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Red, White, and Blue

The celebration at a glance

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Red, White and Blue Days



JOAQUIN OCHOA/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Red White & Blue Days

Trace Adkins had the crowd in a frenzy during his concert on July 3 at Morton Park for Red White & Blue Days. Right: McKenna Hanner was crowned Little Miss Firecracker on Thursday at the Red White and Blue Days.

Celebration draws large numbers

By Kimberlee Boise
STAFF WRITER

Charleston's Red, White and Blue Days brought in people from all over the state and beyond Thursday night to see country music star Trace Adkins and other events.

The crowd, estimated at 10,000 was drawn in by the free entertainment. The Red, White and Blue Days started with a pork chop barbecue and some local entertainers.

The first performer was Missy Garnett

from Mattoon who sang a lot of country covers to get the crowd warmed up. There were a lot of people there in support of her.

Morton park was full of residents in lawn chairs enjoying the free entertainment that night despite the humidity.

Tammy Cochran, a Charleston resident said, "I came out here for the free entertainment, the heat could come down a bit though."

Missy Garnett was followed by Eastern alumni and comedian Barry Martin.

Before the Adkins concert Mayor Dan Coughlin announced Lil' Mr. and Miss Firecracker and the Farmer of the Year. Brett Pfeiffer of Charleston and McKenna Hanner of Lerna were crowned Little Mr. and Miss Firecracker Thursday evening. Harold Moritz of Trilla was honored as 2003 Coles County Farmer of the Year.

The last act of the night was Trace Adkins who was recently inducted into the Grand Ole Opry Hall of Fame. He sang some of his hit songs like "And They Do" and "Chrome".

"I think that it's nice to come out and see everyone. It reminds me of how Saturday nights used to be on the square. You see everyone you know and enjoy the entertainment with them," said Sandra Grounds from Eastern's records office. She came to see the concerts with her mother from Vandalia. "There is a lot to do in the summer in Charleston, you just have to look," Grounds said.

O'Brien Stadium project ahead of schedule

By Er k Hall
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

Moving about a week ahead of schedule, the new football surface at O'Brien Stadium may begin to be installed within the next few weeks.

"It appears like they are proceeding at a good pace," said Eastern Athletic Director Richard McDuffie. "I would think in the next couple of weeks they would be able to start putting it in."

If the new Pro-Grass surface begins to be installed over the next week is out of McDuffie's control. McDuffie said that good weather and material being shipped on time will control when the installation begins.

Eastern will replace the natural grass surface that has carpeted O'Brien Stadium since it opened in 1970.

The new Pro-Grass playing surface will be composed of recycled "chopped" rubber tires. The new field will contain a self-drainage system.

McDuffie stated that drainage system already has been installed along with the first layer of rocks.

When the Pro-Grass field is complete the new football field will have the word "panthers" stretched across one end zone while the opposite end zone will be decorated to say "Eastern Illinois."

A large panther head logo will don the center of Eastern's new field.

Though the times when fans will see the field the most will be for Eastern football games, McDuffie plans for the field to be used by a multitude of Eastern athletics.



KENNETH BAUER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Construction at O'Brien Stadium has been virtually problem free according to Eastern Athletic Director Richard McDuffie

"We're going to have the opportunity for other teams to practice on there, even the marching band will practice on there," McDuffie said. "All of it will be schedule like any other facility."

The durability of the new field will be tested because McDuffie expect the football team to get a significant amount of use from it between games.

"Football will practice on it most of the time, could be 70 to 80 percent," McDuffie said.

It is designed to be used as much as possible. We plan for football to have most of their practices there."

While the new football surface comes closer to installation, the Eastern track remains out of commission with large plows and tractors moving dirt and other material around the infield.

This track is more than just the practice facility for Panther runners, but also the site of the annual Illinois High School Association State Track and Field State Finals.

The IHSA State Finals annually brings in thousands of dollars to the Charleston community and to keep the track in top condition remained a priority for McDuffie when choosing the company that would install the new O'Brien Stadium surface.

"One of the requirements was that the company build an earthen bridge over the track substantially thick enough to prevent from damaging the track," McDuffie said. "It appears that things are ok so far (with the track)."

With virtually no problems or difficulties experienced so far with the O'Brien Stadium resurfacing project, McDuffie likes to see the accelerated pace the project has taken.

"We are just excited that it is moving along and that is moving ahead of schedule," McDuffie said. "The sooner it is finished the better."

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Taylor accepts Nigeria's offer of Asylum

◆*Embattled Liberian President Charles Taylor gives no time frame for quitting power. U. S. participation in international peacekeeping force "crucial"*

MONROVIA, Liberia - Embattled President Charles Taylor accepted an offer of asylum in Nigeria on Sunday, but gave no timeframe for quitting power and insisted the transition must be orderly, calling on the United States to send peacekeepers.

Taylor — who is under intense international pressure to step down, is holed up in a capital surrounded by rebels and faces trial on war crimes — made the announcement after talks in Monrovia airport with Nigerian President Olusegun Obasanjo.

"I thank my big brother for coming," he said, referring to

Obasanjo. "He has extended an invitation and we have accepted an invitation."

But, Taylor said, "it is not unreasonable to request that there be an orderly exit from power." He said U.S. participation in an international peacekeeping force planned for Liberia was "crucial."

Taylor and Obasanjo would not say when the Liberian president would step down, but both warned that too hasty a departure could spark new fighting in the West African nation, where hundreds were killed in a failed rebel push into the capital last month.

"We believe the exit should not take place in confusion ... in a way that will lead to more bloodshed," Obasanjo said. "We believe the transition should be orderly and peaceful" and that it should take place "in a very, very short time."

Taylor has said in the past he would leave only after a peacekeeping force was deployed. Though he insisted Sunday that this was not a condition, he said deployment was a "necessary ... to prevent disruption."

The visit by Obasanjo — whose country is West Africa's

diplomatic and regional powerhouse — to personally discuss asylum with Taylor underlined the urgency of international appeals for the Liberian leader to leave.

Nigeria is offering Taylor temporary asylum until he can find permanent exile in a third country.

President Bush — heading Monday to Africa — has repeatedly demanded Taylor resign. "I suspect he will," Bush said in radio comments aired Saturday. "I'm not going to take 'no' for an answer."

Taylor has repeated promised to go, but the issue of the peacekeeping force and the threat of a war crimes trial hanging over his head has complicated the process.

Obasanjo arrived by jet in Monrovia airport, stepping into an embrace and kisses by both cheeks by Taylor. Taylor's retinue handed Obasanjo, dressed in flowing traditional robes, a live white chicken and some cola nuts — a customary Liberian gift symbolizing purity of heart and peace.

Among the hundreds of Taylor supporters on the airport tarmac, many carried banners, one reading, "U.N please drop the charges against President Taylor, for peace sake."

U.S. soldier critically wounded in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, Iraq - An assailant shot and critically wounded a U.S. soldier waiting to buy a soft drink at Baghdad University on Sunday, firing once from close range in the third such assault in nine days.

Meanwhile, the chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee said it is increasingly likely that Saddam Hussein is alive. Sen. Pat Roberts, the Kansas Republican who recently returned from a trip to Iraq, put the odds that Saddam is alive at "about 70-30, according to the intelligence sources we have."

He added: "I think we pretty well changed our mind from a 50-50 or whether he was or not."

The senator said the Iraqi people are hearing from Saddam's loyalists that the former president is alive, and that is contributing to the unrest in Iraq after the U.S.-led invasion.

"If we can prove that Saddam Hussein is killed or captured, plus his two sons, we're miles ahead in this," Roberts told CNN's "Late Edition."

"If not, it's going to be a long, hot summer."

In an audiotape aired Friday on the Arab television station Al-Jazeera, a person purporting to be Saddam said he is in Iraq and directing attacks on American forces. He rallied Iraqis to help the resistance against the U.S.-led occupation.

The CIA is reviewing the tape.

U.S. troops on patrol in Baghdad and other areas have been attacked several times a

day, and Iraqi police and civilians perceived to be working with the occupying forces also have been targeted. In the most serious such attack, a bomb blast in the western town of Ramadi killed seven Iraqi police recruits as they graduated from a U.S.-taught training course on Saturday. Dozens more were injured.

The shooting of the U.S. soldier Sunday was coldly similar to the killing of an unarmed British freelance cameraman, who was shot in the head outside a Baghdad museum a day earlier.

The point-blank shooting and a grenade attack on a U.N. compound raised concern that Iraq's worsening insurgency — until now targeting only coalition troops and Iraqis accused of U.S. collaboration — will spread to Westerners in general.

U.S. Army Maj. William Thurmond said it was too early to tell whether a pattern was emerging that would suggest insurgents are targeting foreign civilians, but he said such a strategy could thwart news gathering and humanitarian relief efforts.

"Hopefully they're isolated events and we won't have to face them in the future," Thurmond said. "It might work to the advantage of someone who's trying to fight the coalition."

The killing of the television cameraman, 24-year-old Richard Wild, occurred around midday, while the victim was carrying no apparent sign that he was a reporter.

Wild, who arrived in the country two weeks ago aiming to be a war correspondent,

was killed by a single pistol shot fired into the base of his skull from close range, colleagues said. The assailant fled into the crowd and was not apprehended.

An assailant with a pistol shot and critically injured a U.S. soldier in the neck on June 27 as he shopped on a Baghdad street.

On Saturday, insurgents fired a rocket-propelled grenade at the U.N.'s International Organization for Migration office in Mosul, 240 miles northwest of Baghdad. The grenade slammed into a wall and damaged several cars, said Hamid Abdel-Jabar, a spokesman for the U.N. special representative in Iraq.

"There's no place for that in any civilized part of the world," Thurmond said. "As soon as we get hold of them, they're gone. We'll find them. We'll attack them. And if necessary we'll kill them."

Turkey and the United States struggled Sunday to resolve a diplomatic crisis over the detention of 11 Turkish special forces in Iraq by the U.S. military, a standoff that strained efforts by the NATO allies to repair relations frayed over the Iraq war.

Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan and other officials discussed the dispute with Vice President Dick Cheney for about half an hour Sunday, Turkish officials said. The conversations appeared to be aimed at making sure relations didn't deteriorate further.

In the northern town of Sulaymaniyah, Iraqi Turks and Turkish army officers suggested a local U.S. military commander

overstepped his authority in ordering the raid.

Some 20 Iraqi Turks were detained in the raids, as were 11 Turkish soldiers. About two dozen people were still in custody Sunday.

A Turkish paper said the raid came amid reports that Turks were planning to kill an unnamed senior Iraqi official in Kirkuk. Gul has denied any Turkish plot.

In other news:

A group calling itself Wakefulness and Holy War claimed responsibility on Sunday for attacks on U.S. troops in Fallujah, a Sunni Muslim-dominated town 35 miles west of Baghdad. "We are carrying out operations against the American occupation here in Fallujah and other Iraqi cities," said the statement, released on Iran-financed al-Alam TV in Baghdad. "Saddam and America are two faces of the same coin."

U.S. forces killed two insurgents who fired a rocket-propelled grenade as they drove toward an army outpost in the capital on Saturday.

Insurgents fired a rocket-propelled grenade into a U.S. Army compound in the town of Abu Sada al-Sagra early Sunday, lightly injuring one soldier.

The military announced the end of a seven-day sweep dubbed Sidewinder, in which 30 Iraqis were killed and 282 detained, while 28 U.S. soldiers were wounded. The military said it confiscated ammunition stocks and hundreds of weapons.

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CORRECTIONS

A cutline in Wednesday's edition of *The Daily Eastern News* incorrectly stated that former Eastern basketball player Ramon Taylor had graduated from Eastern with a degree in Physical Education. Taylor has not finished his degree requirements at Eastern.

Pete Wylde, the front desk manager for the Best Western in Charleston was mistakenly identified as Russell Pete Wylde on first reference in a story in Wednesday's edition.

An article on the Federal Trade Commissions Illinois do not list statute incorrectly identified the website where consumers can register. the correct website is www.donotlist.gov

The News regrets the errors.



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Red White & Blue Days



PHOTOS BY JOAQUIN OCHOA/STAFF
Far Left: Local residents at play at Morton Park for Red, White and Blue Days.
Left: Mayor Dan Coughill announces the 2003 Coles County Farmer of the Year, while the winner, Harold Moritz of Trilla, waits in the background.



PHOTOS BY JOAQUIN OCHOA/STAFF
Above: Barry Martin, Eastern alumni, entertains the crowd with his comedy act Thursday.
RightAbove: Brett Pfeiffer and McKenna Hanner are treated like royalty while being crowned Little Mr. and Miss Firecracker on Thursday during Red, White and Blue Days.
Right: Trace Adkins wows the crowd, estimated at 10,000, during the event.



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EDITORIAL

'Do Not Call' list a weak deterrent

In a decision largely overshadowed by landmark rulings concerning affirmative action and gay rights, the Supreme Court overturned a series of lower court decisions in the case of *Madigan v. Telemarketing Associates* as its last term closed.

The charitable organization VietNow contracted Telemarketing Associates, a for-profit fund-raising firm, to solicit donations for food baskets for Vietnam veterans. Telemarketing Associates directed only 15 percent of the drive's receipts to VietNow, retaining a staggering 85 percent. The high court's categorization of the firm's activities as fraud amounts to yet another black mark on the telemarketing industry's already ailing reputation.

As of June 27, Illinois residents may join the National Do Not Call Registry, a more comprehensive, federally-governed answer to the state's current, less expansive laws. Many of us bristle when our daily routines—meals, family activities, even showers—are interrupted by doggedly persistent and frequently unintelligible telemarketers, offering a marginally cheaper long distance rate or urging us to donate generously to some unfamiliar cause. But when the National Do Not Call Registry takes effect on October 1, we'll finally be rid of them. Right?

The Federal Trade Commission web site assures the stoppage of "most telemarketing calls," but that guarantee is closely followed by a laundry list of excepted organizations. According to the FTC site, "political organizations, charities, telephone surveyors, the business of insurance" and sundry others can still call. During dinner. In the middle of an important family discussion. As your baby utters his first words.

Indeed, the federal registry is fraught with problems. When an organization violates its restrictions, the recipient of the call must report the offense personally, a process considerably more convoluted than hanging up the phone. The FTC also requires the offending caller's phone number. For those victims of illegal calls without caller ID, this is a potential problem. Better be quick with the *69 function.

Many Americans will be shocked when, after registering for Do Not Call protection, they continue to receive calls from telemarketers. The federal registry aims for sweeping reforms, but it can't seem to fully sidestep the first amendment rights of firms that choose to solicit over the phone. Considering the gaping holes in the FTC's plan, a terse "No thank you" is still the easiest way to silence annoying telemarketers.

The editorial is the majority opinion of the Daily Eastern News editorial board.

At issue

A federal Do Not Call Registry goes into effect October 1.

Our stance
New measures are not much more effective than the good old-fashioned hang-up.

OPINION

The line has to be drawn



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I am not to judge the gay community because Christ himself said that he did not come to judge the world, but that the world through him might be saved. It is my understanding that the institution of marriage was based on biblical beliefs. Now it seems that there are those who want to have their cake and eat it too. I am understanding of the fact that we do not want the government involved in our bedrooms. We do want a separation of church and state when it comes to government telling us how to conduct our religion and our sex lives. My question is where do you draw the line? What can the domino effect be of this decision? There has to be some order in life or things will be in chaos. Heck, some of our communities outside Chicago are dealing with that reality right now as far as chaos in the streets when people have no control or morals and gangs rule their community. Even my own life has been chaos

"Even the animals themselves have rules of order"

In the past years until I made the decision to strive for a standard that I need to live by, meaning a Christian life, which has proven to me that there has to be some type of rules or standard of morals to prevent chaos.

So sure, they (the gay community) want the benefits of all, meaning the biblical institution of marriage for them to be recognized by the courthouse, church, etc., but they don't want that same government stepping in on them on the other hand. Marriage benefits can include health insurance. If the government has to recog-

nize marriage of the gay community then we see where that is going. Well sorry, but I don't fit the standards that the government has for proof of my Native American roots so I don't get the benefits of that relationship.

There has to be lines drawn in life, face it folks. There has to be order in chaos to survive.

Even the animals themselves have rules of order. They live by those for the most part. Sure, I would rather our police have to deal with arresting real criminals and not have intrusion into our bedrooms, although mine is not seeing any action these days, but I hope prostitution remains illegal as well as other sexual crimes. Somewhere there has to be lines drawn. I hope that the Supreme Court decision is not one that we will regret someday because we don't realize where it can lead.

God Bless America, In God We Trust!!

Cartoon by Andy McCammon



YOUR TURN: LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The DEN showed fairness in self-criticism

Dear Editor,

For the first time in my thirteen years in the EIU community, I am compelled to write a letter to the DEN. Ken Bauer's editorial ("Kiddies can't save the world," June 23, 2003) is a refreshing change; the DEN should be commended for deciding to publish it. While I'm sure it will generate more than a couple of letters in opposition, it's refreshing from a reader's perspective in a number of ways.

First, my friends, colleagues, and I have noted over the years the DEN editorial staff's penchant for under-investigating most topics.

All too often the Opinion and Editorial columns derive their positions from patently false assumptions that could (and should) be avoided by serious students of journalism. Second, the staff has tended, too, to tender its "criticism" most irresponsibly; the same manner of name-calling that will surely earn Mr. Bauer's opinion a negative response pervades the Ed/Op page regularly during the school year.

Third, the DEN has routinely demonstrated the agendas of its news writing staff in its reporting and (more understandably) its editorial staff; the bias has been plainly evi-

dent, and subverts the legitimacy of the DEN.

Mr. Bauer's editorial takes the DEN to task for each of these.

His language might be strong, and at times even inappropriate, but it is refreshing to see the DEN aim its criticism at a worthy target: itself.

Perhaps this signals a new era for the DEN; is it possible that in

addition to policing local, state, and federal issues, the DEN might be so brave as to police itself?

Thank you, Mr. Bauer, for your thoughts, and Mr. Editor for choosing to print what many DEN readers have thought for so long.

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Ages of Supreme Court justices pose questions

◆Associate justices and nation's top legal counselors give hints in TV interviews toward retirement and possible nominations.

By Kenneth Bauer
VERGE & FEATURE EDITOR

Just how many U.S. Supreme Court justices will be retiring in the near future? The reality that four of the nine justices are over the age of 70 had that very question circulating in judicial circles long before the court closed its most profound session in recent years June 26, 2003. Larry King recently posed this issue to the nation's two highest legal counselors, Attorney General John Ashcroft (criminal) and Solicitor General Theodore Olsen (civil).

"Has the White House started looking for replacement justices for what has to be some not-so-distant retirement announcements," King asked the two counselors.

"We have approached the court and asked that those who are considering retirement in the next few years come forward candidly and let the president know now," Ashcroft said. "We are not encouraging retirements, we did this so we won't be faced with having to make hasty decisions to fill what could be multiple vacancies at the same time."

Of the court's four justices over the age of 70, Associate Justice John Paul Stevens, appointed by President Ford, tops the list at 83 years old. Chief Justice William Rhenquist, appointed to the court by President Nixon and to the position of Chief Justice by President Reagan, is second on the list at 79 years old. Sandra Day O'Connor, appointed by President Reagan, is 73 years old and Ruth Bader-Ginsburg, appointed by President Clinton, is 70.



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"Are we likely to officially hear the title 'U. S. Supreme Court Justice Theodore Olsen' in the near future?"

Justices Rhenquist and Stevens are among the oldest members to ever sit on the Supreme Court according to its official web site. The oldest sitting member ever is Justice Hugo Black. Black died while serving on the Court at age 85 in 1971. Associate Justice Thurgood Marshall retired at the age of 83, just two years before his death. Chief Justice John Marshall, appointed by President Adams in 1801, and, who was the presiding Chief Justice of the famous Marbury v. Madison (1803) case, died at the age of 80 while serving on the court.

"I think the importance of any justice's retirement is self evident," said Ph.D. Jeffrey Ashley, Associate Professor, Political Sciences department.

"Unlike the congressional or more specifically the executive branch, which has a powerful but limited role in policy and law making for four years at a time, the Supreme Court's decisions make sweeping changes in public laws and policies for an extended period of time," Ashley said.

"Consider the impacts of Roe v. Wade, or Brown v. the Board of Education and you can clearly see the impact that each justice's decision can have on American life. They have that powerful role until they alone choose to give it up and retire or die," Ashley said. "They naturally retire, if possible, under a president who will appoint someone like his or her self."

When asked by King who the most likely prospects are to be nominated by the president when that time arrives, Ashcroft said, "That's something that should be answered by the president only."

"The Solicitor General is widely known as the tenth justice," said King. "Are we likely to officially hear the title 'U.S. Supreme Court Justice Theodore Olsen' in the near future?"

A visibly caught-off-guard Solicitor General Olsen replied that he didn't want to speculate on the answer while Ashcroft sitting next to him dramatically nodded yes to King's question.

In a rare occurrence, Associate Justices Day O'Connor and Breyer, appointed by Clinton, were interviewed on ABC's "This Week

Day O'Connor verbally danced around questions regarding retirement before finally answering. Asked if her recent public suggestions can be taken to mean that she will be sitting on the court for another year Day O'Connor replied, "I suppose so."

Day O'Connor has been the subject of retirement speculation over recent years because of health problems.

The White House has not yet announced the planned retirement of any of the justices.

Singer Barry White, 58, dies over holiday weekend

LOS ANGELES (AP)- With his unique baritone — a mix of velvet and gravel — R&B great Barry White (news) was the voice of America's bedroom, his throbbing compositions conspiring with purring vocals to seduce fans for over three decades.

White, who had kidney failure from years of high blood pressure, died Friday at age 58. He had been undergoing dialysis and had been hospitalized since a September stroke.

His songs were infused with sexually charged verbal foreplay, like on 1975's "Love Serenade," which began with the low, intimate whisper: "I want you the way you came into the world, I don't want to feel no clothes ..."

The heavyset musician enjoyed three decades of fame for songs like "You're the First, the Last, My Everything" and "It's Ecstasy When You Lay Down Next To Me."

Although his popularity peaked with several disco hits in the 1970s, White's music was introduced to a new generation by sample-hungry rappers. He received belated recognition for his work in 2000 when he won his first two Grammys (news - web sites), for best male and traditional R&B vocal performance for the song "Staying Power."

Don Cornelius, founder of the "Soul Train" TV show, remembered White as "a true master."

"There was no match for Barry White. His music is just going to live forever," Cornelius said. "It's not limited to disco or soul or hip-hop or anything."

Cornelius said White's lyrics were directed toward his second wife, Glodean James.

"Love was a very important aspect of his life," Cornelius said. "He had this tremendous love for the lady. He wasn't just singing for your mate and your bedroom, he was singing and writing for his own

bedroom."

Sam Moore of 1960s soul band Sam and Dave said no one will ever take the place of Barry White.

"He didn't have to do like the average, jumping all over the stage. He could just stand there with his big orchestra and he could just mesmerize," Moore said.

When Cornelius visited White in the hospital two months ago, the singer was almost completely incapacitated.

"The man really suffered," Cornelius said. "At times he was full of tubes. If it wasn't for the fact that he was an abnormally strong man, he would've been gone a long time ago."

Born Sept. 12, 1944, in Galveston, Texas, to a single mother, White and his younger brother, Darryl, spent most of their childhood in south central Los Angeles. He said he had a lifelong love for music. During his early teenage years, he began singing in a Baptist church choir and was quickly promoted to director.

In 1990, White told Ebony magazine that his voice changed overnight from the squeaky tones of a preadolescent to the rumbling bass that made him famous.

"It scared me and my mother when I spoke that morning," he said. "It was totally unexpected. My chest rattled. I mean vibrations. My mother was staring at me, and I was staring at her. The next thing I knew, her straight face broke into a beautiful smile. Tears came down her face and she said, 'My son's a man now.'"

He was jailed at age 16 for stealing tires, a punishment he credited with helping him straighten out his life and dedicate his efforts to music.

White joined the Upfronts soul group as bass singer and cut six singles. For several years, he stayed away from performing and focused on work behind the scenes as a songwriter and producer.



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Barry White during a live performance

He married a childhood sweetheart, identified only as Mary in his autobiography, and fathered four children with her before they separated in 1969 and later divorced.

White discovered the female trio Love Unlimited — which included his future second wife, James — and produced their million-selling 1972 single "Walkin' in the Rain With the One I Love."

The next year, White returned to performing with the song "I'm Gonna Love You Just a Little More Baby," which topped the R&B chart and hit No. 3 on the pop chart.

He is credited by some for helping launch the disco phenomenon with his orchestral "Love's Theme" in 1973, which he conducted with his group, The Love Unlimited Orchestra.

In 1974, his album "Can't Get Enough"

climbed to the top of the pop charts on the strength of the signature hits "Can't Get Enough of Your Love, Babe" and "You're the First, the Last, My Everything."

That year he also married James. The couple had four children together and collaborated on the 1981 album "Barry & Glodean," which featured the songs "I Want You" and "You're the Only One for Me." They divorced in 1988, but he said they always remained good friends.

White suffered a family tragedy in 1983 when his brother, Darryl, was shot and killed in a dispute with a neighbor over change from a \$20 bill. In his 1999 autobiography, "Love Unlimited: Insights on Life and Love," White said music likely spared him a similar fate.

After working on more than a dozen albums in the 1970s, his career waned over the next decade as he attempted small comebacks with the albums "The Right Night & Barry White" (1987) and "The Man is Back!" (1989.)

He enjoyed a larger resurgence with 1994 album "The Icon Is Love," and his ballad "Practice What You Preach" became his first No. 1 hit in 17 years. Toward the end of the 1990s, his songs were regularly featured on the Fox comedy series "Ally McBeal" and he made an appearance on the show as himself.

His single "Staying Power," off a 1999 album of the same name, won White two Grammys and proved he hadn't tamed his libidinous lyrics. "Put on my favorite dress, the one that oozes sexiness," he cooed in the title track's opening lines.

That year White's chronic blood pressure forced him to cancel several live performances with the group Earth, Wind & Fire and he was briefly hospitalized.

White's survivors include eight children, grandchildren, and his companion Catherine Denton.

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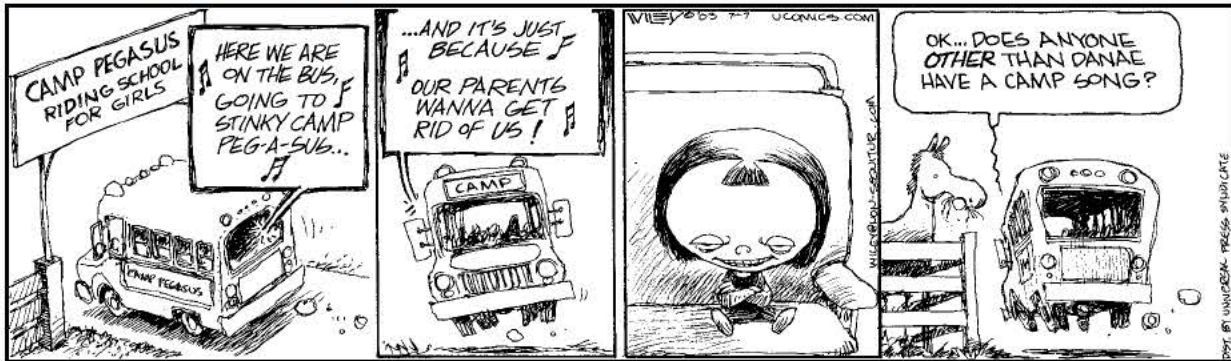


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(ABOVE) Cumberland High School boys' head basketball coach Brad Oakley (right) and his wife Debbie Oakley finish Friday's Four for the Fourth Habitat for Humanity 4 mile race. Debbie Oakley, an Eastern graduate, finished second in the 19- to 29-year-old age group with a time of 31 minutes, 53 seconds.

(BELOW) Runners begin Friday's 4 mile race by going north on First Street from Morton Park.



Eastern guard has strong chance to play for Nuggets

Erik Hall
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

Former Eastern point guard Ramon Taylor holds a 25 percent chance of making the Denver Nuggets summer league team from this week's rookie camp.

After the story on July 2 in the Daily Eastern News, the web site Nuggets.com announced that one of the four players chosen from the Nuggets' Open Tryout will make Denver's summer league team.

Taylor with center Kevin Fletcher and guards Canon Baker and Pierre Wooten received an invitation to the Nuggets' Rookie Camp from the open tryout.

An article in the Denver

Post on June 29 gave the following details on each of the four players that are trying for that one spot on the Nuggets' summer league team.

"Baker, 30, had to be convinced by his wife, Heidi, to try out. They own Shake N' Bake Basketball Services in Hampton, Va., which specializes in individual, group or team basketball training, motivational speeches and camps."

Baker played basketball in college for North Carolina-Wilmington's team.

"The 6-foot-10, 245-pound Fletcher averaged 20.4 points and 10 rebounds for the University of Colorado during

the 2001-02 season and played professionally in Portugal last season.

"The 6-4, 172-pound Wooten flew to Denver on Friday (June 27), along with his mother from Cincinnati.

"Wooten averaged 13.1 points, 3.9 rebounds and 3.7 assists for Winthrop as a senior last season.

"Taylor is a high-leaping guard from Louisville, Ky., who played sparingly for Eastern Illinois last season."

The rookie camp begins today and concludes on Saturday.

The player chosen out of those four to compete in the NBA's Summer Pro League would be competing from July 13-17 in Long Beach, Calif.

Babe Ruth: Charleston bureaucracy blocks safety for youth baseball players at Baker

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their age) probably are mature enough to handle concentrating on what is going on in their games the majority of the time, but all it takes is to turn and talk to a friend once at the same time the second baseman's throw slips out of his hand.

This is a risk the Charleston Community Athletic Association should not have allowed to take place.

"I don't think there is a safety problem that is why there is an orange safety fence there," Phipps said. "It is about like going to a St. Louis (Cardinal) game."

Well, it is too bad that the orange fence lays on the ground in spots from players climbing over their only protection.

To get rid of the existing dugouts is understandable, but to not even install a metal fence to protect the teams using the field is a hazardous risk.

I am not blaming Phipps. There are several layers of bureaucracy at fault.

Whether it is the Charleston Community Athletic Association, the Charleston Recreation Department, the Charleston Township Parks Department or the City of Charleston, someone should have stepped up and provided fencing at Baker Field.

"It is a little slow going at times trying to work with city crews on that type of thing," Phipps said. "When you are asking people to help you save money it is usually a slow process. Hopefully by next season, but probably by the end of the fall they (the new dugouts) will be done."

Charleston baseball needs to go one more week injury free through the Babe Ruth League Baseball season ending doubleheader on July 14. Then they will have avoided all injuries from a risky situation they shouldn't have flirted with this summer.

Last Wednesday, because of a decision to flirt with danger, two teams and many more fans could not just enjoy watching Charleston's youth compete.

Unfortunately, while one team of 13, 14 and 15-year-olds wore their baseball caps inside out rallying from an 8-5 deficit; both teams were providing each other with the protection that non-existent dugouts were not providing for the Babe Ruth players and coaches.

The New York Times Crossword

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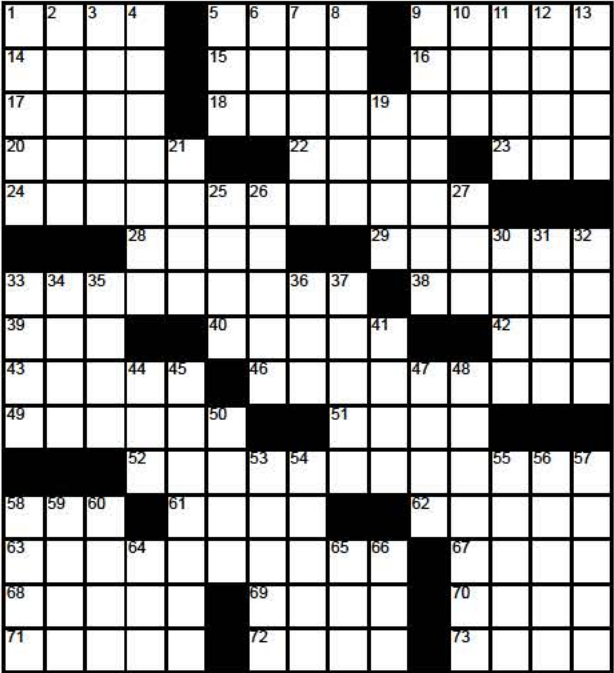
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THROW IT DOWN



Erik Hall
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

Children's safety threatened

On Wednesday night, I saw the Charleston baseball version of hockey's 1982 'Miracle on Ice' when a team that was not supposed to win beat the seemingly unbeatable.

In the second half of the Babe Ruth Baseball League double header at Baker Field, the undefeated Charleston Times-Courier team became defeated at the hands of the previously winless Charleston High School C-Club team.

(How does a high school group that became defunct over a year ago sponsor a baseball team? Maybe that is why they have struggled?)

Somehow, the six-loss C-Club team defeated the six-win Times-Courier team by the final score of 9-8 after a complete seven inning game.

The game included a remarkable finish as C-Club trailed 8-5 entering the bottom of the last inning before mounting their winning comeback.

The comeback excited the fans in the bleachers, but so did any ball hit sharply towards the dugouts.

Actually, I can't call them dugouts. They are actually just benches where dugouts used to stand.

The red and gold dugouts erected in 1968 were torn down following the conclusion of the Charleston High School junior varsity baseball season in May, seemingly ignoring the excessive use of Baker Field all through the summer.

"We're getting new dugouts," said Kris Phipps, president of the Charleston Community Athletic Association in charge of boys' baseball.

"We planned to get those started a little sooner. It is a little slow going at times trying to work with city crews on that type of thing."

Phipps explained that the dugouts used for 35-years posed a safety concern and that the Charleston Baseball Association made the decision to take down the existing dugouts.

"We were afraid they were going to fall on somebody," Phipps said.

By eliminating one safety concern the Charleston Baseball Association created another one.

Now the only thing protecting the players from errant throws to first or third base and foul tips is an orange plastic fence in front of each bench.

Phipps has two sons playing in the Babe Ruth League and expressed that this age group is mature enough to handle paying attention to the games.

"With that age group I'm not too concerned; if that was a bunch of little kids we wouldn't have taken the fencing down," Phipps said.

I know Phipp's two sons and they (along with many others

116 run/walk to help Habitat for Humanity

◆ *Fourth of July heat does not keep runners or walkers away from fund-raiser at Morton Park.*

By Erik Hall
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

In its fourth year, the annual Coles County Habitat for Humanity Fourth of July run/walk continued to bring out many area participants.

The 4 mile run and 2 mile walk combined to have 116 people running and walking around Charleston's streets Friday morning.

Eastern junior Heather Tucker won her 19- to 29-year-old age group in the 4 mile run and suggested some reasons for such high participation.

"There aren't that many races around here," Tucker said. "It is also good because it is a fund-raiser and people are willing to help support it."

The July Fourth race is the largest fund-raiser for Habitat for Humanity, which helps build homes in Coles County with people in need.

Former Eastern track and cross country runner Justin Weiss won the overall men's division for the 4 mile run. Weiss completed the course through Charleston streets in 21 minutes, 28 seconds.

Two current Eastern runners competed in Friday's race and both finished in the top 10.

Eastern distance runner Scott McNamer finished third overall and second in his age division. McNamer's time for the 4 mile race came in at 23:24.

Not used to running distance races was Eastern sprinter Sean Kelly. Kelly finished 10th overall with a time of 25:20.

"I'm just out to have fun," Kelly said. "I ran pretty well for the amount of (distance) training I've had during the summer."

Someone who has given out plenty of distance training took part in Friday's race. Eastern men's and women's head cross country coach John McInerney took part in the Fourth of July run.



PHOTO BY JOAQUIN OCHOA/STAFF

Above: Eastern men's and women's head cross country coach John McInerney is greeted by Habitat for Humanity volunteers as he finishes Friday's race. Left: A runner crosses the finish line after the Fourth of July race.



for the runners.

"I think they need to change the route to get more shade because it could get a little too hot at some points during the race," Kelly said.

Many runners made comments following the race about the heat as they ran through the unshaded Coles Country Fairgrounds. Despite the warm conditions, there were no statements that the heat would prevent anyone from running the race in future years.

Friday was the second time that Tucker had run in the 4 mile race. She knew what to expect and knows it is going to be hot on the Fourth of July.

Will the heat keep Tucker from running in next year's race on the Fourth of July?

"Probably not because I know it is going to be that hot, it is just expected," Tucker said.

Along with knowing to expect warm condition, the runners realize how beneficial this event is toward helping the Charleston community.

"I think it's very important for

Four-mile race results

Men

Overall:

1. Justin Weiss 21:28

18 and Under:

1. Robert Gooden, 23:56

2. Kyle Lynch-Klarup, 26:03

19-29:

1. Michael McBride, 22:55

2. Scott McNamer, 23:24

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1. Dave Panturio, 26:09

2. Todd Vilardo, 27:37

40-49:

1. Terry Meyer, 24:50

2. John Cash, 25:23

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1. George Ringler, 26:21

2. Dean Tucker, 29:37.

60 and Over:

1. Cal Smith, 34:37

2. John Brading, 44:50.

Women

Overall:

1. Rebecca Karsten, 26:21

18 and Under:

1. Betsy Hall, 31:55

2. Jane Wolcott, 35:04

19-29:

1. Heather Tucker, 29:37

2. Debbie Oakely, 31:53.

30-39:

1. Lynn Holdheide, 32:00

2. Valerie Morrissey, 34: 04

40-49:

1. Jane Meyer, 27: 57

2. Helen Archer, 28:59

50-59:

1. Pat Gillenwater, 33:46

2. Marge Gibbens, 41:20

Two-mile walk results

Overall:

1. June Brown

2. Wanda Derixson.

the society to have races to help fund things that need to be funded," Kelly said.

Tucker agrees and is glad to see such a beneficial organization as Habitat for Humanity at work in Charleston.

"I think it is really important because I think in every community there are people that can benefit from it," Tucker said.

Chicago Cubs steal Eastern recruit

By Jamie Hussey
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Eastern's baseball and football teams are short one player after the Chicago Cubs recently signed one of their unsigned recruits.

Eastern had been recruiting Rockford Boylan senior Matt Weber until the Cubs choose him as their 16th round draft pick earlier this year.

Weber just recently signed with the Cubs, after finishing his high school baseball season at Rockford Boylan High.

Eastern head football coach Bob Spoo and Eastern head baseball coach Jim Schmitz were disappointed they lost Weber to the Cubs.

Weber was to come to Eastern as a quarterback and a pitcher.

"I was disappointed," Schmitz said. "I thought I had some real good meetings with the family, and I felt that he had a sincere college interest." Spoo was disappointed to lose a football and a baseball player, but understands the risks taken in recruiting.

"We take those chances when we try to recruit, he is a two sport guy and he has the possibility to get drafted," Spoo said. "He made the decision and I wish him well."

Weber's decision did not surprise Spoo. Spoo knew if Weber got the proper offer he would sign with the Cubs.



Head Football coach Bob Spoo



Head Baseball Coach Jim Schmitz

of last season.

"We lost a big junior college kid right before we lost Weber," Schmitz said. "We have a depleted pitching staff, but we are going to do the best we can. We have some pretty good names. And if we can replace Weber with some names, I think we will be ok."

Schmitz said this is just part of the game and that they have to move on and go with it.

"This is not going to change anything, we still have to go find the best available arms out there," Schmitz said.