

Editorial

Exporting Our Wealth

\$500,000,000,000.00

That's what half a trillion dollars looks like. No matter how you look at it, that's a lot of money, even these days. This past week, national news services reported from the meeting of the International Monetary Fund meeting that this is the sum which American banks have invested in loans to foreign countries.

The bankers are reportedly worried because many of the nations to which these loans have been made are in danger of defaulting on the loans. Many poor countries such as Mexico, Brazil and Egypt are simply unable to make their payments. Reports have stated that as much as four hundred billion dollars in loans may not be repaid. Such a large scale failure could seriously undermine the American economy.

We certainly recognize the importance of international trade to our own economy. As the

world's richest country, we have an obligation to help developing nations stabilize their own economies. However, with our own nation feeling the effects of a slumping economy, it seems inappropriate that so much capital be invested in foreign governments.

Half a trillion dollars is a lot of money to have floating around overseas. This figure does not include the vast sums of foreign aid our government distributes to friendly nations. Think what just a ten percent cutback in this foreign investment would mean to America.

How many new homes, new cars and private businesses could be financed with the additional \$50 billion such a move would make available?

For years, government, labor unions and businesses have urged us to buy American. It's time that our larger banks got the same message.

Honoring The River

Many Marshall residents came out this past weekend to enjoy the annual Riverfest celebration. Thanks and congratulations are due the many people who worked hard to assure the festival's success.

Marshall had an extra reason to celebrate French Broad River Week this year. The town's voters just two weeks earlier had made a \$600,000 investment in the future of the river by approving the sewer bond issue.

Many residents celebrated River Week by joining in an effort to clean the French Broad banks of litter. The volunteers rate our thanks for

giving their time to improve our river.

French Broad River Week continues through Saturday with festivities throughout the four western North Carolina counties through which the river passes. While we may set one week a year apart to celebrate the river, we must honor the river each day of the year by working to keep it free of litter and pollutants.

With the approval of the sewer bond issue, Marshall has taken a big step toward insuring the future of the French Broad. We must continue to take steps such as this to insure our own future.

A letter to the editor . . .



Dear Sir:

This is in reference to the letter you received from "A Concerned Parent" in your Aug. 11 paper.

Apparently, "Concerned Parent" was not as concerned as he/she wanted people to believe. The boys ages 11 and 12 years old, not 10-12 years old. Yes, there were 15 boys chosen for the All-Star team, which in itself is an honor, and they were told before even one practice session that a team would be picked from these 15 players who the coaches felt would be a winning combination. The rest of the boys would be on the bench most of the time. All the boys understood this but I guess their parents didn't want to understand. All the boys were treated fairly. Most of the boys earned the privilege to play in every game, others should not have been chosen. Not only because of their inability to play ball very well but also because of their constant harassment of their fellow players. I'm sure they learned to behave like this from their "concerned parents" at home. The coaches of this all-star team have been coaches for a number of years and I'm sure they were qualified to decide which boys should be on the field.

I don't believe any boy on the team felt let down by their coach. In fact when a few of the mothers decided to take their boys home because they, the mothers, felt that their sons were not getting to play enough, it was their own sons who stood up and said they wanted to stay with the team

whether they got to play or not. Sometimes you wonder which are the kids and which are supposed to be the adults.

As far as the parents sticking together, they all did except this handful of parents who either felt they were too good to associate with the others or they just wanted to feel sorry for each other.

An all star team is supposed to be made up of the best players from each team but this does not always hold true. Most of the players are picked because they are the best and others are chosen because their father happens to be a coach and it doesn't matter what kind of player he is. One player is not as good as another. And it is not fair to the boys who go to all practice sessions and do their best for their team to have to put up with a player who has been made to play ball by his parents and could care less whether his team wins or loses.

As far as I'm concerned all those boys who did their best for their team deserved an award.

And I would like to ask this so called concerned parent if he or she would have taken 15 boys out for dinner and then again for breakfast and foot the entire bill for their food which came to approximately \$200? I doubt it! Because they were too busy catching these coaches out behind the dugout and telling them off because they wanted to run the ball game. They were upset only because they could not influence the coaches. No one else tried.

I would like to say that the All Star coaches we had are very fine upstanding men who all have children of their own and would never think of hurting a child. Maybe this so called concerned parent should take a long look at themselves before judging other people who give a lot of valuable time working with young boys and trying to help them grow into productive adults. Some of these boys have been taught very little at home but these men do the best they can with what they have to work with. They take a lot of time away from their own families to do this. And instead of placing judgment on these fine men, these parents should appreciate the fact they spend this time working with their son and trying to help him. Some people are very narrow minded and cannot see beyond their own selfish gains. Sign me—
Judy Morrow

To the editor:

I wish to call to the attention of the residents of Madison County a rather disturbing finding. A few weeks ago I requested that a lab analysis be done by the Health Department of the water in the Shelton Laurel Creek.

The report of this analysis was sent to me last week. It indicated that the creek is so polluted with human fecal waste that the lab technician found the "Fecal Coliforms too numerous to count."

People using the creek for any purpose should take precautions, if this water, untreated, were to be ingested, or if foodstuffs become contaminated with it, one could become quite ill. This is indeed a shameful thing to happen to a once fine creek.

Betty Sue Johnson

DEADLINES

The News Record is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.

Any material mailed to the News Record should be signed and a telephone number should be included.

All stories to be published must be received by 12:00 noon Friday.

A picture may be submitted for use with announcements. Please identify photo with name written on the back. Engagement announcements must be submitted at least two weeks prior to the wedding.

Please type or print names and addresses. Wedding questionnaires are available at The News Record Office or may be obtained by writing The News Record, P.O. Box 369, Marshall, N.C. 28753. Enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope.



Steve Ferguson

Diets are really fashionable lately.

They're on the news, they're in the papers, you'll find them on the store shelves, and probably at home on your shelves.

A ten billion dollar a year industry all designed to take an inch off the waist, take a pound off the rear area, and take you to the cleaners.

Not being one to miss out on a ten billion dollar a year industry, I've designed some diets that are simple, easy to use, and most important of all, profitable. (for me, that is).

First in our collection is what we call the "Super-Jock Diet." You can eat as much of anything you like, as often as you like.

There's no catch, no gimmick. All you have to do is follow our simple Marine Corps Exercise Program. You will run 147 miles per day, do a thousand jumping jacks, then

Living & And Growing / Divorce Part 3

By CARL MUMPOWER
The Asheville Counseling Center

Divorce is a tough business. It hurts mom and dad, but most often the greatest victim is the one least responsible, the child. Divorce can foster long term insecurities, lay a foundation for major emotional problems, and in general disrupt a child's ability to function and grow in a mature and positive direction. Paradoxically, children have the potential, if handled properly, to gain more than they lose.

It's been demonstrated through the years that of the two options of living in a home where the parents harbor deep resentment toward one another and coming from a broken home, the latter is generally better. One happy and reasonably put together parent with primary custody

can do a better job of helping a child grow up happy and fulfilled than two parents who hate each other. To pull it off, however, takes a good bit of energy and awareness.

There are a few "killers" to watch out for with children. One is their tendency to blame themselves for the separation. Unreasonable as it may be, many children immediately begin to question themselves and search for examples of how they, not mom and dad, have disrupted the family. The resulting self-abuse and rejection can set a pattern that lasts a lifetime.

Another danger area is the direction parents take in dealing with one another. Attempts by one or both to put down or attack the other parent are extremely harmful

to the child. You are their foundation. When you attack your ex-spouse or try to kill your child's affection, you damage half of this foundation. If your spouse is a real loser, let them sever the ties with their child, not you. Efforts on your part to point the finger will backfire in later years.

Often, in an effort to compensate for the trauma of a divorce, parents have a tendency to try to make-up for the child's loss. Forget it, there's no way you can do it. It's past and the past can't be fixed. Your only options are to go from here and make the future a good one. Attempts to do otherwise confuse the child, create an artificial world for them that inhibits growth and adjustment, and often produce

a spoiled and resistant little demon instead of an involved and cooperative family member.

Finally, there is the question of how you can best help them adjust. It's a simple process. If you are traumatized, depressed, and emotionally fragmented, they are likely to follow your model. On the other hand, if you are working toward adjustment, holding your head up, and keeping things on a mature footing, they are likely to head in the same direction.

Divorce is tough for everyone. It doesn't have to be a totally destructive force. Like so many things in life, it's what you do after the fact that determines the true outcome. You are the real key . . .

but I was afraid I'd ruin an otherwise fine program.

PATRIOTS SHOW MORE "SPARK"


I was lucky last Friday night in getting a "ringside" seat at the Enka-Madison football game. A car, parked next to the curb above the field, decided to move just as I approached. I quickly took advantage of the vacant spot and was able to watch most of the game while sitting in my car.

The only sad part of the whole affair was that Enka's Jets defeated the Patriots, 33-0. The night was clear and comfortable without fog. Although the Patriots lost their second game of the season, I thought the team, as a whole, showed more spark and determination than they did against Edneyville. Maybe they'll put it all together and defeat Rosman this Friday night here. I thought the Madison Marching Band did a fine job and, as usual, the Enka Marching Band, with John Lackey as director, was outstanding.

YOU CAN HELP WRITE THIS COLUMN

Have you ever thought about helping write this column?

I'd like for readers to jot down short, humorous items suitable for this column and bring, send or mail them in. Nothing slanderous or distasteful, please. I'm sure many of you hear and see things which would be enjoyed by our readers. If you decide to help me write this column, please include your name, address and phone number. No anonymous letters, please.



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go through a leisurely twelve hours of leglifts, pushups, pulldowns, squats, arm twists and foot stomps.

If, after this, you don't have the strength to lift a fork to your mouth, you'll understand why this diet works.

For those who prefer natural, multi-vitamin diets may be interested in our High Nutrition Flower diet program. We plan all your meals for you so you don't bother yourself with any of the details of your slim down program.

For breakfast, you'll wake up to a refreshing glass of chilled daisy juice and poached peaches.

A gladiola burger and a violet milk shake will comprise your lunch, and dinner will be bagnaia stew with a cornelian salad on the side.

What better, more back-to-nature diet could one ask for? There is one side effect,

however. Going to weddings and walking by flower shops will give you terrible hunger pangs. Try to avoid these places if at all possible. It's just too much temptation for one person to deal with.

Our Food-O-Yuck program is one for those who can't resist the luscious look and smell of a steak, a casserole, a roast or other fattening food.

Just have the little lady sprinkle some Food-O-Yuck powder on all your dinner before you sit down at the table. Then watch the fun begin.

First of all, the Food-O-Yuck turns into a disgusting green slime right before your eyes. Then, the special aroma of Food-O-Yuck goes to work and begins to cover the house.

Food-O-Yuck comes in enticing scents such as "Pittsburgh Steelers Locker

Room," "Midnight Sewer in Paris," "Skunk on the Highway" and "Dog Breath," to name a few.

For those of you who may overcome the smell of the stuff, it tastes just as bad. We have several discouraging flavors including burnt plastic, cotton, and sawdust. This next diet is for those who just can't keep their mouth shut when they're around something edible.

I'm talking about the kind of person who starts drooling when he drives by Ingles, on has convulsions when the Pizze Hut commercials come on.

This is the kind of person who used to put everything in their mouth as a child, including the morning newspaper, chair legs and Mommy's hair dryer.

This is a job for our ultimate diet: The Lip Stapler. Just staple those lips together and

no more overeating problems. You are guaranteed to lose weight under this program.

In the slight chance that you don't lose pounds on this program, we will furnish you, for a small price, a special staple puller.

These are just a few of our pound pulling programs. We are sure that one of them is right for you.

We can change you from Fats Domino to Slim Whitman in no time.

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The News Record is available in Marshall at Dodson's Grocery on Main Street.

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