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## A time when no one was a stranger at Fenwick Island..



By David Henderson

**BoomerCafé's publisher and co-founder David Henderson, still remembers a place where no one was a stranger.**

Don't ask me how our minds work as we get older. All I know is that I tend to remember more in my mind's-eye, and that helps to fit all the many pieces, people, places, times, and events of my life into some kind of meaning. I would like to think it's mostly true ... I certainly hope so. Maybe it's partly a perception or reflection of times past.

At any rate, it was a postcard I found that my mother had sent to me in the 1960s that released a flood of memories about Fenwick Island, Delaware, the place where my mother, sister, and I would spend a week or two each summer long ago. Relatives and family friends would join us. And, what I remember most is that it was a good time.

A postcard photo of the Fenwick Motel. We always stayed at the Fenwick Motel,

located on the ocean side of the Coastal Highway. Fenwick Island was then a sparsely populated village on the border of Maryland and Delaware, between Ocean City, Maryland, to the south, and Rehoboth Beach, Delaware, to the north.

No one in those days was a stranger at Fenwick Island. During the days, we would ride inflated car inner tubes in the rough surf, often getting ground into the sand by large waves.

The beach at Fenwick Island, Delaware.

My sister, Elizabeth, also remembers ...

"It was so exciting! The senator from Wyoming and his kids were there at the same time ... every year. Sand everywhere! Our annual trip to the beach ... the weekend after Labor Day. I remember you would get chigger bites on the walk to the lighthouse." By night, people would light bonfires from driftwood, and would all gather around to laugh, tell stories, and watch the sparks from



The beach at Fenwick Island, Delaware

Photo: Courtesy of David Henderson

the wood fire fly into the night sky.

My mother would point out the stars of Orion, a formation that I believe secretly held

special meaning for her. I look at Orion now on clear nights and think of her.

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## A Yankee Who Came to Sussex County

*Charles H. Treat Brought Big Business to Frankford and Georgetown*

By Sandie Gerken

In Sussex County, Delaware, being a native of the area has always been sacred. However, a "furriner" from Maine arrived in Frankford around 1877 and

brought major industrial growth to the town and Sussex County. Charles Henry Treat graduated from Dartmouth College in 1863 and joined his father's West Indian

import/export business where his father encouraged him to pursue the manufacture of fruit baskets for shipping. On a tour of the South, Charles decided to establish a manufacturing mill in agriculture-rich Delaware. A rise in the farming of fruits, such as peaches, apples, and strawberries had created a need for basket factories and canneries to the area. He convinced his wife's brothers, Norman B. and James M. Huxford to join him and they relocated to Frankford. Very soon, Treat and the Huxfords leased the old Gum Stream Mill and established a large scale crate and basket factory. Treat outfitted the plant with modern machinery and within five weeks, they had begun to manufacture fruit containers, barrels, and crates. Soon

they had branch factories in Crisfield, MD and Cherrystone, VA.

Ever industrious, Treat began to experiment with veneering methods using the sweet gum and other native woods of the area. Soon he had added plaques and wooden veneer plates that were popular for picnics. Within two years, these plates began to sell all over the country and abroad. The firm was named Huxford and Company with Norman Bentley Huxford as an officer and manager. The Frankford factory became a major employer in the area, operating around the clock to meet demand. The fac-

tory became very important to the economy of lower Sussex, keeping lumber-

men busy cutting wood from the swamp and providing containers for shipping by rail. Huxford & Co. made fruit containers so inexpensive that demand was high by shippers. This business became the most extensive industrial

enterprise conducted in Frankford in the 19th century. Some of the local names of workers in the Frankford factory in 1880 were John Lathbury and son William, James Williams, Selby G. Hudson, **continued on page 2**



Charles Henry Treat

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## A time when no one was a stranger at Fenwick Island... continued from page 1

The shoreline then had large sand dunes covered with wild grasses. Sand dunes that had lasted through the ages until construction projects to build more houses and motels disrupted the natural protection ... and, the dunes became little more than ripples of sand down to the beach.

Every few miles along the coastline were

remnants of World War II -- tall watch towers, part of the coastal defenses.

Old shoreline defenses from World War II.

The local residents told stories of how German submarine crews occasionally would send a few crew members ashore in rubber boats to buy medicine and food. Sure, local residents were apprehensive, but

the German seamen were courteous, spoke English, paid for their food and medicine in dollars, and politely thanked merchants as they left in darkness to return to their subs.

Over the years, I have met others who had visited Fenwick Island in their youth, and we all remembered it fondly as a magical place in our memories.

*High Tide News* would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to Emmy Award winning former CBS Network News correspondent, **David Henderson** for sharing his fond memories of Fenwick Island with us. David is the co-founder & publisher of *BoomerCafé* (online since 1999), a unique place for news & information-sharing among baby boomers with active lifestyles & youthful spirits. [www.boomercafe.com](http://www.boomercafe.com)

## A Yankee Who Came to Sussex County continued from page 1

Lemuel L. Hudson and son-in-law Henry Albee, Thomas Esham, John C. Hudson, Henry M. Hudson, Caleb E. Hickman, William F. Murray, Levin E. Murray, Seth Long, John Polite, George Davis, and Harry Tunnel.

In 1883, Treat decided to relocate his factory to a more central location in Sussex County. Since Georgetown was experiencing a business growth, he moved his manufacturing plant there. He acquired the Fruit Preserving Company plant near the railroad and converted it to a wood manufacturing plant with the latest steam equipment. The business was incorporated on April 4, 1883 under the name "The C.H. Treat Manufacturing Company" with a capital stock of \$100,000. He named himself president of this firm with the Huxford brothers as officers. His business now included preserving, canning, and the manufacture of baskets, boxes, wooden plaques, butter dishes, plates, and other

Treat's businesses had failed with a total of almost \$100,000 outstanding liabilities. The business continued with about 70 employees under the name, Sussex Manufacturing Company, under the management of the Farmer's Bank of Georgetown, until September 18, 1891 when the large building burned to the ground along with six freight cars on a nearby side rail. Treat gave up his Georgetown home and moved his family to New York. His family had been prominent socially in Georgetown. Treat had been known as an educated, eloquent, ambitious man with charisma.

The Huxford brothers remained in Sussex County. In 1879, Norman B. Huxford had married a local, Frankford girl, Mary Ellen Long, daughter of John T. and Lettie A. Long. They had two children, Harry Norman and Alice. Norman died in Georgetown in 1888. Many locals may have fond memo-

popular candidate, but short two votes to win the first Republican senate seat from Delaware. Treat threw his delegates to Anthony Higgins, who did win.

Treat's career did NOT end with his business or political failures in Delaware. In New York in 1896, he was soon named as an IRS tax collector. He left this post when he was appointed as the Treasurer of the United States by President Theodore Roosevelt in 1905. He resigned that post in October 1909 when his business venture in a coal mining firm presented a conflict of interests. His signature was on every piece of currency issued in those four years.

Charles H. Treat died on May 30, 1910 in New York City of apoplexy. He is buried there with his family in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Certainly, the Yankee from Maine was not born and bred here. His business practices were very progressive for our area. Perhaps his failures in Delaware were due to ambitious, overconfidence, big dreams and lack of sufficient capital funds. But, we can credit Charles Treat with lifting Frankford, Georgetown, and Sussex County into industrial and commercial heights. His manufacturing businesses did help to fuel a continued growth of industries concerning agriculture for Sussex County.

Note: It is believed that the old Huxford & Co. factory later became the Diamond Tray & Basket Factory, incorporated in 1902 and continued manufacturing baskets and other wooden containers for a number of years. Ward Walter Daisey Sr. was the foreman of this plant. From the late 19th century into the 20th century, many Sussex communities had basket and crate factories. The largest ones were Marvil Package Co. in Laurel and the Houston-White Co. in Millsboro.

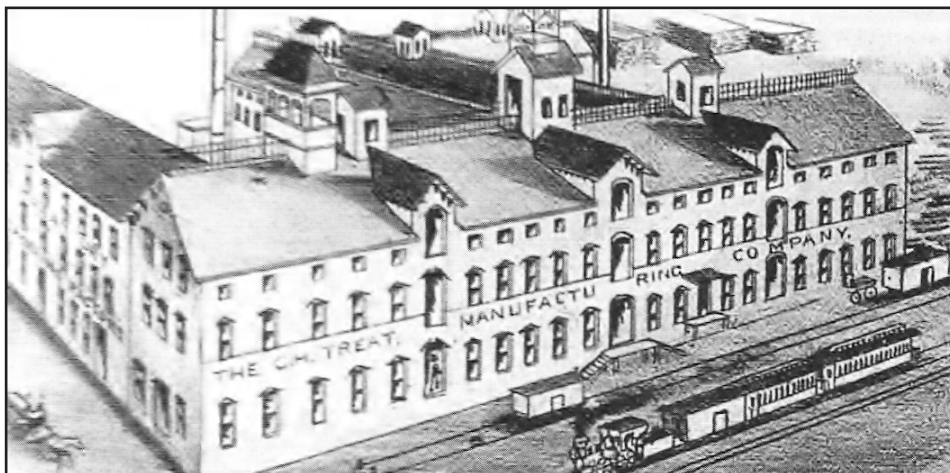


Photo: C.H. Treat Manufacturing: 1885 lithograph by O.H. Bailey, Lewes to Laurel in Vintage Postcards, Jacob, Fowler, & Boyle, Arcadia Publishing, c. 2003

novelties. He employed over 300 workers, including women. He also opened a large retail mercantile store to sell his wares, as well as other household goods. In addition, Treat built rental home for his workers. It is said that he paid at least one-fourth of their wages in cash, the rest in scrip, or credit for rent or goods at the company store.

Treat also opened the Sussex Manufacturing Company in Georgetown in 1885 to produce sawed lumber, lathing, shingles, and barrels to complement his other businesses.

Treat seems to have overbuilt his businesses in Georgetown and his finances declined. His creditors, including the Farmer's Bank forced the Sheriff to close down the C.H. Treat Manufacturing Company and the mercantile store in July 1889.

ries of Frankford's Alice Huxford Gum, wife of Norman Crumpton Gum. The Huxfords and the Gums are all buried in Colonel Armwell Long Cemetery near Frankford.

And now for the rest of the story!!

Charles H. Treat was also active in politics in Delaware. As a good speaker and campaigner for the Republican party, he was a Delaware delegate at large to the National Republic Convention in Chicago in 1888. The Delaware Republican Party also voted him as a nominee for the U.S. Congress that year. He was a



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# How Safe is Your Food?

By Vincent Paez

The topic of food safety has been a growing concern around the world. All too often, we hear about outbreaks of salmonella, E.coli, pesticides and toxins in food. The governments of the world try hard to install preventative measures on farms and in food producing facilities, but it is impossible to avoid contamination altogether. As a food scientist, I have spent over fifteen years working with the food industry to help it keep the food chain safe through laboratory testing. Nothing works better than prevention, where food producing facilities like slaughterhouses and grain mills work hard

to ensure cleanliness of surfaces into which food comes into contact and where the food has adequate temperature control and refrigeration. Still, laboratory testing is a way to catch those microbes or chemicals before the meat, fish, fruit or vegetable reaches the restaurant or supermarket.

Lab testing is seen as a necessary evil. It costs money to buy lab equipment and pay trained microbiologists, chemists and technicians. If the lab finds contamination in a batch of food, then the lab is seen as a hero. If it does not find contamination and the food truly is contaminated, then the lab is seen as a failure. If there is a serious outbreak, and the lab misses it, then a real scandal can break out. So a lot of pressure is put on the lab to be able to catch the many kinds of contamination in our food.

The most challenging aspect of food testing is that the lab cannot predict what kind of contamination exists in a batch of food. Many examples of food crises were the result of totally unexpected contamination that the lab would never have been able to predict. The most famous example was a milk crisis in 2008 in China. Unscrupulous milk producers were lacing milk with a chemical called melamine (pronounced

mela-meen), which is Nitrogen rich. The extra Nitrogen helped give the milk an artificially high quality for sale at a higher price. But the melamine caused many people, mostly babies, to get kidney stones. The labs never would have guessed that some crazy people would put such a bizarre chemical in milk, so they never tested for melamine in the milk and thereby missed it completely. As a result, thousands of babies were hospitalized and many died. When the toxicologists and labs finally realized that the babies had ingested melamine, they tuned their equipment and processes to test for melamine in all milk products. Afterwards, other unscrupulous milk producers laced milk with a similar chemical called DCD. The DCD molecule is similar to that of melamine, but if the lab is not looking for it, it will not catch it in the milk. It is a true challenge for the labs to keep up with the evil contaminants of the food supply.

In the USA, we have had numerous cases of contamination. Not too long ago, salmonella was found in peanuts, which made their way into peanut butter, ice cream, breakfast bars, and many other foods. E.coli contamination almost brought down the tomato industry about six years ago. And

most recently, a large recall occurred with listeria contamination of ice cream.

By and large our food supply in the USA is quite safe, but not by one hundred percent. Agencies like the FDA, CDC, and USDA struggle with resources to keep up with more and more testing. The problem is exacerbated by the global nature of the food chain. We get most of our spices from India and many of our fruits and vegetables from tropical less developed countries. Most of our shrimp comes from Southeast Asia. We like to be able to buy whatever food we want at any time of the year, and, in order to make that happen, the restaurants and supermarket chains have to depend on food sources outside of the USA. Some of the food safety processes are not as stringent in these less developed countries. So the FDA and USDA work hard to test as much of the food products being imported as possible.

So the next time you are enjoying your meal, you should feel confident that it is safe. The food system is not perfect by any means. But you should appreciate the work behind the scenes that testing labs and food industry is doing to prevent problems, so that we may all enjoy our meals in a worry-free way.

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## WHAT THE HECK?

By Ron Ferrell

### APRIL SURVEY RESULTS

In last month's edition of *High Tide News* the readers were asked to take a survey like the State Of Delaware and The Delaware Sea Grant Program had taken the month before. The reason for the second survey was the first survey results were very questionable, to say the least. You may ask what was so questionable about the State Of Delaware and Delaware Sea Grant survey. So I will tell you over 70% of the people in their survey were in favor of giving the Delaware Sea Grant Program more tax dollars for more research on global warming and ocean rise.

As long as Delaware has a homeless problem, a heroin problem, a budget problem I found it hard to believe that over 70% of the people of

Delaware would want to spend more on climate change research. As far as I can see, the temperature seems to be the same and the ocean level seems normal.

Here are the results from the *High Tide News* survey: 80% of the people that took the survey did **not** want more spent on global warming and ocean rising research. Only 20% did... almost the exact opposite of the results of the State Of Delaware survey. Hopefully the State Of Delaware does not determine how much to spend from surveys they take. If they do they should at least have an outside source take the survey and not the department who is asking for more tax dollars. *High Tide News* would like to thank everyone who took the survey. Have a great summer.

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Shelly Hitchens, Escapades Producer with Eveline Normandeau, Resident, enjoying this month’s “Cooking With Class” presentation “Take Me Out to the Ballgame”. Residents enjoyed hotdogs, popcorn and other ballpark fare. Cooking with Class is just one of Brandywine’s dynamic “Escapades for Life” for more information on this or other activities, call Heidi McNeeley, Director of Community Relations at 302.226.8750.

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Submitted by Suzanne Worrall

**Quilts of Valor is an international, grassroots organization which actually originated in Seaford, DE.**

The mission of the foundation is to "cover service members and veterans touched by war with comforting and healing Quilts of Valor". The quilts are made by dedicated volunteers everywhere and are delivered to servicemen in VA Hospitals, entire units returning from deployment, individual veterans. Due to our proximity to Dover AFB, through which all of The Fallen (deceased) are returned, QOV is particularly active in this area.

**Serendipity Quilt Shop**, located in Dagsboro, has been actively supporting QOV for many years. Sew-ins are held regularly. They are very productive, are well attended and often even include Dover AFB mortuary workers. Information re: dates are posted on the store's website: [serendipityquiltshop.com](http://serendipityquiltshop.com)

General Federation of Women's Clubs - Womens Club of Indian River have adopted QOV as a club project. They had a fundraiser on Tuesday, April 28th at the Blue Water Grill, Main Street, Millsboro. 10% of all non-food receipts was donated to support the Quilts of Valor project. The coordinator for "QOV Sew-Ins" is Suzanne Worrall of Millsboro, DE, to learn more, call her at: 908.638.8844. For more information about the Quilts of Valor, please go to [www.qovf.org](http://www.qovf.org).

## The History of Quilts of Valor ([www.qovf.org](http://www.qovf.org))

Blue Star mom Catherine Roberts, began the Quilts of Valor Foundation (QOVF) from her sewing room in Seaford, Delaware. Her son Nathanael's year-long deployment to Iraq provided the initial inspiration, and her desire to see that returning warriors were welcomed home with the love and gratitude they deserved, provided the rest. She hit upon the idea that linking quilt-toppers with machine quilters in a national effort could achieve her goal of cover all returning service men and women touched by war. These wartime quilts, called Quilts of Valor (QOV's), would be a tangible reminder of an American's appreciation and gratitude. Since 2003, QOVF has become a national grassroots community service effort, connecting the home-front with our warriors and veterans. QOV's are stitched with love, prayers and healing thoughts. Our troops who have been touched by war are awarded this tangible token of appreciation that unequivocally says, "**Thank you for your service, sacrifice and valor.**" A Quilt of Valor is a generous lap-sized quilt (minimum of 55 X 65) made by a quilt-topper (the piecer) of quality fabrics and beautifully quilted by a longarmer. After it has been bound, washed, labeled and wrapped in a presentation case, it is ready to be awarded. Quilts are awarded at many different levels: they may go to military hospitals where Chaplains award them to service members; there may be awards of QOV's to entire service units returning from deployments; they may be awarded at VA's or awarded individually. But no matter how a Quilt of Valor is given, the impact it delivers is unequivocal. As one recipient said " My quilt isn't another military medal to be placed in a box and sit on my shelf. I was moved to tears." - SSgt RC, US Army, Iraq '05

As of August 2014, there have been over 100,000 quilts awarded to service members/veterans. For more information: [www.QOVF.org](http://www.QOVF.org) QOVF is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization



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## IS BEING A "KNOW-IT-ALL" REALLY SERVING YOU?

By Eunice Carpitella

Jack Welch, former CEO of General Electric and his wife Suzy just published the book, *The Real Life MBA* in which they shared critical elements for winning the game, building a team and growing your career. Having attended one of their recent speaking engagements, I was reminded of a key leadership essential: "the love for growing your people" which got me thinking.

Did you know that one of the keys to growing your people is leading with genuine curiosity? There is no end to the kind of things about which to be curious. A great practice as a leader is to ask and listen for how the people on your team or in your family think. What would be possible if you inquired about what motivates them; what are their strengths and weaknesses; what's important to them; what are their aspirations; who they hope to become one day; what stops them; and what they wish to achieve in the future? Too often we get caught up in our own assumptions and act as if we "know".

The challenge in a society that rewards telling is to go against the grain and "ask"...to be curious. When one demonstrates genuine curiosity, you are likely to be perceived as interested, caring and committed to their growth, well-being and success.

Undoubtedly the issue of asking versus telling is fundamental to human relations and it applies to all of us, all of the time. Knowing what to ask, how to ask and when to ask while being aware of our attitudes and agendas shape our ability to build productive relationships. As we all know, having great relationships is integral to producing great results. When done well asking questions lends itself to connecting at deeper levels and establishing greater trust.

Yes, leaders are expected to provide answers. While that may be effective in getting the job done, does it empower others to think, to practice innovation, to be creative and to experience growth?

Granted there are moments and days where I would love for someone to tell me what to do rather than deal with the risk of failure. But as a general rule, none of us really prefers being told what to do. As a leader, aren't you exhausted by always having to produce the answers? Why not empower your team and ask them? Could you consider interrupting the habit of telling, and instead; ask how he/she would handle the situation when they come looking to you for answers?

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## NEWS from the Indian River High School ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Submitted by Allene Vogel

### IR ALUMNI ELIGIBLE FOR NEW SCHOLARSHIP

The Indian River High School Alumni Association is proud to announce an addition to our successful scholarship program. The new IR Pride Scholarship for Current Alumni awards \$500 to one Alumni Association member (register online for free at [irhsalumni.com](http://irhsalumni.com)) at any college level, from the associate to post-doctorate student, to help continue the education process. The application is due by Monday, June 1.

All applicants are invited to respond to the question "*How have you contributed to make IR a better place?*" All other requirements can be found online at [www.IRHSalumni.com](http://www.IRHSalumni.com).

Our most recent "FUN-raiser" has allowed us to add this new scholarship opportunity on top of the three \$1000. Scholarships for graduating seniors already established. With a little help from our friends, IR alumni and local businesses we are proud to be able to add new projects to our itinerary and hope to continue growing and thriving for years to come.

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# Memories from a long time Fenwick Island Resident

Some thoughts about life on Fenwick Island from Daisey Calhoun (pictured below)

"As children... I may have been 7 or 8 years old, my brother and I were closest in age. (I was the oldest of 5.)...my father would bring Mom and the kids down in the summer and leave us at the beach house. He would go back to Baltimore and go to work. We had no car, once or twice a week the bread truck would come through and we would get a pack of donuts as a treat! When we were kids the roads weren't paved, they were clay and sand which was, to us, pure heaven because you could go out when it rained and get mud between your toes and they would dry in the sand!

"I was younger than 10 when these people were camped on the beach in striped tents like something from the circus... and I don't think we were told to stay away from them *but we did*, because they were such strange people... the women were walking around in these skimpy little bikinis we had only seen in magazines as what French people did and it was just awe-inspiring and of course... there weren't any other women on the beach in such bathing suits... my grandmother was not happy... she thought that was just awful!"

"But my grandmother was one of those people that never stepped foot in the ocean!

She had a beach house on Virginia Avenue... actually she had four. But she never stepped foot in the ocean... she did the bay. We were not allowed to go in the ocean when we stayed with our grandparents, but my mother loved the ocean she would swim and swim. She'd go out and just do laps back and forth in the ocean.

"Sometimes my brother and I would ride the bus *by ourselves* ...oh my heavens... all the way from Baltimore! "I could leave the house on Fenwick Island as a child at daybreak and not go back home until dark! Nobody ever worried about me. I don't know if they should have, but nobody did! I'd go crabbing and come home with a bucket of crabs & my mother would cook them! But, nobody ever worried about you!

"...My brother and I once walked all the way to Bethany Beach as children. My dad was here the, thank goodness my because he had to come get us!

"There weren't a lot of kids during that

time. We would have bonfires on the beach. At least once or twice a week we'd gather up all the driftwood and pile it all up and mom would give us a bag of marshmallows and we'd make a fire. There were no rules back then. There was a lot of empty space!

"Where Quiet Storm is now there was Sea View Beach Shop and a little store halfway up the block called McCabe's Market and he sold little things and a few groceries and then Seaview came and once a month my brother and I would go there and buy a Madd Magazine! That was our treat! We'd spend so much time with a Madd Magazine!

"The cottage across the street from me is still in its original state... it hasn't changed at all, even the color... all the others have been changed... some drastically, some have been torn down completely.

"The storm of '62 flattened everything on the oceanfront... some totally destroyed... but our houses got about 18 inches of sand. in the yard. "This is not Fenwick Island right here... Fenwick Island actually runs from Ocean City

up to the Indian River inlet...the town of Fenwick starts where the Royal Farms is. All of the streets named after states are in Sussex County. When you hit Atlantic then the town of Ocean City starts. There is no dancing on the west side of Rte 1.

"Crabbing used to be good when I was a kid... my grandparents would take us "across the ditch" and turn left all the way to the end of the street to yellow banks. We could swim there. You didn't wear shoes, but sometimes you wanted to because were so many horse-shoe crabs down there... but if you stepped on one of those little stingrays you would know it! A lot of this stuff just doesn't seem to be here anymore.

"Every house on the street we are on was built by farmers from Selbyville, Bishopville, and towns inland. People would come down to spend the night in their beach house because there was no air-conditioning. It was cool at the beach so they'd sleep here and go back to the farm in the morning. The houses all had huge porches & people slept out on the porches for the sea breeze.

**High Tide conclusion:** "Times change, people change, but this beautiful Fenwick Island resident has held on to that true heartfelt feeling of living at the beach!"



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By Sandie Gerken

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### Live This Day

The world we live in now is very different from the world in which we grew up. Things move at break neck speed and it seems nothing is fast enough. Just when a new technology is unveiled, a better version is in the works and we find just keeping up exhausting. I believe we miss the very thing we are seeking when we view life as a competition.

We've all heard, "With age comes wisdom". I believe God is the source of real wisdom and it is through His Spirit we are given understanding. It is not enough to recognize great truth but we must live it out each day. Becoming wise is an ongoing, lifelong pursuit and we visibly demonstrate what we believe by our day to day living. It is amazing to think that our

actions today can impact 3 generations.

May our children and grandchildren look at our lives and see contentment as we take time to quiet the expectations surrounding us, and we savor the moments gifted to us on THIS day. May those moments be many and the joy everlasting in the days ahead, sharing in His wisdom.



# How Does the Federal Government Spend Your Money? ...How Should It?

by Richard Stutz

Growing up in the Baltimore-Washington area, I was privy to stories of individuals in the employ of the federal government, just regular Jacks and Jills, who were involved in what we call today, "procurement", who during that usually still warm period after Labor Day, were involved in what might be described as a purchasing frenzy. The conversations overheard among adults, was that Mr. Jack, down the street, who went to work in civil service (old term), upon graduation from high school, had claimed that he had just that week, purchased so many thousands of a something, and that it had to be done by September 30th, as if monies were not spent by then, that amount was not going to be available to his department next year. It was the first time I ever heard the expression "use it, or lose it". It made sense to me, what the heck did I know; if at the completion of

my Baltimore News American paper route (a Hearst daily, with the best funny pages: Little Abner, Joe Palooka and the Katzenjammer Kids), I had an extra paper left in my belt, it was worth a quarter in my pocket, but I had to find a buyer on the street before dinner, after which time, as Russell Baker once said, it was no longer "news", but "olds". I guess I did understand the concept of "use it or lose it", but I digress.

For the last 15 or so years, agencies of the federal government have signed more purchasing contracts in the last quarter of the fiscal year (that September 30th thing), than in the three previous quarters. This behavior covers the restocking of shelves, where even aviation fuel not used by the end of Indian Summer, might be very well deemed as not necessary going forward. Vendors and contractors to the federal government know that that last three months of the government's budget year, is the best time to make a sale. These purchases are not all going to be "big ticket", or large capital purchases (things that are going to last a long time), in fact, purchases of items and services under a certain dollar amount, which don't have to be acquired through the bid process, are going to be bought from sources having previously been used. Keep in mind, Jack may have

had only had a couple of days to spend his money, and thus he was in a hurry.

Is this what we want to see done with our tax dollars? Some might say that when it comes to federal expenditures, we're not talking about real money, but just so many numbers on a piece of paper. We keep borrowing money to finance the needs of the federal government, and so as long as that's possible, who cares about spending. The Congress has had the "power of the purse", make no mistake about that; the President may have to sign off on a budget, but his responsibilities really do not go much further than his yearly request, which get things going. But in recent years that's where things have come more than a little undone. While each house of the congress passed budget resolutions, they were never reconciled, and the President was never given anything to sign.

Worry not, all branches of the federal government got the funds they needed to operate (and then some), but the process that is continued to be used in establishment of their needs is highly suspect. That process is known as "incremental budgeting", whereby the monies allocated for the current year, become the basis for spending for next year. Additional programs with associated costs, are included in next year's plan, and some

sort of inflationary percentage is thrown in for good measure. Would you run a household that way? Maybe, if a parent's paycheck got a big pickup, or if the Publishers Clearing House lady made a stop by your house, but if monies were tight (and the last I heard, that was the case in Washington), you might not plan to spend more money. Incremental planning has persisted in the ways things have been done in Washington for much too long.

Zero-based budgeting is nothing new. Workers here at the shore each season, many of whom are students during the rest of the year, make the decision to work here, not just for the sunshine and surf, but to earn wages that pay for tuition and expenses of the balance of the year. They budget each and every year, not only by controlling costs from September to May, but by seeking work in support of their greater goal. Government needs to not depend on anticipated revenues to support its existence, but to justify the operations of each and every year in support of the responsibilities given to it by the public. The government's needs will then be planned for by starting with the identification of the country's needs, and the current funds available to address those needs, independent of what resources were available last year.

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