

# Coffey

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were also paraphrases of the New Testament, Benjamin Franklin, and others. The collection also featured "Serious Advice to Persons Who have been Sick," which was written by the Right Reverend

Edmund Gibson, Bishop of London, who had ordained Hall.

The book concludes with a number of prayers, including some for children, and various forms of grace. "Although some of these are clearly derived from the Book of Common Prayer, others may well have been original compositions by Hall," Powell said.

In 1755, the house that Hall and his family occupied burned to the

ground, and the family lost all their belongings, including Hall's books, sermons, and clothes. Hall died, unexpectedly, in 1759, leaving his wife, seven daughters and two sons.

The only surviving original of Hall's "Collection" is in the Duke University Library, although a facsimile edition of the little book was published in 1961.

# Martin

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can always raise just as much.)

Third, a current office holder can always raise money for his next race - if his current office gives him power. (That is why President Clinton can raise big money for Hillary.)

Fourth, a candidate with a large core of loyal family and friends and admirers can often raise a surprisingly large amount of money. (Bill

Bradley's wide circle came through for him and made him a credible candidate when many people didn't give him a chance.)

George W. Bush's amazing fundraising success came about because he has all these factors going for him.

First, the polls show him a strong favorite—in the nomination race and in the fall election. Who knows if these polls will

hold up as the public gets to know him better? In the meantime, the smart political money is betting on Bush - and there is lots of it to bet.

Second, there are a lot of people who cannot stand to have the Democrats in the White House for one minute longer than necessary. These people are passionate, and they will give their money generously to someone who will fight the good fight against their enemy. Bush is getting all the

Clinton-hater money - and there is plenty - with more to come

Third, Bush is the governor of one of our largest states. He has influence on the destinies on many Texans and people who do business there. The want to be nice to him so he will be nice to them - even if he just remains the governor of Texas. In case you didn't remember, Texans give big.

Fourth, Bush has his own large

group of supporters and friends. But he also has the contributor lists and Christmas card lists that his dad and mom collected over a lifetime. Many of these folks would help one of George and

Barbara's children raise money for any good cause. Some of them would give all they have to reverse the results of the 1992 election and put a Bush back in the White House - something George W. Bush has a good chance to accomplish.

With all four of these factors working so heavily in Bush's favor, maybe we should ask, "Why hasn't he raised more?"

You can't blame other political candidates for being jealous of Bush's success and feeling like they aren't getting a fair chance to compete.

And you can't blame some of the rest of us for worrying about a political selection system that depends so much on financial success.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

# Chowan COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## Saturday - 11/27

### CLUB FUNDRAISER

Oysters (steamed, fried and raw) or Chicken with all the trimmings, including beverages, will be provided "all you can eat" by the Edenton Woman's Club from 5-7 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 27, at the American Legion Barn in Edenton. For ticket information, call 482-2590. Proceeds will pay for publication of *Chowan County Architectural Survey* book by Tom Butchko.

### Upcoming Events

#### THE NUTCRACKER COMING

The Chowan Youth Theatre will present "The Nutcracker" Dec. 4 at 7 p.m. and Dec. 5 at 3 p.m. at Swain Auditorium in Edenton. Tickets are \$5 and are available from the Chowan Arts Council in Edenton. For more information on the performance of this holiday classic, interested persons are encouraged to call (252) 482-8005.

#### FREE SESSION OFFERED

Well-known artist Barbara Sant will be holding an "Introduction to Oils" class starting Jan. 26, 2000. In order to help people who think they may be

interested in working with oils understand the disciplines of oil painting, Ms. Sant will be holding a free "Working with Oils" orientation session on Dec. 8 from 1-3 p.m. at the Chowan Arts Council. To sign up, or for more info, call the CAC office at 482-8005.

#### INTRODUCTION TO POTTERY

Dec. 10-11 from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m., the Chowan Arts Council, with Red Drum Pottery, will offer a two-day child and parent introduction to pottery workshop. Suggested ages 3 to 7. Fee charged (child must be accompanied by a parent in order to participate). For sign up or more info, call 482-8005.

#### CANDLELIGHT TOUR

Tickets on sale now for Edenton Christmas Candlelight Tour, Dec. 10-11, from 4-8 p.m. Self-guided tour of homes beautifully decorated for the

holidays. For tickets, call 482-7800, 482-2637.

#### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Santa's helpers are looking for sponsors to help during the holiday season to collect and distribute gifts to some children who otherwise might not have a visit from Santa. Contact Cliff Ogburn, Edenton-Chowan Parks and Recreation Dept, 482-8595, or Gwen Brown, 482-5636.

#### A DAY WITH SANTA

The Edenton-Chowan Rec. Dept. will co-sponsor "A Day with Santa" again this year. This program collects and distributes gifts to needy children in the community. If you know a child in need this Christmas, you may pick up and return applications at the Rec. Dept. The department will also serve as a collection site if you wish to make a donation. Questions? Call (252) 482-8585 for more information.

# O'Connor

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are making great gains, when half of the students are still struggling. That's a shame because, under the ABCs, the number of low-performing schools has dwindled to just a few. These are schools that are below 50 percent in grade level performance and which are not improving rapidly enough.

The Board may recommend that the General Assembly "raise the bar" and make it more difficult for schools to avoid the "low performing" tag and the consequences that designation carries. If the Assembly were to take that action, it would mean that a school would be considered to be in trouble unless more than half, maybe 60 percent or more, of its students were performing at grade level. That would be a step in the direction of substance, rather than hype.

# Beat

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thorized Practice statute and thereby overturn the decision against Parsons. The bill said that the sale of books, computer software, Internet sites or similar media would not be regarded as the practice of law as long as users were made aware that the products were not produced by licensed Texas attorneys. It quickly and overwhelmingly passed both houses of the legislature and was signed into law June 19.

At issue in this and other unauthorized practice cases is whether consumers will be allowed to choose legal services they want. Bar organizations invariably claim that they are protecting the public from the possibility of harm, and indeed it is possible that a consumer will get bad advice from a lawyer.

The dual consumer interests of quality and affordability are best served by a system that permits competition while maintaining remedies for consumers harmed by frauds and incompetence. Unauthorized-practice statutes stifle competition and even threaten our Constitutional freedoms.

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