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2018 BBQ

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As many of you know, during the month of February Anson County Domestic Violence Coalition (ACDVC) has their annual BBQ Fundraiser. Our 2018 BBQ was a huge success, and we would like to thank those of you who made this year's fundraiser what it was. Without the support of the community we could not do what we do for our victims. These sponsorships help to defray the up front cost of our fundraiser so that more funds remain at ACDVC, which in turn are used to defray the costs of direct services, to match the grants our organization receives, promote community awareness and education, and, most importantly, to assist victims and their families.

We want our community to know that you are not alone, and we are here for you. Even though the fundraiser has officially ended, there is always a need for community support through donations and even through volunteering. We welcome these at all times during the year.

Again, we want to thank and recognize all who have contributed to the success of this fundraiser. We would also like to thank those individuals who contributed anonymously. The following is a list of contributors who permitted us to acknowledge their contribution: John and June Witherspoon, Janet Edwards, Southern Piedmont Piping, Anson Women's League, Dr. Michael Lincoln and Four A Loader Work. Gail Dove, Victim Advocate, ACDVC

For several years in the late 1990's and early 2000's Bill Billingsley wrote a column for The Express. It began with the title 'Billingsley's This and That' with the title later evolving to become Billingsley's "T N T".

Bill managed WADE Radio station in Wadesboro for many years. He was extremely well known in the community, with many friends. Bill was also known nationwide for his pitch-perfect and authoritative 'radio voice.'

Due to a computer mishap, it appeared that Bill's "TnT" columns were lost. But, after working on the project for several years, we have managed to recover at least some of his work. Because of that good fortune, we are proud to present a column below that Bill wrote for the March 17, 1999 edition of The Express.

Billingsley's This and That

After I say what comes next the FBI and a few other agencies may be after me at the behest of many senators and representatives.

These government agencies won't even need these words as reason for harassment - it is easy for them to use some trumped up charge. But, here goes anyway:

I had made up my mind to askew all inward pressures to write anything about the Clinton debacle. That was not a New Year's resolution of mine, since I don't make those. It had to do solely with this space taken up in *The Express*. The news people could take care of that, I figured.

The verdict may be in by the time this reaches the press, but what I mainly think about will still be relevant.

Add the cost of every senator and representative, all the writers, lawyers, those summoned to appear before grand juries, the grand jury itself, travel, film, filming, audio and video equipment and staff to operate it, and the list goes on and on. We could be a lot more specific here, but I believe that will be enough since just that listing is making me sick!

If the cost of this mess were added together it could have about paid for a few wars, reconstruction, The Great Depression, or some salary raises for lower paid workers in government, raised Medicare, Social Security, removed any thought or talk of there not being Social Security for the young workers of today when they get too old to work. And this list could go on and on, too.

And to think! - and to think that this situation has all come about in a little over a year, being brought on by supposedly grown men of above average intelligence, acting like a bunch of bickering children all because a man who was supposed to be beyond reproach couldn't admit his wrongs. If only he had! - nothing like this could have happened and the United States wouldn't, then, be the laughing-stock of the whole world.

But, as it is, that's where this country finds itself, I dare say!
Pity! Pity! Pity!



On another subject:

Dudley Partrick reminded me of a much dreaded practice and that is a habit that is indigenous to some of the generations that recently got their degrees from school or college.

The habit is that of the repetition of "like" and "you know" or "whatever" sprinkled within their speech.

It's the same as using invectives, some say. Other professors take issue, as within every group of scholars - some agree, some disagree.

While on the subject of not speaking English so as to be understood - what ever happened to Ebonics? It was a hot topic there for a while and quicker than most controversial subjects, went completely out sight.

Some colleges have instituted classes in correct speaking with some professor saying if he hears one "like" or "you know" in his class he just takes the student by the shoulders, shakes him or her, then defies speaking in that manner again. I suppose that would get a student's attention.

To tell the truth, social advancement might have cleared the schools out for some less than bright students, but at the cost of filling society with a group of illiterate young people who then would have to fend for themselves. So, what was really accomplished in the end?

For the college graduate in today's business and professional worlds, the young person must have not only the degree in whatever the major was, but he or she must be able to communicate orally and in writing to get his ideas understood by others. And this can be done only by the removal of all extraneous and meaningless words.

Like, "you know" and "whatever!"

Addendum about the subject of which I was never going to write:

The verdict is in, as I supposed in an earlier paragraph - and the President, William Jefferson Clinton, has been officially acquitted of the charges brought against him in that trial of impeachment before the combined houses of congress.

He may still be tried on criminal charges in a criminal court - he cannot again be tried in a court of impeachment on those charges. So, Starr, it is said, may not be through, because he has some "loose ends to tie up" and those loose ends may involve Tripp, Goldberg, Flowers, the woman with a name beginning with an "L" who gained immunity in this trial, Jordan, ad nauseam.

Perish the thought that this mess could go on for years, dragging its "tale" behind it!

"How many miles to Babylon?
Four score and ten.
Can I get there by candle light?
Yea, and back again!"

Parks and Recreation 'Spring Takes Flight' Event

Anson County Parks and Recreation is hosting a free event called Spring Takes Flight on Saturday, March 24 that includes kite flying, face painting, trail hiking and fun games. Bring your own kite or borrow one of theirs. There will also be free fun and healthy snacks for all ages.

Spring Takes Flight will be held from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. at Little Park, located at 845 Airport Road in Wadesboro. For more information contact Jeff Waisner at 704-695-2550, Wendell Small at 704-695-2782 or Morris Gatewood at 704-694-5751.



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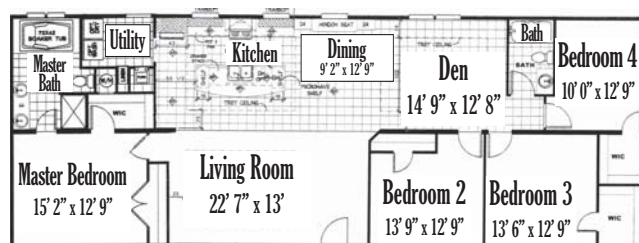
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