

A few mid-week Gary-isms

A lot of people have become rich and famous over wise and funny sayings.

We all remember some of the things our mother told us as youngsters:

-Always wear clean underwear in case you're in a wreck and have to go to the hospital; or

-If you can't say something nice about someone, don't say anything at all; or
 -What if your face would freeze like that?, or;
 -There's enough dirt in those ears to grow potatoes.



Gary Stewart
Editor

Some of my all-time favorite quotes came from my boyhood hero, Yankee great Yogi Berra:

-This feels like deja vu all over again;

And when he was giving someone directions to his house:

-When you come to a fork in the road, take it.

I've never been accused of being wise or smart, but I have been called two-word names that begin with wise- and smart...

But, to hopefully give you a mid-week chuckle or something to think about, here are some Gary-isms:

-If gray hair is a sign of wisdom I'm getting smarter every day.

-From the looks of the hair in the bathtub it's a wonder I'm not bald.

-If Pepsis were intoxicating, I'd be the town drunk.

-Never get too excited over a good golf shot; the next one's probably going in the lake.

-If winning is not important, why do they keep score?

-Why is that things start tearing up as soon as the warranty expires?

-Do deer and cattle go to those road signs to cross the road?

-Why is it that you drive on a parkway and park in a driveway?

-A line that every fisherman hates to hear: You should have been here yesterday.

-A newspaper man's biggest sin - and a lot of other people's - is the sin of assumption. Check it out!

-A sports fan's mentality: When a team wins it's because of good players. When it loses it's because of poor officiating or sorry coaches.

-When I was young and went to the doctor it seems he was always looking in my ears and mouth and sticking a syringe in my arm. Now it seems like he's looking at the other end and putting on a plastic glove.

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OPINION

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Illustrator Michael P. White visited East and West Elementary schools Jan. 23. White, who has illustrated "The Library Dragon," "The Secret of Old Zeb" and "Harriet's Horrible Hair Day," demonstrated how to use an airbrush. The visit was sponsored by a \$500 Cleveland County Arts Council grant.

It would be good to have Carolinian in the White House



Andie Brymer
Staff Writer

This week's opinion survey was fun. Most folks were in a good mood Monday and were willing to talk to me.

Five individuals shared not only their thoughts on who will win the Democrat presidential nomination, but their general opinion on the presidential race.

Some were obvious Republicans and other favored the Democrats come November.

My husband wants to see John Edwards in the White House. He admits it's not the smiling North Carolinian's economic strategies that appeal. No, it's something much more personal. Joey says Edwards is "one of us."

I'll assure you, the Brymer family is not bringing in the bucks like attorney turned politician Edwards but I know what he means. Edwards talks a little like we do. He appears proud of his humble beginnings. It is affirming to see someone like yourself in a place of power.

However, Dennis Kucinich has been my personal pick from the start despite geography. I found him refreshing, especially the fact he favored something besides war in Iraq.

Obviously, not enough others agreed with my take on Dennis. I'm calling him by his first name for a reason, that last name is too hard to spell.

I wonder if that had anything to do with his lack of success?

Names probably affect us more than we realize. Having a boy's name myself, I think it does. I attribute my lack of enthusiasm for shopping and jewelry to being Andie instead of say, Anne or Angie.

Did Frank Burns' surname influence his decision to go into the fire service? Does Dennis Wells attribute his work in utilities to a last name that brings water to mind? Working in municipal government gives Phil Ponder lots to ponder I'm sure. Especially lately.

On Saturday, we'll celebrate Valentine's Day. I'm sure florists, card makers, jewelers, chocolate brokers and owners of fine restaurants are excited about the expected jump in revenues.

Being crowd-phobic (yes, it does make it hard to do my job sometimes) we'll stay home and cook something special for supper.

I'm sure I'll buy a Valentine's card before Saturday, I wouldn't want Hallmark's stock to drop, but I'll still take a moment here to wish my wonderful husband a great Valentine's Day.

While I'm at it, I hope all of you reading the Herald, my co-workers, family and friends Carol, Marilyn and Abby have a great Valentine's Day.

Super Bowl show gave new meaning to term boob tube



Jim Heffner
Columnist

It appears that somebody has finally noticed that TV and radio broadcasts have gotten out of hand.

When Justin Timberlake ripped open the top of Janet Jackson's costume during the Super Bowl halftime show, a whole new meaning was given to the term boob tube.

There is little doubt it was disgraceful, yet the dancing before the breast exposure was just as disgraceful, if not more so.

Television and radio are almost completely out of hand. There have been several episodes of NYPD Blue where actors and actresses have been seen in the altogether.

Frankly, Janet Jackson's breast for a split second is no worse than fatboy Dennis Franz' naked behind parading across the TV screen.

I don't understand why people want to show everything they have in public.

Ironically, the Super Bowl incident happened four days after the Bush administration endorsed legislation that would sharply increase fines that government agencies impose on television and radio stations for indecency.

Less than a generation ago, you never heard an off color word on the radio. Nowadays, it's hard to find a station where those words haven't become a staple. And hypocrisy is rampant.

Our children are under assault, and it's about time people reacted.

Over in the world class city, one of the morning talk show hosts was ranting about the Super Bowl show. I guess he forgot that on Dec. 22 he used the term lard a--three times during his lead in to an interview with a nutrition expert.

The afternoon guy on the same station also took Jackson to task. On his show of Dec. 12 one of the statements he made was how some politicians just roll over and "grab their ankles."

There's another fellow on this particular station in the evening who is fond of several words once considered curse words. I still consider them curse words.

There was a time when the FCC would lift the licenses of radio stations which allowed that kind of language to be broadcast. To take action today is "infringing on their first amendment right of free speech."

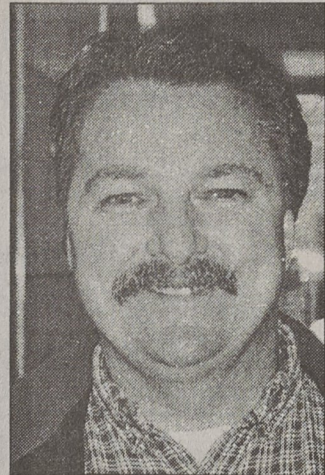
It's sad that families tuned in to the big football game to enjoy it together and instead were treated to a segment of

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SIDEWALK SURVEY

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Who will win the Democrat presidential nomination?



I would like George Bush to get in again but I think John Kerry will probably get it. I hope John Edwards doesn't.
Barry Wood
Kings Mountain



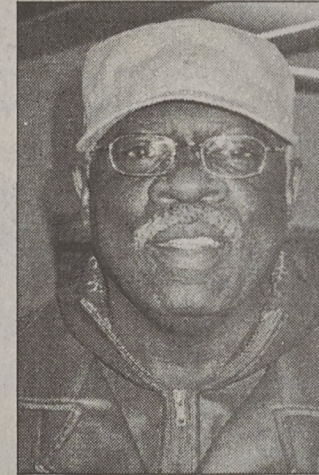
John Kerry because he is leading right now. I'm a Bush supporter.
Richard Thomas
Kings Mountain



It's probably a forgone conclusion, Kerry although I would like to see Edwards.
Wayne Beachum
Kings Mountain



Kerry because he's winning all the primaries. I'm not voting for him.
Darlene Jamison
Kings Mountain



I think it will be John Kerry. For the Democrat party I think he's the best candidate.
Phil Ross
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