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Every Dog Has Its Day

On my refrigerator, secured by a small magnetic hook, hangs a calendar produced by The National Humane Society. This Virginia-based organization does much to advance the cause of animal rights through literature, educational functions, fund raisers and the like. The calendar is of the slick 10 x 14 variety and each month features a photograph of one or more animals. (The March "pin-up" subject is a tiny kitten being carried in its master's coverall pocket.) For each date are blocks to be used for personal reminder notes. Where appropriate, the blocks contain the usual notations of special dates: March 4-Ash Wednesday, March 17-St. Patrick's Day and March 20-First Day of Spring. (Come on, spring—I can hardly wait!)

To supplement these typical holiday notations are listings designating the "focus of the week" in the blocks corresponding to certain Sundays throughout the year. For those of you who do not know already, this is Working Dog Week.

Obviously, Working Dog Week salutes those dogs that work. The first image to come to mind is that of a pack of sled dogs "mushing" across Alaskan snow drifts. These dogs work for their Eskimo masters travelling miles in sub-zero weather to transport goods and people. The second image, perhaps, of the working dog is that of hunting dogs working for their masters by pointing, tracking and retrieving game.

But, for those of us with a special sense of humor, yet another image comes to mind. (After all, the seemingly innocent notation, Working Dog Week, really is a double-entendre, you know.) We've no doubt heard the expression "working like a dog." It connotes hard work of the ilk that finds you crawling home at the end of the day, panting with your tongue hanging out.

Well, troops, it has happened at last. This must be our week, too. Working Dog Week must be for all of us non-canines out here, who "work like dogs." They say every dog has its day—these are our seven. Enjoy them. Come Saturday, we'll have 52 more weeks to wait before they come again and another bone is tossed our way!

Letters To The Editor

Don't Be Duped By Communist Slogans

This is the first of two parts of a letter to the the editor dealing with the subject of communism. The second portion will appear in next week's edition.

To The Editor:

Have you ever met a card-carrying Communist? You probably have, but you may not have realized it.

About eight years ago, I had a relative at Duke Hospital. During that time I was approached by an enthusiastic young woman offering Communist papers. Before the day was over, I was approached by other students with the same literature. Experts who study Communism tell us that we now have some college and university professors who are secretly affiliated with the Communist party.

As early as March 29, 1944 (Washington, D.C.), the Special Committee on Un-American Activities wrote:

"Communist front organizations are characterized by their common origin, the rigid conformity of their organization to the Communist pattern and their methods generally used to deceive the American public. Communist front organizations are operating on the streets of America—right here and now!"

The Communist ideology states: (1) There is no God and (2) "This matters not; history is a materialistic endeavor which in no way reflects the spirit and determination of man."

My father told me that in World War II, they ate horse meat and worse things because food rations ran low. He was exposed to phosgene gas—weakening his lungs. After that experience, he had pneumonia several times. Because of my father and other veterans, you and I are free today. Yet, the Communists say that: "History is a materialistic endeavor which in no way reflects the spirit and determination of man."

My older brother, Ralph, was wounded in World War II. He also received a Bronze Star for bravery. He saw hundreds of people blown to bits. He was 18 years old!

My mother said he came home in a very nervous state. She said that he locked himself in his room and cried for several days. Yet, the communists say that: "History is a materialistic endeavor which in no way reflects the spirit and determination of man."

On the streets of Warrenton today, we have Vietnam veterans. It is said that the Vietnam war was a bad one caused by a confused government, yet, the men who fought in that war offered themselves for the defense of our country with the greatest courage. I am very proud of them. Yet, the Communists dare to say that: "History is a materialistic endeavor which in no way reflects the spirit and determination of man."

Many years ago, Nikita Khrushchev said: "We will conquer your nation without firing a shot." He simply meant that by using our own economic and racial problems, they would work to create unrest in America and acceptance of their philosophy. The tactic is old; divide and conquer.

Future Communist leaders in America may not come from war time. They may simply be voted into office by people who are uninformed of the dangers.

Communist groups pretend to fight for freedom and equality while secretly working for conquest and control. These groups and many, many others are listed

in the Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications put out by the Committee on Un-American Activities, U. S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C.

History has shown us that the Communist party makes promises it does not keep. Com-

munist does not provide a better way of life for average people. The philosophy enslaves people and destroys religious and other freedoms.

Try telling this to an uneducated and frightened young mother who sees her children hungry. She will believe the lies

of Communism. She will believe that grass is greener on the other side.

It has been said that if we are to preserve our freedoms, we must feed our hungry. This is very true.

LINDA KNIGHT
Warrenton

Emergency Personnel Praised

To The Editor:

We are using the Warren Record as a vehicle to publish this open letter of thanks to our Ambulance and Rescue Squad personnel and appreciate this opportunity to do so.

We wish to express our thanks to each of you for recognizing the need to better serve the people of Warren County by taking a course that will elevate you from the Emergency Medical Technician level to the Emergency Medical Technician-Intermediate level at the completion of an additional 55 hours of study. The course, taught by Mrs. Vivian Loyd, Dr. Keyserling, Dr. George and Dr. Banks, is offered through Vance-Granville Community College. Maria Parham Hospital of Henderson is the sponsoring medical institution.

EMT-Intermediates must complete an approved training program, pass two state tests, receive certification from the board of medical examiners to perform medical acts and function in an approved mobile intensive care program. Certified EMT-Intermediates may perform any of the following procedures in accordance with protocols established by their sponsoring hospital. Upon order of the emergency room physician, they may: (a) establish an intravenous line and administer specified intravenous infusions; (b) obtain blood for laboratory analysis and (c) administer subcutaneously epinephrine to treat systemic allergic reactions.

The initial training required to obtain certification is not the end of the process. EMT-Intermediates must undergo 24 hours of continuing education every six months and must have a performance evaluation conducted by the Medical Examiner to assess his or her ability to perform the skills and procedures in the areas required. At the end of each two year period, practical and written tests are given. These must be passed satisfactorily to retain certification.

Aside from the long hours that you are required to work when we are short staffed and the longer distances that you are required to transport patients, you are making the sacrifice to better serve the residents of the county.

I am sure that I speak for all of the commissioners in offering a sincere thank you for accepting the challenge to upgrade your status to the level of EMT-Intermediate.

GEORGE E. SHEARIN, SR.
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Full Support Is Needed

To The Editor:

It is interesting to note that a Warren County High School sophomore has such insight on the operation, the intelligence level and plans for the future of the high school system.

The decay at Warren County High School has occurred in many of our state public schools. That is why the Basic Education Program was implemented in order to combat many of the schools' problems. But the problems remain hampered by inadequate facilities and the lack of funds to support real learning.

The Warren County system must obtain full and competent support of all the school officials (superintendent, board of education, state legislature, county

board of commissioners and the governor) to address this matter for adequate progress in the system.

The Warren County Board of Commissioners can and must find ways to fund the ambitious programs submitted to them by the county board of education as a start of progress in Warren County.

I became aware of the shortcomings of this area's school system operations while frustrating academic experiences were observed as an instructor in one of this area's community colleges. Much work has to be accomplished if the Warren County academic community can assert itself.

JAMES W. BYRD
Littleton

Millions For Forecasting

To The Editor:

It never ceases to amaze me. We have just millions of dollars to put another weather satellite in orbit. We have a multimillion-dollar computerized weather network in this country.

Of course, if one of the computers in Washington burps, the local weather men cannot even give us our current temperature.

I was in the Petersburg, Va. area in 1985 when twisters ripped through the county and the cities of Petersburg and Colonial Heights. The entire area weather media didn't even know about them until well after they were gone. They had not even posted a severe weather watch, and yet we are led to believe that the

public will always have ample warnings in such events.

Perhaps they would be better off investing in a copy of "The Farmer's Almanac." I know The Farmer's Almanac is not 100 percent accurate, but then what weather forecasters with all the space age systems are.

At least it only costs a few dollars instead of millions, and is just as good. I am not against progress, but the bottom line is that we can no more accurately predict our weather today than we could 50 years ago. Man has simply not learned that Mother Nature has a mind of her own and trying to outguess her is a fruitless task.

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