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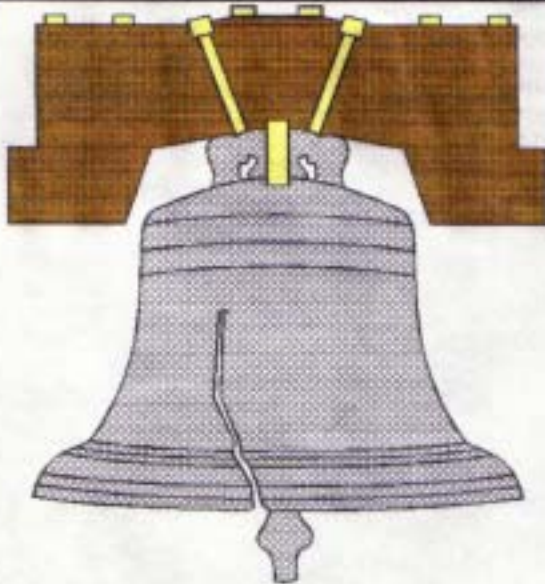
EDITOR'S NOTE:

July is the month that always introduces changes in our youth group. I'd like to personally welcome all the new 7th graders and I'd love to see them get involved somehow with this newsletter sometime. Speaking of changes, Take a look inside and you will discover some. I have made a logo for "Words of Wisdom" and have changed some other logos a bit. Robin Gross will replace Karen Neher as an interviewer and Jill Jordan will now be the author of "What's Happening". Mark Eichmann will also take care of the "Question Can" when and if questions need to be answered. Please see me if you wanted to see the answers to last month's Bible Quiz.

** Please remember that this newsletter is open to everyone.

Please see me if you're interested in helping out! **

AUGUST IS ALL CO - EDITOR MONTH!
 (DETAILS NEXT MONTH)



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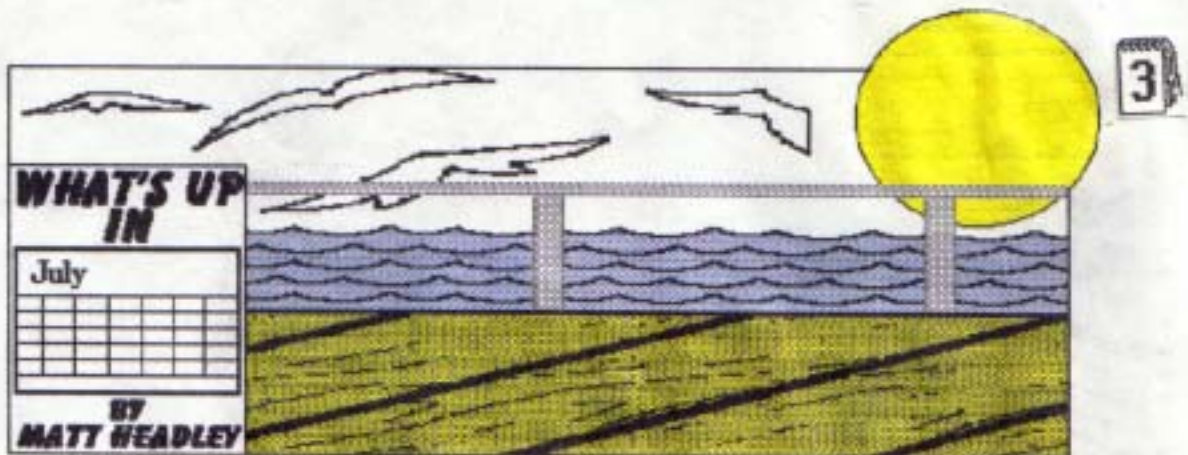
The Wednesday before Graduation Banquet, Pastor Mark had the entire youth group vote for the people...

MOST LIKELY TO...

and he read most of the responses during the banquet

Here is the entire list

- 1. Most likely to burst out laughing at their wedding JILL JORDAN
- 2. Most likely to murder one of their siblings CHRIS FIELD
- 3. Most likely to have a library of books by the toilet in the bathroom JEN LAMORA
- 4. Biggest Flirt in town IVY SCHNEIDER
- 5. Most likely to move their lips to fake singing during church KEN KLEIN
- 6. Most likely to pick their nose in private DAVE FIELD
- 7. Most likely to name their child something like Elvis, Pope John Paul, Erlene, or Elrod DAVE COOK
- 8. Most likely to still watch the Mighty Morphin Power rangers when they're 80 DAVE FIELD
- 9. Most likely to spill their milk at lunch JILL JORDAN
- 10. Most likely to cry when they make an "A-" on a test SARAH SMITH
- 11. Most likely to be really happy when they pull their grade up from an "F" to a "D-" JIMMY STRING
- 12. Most likely to talk in their sleep IVY SCHNEIDER
- 13. Most likely to try to borrow money from you DAVE COOK
- 14. Most likely to have their driver's license revoked JIMMY STRING
- 15. Most likely to go through life missing the point to most jokes JILL JORDAN
- 16. Most likely to bite their toenails PETE FIELD
- 17. Most likely to use the "We had a flat tire" excuse on their parents MATT PURZYCKI
- 18. Most likely to wear their underwear inside out DAVE FIELD
- 19. Most likely to have the coat hangers in their closet all going the same direction DANA OTT
- 20. Most likely to act dumb and actually be smart JILL JORDAN
- 21. Most likely to act smart and actually be dumb KAREN NEHER
- 22. Most likely to purposely step on the cracks in the concrete ADAM PURZYCKI
- 23. Most likely never to remember one Sunday School lesson ADAM PURZYCKI
- 24. Most likely to talk about the same thing all the time JASON LAMORA
- 25. Most likely to force their children to eat liver, squash, spinach and such KAREN NEHER, CHRISTINE RODOLICO, PASTOR MARK
- 26. Most likely to write an autobiography SARAH SMITH
- 27. Most likely to inevitably not hear the correct page number of hymns when announced in church MARK EICHMANN, MATT PURZYCKI
- 28. Most likely to steal jokes all their lives and fake like they are originals PETE FIELD



Tuesday, July 18 - Boardwalk Night

Have you been bored at home this summer, and just need to get out? Do you long for the shore like I do? Well, we're going to the boardwalk on the 18th! The words "SUMMER, BOARDWALK," and "CALVARY BAPTIST YOUTH GROUP " spells : *an absolutely insane time!* Come on out and have an awesome night at the shore!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY
JULIE LAWRENCE JULY 6
CHRIS FIELD JULY 23
KARLA BAUMIESTER JULY 24



WATCH FOR BIRTHDAY BIOGRAPHIES

Words Of Wisdom

\$ Money \$



It's good to have money and the things that money can buy, but it's good, too, to check up once in awhile, and make sure that you haven't lost the things that money can't buy

Money changes people - just as often as it changes hands - *Al Ball*

Money is a good servant but a bad master - *French Proverbs*

Measure wealth not by the things you have, but by the things you have for which you would not take money. - *anonymous*



For the love of money is the root of all evil : which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. - *I Timothy 6 : 10*



T H E B E S T O F





JUNE
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Meet the Seventh Graders


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 By Robin L. Gross 


 Last week I had the pleasure of interviewing our new youth group members, also known as "the seventh graders". For each person, I asked their age, what school they are attending, what their nicknames are, Do they have any hobbies (If so, what are they?), and what are they looking forward to in youth group in the upcoming year.

 Well, this is what I found out! **Rebecca Smith** is twelve years old and is currently enrolled in G.C.C.S. People call her "Becca or Re". She has no hobbies and is looking forward to nothing in the youth group. One of Rebecca's classmates, **Laura Boswell**, who is also twelve, is called "Freddy and Louie". She enjoys reading and being outdoors. Laura enjoys youth group because she is away from her little brother.

 After I finished interviewing Laura, I interviewed **Cassie Marcone**. She is twelve years old, just like all the rest of the seventh graders. Cassie goes to Pitman Middle School. Her friends call her "Cassie Lynn". She has a lot of hobbies, so she just named a couple: gymnastics and cheerleading. Cassie must be a people person because when I asked what she is looking forward to the most, she answered meeting new people, I also had the pleasure of interviewing **Courtney Jordan**. Courtney goes to Victory Christian. She enjoys watching T.V., being outdoors, and swimming. Sometimes Courtney even enjoys playing piano. She is really looking forward to junior high summer camp.

 **Julie Lawrence** goes to school with Laura and Rebecca at G.C.C.S. To her friends she is "Jul or Juie". Like Rebecca Smith, Julie has no hobbies, but, she is looking forward to going to junior high summer camp.

 **Pete Fields** goes to G.C.C.S. and enjoys collecting books. Pete is looking forward to every activity. Last, but not least, is **Chad Headley**, who attends Clayton Middle School. His friends and family call him "Bubba". (If you're wondering why, you should ask him because there is a story behind it!) Chad enjoys playing video games and he is looking forward to being involved with the newsletter.

 I hope that this article helped you to get to know the seventh graders a little bit better instead of just "the seventh graders".

*Unfortunately Robin missed interviewing **Stephanie Stiles** and **Adam Purzycki**. Go up to them and talk to them, and the rest of our newest youth group members to get to know them even better!*

What's Happening by Jill Jordan



The Graduation Banquet on June 9 turned out great! The banquet was at the Eagle's Nest. Mr. Anast came to the banquet to take pictures of couples or anyone who wanted professional pictures done. He did a good job. Everyone picked a table and sat down to wait for the food. First, soup and salad were served, then the main course, and then desert. The meal was very good, except the drinks. All the seniors gave testimonies and Matt Headley made a really nice video of all the seniors. A group of teens sang "Friends Are Friends Forever"! Everything went good and everyone had a good time!

On June 10, the whole youth group went to Great Adventure! The weather was nice, but a little cold! Most people packed lunches and bought dinners! The food was good, but expensive. We all went on rides! The favorite rides were the Free Fall, Bat Man, Scream Machine, and the Viper! It was alot of fun.

On June 17, we had teen canvassing. Three people went somewhere and handed out flyers for friend day. I don't know what they did because I didn't go! I guess they had fun!



WHAT THE SENIORS HAD TO SAY 7

AT GRADUATION BANQUET '95

Each year, during the graduation banquet, the graduating seniors are asked to give a short talk on what the youth group has meant to them, what they have learned, etc. These seniors have gone through a lot during their last year of school, and have some advice for all of us.



Karen Neher : (I did not get Karen's first few sentences on tape because of Pastor Mark's schedule butchering.) . . . We don't know when our lives are going to end. And we were put here on this earth to talk to so many people, and to plant so many seeds in so many lives. But those lives could end at any time as well. Basically my advice to all of us, including myself, is to talk to our friends now because we don't know when they are going to leave us. We don't know when we're going to leave them. I know when I want to get to Heaven, I want to see all of my friends there with me. I don't want to see any of my friends cast into Hell knowing that I had a chance to witness to them and didn't. So that's something that's really hit me over this last year. Something that I feel shouldn't take two friends to be dead in order to get you to realize that. With this youth group I had some great friends who came along and I just pray that all of us here are Christians, and that as Christians it's our duty to go out and make sure our other friends and the people who we're related to are also Christians. Our life is just a vapor. You should do something with that vapor before it disappears.



Jim String: First of all, I would like to thank the Lord for my salvation because it's really been a rough road for me in the last year because why, you know that I was expelled from school for making wrong choices. My advice to everyone is nothing that you decide in life is set in stone because, for me, it was I'm going to graduate high school and go on to Bob Jones University in the fall, and the Lord had some other plans for my life. Also, on top of that, I would like to just say that you should be careful who you choose as a friend and what kind of choices we make. It could really wreck your entire future. Even though the Lord works all things out for good, It can really mess up your future and chances that you could of had you can miss out on.



Ralph Ashe : My story is basically a lot like Karen's. I went to school with those two students. I was really close friends with them in the past 7 years. This senior year has been extraordinary for me until that hit. It was sort of a wake - up call for me because over the past couple of years I tended to backslide as a Christian and I haven't lived up to my Christian standards. When that happened, It just hit me, to see how short life can be and how God can take a life away. I haven't been in this youth group as long as many others, and I've got to know a few people really well, but it's been a good experience for me.



Jen Lamora : I first of all, thank the Lord for my salvation, and just that I could be a part of this youth group for all these years. I've gotten a lot of good friends in this youth group and I've learned a lot. Just this past year though, I've learned that basically I've been in Christian school my whole life, and I was never really around unsaved people, but when I started working, that's all there is. You don't realize how much of an effect you can have on the unsaved until you're around them, and just by living your life for God they can see that through you. I've learned that people in my work all the time ask me all these questions and stuff, and it's not anything that I've said, It's just things that I do I guess. So I just want to say If you have unsaved friends, even if you don't say anything, just try to live for God around them so they can see that in your life. I love Pastor Mark and Dana, thank you, and Pastor Jordan. And I love all of you and I'll miss you all.





Why I Didn't Go On Batman

The Mis - Adventures of Group # 1

By Matt Headley



Group 1 : Mr. and Mrs. Field, Matt Headley, Carlton Hunter, Jim String, Ralph Ashe, Brad Hopkins, Brian Duffy, and Dave Boswell.



In short, lack of time prevented our group from going on Batman. We entered the front gates and headed straight towards Viper. After we found it closed and heard it was going to open at noon, (which everyone in the entire park wondered why) they got right on the Runaway Train while I waited. Of course, since they walked into the entrance of the ride at 80 m.p.h., I didn't get a chance to tell them that I wasn't going on, and therefore received the first hit of the day from Mrs. Field.



From there we headed to Mach 1 Adventure, got right in the "Briefing Room" without waiting long at all. However, this is where we waited for like, a half an hour for the crew to clean up the mess somebody created when they threw up! "Of all the rides in the park, somebody threw up on Mach 1!", we all thought. We finally got in, Mr. Field got the lucky seat where the situation happened, and had to be ushered to another seat.



By then it was nearly lunchtime, and we headed back to the bus. But on the way, it took Ralph another 30 minutes to decide what he wanted to eat, and to purchase it. We got back to the bus and ate lunch, but just as we were done and ready to head back to the gates, Mr. Field brought back a huge, igloo thermos, and we realized that the Fields still had to eat! That was another 20 - 30 minutes. We finally got inside the park again, but were halted as Mrs. Field stopped to talk to Pastor Mark's group, who had just actually gotten on Viper.



After awhile we went to Rolling Thunder and they got on and I watched. (By then they were aware of how poor my relationship is with roller - coasters.) They came out the exit, and then to my astonishment, **LITERALLY PUSHED** me on with them again! I wasn't exactly happy with them as the next coaster pulled up, waiting for us to climb aboard. Well, all I can say is I'm still here to write this today, and I've become a lot less scared of those twisting trains, and am now much more eager to go on them.



Well, the next few hours are kind of hazy to me. My group spent the longest time procrastinating, going from ride to ride looking for the shortest line.

We took the cable cars at the Western section of the park, (all along my group was making fun of me, saying stuff like, "Are you O.K. Matt? You sure?") and headed towards that purple, tilted, stand - up, Gravatron wanna - be ride and spent an hour there.

We went back to Viper again and stood in line for a couple of minutes. Well, they decided they didn't want to stand in line that long, and asked Mrs. Fields (who already was ticked - off at having to walk around all - day hardly doing anything at all) if she would mind if we went on Scream Machine instead. She angrily took out written instructions by Pastor Mark and read us our rights. These instructions stated that it doesn't matter what the chaperones wanted to go on; we had the final say on which rides to go on.

I took a nap as the rest of my group went on Scream Machine. After that, we had only 2 hours left, and the lines were still overflowing out the entrances, so we ended up at the recording studio, where Jim, Brad, and Ralph made their singing debut.

With only a half hour left, we ate dinner. We drove Mrs. Fields nuts, each going to his own place to buy food. We called out common names to the public walking by (example: **Yo Tom!**) and laughed as they turned around looking for the person who called them. After a few more bruises, and after we all joined together once again, we headed back to the bus.

One more highlight: Ralph kept tapping people on their shoulders, like he was trying to get their attention. He told us on the bus that after he tapped one guy's shoulders, and as the guy was turning around, Ralph walked around in front of the guy. Brad was standing by Ralph before the guy turned around and yelled at, and probably cursed at Brad in Chinese.

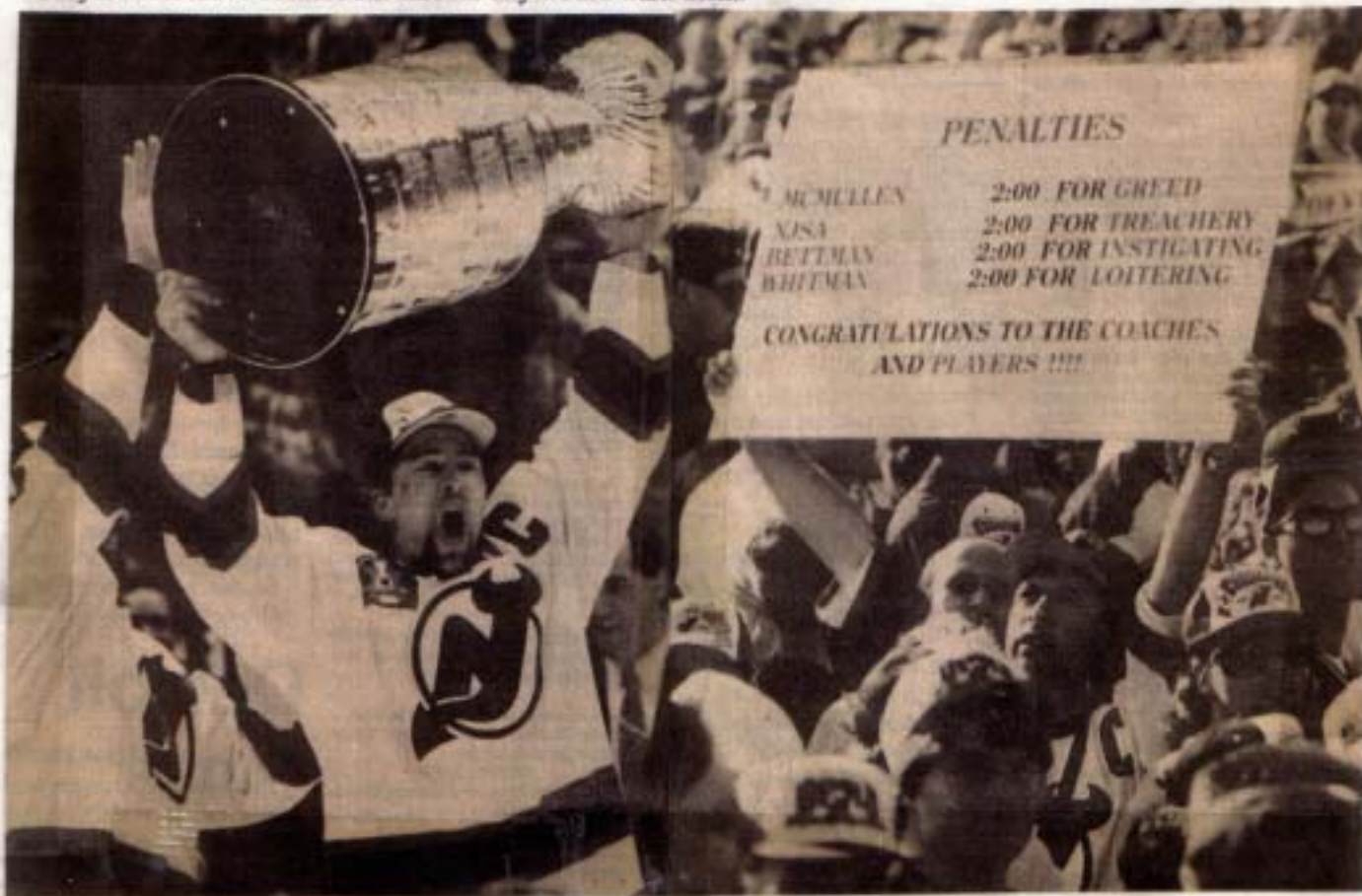
Yes, it was an interesting day!





The Sports Section CONTRIBUTED BY VARIOUS YOUTH GROUP SPORTS FANS.

Hockey: Only the word **WOW!** comes to mind in considering the New Jersey Devil's season. The unequivocal excitement still echoes within the confines of the Meadowland's. The Devil's, known for their remarkable rallies, have stunned the world of hockey with their sweep and now have the citizen of New Jersey breathless with anticipation of their next move. They have clearly sent the message that they want to abandon New Jersey and move to Tennessee. Oh how simple, they think. Once again the powers that be in sports have abandoned the fans and moved along with their selfish desires. How simple it is to forget the fans, the backbone of sports, and move on with their primary focus, business. An interesting twist has been added to this drawn-out dilemma. A state ordinance says that no alcoholic beverage can be sold within 100 feet of a church. The arena being approximately 80 feet from a local church is a direct violation of this ordinance. We all know that if there is no beer, there's no hockey -- or any sport for that matter. The town council recently voted 22-10 to discard this ordinance and go ahead with plans, causing an uproar amongst church officials and religious organizations who continue to protest. A recent poll taken of New Jersey citizens showed that we would rather not pay the taxes to keep the Devils, apparently the census is that we don't want a team that doesn't want New Jersey. Hopefully the Devils owner and business administrators realize just how important a successful team is to New Jersey, and reconsider moving to some barnyard in Tennessee. At least if they do move we still have the Nets, a struggling team with a misguided leader (Derrick Coleman). They'll never move because I'm sure no city would want them.



The Initial joy of victory, then the disgruntled fan expressing his dissatisfaction with the ownership.

Basketball: The Rockets have swept through all opposition and in doing so claimed their second straight title. On a more uplifting note, the lottery draft introduced some fresh talent to the game. The warriors owned the first selection of the draft and made the right decision in signing the multi-talented Joe Smith of Maryland. The selection of Joe Smith was questioned by some, but I believe that Golden State made a brilliant selection that will reap its rewards almost immediately. Joe Smith says he plans on living with his mother for the first year to prevent any fly-by-the-night friends or other related stardom problems. The Sixers made a solid selection in Jerry Stackhouse, a guard from North Carolina. The much coveted Antonio McDyess (Alabama) went to the Los Angeles Clippers and Kevin Garnett, the high school phenom (with a self-centered attitude problem) was picked by the troubled Timberwolves. Other important selections include:

Cherokee Parks; Duke -- Dallas (12th pick)	Bryant Reeves; OSU--Vancouver (6th pick)
Ed O'Bannon; U.C.L.A -- Nets (9th pick)	Travis Best; GeorgiaTech --Indiana (23rd)
Corliss Williamson; Arkansas -- Kings (13th)	Donny Marshall; U-Conn -- Cavs (39th)
Kurt Thomas; Texas Christian -- Miami (10th)	Lou Roe; U-Mass --Detroit (30th)

In the expansion draft Toronto Raptors attained B.J. Armstrong from Chicago. Chicago's foolish mistake to leave him unprotected has left Toronto with a good basis for a new franchise. Vancouver picked up Greg Anthony, along with Byron Scott and Gerald Wilkins. Harold Miner, the former slam-dunk champion, was traded to the Cavs in exchange for a '95 second round pick (George Banks) and future considerations. Concerning social news in the world of basketball, Derrick Coleman was arrested for his dispute with a police officer. Finally his trash-talking and flamboyant attitude has placed him where he belongs. Pat Riley is finding it difficult to leave New York, his contract has not yet expired, but he wants out, and the Knicks aren't letting up.

Baseball and Tennis: With a .705 winning percentage and an eleven game lead in their division, we can not deny the superiority of the Cleveland Indians in the league. Next year should we give struggling teams a few Indians to help them out? Should we enact new regulations giving team a five or six run lead? Cincinnati has picked up the pace and have a strong hold in their divisions and Boston and Philadelphia remain fairly strong.

League Leaders

Edgar Martinez of Seattle	.373 avg.	Mo Vaughn of Boston	23 homers
Chili Davis of California	.359 avg.	M. McGwire of Oakland	22 homers
Derek Bell of Houston	.353 avg.	Frank Thomas of Chicago	20 homers
Mo Vaughn of Boston	56 RBI's	Mesa of Cleveland	20 saves
M. McGwire of Oakland	55 RBI's	Slocumb of Philadelphia	20 saves
S. Sosa of Chicago	52 RBI's	Lee Smith of California	19 saves



The eyes of the tennis world are fixated on Wimbledon. Steffi Graf has proved unstoppable with her sheer power and slicing forehand. Nobody expects much of a challenge for her, but I see Conchita Martinez giving her a run for her money in the lady's finals. In the Mens' action, Andre Agassi has an overwhelming superiority, although David Wheaton was able to give him a good scare. Pete Sampras and Gordan Ivanisevic will certainly offer fierce competition and with their dominant serves Agassi might find himself in trouble.

By Dave Franklin

WEIRD ARTICLES

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SCIENTIST: ECCENTRICITY IS KEY TO HAPPINESS

by the Associated Press

LONDON - Want to be happy forever? Try being an oddball.

That's what University of Edinburgh psychologist David Weeks advises, based on his decade of research into happy eccentrics.

"I think I've obtained a different formula for happiness," said Weeks, on a recent trip to London to promote his book, "Eccentrics."

Take 19th - century Englishman Joshua Abraham Norton, the self - proclaimed Emperor of California. For 21 years, Norton patrolled the streets of San Francisco dressed in the same blue military uniform. He was happy, Weeks said.

Oofy Goofty, one of Norton's loyal subjects, wore swatches of fur and earned a living allowing passers - by to kick him for 10 cents, cane him for a quarter or hit him with a baseball bat for 50 cents. Goofty was happy, too, according to Weeks.

Modern - day eccentrics, according to Week's psychological assessment, are also a cheerful lot.

Gary Halloway, also of San Francisco, always wears a Franciscan monk's habit and founded a fan club for Martin Van Buren, the eighth U.S. president. Englishman John Slater, The only person to have walked barefoot across England in pajamas, lives in a cave that is flooded every day during high tide. Ann Atkin, also of England, has 7,500 plaster gnomes in her garden.

Others he considers true eccentrics include Alexander Graham Bell, Emily Dickinson, Charlie Chaplin, Ludwig Wittgenstein, Albert Einstein and Howard Hughes.

"Why should we continue to groom ourselves properly and comport ourselves according to social convention while those who flout convention seem to be having the time of their life?" Weeks wonders in his book.

Other researchers suggested that Week's methods, and conclusions, were eccentric - like finding that eccentricity is 30 percent higher in St. Paul, Minn. than in the rest of the United States.

It may simply be that more people in St. Paul responded to his advertisements. Weeks prefers to believe "They have a lot of Scandinavians. There's a notion they're all so grim. Maybe they want to break away from it."

Weeks contends that it's easy to distinguish between eccentrics and the mentally ill. The eccentrics are happy.

"It's difficult to support his contentions objectively," said Dr. Christopher McDougale, a psychiatrist at Yale University, "I know a lot of happy schizophrenics and happy manics."

Overall, Weeks said, eccentrics are confident, stress - free and never suffer from writer's block - although they tend to be poor spellers.

And they're healthier because they are happier.

HIGHWAY HIJINKS GET MOTHER PULLED OVER

Kids, don't try this, please.

Seven police cars converged on a hapless mother in western Oregon after a motorist reported seeing a child in a car holding a sign that read, "Help, I've been kidnapped."

Turns out, the woman's three kids were just playing around. And the sign they held up read, "We are being kidnapped by an alien."

The police, however, were not amused.

KALVARY KOMEDY

POINTLESS FACT OF THE MONTH:

Joseph and Jacques Montgolfier began experimenting with hot air balloons in the 1700's. Their first hot air balloon passengers - a rooster, a duck, and a sheep, all survived. There was one mishap, however. The sheep stepped on the rooster and broke its leg.

SHOE

By Jeff MacNelly



Berry's World

THE FAR SIDE

By Gary Larson



"And so — the battle continues!"