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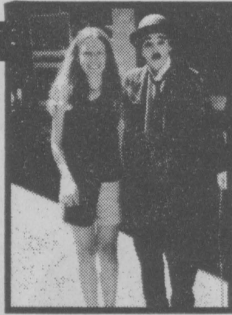
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Marching band bigger, 'new look'

By SCOTT PARSONS
managing editor

Marshall's Marching Thunder marching band will be bigger and have a new look when it takes to the field this fall.

"We have some changes in store for this season," said Baruch J. Whitehead, band director. We are introducing a dance team and bringing back the majorettes. We have also added more percussion instruments."

But personnel isn't the only thing on tap for change this fall.

"We have new uniforms for the dance team members, flag corps and majorettes," Whitehead said.

The theme for this year's performances is "American Music."

"We had fans tell us they would like to hear something different from the band this season," Whitehead said.

The band also plans to perform on the road with the football team this season as well.

"We plan to go on the road this season with trips to South Carolina and Ohio University," said Whitehead.

In addition to the road trips, Whitehead said that the band is also planning to perform at other functions such as the opening of the new library and are sponsoring their own band competition in October.

According to Whitehead, there are 60 more people in the band than there were last year.

"We have more people this year, but the we have the same budget."

According to Whitehead, the additional 60 people bring the total number of band members to around 230.

According to Whitehead, the reason for the changes is to make the band more appealing to

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— Baruch J. Whitehead,
Marshall band director

the fans at Herd football games.

"This is all new water for us. I hope the students like it," Whitehead said. "We have a lot of new kids here and I get a lot of personal satisfaction out of the things that we are doing."

Whitehead said the band has been meeting once a month to practice, but will begin practicing every day August 8.

"We usually practice on the field or in the auxiliary gym," Whitehead said.

Whitehead wants to have his band members prepared for when the season gets started.

"There's talk of a pep rally on August 20 and we're playing the welcome weekend," Whitehead said. "But my main objective is to get as much experience in practice as possible."

The field commanders for this year are: Patrick Brown, Amy Forshey, Brett Landy and Jamie Skeens.

Not only does the fall bring a new football season, it also brings a season of marching band sounds at Marshall University.



Closed Sidewalk



Photo by Makiko Sasamura

Construction and improvements on Old Main hampers students and faculty trying to pass behind Smith Hall.

New chimes entertain students

by MARIA CHAPMAN
staff reporter

I heard the bells on . . . everyday?

That's the idea behind the newest addition to the bell tower at Morrow Library. The chimes, which have been in place since 1983, have recently been updated, enabling them to play an unlimited number of songs.

The official name of the collection of bells is the C.I. and Marie Thornburg Carillon. The Thornburgs were Huntington residents and Marshall alumni who donated the approximately \$100,000 for the bells and installation in October of 1983, said Cora Teel, library archivist.

The bell tower contains 16 bronze bells ranging in weight from 71 pounds to a half ton. The bell on the south side of the library is an example of

one of the bells.

At first, the chimes played part of the Alma Mater each hour, but eventually, it was decided that they would only strike the time. "It was before the days of computers, so it was a manual operation, and it was time consuming," said Dr. K. Edward Grose, vice president for operations. This summer, a system has been added so that the bells are now computerized.

At a cost of \$16,000, the bells were tuned, and a computer processor was installed. The work was completed by the Van Bergen Company; the company that originally installed the bells. The chimes now have the capacity to play an unlimited number of songs, and are currently programmed for 30, said Dale Osburn, manager of building trade.

With the new system, pre-

programmed or live songs can be played. "Preprogrammed songs can be purchased on a disk, so it works kind of like a CD player," Grose said.

In addition to the computerized functions of the system, there is also a small keyboard. The music department is planning to occasionally have students play songs on the chimes. The system is also capable of recording a song played on the keyboard, for playback at a later time, Grose said.

For the past month, the chimes have been playing a variety of songs at 12:00, 12:50, and 4:30 p.m. These times were chosen because they are when the most people are moving about the campus, but they may be changed later.

"The chimes are functioning beautifully and we've had a lot of positive response," Grose said.

Spiritualist to speak in Huntington

by TONIA HOLBROOK
news editor

A Peruvian prospective of shamanism will be offered tomorrow at the Erickson Alumni Center from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Willaru Huayta, a Quetchua Indian who teaches about spirituality, will be traveling from Cusco, Peru to speak in Huntington. After having taken spiritual quests, Huayta was inspired to teach about "darkness in the world."

The shaman has been featured in "Profiles in Wisdom: Native Elders speak about the Earth" by Steven McFadden, a book which focuses on 15 elders from various tribes.

Huayta is considered to be a powerful shaman in his culture, said Jerry Schroyer, res-

idential caretaker of Erickson Alumni Center. Though he has never heard Huayta's message, Schroyer said he plans to come to the lecture to listen to a different prospective.

"I think he has a pretty cosmic view of things," he said.

In his address, Huayta will be teaching about the spirituality of Machu Picchu, an Aztec city in Peru which served the Incans as an observatory, Schroyer said.

There will be no charge to attend the lecture, however donations will be accepted.

Schroyer said he would encourage students to attend the lecture to hear about a different culture. "It's a different way of looking at things," he said. "Here's a chance to look at something from another culture through his eyes."

'Flytown USA'

Nebraska residents annoyed by their pesky visitors

BENEDICT, Neb. (AP) — They come in droves. Filthy, swarming droves.

So many flies that some fear their property values are dropping. So many that on some days people are afraid to go outside.

They swarm anyone foolish enough to try an outdoor barbecue. They descend onto ice cream purchased by children, making vanilla look like chocolate chip.

And just ask Will Clayton about the time he tried to press apples into cider in his garage.

"They are bad flies," said Clayton, who has rows of fly strips hanging from his garage rafters.

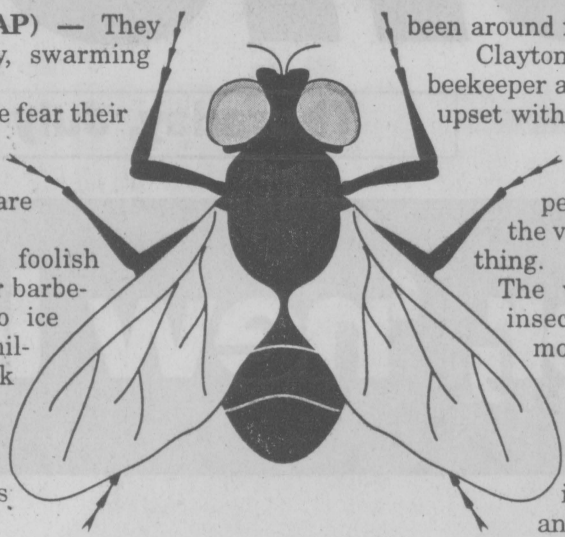
"It's flytown USA. They're just thick. They just swarm in. Bunches of 'em."

At the North Brooke Inn, a town's restaurant and watering hole, owner Sheila Rathje keeps a pile of fly swatters behind the counter.

"I've got people who come in to eat and they ask for a fly swatter when they come in the door," she said. "It's embarrassing."

Clayton said he's not sure where the flies are coming from. "Everybody's got a theory," he said.

So maybe the flies spilled over from a nearby chicken farm or the two livestock feedlots just outside this eastern Nebraska town 90 miles west of Omaha. But those operations have



been around for years.

Clayton, a part-time preacher, beekeeper and orchard tender, is so upset with the insects that he got 77 of the town's 230 residents to sign a petition demanding that the village board do — something.

The village tried spraying insecticide from a truck-mounted fogger.

"It's not working," said Steve Brook, head of the village board.

The board has invited Jack Campbell, an entomologist and chief of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, to its meeting Thursday to size up the problem.

fly expert at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, to its meeting Thursday to size up the problem.

Campbell said he has heard of no other such infestations in the state and that the complaints in Benedict are too numerous to dismiss.

Campbell said the housefly, known in scientific circles as "Musca domestica," is one of the most common insects in the world.

One female can lay 75 to 150 eggs at a time and up to 800 in its month-long life.

The eggs hatch into maggots within 24 hours and the larvae reach full size in about five days. They begin mating almost immediately.

"It just ruins your quality of life," Clayton said. "Our Constitution (guarantees) 'life, liberty and pursuit of happiness.' But how can you be happy with flies in your hamburger?"

Clarksburg construction site turns up some American Indian artifacts

CHARLESTON (AP) — State archaeologists have found American Indian artifacts at a Clarksburg construction site, but evidence of a prehistoric burial mound remains elusive.

During a three-hour dig Tuesday, representatives of the state Historic Preservation Office found part of an ancient woodworking tool and debris related to the making of a stone arrowhead, said Mark Whitby, a state archaeologist.

The find, close to a protected burial mound, was not surprising, he said.

The mound, excavated in the late 1960s, is believed to have been built by Hopewell and Adena Indians as early as 160 B.C.

Evidence has yet to be found of a smaller mound that some local residents say was inadvertently bulldozed last week in preparation for the construction of storage buildings.

Archaeologists found a ridge, which may be a natural rise or could be evidence of a mound, Whitby said. Locating a mound requires more excavations on the small portion of the 9.5-acre site, he said.

Property owner Dominick Policano will hire archaeologists to excavate the area, said

"Many people would prefer the whole site remain intact."

— Linda Karus, W.Va. Native American Coalition chairwoman

Tom Michael, the developer's Clarksburg attorney.

The area will be cordoned off and protected from further bulldozing, Whitby said.

More than 20 residents, preservationists and others gathered to watch excavation at the hilltop site Monday following a request by two American Indian groups that the site be excavated and protected from construction.

A representative of an American Indian group said she was pleased that the possi-

bility of a clash did not materialize.

"It could have gone much worse," said Linda Karus, chairwoman of the West Virginia Native American Coalition. Still, she said, "Many people would prefer the whole site remain intact."

Michael said that what had started as a potential battle among American Indians, preservationists and his client has instead ended quietly.

"Where's the controversy?" he asked. "I guess there isn't any."

Crackdown from poultry pollution continues

Outbreaks of toxic microbe Pfiesteria piscicida prompts need for Chesapeake Bay clean-up

BALTIMORE (AP) — In continuing crackdowns on pollution from poultry producers, Maryland is planning to levy steep fines against Allen Family Foods, Inc., the company president said.

Talks with the state broke down Tuesday over how to settle the company's arising from the company's Eastern Shore plant.

Poultry has become the focus of state efforts to clean up the Chesapeake Bay after last summer's outbreaks of the toxic microbe Pfiesteria piscicida. Experts believe chicken waste is washing into the bay tributaries and is among the pollutants feeding the microbe.

Last week, the state filed a lawsuit asking a judge to impose as much as \$5.4 million in fines on Tyson Foods Inc., the nation's largest poultry producer. The state Department of the Environment said Tyson continued to dump thousands

of gallons of poultry waste near its Berlin, Md., processing plant for nearly two months after the state ordered it to stop.

On Tuesday, Allen President Charles C. Allen III vowed to fight the environment department and accused state officials of allowing private and media attention to drive policy.

His company offered to settle claims for \$150,000 to \$200,000, plus an additional \$1 million for antipollution projects, Allen said, but the state pushed for \$900,000 in cash and rejected many of the pollution plans.

"We're not going to get extorted to the tune of that amount of money," Allen said.

J. L. Hearn, director of the

environment department's water management administration, confirmed the negotiation positions outlined by Allen. The state has yet to decide whether to file a lawsuit, but legal action is being seriously considered, he said.

"Generally when we file a court action, we seek the maximum penalty," Hearn said. In the case of Allen's company, that would be \$3.6 million, which is \$10,000 a day for a

"We're not going to get extorted to the tune of that amount of money."

— Charles C. Allen III
Allen Family Foods president

briefly

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. (AP) — Rapper ODB was MIA on Tuesday.

A judge issued a warrant for his arrest when the member of the popular group The Wu-Tang Clan failed to appear in court on a shoplifting charge.

The rapper, whose real name is Russell Tyrone Jones, allegedly stole a \$50 pair of Louis shoes from a store in Virginia Beach on July 4, three days after walking out of a New York hospital with gunshot wounds he suffered during an apparent robbery.

No lawyer appeared Tuesday in General District Court to represent ODB, 29. Wu-Tang Clan's record label, Loud, referred calls about ODB to the Elektra Entertainment Group, Jana Fleishman, a publicist for Elektra in New York, said the company had no comment.

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Physicist may have 'tool' to easier cancer cell removal

MORGANTOWN (AP) — A West Virginia University physicist developing a breast-cancer detection and removal tool hopes to begin testing it on patients who volunteer as early as next year.

Raymond Raylman says some radical mastectomies could be avoided and tumors as small as one-quarter of an inch could be identified and cut out with a new device he is working on.

Researchers at UCLA and Duke University in Durham, N.C., are working on similar cancer-removal tools.

Raylman's device could help surgeons remove cancer cells more efficiently, reducing the need for follow-up procedures to remove those that were missed.

Surgeons generally are conservative in cutting away breast tissue for cosmetic reasons and because the removal of healthy lymph nodes can inhibit the body's

"...The idea here is to be as minimal as possible."

— Raymond Raylman, WVU physicist

disease-fighting abilities. In about 20 percent of cases, that means second or subsequent operations when the cancer comes back.

"It's mostly visual," Raylman said of current techniques. "It's kind of a guess right now. The idea here is to be as minimal as possible. We're hoping to take out enough cells so that radiation and chemo kill the cancer cells that are left."

Raylman has received a \$165,000 grant from the Whitaker Foundation for work on his probe.

The device reads radiation levels to find the malignant cells during surgery. Patients are injected with a radioactive sugar that the cancer cells absorb faster than healthy cells. The probe "reads" the cells with the highest radiation levels and ignores other kinds of radioactivity, Raylman said Monday.

Scientists tried to develop a similar probe in the 1970s but could not refine the tool enough or get it to read only the right kind of radiation.

"That's the trick," Raylman said.

Governor's lawyers ask judge to throw out lawsuit involving certain late-term abortions

CHARLESTON (AP) — Lawyers for Gov. Cecil Underwood have asked a federal judge to throw out a lawsuit challenging a new state law banning certain late-term abortions.

The motion, filed Tuesday in U.S. District Court, says the doctors who are suing do not perform the type of abortion the law bans and thus "cannot reasonably fear prosecution."

"There is no case or controversy," the motion says.

Under the law, it would be a felony to perform certain types of late-term abortions, punishable by up to two years in

prison and a maximum fine of \$50,000. The law allows the procedure in order to save the life of the mother.

Three doctors who perform or teach abortions and the Women's Health Center of West Virginia Inc. filed the lawsuit, claiming the law is unconstitutional and could result in the banning of all abortions.

Because of the lawsuit, West Virginia's late-term abortion law was temporarily suspended a day before it was scheduled to go into effect.

A trial date is not expected until after November.

Study finds pregnancy does not change the long-term course of multiple sclerosis

BOSTON (AP) — Women with multiple sclerosis who get pregnant are likely to see their disease briefly slow and then speed up, but pregnancy does not change the long-term course of the disease, a study finds.

Doctors have long known that pregnancy can cause fluctuations in the progression of MS. However, the disease often flares up and then plateaus, and most studies have been too small to draw firm conclusions about how pregnancy affects this.

The latest study was conducted on 254 women in 12

In the United States, between 250,000 and 350,000 people have multiple sclerosis. The disease is twice as common among women as men.

European countries. Doctors looked at how their disease changed over a 33-month period before, during and after pregnancy.

Compared with the year before they got pregnant, there was a 70 percent decrease in the rate of relapse during the women's third trimester. But during the first three months after birth, there was a 70 percent increase in relapse over their pre-pregnancy rate.

Despite these blips, the doctors concluded that pregnancy had no overall effect on the rate of the progression of MS.

The study was conducted by Dr. Christian Confavreaux and others from l'Antiquaille Hospital in Lyons, France. It was published in Thursday's issue of the New England Journal of Medicine.

In a journal editorial, Dr. John N. Whitaker of the University of Alabama in Birmingham said the study means women with MS can be told that pregnancy or receiving anesthesia during delivery will not affect the course of their disease. But they should be warned that the risk of relapse immediately afterward may reduce their ability to care for their babies.

In the United States, between 250,000 and 350,000 people have MS. The disease is twice as common among women as men.

MS results from a misguided attack by the body's immune defenses on nerve fibers. Pregnancy probably influences MS by affecting the immune system.

briefs

DENTON, Texas (AP) — The City Council has heard more than enough about fat in the past week.

After being inundated with jeers, council members unanimously voted to rescind a planned \$25 surcharge for anyone over 300 pounds needing ambulance service. The money was supposed to help firefighters and emergency workers.

But members of the council decided the extra revenue wouldn't be worth the attention and ridicule that followed approval of the fee last week.

Fire Chief Ross Chadwick, who recommended the fee, said he fielded more than 30 telephone calls from the media, including the British Broadcasting Corp. and "Good Morning America."

Chadwick had said the fee was necessary to cover the increased risk of injury to firefighters and paramedics who carry larger patients.

"It's certainly not worth the fuss people have made about it," he said. "Most places I go, people harass me. I've heard a lot of fat jokes."

Dropping the fee made sense, council members agreed Tuesday night.

"It's the right thing to do," councilman Mike Cochran said.

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Elephants already have long memories. Now pencil in long-distance relationships.

Two African elephants living 500 miles away from each other conceived via artificial insemination and now the wait begins for a baby.

"This may be one of the most significant conservation steps for African elephants in this century," said Mark Wourms, director of the Kansas City Zoo, home of the father, a 20-year-old bull named Dale.

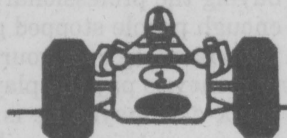
The mother, a 22-year-old cow named Kubwa, is nine weeks pregnant, Indianapolis Zoo officials said Tuesday. Save the cigars: gestation takes nearly two years for elephants.

Artificial insemination will allow conservationists more flexibility in managing the gene pool — both in zoos and in Africa, Wourms said.

"We could theoretically go into the field and artificially inseminate elephants," he said.

The Dickerson Park Zoo in Springfield has been working with artificial insemination in Asian elephants, where officials last month announced the first successful artificial insemination of an Asian elephant.

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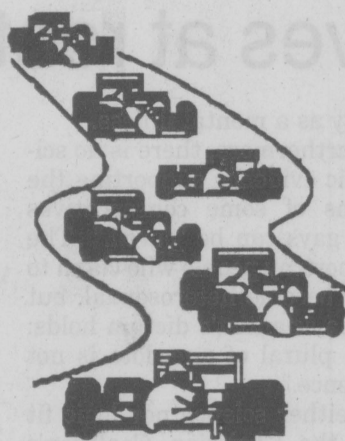
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Moss: You are gone and who cares?

Scott PARSONS
managing editor

Letter to Randy Moss....

Dear Randy:

You still don't get it do you? West Virginia offered you a last chance and now you have to get all big and bad and cop the attitude about the state that I call home. I don't like you Randy and I never will.

Why do you continue to blame West Virginia and the West Virginia media for all your problems? Wait Randy, I am a member of the West Virginia media that you so despise and to the best of my recollection I wasn't there when you beat up a classmate at Dupont High. I wasn't the one who handed you the joint that you smoked to violate your probation. I wasn't the one who pushed you to get in a scuffle with the mother of your two children. I wasn't the one who caused you to lose the chance to play football at Notre Dame and Florida State. No Randy, it wasn't me who forced you to do all those things, it was you my thick friend. I merely told the public about it.

The same public that adored you, praised you, cheered you on when you were catching touchdown passes. This is the public that overlooked the trouble that you were in with statements like "The other boy started the fight," "She was provoking him," or "He was just being a boy."

Randy, I have no respect for you. I didn't have any when you came to Marshall and I certainly don't have any for you now. Your talents are God given but your attitude overshadows anything you do on the playing field.

I saw how you ran sloppy pass routes when the ball wasn't coming to you. Your fans refused to see this, but you couldn't hide it from me. How will you survive in the NFL when everyone's talent level is equal or higher to that of yours? You probably won't.

Randy, it's true that West Virginia gave you a raw deal. The state looked beyond your faults and saw the gifted athlete that you are and accepted you for that. Marshall gave you a chance to play football and get exposure. Gosh Randy! How'd you survive all the brutal praise and admiration?

Bottom line. You are a punk. Always have been one, always will be one. Shame on Marshall fans for not noticing before now.

Muddle America / Gorrell & Brookins



Editor's note:

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Moss' words not special

Gary HALE
editor

Randy Moss' recent statements have caused some around the state to verbally lash out at the Minnesota Vikings player.

At the heart is what Moss has said about West Virginia and its people. He has made it clear on numerous occasions that he would be content never living in this state. Except for family visits, he could bypass the state altogether.

I am not a big Randy Moss fan when it comes to the character issue. And I agree with Scott Parsons' assessment of "sloppy pass routes." But we must remember that Moss is no different than most of the people on this campus when it comes to the feelings about this state.

How many times have students been asked in class about where they hope to go after they graduate? How many times has the response been "Anywhere but West Virginia?"

For some reason, it is OK for students to want to graduate and move out of this state for lame reasons such as "there's nothing to do here." We accept the excuse that there are no jobs to be found in West Virginia. We nod our heads when people talk of starting their family in a state that has plentiful opportunities. Then, we look down our pharisaical nose at Randy Moss and we lash out at his views.

I started wondering why people are so down on him, almost looking for a mistake. Is it because he is black? No, I don't think so. Many beloved black athletes have come out of the West Virginia schools. Is it because he acts like he is still in high school? Maybe. Is it because he has a bad track record? Now we're getting warmer. How about because he is a well-known athlete, with a troubled past, who has made it to the big-time? That's the ticket.

Consider, if Randy Moss was some bum on the streets of any town, anywhere U.S.A. Would anyone care about his statements about West Virginia? Would anyone give him the time of day?

Listen folks, there are plenty of people out in the gutters that

have bad things to say about this state. The homeless man sipping a cup of coffee every morning may have a lot to say about those of us who can't stand to look him in the eye, offer him a meal or just acknowledge that there is a human being on the concrete with dew-soaked clothes.

The reason no one gets upset at the homeless man is because he has nothing. In today's society, money speaks, for better or worse. Those who have it are either attacked or cuddled up to. Those who are poor are just forgotten.

The point is that many people resent that Moss has been successful and is earning money they wish they had. He went to college to play football and nothing else. He went to get a job after he left the collegiate ranks just like the rest of us. It just happens, that in his field millions are paid for doing a job only part of the year. If you are jealous of that, stop buying the professional merchandise and going to the games. If enough people stopped going to games, the market would change. Stop handing over your wallet to the sport and there won't be any money to pay the players.

Sure, maybe Moss sounds like a punk and maybe he is. But why do we get upset at his comments? Are we so thin skinned that we let a football player ruin our whole day? Why do we wear a chip on our shoulder waiting for someone to knock it off?

I love West Virginia and plan to live in the state as long as I can. But I don't go crazy when Moss makes negative comments. His true colors show through. No one except children is going to look up to him. I may be going out on a limb on this one, but children across America are not going to start wearing T-shirts with our state seal on them with a big, red slash going across it. They may wear his jersey and imitate his moves but they won't be going around saying "Don't live in West Virginia."

Can we let Moss just roll off our backs? Can we just look at football as entertainment for us and a business for those directly involved? Can we realize that the homeless man's words are as important as Moss'? Can we stop being jealous that he has \$4 million to spend and we have \$4?

He has talent and he has money. But really, he is just a man who really has no influence over anyone — that is unless you let him.

Ulterior motives at root of Christian Coalition

Editor:

The Christian Coalition and more than a dozen other conservative religious groups have launched a \$200,000 advertising campaign against homosexuality, describing it as a sin, a mental illness and a choice.

Whether or not it is a sin is a matter for philosophers and theologians.

Virtually every major scientific organization, including the American Psychiatric Association, does not regard homosex-

uality as a mental illness.

Furthermore, there is no scientific evidence supporting the claims of some conservatives that gays can be "cured." The ads portray people who claim to have become heterosexual, but as the scientist's dictum holds: "The plural of anecdote is not evidence."

Neither science nor logic fit into the Christian Coalition's ad campaign. For even as they brand homosexuality as a mental illness, the ads also claim homosexuality is a choice.

Those suffering from depression, anxiety attacks and other real mental illnesses will no doubt be surprised to learn their suffering was a matter of choice.

The only thing clear in this muddle of illogic is the political motivation behind the ads. Newspaper ads are not the method people of faith usually choose to express their views on sin. They are a way to score political points.

If members of the Christian Coalition are really concerned

with saving the souls of gay people, they should refrain from making unfounded and inflammatory statements. If the ads are meant as election-year propaganda, however, they are probably doing exactly what they set out to do - not to heal but to divide Americans for political advantage - which is the saddest commentary on the matter.

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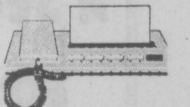
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The Eagle has landed: McDonald's in Football Hall of Fame

By **RUSTY MILLER**
AP Sports Writer

Tommy McDonald had to wait a long time to make it to the Pro Football Hall of Fame. He didn't mind a bit.

"The taste is so much sweeter," he said.

Twenty-four years after he was first eligible, McDonald on Saturday will join Paul Krause, Anthony Munoz, Mike Singletary and Dwight Stephenson in the induction class of 1998 in Canton, Ohio.

A mighty-mite wide receiver who always seemed to come up with the ball, McDonald labored a dozen years in the NFL with Philadelphia (1957-63), Dallas (1964), Los Angeles (1965-66), Atlanta (1967) and Cleveland (1968). He was nominated for induction by an old-timers committee.

McDonald, 64, was an unlikely choice to ever make it big. He was 5-foot-9 and 175 pounds. He came from Roy, N.M., population 1,300, with 150 students in its high school.

"I have always felt that the big guy upstairs was looking over me," he said. "I always seemed to luck out at the right time. I came from the small town of Ray. And now this."

His first break came when his family moved to Albuquerque, N.M., where he blossomed as an athlete at Highland High School, averaging more than 20 yards a carry in football and breaking the state scoring

record.

Yet only two schools offered him scholarships: New Mexico and Southern Methodist.

However, Oklahoma basketball coach Bruce Drake came to Albuquerque to coach a high school all-star game and stayed to watch an all-star football game. Impressed with the little guy running the ball, Drake suggested that McDonald's parents write to Oklahoma coach Bud Wilkinson.

Based on Drake's recommendation, Wilkinson invited McDonald to Norman and offered him a scholarship. The Sooners and McDonald never lost a game and won two national championships with him playing running back and catching passes.

Pro scouts didn't think McDonald had the size for the NFL.

"Everybody was always telling me I was too little," he said. "When I got out of high school, scouts said they'd like to give me a scholarship but I was too small. 'You'll get hurt,' they said. That's all I ever seemed to get.

"Out of college, I was a two-time All-American. But a lot of teams passed over me because they said I was too small."

Oklahoma was a dominating team on the ground. But before McDonald's senior year, Wilkinson designed a play to use his speed and pass catching. Six times it resulted in touchdowns.

McDonald was drafted in the third round by the Redskins. After eight games spent as a kick and punt returner, McDonald finally got into a

game as a receiver and promptly scored twice, including a 61-yard reception and run that the late NFL commissioner Bert Bell called "one of the greatest catches I have ever seen in pro football."

McDonald had found his niche. He averaged 25.3 yards on receptions, turning him into a favorite target of Washington quarterbacks Norm Van Brocklin and Sonny Jurgenson.

"If I could have stayed with Norm and Sonny for all 12 years ... what the hell!" McDonald said.

McDonald was a prime reason the Eagles won the NFL title in 1960, capped by a 17-13 victory over Green Bay.

The quarterbacks, the uniforms and the cities changed for the rest of his career, but his ability to catch passes and befuddle defenders didn't.

By the time he retired after the 1968 season, he ranked sixth in career receptions (495), fourth in yards receiving (8,410) and second in touchdown catches (84). He averaged a TD every six times he caught a pass.

Now, a generation later, the little guy is being honored for big achievements.

"I used to think, 'Hey, I've got the numbers!'" said McDonald, a father of four who now works in the Philadelphia area running a company that makes plaques and framed artwork.

"But I realize now that it's better this way, after the wait. I think God purposely made me wait to get in because he knew it would be so much more enjoyable, that I wouldn't take it for granted now."

Attorney general investigates bogus McGwire memorabilia

By **CONNIE FARROW**
Associated Press Writer

ST. LOUIS (AP) — St. Louis Cardinals slugger Mark McGwire got some help Wednesday from the state of Missouri in his effort to stop the sale of balls, bats and other memorabilia carrying fake autographs.

Attorney General Jay Nixon sent letters to attorneys general across the country, asking them to be on the lookout for bogus items. The autographs have become a hot commodity as McGwire pursues Roger Maris' record of 61 homers. McGwire has hit 45 with 53 games remaining.

McGwire's business agent, James L. Milner, said phony autographs have turned up at several places in the past month. At stores in Denver, Cincinnati and St. Louis, McGwire pointed out the forgeries to store employees.

Unlike other sports stars, McGwire has refused to enter into autograph-

signing deals. With the exception of some promotions to benefit his California-based charitable foundation, Mark McGwire Foundation for Children, McGwire doesn't sell autographs. McGwire believes they should be given only freely to children.

"He doesn't sell his signature, and he doesn't want to sell his signature," Milner said. "He wants kids to be able to come out to the ballpark and catch a ball or get his signature, just like he did when he was a kid."

Nixon said in his letter to the attorneys general that forged McGwire signatures are becoming more frequent. Nixon was investigating two shops that were recently found to be selling phony McGwire autographs, but he declined to give details. Selling forged signatures would violate state consumer protection laws, Nixon said.

Milner said he was glad that Nixon was taking action.

"The spirit is to protect the consumer because Mark doesn't want to see his signature sold for financial gain," said Milner, chief financial officer of the Mark McGwire Foundation for Children in Long Beach, Calif.

Some have criticized McGwire for not making more items available, saying he's only trying to preserve the value of his signature. Milner said that couldn't be farther from the truth.

"It's not about money, it's about principle," he said.

Ron Graham Jr., who co-owns St. Louis Sports Collectibles, said a lot of people approach him with McGwire memorabilia. About 95 percent of it is fake, he said. It's become such a problem that he's asked McGwire to stop by his store to offer advice on spotting forgeries.

On average, a McGwire ball or picture would be worth \$75 and a bat would be worth about \$200 or more, depending on the type and whether it was used in a game, Graham said.

If McGwire breaks Maris' hallowed record, Graham speculated that bidding on that ball would probably start around \$250,000 at auction.

"You're talking about the biggest record in the history of baseball going down," he said. "I would guess it would probably bring around \$2 million to \$3 million."

Pruett on promotional tour | Fishing for Jerry's Kids

Marshall head coach Bob Pruet will visit Williamson and Man today to thank current fans for their loyalty and support and for fans to choose their season tickets for the upcoming season.

In Williamson, the event will take place at Starters Sports Bar from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and in Man at the Sheldon Burgess Community Center from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. WXCC will be broadcasting with a live remote in Williamson. In Man, WVOW will be on hand with a live remote.

The pep rally type atmosphere will allow the fans to meet coach Pruet, win door prizes, and purchase season tickets. This is the second stop on the Thundering Herd Ticket Tour around the tri-state. The caravan will travel all over the region until August 22, where it will end with the Big Green Foundation's "Choose Your Seat Fanfair Day" in Marshall Stadium.

Other stops along the way include: Beckley, August 5; Wayne County, August 12; Ashland, Ky. August 19; Charleston August 20; and Huntington, August 22.

By **SCOTT PARSONS**
managing editor

Showing that you can mix a hobby with helping a good cause, The Wayne County Bass Club is hosting the 7th Annual Bass Tournament for "Jerry's Kids" July 31 thru August 2 at Harris Riverfront Park.

The tournament will benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association of west Virginia.

Local fishermen from West Virginia, Ohio and Kentucky are expected to partici-

pate in the event.

"This tournament helps kids get out of a wheelchair and into a bass boat," said Harold Perry, tournament director for the Wayne County Bass Club.

The actual competitive fishing doesn't begin until Sunday, but there are plans for Friday and Saturday to keep the angler busy.

"We have work shops planned all day Friday and Saturday with free barbecue from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

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Life! editor travels north to her home country, Canada

Life! editor Christina Redekopp travels to a land quite different from sunny California. She shares her views about the difference in culture between Americans and their northern neighbors as well as other tidbits from her vacation.

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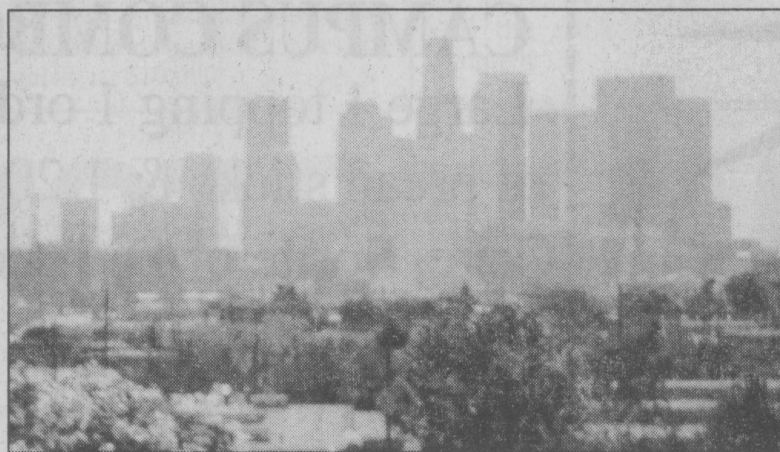
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A story in pictures by Christina Redekopp and Robert McCune

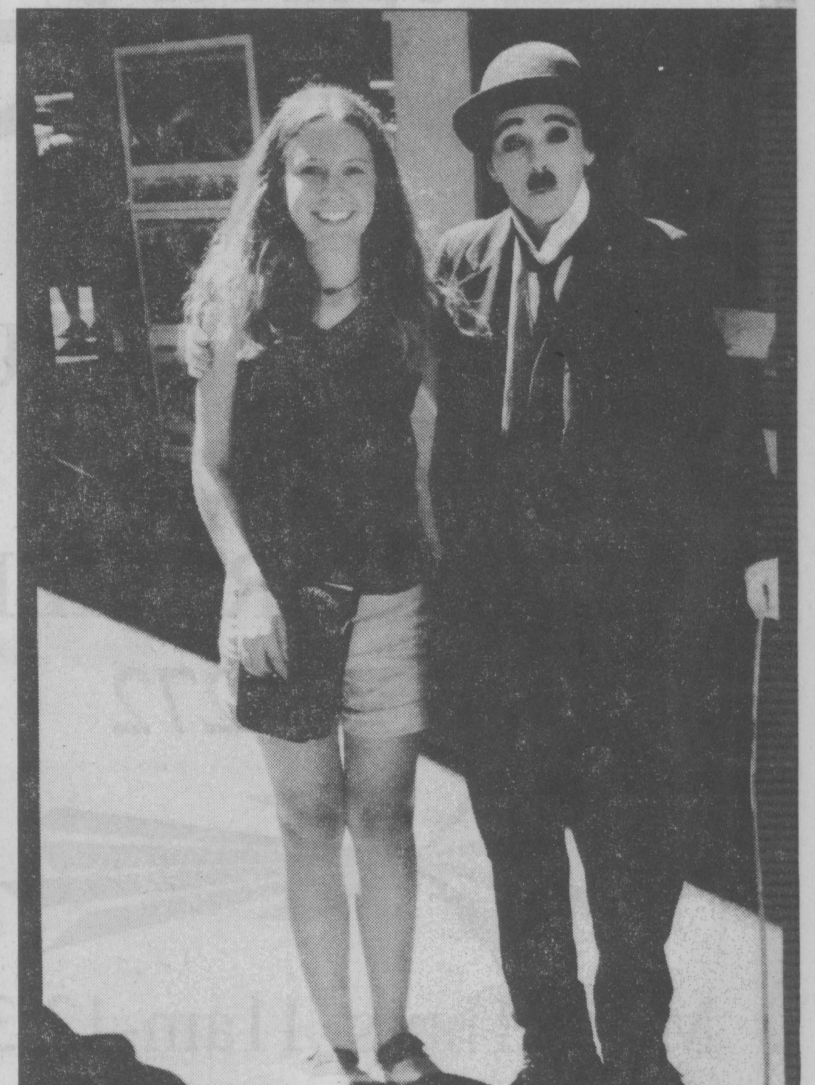
Students, friends take California trip

Right: G.W. Ross, a former Marshall student currently enlisted in the Marines, Life! editor Christina Redekopp, Shae Hoffer, psychology senior, Robert McCune, print journalism senior and Wesley Spencer, education sophomore, ate at Marvel Mania in Universal City. They conversed with Spiderman, the Silver Surfer and Wolverine at the comic book themed restaurant.

Below: "Lethal Weapon 4," an action-comedy starring Mel Gibson, Danny Glover, Joe Pesci, Rene Russo and Chris Rock, premiered at the Mann's Chinese Theatre in downtown Hollywood.



When the smog lifts the Los Angeles skyline is beautiful both day and night. Compared to Huntington, L.A. is a whole other world. The city with over 3.5 million people is not too far from where the group of friends stayed at their hotel in Anaheim.



Redekopp poses with a Charlie Chaplin impersonator in front of Mann's Chinese Theatre on Hollywood Boulevard. Along the boulevard, impersonators and other sidewalk entertainers work for donations and tips, while offering the average tourist an entertaining visit with past and present talent.

Left: McCune, who will be editor at the Parthenon this fall, checks the size of his hand against that of Jimmy Stewart, one of his favorite actors. The handprints, footprints and signatures of many stars, including Harrison Ford, Bruce Willis, Marilyn Monroe and Judy Garland, can be seen along Hollywood Boulevard in front of Mann's Chinese Theatre.

