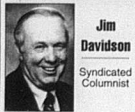


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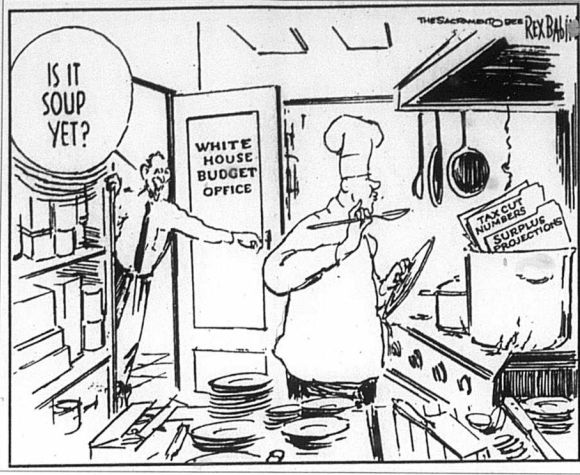
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Two kinds of knowledge

From the earliest writings of man on cave walls (which came to be known as hieroglyphs), and in the past 5,000 years of recorded history, mankind has had a thirst for knowledge. This insatiable thirst for knowledge has been responsible for most of the technological advancements and other achievements that have taken us forward to present time. It is not my intent today to delve into the past so much, but rather to share some practical thoughts and ideas that may be of value to you. The Bible says in Proverbs 17, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge." As a Christian and one who has a deep love for God, I certainly believe this and try to keep this perspective in everything I do in our own personal lives. There's another concentration of knowledge that should be brought to our conscious mind from time to time. Namely, there are two kinds of knowledge: one kind we call "intellectual" knowledge that comes as a result of our intellect and we acquire this knowledge through study and observation. The other kind of knowledge is "experiential" knowledge that comes from our experience. Obviously to be successful in today's times, we need both kinds of knowledge, but there's a stereotype in our society that may be keeping some people from becoming as successful as they could be.

In recent years, our society has almost come to defy the attainment of a college degree, and in many cases has looked upon the person who doesn't have one as being somewhat inferior. From my perspective, I can tell you that a college degree does open many doors and it's a step in the right direction, but it does not guarantee success. There have been hundreds of times when I have been a paid featured or keynote speaker and I was the only one there who didn't have a college degree. They were paying me for my experience and for my proficiency in developing a skill. What I'm saying is this: don't ever suffer from low self-esteem just because you may not have a college degree. It's great if you can get it and I certainly recommend that, but if you don't, you can bridge the gap by your experience. However, we should never be like the fella who didn't have 20 years' experience, he had one year's experience repeated 20 times. He never went on vacation. I've been married for 20 years and I was afraid he wouldn't be missed. Another example is when I was in high school and our class went on a field trip to The University of Arkansas in Fayetteville. One of the speakers told about a

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Fletcher saves 'Lions' in education bill

Popular PBS literacy program to receive \$24.5 million
Ernie Fletcher announced recently his approval of H.R. 1, "No Child Left Behind," which was reported out of the House education and workforce committee on Wednesday, May 9.

The bill included Fletcher's amendment to restore funding for the popular program, "Read Between the Lines."
It's important for Congress to fund proven programs that deliver positive results," Fletcher said. "In central Kentucky, Ready to Learn and Read Between the Lions have

touched thousands of children and parents by providing books and other educational resources that would otherwise not be available."
The Fletcher amendment was introduced during the mark-up of H.R. 1, "No Child Left Behind," in the House education and workforce committee and passed with overwhelming support.

Under the amendment, the House education and workforce committee and passed with overwhelming support. The Fletcher amendments parished broad support both on the committee and in the educational television community.

Television Executive Director and CEO Virginia G. Fox. "We salute him for his efforts on behalf of Kentucky's children."
H.R. 1 was reported out of the house education and workforce committee by an overwhelming bipartisan majority.

It includes the major education themes proposed by President Bush's plan: accountability, flexibility and local control, research-based reform and expanded parental options.

"The children of Kentucky and the nation will be the beneficiaries of Congressman Fletcher's amendment in support of a vitally important educational service - Ready to Learn," said Kentucky

Representative before Memorial Day.

The bill could come to a full both in the house of Representatives before Memorial Day.

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will be improved all the way, but by then it will be time to begin the next round of improvements. Which are probably already being planned.

We pay for all the road construction every time we gas up, to the tune of about 38 cents per gallon. That'll build a lot of highways.

Contact the author at garrybarker@netscape.net or www.angelfire.com/ky/barker



Kindergarten derby
Ms. Story's kindergarten class at Nicholas County Elementary won second place in a derby stick horse race last week, honoring the Kentucky Derby.



Basketball banquet
From left, Hannah Gray, Tabitha Fryman, Ashline Howard, Jenny Hunter, Ashton Markland, Kelly Roberts and Ashley Waten were some of the award recipients during the basketball banquet recently.



Basketball award
Whitney Gray receives her basketball award from Coach Smoot during the banquet recently.

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company that had a large generator that stopped working, and as a result the whole operation was shut down. Well, everyone in the company tried to get it started again, but with no success. Finally, they called in an "expert" and when he arrived and surveyed the problem, he

took a little ballpeen hammer and went to a certain spot and tapped on it three times. It started immediately and the company was back in business. In a few days, this "expert" sent the company a bill for \$5,000. Since it only took about 10 minutes of his time,

the company felt oats was a little high, so they asked him to itemize his bill. The expert's new invoice contained these words: "Peking on generator \$10.00. Knowing where to peek, \$4,990.00." Granted, this expert probably had a college degree, but his experience was also very

important. We are never bored when we are learning something useful and worthwhile.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Jim Davidson is a motivational speaker and syndicated columnist. You may contact him at 2 Bayliss Drive, Conway, AR 72032.)

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ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT I - NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER

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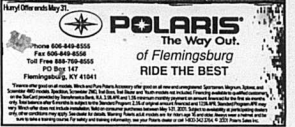
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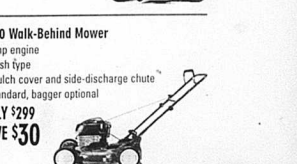
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