

JIM
From 4A

Now Fuzzy wants to run for mayor of New York City. Doesn't either of those people ever think about getting a real job?

With both of them on the tube so much, we're starting to hear some of the same old trash from their supporters.

"The Republican tried to kick him out of office because he had sex," they are again saying.

What garbage. Clinton enthusiasts don't want to accept the fact that it had more to do with a 50 year old married man having sex with a 24 year old intern in the White House.

Had this happened prior to 1960, Clinton

would have been tarred and feathered. The biggest surprise I ever got was an argument from a 74 year old woman that there was absolutely nothing wrong with Clinton's action with Monica Lewinsky.

About the only news breaking through the solid shield of Clintons last week was a note that nudist colonies have increased by 76 percent in the last 25 years.

Now that's a piece of news I could have survived without.

I do wonder, though, what it is that makes some people want to strip off their clothes and run around here and there.

The other night I dreamed I stumbled upon a nudist colony and found Bill and Hillary Clinton holding court in all their glory, telling everyone how they were being victimized by a vast fully-clothed conspiracy.

ANDIE
From 4A

bars offer other decorating possibilities. Remembering her latest jaunt to Ireland, Martha may realize the bars would look nice shaped into Celtic knot patterns. If only the matron would allow her a welding torch.

After all that work, Martha, her cell mate and a few other women from the block, may decide to unwind with a craft project. Unfortunately, no one can run out to the shopping center for glue, paint and scissors. The ladies will just have to make do.

Have no fear, ever industrious Martha has been keeping her eyes open. Those little plastic coffee stirrers could be woven into a lovely wreath. Find a way to attach them, and packets of artificial sweetener left over from breakfast would make a suitable bow to finish off the wreath.

To have some variety during craft hour, Martha would use her people skills to procure more supplies. Now don't laugh, Martha has people skills. She just reserves them for folks who have something to offer her.

And fellow prisoners working in the kitchen, laundry and sick bay are just the ones who have something to offer.

Mix plain flour, smuggled from the kitchen, with water and presto, you've got paste. Most prisons subscribe to a few newspapers. Rip those up and sculp into attractive shapes. The paste will hold it together. Since paint to cover the paper mache sculp-

tures is not available, Martha could choose portions of newsprint containing her photo. Maybe she could mold her project into a likeness of her face. No reason to let prison take Martha's ego away.

Upon instruction from Martha - looks like she is already taking charge - the ladies from the kitchen have brought vegetable scraps. No silly, Martha is not starting a compost heap in her cell, she is using the organic matter to make clothing dyes.

The ladies will dye old, worn uniforms the laundry workers bring to craft hour. Under Martha's careful guidance, they'll pick out the seams. Once they get a large stack of cloth, it's time to sew the material back together, this time into bedspreads and slipcovers for the sofas in the day room.

Now how did Martha get a sewing machine? She didn't, this is a completely hand sewn project. Martha converted the hypodermic needles filched by buddies working in sick bay into sewing needles.

Despite all this work, even Martha can't transform prison into the historic New England home she is accustomed to living in. The matron is tough. She won't let Martha redo the showers with imported tile, she laughed when Martha asked about building a water feature in the main yard and there was no way she would allow Martha to launch a cable access show nor glossy magazine about decorating inside the big house.

Martha has to learn the hard way, prison is not a good thing.

ALAN
From 4A

too. If she wanted a snack, she would act like a vigilant watchdog - all the while looking at you out of the corner of her eye with an 'I'm on the job so let's have some eats' expression. If that ploy didn't produce groceries, then she would flop on the ground with a look of near death from hunger expressions and roll her eyes as if to say 'can't you see I'm famished? Bring on some ham.'

But Goldie is gone. No one seems to know what happened to her. She just disappeared into thin air. Maybe in a very real sense. Whatever, she was hobnobbing nicely one day, and gone the next. There are many things that can happen to stray dogs, and I'm hoping something good happened to that one. She was young and had a lot of Irish setter

and retriever in her. Maybe some guy spotted her and put her in the back of his truck and now she's getting regular meals and shots and has some kids to play with - she would have been great with kids I think.

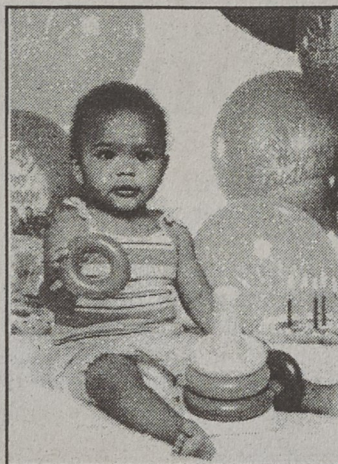
Let's don't think about the other things.

Now a new cast off has appeared on the scene, a 12-week-old puppy, a border collie someone dumped out. I gave it ham and goldfish crackers. A person nearby took it over 'officially' but I still want snacking rights. Could it be another angel? A dog come to watch over dogs? A being come to test hearts? A lesson in faith? What does it mean? What does it mean? Maybe one day I'll know. But for now...

Good night, Goldie, good night Goldie, good night Goldie, wherever you are.

(Alan Hodge is editor of the Belmont Banner/Mount Holly News).

BIRTHDAYS



Jasmyn Adams is one year old

Jasmyn Anarah Adams celebrated her first birthday May 25. She is the daughter of Amy Deaver and Jon Adams.

The Care Bear-themed party was held at her nana and pawpaw's house.

Her grandparents are Judy and Larry Deaver of Kings Mountain and Ethel Adams of Gastonia. Lillian Boheler of Kings Mountain is her great-grandmother.

Three arrested in Rogers' death

BY ANDIE L. BRYMER
Staff Writer

Cleveland County Sheriff's Officers are continuing to investigate the June 14 murder of a Kings Mountain man.

Jeffrey Todd Rogers, 32, was gunned down outside a Pierce Drive home where he was a temporary resident.

Three Kings Mountain men have been arrested in connection with the homicide. Fredrick Moore, 30, of 108 Pierce Court, Sergio Meindazz McClain, 19, of

517 Crocker Road, and Johnny Clayton White Jr., 24, of 116 Pierce Court are all being held without bond in the Cleveland County Detention Center.

Cleveland County Sheriff officials held a press conference Wednesday at 10 a.m. The conference was after the Herald's weekly deadline.

A memo from the Sheriff's office stated that the press conference is in reference to both Rogers' murder and a Shelby murder which took place on Shannonhouse Street.

DISTRICT

From 3A

Service District would help the city establish a plan for the future. With the district, Kings Mountain would be in control of the future of the city and would not have to worry about a big business trying to take over the area.

The three-year sunset clause will allow the district to be eliminated if it is not effective, said Hamrick.

Wilson Griffin and Jay Rose, who also own businesses downtown, endorsed the plan, as well. Griffin

said money needs to be put behind businesses to make them successful.

Attorney Mickey Corry has opposed the plan all along. However, he said last night that he would agree to it for a three-year period. He said he agrees with the addition of the three-year sunset clause, though.

"It will pay the additional tax to see what happens," he said.

Jane Martin, a local woman, said that the plan would not be successful because the traffic flow in Kings Mountain is too low.

ABIGAIL

From 4A

were all that radically liberal until recently. Most of my beliefs center around social justice and peace, two of the main ideas that Jesus promoted during his time on earth. I guess Jesus was pretty liberal for his time period, too.

My replacement at the Herald will be Andie Brymer. I have no doubt that Andie will do an excellent job. I have had the opportunity to get to know her during the past couple of weeks and have been impressed by her upbeat personality and genuine interest in the community. I know that she will serve the community well.

In closing, I would like to encourage citizens to question what they hear on the news. The news is a human agency, confined by human standards. Though most strive to be unbiased, many are checked by their own knowledge and resources, as well

as the regulations set down by those over them.

The recent loosening of the Federal Communication Commission standards represents a threat to news standards everywhere. If organizations are allowed to acquire large portions of the news industry, they will be able to shape the news that is told to the people and the news that is not. This kind of power in the wrong hands could destroy our nation.

Words are powerful. Revolutions and regimes have come and gone due to the power of words in the hands of those who can use them to rally the people. Always question the words that are spoken and written in the media. After all, questioning is one of the rights on which this nation was founded, and it is the one right that, when exercised, will keep the American people free.

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