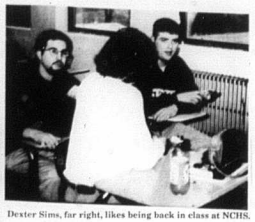
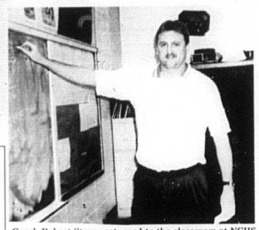
Nicholas County kids are "Back to School!"

Nicholas County High School teacher Sue Kirby, far left, joins her students for a class discussion after the Christmas holidays.



Dexter Sims, far right, likes being back in class at NCHS.



Coach Robert Storey returned to the classroom at NCHS after the Christmas holidays.

Nicholas County Elementary students love the lunchroom!

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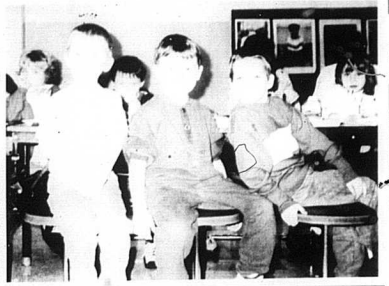
A hippopotamus, which weighs as much as 5,800 pounds, can run as fast as a human being.

Cassie Brierly, an eighth grader at Nicholas County Elementary School, was glad to be back with friends.



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(NAPS)—Waste, fraud and abuse in Medicare not only threaten the financial solvency of the Medicare Trust Fund, they may also cost beneficiaries billions in extra out-of-pocket costs.

Seniors should check all their Medicare bills and forms carefully.

Recent Medicare fraud investigations have revealed a widespread billing abuse known as "upcoding." Charges submitted to Medicare by doctors and hospitals are in the form of numerical codes. What Medicare pays varies according to what code is used. Unscrupulous providers have generated thousands, even millions, in additional revenues from Medicare by billing at inaccurately numerical codes for similar services which pay at a higher rate.

Beneficiaries should carefully check all bills and Explanation of Medicare Benefits forms to ensure that they are billed only for the services actually provided," says Mike Zabko, Executive Director of THEA Senior Citizens League.

In a recent audit of Medicare, federal investigators revealed that Medicare overpaid health care providers last year by $23 billion, or 14 percent of all the money spent in the standard Medicare program.

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A new cookbook, *Pillsbury Best Cookies Cookbook: Favorite Recipes from America's Most-Trusted Kitchens* (Clarkson Potter, $19.95), contains 175 of the best-ever recipes for cookies, bars and brownies.

Judge Judy Sheindlin, the lace-collared arbitrator of the syndicated TV show "Judge Judy," served more than 15 years as a New York Family Court Judge, and was appointed to the bench by another TV judge, former New York City Mayor Ed Koch.

Love in a Chinese Garden (Harlequin Books, $5.99), a new romance novel by Rachel May, invites modern readers to experience the romantic encounters of

two young lovers in the convention-shrouded world of Tang Dynasty China.

According to the NAPA Auto Attitude Report, nearly half of all women surveyed said they would turn to a friend for advice on car repair before talking to an automotive technician, and would rather do their taxes than have to take a car to the shop.

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The Burger King College Football Scholarship Program has donated $3.3 million in scholarship funds in the three years since its inception, making it the largest corporate commitment to college football of its kind.

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