

## Youngsters read essays at flag presentation

BY MARY BETH PHILLIPS

Congressman David Price had a hard act to follow on July 5 at the flag presentation ceremony held at the Morrisville Chamber of Commerce, after hearing four students from Morrisville Elementary read their essays on "What the Fourth Means to Me."

"I'm not sure there's much I can add," Price said, and went on to give a short, patriotic speech about the U.S. flag.

Price presented a flag that was flown at the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C. in honor of the town. Members of the N.C. National Guard, Staff Sgt. Ernest Graham and Specialist Osvaldo Castillo raised the flag. Glenn Core TM 1 (SS) of the U.S. Navy led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Steven Wells, a second grader at Morrisville Elementary School was chosen from among 53 entries as the first place winner in the essay contest.

Honorable mentions were presented to Ann Polshock, John Hindman and Josh Binkley.

Mayor Margaret Broadwell presented flags to the three students who won honorable mention and a book of U.S. Presidents to Steven. Mrs. Broadwell also received the



**PATRIOTIC PUPIL**—Steven Wells, a second grader at Morrisville Elementary School, reads his award-winning essay to parents and other honored guests at the Morrisville Chamber of Commerce flag presentation ceremony. U.S. Congressman David Price listens intently to the speaker.

### What Does the Fourth Mean to Me?

By Steven Wells

The 4th of July is a day I've remembered for a long time. I remember it because in 1776 the United States won a war and the United States had freedom. They call that day Independence Day. Since then nobody

could boss other people around. We made a flag to represent peace. But we still had to follow rules. We had to pay taxes and listen to what parents and teachers told us to do. There are laws, too. If you break a law you would have to go to jail, so you are a little free but not all free.

flag from Price and led the public in the national anthem.

"After the smoke from the fireworks has faded, and the ringing in your ears has subsided, what remains is the flag," Price said.

"It symbolizes our hopes for the future, and that our basic American values have remained unchanged."

The most powerful idea of the twentieth century is the same as the

most powerful idea of the eighteenth century and the nineteenth century, he said, "that people have the inalienable right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

He said people have only gradually across the years understood those words fully, granting freedom from slavery and allowing women the right to vote.

"We have yet to understand fully

what liberty and justice for all means," Price said. "These values are not relics to be put on a shelf and venerated, but living ideals... Democracy is expanding, evolving, requiring us to be faithful stewards of those ideals."

He said each of us has a responsibility "to ensure the ideas represented by the flag are reflected in our day to day lives together."

The Morrisville Chamber of Commerce provided refreshments. An extra bonus was provided from the garden of Martha Upchurch, who lives across the street from the chamber offices. She was giving away yellow squash from a large basket at the end of the table

## Construction begins at Green Hope High School

BY MARY BETH PHILLIPS

Grading began last week at Green Hope High School, which is slated to open in the fall of 1999, and school system officials expect structural steel to be rising by the end of the year.

Bids for the school were awarded in late June. The school system will spend more than \$25 million; and the town of Cary and the Capital Area Soccer League will help build ball fields in a unique joint-use agreement.

The school will be located on a 72-acre site just east of N.C. 55 on Carpenter Upchurch Road near its intersection with Green Hope School Road.

The school will have about 270,000 square feet in one building, and will house about 1,600 students. It will feature a fiber optic computer system throughout the school, an irrigated official size soccer field, and other state-of-the-art facilities, said Mark Jones, project manager for the Wake County School System.

Within the building, two three-story academic wings will be arranged around a commons area. Administrative and guidance areas are across the front, a media center and an auditorium are across the back. The dining area is adjacent to the commons area.

Outside will be two 250-square-foot softball fields, a 375-square-foot baseball field, two multipurpose

(soccer) fields, and a football, soccer and track complex. Three parking lots will be built, one for teachers, one for students, and one for buses.

The Town of Cary will put in a softball field, restroom facility, and an irrigation system on one ball field. These improvements are estimated to cost \$261,303. On adjacent parkland, Cary will build a six-court tennis complex. The Capital Area Soccer League will build an irrigation system on one multipurpose field at a cost of \$49,968.

Bids were awarded as follows: the general contract went to Davidson Jones Beers for \$18,972,537; mechanical went to Biemann and Rowell Co. for \$3,320,900; electrical to L. L. Vann Electrical, Inc. for \$2,244,200; plumbing to Bray Mechanical Inc. for \$1,218,543.

Franklin and Martha Upchurch of Morrisville were among those who had petitioned the Wake County School Board to name the school Green Hope High, even though the address is Carpenter Upchurch Road, and the county schools policy is to name schools for the road on which they are built.

Both of the Upchurches had attended the former Green Hope High School, located about a half a mile from the new school on Green Hope School Road. A gymnasium building and some entrance pillars still stand at the former school site.

## Valvanos' personalities shine through in Dream Home

BY ROXANNE POWERS

Decorating "The Jimmy V. House" for the recent Dream Home Showcase made the two Raleigh designers who did the work feel as if the Valvanos were really their clients.

The house, built in conjunction with the Jimmy V. Golf Classic held annually at the Prestonwood Country Club, hosted thousands of people from around the Triangle July 12 through July 27.

All proceeds from the home, which is listed at \$299,900, will go to the Golf Classic and the Jimmy V. Foundation to fund cancer research.

Royce Kallus-Coury of Interiors by Royce said the biggest challenge was making the items work together. "All the building materials were donated, and the majority of the furniture and interiors were borrowed. We had to take what we could get and make it flow together," she said.

Ms. Kallus-Coury says she and designer Chris Kieff, who assisted in the decorating, went to the Jimmy V. Foundation to collect information from news stories to assist in their work.

They met with Pam Valvano and the Valvano children to get a feel for their personalities.

"It was almost like decorating (Pam Valvano's) home. I wanted it to be special. It was kind of scary...the possibility that she might not like it," Ms. Kallus-Coury said.

Some of the decorating decisions included red dining room walls to symbolize N.C. State, a sunroom decorated in a jungle motif to show Ms. Valvano's affection for elephants, a family room with the Jimmy V. slogan, "Don't give up...don't ever give up!" painted on the wall in the shape of a V, and bedrooms decorated to reflect the personalities of each of the Valvano girls.

Nicole Valvano, who tried following in her father's footsteps through coaching for a short time, doesn't much care for feminine frills. Her room boasts walls painted to look like denim.

Jamie Valvano loves angels and even wrote a story featuring three important "angels" in her life, Dick Vitale, John Saunders and Mike Krzyzewski, who are close friends of the family, and co-chairs for the Jimmy V. Golf Classic. Her room is decorated with white furniture, walls, and filmy white fabrics with accessories of angels and stars. Her story is framed and hanging on one wall.



**NEVER GIVE UP**—Designers of the Jimmy V. House used memorabilia and the coaches famous saying "Never Give Up," to give the recreation room its style.

LeeAnn is involved in drama and loves theater. Her room is decorated primarily in bright yellow. The accent colors are primary colors. One wall features an imitation of a giant roll of Kodak film unrolled across the wall. Each frame of the film is actually a picture frame filled with various photos of her.

Ms. Valvano praised the designers'

work. "I thought it was very special. They went over and above what I thought it would be possible to do. They did their homework and studied our personalities. They really cared. Nowhere in my wild imagination did I think it would come together like it did."

Ms. Kallus-Coury said the job was not without its emotional moments.

She said that, initially, the family momentos and photographs were the originals, but one morning, she got a call from Ms. Valvano, who said she had lost sleep over the possibility of any of them turning up missing.

"I thought, of course! How could I not have thought of that myself?" Ms. Kallus-Coury said. "I, too, would have felt terrible if something had happened to them. Chris and I immediately got to work removing photos and having copies made and placed them in new frames. It was a

lot of work, but I think it was worth it. We all felt better for it."

Another touching moment came when Ms. Valvano shared a picture of an elephant painted by Jimmy Valvano during his illness. The picture served two purposes, to help him cope with his pain and to symbolize the eternal love he has for his wife, who loves elephants.

The showcase, which is sponsored by the Home Builders Association of Raleigh-Wake, was held at the Falls River in Raleigh.

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