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NEW CHIEF TAKES COMMAND

DANIEL MORROW

Middleburg's new Chief of Police, William F. Klugh, took the oath of office on August 1 and immediately started a round of receptions, meetings, and patrols with the officers in his new command.

Selected from more than 40 well-qualified applicants, Klugh had served for more than 27 years with the police department of the City of Fairfax. He left with the rank of Deputy Chief.

"Everyone in Middleburg has made me feel welcome here," the Chief told the Eccentric. "People could not have been nicer, more welcoming, or more helpful . . . and that goes for not only the Town Council, staff, and my fellow officers, but everyone I've met here."

Background

Bill Klugh was born in Ohio, and moved with his family to the Vienna area of Northern Virginia when he was five. There he attended grammar school and graduated from George C. Marshall High School.

In 1984, he graduated from James Madison University with a Bachelor of Science degree and a minor in criminal justice.

His older brother was a policeman, Klugh told the Eccentric. "I guess he was a large part of why I became an officer as well," he said.

He applied for a job with the Fairfax Police Department his senior year at Madison, was hired immediately, and stayed there for well over a quarter century, rising steadily through the ranks.

Why Middleburg?

Ironically, Chief Klugh's reasons for leaving Fairfax are similar to those of former Town Administrator Jerry Schiro's decision to leave Middleburg: the vagaries of state and local pension systems.

Like Schiro, Klugh would have taken what both termed "major hits" to their retirement benefits had they decided to stay in their old jobs.

With two teen-age sons, one of them entering his senior year in high school, Middleburg seemed an excellent choice for Klugh. He and his wife have lived for years only half an hour's reverse commutes away.

From the town's perspective, the combination of Klugh's longstanding northern Virginia experience, the breadth and depth of his service record, and his longstanding commitment to both the theory and practice of community-oriented police work were especially appealing.

A graduate of the



FBI National Academy, Klugh also brings with him excellent management skills, budgeting and grant-writing experience.

Plans for the Middleburg Force

After only two weeks on the job Klugh was loathe to discuss plans for a force he is still getting to know.

"In a town like Middleburg," he told the Eccentric, "police officers, out of necessity, must do their jobs with a minimum of direct oversight and supervision. They must be not only well-trained, but self-motivated."

"Knowing the town, and the people who live here is critical," he said. "But Middleburg's standing as a tourist or visitor destination adds something special to the job. We represent the town to the outside world."

At this point, Klugh said, he is learning more from his fellow officers than he could possibly teach them. He hopes, he says, to be able to start returning the favor soon. "Training is a special interest of mine," he said, "but I enjoy learning just as much as I do teaching. And my fellow officers are teaching me well."

In the mean time, Klugh is working with the town to address some fairly routine transition issues, including a computer failure and some minor telecommunications glitches.

In the months ahead he, Town Administrator Martha Semmes, the Town Council and staff will also be fine tuning a set of proposed revisions to the Middleburg police department's standing orders and the rules and regulations regarding police procedures.



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NEWS OF NOTE

EMILY TALBOT SHARP, MUCH LOVED ART TEACHER

Emily Talbot Sharp, of "Toad Hall", Walnutdale Farm, The Plains, Virginia, died peacefully in her sleep at home on Saturday, August thirteenth. A much-loved and immensely talented art teacher at Hill School, she was born July 16, 1918 in the District of Columbia to Dr. and Mrs. John Allan Talbot.

She graduated from The Potomac School and the Corcoran School of Art and was a faculty member Emeritus of The Hill School in Middleburg.

She is the widow of Robert

Webster Sharp and is survived by her brother John Allan Talbot III, her children John Talbot Sharp, Emily Page Sharp Candler, Katharine Dorwin Sharp Carey, Penny Gibson and Talbot Lackland Warren, nine grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations may be made in her memory to The Hill School Art Program, P. O. Box 65, Middleburg, VA 20118 or to Capitol Caring, 10530 Linden Lake Plaza, Suite 200, Manassas, VA 20109.

JAMES P. "MIKE" MALONEY, 'WHIZ KID,' PUBLIC SERVANT AND PHILANTHROPIST

James P. "Mike" Maloney Jr., an accomplished entrepreneur and longtime resident of Nantucket, Washington, D.C. and Middleburg, Virginia, died Sunday, July 10, 2011 at Nantucket Cottage Hospital following a cerebral hemorrhage. He was 78.

His friend and fellow Nantucket resident John Akers, former chairman and chief executive officer of IBM, said, "Mike was part of that famous generation of

'whiz kids,' bright and talented people recruited and groomed by IBM for leadership in business and public service."

Maloney held various executive positions at IBM as the company grew into a global force in computers and technology.

He was a member of the Nantucket Yacht Club, Sankaty Head Golf Club, the Chevy Chase Club in Washington, D.C. and the Middleburg Tennis Club in Middleburg, VA.

SADIE GRACE ABLARD
MAY 12, 2006 ~ AUGUST 9, 2011

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From the first second I saw you, and every day of our life together, you filled my heart with more love and joy than I ever imagined was possible. I always told you if I loved you one bit more my heart would explode.*

You radiated joy and touched everyone you met, even people you met for moments. You were my best friend, my snuggle buddy, my reason for getting up in the morning.

Your zeal to learn and explore life astounded me. You were game for anything. Trips, new friends, cooking, going anywhere anytime. Learning to knit at your age, the books you devoured, learning French, playing violin, your creativity and constant ideas and questions about life. But most of all your kindness and compassion toward everyone, human and animal.

I am so so blessed to have had every second I spent with you. I always told you I was the luckiest mommy in the whole wide world, ever, anywhere, of anyone.

You loved God so. And you were confused whenever you learned of someone who didn't believe in Him. All of your questions about Heaven and God, and reminding us to pray, made me a better person.

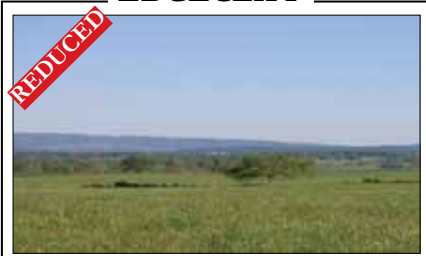
I won't say goodbye to you my Love Love. I'll just wait and work longingly until the day I get to see you again, my dear sweet Angel Baby, Love of my Life.

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NEWS OF NOTE

THE BLACKBURN MURDER

DANIEL MORROW

In early 1854, Mary Anderson, arguably one of the most beautiful women in Virginia, refused to walk to church with Charles Burks Christian, a Lexington Virginia law student. Humiliated, Christian later confronted and killed Mary's cousin, VMI Cadet Thomas Blackburn. This is the story of that murder, the trials that followed, and the impact of those events on young men and women who would all too soon face the larger trials of the American Civil War.

Part Two: The Mistress of "Col Alto"

Sally Campbell Preston McDowell, the erstwhile aunt of the all-too-soon-to-be-murdered Tom Blackburn, was 32 years old in 1854.

On the day before Tom's murder, she had marked the eighth anniversary of her headline-making divorce from Blackburn's uncle, the former Governor of Maryland.

Even a century-and-a-half later, historians still cited her case as a prime example of the devastating effects of divorce on a young woman of even the highest social standing in 19th century Virginia.

A social pariah in some circles, since her separation in

1842 Sally had lived with her younger sister at Col Alto, their father's house, within walking distance of the Presbyterian Church in the center of town.

But for her divorce she may well have been one of the most prominent and powerful women in two states...

She was the eldest daughter of pre-war Lexington's favorite son, James McDowell, the first Virginia Governor born west of the Blue Ridge Mountains. He had died three years earlier, in 1851.

Her mother, who died in 1847, was the daughter of U.S. Congressman Francis Smith Preston and Sarah Buchanan Campbell, a niece of Patrick Henry.

In 1837, when Sally was barely 15, she began her fateful relationship with Blackburn's uncle, Francis Thomas, then a U.S. Congressman from Maryland.

She had been sent to Washington, DC, to learn the skills expected of a lady of her station at Miss English's Female Seminary in Georgetown.

While there, she lived with the family of the prominent and powerful Missouri Senator, Thomas Hart Benton, and his wife, Sally's aunt, Elizabeth Preston McDowell.

One of the Benton's daughters, Jessie Ann, just two years younger than Sally, would become her best friend.

Over the next four years, both Sally and Jessie became popular fixtures in the social life of the capital. Both were young, beautiful, increasingly adept socially, and the wards of one of the most powerful men in the city.

Blackburn's uncle Frank lived in the same boarding house as the Bentons. He courted Sally for four years from the day he met her in 1837 until she finally agreed to marry him, over the objections of her father.

Frank Thomas later claimed Sally seduced him, and that her aunt Elizabeth had actively encouraged the marriage. Thomas's cause may also have been helped by Sally's best friend, cousin, and friendly rival, Jessie Benton, also happily engaged in a relationship with an older man unpopular with her parents. In 1841, three months after Sally married Francis Thomas, Jessie would marry John Charles Fremont, an officer, explorer, and budding national hero, 11 years her senior.

Frank Thomas's enemies (Sally's father first among them) later insisted he was insane. Others, including Frank himself, insisted that if he were, Sally had driven him there.

Before the end of their first year of marriage, Francis Thomas and his new young wife celebrated the end of a

long and successful political campaign, and his inauguration as the newly elected governor of Maryland. A few months later he accused his young wife of having an affair with his law partner, who also happened to be her cousin.

When, shortly thereafter, Sally miscarried, Thomas implied strongly that she had aborted the fruit of the incestuous relationship, an act considered both mortally sinful and civilly criminal.

Thomas soon started divorce proceedings.

Divorces in mid-19th century Maryland, however, could only be granted by the passage of a special act of the state legislature.

So, to support his case, Thomas published a pamphlet outlining his charges against Virginia Governor McDowell's favorite daughter. He distributed said pamphlet not only to every member of the Maryland State legislature, but to every member of the United States Congress as well.

The McDowells replied by starting their own divorce proceeding in Virginia, which also required a special act of the state legislature.

The result was a double divorce, after five years of personal, legal and sometimes physical confrontation. The proceedings became the talk of Washington, Maryland and Vir-



Sally Campbell Preston McDowell
From the collection of Raleigh Colston Minor, in Thomas E. Buckley, ed., "If You Love That Lady Don't Marry Her: The Courtship Letters of Sally McDowell and John Miller, 1854-1856" (Columbia, Missouri and London: University of Missouri Press, 2000)

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The press, predictably, was delighted.

Two governors, some of 19th-century America's most prominent religious, legal and political figures took sides.

The extended Thomas and McDowell families, their friends, and neighbors did the same.

By January 1854, on the eve of her former nephew's tragic death, however, Sally's life had begun to change.

After well over a decade of shame, religious contempt and largely self-imposed so-

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THE CIVIL WAR: COMMEMORATION OR CELEBRATION?

A PERSONAL PERSPECTIVE

JOE DEMPSEY

When asked to write something about the Sesqui-centennial of the Civil War it immediately occurred to me that I had a rather personal connections with its first major battle and a commemoration of that fight that took place exactly one hundred years later

My ties are family ties: as many as six great or great-great grandfathers who suited up on July 21st, 1861 for a clumsy engagement that took place along a creek through farmland near a railroad junction at Manassas, Virginia.

The events of that day was not expected to be all that momentous by those preparing to struggle through them, not to mention the throngs of casual observers who followed the federal troops of Brigadier General Irvin McDowell from Arlington Heights to the south side of Bull Run, where my ancestors formed ranks to meet them.

By the end of the day, everyone on those fields, bridges, fords and roads

would understand that something of deadly serious significance had taken place, that would change their lives forever

A hundred years later, in 196, my parents and I returned to that creek, those rolling hills and the railroad junction with my grandmother, whose father had been there, in July of 1861. I was 15.

It was hot. As Adrian Cronauer said in Good Morning Vietnam, it was "Damn hot." A Coke in a 8 oz. Dixie (no pun intended) cup cost \$1.00, which is probably ten bucks in today's currency!

I was supposed to looking for "Stonewall." Instead I was looking for shade.

I remember the heat, and the smoke and troops in blue and gray, many from the North-South Skirmishers Association. The US Army also provided about 1,000 troops, to shore up the weak northern contingent..

Other than the heat, a good time was had by all, but another battle was

brewing.

The United States Civil War Centennial Commission, established by Act of Congress in 1957 to "commemorate" the events of 1861-1865 was getting flak, a lot of it, from those offended for one reason or another by either their very existence or they way they were doing their job, which was mainly one of coordination of independent state commissions.

Some historians expressed horror that battles were being "celebrated" by the Commission on ground where Americans had given their lives, ground they considered sacred..

Many Americans were either ambivalent, or opposed to the whole idea of the "Centennial."

Others resented the approach to the commemoration by southerners, who they saw as celebrating the confederacy. In many cases, including my own, they were right. I had my own Confederate Battle Flag and carried it, as did many others, without a second thought.

Worse, at the Centennial Commission's first Assembly, in Charleston, South Carolina in April 1961, Madaline Williams, a member of New Jersey's State Commission, was told that she wouldn't be able to stay with the rest of her delegation.

She was not "white."

The Charleston hotel where the events were being held was segregated.

When word reached the new President, John Kennedy, he ordered the convention moved to Washington, to the Charleston Navy Yard.

In July the Commission was completely re-organized, and Kennedy named noted historians Allan Nevins, Chairman and James I. Robertson, Jr., a young PhD from the faculty of the University of Iowa Executive Directors. The two went on to resurrect, re-direct and transform the nation's approach to the commemoration of Civil War events.

Robertson went on to become the Alumni Distinguished Professor of History at Virginia Polytechnic

Institute and State University, where he taught Civil War History and reverence for the dignity of our sacred battlefields. I later become one of his students, a great admirer, and a man still in his debt. I no longer attend reenactments. My battle flag is furled.

Let's avoid the mistakes of 50 years ago and all plan to "commemorate" history.

There will be an abundance of Sesquicentennial activities within the Mosby Heritage Area during the next four years.

I hope you will take advantage of these once in a lifetime opportunities to both commemorate and preserve our history.

See it! Save it! Pass it on!

Joseph Dempsey, is a local historian, retired real estate agent, veteran US Army captain, member of the Mosby Heritage Area Association Board and resident of Marshall.

CHRISTMAS PLANNING CONTINUES

MIDDLEBURG TOWN COUNCIL

DANIEL MORROW

Middleburg business owners overwhelmingly prefer a return to a two-parade format for the town's Christmas in Middleburg celebration according to a survey, conducted by Punkin Lee of the Middleburg Business and Professional Association

Middleburg Town Councilmember Kathy Jo Shea, who serves as the town's official representative to a newly constituted "Christmas in Middleburg" working committee reported that "nearly every business in Town participated in the survey."

If the independent non-profit that runs the annual event concurs, the 2011 celebrations will feature the traditional parade of the Middleburg Hunt in the morning, with an afternoon parade highlighting the arrival of Santa, with bands, floats and marching units. Decisions about when each parade would start and finish are still under discussion.

A formal memorandum of understanding with the independent non profit that actually funds and runs the parade is also being drafted, outlining specific duties and responsibilities for all the stakeholders, public and private, in the annual event.

According to Shea, the working group also hopes to see an expansion of the all-day celebration into something resembling a Christmas Festival, with activities for adults and children all around the town.

Vice Mayor Kirk suggested the Committee might well keep in mind that holding two parades would cost more, especially in terms of police time. She also noted that the Virginia Department of Transportation, which actually owns the streets of Middleburg, tended not to like closing US Route 50, Middleburg's main street, twice in one day. Discussions continue.

Fire and Rescue Issues

In response to the queries from Councilmember about the

status of the Middleburg Volunteer Fire Department, Mayor Davis reported that she had received a letter from Paul Draisey, Treasurer of the volunteer organization, indicating that "the career staff had returned to the Middleburg station as of last Sunday [August 7]."

All of Middleburg's career, non-volunteer, fire and rescue personnel had left the Middleburg Station on orders from the county after an incident on the night of July 13.

They returned, according to Draisey's letter, under the terms of a new protocol governing the duties and responsibilities of career and volunteer staff.

Davis told her colleagues that Draisey had sent his regrets that neither he, nor any other senior officer in the department could attend

August's council session personally.

According to the Mayor, Draisey "... apologized for any confusion and explained that the career staff was still on duty to serve Middleburg and Aldie even though they left the immediate area.

Draisey's letter also indicated that demolition continued in preparation for expansion of the fire station. The department will provide updates on progress, he said.

Vice Mayor Kirk observed that the demolition crews working on the station were both noisy, and hard at work on some mornings by 6:30 a.m. Town Planner and Zoning Administrator David Beniamino asked that Ms. Kirk contact him directly, if and when she heard construction starting before 7:00 AM.

Architects Selected for Library Expansion

Dennis Cotter reported that the Middleburg Library Advisory Board had chosen Tumure Architecture & Design of Middleburg and Clites Architects, PC, both of Middleburg, as architects for the expansion of the Middleburg Public Library.

Both Tim Clites and Bill Tumure are well known for their work in and around Middleburg. Both have served on the Middleburg Historic District Review Committee; Tumure as its Chair. Clites has also served on the Town Planning Commission and the Board of the Middleburg Community Center, which owns the land and building which house the library.

Cotter reported that the Board was moving into Phase 2 of the library expansion plan, design and pre-construction, scheduled for completion in May 2012.

By September, the Advisory Board will formally begin fund raising (already, unofficially, under way). With good fortune the group hopes to have fundes in hand by April 2012

If financial goals are met, actual construction on the addition will begin June 1 and be completed in December 2012.

in order to provide a short update on the project.

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— A Story of Ambition and Recovery —

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CANNONBALL COMIN'!

SUNBELT SENIOR TOUR RETURNS TO LOUDOUN COUNTY

ALEX CUDABACK

The Country's second highest ranking senior's tour - the Sunbelt Senior Tour - is making its return to Loudoun County with the 2011 Cannonball Invitational Pro-Am, running from September 11 through the 13th.

The Club at Creighton Farms will host the tournament, marking another significant Loudoun County sporting event.

The Club at Creighton Farms in Aldie is a Jack Nicklaus Signature Golf Course and winner of 4 national awards for best new private club in America. The Inaugural Cannonball Invitational was held last year at The Club and the winner, Gary Trivisonno, returns to defend his title. There is no charge for this great event and all golf enthusiasts are welcomed to attend.

"Returning to Loudoun County and Virginia is another significant step for the Sunbelt Senior Tour," said Don Barnes, commissioner and founder of the Sunbelt Senior Tour. "Rick Bechtold and the team at The Club at Creighton Farms does a first-class job and this is one of the most anticipated stops on the tour."

The Cannonball Invitation is more than just high quality



golf. Last year's event was a smashing success that raised over \$35,000 for charity. This year, all benefits from the event will stay in Loudoun County, with the primary beneficiaries being the Loudoun Community Health Clinic (www.loudounchc.org) and the Windy Hill Foundation (www.windyhill-foundation.org).

"We couldn't be happier about or more grateful for the generosity of these two great organizations, the Sunbelt Senior Tour and The Club at Creighton Farms," said Windy Hill Foundation President Joe Boling. "This is going to be a fantastic event played on one of the real gems of Loudoun County."

The Cannonball is held in conjunction with 100 Women Strong and The Blewitt Foundation for Wounded Warriors organizations.

'ON THE ROAD AGAIN MOBILE MECHANIC' FOR CONVENIENCE & DEPENDABILITY

On The Road Again Mobile Mechanic, a new business in Loudoun County, visits homes and businesses for preventative maintenance and repairs of vehicles.

Owners Ryan and Angelle Bascom saw a niche for such a service when Angelle told him about comments made to her while working at Tom Sweitzer's A Place To Be in Middleburg.

Knowing her husband was an excellent mechanic, Angelle clients often mentioned how much they needed service on their vehicles but had little time to do so or were unable find an honest, reasonable mechanic.

After discussing this opportunity, the enterprising couple decided to start On The Road Again Mobile Mechanic.

Founded to provide exemplary customer convenience, to service vehicles whenever and wherever needed as quickly as possible, Bascom's business offers to ser-

vice vehicles in the customer's own driveway, usually in a few hours or less.

Bascom's customers will not have to go to a shop where the mechanic might keep the vehicle for days or even weeks.

Because they are a small business, customer satisfaction is very important. Bascom's goal is to provide the best possible automotive care at a great price.

With more than 10 years of experience as a mechanic, auto body painter and repairman, Bascom is also a restoration artist, welder and fabricator for new, used and even classic cars.

On The Road Again is eager for new business and is accepting new customers in Loudoun and Fauquier counties. They offer a wide range of services, from simple oil changes, to new brakes, and more. For a full list of services, please visit their website: www.ontheroadagainmm.weebly.com, call 540-408-3379, or email ontheroadagainmm@gmail.com

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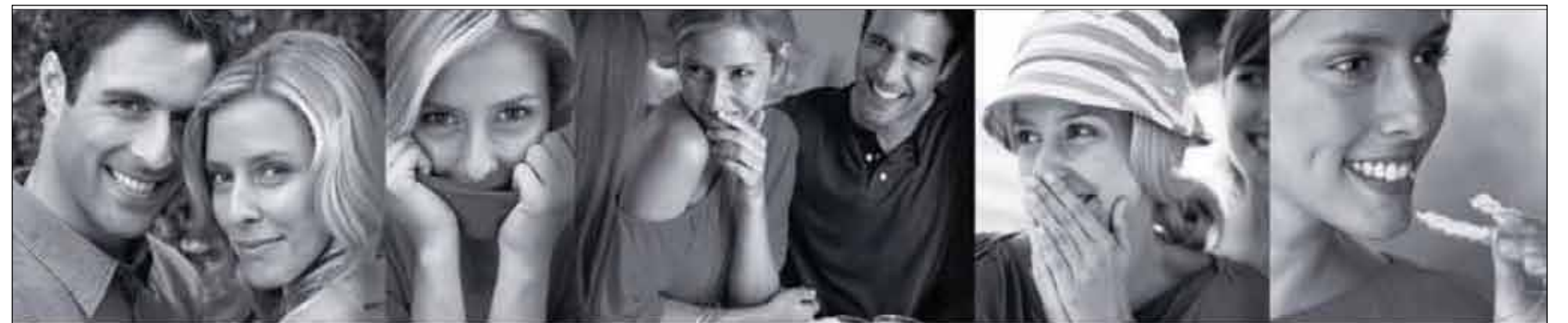


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EDITOR'S DESK

THE CONTENT OF HIS CHARACTER

This month, the Martin Luther King National Memorial was dedicated on the Mall in Washington, DC, nearly 43 years after his assassination in Memphis, April 4, 1968.

He was 39. From the site one can see the memorial to Thomas Jefferson, a slave owner, whose monument is inscribed with the self-evident truth that all men are created equal.

Across the road is the memorial to Lincoln, inscribed with his words at Gettysburg, reiterating Jefferson's compelling proposition that all men are created equal.

Born on the eve of the Great Depression, King saw little of the equality they believed in, or that all three struggled to achieve.

King was nearly 11 when Hitler invaded Poland. He came of age doing the war that followed.

He was barely 16 when the world began to see incontrovertible evidence of the horrors of racism given its head, evils long rumored and feared, but on a scale beyond the imagination of all but those who participated in it, or in its eradication.

He was 25 when the Supreme Court declared segregated schools illegal; 33 by the time congress passed legislation guaranteeing his right to vote, 34 before the law of the land guaranteed his right to eat in any public restaurant, or sleep in any hotel open to other Americans. He died at the height of another war, five years later.

His life was a memorial to indefatigable non-violence. May his memorial be not only a monument to his life but a call to action in the spirit he so nobly advanced.

THE DEBT CEILING "COMPROMISE"

PURPLE

BRUCE SMART

Coming home to Virginia after some R&R in Maine and Canada, Purple confronted a tall stack of newspapers describing the government's efforts to deal with the economic crisis our nation faces. But what embroiled Congress and the Administration - raising the Federal Debt Ceiling - has little to do with improving the nation's finances. It is only a symptom of the underlying illness.

The Debt Ceiling needed to be raised to allow the nation to pay for spending already approved by Congress. Since revenues (taxes and fees), also determined by Congress, have been inadequate to cover that spending, added borrowing was required. The amount needed would push the nation's accumulated debt above the existing limit by August 2nd. Raising the ceiling, routinely done for many years, has no impact on future spending and revenues; those are determined by actions of the Congress and the President. But not raising the ceiling would force the nation to default on its fiscal obligations to creditors, miss social security payments to citizens, and create turmoil in financial markets.

Unfortunately, right wing zealots in Congress saw the Debt Ceiling Issue as a way to force immediate spending cuts in programs they don't like, threatening to hold the ceiling at its current levels until their demands

were met. No consideration was given to which cuts would be least harmful to the struggling economy, and no revenue increases to help offset the deficit could be considered. Some observers likened this "take no prisoners" approach to extortion, believing with some logic that the Administration would cave as the nation could not allow a default. Others saw it as partisan positioning for the 2012 elections.

The last minute August 2nd "compromise" only kicks the problem down the road. Over 10 years, starting on October 1st, 2011, spending cuts of \$917 billion are called for. In addition, a select panel of Congress members, six from each party, is charged with providing a plan for further reducing the deficit by \$1.5-1.8 trillion over that period. This plan would be submitted to Congress for an up-or-down vote, no amendments allowed. Failure to submit and approve such a plan would trigger massive cuts in Defense and Medicare spending, "poison pill" provisions presumably sufficiently toxic to each party to ensure that some plan is forthcoming.

After wondering why he didn't stay in Canada, where it's cooler, the fishing is good, and fiscal problems are comparatively small, Purple's reaction is to blame both sides: the Republicans for threatening to damage the nation if they can't get their way, and the Democrats for a poor job of explaining what was at stake

and what should be done.

Yes, America has a major deficit problem. We have lived beyond our means for several years, especially during 2001-2008, a period involving two costly wars (one unnecessary), a new prescription drug entitlement, and two massive tax cuts favoring the affluent, followed by an unregulated speculative real estate bubble, bank failures, a stock market crash, and unacceptable 10% unemployment. Almost every politically unaligned expert who has studied the resulting chaos believes that we must both cut costs, especially in health care entitlements, and raise revenues through a combination of removing tax deductions and adjusting rates.

That will be politically difficult. Powerful interests will defend tax code provisions and spending programs that benefit them. And government has other huge unaddressed problems, including unemployment, climate change and immigration.

But government is elected to enact policies that are in America's overall interest; our future depends on it. Based on the recent squabble, Purple is unsure whether the current two Parties, as they now operate, are capable of doing so. We may be coming to a period where America needs to give deep thought to how it is being governed. He hopes fervently that the current Congress and Administration will prove those fears unfounded.

HYPOCRISY

TOM PRATT

If, as the old saying goes "the cream always rises to the top" is applied to the most recent front runners in the Republican race for the presidency, I think the cream has curdled on the way.

This month we will dig deeper into the philosophies of the two candidates most seen in the news of late: Michele Bachmann and Rick Perry.

Starting with Perry's "Texas Miracle" Perry claims that Texas created almost 40% of all the new jobs created in the U.S. since the so-called recovery began. The actual percentage claim is almost true, but let's see why:

Immigration, mostly from Mexico and largely illegal, has been a major factor in those numbers. It is also not mentioned that a major percentage of those jobs are less than minimum wage, carry no health plans or retirement benefits.

Perry seems to be taking credit for the facts that Texas has no state income tax, its regulatory conditions are contained and flexible its government is small and its right-to-work law does not impose unions on businesses or employees.

What he fails to say is, according to John Galbraith, "Texas has been a low-tax, low-service state since the time of the Republic, and notes that it's impossible that this fact suddenly accounts for its better job performance over the past few years."

Texas has, for decades, benefited from high oil and gas prices related to the State's energy production that really has nothing to do with Perry being governor.

Following the S&L crisis, Texas instituted much more strict housing finance laws and, therefore, was not as badly hit by the subprime housing disaster. Of course, Perry and most of the GOP fight tougher regulations in Washington.

The claim that Texas is "financially responsible" is also skewed. Texas had a shortfall of \$6.6 billion in its budget and Perry says he worked hard to make tough cuts and balance the budget. According to a CNN report, \$6.4 billion of that shortfall was plugged by Recovery Act money, which again Perry and his cohorts constantly refer to as "failed stimulus" plans.

While slashing taxes, cutting Medicaid drastically, reducing student aid to 43,000 low income students and reducing the state's education fund by \$10 billion he has thrown bones to his rich political donors under the guise of promoting business opportunities.

He is a man of the rich for the rich and created by the rich.

Perry also is not very concerned about the separation of church and state, prefers to think that Global Warming is a myth and that the earth was most probably created 10,000 years ago.

If this is the kind of person you want as president, vote for him.

Now for Michele:

A very interesting insight about Bachmann has been provided by Frank Schaeffer, whose father was Francis Schaeffer, one of the most influential evangelical Christian theologians and philosophers of the 1970s and 80s and who by Michele's own admission had a major impact on her life and politics after she watched Schaeffer's film "How Should We Then Live?"

According to Frank Schaeffer, who has since renounced his father's teachings and philosophies, Bachmann is from the "fringe of the fringe" of far right evangelicals, the Reconstructionist Dominionist movement.

Bachmann was recently asked by reporter Byron York, "While running for Congress in 2006, your husband said you should study for a degree in tax law, you said you hated the idea but you explained that The Lord said Be submissive: Wives... be submissive to your husbands."

"As president would you be submissive to your husband?"

Her answer was that she and her husband define "submission" as her loving him.

Frank Schaeffer gives a deeper meaning to "submission" as it applies to Bachmann. He says that her answer was well rehearsed in anticipation of that

question.

The truth is that she comes from a movement called Quiver full which means having unlimited children, no birth control, home schooling, train your kids at home and take them out of public school systems. He claims that she has been involved with this movement for over 20 years. The movement also espouses wifely submission and misogyny that puts the husband at the head of the house in the most traditional sense.

Schaeffer goes on to say that Bachmann, Perry, Palin, George Bush and many others of that ilk in their "Christian America" are

not patriots and hate America as it is today but wrap themselves in the American flag.

In reality, they hate what America stands for today: a multicultural society that embraces gay people and is a homogeneous society that seeks to incorporate all races and ethnic creeds into its culture. Perry recently said, "a black cloud hangs over America."

I wonder if the "Black Cloud" has a name.

So again if you want a person such as Michele Bachmann at the helm of this country cast your vote for her and her "Christian America."

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EDITOR'S DESK

ON THE KILLING OF OSAMA BIN LADEN

DR. ANTHONY WELLS

In a July article entitled, "Shoot First, Ask Questions Later," two British barristers, Ai Naseem Bajwa, Queen's Counsel, and Anna Morris, noted that "voices of disquiet" had begun to emerge "about the state killing of an unarmed person in another sovereign state and the fact that he [Osama bin Laden] would . . . never stand trial for his alleged crimes."

Noting that only an act of self defense or a resolution of the UN Security Counsel would justify the use of force by one state on the territory of another, the authors insisted that the "US has some way to go in persuading the international legal community that killing bin Laden was a necessary and proportionate act of self-defence and not the extra-judicial execution of their most wanted man."

From my perspective the killing of Osama Bin Laden was absolutely justified on solid legal grounds. Why?

Bin Laden in effect declared war on the United States, and proceeded to commit atrocities against this country and its Allies.

1. He was a non-state player acting outside the international order and therefore not entitled to any of the benefits of the Geneva Conventions or the normal code of international law embodied in the UN Conventions and the International Criminal Court

2. He used other nation states to cover his activities and provide sanctuary while using the non military international environment to mask the movement of his operatives:

Bin Laden was, in my view, a new breed of international terrorist combatant acting outside the bounds of international law and committing atrocities outside the bounds of the conventional Rules of War accepted by most of the civilized world.

He committed criminal acts of a magnitude that set extraordinary precedents for a non-state player (as opposed to state players such as Adolf Hitler and his henchmen, and the World War Two Japanese leadership that committed war crimes, and were subsequently tried for their crimes if they survived the war).

He could not be easily apprehended and or his international terrorism curtailed except by aggressive means.

As a result he opened himself up to being eliminated as a new unprecedented non-state player that behaved as a warlike combatant.

The United States thus had every right to eliminate him as a threat to US national security. He was an enemy, non state combatant by another name. His actions prevented him from enjoying the rights to become a prisoner of war or enjoy the rights of an international criminal.

Osama Bin Laden thus, by his own actions, compelled the application of an unprecedented set of a key ground rules to frame US retaliation against him, and other international non-state-player extremists.

If Bin Laden had been detained, transported to either Guantanamo in Cuba or a jail in New York City to be tried in the US Federal District Court in Manhattan, he would have become an international extremist martyr.

New York City would have become the target of all targets, the costs of the trial and security would have been enormous.

And if, like the Okla-

homa City bomber, Timothy McVeigh, he was sentenced to death and executed in a US federal penitentiary and his body left in prison grounds in perpetuity, the implications of this are self evident to even the most untutored.

Expediency, pragmatism, common sense, trade craft, Presidential duty, US law, and indeed unprecedented international common law derived from the UN Charter, combine to make only one decision possible – Bin Laden had to die, his body had to be buried at sea in accordance with Moslem practice, and the operation had to be totally covert until the President decided to make it public.

This, in my view, is the nexus of the legal decision.

Bin laden was a mass murderer of enormous proportions and a threat to world peace and well being. This operation created an international common law precedent. What will not help is a recitation of the blindingly obvious parts of the UN Charter, conceived in an era when international terrorism and extremism of

huge proportions was on no one's scope.

President Obama fulfilled his sworn constitutional duty to "Support and Defend the Constitution of the United States against all Enemies, Foreign and Domestic".

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WHAT WOULD TEXAS\$ DO?

BLUE NOTES

DANIEL MORROW

No doubt about it, Rick Perry not only has the answers to all the nations economic ills, he has the beta site to prove he's right: TEXAS\$

Recession? We don't allow them in Texas. Start with an oil industry raking in profits from those who don't have one, and then have oil prices rise from \$25 a barrel to \$150. Don't have an oil industry? Get the government off your back and go get one. (See deregulation and fracking, below)

Housing crisis? Not in Texas. We didn't have much of a housing bubble because our banks were very tightly regulated and didn't make quite so many outrageous, predatory, money grubbing loans.. (Oops, forget that. We hate government regulation). Better idea? Pass legislation that will guarantee a warm climate and a cost of living low enough to attract immigrants from all the other states. If Texas can do it, EVERY state can do it. There are, by definition enough Americans for every state to attract more than they lose. And if not, there are

always foreigners, except we don't like them very much.

Unemployment? Not in Texas. Keep wages low and the population growing and there are plenty of minimum wage jobs (Texas leads the nation) and people desperate enough to take them. That doesn't mean that ALL our jobs our low wage. It just means we have more than anyone else. (Who do you think WORKS for those guys you used to watch on "Dallas")

Health Insurance? Not in Texas. We lead the nation in uninsured workers, but we don't worry about it. Why should we? Those who don't die will move. And no insurance is cheap insurance, keeping the cost of living (nasty, brutish and short though living for some may be) quite low.

Expensive Labor? Not here. See unemployment above. Or, if your state is falling behind the other states in attracting your fair share of the pool of mobile internal migrants, move closer to an international border.

Burdensome Regulation? Not in Texas. Our industries prefer to self regulate, we let

PUBLIC LIBRARIES: ESSENTIAL IN RECESSIONS

JOSÉ-MARIE GRIFFITHS
DONALD W. KING

Public libraries continue to face deep cuts in budget, staff and hours as states and municipalities struggle with a recession that is reluctant to loosen its grip.

Studies we conducted between 2004 and 2008, and then updated in 2010 provided abundant evidence that libraries and the services they provide are especially important during times of recession.

Our data show that every year over the past two decades, use of public libraries has increased by over 2 billion visits annually.

In fact, when remote access to public libraries through the Internet is included, the number of visits per capita has more than doubled during the same two decades.

When we looked specifically at the previous two recessions, we saw that growth in visits to libraries as well as services they offered rose well above previous levels.

Use also remained high following a recovery as new and continuing users discovered the value of library services.

The extensive use of libraries during recessions is partially the result of public libraries' adjusting services to fill recession-related needs.

It also stems from a growing public confidence in the trustworthiness of information provided by libraries, the quality of services offered and the convenient access.

Contrary to the popular myth that public libraries serve primarily the recreational needs of their communities, the overwhelming majority (over 70 percent) of visits to public libraries are for non-recreational purposes.

Nearly a quarter of adult visits are to address personal or family-related needs, such as help

with health and wellness issues, personal finance, how to make or fix something, or to keep current with news or find jobs.

The proportion of visits that are job-related increased from 3 percent in 2009 to 11 percent in 2010. Most public libraries now provide access to jobs databases, civil-service-exam materials, software to help create résumés, and other employment-related information. They help users complete online job applications and offer helpful classes.

About one in eight visits is by a small business — and even some large ones — to conduct research and to seek information and support regarding legal, financial and operational concerns. Public libraries have often helped small businesses get started.

Some one-third of visits are for educational needs — and not just for children doing homework or adults continuing their education. Teachers often use

public libraries for their continued education or to keep up with professional literature; they also rely on public libraries to prepare for class or lectures.

Recessions continue to place a burden on public libraries and the communities they serve. Without budgets for new purchases, collections grow stale and outdated for lack of new volumes and updates.

When a library closes, a user bears an additional burden: He or she winds up spending about 45 additional minutes and more than \$20 per visit to find and use alternative sources of information.

Public libraries have adapted to reduced collection purchases by relying heavily on interlibrary borrowing. Many now also have formal partnerships with government agencies and industries to meet the growing need for access to government information, services and forms, or for help understanding government programs.

Finally, public libraries in most communities have been able to accommodate sharp increases in service offerings and usage because of their committed and highly motivated staff who believe in their mission to serve the public.

Clearly, public libraries are essential to all sectors of society and for many different types of use. Do not sell this essential community resource short!

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THE PRICE OF COMPLEXITY

CHANDLER VAN VOORHIS

As the summer of record temperatures and heated rhetoric comes to a close, it is time to look beyond sound bites and talking points when it comes to the fiscal health of our nation.

Recently, Warren Buffet called for raising taxes on Americans earning more than \$1m per year and additional taxes on those American's earning more than \$10m. Federal Income taxes account for 45% of all the revenue government receives.

So lets take Buffet's suggestion to the maximum extreme -- confiscate the rest of the after tax income from the super rich. This would only add additional \$186 billion and reduce our current year deficit from \$1.5 Trillion to \$1.314 Trillion (still a big number). So lets take the rest of the income from

those earning between \$1m and \$10m. Okay that drops our annual deficit down by another \$266 billion. Now that we have completely confiscated all the income from those earning more than \$1m, we still need to borrow well over a \$1 Trillion

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\$200,000 under \$500,000	\$905,347,402	\$176,322,148	\$729,025,254
\$500,000 under \$1,000,000	\$332,037,478	\$80,458,185	\$251,579,293
\$1,000,000 under \$1,500,000	\$130,149,237	\$32,755,871	\$97,393,366
\$1,500,000 under \$2,000,000	\$76,148,200	\$19,393,235	\$56,754,965
\$2,000,000 under \$5,000,000	\$182,986,391	\$46,943,489	\$136,042,902
\$5,000,000 under \$10,000,000	\$97,493,167	\$24,617,005	\$72,876,162
\$10,000,000 or more	\$240,133,885	\$53,790,072	\$186,343,813

dollars from other countries to pay for all our spending. Obviously, such an example is absurd.

Equally absurd is what is happening with the bottom 47% of wage earners (those earning \$50K or less). Yes, nearly half

of all taxpayers pay zero income taxes. Matter of fact the bottom 40% receives income from the federal government, meaning they receive more money in tax credits than they would otherwise be obligated to pay in federal income taxes. This is not to say they do not pay other taxes such as social security or

While we have both a revenue problem and a spending

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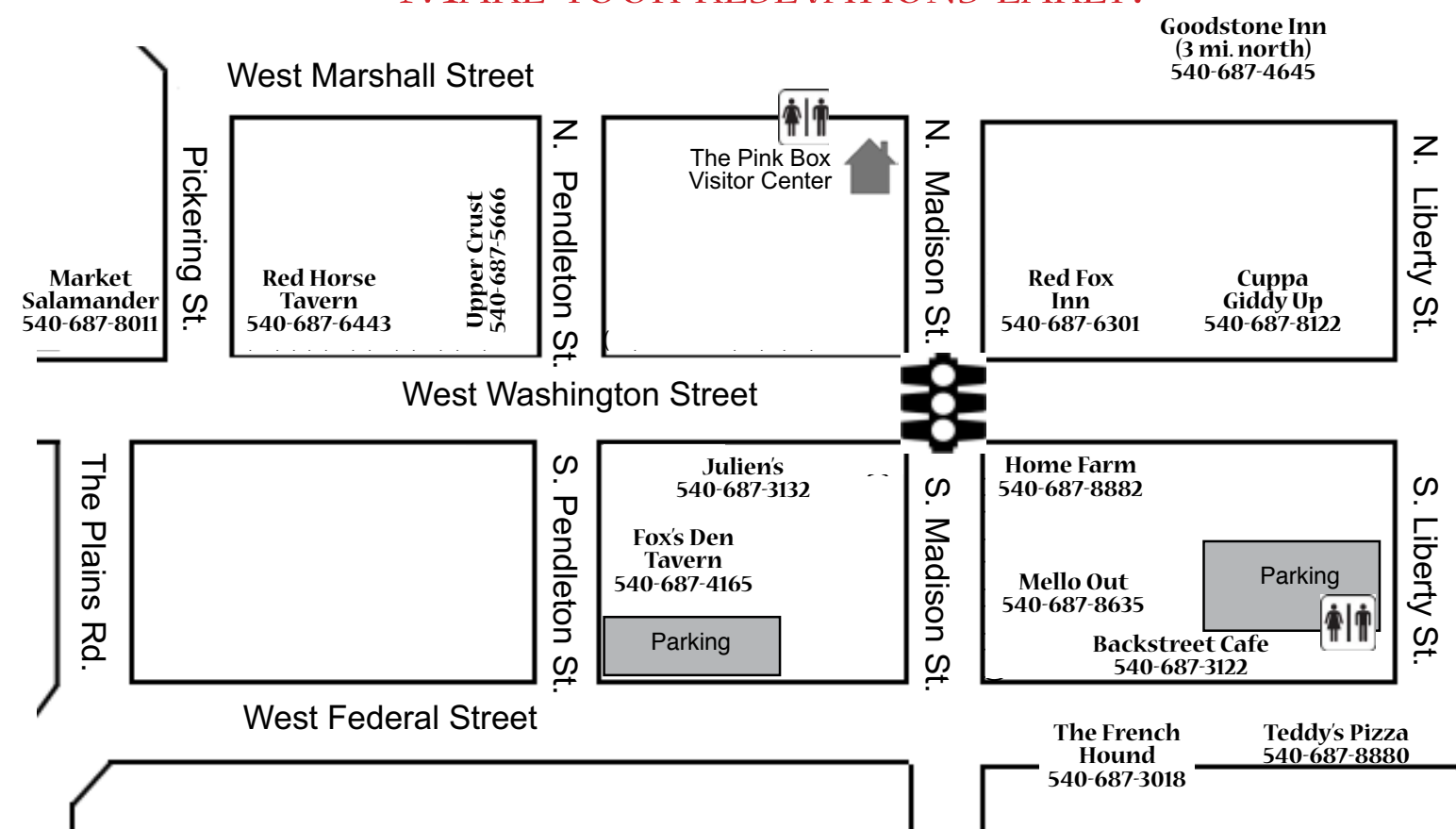
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When Brian Stow was beaten nearly to death in L.A. nearly five months ago, the outrage and horror were palpable across the country.

People shook their heads and asked each other what the world was coming to.

Random violence and senseless acts of cruelty are not new to the world, or the country, sadly. They happen every day, so often, in fact, that we've become almost numb to them.

But Brian Stow's story resonated more widely and stayed in the public eye so much longer because of where it happened, and why: outside Dodgers' Stadium, and because Stow, a Giants' fan, had the tenacity to where a jersey of his favorite team to show his support at their SoCal rival's home-opener.

Yes, Brian Stow was beaten nearly to death because he was rooting for the wrong team.

He's still in the hospital, if you're keeping score at home.

The story gradually faded into the background, as these types of stories almost always do. The global economy was in freefall. Wars and revolutions rippled across the landscape. Politicians dickered and dithered. The NFL lockout ended. The NBA lockout began.

But this past Saturday night, once again in California but this time further north, in Brian Stow's hometown of San Francisco, ironically, another spasm of violence broke out at yet another professional sporting event.

This time the venue was San Francisco's storied Candlestick Park, home of the 49ers, and site of a preseason game against San

Francisco's cross-bay rival, the Oakland Raiders.

This time the victim was a 24-year-old Raiders fan who chose to support the Silver ad Black by wearing a t-shirt that read, in part, "F-- the Niners."

He was shot, several times, according to reports, in the stomach. He was left in the parking lot, like so much trash, to die. As of this writing the victim was still alive. Barely. A "person of interest" was being sought by police.

One other person was shot in the parking lot, though his wounds are apparently less severe.

And several brawls broke out in the stands.

And, for good measure, another man was beaten in a restroom.

I went to high school in Massachusetts, where hockey is king and games are taken seriously. Players' talents and accomplishments often translate into generous scholarships to prestigious colleges and universities.

But even there, even then, in high school, the viciousness and unpredictability of the mob was often on display. Too often it was parents who pushed too far, screaming and howling at opponents and officials alike. Enabled and energized by the people who should've known better, it was no wonder that students followed suit.

There was no violence, at least then, but looking back on it I'm not certain it was anything other than dumb luck that prevented it.

I coached Little League baseball when I lived in Ohio, and that was no better. I love baseball, and I love Little League. The Little League World Series, now being telecast on ESPN, is one of my must-see-TV events of the year. But too often the parents and coaches lost sight of what

was supposed to be going on in front of them; this was a game, a diversion, a chance to bond with and learn from others, an opportunity to grow and become more than you were. What they too often made it was gladiatorial combat, win at all costs match-ups where second-place was too often sneered at as the first-place loser.

Nice. College athletics, while full of too many feel-good stories that never see the light of day, is more and more defined by criminality, theft and thuggery. And that's just the grown-ups, the coaches and boosters and administrators who are supposed to serve as examples and mentors for the still-malleable young men and women entrusted to them.

Remember the Alabama "fan" that spiked the 130-year-old oak trees that stand on Toomer's Corner at Auburn University? He was 62! Are you kidding me?

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Now, people might say I've derailed, that I've lost my train of thought. What does all this have to do with a couple isolated incidents of thuggery out in California?

A lot, I'd say.

People will tell you it's all about alcohol sales at sporting events. You wait. They will.

And I won't dispute that drunk and stupid go together like Bonnie and Clyde.

But the problem's deeper than that.

The problem's that people have

forgotten what we were all supposed to learn back on sandlots, in Little League, on soccer fields, in swimming pools, wherever we got our first taste of sports of any kind.

It was supposed to be fun. It was supposed to bring people together. It was supposed to provide an escape from the uglier world around us.

But somehow the ugly's gotten

in, into the very heart of it.

And now people are trying to kill each other.

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THE ARTIST'S PERSPECTIVE

TOM NEEL

Kids, creativity and you! How's that for an opener? We don't have kids, but I was one once and certainly a part of me still is. Kids have wonderful imaginations. Do you know why? Because they have so little reality to screw with it.

A child's happy little brain is like an Easter egg hunt, always in a fun game of finding and collecting new interesting things. They haven't learned about currency or bills or cluttered their developing minds with phobias and responsibilities. Nope, its virgin territory, open to creativity.

I meet adults all the time though that want to be creative and they often tell me this with such desire, that it actually comes across as though they've been defeated. I can't draw a straight line with a ruler, I can't make a stick figure, I can't find the time and the best one of all, I'm just not creative.

So here's the thing. I usually then draw out of them a time when their creative life was zapped for one of responsibility. Where the kid was told, often prematurely, to become an adult or they lost it to the "burden of the responsible man - or woman"

Here's how it goes. There's a boy, he playing fireman. He's got the bright red fire truck, the hat and runs around the house making siren sounds. Now ask yourself, is his motivation one of daring and community service or creative enthusiasm? At say 6 years old, does he want to run into a burning house or does he like loud trucks with ladders and white dogs with black spots?

At some point we all grow up and have to put out life's fires, but we also often have influences which can suppress our creative desire, often with dissatisfying results. The best one is being told about "starving artists" and never told about the many who live quite

enjoyable and fruitful creative lives. There are not just a few you know? There are hundreds of thousands of professionals and they don't just paint, they make movies, create websites, design clothing and houses. They dance, they sing, are musicians or are creative thinkers. Past that, there are many that just want to be creative.

Yet it's interesting how many gifted people I meet, often very educated, but also creatively unhappy. Creativity is all about freedom of the mind. It's the freedom to explore and really about the only place left without rules, regulations, compliance and oversight. This is one of creativity's most shinning reasons to exist and I've proven time and time again to those that don't think they have it, that they indeed do in some form or level. But it has either been suppressed or now buried in responsibility.

Creativity is also not like an on off switch. It's like anything

learned. It takes enthusiasm, which kids have boat loads of and it also takes practice. Use it or loose it. But it also takes understanding of self expression. You may think you want to draw, but baby you really need to dance! Or sculpt or write, but the important thing is not to suppress it and then to explore it. In short some have fun.

Adults by their very grown up nature are results driven. We can't help it, we've become responsible and I am certainly not implying that responsibility is a bad thing. That would be missing the point entirely. I am saying that you need to allow yourself to turn that off to have a little fun. Our grown up nature to be too results driven can set us up for failure in leaning new things, especially creative ones. We become carrot and stick driven over smile driven. Having something make you smile can be quite a carrot.

So using something like drawing as an example, think how

long it took you to learn how to use a pencil. Don't think a few days. You started very young making a mess with it and having a blast. Then a teacher taught you how to draw ... I mean write. Big A, little a, big B, little b and so on. Get it? All that is, is drawing. It's straight and curvy lines placed in understandable positions. I took you much longer than you think and yet I see people take one painting class, using a paint brush, which is hundreds of times harder to use then a pencil and come out saying, I found I wasn't creative. What? Give yourself a break with new things, let it be fun first and if you have kids and really want to be creative yourself, take lessons from them. They know how to make it fun and they'll be happy you joined them.

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extended period, despite the weather. And you may want to reassess your garden to see what is worthy. Was that garden of May really worth it? Yes, if you choose the right plants.

STILL LOOKING GOOD

THE PLANT LADY



KAREN REXRODE

August is no time to access the beauty of your garden, or is it? Indeed, if any look good after this hot, dry summer, they are winners in my book. Especially when the south-eastern end of Loudoun County has watched storm after storm part and move south or north. Gardens are dusty and tired. The question I asked myself specifically "What perennials flowered in May and still look good this August?" Some of my favorite perennials look horrible. A hail storm three weeks ago did not help. Peonies planted in less than full sun have powdery mildew. Hosta and bearded ins, as a whole look terrible, a few exceptions can be noted based on variety and placement (and dodging hail pellets).

The good news is that August can still reveal some winners. My assessment was made after looking at several gardens. My conclusions are based solely on visual observations, ultimately I hoped for minimal care, maybe a little dead heading, but no regenerative cutting back. Again a tall order.

The first winner is baptisia. Glorious when in flower and foliage that persists like a champ. A native plant that prefers sun, commonly known as false indigo, the flowers can be blue, purple or yellow. I did remove seed pods, otherwise no maintenance was required. It beat out others for one single reason, the

beauty of its spring flowers. The breeding of baptisia is hot with new hybrids revealed every spring. The future is bright for this native perennial.

Second is amsonia or blue star. Another native with incredible stamina. The flowers are pale blue and Amsonia 'Blue Ice' has the bluest flowers of any species or hybrid. This perennial can easily stand as a first place winner based on its fall foliage (something baptisia lacks). Easily spotted in fall when the foliage turns yellow, it rivals any native tree for color in fall. There is no dead heading required and drought tolerance is a sure thing. Amsonia hubrichtii has been voted the Perennial Plant Association's perennial of the year for 2011.

Thirdly is spirea or meadow-sweet, a shrub that can vary in height and bloom time. Very showy and drought tolerant, I prefer those with showy foliage like S. 'Firelight' or S. 'Lime Mound'. With these the flowers are just another perk. Most of the varieties we see in gardens are non-native but there are several native species and I personally think this is an area that remains untapped. There is plenty of room for ornamental hybridization using native spirea.

There are a couple of plants that deserve honorable mentions. Thalictrum (native and non) look very good. Admittedly this is the first time I have ever considered them, but looks mean everything this late in the summer.

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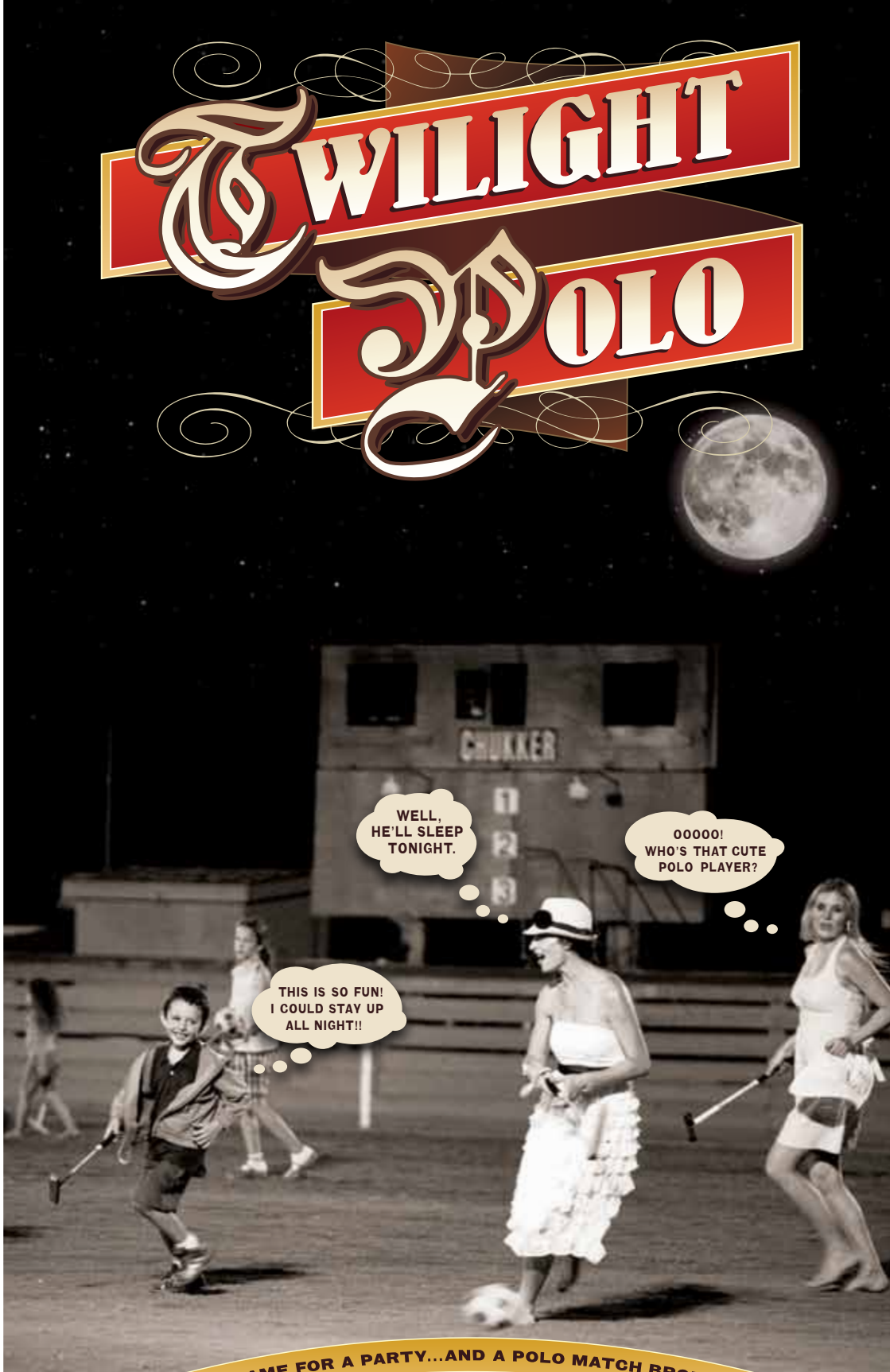
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Longview Lane

Delaplane, Virginia

The house has been completely redesigned and reconstructed with material selections which include exposed beams on the entire main level, solid mahogany doors and windows, imported antique fireplaces and spectacular floors of re-claimed choice hardwoods and the stately limestone foyer. The construction of this home exceeds the expectations of the most discerning buyer. \$5,400,000.

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Upperville, Virginia

French country home on 28 acres. Well-designed for gracious entertaining and first floor living. Large formal living room opens to a covered porch, terrace and gardens overlooking the spring fed pond. Kitchen includes a wood burning fireplace and den leading to the indoor heated pool. First floor master suite includes in-home office while 3 additional bedrooms are offered on the second floor. The tree lined driveway, mature gardens and stunning views to the southwest create a lovely setting. \$2,390,000.

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Unison, Virginia

25 acre horse property. Home was completely renovated from top to bottom in 2003. Bright open floor plan with 1st floor bedroom, pine floors, well proportioned rooms, 2 fireplaces and pool. Entire property is fully fenced, 16 stall stable with apartment, feed room, tack room and 2 bay garage. Lighted stone dust arena and great ride out. Manageable property for the amateur or professional. \$1,750,000.

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Millwood, Virginia

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Moreland Road

Delaplane, Virginia

Custom built log home, built in 2005, 3 bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths, 1 fireplace, vaulted ceilings, hardwood floors, exposed logs and beam interior, attached 2 car garage with office above. Elevated lot with mountain views. 8.24 acres, room for horses, private but easy access to Rt. 66. \$663,000.

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Potts Mill Road

Middleburg, Virginia

Brick county home on one level with 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 car garage, and 1 fireplace on 3.17 acres, east of town. Property includes carriage shed for tools and run-in shed that could be converted to barn. Lovely mature landscaping. Property shows well. \$645,000.

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Little River Lane

The Plains, Virginia

10 acres in excellent Fauquier County location. Property improved by brick garage with apartment (needs to be finished), septic and well installed, all utilities to building. Winding driveway by two ponds leads to house site. Private yet easy access to Middleburg and The Plains. \$599,000.

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New Mountain Road

Aldie, Virginia

Almost 2 acres in a peaceful setting on New Mountain Road in Aldie. Well cared for 2 bedroom home with extensive landscaping and patio area overlooking private pond with waterfall & outdoor entertaining space with grill and fire pit. Half of the lot is open and completely fenced for dogs. \$425,000.

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NEWS OF NOTE

BLACKBURN

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cial isolation in Lexington's strict Presbyterian society, Sally Campbell Preston McDowell had fallen in love. The man she loved, loved her, and had asked her to marry him.

Courtship, much less a second marriage, was difficult for a divorced woman in mid-19th century Virginia, both legally and socially.

For Sally and her beloved, it was also a religious nightmare.

Her fiancée, John Miller, by all accounts a good man of great personal courage, was a minister. Indeed, both she and he were devout southern Presbyterians.

Under church law, Sally's divorce meant that she could only remarry under one condition: evidence would have to be produced to prove, incontrovertibly, that Cadet Tom Blackburn's uncle, the former Governor of Maryland, had been unfaithful to her before he had filed for divorce.

John Miller was reduced to courting Sally almost entirely by mail. One of his friends was moved to advise him in words that over a century later would become the title of their published love letters, "If you love that lady, don't marry her."

Thus, from Sally's perspective, January 1854 was an especially bad time for a murder (or anything else) that might lead anyone to feel sorry for poor Tom Blackburn's uncle Frank.

Sally McDowell had known her former husband's nephew since Cadet Blackburn was a child.

She knew and was, by all accounts, very fond of Tom's parents.

Tom's mother had, in fact, cared for her and given her shelter while she recovered from what Sally insisted was a miscarriage and what her estranged husband insisted was an abortion.

Sally would also have noted with more than passing interest young Tom's arrival at VMI in the fall of 1850.

She could not have missed hearing about her erstwhile nephew's adventures at VMI in the years that followed, especially in a town whose free white population numbered barely more than 1,100 souls.

She may also have noticed his arrival at church on the night he was killed: tall, blond and handsome, wearing the dress-blue "walking out" uniform coat reserved for senior cadets, with none other than Reverend George Junkin's 19-year-old daughter, Julia, on his arm.

Perhaps she also noted Blackburn's early departure, accompanied by another singularly handsome young man, with a none-too-savory reputation of his own.

His name was Charles Burks Christian

Christian, one of Judge John White Brockenbrough's bright young law students, had intercepted Blackburn and Julia Junkin the moment they entered the vestibule of the Presbyterian Church.

Witnesses would remember Christian tapping Blackburn on the shoulder, and asking, politely, if he might "have a word . . . outside."

Blackburn obliged. Leaving Julia Rush Millers Junkin in the care of her friends and family in the sanctuary, he turned and walked out the church, into the dark, to die.

To be continued

TOWN COUNCIL

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resumed construction on the long-delayed Salamander Inn and Spa on the north edge of Middleburg, Town Administrator Semmes reported that, to the best of her knowledge, they had not.

Mayor Davis confirmed reports that the Inn's partially completed structures had experienced what she termed "major leaks" and that work would begin to replace "defective windows" at "any time."

Semmes told Council that Salamander was still talking about resuming construction before the end of the year. Reports, unconfirmed at press time, anticipate a possible Spring, 2013, opening.

Water Treatment

The Virginia Department of Health conducted an inspection of the Town's new water treatment plant, funded by Salamander prof-fers.

According to Town Administrator Semmes, "everything looked good" and that only one more test of the purity of water stored in the system's new storage tank remained before the town received its first operating certificate.

Semmes also noted that the operating certificate would be issued in the Town's name, rather than Salamander's.

The property has at last, been recorded in the Town's name, she said. The Town now, officially, owns it.

Semmes reported that the new wastewater treatment plant was going through a permit renewal process.

The Department of Environmental Quality, she said, was, as legally required, "advising the permit renewal and soliciting public comment for thirty days."

Banning Trucks on The Plains Road

At its July 28 work session Council adopted a resolution to request the Commonwealth Transportation Board to examine restricting through tractor trailers on The Plains Road

Drivers of the heavy 18-wheelers appear to have been using the narrow, two-lane country road as an easy short cut to Route 50 from the south.

Bank Signature Card Anomaly

At some point during Town Treasurer Debbie Wheeler's recent medical leave of absence, the town discovered that long-departed former Mayors, Vice Mayors, Treasurers and Town Administrators remained on record as authorized signatories on the Town's checking account.

Council immediately resolved that, henceforth, only the current Mayor, Vice Mayor, Town Administrator and Town Treasurer would carry on the bank's signature card

and allowed to sign checks.

The Town Clerk was ordered to set up a tickler file that, in July of election years, would remind staff to make sure the signature card was revised appropriately.

Colandrea

In response to a question by Vice Mayor Kirk on the town's insurance options covering legal costs incurred during the more-than-a-decade-long adjudication of a series of zoning, land use, and other issues between the Town and the Colandrea family, Town Administrator Semmes reported, happily, that the Town had land-use insurance coverage through the Virginia Municipal League (VML).

Semmes said that she had contacted the League to determine precisely the Town's coverage and exposure, and discovered that the town had been covered for land use issues since 2000.

Several of the Colandrea cases, she noted, occurred after that date and VML she said, was in the process of determining whether the Town was covered by VML for those cases.

A closed session to discuss legal matters was held immediately following the regular August session of Town Council.

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ARE WE DRINKING DINOSAUR PEE?

WATERWORLD

RICHARD A. ENGBERG

In my previous column, I discussed the water furnished by Fairfax Water to Loudoun Water and the complex treatment that the water receives to become safe for human consumption. We know intuitively that the raw water from the Potomac River is not safe for drinking until it undergoes treatment. Not only does raw water of the Potomac and other surface water sources of drinking water receive animal waste (and, perhaps, human waste as well), but it also receives snowmelt runoff from salted streets, and runoff from fertilizer and pesticide treated fields among many other nasty things. Treatment is absolutely necessary to remove these nasties.

More recently I have seen articles about how some localities in the U. S. and elsewhere (for example, Singapore) have the technology in place to treat sewage water and make it safe for human consumption. In a recent survey in the U. S., about 60 percent of people questioned indicated that considering the source (sewage), they would refuse to drink such water, a major “yuck” factor.

But wait! Do you think it can't get worse?
Yes, it can!

In a recently published book, *The Big Thirst*, Author Charles Fishman suggests that we are drinking dinosaur pee because the molecules of the water of today have been around for several hundred million years because “no water is being created or destroyed on Earth.”

So are we really drinking dinosaur pee, even treated dinosaur pee?

Let's examine the question a bit more closely. In a recent blog commenting on this somewhat far-fetched question, Michael Campana, President of the American Water Resources Association, says “Yes and no.” He goes on to say that if we accept the statement that we are drinking dinosaur pee, we must believe two critical elements, first, that the amount of water in the hydrologic cycle has remained constant since the era of the dinosaurs as Fishman states, and second, that water molecules last forever.

Personally, Campana believes the first element is true, but rejects the second. Water molecules are continually changing. Chemical, physical, and biological reactions continually break down (the chemical term is dissociate) water into its components, oxygen and hydrogen, and when this happens it is not water any-

more even though the elements eventually recombine back into water.

So why does Campana answer the question, “Yes and no?” It depends on your individual point of view. If you acknowledge that the hydrogen and oxygen atoms are exactly the same even though they may break down and then recombine, the answer is YES. If, like Campana, you believe that the process of breaking down and recombining of water molecules has occurred many (thousands, millions?) times, and that the water has undergone many changes, the answer is NO.

This is neither a question that I've thought about excessively nor lost sleep over since reading Fishman's comments and Campana's discussion. You shouldn't either. But hummm, since I live in Virginia and because George Washington lived here, well,... now now.



A CREEK RUNS THROUGH US

CHANDLER VAN VOORHIS

Water has played a critical role in the formation of the United States. As President Theodore Roosevelt stated 100 years ago, in the first ever White House Conference on Conservation, “It was in Philadelphia that the representatives of all the States met for what was in its original conception merely a waterways conference; but when they had closed their deliberations the outcome was the Constitution which made the States into a Nation. The Constitution of the United States thus grew in large part out the necessity for united actions in the wise use of one of our natural resources.”

The notion of stewardship is a concept reaching deep into the annals of our history. Thomas Jefferson penned a famous letter to Madison two hundred years ago where he stated “I set out on this ground which I suppose to be self evident, that the earth belongs in usufruct to the living,” that the dead have neither powers nor rights over it.”

The concept of “usufruct” dates to Roman law. It simply means “a legal right of using and enjoying the fruits or profits of something belonging to another.” Jefferson believed in the sovereignty of the present generation. But sovereignty was tied to a responsibility that

the present generation has to the future generations to whom the earth belongs.

To truly accept an obligation to the future requires a person to pursue a land ethic borne not out of the role of conqueror, but rather of trustee. Healing and restoration are being fostered by the emergence of ecosystem markets. The notion is simple. Whether it is paying a landowner to plant trees to sequester carbon or paying the landowner to restore riparian edges along Goose Creek, we learn to put a price on our clean air and our clean water.

Restoration is only starting to be integrated into the economic value system. With a price, it has value. As the liabilities of a dwindling supply of land and natural resources base increase, value and price are being assigned more and more to what has been considered to this point a “free” externality.

Theodore Roosevelt rightfully concluded, that our “resources are the final basis of national power and perpetuity” and that “it is safe to say that the prosperity of our people depends directly on the energy and intelligence with which our natural resources are used.” Roosevelt went on to say that George “Washington clearly saw that the perpetuity of the States could only be secured by

union, and that the only feasible basis of union was an economic one; in other words, that it must be based on the development and use of their natural resources.”

We stand at a confluence in American history where we can create a more purposeful and natural capitalism. Conservation and restoration are best achieved when landowners, government and the markets create a partnership that enables better land management. It is through this partnership that we build equity in our land and in our neighbor.

The benefit is a result that ripples over time. A restored acre of ground will have a multiplier effect, a positive opportunity cost, in its impact downstream in sustaining water, soil, and air for space beyond the acres themselves. It is the season and the time for renewal.

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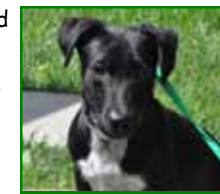
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OH, MILO, WE MISS YOU SO MUCH

Milo, the beautiful white Boxer and American Bulldog mix who gazed out intently at the door of The Aldie Peddler for many years, recently succumbed to old age and infirmity. His close family, Wally, Terry, Buster and Sadie, are devastated. Customers and passers by who loved him too will miss his intelligent, caring and gentle ways.

"He was feeling good until about a month before he became seriously ill," said Terry Cotton, who adopted Milo with his business partner, Wally Lunceford in the spring of 2000.

"Milo knew he wasn't well," Terry continued. "Our vet was taking excellent care of him, and we did everything we could do, but near the end, he stopped eating and made it clear he just wanted to wander off. He was tired. He knew it was time to go."

"Milo was such a love," Wally added, choking back tears. "We rescue white boxers specifically, but we've never had a dog like Milo. His smile was the biggest I've ever known, and he never did anything bad. He took excellent care of all our dogs while he was here, and he provided superb friendly and loving service to our customers."

Many rescuers know to call Wally and Terry if a white boxer needs a home. It was Kristen Hess who introduced them to Milo. Kristen was fostering him and had seen Murphy, one of their white Boxers, in the doorway of their shop as she drove through Aldie.

"He wasn't on a leash when she brought him to us," Terry explained. "We took him to the back of the shop and he acted very reserved, even aloof. He was very serious, not just a happy-go-lucky guy. He had the biggest brown eyes and an incredibly direct stare. We learned that he told you everything he was thinking when you stared into those beautiful eyes, and he could stare you down for ten minutes straight."

It didn't take long for Milo to relax and share his friendly nature with all who crossed the threshold. He often took customers' hands to lead them around the store, and he had many party invi-



tations over the years because he was a perfect guest.

"He was a terribly good lap sitter," Wally remembered. "And he had a very healthy appetite. He weighed 90 pounds when we adopted him!"

Eight years ago, Wally and Terry decided to put Milo on the labels of their food products and on The Aldie Peddler sign.

"Everyone loved him so," Wally said. "It made perfect sense to include him on our branded items. He was as much a statesman for the shop as we were."

"In a way, he's been immortalized," Terry added. "I'm so glad."

Sadie has stepped into Milo's place as the greeter at The Aldie Peddler door, and although he was twice as big as she is, she is determined to keep a lookout for their valued customers. As a female, Sadie had asserted her Alpha dog attitude upon her arrival.

"Milo was very kind to her, and tried not to assert himself too much," Terry explained. "But when they played, Milo drew the line. He was the boss, and that was the way it was going to be. Sadie, sensibly, agreed."

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3rd Annual Mosby Ranger Descendant Reunion September 10, 2011

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Tickets: \$50 for MHAA members, \$55 for non-members

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Directions: Take Rt. 29 south of Warrenton to Route 620. Turn left on to Route 620 which is Elkwood Road at this point. The name of the road changes but it remains Route 620. There will be directional MHAA signs to guide you to the Inn. The physical address is 16589 Edwards Shop Road, Remington, VA 22734-1877.

Tickets are \$50 per person for MHAA members and \$55 for non-members. Lunch is included in the ticket price along with a memento of the day's reunion. Reservations can be made online or by downloading a Registration Form and mailing it with payment to MHAA, PO Box 1497, Middleburg, VA 20118.

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