

OPINION

Talkin' From The Mountains

Jerry Reed, Singer, Actor Dies

Popular country music singer, songwriter and movie actor Jerry Reed died of emphysema recently. He was 71.

You younger people probably know Jerry from the movie "The Waterboy" starring Adam Sandler. Older folks no doubt remember him in the three "Smokie And The Bandits" movies with Burt Reynolds and his hit songs including "When You're Hot You're Not," "Amos Moses," and "Lord, This Man with an Infectious Grip Staring down at me with his hand out for me to shake. I, of course, recognized him from his television and movie appearances. "I like your chimp," said Jerry.

"Not mine," I told him. "He was here when I arrived." Jerry sat down on the other side of me and looked across at the chimp. "Should he be drinking?" I wondered the same

thing. A drunk chimp might not be a pretty sight. Jerry and I discovered that Bourbon was not the chimpanzee's only vice. The affable ape reached in the inside pocket of his suit coat, brought out a pack of Winston Lights and a lighter, pulled out a cigarette, placed it in his mouth and lit it up. "That," said Jerry, "I'm trying to quit."

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"I know the Governor," I told Jerry. "Believe me, the chimp is a much better company."

A few minutes later, another man arrived at the table and introduced himself as the chimp's owner and trainer. He bragged to Jerry and me that his chimpanzee was one of the smartest in the world. "I'm afraid his act is much better than mine."

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American don't even have to look at McCain's record of voting with Bush 90 percent of the time to realize there is going to be no change if he wins. A little common sense and reason- ing makes that plain.

A rich old white man is running for President on the ticket of the Republican party dominated by rich old white men. And we're supposed to believe McCain is going to change things? Surely the American people aren't dumb enough to believe that.

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Talkin' From The Mountains By Dale Greer

Steve's Report

You may have noticed that during the last week of July, the weather here in Carlisle was hot and humid which was fairly typical during high summer. But there was something about the weather that I unassessably pleasant.

You might say the weather was nearly perfect. What made the difference? The folks who report the weather might try to tell you that it's a result of Hurricane Edouard hitting the Texas coastline. But they're just guessing because they don't know the real reason: The Scalf family has arrived in town, bringing the cooler weather with us.

I wouldn't blame you for being a little skeptical. After all, you got here under a family's presence having an influence on the weather? We hardly believe it ourselves. It's just that over the years with all our many moves, we couldn't help noticing that everywhere we went folks started commenting about how the weather

stems ever recorded, causing extensive flash flooding. That winter, Korea also experienced the heaviest snowfall in nearly 100 years. Unaccounted for that much snow, the Koreans improvised shovels by nailing pieces of plywood to four-foot lengths of 2x2 lumber. To get rid of the snow, they would shovel it onto the roadway so the cars would drive over it. Instead of making the snow go away, the cars simply transformed it into layers upon layers of slush which eventually re- fused during the winter, extremely dangerous.

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Imagine a Kentucky with leaders like this

Righteous leaders find a way to get the job done no matter what. Take Speaker of the House Jim Weiers of Arizona.

Opponents of his state's school-voucher program for disabled and foster children succeeded in stopping funding for the program earlier this year. So Weiers decided to help hundreds of parents left existing in the wind by the very political representatives who are supposed to represent their interests.

He let nothing stop him, including an appeals court ruling that the two-year-old voucher program is unconstitutional - simply because it allows parents to send their children to parochial schools.

Neither was he deterred by Gov. Janet Napolitano and her anti-school choice mission in the Legislature, who conspired to pull funding for the program. The decision to pull state funding for the program was made behind closed doors during the waning hours of this year's legislative session.

Less than 24 hours after the scurrilous action by politicians doing Napolitano's bidding, the Arizona Supreme Court ruled that funding for the program



Bluegrass Beacon By Jim Weiers

could continue until legal action ended. However, since legislators removed money for vouchers from the budget, the court's decision didn't help. Hundreds of Arizona families who had been in private schools learning-disabled children in private schools using vouchers - now didn't have the money to do that.

But great challenges present opportunities for grand leadership. Even most supporters of Arizona's school-choice program, including parents who previously received vouchers, had given up that a resolution could be found so that children who had been in private schools for the past two years would not lose out on the progress they had made.

But not Weiers. He displayed courage and determination to see the program through.

When his underhanded colleagues lifted money from the budget, Weiers offered to transfer \$5 million to the state's education department from continuing funds he built up as House Speaker.

That money was available because of Weiers' frugal spending in recent years through taxpayer-friendly decisions, including cutting unnecessary travel by House leaders.

And when a legal ruling required a vote by the Legislature to use that \$5 million, Weiers remained steadfast. He called Napolitano to ask a special session. No success here: She refused.

But the dogged Weiers found a partner in Tom Horne, Arizona's superintendent of public instruction. Horne, who put the needs of Arizona's learning-disabled children above protecting the bureaucracy, helped Weiers find leftover money in the state's public-school budget.

The additional funding came as a result of a longer-than-expected enrollment in the state's public schools, which meant that some of the monies appropriated by the Legislature for education were returned to state coffers.

Weiers and Horne got approval to use that money to verify the voucher program for families with special-needs students. As a result, public schools were funded and learning-disabled students continue to receive the education and services they need.

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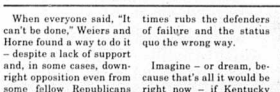
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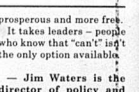
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Museum and Genealogical Library to open soon

By Charles Mattox, News Editor

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The library is a member of the faculty at Morehead State University. He has an expansive background in media including award winning reporting and stints as a major television anchor and talk show host. He can be reached via email at ddgreer@roadrunner.com.



A view of the inside of the renovated rooms that will soon be home to the new museum and genealogical library in the Neal Building.

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LOVE YOU LOTS! DEANNA, DAVID & JENNA

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GENERAL NEWS

Mercury Memories

Five Years Ago 12 Sep 1933

NCHS Marching Band won championship at Mason County during the first competition of the year - under the direction of Field Commander Ashley McFarland Holmes, Lloyd Memorial and Rowan County bands.

10 Years Ago 12 Sep 1928

Terry & Milly Jolly made history in Nicholas County when they became the county's first parents of quadruplets. Jacob Spencer weighed in at 2 pounds 1 ounce; Hannah Marie at 2 pounds 14 ounces; Samuel Aaron and Sarah Cathryn each weighed 2 pounds 11 ounces.

25 Years Ago 8 Sep 1933

The Lions Club revived the Carlisle Annual Horse Show, which was last held by the Jayces in 1974. The show was a huge success with 223 entries in 15 classes.

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LOOK OUT WORLD!

Cody Watkins is behind the wheel

Happy 16th Birthday on Sept. 11

Love, Mom, Jeff, Devin & the whole family

Happy 16th Birthday Emily

We love you Your family

Happy 1st Birthday Abbigail on Sept. 1st

and Papaw, too! on Sept. 2nd

Love, Dad, Mom, Bubby, & Mamaw

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