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Soon after, the old bank building became the new town hall. Complete with the vault.

But the vault isn't much used. The door, manufactured by Steiffel-Freeman, is constructed with a combination lock, and latching handle, like you'd see on an old safe. The door is locked. Nobody knows the combination.

"I don't know the combination," said long-time Millington resident Carville Robinson, who was the chief operating officer of the branch for awhile. Also, he said he's not sure what, if anything, remained in the vault when the bank moved.

"I think Jimmy Hoffa's body is hidden in there," joked Mike Kessler, the Millington town clerk, whose desk is within a couple of feet of the door of the vault.

Currently the town leases the building from the bank, but the town hopes one day to get the building, permanently. That, says Mayor Dennis Hager, would be ideal, since the building is centrally located, and there is ample room for the town office and a council meeting room.

If the town gets the building, Mike hopes the vault comes with it. But then, where would it go – you just don't go moving vaults around.

Mike says the vault would be a great place to store town records if anyone ever finds, remembers or figures out the combination.

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niques were grouped in the same class.

I overheard another person entering that there should be a separate division for "organic" products. Right now, organics is just becoming an alternative method of production. I've been growing my vegetables that way all my life, since that's how my father did it (though not using the term "organic") but these past couple fairs, I've noted on my entry ticket that the product was grown organically. I do it in a way that until the ticket is opened to reveal my name, the judges do not know that it is grown differently. By keeping secret that way, when those who have questions about organic being better quality wise see that organic placed higher than conventional, the fallacy of organic being bug-ridden, stunted because of weeds and lack of artificial nutrients goes out the door with last night's dinner scraps to the dog.

In all, I'm already planning for Kent County Fair 2002. What should I grow that might be different? Should I try that cake recipe I copied from the magazine at the library? Look out fabric department at Wal-Mart, 'cause, here I come!

Therese Todd
Still Pond

Too much sensitivity

To the editor: I am a week late in this response mainly because I was not going to write a response. Then I was reminded that the squeaking wheel gets the grease, so I will squeak some.

It's all about the photograph on the *Kent News* front page of the July 5, 2001 issue. Yes sir, that's the one showing the Confederate Battle Flag. Someone, or group of enough grease for all the squeaking wheels. Therefore, we need to grow up, change if need be and adapt for the future.

Allen Capel
Worton

Dunk booth thanks

To the editor: I want to thank everyone involved for making our Dunking Booth at the Kent County 4H Fair a success. Special thanks goes to those who withstood all the "dunking" and were such good sports: Jim Corns, Gayle Gill, Brian Kirby, Trish McGee, John Price, Rusty Pritzlaff, John Schrecongost, John Silcox, Ed Silver, Bonnie Ward, and Steve Weller.

Additionally, thanks to all the people who contributed in some way to make this event run smoothly which made it a lot of fun: Vickie Anderson, Kim Barroll, Linda Jones, Lori Kern, Katie Lepter, Beth Lepter, Brett Lusby, Kathy Metcalf, Nancy Nunn, Erica Osterhout, Millie Strong, and Susie Walls.

Lastly, thank you to Ed Tyler of Coca Cola Bottling for donating sodas for all the volunteers.

Sheila Lepter, President
Kent Co. High School PTSA

Thanks for program

To the editor: Kent County Public Schools Extended Year Middle School staff would like to thank the members of the community who volunteered their time and expertise to make our *The American Civil War* summer program a success. Jim Stevenson read Civil War poetry, Barbara gen, began a saline drip and were in all respects thoroughly professional.

Fifteen minutes later, the ambulance arrived from Chestertown to transport me to Kent & Queen Anne's Hospital, where I spent the night. No particular problems were uncovered and this episode seems to have been the result of dehydration.

Both Linda and I are grateful to the Betterton Volunteer Fire Company for being there for me. They are a well-trained, highly professional group of our good neighbors.

Rob and Linda Hall
Betterton

Party funded letter

To the editor: Earlier this month, the local Republican Party sent a letter to many registered Democrats and Independents in Kent County with a request that they consider switching their party affiliation to the Republican Party. The response has been gratifying in that many have decided to do so.

Unfortunately, a few of those who received the letter have taken offense. Worse yet, they have contacted the staff of the Kent County Board of Elections to complain – many implying that the election board staff helped with the mailing or even paid for the mailing. For the record, I would like to state that the local election board staff family come out in support of our consumers. We would also like to thank the following businesses and individuals for their kind donations to our silent auction:

Downeys, JBK Hardware, Bennett's Auto, Superfresh, Dockside Emporium, Lowes, Kings Town Tractor, Pardoe Lawn & Tree Service, Hair We Are, JR's Antiques, Stam's Pharmacy, Roses Department Store, Chestertown Pharmacy, The Pet Shop, Ellens, Parts Plus, Ramsey Pontiac Olds, Town Sporting Goods, Pizza Hut, La Ruota Restaurant, Red Shutters, Unruhs, Sherwin Williams, Scotties Shoe Store, Ye Olde Barber Shop, Cornucopia of Treasures, Chester River Marine Services, Queen Anne Bowling Center, Andy's, Colonial Chevrolet Buick, Old Wharf, Dr. Todd Hickman, Elburn's Florist, Peoples Bank, H & G Restaurant, Furniture Barn, Al-le-mar Enterprises, Anthony's Florist, Penelope Barringer, Dorothea Stover, May Ellen Trozzo, Dawn Benedetto, Pamela Browning, Mattakees Design, Helen Lampman, Charles Meehan, John Plaskon, Harriette Hall, and The Home Gallery.

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Nancy Colemen
Kent Club

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