

Heaven Is A Lot Like Kentucky

THE ART OF WAR

"It is only one who is thoroughly acquainted with the evils of war can take thoroughly understand the profitable way of carrying it on."

Chinese General, Sun Tzu, 6th century B.C., in his military strategy scroll, "The Art of War."

"We are determined not to part with our country. We are determined to make the Ohio River the line of our last stand, and after this very day we will turn to death every prisoner we catch on this side of the river. We have been driven farther and farther back. But from this day forward we will all die where we give up one more inch of our land."

Shawnee War Chief Blue Jacket in a letter carried by John Crawford to the commanding officers at Fort Pitt, 1785.

"I thought I was going to be



John Crawford, autumn 1785.

20-year-old John Crawford focused on breathing slowly and tried not to show his fear as he sat in the middle of the Ma-ka-tun-qui, or Council House, the holiest of Shawnee structures within the village of New Chillicothe.

Many years later, as a resident of Mt. Sterling, he would smile as he thought of those wild days of his youth, so very many years earlier.

Black Wolf, the Mingo War Chief, captured Crawford captive during the Hocking River in Ohio. During the forced march over the next two weeks he gruesomely painted Black

Wolf repeatedly told Crawford that he would be burned alive in Chillicothe.

John had been seized running the gauntlet. Instead of the traditional methods of "greeting" a prisoner, 20-30 warriors in each village had formed a single line and stepped and smoked him on the face and head as they ran by.

He would have suffered worse torments, but he maintained his composure under extremely distressing circumstances a character trait highly admired among the Shawnee.

John Crawford had first traveled with his father down the Ohio River in 1774 when only nine-years-old. His father owned land where Red Stone Creek flowed into the Monongahela River.

John Johnson and William and Andrew Lynn had been Crawford's traveling partners later in 1785. Black Wolf shot Andrew Lynn. Peter Johnson was shot and hit in the neck with a tomahawk, but managed to dive into the river and escape, as did the other two men.

Crawford had been less fortunate and had wrestled in a death grip with a warrior for over 15 minutes before being saved by Chief Blue Wolf.

Later, in the Council House, Crawford thought of how Black Wolf had been taken in the palm of his left hand during the 1782 Battle of Blue Licks. Black Wolf spoke English and bragged non-stop about the victory over the Kentuckians during that battle, and Crawford thought of this while surrounded by all of the warriors of the village who sat in total silence in the center of the Council House.

The warriors simply sat and smoked their pipes in deep meditation.

The renegade Simon Girty, who fought with Black Wolf, also lived at Fort Pitt (Pittsburgh) alone.

Crawford later came to the interior of Kentucky in 1786, and lived at Raleigh Mergans, Station, and other fortresses of northeastern Kentucky. He became intimately familiar with sections of present day Menifee, Bath, Montgomery, Clark, Nicholas, Fleming, and Robertson counties, during his life.

Blue Jacket took the time to show Crawford two very fresh scalps that he and been taken while the council was held.

The scalps belonged to George Green and Captain Silas Zane, one of the commanders on the Ohio River in 1774 when only nine-years-old. His father owned land where Red Stone Creek flowed into the Monongahela River.

Four warriors and Thomas and George Girty escorted young John Crawford as far as where Waterman Creek

ended up and continued on her way.

That kindly woman could have just as easily ignored my remark and kept walking, or she could have fired back an angry insult at my mother, that it takes a bigot to raise a bigot. Instead, she reached for higher ground, trying to bring us together rather than constantly digging ditches that keep us apart.

After all, it's not our external features -- how we're born -- that make us special. It's what we do with the gifts we are given that point forward that really makes a difference.

And that's my two cents, Steve Scalf

Steve's Report

Celebrating Differences

I must not be all that bright, because a lot of things don't seem to make much sense to me. On one hand, our nation proudly proclaims in our Declaration of Independence that "all men are created equal," yet on the other hand, we spend the whole year focusing on how different we are. February, for example, is National African American History Month. It is also National American Heart Month, March is National American History Month, April is Cancer Control Month, Donate Life Month and National Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Not only is May National Jewish American Heritage Month, it is also National Asian/Pacific Heritage

Month, National Physical Fitness and Sports Month, and Older Americans Month.

So if you're a retired Jewish basketball coach from Fiji, I suppose that makes you a national hero -- or at least until June rolls around. And then -- unless you are Canadian -- you are a Caribbean-American Homeworshiper who pass the crown onto someone else.

We don't need help recognizing differences. Children instinctively pick up on differences that we can't see. "Chocolate" I replied. "I'll let you do" she chuckled. "Chocolate" I replied. "I'll let you do" she chuckled. "Chocolate" I replied. "I'll let you do" she chuckled.

before you know it, all the other children join in, pointing and laughing. "You look like an elephant!" You must be Dumbo!

When we lived in Syracuse, New York, the rest of the neighborhood kids had family names like MaHarr, Flynn or O'Hany -- all good, Irish-Catholic families whose kids told us we were going straight to Hell because we didn't go to parochial school. And then when I was 6, we moved to Fort Wayne, Indiana in the middle of the school year. Not only was I the new kid in kindergarten, I was short, red-haired and freckle-faced to boot. I think the only thing that saved me was there were so many differences that the other kids couldn't figure out which one to pick on first.

But I was the same way. One day, we were in a black front yard when a black woman walked by. I had never seen a black person before, so I pointed and said in a VERY loud voice, "Look, Mommy! A chocolate lady!" My mother was mortified. She apologized, specifically to the woman, keeping one hand firmly clamped over my mouth to prevent any further embarrassing comments. But the woman -- smiled kindly, crouched down and called to me, "Come on over here, honey." She placed her hands on my shoulders, looked me in the eyes, and winked like we were good buddies sharing a secret. "I'll let you do chocolate, don't you?" "Chocolate is sweet, isn't it?" I nodded eagerly. "Which flavor do you like better?" she continued, "Chocolate or vanilla?" "Chocolate" I replied. "I'll let you do" she chuckled. "Chocolate" I replied. "I'll let you do" she chuckled.

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OBITUARIES

Wilma Hilander 1923-2009. Wilma Elizabeth Gordon Hilander, 85, Archdeacon Avenue, Carlisle, widow of William H. Hilander, Sr., died Tuesday, Jan. 6, 2009 at Johnson-Mathers Nursing Home. She was born Mar. 17, 1923, in Madison County, Kentucky, daughter of the late William Gordon and Florrie Mink Gordon Coy. Mrs. Hilander was a homemaker and restaurant owner, and was a member of the Herrington United Methodist Church.

Charles W. Smith 1939-2009. Charles W. "Chuck" Smith, 69, beloved husband and father, passed on to a better life on Tuesday, Jan. 13, 2009, at the UK Chandler Medical Center, Lexington. He was born July 29, 1939 in Nicholas Co., to the late Avery & Edith Ockerman Smith. A proven community leader, Chuck served as a county election officer, on the Nicholas County Water Board, the Nicholas County Fire Board, with the Carlisle Police Department, as Nicholas County Deputy Sheriff and as a Nicholas County 17-year member. He was a member of the Rev. James D. Hays, Jr. of the First Baptist Church of Carlisle, the Nicholas County Board of Health, and the Nicholas County Board of Education. He was a member of the Nicholas County Board of Health, and the Nicholas County Board of Education. He was a member of the Nicholas County Board of Health, and the Nicholas County Board of Education.

Chuck lived his life in Nicholas County with his wife, Patrice Smith. They have four children, Deborah (Roy) Fryman, Charles (Aly) Smith, Michael "Stech" (Dana) Smith and Mary Beth (Gosh) Hank. He is also survived by three brothers, Earl (Juno) Smith, New Castle; Kenneth "Butch" (Faye) Smith, Lexington; and John (Janetta) Smith, Carlisle; two sisters, Ann (Franklin) Jolly, Carlisle; and Joyce Carter, Cynthia; and a number of nieces and nephews. He is survived by her husband, Johnny Martin; her son, Casey Martin; her mother, Virginia Dale; two sisters, Elizabeth Ockerman and Barbara (Richard) Walker; three brothers, Ricky (Barbara) Dale, Robert (Mary) Dale, and Charles Dale and Edna Caudill; four nieces, Frika Dale, Erin O'Conner, Kimberly Walker, and Rebecca Hedges; three nephews, Chris O'Conner, Terry Walker, and Jordan Morris. Funeral Services will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, Jan. 23, 2009 at the Carlisle Church of Christ. Burial will be in the North Middlebury Cemetery. Visitation will be at 6 p.m. Thursday at the church. Clark Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Pauline Mastin 1963-2009. Pauline Mastin, 43, died Saturday, Jan. 17, 2009. She was born in Fayette County on June 12, 1965 to Edward and Virginia Leach Dale. She worked in food services. She is survived by her husband, Johnny Mastin; her son, Casey Mastin; her mother, Virginia Dale; two sisters, Elizabeth Ockerman and Barbara (Richard) Walker; three brothers, Ricky (Barbara) Dale, Robert (Mary) Dale, and Charles Dale and Edna Caudill; four nieces, Frika Dale, Erin O'Conner, Kimberly Walker, and Rebecca Hedges; three nephews, Chris O'Conner, Terry Walker, and Jordan Morris. Funeral Services will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, Jan. 23, 2009 at the Carlisle Church of Christ. Burial will be in the North Middlebury Cemetery. Visitation will be at 6 p.m. Thursday at the church. Clark Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Roy "Tip" Earlywine 1944-2009. Roy "Tip" Earlywine, 64, died Thursday, Jan. 15, 2009, after a long illness. He was born in Nicholas County Mar. 17, 1944 to the late Audrey Clifton and Josephine Lowe Earlywine. He was a farm laborer. He is survived by his wife, Hilda Bell Earlywine; his stepdaughters, Claudia Bussell, Carlisle; Kathy Quevedo, Chaplin, Ky.; Donna Burdett, Carlisle; his step-sons, Greg (Brenda) Bussell, Nicholasville;

Timmy (Sue) Bussell, Carlisle; Ricky (Dana) Bussell, Sharpshurg; Robert (Jackie) Bussell, Carlisle; Christopher (Tracey) Bussell, Carlisle; 22 step-grandchildren, 24 step-step-grandchildren, 4 great-step-grandchildren, 4 great-step-daughters, Kathy (Paul) Webster, Cynthia (Pam (Les)) Strassburg, Cynthia; Sharon (Tracey) Layart, Campbellsville, Pa.; (Franklin) Tegons, Cynthia; 2 step-sons Bruce (Rhonda) Miller, Cynthia; 21 step-grandchildren, 16 step-great-grandchildren; 1 sister, Faye Ring; 4 brothers, John Earlywine, Walter Earlywine, Kenny Earlywine and Bill Earlywine. Funeral Services were held at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 20, 2009 at the Clark Funeral Home with Rev. Gary Stiff of the Dayton Chapel Ground of Clark Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

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