly about that. Caesar Milan, they are not.)

Enter House Paws In-Home Veterinary Care (www.housepaws.com). This is Dr. Knode's practice. She's a 1993 graduate of the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine and has all the right letters after her name. She belongs to the right groups, like the American Medical Veterinary Association. She's also a member of the Veterinary Information Network, which means she gets to consult with lots of leading vets on various cases. She lives in Purcellville, but her mobile van goes all over the region since she's licensed in Virginia, Maryland and Pennsylvania.

All that stuff mattered a lot to my people, but what mat-

tered to me was that she was super nice and gentle. Not only that, she completely appreciated all of our distinct personalities and made sure that she spent a lot of time getting to know and understand us before she started doing vet things to us. In fact, I can't remember any vet ever taking so much time with me. It was very flattering!

We all got a very thorough check-up with in-depth explanations about Dr. Knode's observations and concerns. We got lots of things done that we used to have to do in an office, including blood work and Parvo testing. We found out that one of us could lose a few pounds, but I, for once, was just the right weight (that's a miracle). Dr. Knode even cares about nutrition and is very conservative when it comes to vaccines ... a doc after my own heart! Most importantly, Dr. Knode found a potentially troublesome growth on one of us in a place my people would never have thought to look.

The scorecard: an impressive vet with an excellent bedside manner, a solid network of area surgeons and specialists, an up-to-date knowledge base and a caring approach. Everyone at my house thinks House Paws is just the ticket for anyone with animals who do a little better with the comforts of home.

Without hesitation, House Paws gets my paw of approval! Thank you, Dr. Knode!

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Adam Goodheart at the Gardens at PokeCome celebrate the Fourth of July at the Gardens at Poke on Saturday, July 2. This Mosby Heritage Area Association-sponsored special event features a Garden Party, followed by a talk and book signing by the renowned historian and journalist Adam Goodheart on his fascinating new book, 1861: The Civil War Awakening, as well as live music. Our hosts for the evening are Trevor Potter and Dana Westring at their home, Poke, near Rectortown, Virginia.

The critically acclaimed 1861 is currently on the New York Times best seller list. In it, Goodheart presents a social history of the earliest days of the Civil War, a time when the country was preparing itself for battle. Goodheart introduces a heretofore little-known cast of Civil War heroes—among them, an acrobatic militia colonel, an explorer's wife, a close-knit band of German immigrants, a regiment of New York City firemen, and a young college professor who would one day become president.

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