

Belle View

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Police need help identifying Bellevue bank robber

Metro Police and the FBI's Violent Crimes Task Force are asking for the public's assistance in identifying the man who this morning robbed



SunTrust Bank's 7121 Highway 70 South branch.

The suspect approached the teller at 9:20 a.m. and displayed a handgun. He was given cash and fled.

The suspect is described as a white man in his 40s or 50s with dark hair who is balding. He is approximately 6'1" tall and weighs approximately 200 pounds.

Anyone who has information concerning the robbery is urged to contact the FBI Violent Crimes Task Force at 232-7500 or Crime Stoppers at 74-CRIME. Citizens can also send an electronic tip to Crime Stoppers by texting the word "CASH" along with

their message to 274637 (CRIMES) or online at www.nashvillecrimestoppers.com. Persons who contact

Crime Stoppers by phone or text message can remain anonymous and qualify for a cash reward.

Bellevue Cemetery Project Needs Volunteers

The Bellevue Cemetery Project, a joint effort of the Bellevue Exchange Club and the Bellevue History & Genealogy Group, has been established to survey, preserve, protect, and maintain historic cemeteries in the greater Bellevue community. Volunteers can help in many ways: working with a team to survey, cleanup, and maintain the cemeteries; recording tombstone conditions and reading inscriptions; helping find obituaries and stories of those buried in the cemeteries; researching genealogy and developing family trees; and general interest and support.

The historic cemeteries selected for Phase I of the project and some of the surnames buried there include:

- Abraham Demoss Cemetery - Baugh, Bradford, Carter, Crosthwait, Demoss, Harding, Jones, Marable, Mitchell, Moseley, Parker, Reynolds, Shute, Sneed, Whitaker.
- Elijah Robertson Cemetery - McQueen, Stevens, Symes.
- Fisk Cemetery - Barnes, Bell, Bowles, Craft, Demoss, Fisk, Greer, Keaton, McCollum, Sullivan, White.
- Francis B Hows Cemetery - Crouch, Hows.

- Francis Newsom Cemetery - Davis, Newsom.
- Gaddes Cemetery - Boswell, Gaddes, Knight.
- Gower Cemetery - Bradford, Gatlin, Gower, Johnson, Kimbro, Robertson, Russell, Scott, Stringfellow, Sullivan, Woodard, Wyatt.
- Hows-Hutton Cemetery - Hows, Hutton, Lovell, Shelton, Work.
- Hutton Cemetery - Cox, Hutton.
- James Gower Cemetery - Gower.
- McCall Cemetery - Binkley, Hutton, McCall, Robertson.
- Newsom Cemetery - Carter, Cherry, Exum, Hodge, Knight, Newsom.
- Smith Cemetery - Burnett, Greer, Hatcher, Holmes, James, Mays, McPherson, Pegram, Smith.
- William Jordan Cemetery - Jordan.
- William Newsom Cemetery - Cross, Dunn, Hannah, Hutton, Mullen, Newsome, Palmore, Redd, Talley.

To sign-up as a volunteer and information on training sessions and to receive the Bellevue Cemetery Project newsletter published on the 13th of each month, email Bob Allen at bob@archivelookup.com or call 615-218-4580.

New businesses open and opening soon in Bellevue

After several years of businesses closing in Bellevue, several new ones are now open and more are soon to follow.

Liquor stores Iroquois and Red on Highway 70 S at Old Hickory Blvd. are now open. El Agavero, located where El Rodeo was located

is now open on Highway 70 S near Petco. Athens Restaurant will open soon in the old Lee's/Church's Chicken location on Old Harding Road. The old Applebee's store is under construction for a Verizon store.

Disaster Preparedness Fair

Bellevue Community Center
Saturday Sept. 24th
10 am til 2pm

Sponsored by Councilmembers Sheri Weiner and Bo Mitchell

Do you know what to do in case of fire, flood, tornado, earthquake?

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- Local Insurance Companies - understanding your coverage & flood insurance
- Fire Safety Planning - Metro Fire Department and Simplex Grinnell Life Safety
- Business Continuity & Mitigation Planning - Provided By SERVPRO Belle Meade

Meet with your elected officials

First stop by the BELL Garden for a Garden Shower & Tour at 8:30am
See what our Bellevue Edible Learning Lab is all about! Bring them a "shower gift"!

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/BELL-Garden-Bellevue-TN>

Fallfest at Cohn Senior Renaissance Center

The Community Fallfest, to benefit Cohn Senior Renaissance Center, will be held on Saturday, October 15th, from 7am to Noon. There will be a pancake breakfast, a silent auction, a flea market and a country store. This will benefit the Center, which is located at 4805 Park Avenue, in West Nashville, at the Cohn Adult Learning Center (in the former Cohn High School cafeteria), across the street from Richland Park.

The pancake breakfast will be served from 7am-11am. The price for adults is \$5.00 and \$2.50 for children up to age 10. The flea market and Cohn Quilters' country store will be held from 7am-Noon.

The silent auction will be held from 7am to 11am, with items picked up by 11:30am.

The Cohn Senior Renaissance Center features daily programs for seniors. Each day has something different.

Starting at 8:30am or 9am, the day may begin with card games, pool-a-rama, special speakers, historic talks and senior tips/safety prevention. There are medical screenings, exercise classes and nutrition talks. Live entertainment is provided three times each month and monthly birthdays celebrated. The Senior Renaissance Center, part of Cohn Community Education, is sponsored by the Metropolitan Community Education Commission; Rev. Sonnye Dixon/Chair

The Senior 55-Plus Community Education classes consist of Oil Painting, Picture Framing, Ballroom Dancing, Badminton for Life and Ceramics. Following the morning's activities, the center serves lunch at 11am. Reservations are required two days in advance (289-4565) for lunch.

Come to the Fallfest and check out what the Cohn Senior Renaissance Center has to offer.

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Walgreens holds carwash to raise money for Bike MS

On Saturday, August 27, the team at HWY 70 South Walgreens, in Bellevue, was hard at work raising money for Bike MS, benefitting the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. From 7:30 AM until 5:30 PM, they washed cars on their time off and all the funds went to the cause.

“For cyclists and all those seeking

a personal challenge and a world free of MS, Bike MS is the premier fundraising cycling series in the nation”, National MS Society.

Bellevue store manager, Sonny Hester, headed up the team including Rob Folgla, Amndi Swint, Scott Caden, George Awad, Russell Newsome, and David Greenhalgh.

Team Walgreens is a group of employees participating in the Jack & Back bicycling event sponsored by the MS society October 1-2, 2011. The participants start at Page High School in Franklin, travel all the way to Lynchburg, Tn., and then return the next day for a total of 115 miles. Trace

Bikes in Bellevue also sponsors a team for this event.

The Walgreens car wash raised over \$700 for the MS event and they plan to have another car wash in recent weeks – so stayed tuned for more details.



Nashville Nostalgia

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Nashville's Area Treasures

Nashville has a bounty of treasures. In the East part of the city, old Nashville revealed the lovely satellite city of magnificent homes called Edgefield. Today, many of those homes are being restored. Old East Nashville's John Shelby founded a Medical School, and presented Nashville with Shelby Park.

James Warner, father of Percy Warner, built his fine home in East Nashville. In 1918, Trevecca College moved into that property off of Gallatin Pike. The home and area remain today as the Nashville Auto Diesel College.

South Nashville still holds many treasures of the past. We still have Rutledge Hill, Radnor Lake, the Fairgrounds, water reservoir, Sunnyside Mansion in Sevier Park, and the Old City Cemetery which opened in 1822. John Overton's home called Traveller's Rest still sits in South Nashville since the first section of it was built in 1799.

West Nashville, called "New Town" by all of the citizens, was established in 1887. The new industrial city was successful in bringing employment and a financial base to Nashville following the Civil War due to far-sighted businessmen utilizing the Cumberland River barges and the railroad system to export products to the world from Nashville's industries.

General James Robertson, founder of Nashville, made his first residence near Richland Creek. The old log house was recreated and now sits at the edge of Nashville West off of Charlotte Pike. There is a monument in Centennial Park dedicated to James and Charlotte Robertson. On October 11,

1903, Robertson's descendants from 20 states and one foreign country gathered with the citizens of Nashville to unveil the Robertson Monument located on the edge of Lake Watauga in Centennial Park. The monument still sits there today.

North Nashville has jewels in the midst of Nashville. Fisk University opened in 1866. The Fisk Jubilee Singers are known world-wide. Hadley Park at the intersection of 28th Avenue North and Centennial Boulevard was the first African-American park in Nashville and was established in 1912.

Tennessee State University grew from a small normal college for African-Americans called Tennessee A & I State College to a major university in America with a grand tradition of sending athletes to Pro Sports and the Olympics, musicians to the national stage of entertainment, artists, and drama people of great reputation to serve the nation, as well as many scientific and academic achievements.

Off of Jefferson Street, the Tennessee Historical Commission has placed a marker commemorating that area as part of history in jazz and rhythm and blues music. In the past, clubs in the area featured such artists as Little Richard, Fats Domino, Ray Charles, Jimi Hendrix, Lionel Hampton, and Duke Ellington.

Meharry Medical College was established in 1876, and has trained more African-American dentists, physicians, and surgeons than any other medical institution. Today, the college educates doctors of all races.

The Dominican Sisters reside in one of the most beautiful and historic structures in Nashville. The St. Cecilia Mother House and Novitiae, since the mid-1800s, sits on a secluded rise by Interstate 65 and Metro Center Boulevard in North Nashville.

Industry in North Nashville has helped build our city which includes the great family owners of Werthen Bag Company on Eighth Avenue North. Nashville is full of treasures, both old and new. I have listed only a few. The fourth of my nostalgia books reminds us to keep on "Laughing, Loving, and Learning" in our beloved Nashville.

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Community Calendar

SATURDAY, SEPT. 24 Oktoberfest at Holy Trinity

Enjoy the Gemütlichkeit spirit at the 7th Annual Oktoberfest Celebration presented by Holy Trinity Lutheran Church and Montessori School on Saturday, September 24th. The event, which is sponsored by Thrivent for Lutherans, runs from 12:00-4:00 PM on the church grounds, 525 Sneed Road, Nashville, 37221.

Authentic German-American lunch including brats, hot dogs, German potato salad, chips, beans, desserts and drinks will be sold for \$5/adult and \$3/child, with children 3 and under eating free.

All proceeds will help fund picnic tables and an outdoor pavilion for Holy Trinity Lutheran Church and Montessori School.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 27 Harwell to share insights with seniors at Turner Center

The FiftyForward J.L. Turner Center has invited the Hon. Beth Harwell to talk to its members about her inaugural year as the only woman in Tennessee history elected to the position of Speaker of the House of the Tennessee General Assembly.

The program will begin at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 27, at the Turner Center, located in the Bellevue Family YMCA, 8101 Highway 100. A reception will follow.

Interested Nashville residents are invited to attend as well, with an RSVP to kblackburn@fiftyforward.org, or to Kristin Blackburn at 615-646-9622.

This event is co-sponsored by the FiftyForward Government Affairs Committee. For additional information, please call Liz Martin at 615-646-9622 or lmartin@fiftyforward.org.

The Bellevue Family YMCA/FiftyForward J. L. Turner Center is a partnership between the YMCA of Middle Tennessee and FiftyForward.

SATURDAY, OCT. 1 Bellevue Cruise-In

The BELLEVUE CRUISE-IN will

Bellevue History & Genealogy Group at FiftyForward

The Bellevue History & Genealogy Group meets at 9:00 a.m. at FiftyForward's Turner Center at 8101 Highway 100 in Bellevue. There is no cost to join the group and you do not have to be a member of the Bellevue Y or FiftyForward to attend. For more information, contact Bob Allen at 218-4580 or Kristin Blackburn at 646-9622.

Friday, September 23, 2011 at 9:00 am - "Researching Your British Ancestors" by Charlotte Solee, Professional Genealogist socializing in British and Irish genealogy.

Friday, September 30, 2011 at 9:00 am - Genealogy Research in the Roos Computer Room with Carol Hansen of the Franklin LDS Family

Research Center and Bob Allen. Our attendance has been great lately after our move to the Sear's parking lot, just below the Sear's Automotive Center. We really have appreciated everyone's support, especially on these hot days we have been having. Remember to enter off Sawyer Brown Rd. just off of Hwy. 70 S. Please call or e-mail if you are unsure of the location.

We will have our hot dog vendor with hot dogs, snacks and COLD drinks for you to enjoy.

Also remember, we are looking for vehicles to appear at this year's Kris Kringle Invitational Car Show. This will be Nov. 5th and 6th. If you have an interest in showing your ride, please contact me or look me up at the Cruise-In. Look forward to seeing everyone. Good Cruisin To Ya!!!!

SATURDAY, OCT. 8 GVWC Bellevue Woman's Club Card & Game Party Luncheon

Ladies, it's time to get out your cards or games. GFWC Bellevue Woman's Club has set the date for our semi-annual card party and luncheon on October 8 at the Bellevue Presbyterian Church at 10 am.

All profits go to our scholarship winners and to the BELL (edible garden at Bellevue Middle School) program. In 2011, we've awarded seven scholarships to Bellevue area high school seniors. Help us to continue these outstanding projects.

Tickets are available from any BWC members or call Mary at 662-0252.

SATURDAY, OCT. 22 Western Hills Harvest Bazaar

There will be a Holiday Harvest Bazaar at Western Hills Church of Christ on Saturday, October 22 from 9 am - 2pm. For Booth Information call Charline Greer - 352-4362.

*Send calendar items, stories or photos to:
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Toys for Tots motorcycle run set for September 24

For the fifth year, the Davidson County Sheriff's Office and U.S. Marine Corps are partnering for a motorcycle run to benefit the Toys for Tots program. Registration is scheduled to begin, rain or shine, Saturday from LP Field, Lot "N," at 9:30 a.m. with the parade route starting at 11 a.m. Coffee and donuts provided in the morning and lunch provided upon conclusion of ride. All it takes is \$10 and a new, unwrapped toy per person.

"We are excited to invite everyone out, once again, to participate in our motorcycle run. It may be a little difficult for people to start thinking about Christmas in September, but what we do this weekend will help so

many kids when the holidays roll around in just three short months," Davidson County Sheriff Daron Hall said. "Even if you don't ride, please come join us and bring an unwrapped toy."

Over the past four years, DCSO's partnership with the program has brought in 3,000 toys and almost \$20,000. In its 63-year history, the Toys for Tots program nationwide has provided over 400 million toys to nearly 200 million children.

For more information, including the parade route (roads along the route will be temporarily blocked), visit the DCSO website at www.nashville-sheriff.net.

Blessing of the Animals at The Farm at Natchez Trace

The Farm at Natchez Trace, a unique pet lodging, grooming, training, daycare, retail, bathery, spa, and "Dog's Day Out" day camp facility, will host its 7th annual Blessing of the Animals on Sunday, October 2 at 4 p.m.

Leading the service will be Lissa Smith, assistant chaplain at St. Augustine's Episcopal Chapel on the Vanderbilt University campus.

Admission is free and the public is invited along with pets, including not only cats and dogs, but also horses, birds, rabbits, hamsters, etc. Refreshments will be served after the service in The Farm's lobby, and will include homemade, healthy treats for the animals. Tours of the facility will be available.

The Blessing of the Animals is held in honor of Saint Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals, birds and the environment, and it is customary to hold ceremonies honoring animals around his feast day of October 4.

The Farm at Natchez Trace is located at 9479 Highway 96 West in Nashville, near the intersection with Natchez Trace. For more information about the Blessing of the Animals, call 662-6628 or visit thefarmatnatcheztrace.com.

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Politics & Opinion



The Daughter's View

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Several things to talk about this week. I made a quick trip to Punta Gorda, Florida over the weekend. My husband, Donnie and his sister and another friend, drove down to attend a Memorial birthday celebration. Bobby Joe Douglas (Donnie's cousin Trudy's husband) passed away in May. Sunday would have been his 65th birthday, so the family held a memorial celebration of his life. Trudy's mom (Donnie's Aunt Dora) also recently had a stroke and she was able to come home on Friday before the celebration, so we were able to visit with her, too. We drove all night Friday, arrived around 11 a.m. Saturday, visited with family, went to the celebration on Sunday and drove back to Nashville Sunday night arriving back in Nashville Monday around noon. As I said, quick trip. But it was wonderful to see everyone. There's nothing better than family.

I want to congratulate Susan Hufford for being appointed the District 22 representative to the Nashville Beautification Commission. She is a hard worker and very involved in the Bellevue Chamber of Commerce and Bellevue Picnic. I know she'll do a great job!

A little digital camera was found a while back in Bellevue and brought to me. I am printing a couple of pictures here. If you know any of these people, please have them contact me so I can get them their camera. They can either email me at paula@bellevueviewnewspaper.com or call me at 615-397-6132.



I would like to encourage everyone in Bellevue (and beyond) to come to the Disaster Preparedness Fair to be held after Saturdays with Sheri (9-10am) at the Bellevue Community Center this Saturday, September 24 from 10am til 2pm. Sponsored by Councilman Bo Mitchell and myself, we are anxious to offer everyone the opportunity to leave with the information and tools necessary to create your personal and/or business plan. The questions you should ask yourself are : Do you know what to do in case of fire, tornado, earthquake, flood or other crisis? Do you have a list (outside your home and business) that you can access itemizing your possessions, serial and model numbers and original cost? Do you have a safe place in your home that everyone is aware of? September is National Preparedness Month and we want you to know how to protect yourself, your family and your possessions.

The Sheriff's office will offer child fingerprinting, the Red Cross Blood mobile will be on-site, many of our Metro Departments will be on hand to provide documentation and tips for how to manage such disasters and emergencies. Look forward to seeing NES, area insurance companies will address how to understand your coverages, Metro Nashville Security Alarm Safety in event of Emergencies with Unlimited Security, HISCALL Emergency Communications planning and demon-



Sheri and Haley Butler at the September 11 Memorial.

Music City Honor flight, Oct. 12

For the third time, the Music City Honor Flight will soar to Washington, D.C. with 102 World War II veterans aboard on Wednesday October 12, 2011. The small committee that plans the event, which Vet's View is proud to chair, has decided to do at least one more such flight, probably around May 8, 2012 - V.E. Day.

Veterans of World War II, who have not seen "their" beautiful memorial, are encouraged to send in an application for that 2012 flight. Simply complete the app, which can be pulled from the website - www.musiccityhf.org, an dmail it to MCHF, P.O. Box 292362, Nashville, TN 37229. There is no cost to the WWII veterans - donations have covered every flight, and the committee is grateful for the support. Tax-deductible donations can be mailed to the same address (it is a 501-c-3)

SAVE THE DATE - Sunday, October 2, Charlie Daniels Park, Mt. Juliet, 12 - 6 p.m. Check Honor Flight fundraiser, WTN radio's Ralph Bristol and friends are planning a "Patriotic Picnic" to honor our WWII veterans, and to aid the Music City Honor veterans, and to aid the Music City Honor Flight. Ralph airs Monday-Friday, 5-9 a.m. WTN 99.7. He flew with us as a



Council Updates

By Dr. Sheri Weiner
22nd District Councilmember

strations, Fire Safety Planning – Metro Fire Department and Simplex Grinnell Life Safety, Business Continuity & Mitigation Planning will be provided By SERVPRO Belle Meade, Office of Emergency Management, Metro Stormwater, Health, Public Works and Codes Departments, and Metro Police.

We are looking forward to the informative and interactive exhibits, seminars, tips and planning guides. Don't miss the giveaways and door prizes and an opportunity to meet with your local elected officials. Bring a bag of food for the Bellevue Food Bank. We would like to extend a special thanks to the Bellevue Chamber of Commerce and the Exchange Club of Bellevue for help in promotion and

securing participants.

Also on tap for Saturday morning is an opportunity to tour the BELL Garden, Bellevue's own Edible Learning Lab behind Bellevue Middle School. The BELL is a cooperative project among the Exchange Club of Bellevue, Bellevue Middle School, Metro Health Department and Good Food for Good People. I highly suggest a quick stop in to see how impressive this garden has become. They are accepting "shower gifts" – used tools and supplies for the garden – from 8am until noon.

Lastly, don't forget about the Bellevue Clean Up Day to be held Saturday, October 15 from 8am til noon at Bellevue Middle School.

I am more than happy to be sending out weekly email blasts about Bellevue and Nashville related issues, to include Crime Reports from MNPD. If you would please email me at sheri@sheriweiner.com and let your friends and neighbors in Bellevue know, we can keep everyone up to speed on what's going on. Very importantly, PLEASE make every effort to attend the November 3 Community Plan Update at 6pm at Cross Point Church where we will have the first opportunity to review the Draft of the Bellevue Plan. This is so important to the future of Bellevue - you shouldn't miss it!



Sheri being sworn in as Councilwoman by Judge Leon Ruben. Her daughter, Andrea helps.



Vet's View

By John Furgess

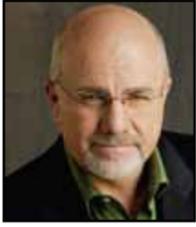
"Guardian" (\$300 donation), or chaperone, on the May, 2011 Music City Honor Flight, and volunteered to be our "chief fundraiser". We couldn't be more pleased with Ralph's enthusiasm and dedication. He has many listeners and advertisers, and they have truly been our angels of support. The picnic - concert could very well become and "area happening"!

Belle View readers are encouraged to come out to Mt. Juliet and support the Music City Honor Flight on Sunday, October 2, 2011. The date coincides with our mandatory orientation for all veterans and guardians. That takes place at the Al Menah Shrine Temple, and at the end of our session,

Legion and VFW Riders will lead our WWII honorees to the picnic. Some would say that events such as this come and go, but truly, all you have to see is the appreciation in the eyes of these of our greatest generation and you'll be sure to join in the pride and celebration of their service. SAVE THE DATE, and plan to come out and join in the picnic, Mt. Juliet Road exit off I-40 East.

A flight in 2008 and one in 2009 were planned by a committee in Williamson County and their chairman, Col. Paul Fleenor, called Vet's View and said, "It's your turn!" Our vice-chairman is Old Hickory's Gary Drennon, an American Legion Past State Commander, and chairman of the Davidson County Veterans Coordinating Council. He is a tireless Music City Honor Flight worker, along with his wife, Barbara, and American Legion Auxiliary Unit 88's Jo Raybourne. A small committee, yes, but one truly committed to the cause of honoring our WW II veterans, most of whom are age 85+. Help Vet's View spread the word about Music City Honor Flight, and the upcoming Patriotic Picnic, complete with food, entertainment, and surprise guests!

Thank you for your support. At least, that's this Vet's View. What's yours.



Dave Says

By Dave Ramsey
www.daveramsey.com

Dear Dave,

My husband and I have been married for three months, and we're debt-free. Right now, we're trying to save up a 20 percent down payment for a house. I work for a real estate company, and they're really pushing us to take advantage of a first-time home-buyer deal. The program offers 100 percent financing, no money down and no private mortgage insurance. They say it's a great deal. What do you think?
Stacy

Dear Stacy,

You guys are off to a great start! Don't blow it now. Those people are wrong. I grew up in the real estate world, and this is a bad idea.

Slow down. It's great that you guys are young and debt-free, but you need to do things that are smart for you. And for you, smart includes a couple of things. First, make sure you have an emergency fund of three to six months of expenses in place. Then, keep saving up for a big down payment.

You know, when I hear the advice you were given I just want to smack somebody. Haven't the mortgage lenders learned anything from the last few years? Nothing down, interest-only and sub-prime loans are a big part of the reason for the financial debacle in this country. A house is not a blessing when you're broke, and a bargain is only a bargain when you're ready to buy!

I always recommend waiting at least a year after you're married to buy

a house. It takes that long to decide how close you want to live to your in-laws! Plus, you want to spend some time getting used to each other, and knowing each other even better, before making what will be your largest asset purchase.
—Dave

Dear Dave,

We hear all kinds of numbers relating to the economy every night on the news. To be honest, I have no idea what most of them mean. Can you tell me more about the Dow Jones Industrial Average?
Ken

Dear Ken,

The Dow is an index of the stocks of 30 selected companies. We're talking about outfits like Wal-Mart, Coca-Cola and Nike – some of the big boys. The percentage that the stock prices of these companies rise or fall as a group, on any given day, is the Dow Jones Industrial Average for that day.

Technically, this index is not a good representative of what the stock market is doing because it only takes into account 30 companies. The S&P is a much better measure of what the market is doing, because it represents the stock-price activity of 500 companies.

Let's say you're watching the news, and a reporter tells you the market just went down 300 points and it was at 10,000. That represents only a three percent change, and that's not big news – regardless of what some of the "experts" say.

Great question, Ken!
—Dave

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Just when you think you've heard them all, you'll encounter a classic...a phrase oft repeated; never quite understood. You know, one of those things your grandpa uttered but could never tell you why. One of those phrases that'll get you a blank stare when spoken in front of your texting teenage niece.

And today's yesteryear throw-back is . . .

All my eye and Betty Martin!
(Best uttered with an Irish accent if you want the full effect.)

Ok. Show of hands as to how many of you have heard this one? (Oh wait. I'm writing a column. I can't see your hands.)

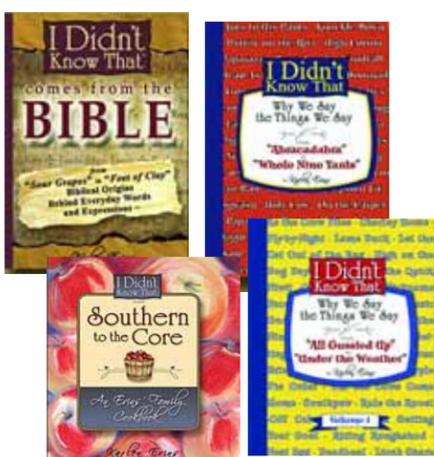
Only the truly dedicated phrase-lovers may recall this expression more common amongst the British than Americans. But sadly, the story credited to the phrase's origin offers precious little help as to why we still say it today.

For starters, the expression means "Nonsense!" It was first recorded in a collection of phrases known as the Burford Papers, though the *all my eye part* is believed to have gone back much earlier.

Folklore has it that a British sailor stopping by a church in Ireland, overheard what he assumed to be a prayer to St. Martin (patron saint of innkeepers and reformed drunks). Documented as "*Ah, mi hi, beate Martine,*" linguists debate this however, as *mi hi* would not've sounded like "my eye" but "*mee hee*" (which makes absolutely no sense at all). What's more, seems there's no Latin prayer that comes close to this phrasing.

Still, as is so often the case, fun-to-say phrases like this one often take on a life of their own. So next time someone tosses you a truly unbelievable bit of gossip, give it a whirl. Come back with "Yeah, right. *All my eye and Betty Martin too!*" and see what kind of reception you get.

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Kermit finds a home & a girlfriend!



The first resident was of the feathered variety.

At one time, Elaine Harris had two birds who built a nest and were living in her birdhouse in the Sheffield subdivision. But then she noticed something a little different. A tree frog had taken up residence in the bird house. Not only that, but he had a girlfriend who came to visit.



Then Kermit moved into the house in Sheffield.

The treefrog, named Kermit, moved in before the birds laid eggs and soon after was seen entertaining a lady frog, whom they named Kermetta. They even have a regular routine. During the morning hours he sits in the hole of the birdhouse and in the afternoons and evenings he is down at



Before long, Kermetta came to visit Kermit.

the pond near the house. Kermetta sits in the flowers under the birdhouse and then climbs up to visit. They have been in the house all summer, but it is anyone's guess as to whether they will stay and become permanent residents.

Chili Cookoff to help Cheatham Animals

The Cheatham County Animal Awareness Foundation is hosting a chili cook-off in Pegram Park with the cooperation of accomplished chef, Debra Paquette. Paquette, a local resident and former owner/chef of Nashville-based restaurant - Zola, and winner of numerous restaurant awards, is lending her support to this first annual chili cook-off to help raise funds for CCAAF. The Battle of the Cooks cook-off will be held Saturday, October 15th in Pegram Park. Paquette and a group of local dignitaries food gourmants will help judge the best chili in each category.

The Battle of the Cooks Chili Cook-off will begin with registration and set-up at 10:00 a.m. with tastings beginning at 11:00 a.m. The cook-off will have divisions - home-cooked or restaurant and will allow up to six separate entries:

- 1) Bean
- 2) Mexican Beef and chili pepper (i.e.

use of actual vegetable)

- 3) Pork
- 4) Beef
- 5) Chicken
- 6) Restaurant style

Prizes include:

How to participate:

First, regardless of your division - home cooked or restaurant, email the name of your chili and the category plan to enter to Valerie Heinze at valerieheinze@gmail.com. Or you may contact Valerie via Facebook. Valerie will send out a registration page that can be filled out and brought to the park the morning of the event.

The Cook-off committee requests that you bring 20 lbs of chili and the serving utensils and cups you will need at your location, an extension cord and table. All teams should have a sign 8-1/2 by 11" in size on display at your table with your team name or logo and the name of your chili(s) that are being

served. Please have all team members wear and apron. Power is available at the Park, and set-up will occur from 10 - 11 a.m.

The cost to participate in the home-cooked division is \$35.00 per person. The charge for restaurants to participate is \$125.00 per business.

The judging of each chili will take place at 11:00 a.m. by a committee that will be hand-picked by Debra Paquette. In addition to the committee's honorary tasters, the public will have a chance to determine the People's Choice from all the entries, and will have the opportunity to taste each entry for free.

If you would like to pre-pay, please send your registration form and check to Cheatham County Animal Awareness Foundation, 401 Briar Patch Lane, Joelton, TN 37080. All proceeds from this event will be used to support the spay and neuter program for cats and dogs in Cheatham County.

The Cheatham County Animal Awareness Foundation is a nonprofit organization dedicated to help control pet overpopulation through spay/neuter assistance and animal educational programs for the residents of Cheatham County. The Foundation also assists in finding responsible homes for adoptable animals being held at Cheatham County Animal Control and strives to provide a safe environment for the animals of Cheatham County. For more information about the CCAAF go to: <http://cheathamcountypaws.org/index.html>

Pets of the Week

Carmel



Meet Carmel! Carmel is a very classy lady. She is a buff colored diluted tortoiseshell. She has

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you know what kind of work we put into these productions, so you know that it will be a GREAT show! Proceeds from this event will help provide funding for the Worship Choir's mission trip to Sao Paulo, Brazil in 2012.



Nine-year-old Zak Stuedemann receives Black Belt in Kenpo



Zak Stuedemann, who is nine years old, has worked at the Elite Martial Arts in Kingston Springs, TN, under the teaching of Master Klapheke for the past five years. He earned his Black-belt in Kenpo karate August 19, 2011. Pictured are (l to r) Harry Klapheke, Zak Stuedemann, and Tim Stuedemann




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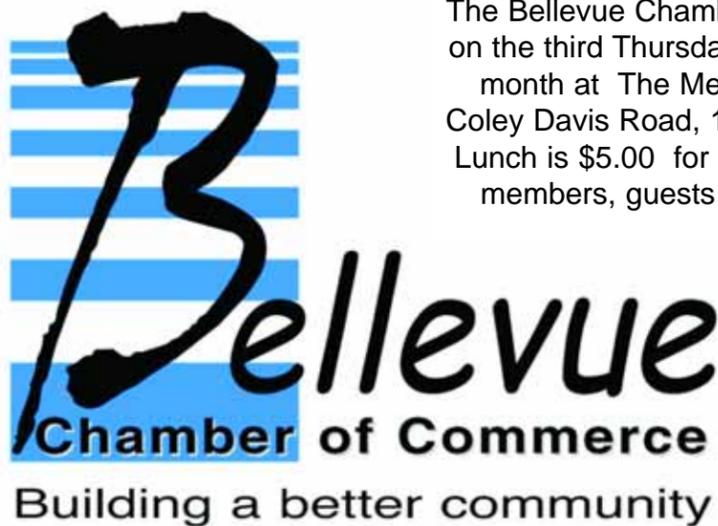
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