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### Shake off negative comments

You may be familiar with the saying, "Sticks and stones may break my bor but words can never hurt me." This is one of the biggest untruths I have ever heard. We should terally destroy our lives s the English critic and ssayist William Hazlitt once said, "words are the

One of the best pieces o one of the best pieces of advice I've ever heard is to 'live our lives so we wouldn't mind selling the family parrot to the town gossip.' I'm sure you can see the wisdom of this thought. control the negative things control the negative trings other people may say about us, we should live our lives in such a way that no one would believe them. While I never like to hear negative comments about

come along from time-to-time. When they do time. When they do however, I can either shake them off and go on pursuing them off and go on pursuing the goals that are important to me, or I can let them defeat me. You see, the choice is mine. Do you have trouble shaking off negative comments or negative

things that happen to you? If you do, I believe this

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as many people one place as the third with a similar point of the section of the the old mule had just abou eached the end of his day As the farmer saw his old As the farmer saw his old mule beginning to suffer, he realized he had to find a way to put him out of his misery. Being a kind, soft-hearted man, he couldn't stand the thought of just taking him out and shooting him, so instead, he devised

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Since he was going to one", as the old well was a azard and needed to be filled in anyway. At this point, the farmer rigged up a tripod with a pulley and a st and lowered the mule the well. While it was a

what he thought was a good

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# Viewpoint



# A tale of two counties...

The country line that separates where I live and where I work can sometimes treate some confusion Fleming and Rowan ounties are in different

tate senator and senator and sentative are as different as day and night As home and work.

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All four of them, Rep. John
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in Fleming, are supportive,
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Hélong Democrat, except for
the two years as a registered
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Chicago, but Sen. Stivers,

Head of the Holler Garry Barker Columnist

cities, Morehead and Flemingsburg, though in truth I don't actually live in either place. But Bald Hill is not an incorporated city. Or an Ne unincorporated one, for that atten-

But I belong to both the Flemingsburg and Morehead-Chambers of Commerce, work with Renaissance Cities projects in both cities, shop both places, write for both newspapers, and know about as many people one place as the other.

biggest rival was the Maysville Bulldogs. We played Breckinridge Training, too, and now neither school exists. I still get a good feeling when the Panthers beat erful Ashland, and I clearly remember the magnificent 1961 Tomcat

eam that whipped us soundly on their way to the '61 state championship.

I have to stop and remember that the Olive Hill Comets are now West Carter, and that the Tollesboro school closing almost caused a

Not that I pay much attention to high school sports. As smaller cities go, Morehead is one of the fasted growing ones in the state, though sometimes I've wondered if the second Rowan County War could erupt over the proposed new convention center. Flemingsburg seems

Rowan County occupational taxes. I work in Morehead; my wife works in
Flemingsburg.
We bank the same way.
For my actual home
address, I'm starting to use
Bald Hill with Flemingsburg's

tip code. It works, so far. The last three years we lived in Madison County we used a Drevfus address with the Waco zip code, had a Berea phone number, actually lived outside of Bearwallow,

and did most of our business in Richmond. Contact the author at garrybarker@netscape.net or visit www.anaelfire.com/ku/barker

communal debt.

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means that my vehicles have
Fleming County license tags
but that I pay Morehead and

Nicholas County Fire Chief & Emergency Management Director Mark Hughes.

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