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AND TOURISTS GAZETTE

"How blithely might the bugle horn
Chide, on the lake, the lingering morn!
How sweet at eve, the lover's lute
Oh me, when the groves were still and mute."
—Lady of the Lake.

"Their rigours that charmed e'er the vale,
Have fled away like withered leaves
Before the Autumn gale;
But the memory liveth on your hills,
Their baptism as your shores."—Spenser.

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COMPLIMENTARY



Stinson Lake, February 2000. Buster Hinkson of Bristol shot this picture of a snow-covered landscape. He said that he was unaware of the object at the top left of the photo while taking the picture, which UFO investigators say is an unusual flying object.

BUSTER HINKSON PHOTO

U.F.O.S OVER NEW HAMPSHIRE: MANY SIGHTINGS, FEW ANSWERS

by Roger Amsden
News Correspondent

UFOs, unidentified flying objects, are a passion for a few true believers, an object of derision for many, and a mystery to the vast majority of mankind.

Yet as ABC's Peter Jennings two-hour special on the subject last week showed, some 80 million Americans believe intelligent beings from another planet have visited the earth and fully 40 million people believe they have seen a UFO.

New Hampshire has had its

share of UFO incidents, including one of the most famous involving Betty and Barney Hill, who claimed that they were actually taken aboard an alien spacecraft somewhere around Franconia Notch in September of 1961.

Over the years as a reporter I have had the opportunity to cover several UFO incidents and none was more graphic and compelling than one on August 12, 1974 when two Tilton police officers reported a UFO near the Exit 20 area of I-93, an object

that they reported was hovering above them, changing colors each time their emergency lights flashed and moving closer to them, so close at one point, when it was only 450 to 500 yards away that they felt their lives were in danger.

Nearly 100 people from Tilton, Laconia, Franklin and Belmont reported seeing UFOs that night with the most well documented report coming from Tilton police officers Mike Alden, then 20, and Mark Paine, 23, who first saw the

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Motorcycle Ministry Chapter to Host "Taking Hope to the Highways"

The Resurrection Riders of Laconia, a local chapter of the Christian Motorcyclists Association, will host a motorcycle ministry reception/orientation at the Laconia-Gilford United Methodist Church, 500 Gilford Ave. (Route 11A) on Sunday, March 6th, from 2 PM to 4 PM in the church's Fireside Room.

"People ask us what we do in motorcycle ministry all the time," said chapter president Buck West, "so we thought we'd host a reception with the theme 'Taking Hope to the Highways' to give those who are interested a chance to meet some CMA members, enjoy food and fellowship with us and learn about the Christian Motorcyclists Association and its worldwide ministries. It also gives us a chance to say 'thank you' to those who have supported us through the years." Among its outreach ministries regional CMA chapters have hosted a Coffee House at Laconia Bike Week for well over a decade.

In conclusion, West noted that the Resurrection Riders will also be sharing an inspirational short motorcycle ministry video on how the CMA spreads the gospel of Jesus Christ to bikers and to others near and far with its universal mission to "change the world one heart at a time."

For more information, call Buck West at 603-524-8650.

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

MARCH

Fri 4th

Snowshoe Explorations

Squam Lakes Natural Science Center, Holderness. 10am-Noon. Join SLNSC staff for a walk and activities on snowshoes. Minimum 5 participants, maximum 30. Ages 8 and up. \$8/member; \$12/non-member. Call 968-7194.

Moe Breton's Big Band

Chateau Restaurant, Manchester. 6:30-11pm. Music from the 40s, 50s and 60s. Dinner buffet from 6:30-7:30, dancing from 7-11pm. \$30 per person includes entertainment, dinner, tax and gratuity. Call 623-0561.

Sat 5th

Four Season Lampshade Class

Gilford Community Church. Two sessions. Use quilting techniques to create a fabric shade 12" by 10" wide. \$40 for Belknap Mill Quilter's Guild members, \$50 for nonmembers. Cost of kit is \$50. Call 267-6344 or 524-3483 for times and more info.

Corned Beef & Cabbage Supper

Stark Hall, 12 Church St., Goffstown. 5-6:30pm. \$8 for adults and \$4 for children 6-12. Children under 5 free. Call 497-2356. Benefits Goffstown Congregational Church.

Healing Arts Expo

Red Jacket Mountain View Resort & Conference Center. 9am-5pm. A celebration of spirit that provides a fun place to learn about the world of holistic healing, natural health, personal development, positive thinking and spirituality. \$5 Admission. Free to those who have a Winter Carnival Button. Call 1-800-367-3364.

George "Rusty" Locke

The Village Perk, 48 Main St., Meredith. 7-9pm. Singer/Storyteller. Call 279-5975.

Rick Churchill

Historic Gilmanton Academy Building, RTe 107, Gilmanton Corner. 7-9pm. Dr. Rick Churchill is an educator, humorist and publisher in the world of horticulture. Dessert buffet included. Tickets are \$20 and can be reserved by calling 435-8322. Tickets will be available at the door as seating permits.

Pink Voyd

Rochester Opera House, 31 Wakefield St. 7pm. The ultimate Pink Floyd experience. Featuring an on-stage spectacle of color, lights puppetry and multi-media presentation. An uncanny performance. Tickets are \$24-@6. Call 336-1992 or write info@rochesteroperahouse.com.

Sat & Sun 5th & 6th

March Mandolin Festival

Concord Community Music School. Group lessons and workshops, jam sessions, informal open stage. Many events over the two days. Call 224-5566 for information on events, pricing and hotel accommodations.

Sun 6th

Carter Mountain Band

St. James Episcopal Church, Laconia. 3pm. Encompasses many musical eras and a variety of styles. Donations will be accepted at the door with proceeds to St. James Church. There will be a reception with the band immediately following the concert. Call 536-3400 for more info.

"The Discovery of a NH Weaver"

Tuck Library, Concord. 2pm. Discussion by Donna-Belle Garvin. Presented by NH Historical Society. Call 224-5566 or 856-0611.

Mon 7th

Opechee Garden Club Luncheon

Mame's Restaurant, 8 Plymouth St., Meredith. 12 Noon. Call 528-2814.

Tues 8th

Author, Denise Ortakales

Brick Front Restaurant, 134 Church St., Laconia. 1pm. Laconia Woman's Book & Author Luncheon. Ms. Ortakales will discuss her first published book "The Legend of the Old Man of the Mountains" a love story of Chief Pemigewasset and Minerva. Off the menu and separate check luncheon. Call 524-7863 by Sunday, March 6.

Wed 9th

Living With ALS

Lakes Region General Hospital Cafeteria. 6:30pm. Jane E. Babin, J.D. will offer a presentation on living with ALS. Open to the public. Call 524-3211.

Lakes Region Christian Women's Club Meeting

Maurice's Family Restaurant, Rte 25, Moultonborough. 11am-1pm. Visible and Invisible Handicaps will be the theme. \$13 includes meal: Parmesan Chicken, vegetables, salad, desert and beverage. In Alton call 776-2224; Gilford 298-8073; Moultonborough 284-6873. No later than March 6th.

Thurs 10th

Business For Breakfast

Walter's Basin, Holderness. 8am. Sponsored by Squam Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce. Guest speaker: Chris Devine. Breakfast is open to chamber members and is \$5 per person. Call 968-4412.

"Dandy Defenses"

Silk Farm Audubon Center, 3 Silk Farm Rd., Concord. 9:30-11am. A program for preschoolers. Find some of the unusual ways wild animals keep from being eaten or bothered. \$6 member child, \$9 non-members (parents free). Preregistration required. Call 224-9909 x333.

Fri 11th

Comedy Show To Benefit Spaulding High School Band

Rochester Opera House, 31 Wakefield St. 7pm. Three top-shelf comedians. The Red Rider Marching

Band played at President Bush's inauguration at an expense of \$70,000. They raised \$50,000 and music director, Joanne Housron, personally borrowed the rest. Proceeds will go towards that loan. Tickets are \$17. Call 335-1993 or visit www.rochesteroperahouse.com

Raptor of the Night and Day

Silk Farm Audubon Center, 3 Silk Farm Rd., Concord. 10:30am & 1pm. A program for homeschoolers. Looks at a different group of NH animals each month. Ages 6-12. \$75 for the program. Preregistration required. Call 224-9909 x333.

Sat 12th

Benefit For Curt Page

Weirs Community Center. 6-9pm. Entertainment will feature "Longday" and other groups. Refreshments will be served. Donation at door. Requesting a minimum of 8-10 dollars.

Loon Shop Showdown

Loon Mountain, Lincoln. New England's best amateur riders. 10am. Registration from 8:30-9:30am. For more information call 1-800-229-LOON (5666).

Evening of Opera

Moultonboro Academy Theater. 7:30pm. New York Soprano Melissa Locher and Tenor Juan Carlos Franco. \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 19 and under. Presented by the Lakes Region Symphony Orchestra. Call 279-3324 for ticket and more info.

ONGOING

Poker Thursdays

Funspot Bingo Hall. Sponsored by local charities. Open Poker tables at 1pm. Texas Hold 'em Tournaments at 6pm. \$100 per player Additional buy-ins. Big prizes. You don't need to enter tournament to play open poker. Call 366-4377 to pre register or online at www.funspotnh.com.

"Second Impressions"

Galletly Gallery, New Hampton School, Through Thursday, March 3rd. Restrikes by Holly Kuske from the original copper etching plates of Frederick "Fritz" Robbins. Gallery hours are Mon-Fri, 8-4 and Sat from 9-12.

Beginner Line Dance Lessons

Learn to line dance with Ginger Kozlowski Wednesday nights at the Hooksett Elks Lodge. Have fun while learning the basic steps. Program is run through the Elliot Hospital Wellness Program. Seven-week sessions are \$40.

Overeaters Anonymous

Tuesday, 5:30pm Ossipee Congregational Church Parish Hall, Rte 16B; Thursday, 5:30pm, Alton Bay Community House, Rte 11; Saturday, 8:30am, Huggins Hospital, Wolfeboro. Call 434-7578.

1st Annual Miss Meadowbrook National Teenager

Applicants are still being sought for the 1st annual Miss Meadowbrook National Teenager program; a preliminary program for the Miss New Hampshire National Teenager Program to be held **Sunday, March 13**, at the Meadowbrook Musical Arts Center in beautiful Gilford, NH. Local winners will participate in the state program where scholarships will be awarded. They will also spend the year representing the Miss Meadowbrook National Teenager Title at various events.

There will be 2 winners crowned in two age divisions, 12-15 and 16-18 (age as of 8/1/05). The Winners in each age division will have sponsorship fees paid to participate in the state program to be held April 1-3, 2005 in Nashua, NH (value \$395.00) at the Marriott Hotel & Resort. The winners will also receive various prizes, while having the opportunity to participate in Community Service Projects, Events and Activities as Miss Meadowbrook National Teenager.

The Miss Meadowbrook National Teenager Program is NOT a BEAUTY PAGEANT. The scoring criteria is based on the following: 30% Personal Interview, 15% Academics and Achievements, 15% School and Community Involvement, 15% Evening wear, 15% Personal Expression and 10% on-stage question. If you have ever considered participating in a program that rewards your achievements this is the program to get involved with. For more information please call Barbara Thurston at 630-4041 or Kim Keyes at 539-4982. You can also email missmeadowbrook@yahoo.com.

Miss Meadowbrook National Teenager is Preliminary to the Miss NH National Teenager Program.

Hawaiian Weekend at Pats Peak

Henniker- Pats Peak, New Hampshire's premier snowsports destination, announces its 14 Annual Hawaiian Weekend Celebration on Saturday and Sunday, March 5 and 6th. Considered one of the best parties in the state, Hawaiian Weekend is a blow-out of spring skiing, tropical decorations, outdoor hot tubs, helicopter rides, snow volleyball, NASTAR races, Big Air contest and Hawaiian foods - all to the sound of Jimmy Buffet music in the air from the Key West Trio.

"People are absolutely blown away by the effort we put into Hawaiian Weekend, and everyone has an incredible time," says Jim Wall, Director of Services. "Spring is in the air; people are in shorts and flowered shirts and leis; the lodge and slopes are decked out in palm trees; the tropical drinks are flowing and island food is on the grill. Our guests feel transported to a tropical island, right at the end of winter when they need it most."

According to Wall, an intense spirit of competition between Pats Peak departments to "out-tropic" each other adds another level of excitement to the weekend. Every year, each department is responsible for outfitting its facilities in outrageous tropical attire. At the end of the day, departments square off in an employee snow volleyball tournament that always gathers a rowdy crowd. Harpoon Brewery is the sponsor the Après-ski Party in the Sled Pub, which includes special prices and fun raffles.

Schedule Of Events:

Saturday: All Day: Hawaiian Punch Product Giveaways, Most Spirited Department & Employee Contest **10am to 2pm:** Helicopter Rides (weather permitting) \$10 per ride, **11am to 3pm:** NASTAR Race on Downdraft , **Lunch:** Hawaiian Buffet on snow (weather permitting), **12pm to 8pm:** 2 Hot Tubs from The Stove Barn on the deck (bring your bathing suit), **3 pm to 6pm:** Harpoon Beer Promo in Sled Pub, **3pm to 8pm:** Live Band — Key West Trio Sled Pub

Sunday: All Day: Most Spirited Department & Employee Contest, **11am to 3pm** NASTAR Race on Downdraft, **Lunch:** Hawaiian Themed Lunch Specials , **12pm to 8pm:** 2 Hot Tubs from The Stove Barn on the deck (bring your bathing suit), **12:30pm:** S&W Sports Big Air Contest at in Turbulence Park., **Registration 8:30am to 11:30am.** \$10 Entry Fee, **1 pm to 5pm:** Live Band — Key West Trio in Sled Pub, **4:30pm:** Inter-Department Volleyball Tournament, **8pm:** Volleyball Awards and Raffle in Sled Pub.

Call 428-3245 for more information.



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The Moffett family at home: Mike with daughters Katie (left) and Kendra (foreground) and wife Nancy.

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MEET MIKE MOFFETT: EDUCATOR, SOLDIER, WRITER AND SPORTS FAN

by Lorrie Baird
Contributing Editor

Since readers have been enjoying Mike Moffett's SPORTthoughts column for some weeks now, we figured that it's time to meet the man behind his words. When I first met Mike, I didn't know whether to shake his hand or snap a salute. That's because when Mike was asked to send The Weirs Times photos of his military service, he sent one with General Schwarzkopf and another working at Central Command Headquarters in Florida after the 9/11 disaster. So right away I knew that this is no ordinary guy. And I was right.

Mike Moffett has the kind of easy going affable personality that is impossible not to like right away. As a Professor of Sports Management at the New Hampshire Technical Institute in Concord, it is as easy to imagine Mike as an accomplished sports writer and teacher in a classroom, as it is difficult to picture him as a Lt. Colonel in the Marines and a combat veteran of Desert Storm.

Actually, Mike says, he didn't imagine it either as a kid growing up in Groveton New Hampshire; not even when he went to the University of New Hampshire and on to Plymouth State College. But Mike's big brother

became a Marine and Mike was intrigued with his stories of travel and adventure. Still, it wasn't until Mike was teaching at Trinity High School in Manchester in the early 1980s when he met fellow teacher Tom Spaulding who related stories about his service in World War II, that Mike began thinking about the military. "I'd never flown in a plane, and listening to Tom talk about the military I realized that I've never been anywhere! Before I got too old I wanted to experience some travel."

So Mike told his wife Nancy that he just wanted to "talk" with a U.S. Marine recruiter,

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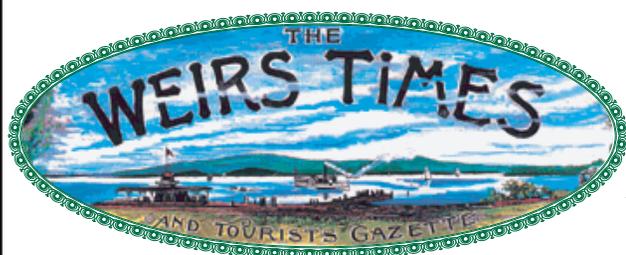
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by Mike Moffett
Contributing Writer

NHIAA HOOPS AT PSU

If you've never attended a high school basketball tournament game at Plymouth State University's Foley Gym - then you should. While the quality of playoff basketball is outstanding, the price of admission also gives one a chance to witness numerous poignant scenes, see tears of joy and of despair, observe amazing cheerleaders, listen to school bands, and meet some interesting characters (see below).

The Class S and M high school girls' tournaments were held at PSU last week with a couple local teams dropping semifinal Class

M contests on Wednesday. With only seconds left in Belmont's 43-36 loss to Conant, senior Red Raider center Bridgette Hooker fouled out. This was actually a good thing because it afforded Belmont fans an opportunity to give Bridgette an ovation to honor not only her efforts that evening - but her whole wonderful career. It was one of the aforementioned poignant moments.

In Newfound's 60-42 loss to defending champion Mascoma, it was neat to watch 5-foot-6 freshman Caitlin O'Connor fearlessly drive to the hoop for the Bears. O'Connor was taken off her game by a couple of marginal "touch" fouls that probably didn't need to be called. In watching O'Connor's reaction to the calls, it was clear she was trying not to

show her frustration. She's clearly a competitor who cares about winning, one of five freshmen on Coach Karri Peterson's team, which should be back in the tournament again next year.

CHARACTERS

What makes the S/M tournaments special is how whole communities turn out to support their high school teams. Most everyone in town knows, or is related to, at least one varsity player. (See "Hoo-siers" - the movie.) This is just not the case with high schools in big cities like Concord, Keene, or Nashua, etc.

Anyway, regardless of which tournament games one might attend at PSU, the same characters always seem to show up.

THE MOTHER - Can be seen crying in the stands

after the final buzzer. Win or lose.

THE INSTIGATOR - Wearer of school colors who moves around the stands stirring up trouble while trying to organize obnoxious chants.

THE SECOND GUESSER - Constantly criticizes coaching decisions. Baffled that the team made it to the play-offs with such a dumb coach.

THE UNCLE - Didn't attend a game all year long, but shows up at PSU to see niece or nephew at the Big Show. Usually drunk. Ends up yelling at officials while his eyes bug out of his head.

THE TODDLER - Two years old. Doesn't care about basketball. Can be seen trying to crawl into the press box while Mom is crying at the end of the game.

THE COMMISSIONER - A distinguished Yoda-like presence who sits on the last chair of the visitors'

bench, by the player entrance. Seldom seen cheering. Always shaking hands with fans, coaches, and officials, who all nod their heads in agreement with everything he says.

PETER COFRAN - red-headed, bearded chap who runs the whole operation. Once tackled a spectator who was headed the wrong way (i.e. on to the court). Aply supported by a crack staff of many helpers, with names like Scott, Tom, Kent, Dean, or Cabbie (?), just to name a few of the folks who help support one of the Granite State's truly great sports experiences.

SPORTSQUOTE

"Sure, luck means a lot in football. Not having a good quarterback is bad luck." - Don Shula.

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SPORTthoughts



SPORTS QUIZ by Chris Richcreek

1. Did pitcher Randy Johnson's 16-14 record in 2004 for Arizona reflect the most losses he's had for a single season during his career?
2. Name the last pitcher to clinch the World Series with a complete-game shutout before Florida's Josh Beckett did it in 2003 against the New York Yankees.
3. Who are the only two NFL teams to start a season 6-0 and not make the playoffs?
4. How many times did Stanford's men's basketball team make the NCAA Tournament before Mike Montgomery became the head coach in 1986?
5. Who was the first NHL goalie to regularly wear a face mask?
6. Entering 2005, who was the last American male to win the New York City Marathon?
7. Name the U.S. heavyweight boxer who broke a knuckle in training, allowing Joe Frazier to take his place and win a gold medal at the 1964 Olympics.

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by Lorrie Baird

THE LATEST ROUND OF THE GREAT SQUIRREL WARS

by Lorrie Baird

There is an ongoing war at our house, but this was the year we were supposed to win. We heavily armed ourselves with the newest ultimate weapons of defense. And still, our adversaries outsmarted us! How can this BE? I mean, look at the size of our brain matter...and look at the size of theirs! It defies all logic. Still, every day for the past 22 years, our local squirrel population continues to humble and humiliate us. I've long since declared the squirrels victors, but endeavoring to keep our birdfeeders devoid of squirrels has become an obsession with Jim.

Jim escalated the war when he went online to search for the latest scientific developments in the longstanding war of man versus hungry rodents with fluffy tails. His first weapon of choice was an electric birdfeeder that automatically zaps anything heavier than a bird. But there's one catch: the squirrels have to ground themselves by touching two of the feeder's surfaces at the same time.

At first it worked great: we had squirrels flying off the feeder all over the place. If this pricey squirrel defender wasn't worth the hefty investment for its shock value, it certainly was for the entertainment. But then a strange thing happened. Somehow the squirrels KNEW not to let their bodies make contact with the feeder in two places. Soon they were deftly jumping onto the bottom feeding tray and balancing there, keeping all other body parts suspended in space while stuffing their furry little faces. I took one look and laughed. Jim took one look and reached for his gun. But they were off in

the woods high-fiving each other and laughing at us before Jim could even raise the barrel of his Super Soaker.

Did you know that

When a squirrel tries to get a free lunch, the birdfeeder sounds an alarm and begins to spin faster than a frappe mixer on a July day.

squirrels talk to each other? They really do! Regardless of the species: big and gray or little and red, the squirrels know precisely where to avoid making contact so they can eat their fill and not get zapped. How could they possibly know unless another squirrel told them?

Muttering something like, "It's us against 'them,'" Jim was back on the Internet. This time he bought a deluxe supper spinner that is supposed to sense the weight difference between birds and squirrels. When a squirrel tries to get a free lunch, the birdfeeder sounds an alarm and begins to spin faster than a frappe mixer on a July day. The Internet commercial showed squirrels whirling off the feeder all over the place and staggering away like drunken sailors on shore leave.

Jim couldn't contain his glee as he hung the deluxe super spinner and sat back to watch the show. But for days, nothing happened. The squirrels seemed to sense that

something was up and boycotted the feeder. And why not? They were getting plenty to eat on the electric feeder anyway.

But one day, while the

gray squirrels were munching away at the electric feeder café, a little red squirrel jumped on the downstairs spinner. And spin he did! Around and around until he finally flew off. Not only did he not stagger away, he deftly flew off the feeder and onto our porch post, putting yet another deep gouge in it's already scarred surface. Then he sat back and I watched him assess the situation. I could almost see the wheels turning in his little fur-covered brain. The next thing I knew he leaps up again. This time, before the spinner could activate, he stuffed his mouth pouches full of seed then hunkered down for the ride by lying low and curling around the bottom of the feeding tray, thereby outsmarting the law of gravity.

Then something disturbing happened! Don't ask me how we knew...but we could tell he was actually ENJOYING the ride. His body language did everything but say "Whee...this is FUN!" When he eventually had enough - which

was a long time - he simply jumped off onto the post again and munched on his cheek stash.

He obviously went back to tell all his pals about the nifty new squirrel ride we bought for their entertainment pleasure. We knew this because now they were waiting in line for a turn.

So I said to my husband, "Have you had enough? Are you willing to admit defeat? Face it Jim...you lost. They won. There is no device known to humankind that can keep a hungry squirrel off of birdfeeders!"

Jim eyes narrowed and he began to rub his hands together, as he declared through clenched teeth: "they may have won a battle, but the war is MINE!"

Not a good sign. The next thing I know Jim's making sketches on paper and spending time in the garage banging out the next defensive device in the great squirrel war. I have no idea what it is...but I know it includes a spinner AND electricity.

As for the squirrels, they obviously enjoy a challenge and I'm sure they can hardly wait.

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LEVI STRAUSS & CO. RESEARCHES ORIGIN OF DENIM AT MANCHESTER HISTORIC ASSOCIATION

The Manchester Historic Association was recently visited by a representative from Levi Strauss & Co, California, to research the "recipe" for the denim used to make their very first pair of blue jeans.

Jamie Sakamoto, Senior Designer Levi's Vintage Collection Levi Strauss & Co met with MHA staff members, Jane Glennan, Public Program Coordinator, Marylou Ashooh Lazos, Curator of Museum Collections, Eileen O'Brien, Curator of Library Collections and Deb Longman Marien, School Program Coordinator along with Bronislaw "Ben" Prokuski, 94 years old, during her visit here. Ben is Manchester's fabric expert that Levi needed to help them unravel the formula for their denim material.

Ben is a long time friend of MHA and was a trustee from 1967-1971.



Bronislaw "Ben" Prokuski, 94, former Waumbec vice president and Jamie Sakamoto, senior designer, Levi's Vintage Collection, Levis Strauss & Co review photos of Levi's original blue jeans at the Millyard Museum.

Prokuski's expertise comes from his 37 years at the Waumbec Mills. As a vice president, he was in

charge of 5 floors - 600 looms, keeping them working at 90% efficiency. According to Ben, Waumbec was always on top of the latest styles and trends which made them

successful. If a company wanted a certain fabric woven, based on a sample from a stylist, Ben could have a duplicate sample within 24 hours.

Since "retiring" from

Waumbec, he has traveled all over the country and the world as a consultant.

He has made many of the replica looms and other weaving machines at the museum and has donated hundreds of hours restoring looms in the exhibit. He has also donated many examples of weaving apparatus from handmade reeds, harnesses, looms, sample books from Waumbec weaving books.

With Ben's help, information obtained in the museum research library and reviewing hundreds of fabric samples, Ms. Sakamoto feels her research at the library has moved them closer to sorting out the origin of Levi denim. The fabric that was given her on loan from the museum might hold the key to all of the research. She hopes Lynn Downey, their famed historian can soon visit the museum and research library to continue their research.

The MHA is delighted that Levi Strauss could avail themselves of the records of the Amoskeag Manufacturing Company that were transferred to the MHA beginning in 1936 and contains more than 200,000 archival documents, to aid them in their quest to find the origin of the first blue jeans.

The Manchester Historic Association is headquartered at 129 Amherst Street in downtown Manchester, in the Victory Park Historic District. The Association also operates the Millyard Museum in Mill No. 3 at the corner of Commercial and Pleasant streets in Manchester's historic millyard. Museum hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Please call 622-7531 or visit www.manchesterhistorical.org for more information.

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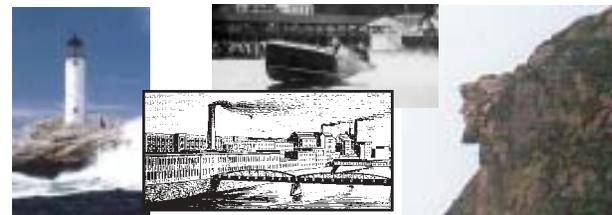

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A CAPITAL TOUR

Reprinted from...
New Hampshire Profiles
-October 1977 edition

by Bryant F. Tolles, Jr.

The following fine article is part of a two-part series. Unfortunately we were not able to acquire the publication in which the second part was featured in. —ed.

Concord, the Capital of New Hampshire since 1808, is not only the seat of government for the state but also an important regional center for transportation, education, and health care. Her architecture stands as an impressive testament to this multifaceted activity, but it has been only in recent years that Concord's architectural heritage has begun to receive the attention it so richly merits. Currently, new historic preservation interest is being developed by a local nonprofit group known as the Friends of Concord Landmarks Association (sponsored by the Women's Club of Concord), devoted to saving and putting to suitable and productive uses the best of the city's older structures.

Over the long term, Concord's record of historic preservation, like that of many other small New England cities, has not been distinguished. Many of the city's Colonial, Georgian, and Federal style buildings were long ago destroyed, some intentionally, some from

the ravages of disaster or time. Certain of her finer nineteenth-century structures are also gone. But fortunately, despite these losses, much noteworthy architecture does remain.

Concord's critical governmental and economic roles have led directly to the construction of fine

Constructed of Concord granite, the Old Federal Building (1884-1889) epitomizes late Victorian eclecticism, combining Richardsonian Romanesque motifs with elements borrowed from other architectural styles. Flattened Gothic window and doorway arches



The Old Federal Building, Concord.

public, ecclesiastical, commercial, and industrial buildings, dating from 1815 to 1915. Examples of these types of buildings will be shown in this first article.

Though this is just a sampling of the wide variety of architecture to be seen in Concord, these structures as a group illustrate a wide variety of styles, and they demonstrate individually the way in which local architects and builders interpreted the cultural tastes of their day.

Old Federal Building

Location: North State Street at Park and Capitol Streets.

pierce thick, fortress-like walls more often associated with Romanesque architecture. Visually, the strong horizontal forces of the base moldings, belt courses, window strips, and cornice moldings are effectively offset by the vertical thrusts of the Gothic arches, tall windows, and a steep-pitched roof broken by slender chimneys, tall wall dormers, and iron cresting and finials.

Further representative of the era are elaborate cornices, intricate iron grillwork, polished Romanesque porch columns, and a striking variety in budding materi-

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HISTORICAL HAPPENINGS

Roger Dionne and His Barbershop Quartet

On **Thursday, March 10th** at the Rochester Historical Society Museum, Roger Dionne and his Barbershop Quartet will perform at 7pm.

The museum is located at 58 Hanson Street. This event is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served. This should be a fun evening for all ages.

On loan at the Rochester Historical Society by David Henderson are a set of early Rochester postcards.

The society is now accepting donations for their annual Penny Sale on April 30th at the Rochester Community Center from 9am-3pm. For more information call 330-3099.

Maple Sugaring Event at the Remick Museum

The cold nights and slightly warmer days of March mean it's maple sugaring time in New Hampshire.

On **Saturday, March 19th from 1-4pm** the Remick Museum at 58 Cleveland Rd., Tamworth Village will have a special event about maple sugaring.



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Local producer, Tom Dyrenforth will have a variety of maple syrup for sale. Give your taste buds a treat by sampling maple cream, maple jelly, maple candy and maple sugar-on-snow.

The event is free and open to the public. For more information call 603/323-7591 or 800/686-6117.

FYI: The Remick Museum is once again hosting two popular summer camp programs: Country Kids Day Camp (July 11 - August 5) and Back to Basics (June 27 - July 1).

Applications for these camps will be processed by lottery on Monday, March 7th. If you are interested in either camp for your child call 603/323-7591 or 800/686-6117 by March 7th.

March Madness at The Millyard Museum

Thursday, March 10th, 10am-1:30pm.

Many people know the history of the rise of the Amoskeag Manufacturing Company in the 1880s and the fall following the strikes of the 1930s. The little known history is what happened after that fateful Christmas Eve in 1935 when Amoskeag closed its doors.

One of Manchester's fascinating stories is how a group of Manchester citizens rallied to save the mills and the city.

Join attorney Dick Samuels of McLane, Graf, Raulerson & Middleton PA and the Secretary of Amoskeag Industries Inc., for this fascinating look at the formation of Amoskeag Industries and how this corporation is still an active part of Manchester today.

Admission is \$5 per person for Manchester Historic Association members and \$8 for non-members.

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EDITORIALS & VIEWPOINTS



Michelle Malkin
Syndicated Columnist

THE NEW YOUTH CRAZE: SELF MUTLATION

Have you heard of "cutting"? If you're a parent, you'd better read up. "Cutting" refers to self-mutilation -- using knives, razor blades or even safety pins to deliberately harm one's own body -- and it's spreading to a school near you.

Actresses Angelina Jolie and Christina Ricci did it. So did Courtney Love and the late Princess Diana. On the Internet, there are scores of websites (with titles such as "Blood Red," "Razor Blade Kisses" and "The Cutting World") featuring "famous self-injurers," photos of teenagers' self-inflicted wounds and descriptions of their techniques. The destructive practice has been depicted in films targeting young girls and teens (such as "Thirteen"). There is even a new genre of music -- "emo" -- associated with promoting the cutting culture.

In Britain, health care researchers estimate

that one in 10 teenagers engages in addictive self injury. According to psychiatrist Gary Litovitz, medical director of Dominion Hospital in Falls Church, Va., the growing trend here in America has alarmed school guidance counselors around the country.

It's not just delinquents and social misfits who are doing it. A concerned parent sent me the following letter recently:

"I just found out this week that my 14-year-old daughter is a 'cutter.' She has a 4.0 average, 8th grade, goes to a good school, and is well-liked by all who know her. She is popular, has two homes (mine and her dad's) with supportive, loving families in each. Her own friends cut, too: four of them that I know of now between the ages of 11 and 14 . . . [a]s do her two cousins, ages 11 and 15.

"My daughter cuts herself with a safety pin. I found this out on her own personal website, which I discovered she had been hiding on a hidden account she used at another relative's home. She had links to webrings about cutting, suicide and broken hearts as well as images and poetry. Her friends all fea-

ture cutting/suicide links, icons and song lyrics as well.

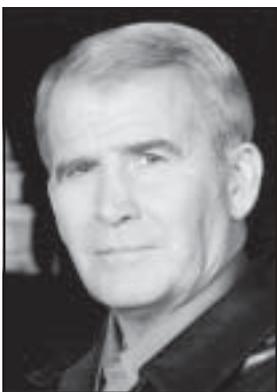
"The counselor at her school told me this: At her middle school, '70 percent of the kids here cut or know someone who does. It's cool, a trend, and acceptable. Boys do it as well but are more public about it. . . . you're not even the first parent this week: you're the third, and just today a girl received stitches in the hospital for cutting herself so bad."

While many public schools deny the problem exists, public health advocacy groups are warning medical professionals of the cutting craze --and have even declared March 1st "Self Injury Awareness Day."

This madness would not be as popular as it is among young people if not for the glamorizing endorsement of nitwit celebrities such as twentysomething actress Christina Ricci. Several of the websites I researched highlighted the same quotes from Ricci describing her experiences with self-injury:

In an *Us* magazine interview, for example,

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by Oliver North
Syndicated Columnist

SOUTHERN DISCOMFORT

WASHINGTON, DC — Now for the bad news. Two weeks ago, the mainstream media were chasing after Secretary of State Condolleeza Rice on her whirlwind debutante tour of Europe, commenting on her elegant ensembles and

disarming smile. Meanwhile, back at the ranch, Venezuela's Hugo Chavez was accusing the United States of trying to assassinate him.

This week, the potentates of the press were mused over President Bush's efforts to melt the iciest of 'Old European' hearts. But within four hours of Florida, Nicaragua's Daniel Ortega — still the head of the communist-inspired Sandinista Party — was endorsing Chavez' call for the creation of a "Bolivarian Army" — comprised of soldiers from "like minded nations" throughout Latin America. Such an armed force would "protect these

countries" from "U.S. imperialism."

Compared to Russia's intent to supply the radicals in Tehran with nuclear material and know-how, the rabid babble emanating from our back yard may seem a minor annoyance — kind of like the neighbor's dog barking in the night. And it would be just about as threatening, but for one thing: The radicals to our south have found a wealthy new benefactor, the revolutionary Chavez.

With oil selling at near record prices, the elected Venezuelan head of state, and new darling of the radical left, is rolling in American petro-dollars. While the Bush administration has been preoccupied by its "New European Initiative," Chavez — often seen sporting his Castro-style uniform — has been taking every advantage of the distraction. And, apparently, he is willing to put his money where his mouth is.

With his new-found oil wealth, Chavez has offered to arm the new "Bolivarian Army" with weapons from communist China and, of all places, Iran. In a little-noticed speech this week at the Organization for American States

(OAS), Ali Rodriguez, the Venezuelan foreign minister, denounced the United States and echoed Chavez' claims that the Bush administration has authorized the assassination of the Venezuelan president.

According to sources in Nicaragua, Chavez is using his fortune to finance Sandinista chieftain Daniel Ortega's political ambitions. One frustrated member of the legislature in Managua told me that "Chavez is Ortega's 'numero uno' financial benefactor."

Meanwhile, Alvaro Uribe, the pro-American president of Colombia, is increasingly concerned about the military support and sanctuary that the Chavez regime is offering to FARC narco-terrorists. Thus far, all of these concerns seem to have fallen on deaf ears in Washington.

One of the problems of being a super-power is that the role brings with it many responsibilities — and many adversaries. It also requires a deftness and flexibility for dealing with unexpected challenges. The Bush administration demonstrated those skills in its

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EDITORIALS & VIEWPOINTS



by Thomas Sowell
Syndicated Columnist

RANDOM THOUGHTS

know who you are instead of telling you who they are.

Raising Social Security taxes today will not leave a dime more to pay pensions to future retirees. Right now there is more money coming into the system than is going out — and the difference gets spent on other things. Higher taxes now would mean a bigger excess to be spent on other things, leaving nothing more for the future.

Time and again, over the centuries, price controls have produced three things: shortages, quality deterioration and black markets. Why would anyone want any of those things with pharmaceutical drugs?

What “eminent domain” laws mean in practice is that politicians have a

right to seize your property and turn it over to someone else, in order to gain campaign contributions and win votes.

Don't you get tired of seeing so many “non-conformists” with the same non-conformist look?

Everyone is presumed to be innocent until proven guilty — in a court of law. But we cannot just mindlessly repeat words outside the context in which they apply. If you discovered that your spouse had been secretly checking into motels with someone else, would you presume innocence until proven guilty?

It is amazing how many people think that the government's role is to give them what they want by overriding what other people want.

Automobiles are getting

to look so much alike that it is hard to tell some cars apart, even when they are made by different manufacturers or even made in different countries. Recently, I was embarrassed to realize that I was trying to get into someone else's German-made car on a parking lot, thinking it was my own Japanese-made car.

In honor of George Washington's birthday, you might want to read an excellent little book about his life. It is titled “Founding Father” by Richard Brookhiser.

Some words that are said cannot be unsaid. The most you can do is avoid saying them in the first place.

A check of official records shows that my property line extends farther than I thought — but

laws prevent me from using that additional land. However, I can probably be sued if anyone gets injured while trespassing on it. In other words, I am worse off for owning more land than I thought I had.

Sign on a monument to people who served in the military: “All gave some. Some gave all.”

People who look at the Islamic world of the Middle East and ask, “Why do they hate us?” may be surprised to discover that such hatred goes back long before the Bush administration or even the founding of Israel in 1947. Eminent scholar Bernard Lewis has written a very readable little book titled “What Went Wrong?” that traces the internal problems of that region, which

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by David Limbaugh
Syndicated Columnist

HILLARY THE CHAMELEON

whom were elected twice. Indeed, in today's partisan climate, almost any strong leader of either party will ultimately be deemed polarizing.

Hillary's polarizing nature will energize Republicans to work to defeat her, but it will also motivate Democrats to support her because the qualities that alienate you from your opposition are the same ones that endear you to your own party.

Yet contrary to the conventional wisdom, mainstream liberals are far less electable than mainstream conservatives in nationwide elections. Bill Clinton knew that, which is why he attached himself to the “moderate” Democratic Leadership Council. John Kerry also knew that, which is why he ran from the liberal label, despite his unambiguously liberal creden-

tials.

Howard Dean doesn't know that or doesn't care, which is one reason he tanked as a presidential candidate as fast as he rose. Nor does the Democratic Party know that (or can't otherwise mollify its base), which is why it has elevated the liberal, vigorously anti-war, anti-Bush Dean to be its party chairman.

The key for a Democrat to be elected president is to be liberal enough in reality to satisfy the base, but not so obviously liberal as to scare swing voters. The shrewd and calculating Hillary has been in the process of a public makeover for years.

She has been doing a masterful job of toning down her liberalism a little dose at a time. Even so, her metamorphosis has been so transparent that even the perennially apathetic and ignorant

should be able to see through it. But many don't. She's even polling well — or much better — among New York Republicans.

Hillary's apparent strategy is to present herself as hawkish on defense, including Iraq, moderate on abortion and other social issues, and Clintonesque on economic issues.

She's already abandoned the party line by praising the Iraqi elections and opposing a date certain for American withdrawal. (Notice that Hillary sounds wiser in direct proportion to the extent she emulates the conservative position.) She'll continue to be hawkish unless and until she perceives the war to have become unpopular with voters, at which point she'll switch her position as quickly as a liberal spends federal

money.

Hillary has also been depicting herself as a devout Christian who only reluctantly supports abortion. But at heart she is a radical feminist who, while claiming to want to make abortion safe, legal and rare, will fight like a feline to preserve it as a holy sacrament of feminism and liberalism.

On the economy, Hillary will have a couple of advantages, the main one being that a wave of economic prosperity accompanied the Clinton presidency. Another is that on domestic spending, especially education, President Bush hasn't exactly been conservative.

Also, with his enthusiastic expansion of the prescription drug entitlement, Mr. Bush has made Hillary Care seem less

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Letters From the Mail Boat

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A Reminder To Sununu

To The Editor:
NH's Junior Senator had better not get too comfortable with the risk he took in support of Social Security privatization. First he should be reminded that George Bush did not win in this state even with the Senator's strong support and Republicans did not buy into giving Craig Benson a second term.

I am one of many lifelong Republicans who will not fall into blind lock step with the President on some of his programs. We are independent thinkers and will pick and choose what we like and what we don't.

Senator Sununu has become a Presidential rump Swab to court favor with the White House at the expense of the wishes of his constituents and he and his senior colleague Senator Gregg had

better watch how far they go as boot lickers because it could blow up in their faces. Both should be reminded again that even with their strong support "Ole Dubyah" did not win in NH.

Richard L. Fortin
Manchester, NH.

Blacks May Be The Biggest Winner in Social Security

To The Editor:

There is no more divisive an issue in American politics right now than privatization of Social Security. While even most Democrats acknowledge something must be done to save the system, debate rages over who will win and who will lose if the president's plan makes its way through Congress.

It is fitting that the president's biggest push for personal accounts

has come during the month of February, Black History Month. For blacks, the switch to personal accounts would be a historical victory and a step toward equality.

In the current system, those who live the longest ultimately get the greatest return. Statistically, black Americans and the working poor live the shortest lives. They die long before they can withdraw from Social Security the lifelong investments they've made.

While Republicans like the ideology of giving individual Americans more control over their own futures, and thus support the president's plan, Democrats should recognize the reality that some of their biggest constituencies will be the biggest winners. Social Security reform is an opportunity for politics to be put aside and real civil rights progress to be made

Latrece Vankinscot
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Latex Sensitivity

To The Editor:

I am systemically allergic to latex, an allergy which I acquired while working in the healthcare field and wearing latex gloves. Latex sensitivity and allergy symptoms range from skin irritation to hives & wheezing to anaphylactic shock and death. In my case I started with skin issues, then hives, and I later had a blood test which revealed that I am highly reactive to latex. As an RN and healthcare con-

sumer myself, I applaud LRGH as they have moved from high-protein, powdered latex gloves to a low-protein, nonpowdered alternative (to lessen the exposure level to those not yet allergic) and nonlatex nitrile gloves for those who are or may be already allergic. I hope that in the near future they and other healthcare providers will go completely non-latex with all of their gloves, catheters and other products for the safety of everyone.

What alarms me greatly is the apparent lack of knowledge on the part of many Lakes Region restaurants as to the dan-

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VILLAGE PERK BUILDING HAS INTERESTING HISTORY

by Roger Amsden
News Correspondent

MEREDITH - The Main Street building which now is home to the Village Perk has had a long and interesting history, dating back as far as 1835 when it was J.W. Lang's Store and Judge Rollins had an office above the store.

Originally known as the Lang building, for John Lang, who was captain of the 12th New Hampshire Regiment during the Civil War, the building has been the site of many businesses over the years.



The Village Perk on Meredith's Main Street is located in a building dating back to the 1830s which has served as the home of many businesses.
ROGER AMSDEN PHOTO



During the 1930s an addition was constructed on the front of the Meredith Main Street building, altering its appearance.
MEREDITH HISTORICAL SOCIETY PHOTO



Originally known as the Lang Building, this Meredith Main Street building was home to both Grad's clothing store and the A&P store.
MEREDITH HISTORICAL SOCIETY PHOTO

A second story hall is said to have been used by Lang to recruit soldiers for the 12th NH Regiment.

It later became a grocery store operated by John Knowles and later by Pease & Towle. In the 1880s the store became the Edward C. Mansfield Dry Goods and Ready Made Clothing store with the Weeks & Smith general store operating out of the first floor.

Throughout much of the 20th century the store was

shared by Grad's clothing store and the A&P grocery store until Grad's took over all of the first floor sometime around 1950.

Gordon Grad said that his grandfather, Samuel first had a clothing store on Main Street around 1906 that was located near the former Waldron's Dugout.

He said that prior to that his grandfather was a traveling dry goods salesman who started out walking from Meredith to

nearby communities such as Ashland and Holderness, going door to door to sell his merchandise.

"He carried the dry goods in a pack and then bought a horse so that he could carry two packs with him. Then he bought a

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by Niel Young



by Niel Young
A.H.O.G. Columnist

Phillip Rizzi of Bow (age 9) qualified to participate this weekend (3/5 & 6) in the *Buddy Werner NH State Championships* (GSM Slalom Racing) at Gunstock.

Yes, Phillip is very special to Mimi and Poppy – and visiting Gunstock Ski Area gives me the opportunity to appreciate the fine work being done there.

Our friend **Cindy Houghton** is seeking a seat on the Budget Committee in Gilmanston. Every budget committee needs a Cindy Houghton – you know - someone who will ask the questions that lead to justification of each expenditure! Which is what you would expect, right?

Again this year **Ginger**

Kozlowski of Neighborhood Newspapers has written an editorial regarding SB2 and the title is “Ballot voting is still the best way to represent us all.”

Ginger writes: “It seems to us there is very little difference whether a town or school district is governed by a traditional Town Meeting form of voting or by the official ballot law, commonly called SB2.”

“In either case, a tiny percentage of people can make drastic changes or vote down a warrant article. Both forms of government depend on having a representative sample of the population come out to sit through the explanation of each article and voting on it, whether right at the meeting or later in a voting booth. We have seen examples of both forms of government hijacked by just a few people with a special interest. It simply does not matter whether your town or school district has ballot voting or

Town Meeting voting when few people are in attendance. When you have 50, or 150 or 300 people at a meeting and they represent barely 3 percent of a town’s population, that town is being ruled by a tiny minority that may or may not represent the public as a whole.

“We continue to favor official ballot voting if only because it allows everyone to have a say in the spending decisions and governing of their town and school district. We do think the official ballot law needs to be changed so that articles can’t be zeroed out at the deliberative sessions. Perhaps other changes would also improve the law.”

As I have written before – SB2 in the NH towns – and “Tax Caps” in NH cities is the best protection for property taxpayers and a vehicle to nudge our elected officials to be more creative in governing.

I read Ginger in **The**

Hooksett Banner. Their website is at www.your-neighborhoodnews.com.

There are many times I am contacted and asked for advice as to how a group would go about getting SB2, the official ballot bill, on the ballot in a specific town. Here’s my answer: contact the Coalition of NH Taxpayers at www.cnht.org or our friend **Ed Naile**, the chairman, at 464-0288.

You may listen to their radio broadcast each Thursday evening 6-8 at WLMW 90.7 FM or via the Internet at www.nhfamilyradio.org – just click listen. It’s that easy!

Radio talk show host/columnist **Neal Boortz**: “According to (Newton, Massachusetts public school system) math program, the top objective for the district’s math teachers is to teach ‘respect for human differences’ and to ‘live out the system-wide core value of respect for

human differences by demonstrating anti-racist and anti-bias behaviors.’ All of this, believe it or not, is to be taught in MATH class. . . . If you send your kids to government schools, they are going to be indoctrinated day in and day out with this type of nonsense. Perhaps you should look in the mirror and decide if you can live with yourself when you choose to send you kids off to schools like these.”

Niel Young: Too bad some parents who do not have the financial means cannot help their children escape the government schools!

So, **Gov. John Lynch** has proposed a “get in free for one year” card at UNH, Plymouth, and Keene.

This 2/16 headline in **The Laconia Daily Sun**: “Poorest students would get first year free at state colleges under Lynch budget” (Associated Press): “It’s one of the few
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RAMBLING THROUGH HISTORY

by Mal Fuller



Those of you who have read my columns throughout the last decade know quite a bit about the times and places I lived in during my youth. My father was a career employee of the Ford Motor Company. Especially during the 1950s, 1960s and 1970s a successful career in management at Ford required, among other things, a willingness to move to whatever part of the country "Henry" wanted to send you. Pass up such an "opportunity" just once and no further chances at advancement would be offered my dad felt.

My father's understanding of this unwritten company policy explains why our family moved 5 times in 6 years! These moves were especially difficult for my mother and me. Had all the places we moved to been as nice as Wellesley Hills, Massachusetts for example, the moving experience would not have been all that bad. But, unfortunately, we twice moved to Dearborn, Michigan, which was not a nice place.

This week, in doing research on the Internet for a future article on an entirely unrelated subject, I came upon a piece about Dearborn's history. This piece contained no surprises, but it did help me realize, from the perspective of my adulthood, just how nasty a place Dearborn was back then and the force behind the evil I found there. That's because my two times as a Dearborn resident fell within the bounds of the time frame when Orville L. Hubbard was Dearborn's mayor.

Orville was, for 36 years the mayor of the City of Dearborn. Segregationist



Dearborn's Mayor Orville L. Hubbard, "looming large" (again), this time on Michigan Avenue near the Dearborn City Hall.



Mayor Orville L. Hubbard "looming large" on the scale that was outside his office in Dearborn City Hall.

was the politest word that could be used in an attempt to describe Mayor Hubbard's politics. When he became Dearborn's mayor in 1942, there were no black residents of Dearborn. Hubbard decided to base his political

career as mayor by embracing and later taking credit for, this existing fact. While our country's south had its full share of politicians who portrayed themselves as racists to further their political careers, a bigot such as Hubbard was almost unheard of in northern politics.

But to dismiss Orville as a simple bigot would miss

just who this politician was and how he operated. Dearborn presented him with a unique northern opportunity to gain political power by railing against the Blackman. Thousands of black employees filed through the gates at Ford's River Rouge plant at Dearborn every workday. Henry Ford had learned to keep his own personal bigotry

against blacks (among his other prejudices) quiet because he knew he could not survive without the Blackman's taking part in the Company's labor force. Many of the white factory workers of Dearborn feared their black counterparts at work. Black and white workers didn't really get to know one another. Ford's Rouge plant was, after all, far removed from a social club!

A closer look at Orville L. Hubbard points to an evil that is darker and less simplistic than "simple" bigotry. Those who had heard Hubbard's rantings and railings eventually saw a bigger picture. He'd rail against the Jews, the Irish, the Dagos and especially against the fledgling Syrian population of Dearborn. Hubbard's secretary of 11 years, Judy Cord, perhaps summed it up best. She is quoted as saying, "I don't think he liked anybody. I mean you were

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Ricci blabbed about various scars on her hands and arms: "I wanted to see if I can handle pain. It's sort of an experiment to see if I can handle pain." In another interview, she described putting cigarettes out on her arm and answered questions about whether it hurt: "No. You get this endorphin rush. You can actually faint from pain. It takes a second, a little sting, and then it's like you really don't feel anything. It's calming actually."

And in Rolling Stone, Ricci prattled about scratching her forearms with her nails and soda can tops: "It's like having a drink. But it's quicker. You know how your brain shuts down from pain? The pain would be so bad, it would force my body to slow down, and I wouldn't be as anxious. It made me calm."

It may be all fun and games for a Hollywood starlet like Ricci, but her mindless stunts have inspired countless young girls to carve themselves into a bloody stupor. Hollyweird strikes again.

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led to such hatred and fanaticism.

If sanity ever returns to our society and we stop taking pretentious elites seriously, one of the signs will be that the public will force the removal of those ugly pieces of twisted metal that are called "art" in front of government building.

If the government gave a \$5,000 subsidy to anyone who buys an automobile, do you doubt that the price of automobiles would go up —perhaps by \$5,000? Why then does no one see any connection between government subsidies to college students and rising tuition?

People who oppose the privatization of Social Security call it "a risky scheme." But is anything more risky than turning money over to politicians and hoping that they won't spend it before you retire? They have been spending the "trust fund" for decades.

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 new programs in the budget and would benefit students whose families cannot help them pay for college. These students would have to qualify for the maximum federal Pell grant - now at \$4,050 - but they would get the balance of their college expenses paid by the state for the first year."

I would expect the governor to support a pilot program that will provide parents with educational options allowing their child to attend a school that best fits their educational needs, as well as, act as a low cost pressure valve on the ever-growing financial commitment on taxpayers by stabilizing the number of students who attend public school.

Sen. Carl Johnson is the sponsor of SB 131 which, if passed, would provide financial assistance for low income parents who desire to place their children in an educational facility that they believe better suits their child.

The guidelines of this legislation should have the support of the governor and anyone who truly believes in every student getting the best education - as designated by the parents.

SB 131 does not assist those who have their children already enrolled in a private school and is definitely for those of extremely modest means.

Personally, I believe most parents would prefer that the pilot program begin with 6th and 7th graders who are about to enter or have one year of the most vulnerable years in Middle school.

My daughter, the teacher, tells me this is the most difficult time for these young people. This, in my opinion, is the time parents really take into consideration the violence, the lack of structure, and the lack of high expectations of the students, and think of removing their child from the government schools.

 From a friend in New York state: "I started thinking about the

governor's plan for a free first year in college - if he gets it, he will become more popular because everyone likes something 'free,' especially college. But it will do nothing for improving K-12 and might even make it worse because the teachers will realize that the colleges will do more remedial studies. In addition it will bring more under-educated students to college and thereby lengthen the time for them to graduate. Only 40% of the SUNY students graduate in 4 years! It may not be much different in NH.

"Another factor is that Gov. Lynch's plan would cost NH more money

while the proposed school voucher plan would cost NH less.

"Free college would ruin the colleges the same way free public schooling has ruined the public schools. Public colleges wouldn't have to compete for freshman the way a private college would have to. Public colleges could offer lousy curriculums knowing that poor students would have to attend anyway. This is the same as offering public school choice...not much of a choice and discriminates against those wanting a real choice among the private schools. Best wishes, **Dr. Richard Vook.**"

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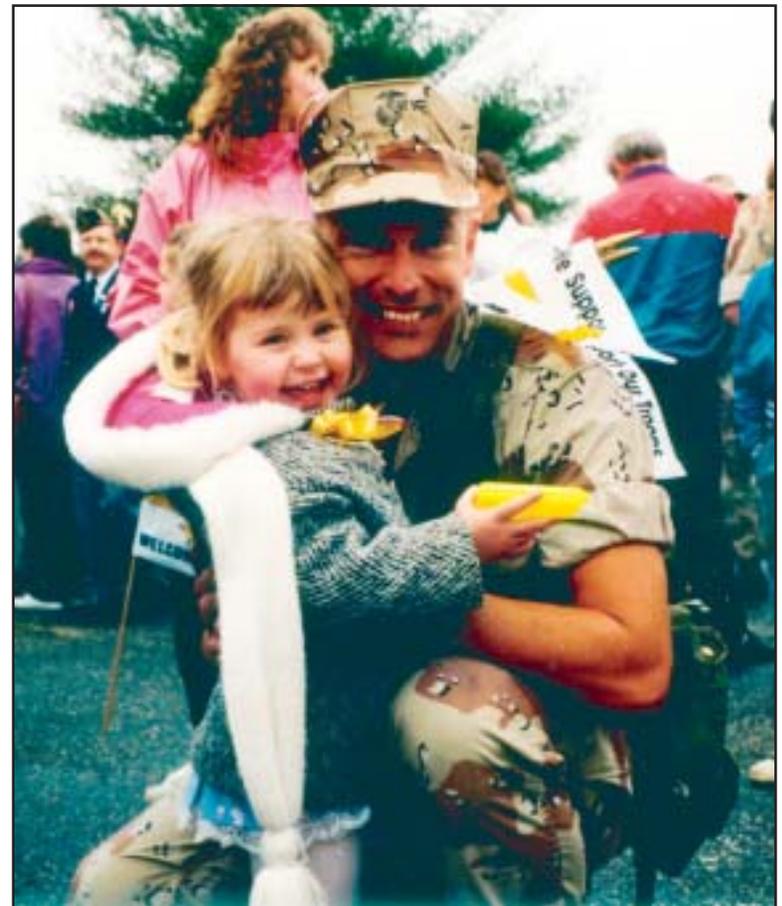
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 "and I ended up signing up," he says with a grin adding, "I really wanted some adventure!" October of 1982 found Mike in basic training at Quantico, Virginia. When Mike was stationed at Camp Pendleton, Nancy stayed in New Hampshire to obtain her degree in radiography. Then Mike went on an overseas tour in the West Pacific while Nancy

stayed behind at Camp Pendleton. (Not only did Mike follow in his big brother's military footsteps, but Mike's younger brother signed up as well, with all three Moffett brothers having served in the Marines.) Mike returned as a Lieutenant from his overseas duty and through 1985, he did regular training with the Marines. In 1986, he and Nancy returned to New

Hampshire.

Meanwhile, throughout Mike's collegiate career he fed his lifelong interest in team sports by playing college basketball, and earlier, some freshman and junior varsity coaching. "I did some sports writing for the Coos County Democrat for four years from 1978 to 1982." In 1986, "I got back into sports writing for the New Hampshire Times," he re-



Mike greets daughter Katie in April 1991 upon return from Operation Desert Shield.

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calls. "Then in '86 the Sports Information Director position opened up at Plymouth State College,"...and Mike got the job. From 1986 to 1990 Mike remained on inactive reserve with the Marines, earning his Master's degree in 1989. In January of 1990, Mike got the hankering "to do part time reserve work with the Marines. The Cold War had just ended,

the Berlin Wall was down, and peace was breaking out all over. I never anticipated going to war, but before the year was over I was in Saudi Arabia."

Mike leans back casually in his chair and recalls, "In August we had been on vacation for a week in Martha's Vineyard. I pressed the answering machine and learned that Saddam had

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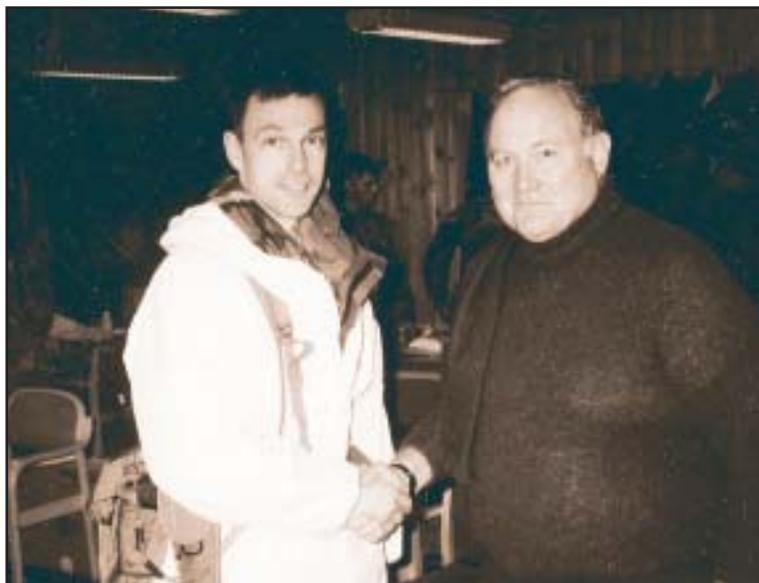
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MOFFETT, from page 16 invaded Kuwait and to prepare to be activated." The next thing he knew Mike was the commander of the Marine Reserve Unit from Topsham, Maine, "we were attached to the First Marine Division."

Operation Desert Shield quickly became Operation Desert Storm and on February 25, 1991, "we went into Kuwait with the First Division." Looking thoughtful for a moment,

military history during the liberation of Kuwait. "And the reception back in the states was fabulous," he added. Nancy, and their daughter Katie who was born in 1987 were among those families rejoicing on April 16, 1991 to have their loved ones back home safe and sound. Daughter Kendra was born after Desert Storm in 1992.

In 1994 the family moved to Concord from Campton. For 8 months



Mike, dressed in a winter survival suit, shakes hands with retired General Norman Schwarzkoph while the General was in Norway with CBS making a story on surviving in the Artic.

2001 I shifted out of the President's office into fulltime teaching as a professor.

"Two weeks after I started teaching fulltime...9/11 came." Lt. Colonel Mike Moffett re-

ceived orders to report to Central Command in Tampa, Florida to serve with General Franks, "me and three thousand other staff," Mike said humbly. "I worked at Central Command through the next

summer, coming back in the fall of 2002 to teach at NHTI. I am still doing reserve duty," says Mike of his ongoing military career. "I'm the director of a summer prep school in San Diego for enlisted Marines who have been selected to become officers."

Even before he began writing SPORTthoughts, Mike Moffett was no stranger to the pages of The Weirs Times having written various Op Ed opinion pieces. "The Weirs times has always been wonderful printing press releases when I was PIO (press information officer) and with some of my opinion pieces," Mike recalls. "My wife said, 'you should look at doing some sports writing again.' Dave Lawton seemed interested... and the experience is good for me."

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Lt. Colonel Mike Moffett at Central Command Headquarters in Florida where he served on staff with General Franks.

Mike says that unlike the present day war in Iraq, Desert Storm had a defined beginning and end.

"It went quickly, and after the cease fire we convoyed through Kuwait City and the reception we got from the Kuwaitis was just fantastic! All the people came out and you could just feel the gratitude and love and attention of these people who have such a high regard for sovereignty." Now, just as Tom Spaulding had been part of the history of World War Two, so too had Captain Mike Moffett played his unique role in

Mike took advantage of a chance to do some sports programming for Cable TV's Channel 12, among other endeavors. "Then the Public Information Officer position opened up at NHTI in Concord in August of '94 so I've been there in different capacities from Public Information Officer to Men's Basketball Coach, which I did for three years. Then I got involved with the establishment of a new academic Sport's Management program and got back into teaching "Introduction to Sports Management" in 1997, and in

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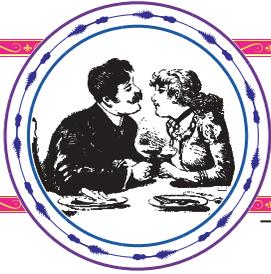
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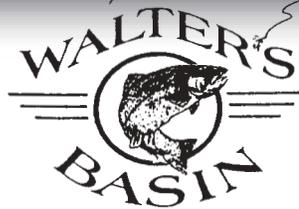
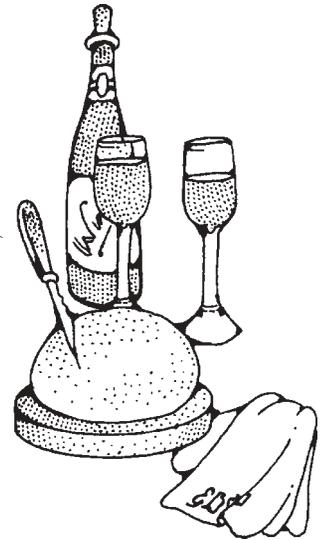
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Thus, SPORTthoughts was born. Mike will tell you that he enjoys putting words together (as much as we enjoy reading them). Mike brings energetic and intelligent writing to the pages of The

Weirs Times that invites the reader to think, and maybe break out in a knowing smile or two. The professor in Mike comes out when he says, "I like to raise awareness about personalities and issues relating to sports, both lo-

cal and national," and he does so with punchy sentences that both entertain and surprise, not to mention a genuine respect and caring for the talented athletes about whom he has written feature stories. What you won't find in Mike's columns is canned and over-used sports jargon.

Mike's love for sports has transferred to his family too. Daughter Katie, a junior, plays soccer and softball for Concord High School and says she'd like to continue in college. Kendra plays softball, soccer and basketball at the Middle School. As for Nancy, she never was a sports fan says Mike... that is until 2003 when the Yankees and the Sox battled it out to the bitter end. As for the triumphant 2004 baseball season, Mike grins and says, "she's become a fanatic fan. There's been a role reversal; now she's got to watch every single game!"

And remember all that time that the Moffetts spent apart while Mike actively served in the military? Since 1997, Nancy has also worked at NHTI teaching X-ray technology. Hopefully, the Moffett family will never have to be apart that long again.



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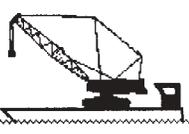
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TOURISTS IN THE LAND OF FAITH

by Rev. Victoria
Wood Parrish

In the Gospel of Mark, Chapter 13, Jesus is visiting the Temple in Jerusalem with his disciples. Jesus went there regularly to worship and to teach. Reading the stories of his life, it sounds like there were also times that he went to the Temple just to look around – to be a tourist. In this chapter of Mark, that seems to be what is happening. Jesus observed the people, taught them a pithy lesson, and then was on his way out.

As they left, one of his disciples, looking around, exclaimed, "Look at these fantastic buildings around us! The stones they were made with are huge!" I can imagine what he was thinking – the same things we think when we look at the massive stones at Stonehenge or the ancient pyramids... "How did those people so long ago know how to make these buildings? Why can't we do that today?"

I can also imagine Jesus, looking down at the ground and shaking his head and thinking, "Will I ever get through to these guys? I spend my time trying to teach them about eternal truths, and they are carried away by big rocks." He turns around, looks at the buildings and looks at his men, and says, "These stones are going to be thrown down someday and these buildings will be gone." And then he walks off, with the group of men following and wondering why he suddenly got so touchy.

The next time they sit down, four of the disciples try to get him talking about what he just said. Missing the whole point they ask, "So, when is the Temple going to fall

down?" With a heavy heart, Jesus looks at them and responds, "All sorts of bad things are going to happen. In addition, there will be rumors and you aren't going to know what is true. Smarten up and start paying attention to what is happening." (Of course he didn't say it quite that way, but that was the point.)

How many of us are like those disciples? I have gone to many of the beautiful cathedrals in England and have been awed by the work people have put into building them. However, as a tourist, I get to know very little of the faith the people learned – I can only imagine it. Have you also been a tourist in the land of faith?

There are those who even today are only tour-

ists in the land of faith. We visit various churches – just to find out how they look or what they do. However, we don't get any deeper and learn about what motivates the people who are there. We don't join a Sunday School class or Bible study, we don't get involved in a mission project, we don't try to learn how the money we give is used...we remain tourists in the land of faith, looking around with slack jaws, saying, "Wow, this place is interesting." Then we wander off, looking for the next place that will amaze us.

There are two problems with being a tourist in the land of faith.

The first is that we are not changed. We come no closer to God before we move off, because we have not invested ourselves in

the faith that we look at. We are surface-only people, and the deep parts of our lives that God would fill remain empty.

The second is that we change nothing. There is a world out there that is confused and hurting, and we meander through, looking only at the magnificent stones and miss the people waiting to be healed.

And Jesus looks down, shakes his head, and thinks, "How will I get through to these guys..."

It's a good thing that we still have time. We don't have to be tourists. We can become one of those

people at the door, welcoming strangers in and telling them that God has a place for them. We can pay attention and have our deep wants satisfied. Then we can be those who dwell in the land of faith, rather than just tourists.

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object around 3 a.m. above the treetops a half mile from I-93.

"It was brighter than any star and was shaped like a football," Alden later told the National Enquirer. He described what he was seeing to police dispatchers and recorded what he and Paine saw into a tape recorder that was used for accident reports, preserving a 45-minute account of their observations.

The officers started flashing the emergency lights on their car and the UFO responded by changing colors from blue to red, then to yellow, green and white. When it approached within 500 yards Alden shouted at Paine to turn off the lights and the object responded



A photo taken by Joy P., October 25, 2003, while taking a train trip out of Plymouth, shows a strange, flying craft of a triangular shape. She was taking pictures of red deer and said she never observed anything out of the ordinary.

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by hovering for nearly a minute and then slowly backed off to about half a mile from them.

Then they saw some-

thing even more unusual, two smaller bright white objects hovering below the larger ship. "Three times a direct beam of

light linked the three objects together like a white triangle," said Alden.

They were soon joined by Belknap County Sheriff's Deputy Steve Hodges and Belmont Police Officer Mark Stanley.

Hodges, who would later become Belknap County Sheriff, told the Enquirer that he saw three UFOs moving in rapid patterns. "They soared up, then down and backed away from us. They hovered for awhile and then sped south out of sight. I was scared."

Stanley said he couldn't believe what he was seeing. "I watched the big multicolored object and the two smaller ones for more than an hour with the other three officers." When they did leave at about 5 a.m., the officers

said they went south at an incredible speed.

But the police officers weren't the only ones who saw UFOs at that time.

Belknap County Sheriff Don Alden, the father of Tilton Police officer Mike Alden, said that he saw a UFO with blue, green and yellow lights at about 11 p.m. on August 12 near his home in Alton. "At the very center of the craft was a very intense white light. The object would suddenly bob to the left, be stationary, and then bob to the right," said Alden, adding that watching it gave him an "eerie feeling."

And two nights later two New Hampshire Marine Patrol officers, Dick Noel and Styles Bridges, saw a bright-colored object hovering above them. Noel said it soared away faster than an airplane or satellite and that 20 minutes later four more UFOs passed overhead. When a sixth object appeared, Bridges flashed the lights on the patrol boat and the object came towards them before backing off and continuing on its way.

Even actress Barbara Bel Geddes, who was appearing at the Lakes Region Playhouse in Gilford that week, reported having seen "a round object with red and green lights" at around 9:30 p.m. On August 11, several hours before the Tilton incident.

Laconia Police Chief Harold Knowlton said his department had 50 reports of UFOs that week and that at least that many were reported to other police departments in the area.

Four years later there was another UFO sighting in the same area.

According to one web sight which tracks reports of UFO sightings on July 1, 1978 a police officer from Gilford reported observing a number of objects in the sky from an observation point on Liberty Hill. The objects appeared to be in a perfect formation flashing lights back and forth between them as they hovered stationary in the sky.

After work the officer
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met with another officer from the town of Tilton and they sat on the edge of Interstate 93 for approximately two hours watching these objects that were mostly stationary in the sky, flashing lights back and forth.

When the objects flew south over I-93 and they communicated this information via radio to NH State Police Headquarters, where it was acknowledged the objects were over their location in Concord.

More recently Paul Spera of Tilton, head of New Hampshire UFO Hunters, was interviewed by the Concord Monitor about videos that he has made in the same area in 2003 and 2004 which show objects with mysterious colored lights.

I was city editor at the Evening Citizen at the time of the 1978 incident and one of our reporters, Dan Namowitz, who later went on to become a pilot and editorial writer for the Bangor Daily News, did a series of articles about UFO sightings in New Hampshire, traveling to Portsmouth to interview Betty Hill about the alien abduction story and even making a nighttime visit to a field in Exeter where there were reports of many UFO sightings.

Not many people are aware of it but the first photograph which many believe shows a UFO was actually taken in New Hampshire in the winter of 1870.

The photograph, which depicts a cloud formation over the summit of Mt. Washington, shows a cigar shaped object and is part of an antique stereoview which was registered by Clogh & Kimball in 1871.

The object is clearly and sharply seen in some detail, as is the reflection of the sun off the object according to accounts.

The stereoview was sold at an E-bay online auction of March 4, 2002, to Samuel M. Sherman, president of Independent Pictures Corp., for \$385 and Sherman has said that



First ever UFO photo? This stereoview picture taken of a cloud formation over Mount Washington in 1870 shows a cigar-shaped object.

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his company would make it available to scientists for detailed analysis.

The most famous UFO incident of all time took place in the desert outside of Roswell, New Mexico, in early July of 1947. In that incident the Air Force actually issued a press release saying that it had

recovered a UFO, a press release which was almost immediately rescinded. The mystery deepened over the years and even includes reports of alien bodies being recovered and autopsied. On the same day that the Roswell Record carried the story of a recovered UFO, July

8, 1947, a UFO report was also made in New Hampshire, one that made the front page of the Keene Sentinel in the form of a United Press story.

“Portsmouth, N.H. (UP) — Thomas M. Dale, son of Gov. Charles M. Dale of New Hampshire and president of Yankee Airways today (July 8, 1947) was among the saucer-spotters.

The former World War II flier said he saw a “mysterious flying object—a long, thin metal thing going about 700 miles an hour—” as he was making an air trip from Laconia to Wolfeboro early last night (July 7, 1947).

Dale said he saw the object when he looked down over Alton Bay. It was flying east towards Wolfeboro, he said, apparently motorless and pilotless. He said it looked like a gray solid metal material flying at 1,000 feet. His plane was flying at 2,800 feet when he spot-

ted the projectile, he said.

Corroborating his statement was A.B. Skinner of the Lakes Region Flying Service at Wolfeboro, who said he saw the object pass overhead in an easterly direction at about the same time Dale reported seeing the object.”

More recent UFO reports include:

* Alton Bay, November 24, 1998.

Two people reported seeing a bright light hovering over the vicinity of the Belknap Mountain range. “The light began to perform some very erratic maneuvers, while blinking on and off. They observed this phenomenon for approximately 5 to 10 minutes before the light disappeared.” - NUFORC

*Wolfeboro, May 15, 1999.

Witnesses report seeing a bright white light moving silently and speedily across a clear night sky changing directions. The

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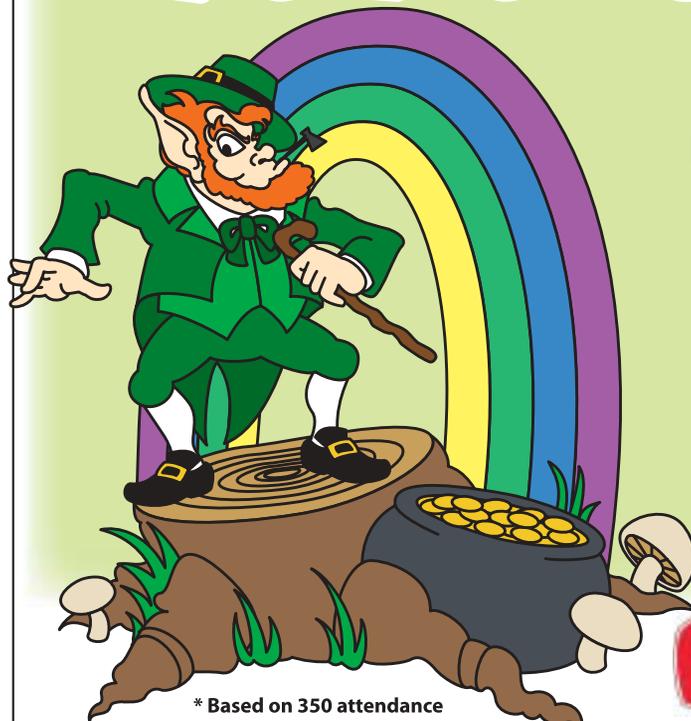
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light moved from points east to points south, almost the entire field of view. It then made a sudden 45 degree turn and cut straight across the sky, passing directly overhead and continuing until it was out of their field of view. It appeared to be very high in the sky. - NUFORC

* Colebrook, July 3, 2000

Two witnesses were in a vehicle driving north on Route 3 out of Colebrook towards Pittsburg at approx. 10:30 p.m. on a cloudy and drizzly night. They were talking and both took notice of all the fire flies in front of their vehicle. While looking out of the windshield they saw a capsule shaped green glowing object in the sky directly over head and then in the next instant it landed in front of them on the highway. The only way they were able to see this was because of the huge flash of green light that it gave off.

They immediately turned the vehicle around and drove in the opposite direction. While doing this one witness saw that the craft was disk shaped, black with red under glow. They were driving

away, not being able to move very fast because of the weather conditions, traveled at least four miles and spotted the craft now glowing solid green following them as it was about a mile away just above tree line.

They sped up driving at least 75 miles per hour. Both were terrified and did not get a good or curious feeling from or about this thing. When they looked again in the rear view it was not there. They drove back into Colebrook and reported it to the police. - NUFORC

The most recent UFO photo from New Hampshire was taken by Buster Hinkson of the Rumney area at Stinson Lake in February of 2000.

The photo shows an object above snow-covered evergreens late in the afternoon.

Jeffrey Foss of Falmouth, Maine, who analyzed the picture for a group of UFO hunters from Maine, said "It is not a painted object such as blue underneath and white on top, or black, or part metal and paint...It is like a mirror reflecting the milky white sky above and the forest below color for color, tone for tone, hue for hue with intensity above surrounding fields at nearest equator and di-

minishing below surrounding fields (slightly faded at outer or left and right edges) undeniably displaying a round or roundish shape.

"There are no wings and no engines noise according to the photographer. There is a shadow outlining its shape in a clearing below it and the same shadow is on the underside reflection."

Foss used digital enhancement techniques to look more closely at the photo and said that it revealed that "globes are seen underneath with hints of green and white lights, a possible dome on top which almost completely blends in with the sky."

Foss said that there is evidence of a beam of light pointing at a dark round spot also in a clearing on a nearby hill and that a mushroom-shaped distortion above the object raises the question of whether a second ship was involved.

(Next Week: The Betty and Barney Hill abduction incident)



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Giles Wheeler of Concord supervised the construction project. The building remained in continual use by the federal government until 1967, and ultimately was acquired by the state for adaptation as a legislative office structure. From 1973 through 1975, two old ell additions (1913, 1938) were replaced by a modern office ell and parking garage designed by Richard M. Dudley of Concord.

complex is a ninety-foot high Romanesque Revival bell tower that can be seen for blocks in all directions.

There are other similar but smaller late-nineteenth century fire stations in Penacook and West Concord. Like them, the Central Fire Station



Central Fire Station on Warren Street.



Concord Gas Works, South Main Street at Gas Street.

company's plant were constructed approximately 1852, 1853, and 1888, which puts them among the earliest unaltered industrial complexes of New Hampshire. That distinction has recently attracted the interest of industrial archaeologists and architectural historians.

Set on a slight rise at the west side of the complex is the main tank building (1888), an unusual cylindrical structure crowned by a conical roof. Surmounting the roof is an octagonal cupola, whose round-headed windows reflect the Italianate style. Additional Italianate motifs are present in the round-

headed wall windows and their caps. Support buttresses, evenly spaced around the building, rise to join a plain frieze under the roof eaves.

The two older storage and maintenance buildings adjacent to the tank continue the same stylistic feeling, combining function with pleasing form. The current owner, the Concord Gas Company, has carried out some modifications to the complex, but these have not noticeably marred its appearance.



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RAMBLING, from page 13 either a Polack or a Dago or a Jew or a potato digger, or you were cheap or

you were a son of a bitch. Whatever you were, that was the excuse. So I don't think you could say specifically he disliked blacks, because he expanded his dislike and contempt to everybody."

Through the years Mayor Hubbard had played all these cards so many times that the entire community of Dearborn seemed at times to hate one another. This seemed especially true, at least from my perspective, to apply to the young people of my age group. I later settled on explaining my personal distaste for Dearborn by telling others that the city was populated by "2-bit millionaires." Ask yourself what other kind of city would continuously re-elect Mayor Hubbard for 36 years!



The house on Wellesley in Dearborn that was home to Orville L. Hubbard at the time of his death in 1982. The home belonged to Maureen Keane, whoever she may have been!

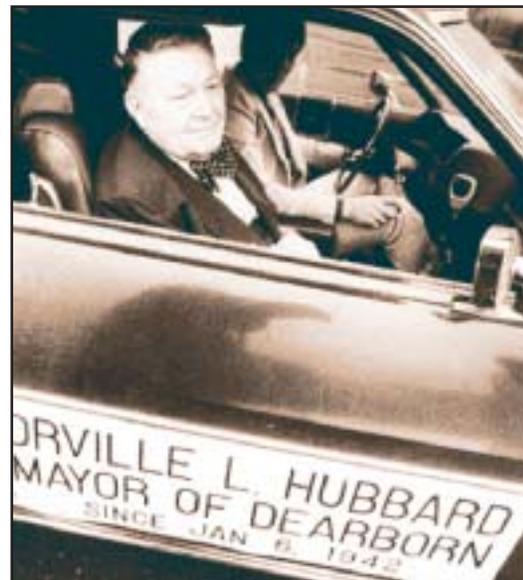
Orville L. Hubbard did understand that there was more to politics in Dearborn than being a racist. He also understood how to make Dearborn's (native) population feel good about liv-

ing in Dearborn. He saw to it that public works kept Dearborn spotless. The Parks and Recreation Department maintained public swimming pools and playgrounds all over the city. Dearborn's Police Department really did work hard to be courteous.

Slogans abounded during Hubbard's adminis-

trations. Dearborn's Public Works Vehicles proclaimed "Keep Dearborn Clean." Most people felt (or realized) that this was Hubbard speak for "Keep Dearborn White"! I remember that during the late 1950s when I was unfortunate enough to live in Dearborn the police cars had the slogan "It's

See **RAMBLING** on page 29



Mayor Hubbard in his City of Dearborn official "Mayormobile."



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RAMBLING, from page 28
Nice to be Important But It's Important to be Nice." Old Orville was just full of pithy sentiment. On the Dearborn City Hall worker's time clock a sign read, "You asked for work. You have a job. Dig in or dig out - Mayor Hubbard.

Rumor had it that once a black family had flown in the face of conventional wisdom and actually had moved to Dearborn. Orville smothered them with kindness according to the story. Day and night, on an hourly basis the Dearborn Fire Department and the Dearborn Police Department took turns calling the new residents to make sure everything was OK. In short order (according to legend) the poor people moved away.

Hubbard remained Dearborn's Mayor until he was 75 years old. Did the voters of Dearborn become more enlightened after that? Of course they didn't. Instead, Orville suffered a stroke and was no longer able to cope with the day-to-day rigors of being Michigan's leading bigot! The stroke left him dependant on a wheel chair for the rest of his life. He died in 1982 at the age of 79. Author David L. Good, who wrote the book, "Orvie: The Dictator of Dearborn" characterizes



The word "clean" held special meaning in the City of Dearborn. (See article.) The men in the picture are His Honor (left) and his Director of Public Works, Frank Swapka.

Hubbard as "the ghost who still haunts Dearborn." To the extent that this is true I suppose the old despot is still Rambling Through History!

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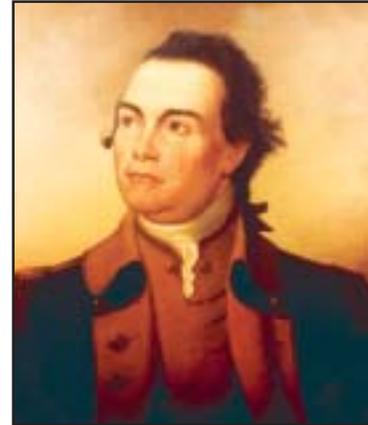
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VEST, from page 40
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Sullivan's vest, which was made between 1775 - 1785 in elegant French style, is made of silk and linen with silk embroidery and spangles, making the piece a particularly fragile item for preservation. Over hundreds of years, exposure to air and light have exacerbated the vest's wear, loosening many of the decorative spangles and causing the silk fabric to be crispy, dry and desiccated - far too brittle to be handled. The silk is shattered in places, especially at fold lines, and portions of the vest are stained from blood or pipe tobacco. The piece was donated to the Museum in 1907, but has not been displayed



Major General John Sullivan was a three-term New Hampshire Governor after the American Revolution.

due to its fragile nature.

In order to preserve the vest, the Museum has used the generous grant to professionally clean the surface, humidify, re-sew the decorative spangles, create "pillows" to support the cloth and eliminate wrinkles, and apply a special non-adhesive overlay to the silk.

The newly conserved vest will be displayed as a

major feature of the Museum of New Hampshire History's Treasures of New Hampshire exhibit, opening on Saturday, March 5. More than 100 of the most interesting objects from the museum's decorative arts collection will be on display, ranging from fine quilts to Revolutionary War artifacts. The exhibition will be on view through June 4, 2006.

"The Society's collections offer the most complete picture of the social, economic and cultural history of New Hampshire, and are considered the best collection in the United States documenting the life and culture of New Hampshire and northern New England from the late 17th century to today," said Balla.

The new exhibition will offer the most interesting examples from the Society's 6,655-object decorative arts collection, which includes furniture (500), mirrors (45), clocks (160), silver (1,900), pewter (250), ceramics (2,400), and glassware (1,400).

Founded in 1823, the New Hampshire Historical Society is an independent nonprofit organization dedicated to preserving and sharing New Hampshire history through the Museum of New Hampshire History and the Tuck Library.

The Museum of New Hampshire History is located at 6 Eagle Square off Exit 14 from I-93 in downtown Concord. The museum is open Tuesday through Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday noon to 5 p.m. Free museum parking is offered in the museum lot off Storrs Street

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NORTH, from page 8
response to the attack on 9-11. Though more protracted and far less "popular," the president's policy in Iraq seems headed in the right direction — thanks to the courage, dexterity and perseverance of our armed forces.

In his European venture, President Bush is wise to do what he can to ease the prospect of another "Islamic Nuclear Power" in Tehran. It's even possible — though unlikely — that he can dissuade Vladimir Putin from selling nuclear technology to the Iranians. If there is truth to the rumor that the Russians are providing their nuclear know-how to Tehran in exchange for Iranian "help" in Chechnya, then the transfer will take place no matter what Putin promises.

But no matter what the outcome in Europe, regardless of how the administration deals with North Korea's nuclear ambitions, they cannot ignore the growing storm south of our border. As one retired intelligence officer, an expert on Latin America, told me this week, "If they think they have a problem with illegal immigration today, wait until the Castro-

Chavez-Ortega 'Axis of Evil' gets done destabilizing this hemisphere."

His ominous warning seems to be timely. Last year, there were more than 1.1 million illegal aliens detained crossing the Mexican border into the United States. Several million more made it past our overworked Border Patrol. But of greater concern is the fact that apprehensions of non-Mexican illegals rose 40 percent above 2003 levels.

History ought to be an indicator of what's happening. When Fidel Castro seized power in Cuba, more than 20 percent of the island's population fled. Between 1979, when the Sandinistas marched into Managua, and 1990, when they were finally voted out of power, nearly 25 percent of Nicaragua's population became refugees. Ignoring the realities of what's happening today in Latin America invites a tidal wave of refugees fleeing north.

In the 1980s, the threat to our south originated with Soviet-inspired and financed communism. Castro's minions aided and abetted the effort — as did most of the Soviet satellites. Today, it's coming from a virulently anti-

American, well-financed regime in Caracas — but it is no less of a threat to the United States or to other democracies in the region.

The effectiveness of Chavez' anti-American campaign is increasingly evident in places where it should never take hold. In Managua, President Enrique Bolanos has lost control over Nicaragua's Sandinista-controlled military. His promise to destroy their stockpile of Soviet-made SA-7 shoulder-fired missiles, capable of bringing down a commercial airliner, has yet to be fulfilled. That may not be much when compared to the threat of an Iranian or North Korean nuclear weapon, but that will be scant comfort to the passengers on the U.S. airliner brought down by one of the surface-to-air missiles.

All of this begs for the Bush administration to put away the mementos of their European trip and start paying attention to what's going on in our hemisphere.

To find out more about Oliver North, and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate web page at www.creators.com.

MEREDITH, from page 11
buggy so that he could carry even more on his rounds," says Grad.

He said that his father, Linden, and uncle, Willard, ran the store together for many years, finally selling it around 1964 to a new owner who retained the Grad's name and ran the clothing store until the late 1970s, when it closed.

Grad says that his first memories of Meredith's Main Street from the 1940s are of an extremely busy, bustling place of business.

"That was before Rte. 3 was built where it is now. All of the traffic went right through the center of town back then. The main road

went out to the railroad station and up Ladd Hill towards Laconia," Grad recalls.

Photos from the Meredith Historical Society show that the front of the original building underwent a major change in appearance around 1936 when the Cloverdale Store was built on to the front of what was then called the Hoyt House. But the storefront now has reverted to its original look.

Anyone with information about the change in the building's appearance over the years is urged to contact the Weirs Times by writing to the newspaper at PO Box 5458, The Weirs NH 03247-5458, or by e-mail to info@weirs.com.

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Counting potential losers might sometimes seem a tedious and repetitive chore for declarer, but it is absolutely necessary. Those who take the task lightly are sure to suffer many defeats that could easily have been avoided. Consider this case where South got to four hearts and West led a spade. Declarer took the jack with the ace, cashed the ace of diamonds and then led the jack of hearts and let it ride, losing to East's queen.

South won the spade return with dummy's king and played the heart ace, hoping the king would fall. Next he cashed the diamond king, discarding a club, this time hoping the diamond queen would appear. Six tricks had been played to this point, and declarer had little to show for his efforts. He had lost one trump trick, had to lose another, and still had to deal with his remaining A-7-3 of clubs opposite dummy's Q-6. So he ruffed a spade in his hand and led a low club to dummy's queen. But when East produced the king, South's last hope went down the drain, as did the contract. Eventually, he lost another club and finished down one.

South's line of play might well have worked. West might have had a doubleton heart honor, or the K-Q-x; East might have had the K-Q of hearts alone; the diamond queen might have been singleton or doubleton, or the club king might have been with West. So to that extent, South could claim to have been unlucky.

The fact remains, however, that declarer had virtually a sure thing when play began, and he simply muffed it. All he had to do was to ruff a club in dummy, and 10 tricks would have been assured.

After taking the spade ace and cashing the diamond ace, South should have led a club to the queen. When this lost, he could win the spade return in dummy (a trump return doesn't help the defense), cash the diamond king for a club discard and lead a club to the ace. Declarer can then ruff his last club with the heart ace (to guard against East having started with a doubleton club) and concede two hearts to bring in his game.

South dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ K 8 3
♥ A 2
♦ K J 7 6 4 3
♣ Q 6

WEST
♠ J 10 9 2
♥ K 6 3
♦ 10 2
♣ J 9 5 4

EAST
♠ Q 7 6 4
♥ Q 4
♦ Q 9 8 5
♣ K 10 8

SOUTH
♥ A 5
♠ J 10 9 8 7 5
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♣ A 7 3 2

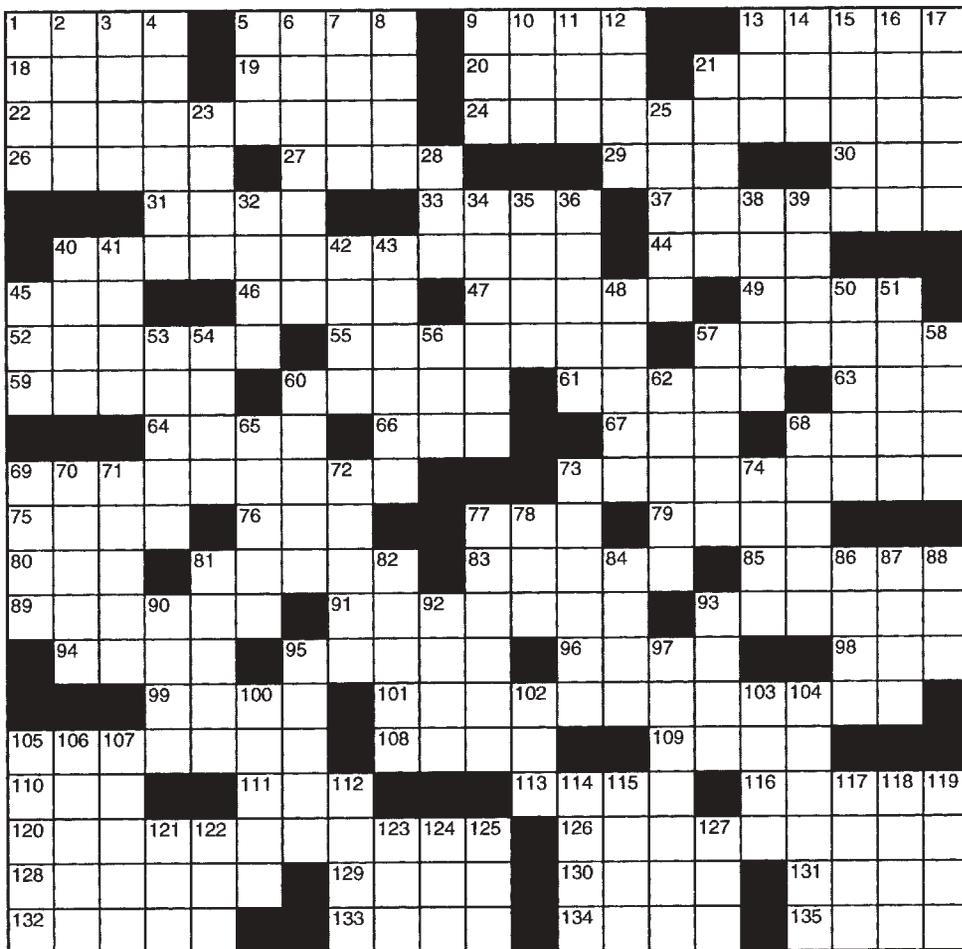
The bidding:
South 1♥ West Pass North 2♦ East Pass
2♥ Pass 4♥
Opening lead — jack of spades.

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ACROSS

- 1 Summer stinger animal
- 5 Sailor's quaff 77 Humbug lead-in
- 9 In the sack 79 Act like an
- 13 Master, in Madras antelope
- 18 "Dies -" 80 Oxford figure
- 19 Melodious 81 Vote in
- McEntire 83 "Watership Down"
- 20 -Valley, CA author
- 21 Walked confidently 85 Defy a dictator
- 22 Tenured? 89 Salad veggie
- 24 Ex-wife, sometimes? 91 Geronimo's birthplace
- 26 Roman official 93 Draw
- 27 Umps 94 Donated
- 29 Bus. bigwig 95 Swedish currency
- 30 Plant part 96 Mardi -
- 31 Writer Blyton 98 It may be white
- 33 Tabula - 99 Signor Ferrari
- 37 At full tilt 101 Stockbrokers?
- 40 Violin bows? 105 Petite pet
- 44 Evils 108 Blood components
- 45 Terry-cloth inscription 109 Kid at court
- 46 Cookbook author 110 Former govt. agcy.
- Rombauer 111 Carpenter -
- 47 Deed 113 Wine valley
- 49 Wraps up 116 Exit
- 52 Incompetent 120 FDA-approved snack?
- 55 Neighbor of Latvia 126 "Equus," for instance?
- 57 TV's "The - Game" 128 Inventor Otis group
- 59 Melodramatic 129 Dingy digs
- 60 Progress 130 Pat on the buns?
- 61 Chaka Khan's group 131 Kuwaiti ruler
- 63 Pigeon English? 132 Blackboard
- 64 To boot 133 Type of chalcedony
- 66 Spud bud 134 Holler
- 67 Bulldog, for one 135 Odense denizen
- 68 "Blame - Rio" ('84 film)
- 69 Capone impersonator?
- 73 Hire a private eye?
- 75 Landed
- 76 Palm Sunday

The Weirs Times Super Crossword Puzzle



DOWN

- 1 Man's altar ego? 68 Force
- 2 Like the Kalahari 69 Lose luster
- 3 Agra attire 70 "- Comes Mary" ('66 song)
- 4 Prepared a pineapple 71 Dano or Darnell
- 5 Whippet's warning 72 Messy Madison
- 6 Keep the shelves stocked 73 Nickels and dimes
- 7 Crumhorn cousin 74 Designer Lagerfeld
- 8 Sail support 77 Church sale
- 9 Furniture wood 78 Bustle
- 10 Jacket info 81 Happening
- 11 Big bird 82 Latin class no-nos
- 12 - brakes 84 Scratches the surface
- 13 Canonized Mlle. 86 Zodiac animal
- 14 "- you for real?" 87 Buffalo waterfront
- 15 Was an optimist 88 Actor Horsley
- 16 Unimprovable 90 Currier's partner
- 17 Juicy fruit 92 Memo start
- 21 Toast word 93 On a whale watch, perhaps
- 23 Await judgment 95 Asian nation
- 25 Macabre 97 Clothes
- 28 - Lanka 100 African equine
- 32 Tennis pro Nastase 102 Quayle or Blocker
- 34 Moss Hart's autobiography 103 Eye appreciatively
- 35 "- Game" ('71 film) 104 Acted like a chick
- 36 Up and about 105 Garden supplies
- 38 Requests 106 In the slightest degree
- 39 Ain't right? 107 "GoodFellas" group
- 40 Spanish sherry 112 Return address?
- 41 Author Dinesen 114 "Hi, sailor!"
- 42 "Peter Pan" pirate 115 Battery part
- 43 Tried a mouthful 117 - mater
- 45 "What?" 118 Self-smitten
- 48 Crack up 119 Thornfield governess
- 50 Proclamations 121 Cornerstone abbr.
- 51 A nose that shows 122 "Evita" character
- 53 Coat-of-arms figure 123 "- Tiki"
- 54 Lovett or Waggoner 124 TV Tarzan
- 56 Italian greyhound, e.g. 125 King's handle?
- 57 Ignoramus 127 Costa del -
- 58 Used up
- 60 Gaggle gal
- 62 Wood and gas
- 65 Sedimentary stuff

Puzzle clue : "Strictly Speaking"
- Answers to super crossword on next page -

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Having second thoughts could be a good thing, even if you're determined to go through with your plans. You might find it worthwhile to take a fresh look at how things have been set up.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Financial matters could continue to be a problem until you're able to straighten out some of the more pesky situations. Once that happens, the rest should be easier to unravel.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Family matters once again take center stage, and should be dealt with competently and quickly. And, again, insist on others taking on their fair share of the responsibilities.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Your creative pursuits seem to be running into a roadblock. But rather than blame outside factors, look within to see if you might be holding back your efforts for some reason.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Keep that keen Cat's Eye focused on relevant aspects of this new situation in your life. Don't be distracted by trivial matters. You need the pertinent facts before making a decision.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) As much as you prefer doing things on your own, continue to accept help if you still need to resolve the problem affecting your project. Some cheerful news is about to come your way.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) While you might begrudge the added time it will take to get your project from point A to B to C, etc., you could benefit from the facts that will emerge over this expanded time span.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Regarding your workplace suggestions, be prepared to produce the facts to counter reactions from skeptics who feel your approach is unreasonable or even impossible.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Savvy Sagittarians will look for work-related answers on their own rather than rely on unproved assumptions. It might take more time to do so, but the payoff is worth it.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Your aspects continue to favor family issues, with special emphasis this week on changes in and around your home. Get everyone to suggest what he or she would like to see done.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A matter you thought had been settled might still produce surprises. Best advice: Continue to gather facts to bolster your position just in case you need to produce them quickly.

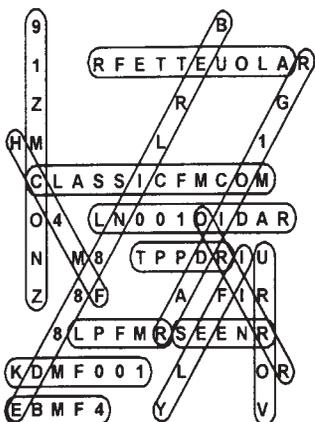
PISCES (February 19 to March 20) While your instincts are usually right when discerning "twixt truth and deception, you could benefit from doing more research on the new "prospect" that you've been pitched.

BORN THIS WEEK: Your wisdom is only matched by your generosity, making you the sort of friend everyone hopes to have.

Sports Quiz Answers

1. Actually, he tied the 14 losses he sustained in 1992 with Seattle.
2. Jack Morris of the Minnesota Twins against Atlanta in 1991.
3. The Minnesota Vikings in 2003 and the Washington Redskins in 1978.
4. Once — Stanford won the championship in 1942.
5. Jacques Plante of Montreal, starting in 1959.
6. Alberto Salazar in 1982.
7. Buster Mathis, who had beaten Frazier in the U.S. Olympic Trials.

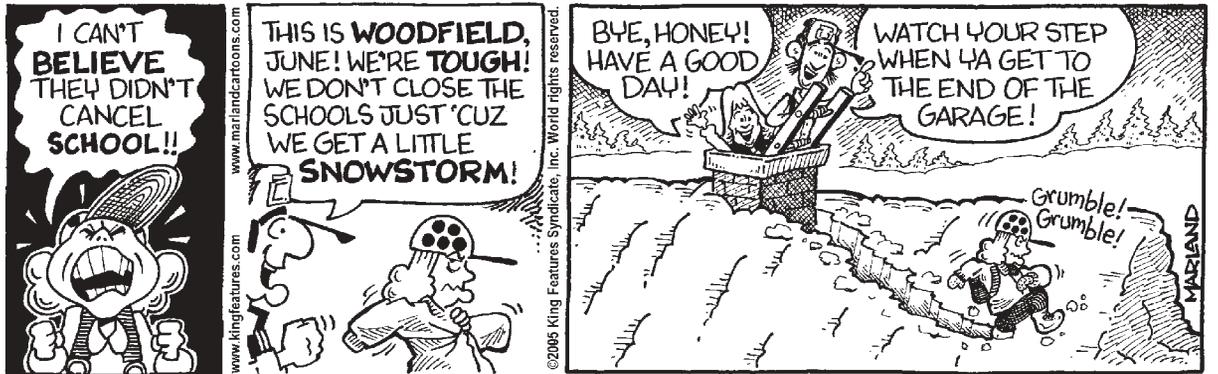
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THE FUNNIES

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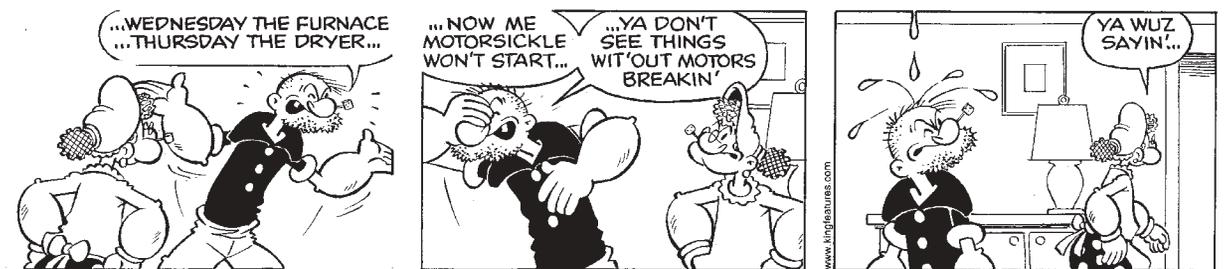
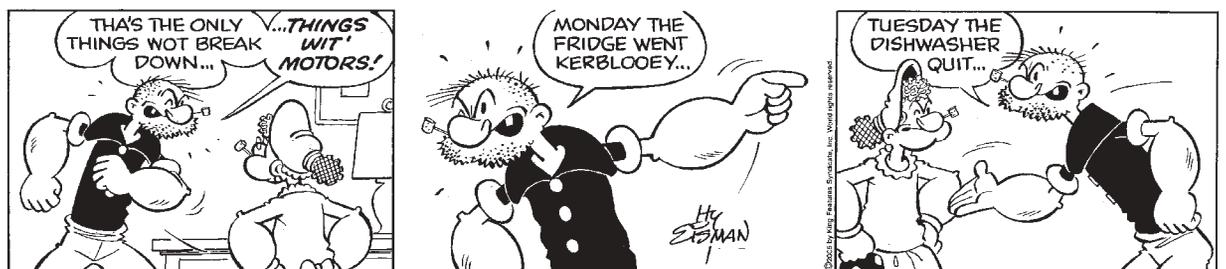
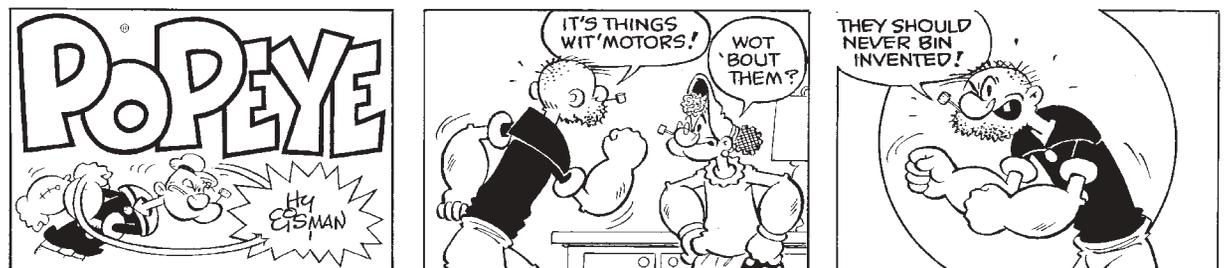
The Spats

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Amber Waves

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LIMBAUGH, from page 9
ominous, by contrast, than it used to be. And if the president mistakenly accedes to the "compromise" of raising the payroll tax ceiling in exchange for getting private Social Security accounts, he'll do even more to erode the GOP's comparative position on economic and entitlement issues going into 2008. Unfortunately, the president has also virtu-

ally forfeited the natural advantage Republicans should have on the immigration issue, unless he achieves meaningful reform this term.

Hillary has done a far better job than I expected in faking her "centrism." She'll only get better in her "performances" as time rolls on. Look for her to pull Sister Souljah moments (dissing those of her own party or prin-

ciples) every other month during the next three and a half years.

Hillary will never be a conservative; she'll never be a moderate; she'll never be anything other than a liberal. But she is getting quite accomplished at making it appear otherwise. In 2008, it will be about time for the presidential pendulum to swing back toward Democrats, and Hillary is plot-

ting and maneuvering every day to exploit that possibility.

The question is whether she'll be able to fool enough of the people enough of the time to pull it off. While my gut still says she's going to have a very hard time fooling that many people, I'm not nearly as sanguine about it as I used to be, which is a sobering thought.

MAIL BOAT, from page 10
gers of latex allergy. In using latex gloves in food preparation (especially powdered latex gloves, as latex particles adhere to the powder and become airborne causing a potential respiratory irritant and food contaminant) they are exposing unwitting patrons to the ingestion of latex proteins. It is the proteins in latex which trigger the allergy. (Coincidentally, those allergic to latex are then prone to develop cross-reactivity to foods such as bananas, kiwi, avocado and pitted fruits, as their proteins are very similar to latex proteins.) Many of the cheaper gloves out there are both powdered and high-protein which makes them doubly dangerous for anyone who is sensitized. (It is for that same reason that LRGH bans latex balloons because they are often high-protein and powdered. Mylor balloons are a safer accepted alternative.)

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Anyone interested in further information regarding latex allergy should know that there is a blood test available which can determine whether you are sensitive to latex vs. systematically allergic, and much more information can be found on many latex-allergy-related websites.

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