

The

PARKWOOD PICAYUNE

A NEWSPAPER FOR ALL SEASONS

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PARKWOOD PEOPLE

Sidewalks, the ravine, attractive homes, convenient location--these are a few of the features that make Parkwood neighborhood a nice place to live. But the thing that makes our neighborhood great is the people. For our final edition of the Parkwood Picayune, we've interviewed a cross section of our residents, and we think you'll find that each of them has something unique and interesting to share.

When Betty Jeanne Ellison (B.J. CANDLER of 3 Wimberly Court) came to Decatur from Mississippi as a young girl to attend Agnes Scott College, she didn't dream that one day she would marry the handsome great-great grandson of THE Agnes Scott! Scott Candler Jr., B.J.'s husband for over 40 years, came from a long line of notable figures, not the least of which was his father, Scott Candler Sr., nicknamed "Mr. Dekalb" for his many contributions to our county. A long-time Decatur attorney, Scott Candler Jr. was known for his quiet integrity and generous spirit. He was an active leader in his church and in various civic associations, was a trustee of Agnes Scott College, and chairman of the Georgia Board of Regents.

Meanwhile, being a member of the distinguished Candler family did not cause B.J. to become proud or complacent. She devoted herself fully to being a wife and mother and was very active in her church, the PTA, Junior League, Dekalb Historical Society, and other organizations. (By the way, one of B.J.'s three wonderful children, Scott Candler III, lives at 220 Upland Road with his wife Karna and two sons, Scotty IV and Charlie.)

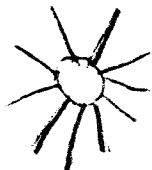
Mrs. Candler says that the greatest accomplishment of her life was caring for her husband in their home during his lengthy terminal illness. Her husband's mind was clear up until his death last November, but for the last eight years of his life, he required almost continuous care. B.J. is thankful that, with a minimum of outside help, she was able to administer the care he needed.

B.J. misses her husband but has resumed a busy social life, playing golf and tennis, travelling to Europe (twice this summer!), enjoying her Sea Island beach house, and spending time with her children and four delightful grandchildren, her spry 94-year old mother, and lots of good friends.

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Her artistically decorated mailbox was our first clue seven years ago that a very creative person had moved in at 440 West Parkwood Road. Seven years later, we finally got to meet this special lady--NANCI DUBIN--a former school teacher from New York, now an artist and the owner of "Splattered Matter" design company. Nanci has been painting cool-looking t-shirts, boxer shorts, picture frames, baby bibs, and you name it since 1982. She sells her works of art, created in her basement studio, to such shops as Seventeen Steps in Decatur and Romantic Accoutrements and The Bilthouse in Buckhead. Nanci's trademarks are whimsical zig-zags and hearts, especially hearts to symbolize love, which the artist feels there isn't enough of in the world today.

Nanci's love, though, goes deeper than her colorful hearts. For two weeks every summer, she participates

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in Camp Sunshine, a camp sponsored by Eggleston Hospital for children ages 7-18 with cancer. Nanci dresses up as "Bubbles" the clown and makes the children laugh and forget their pain. Nanci and her husband Franco do not have children of their own, but Nanci has through the years "adopted" dozens of children with cancer. She visits them in the hospital and rejoices when they get well and is sad when one of "her children" dies.

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JOEL GILMORE of 177 East Parkwood Road earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in college and thought he wanted to paint pictures for a living. But instead, he entered the exciting world of multi-media productions. Joel gained valuable experience working for a few years with two other multi-media firms, but 11 years ago, he began his own firm, Gilmore Directions. Since then, Joel has been hired to produce marketing and public relations films for such major corporations as MCI, Coca-Cola, AT&T, and ACOG.

Quiet, but very talented and creative, Joel excels in his work. Recently in Dallas, he was chosen by American Media International (AMI) to be in their Producers' Hall of Fame. He has also won several gold, silver, and bronze "AMI's" and two crystal AMI's which are rare and are only awarded to those who have made significant contributions to the advancement of the multi-media productions industry.

Joel truly enjoys his job--making videos, meeting new people, visiting companies and seeing how different products are manufactured--but he looks forward to his leisure time too. Joel enjoys driving his Harley-Davidson motorcycle, bird watching, being active in his church, and spending time with friends and family. He and his wife Allison have three beautiful daughters: Aurora, 18, who just began studying art and theater at the College of Charleston; Savannah, 6; and Grayson, 2½.



Did you know that here in this neighborhood, in the house at One Wimberly Court, there lives a direct descendant of Joel Chandler Harris, the creator of the Uncle Remus stories. Her name is ANNETTE HARRIS SHAKESPEARE or MRS. JONATHAN L. SHAKESPEARE, and she is Joel Chandler Harris's great great granddaughter. Annette and her sister and cousins have inherited a bunch of first edition Uncle Remus books. One we saw was in Japanese.

When Mrs. Shakespeare was a little girl, she remembers that "The Song of the South," the movie based on Harris's tales, came out but that it was soon removed from the theaters because of racial tensions. Annette hadn't gotten to see the movie and was very disappointed. Her grandfather, Lucien Harris, whom Walt Disney had consulted with in making the movie, encouraged Annette to write the Disney company and ask if she could borrow the film for a private showing. At his suggestion, she wrote a letter, and in a few weeks, the movie arrived! Then, her father, for Annette's tenth birthday, rented out the old Decatur Theater, and Annette invited all her friends to come and see the movie. That was a birthday she will never forget.

Annette told us that her grandfather Lucien was the family expert on reading the Brer Rabbit and Brer Fox stories with just the right style and accent. Once, he travelled to Queen's College where Annette was a student and read the stories to all the girls there.

J. C. Harris was born around Christmastime, so every year at the Wren's Nest, Harris's West End Atlanta home, a Victorian Christmas-birthday tea is held. Annette and her family always attend, and Laine, 12, and Susanna, 10, get to cut the cake as everyone sings "Happy Birthday" to the famous author.

One last thing about the Shakespeare family--there's strong evidence that they could also be related to another famous writer, William Shakespeare, or "Uncle Willie," as they call him.

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KIRK WATKINS of 185 East Parkwood Road is a successful and very busy attorney who somehow finds plenty of free time for family, church, computers, and GAMES! Kirk actually invents games and has had several of them patented. He invented his first one, Jagger, a strategy jigsaw puzzle game with lots of strange-looking pieces, in 1985. Kirk was pleased when, in 1987, Jagger won an award from Games, a magazine that evaluates and judges each year's best new games. Other of Kirk's clever creations are DeRail, Ms. Spell, and Domino's Pizza 3-D Domino Game which comes packaged in a pizza box!

Mr. Watkins says that ideas for his games just pop into his head but that it may take 50-100 (non-billable) hours to refine and perfect them. Kirk's wife Rose and their three daughters enjoy testing out Kirk's games and have been known to beat him at his own inventions.

Friendly, fun-loving, brainy Kirk has always been "game" for playing games. When he was about 11 or 12, he and his father, an Emory professor, began playing and recording the winners of over 800 chess games. Kirk won at least 500 of them.

Another pastime for Kirk is writing letters to his daughters. For her high school graduation last year, Kirk wrote his eldest daughter Audrey over 400 letters and had them bound in a beautiful book. This is his way, he says, of getting to visit with his girls even when they're away from home. What treasures these letters are! They contain family reminiscences, funny stories, bits of advice, reflections, and words of love and encouragement. Kirk is now working on a set of letters for his second daughter Melanie; and Laura, a sixth grader, will receive hers in a few years when she's ready to graduate.

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And last but not least, we have interviewed the president of this newspaper--JOSEPH DICKS--devoted husband and father and talented architect! An artist at heart, Joe practices architecture as an art form. He does not subscribe to any one style but seeks to be as creative as possible within the parameters set by his clients' needs, budget, and site constraints. Joe has been on his own as a sole practitioner in the Decatur area for over 13 years. He can't imagine doing anything more satisfying but admits that at times it is a struggle to make a living in his chosen field.

We asked Joe what had been the most significant event in his life. He replied that it was when, in 1979, he received Christ into his life as Savior, Lord, and Friend. Previously, Joe's philosophy on life had been "It doesn't matter what you believe, as long as you're sincere." He strayed from his Presbyterian upbringing during college and dabbled in various world religions. Gradually though, Joe began to see that Jesus is "the way, the truth, and the life" and that "no one comes to the Father, except through [Christ]." (John 14:6) Joe doesn't claim to be perfect; but in contrast to before, he loves God and has a desire to serve and honor Him. Ever the architect, Joe says that God's Son, Jesus Christ, is the solid foundation on which his life is now being built. (Editor's note: We the Picayune staff say "Amen" to all of the above!)

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We hope you have a chance to meet these "Parkwood People" sometime, in case you don't know them already. They are just a sampling of many, many wonderful persons who make up our neighborhood. We wish it were possible to interview you all! AHD, BBD, EHD, NFD





DID YOU KNOW?



- + The oldest home in our neighborhood, built in 1928, is Bill Wilson's at 115 Parkwood Lane.
- + The second oldest home, also built in 1928, is at 207 Upland Road.
- + Many of the earliest residents of Parkwood neighborhood purchased their home sites from Asa Candler Land Corporation. When Candler died in the mid-1940's, he left the land in this area to Emory University, from whom remaining lots were purchased.
- + East Parkwood's first home, built in 1945, was the Atkinsons', now the Gordons', at 198 East Parkwood. Florence Atkinson remembers the undeveloped days when blueberries and dogwood trees abounded.
- + Francis Drake's home at 471 West Parkwood was the first to be built on her street. It was built in 1946.
- + The Towers' home (268 West Parkwood), built in 1949, was sometimes referred to as "the house that candy built." The former owners, the Hendersons, were owners of Norris Exquisite Candies. Their home was a popular place on Halloween.
- + By 1952, an active garden club had been formed, and our neighborhood looked much like it does today.
- + What is now Wimberly Court used to be the back yards, with formal gardens and goldfish ponds, of 210 and 220 Upland. Wales Thomas, Karna Candler's father, built the attractive Wimberly Court cluster homes in 1971.
- + Helen Worth Ordway remembers playing tennis in the street in front of her West Parkwood home during the brief period in 1977 (or was it 1978?) when East and West Parkwoods were closed to traffic from East Lake Drive.
- + In 1990, a huge ranch house at the end of East Parkwood was burned to the ground by the Fire Department (on purpose), and three new houses are now standing in its place. One is the Stewarts' at 136 East Parkwood, and the other two face Ponce de Leon.

(Information was obtained from a variety of very nice neighbors and former residents.)

THE SECRET OF A HAPPY MARRIAGE

Sybil and Murray Frizzelle of 226 East Parkwood Road have been married 62 years--longer than any couple in the neighborhood, we think. They sum up the secret of their long and happy marriage in one simple word: LOVE!! Togetherness, they say, is also a key ingredient.

Taking walks is one way the Frizzelles practice togetherness. You've probably seen them strolling down the sidewalks three or four times a week. They are a dear sweet couple and an example to us all. Say hello the next time you see them! AHD



A NEW BABY GIRL!!

Congratulations to Nancy and Michael Butler of 242 East Parkwood Road on the birth of their daughter, Audrey Meredith, born September 22, weighing 8 lbs.15 oz. Her happy sister and brother are Ashley and Alex.

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

In our final issue of the Parkwood Picayune, we'd like to tell you how we got started in the newspaper business. We initially got the idea from Katie Daly and Susanna Shakespeare when they circulated a newspaper a couple of years ago. My mother thought doing a newspaper would be a good homeschooling project for us, and we agreed.

My grandmother suggested the name "Parkwood Picayune," and we liked the way it sounded, so we chose it. But we really didn't know what the word "picayune" meant in relation to a newspaper. We certainly didn't want to be called trivial or picayunish! We had an idea that it had something to do with a Spanish coin, but we did not know for sure until we went to New Orleans last spring and spoke with someone at the New Orleans-Times Picayune. The definition they gave us is as follows:

"an old Spanish silver coin worth about 6¼ cents and the origin of name of the original Picayune newspaper, which sold for that price."

Our price has gone up a bit from the original, but we hope you like our newspaper and the name we chose! EHD

POND TOUR AND A WEDDING



Beth and Mike Towers of 268 West Parkwood Road (Remember the iguana story?) were given the well-deserved honor this summer of having their home featured in the National Pond Society's pond and garden tour. The annual city-wide tour took place on July 15. Another exciting event, the Towers' daughter's wedding ceremony was performed in their backyard in June.

Beth and Mike have a pretty front yard, but they have a very pretty backyard, and they've worked hard to make it that way. Ten years ago, they began hauling in over five tons of rock to build two lovely, peaceful ponds. They surrounded the ponds with lush green plants and mosses and filled one with a variety of goldfish, the other with Japanese koi fish. Adding to the backyard beauty are 30-40 kinds of roses which Mike, a prolific gardener, has planted and tended through the years. A fitting word to describe "Towers' Gardens" is "picturesque." AHD

BACKYARD BIBLE SCHOOL



This summer, July 24-29, my family hosted a Backyard Bible School for children ages 5-12. We played games, ate delicious snacks, won prizes, and heard great Bible stories and an exciting story about how a girl named Joni Eareckson became paralyzed and how God changed her life.

Musicians came on some of the nights and played guitars and sang for us, and a juggler performed one night. We had a water balloon fight another night and ate ice cream on Friday night.

Here is what three of the neighborhood kids who participated thought about BBS:

Charlie Candler (age 9): "I liked the Joni story, having Bible School outside, and I had a great time."

Scotty Candler (age 12): "I liked the games and snacks best, but I also liked sitting outside and the Joni story."

Savannah Gilmore (age 6): "I really liked the Joni story, and I liked everything."



BIRD ALERT

Instead of reporting on another unusual pet this quarter (A tarantula and iguana seem to be it for this neighborhood.), we'd like to tell you about some beautiful and fascinating birds that visited our next-door neighbors' yard last spring.

In response to the birdwatching article in our last issue of the Picayune, Lisa and Scott Gordon (proud parents of 19-month old Indigo) related to us their experience of watching a flock of cedar waxwings feasting on mahonia berries outside their bedroom window. For about 20 minutes, the Gordons watched and marveled as the birds passed berries from one to the other. Sometimes a bird would keep the berry and eat it; other times a bird would pass the berry back to the one who gave it to him, or on to another bird. The next day, the waxwings repeated this performance for Lisa and Scott who, again, thoroughly enjoyed the show.

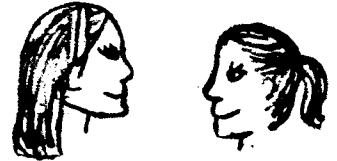
Curious about the waxwings' "berry" strange behavior, we contacted an ornithologist (bird expert) at Fernbank Science Center. Georgann Schmalz explained that this was the birds' way of "courting." Male and female cedar waxwings look so much alike that even they can't tell each other apart. The male will pass a berry to another bird, and if he receives it back, he then knows that bird was a male, so he passes the berry on to the next bird. If that one keeps the berry and eats it, then the male knows he's found a female, and those two will perhaps fly off together to make little baby cedar waxwings!

According to Ms. Schmalz, cedar waxwings are most commonly seen in the Atlanta area between October and early June. So, watch your berry bushes soon, neighbors, for crested, silky, grayish-brown birds, a little larger than sparrows, with a yellow strip at the end of their tails and waxy red "drops" on their feathers. Another of God's awesome creatures! AHD & BBD

Person to Person

FEATURING...ALLYSON STEWART
136 EAST PARKWOOD ROAD

Q. How long have you lived in the neighborhood, Allyson?
A. Two years.



Q. What is your favorite subject in school?
A. Science.

Q. Why do you like it?
A. The science teacher is nice, and there's not much homework.

Q. What is your hobby or favorite activity? Tell us about it.
A. Talking with friends. I like to see what their classes are like.

Q. Tell us about a person you admire.
A. Helen Simrill, a friend of mine at school. I admire her because she doesn't care what other people think.

Q. What is your goal in life?
A. To finish school and have a good job and go sky diving.

Q. Please complete this sentence: I think the world would be a better place if...
A. There was world peace, and if people were treated equally.

Personal Profile

Age: 12
Birthday: July 3, 1983
Grade: 7, Paideia School



Family Members:



E.H.D.

Bob - Allyson's dad is a Cost Estimator for Hazardous Waste Clean-up Projects and is employed by the Environmental Protection Agency.

Susan - Allyson's mother is a Communication Consultant for Speakeasy Inc., a company which helps people learn to communicate better in front of a large audience or small group.

Fluffy - Allyson's dog is a cute cocker spaniel.

Favorite Color: Green
Favorite Food: Pizza & ice cream
Pet or Favorite Animal: Fluffy
Favorite Sport: Soccer - Allyson plays soccer at Druid Hills High School and has won the "Most Improved Player" award. She's on the DDY United team.

This exclusive interview was conducted by Elizabeth Dicks on August 30, 1995.

Book Reviews, Etc.



On the Far Side of the Mountain by Jean Craighead George

This book, a sequel to My Side of the Mountain, is about Sam Gribbley, age 15, who continues his life living in a hollow tree in the Catskill Mountains of New York state. Sam has many adventures with his 13-year old sister Alice (who comes to live with him) and his good-natured mountain friends, Bando and Zella.

A sad part of the book is when Frightful, Sam's peregrine falcon, gets taken away by the conservation officer.

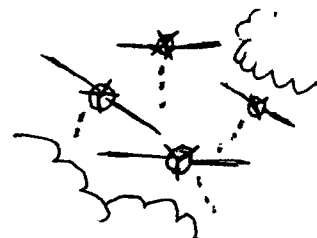
I like this book because it's full of adventure and excitement, and it teaches you about wild foods and survival skills. I recommend it to children, 9 and up. NFD

Journey to the Center of the Earth by Jules Verne

Journey to the Center of the Earth is an exciting science fiction book for grades six and up. In case you've seen the movie, it's very different than the book.

In the book, Axel and his uncle, Professor Liddenbrock, leave Hamburg, Germany and go on a journey from Iceland to (You guessed it!) the center of the earth. First, Professor Liddenbrock gathers necessary equipment, including ropes, lanterns, and food. Then, with a native guide named Hans, they begin their expedition by entering an extinct volcano called "Sneffels." They travel down into the crater of the volcano, exploring tunnels and discovering many amazing things in the depths of the earth, such as mushrooms, a mysterious light, and an ocean.

After several months of travelling under the land and seas, they reach their destination. Not long after they get there, though, they get shot out of a live volcano and end up on an island in the Mediterranean Sea called "Stromboli." Axel and the professor return to Germany, and Axel gets married. EHD



WARS

Tantrums of nations
With childish relations.

by Katherine Swint
(our neighborhood poet!)
128 Parkwood Lane

Francis Marion - Young Swamp Fox by William O. Steele

Francis Marion was born on a plantation near Georgetown, South Carolina in 1732. From the time Francis was a young boy, he enjoyed playing and exploring in the swamps and woods near his home. With Prince, the Marion's slave, he learned all about the plants, animals, and dangers of the dark and gloomy swamps.

One day out in the woods, Francis might've gotten eaten by some hungry alligators, but an Indian named Eagle Feather saved him. After that, Eagle Feather became a good friend of the Marion family.

When Francis became a man, he defended South Carolina against the British during the Revolutionary War. He would lead his men into the swamps to hide, and the British never could seem to catch them. One of the British generals nicknamed Francis "Swamp Fox."

I recommend this book to children, ages 7-9. I like it because it's exciting, and I think Francis Marion is a neat man. BBD (with help from AHD)



Holidays



LABOR DAY

Labor Day is past, and we hope you had a good one.

Over a hundred years ago, Peter McGuire, a carpenter, was at a labor union meeting and came up with the idea of a special day (the first Monday of September) to honor working people. The first Labor Day celebration in the United States was on September 5, 1882 in New York City.

Some cities have parades on this holiday, but mostly people rest, take picnics, give thanks for their jobs, and celebrate the end of summer.

BBD & AHD (Info obtained from Childcraft and World Book.)



By Kerry Hill, age 8 1/2

Work While You Work

Work while you work,
Play while you play;
One thing each time,
That is the way.
All that you do,
Do with your might;
Things done by halves
Are not done right.

(Selected by BBD from
The Book of Virtues.)

"That every man may eat and drink, and find satisfaction in all his toil--this is the gift of God." Ecclesiastes 3:8

JEWISH HIGH HOLIDAYS

Rosh HaShanah is the Jewish New Year celebration that comes between September 5 and October 5. This year it comes on September 24.

Rosh HaShanah means "beginning of the year" in Hebrew. Although the Biblical calendar year actually begins in spring, Rosh HaShanah is like a spiritual new year. It comes from the Feast of Trumpets referred to in the Bible in Leviticus 23. During a Rosh HaShanah service, a trumpet called a "shofar" (a ram's horn) is blown several times to announce the new year and to call God's people to repentance. In Jewish homes, sweet wine and sweet dishes such as raisin challah bread, carrots with honey, and apples dipped in honey are served to symbolize the sweet new year everyone hopes to have and the sweetness of God's love.

Rosh HaShanah also begins "Ten Days of Awe" or "Ten Days of Repentance." During these days, Jews ask for forgiveness for their sins and prepare their hearts for Yom Kippur, which is observed on the tenth day.

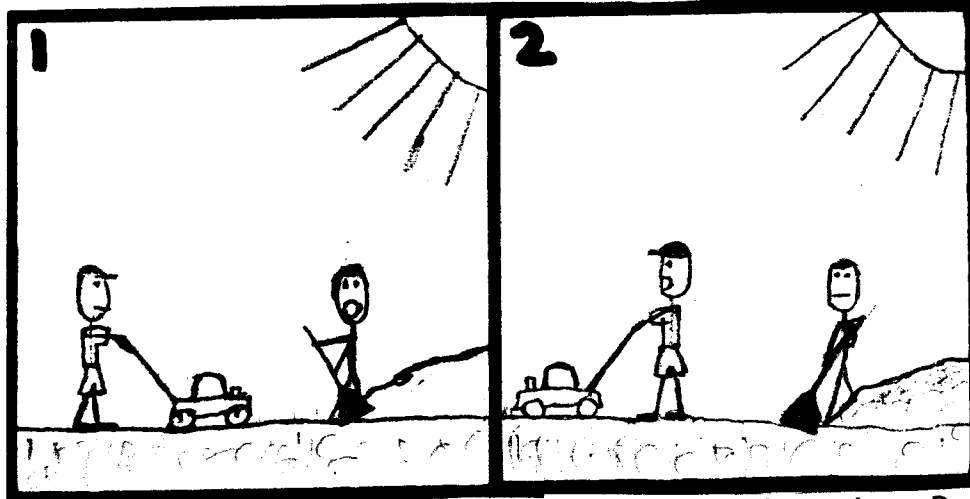
Yom Kippur is the most holy day of the Jewish year. It is described in Leviticus as the Day of Atonement. On this solemn day, Jews focus on their need for atonement, or payment, for their sins. Many Jews do not eat, and some do not drink water or even brush their teeth. The fast is ended at sunset with the drinking of sweet wine and eating of challah bread.

It's interesting to think that Jesus (Yeshua) celebrated these same holidays! If you would like to celebrate them too, Light of Messiah Ministries will be holding a Rosh HaShanah service on September 24 at 7:30 p.m. and a Yom Kippur service on October 3 at 7:30 p.m., at Intown Community Church on LaVista Road. We hope you'll come! EHD

(Information obtained from
Childcraft, God's Appointed Times,
and Light of Messiah Ministries.)

COMICS

IT'S NOT FAIR!



"Dad, why do we have to work on Labor Day?"

"Because it's Labor Day. Get busy!"

by "Late the Skare"

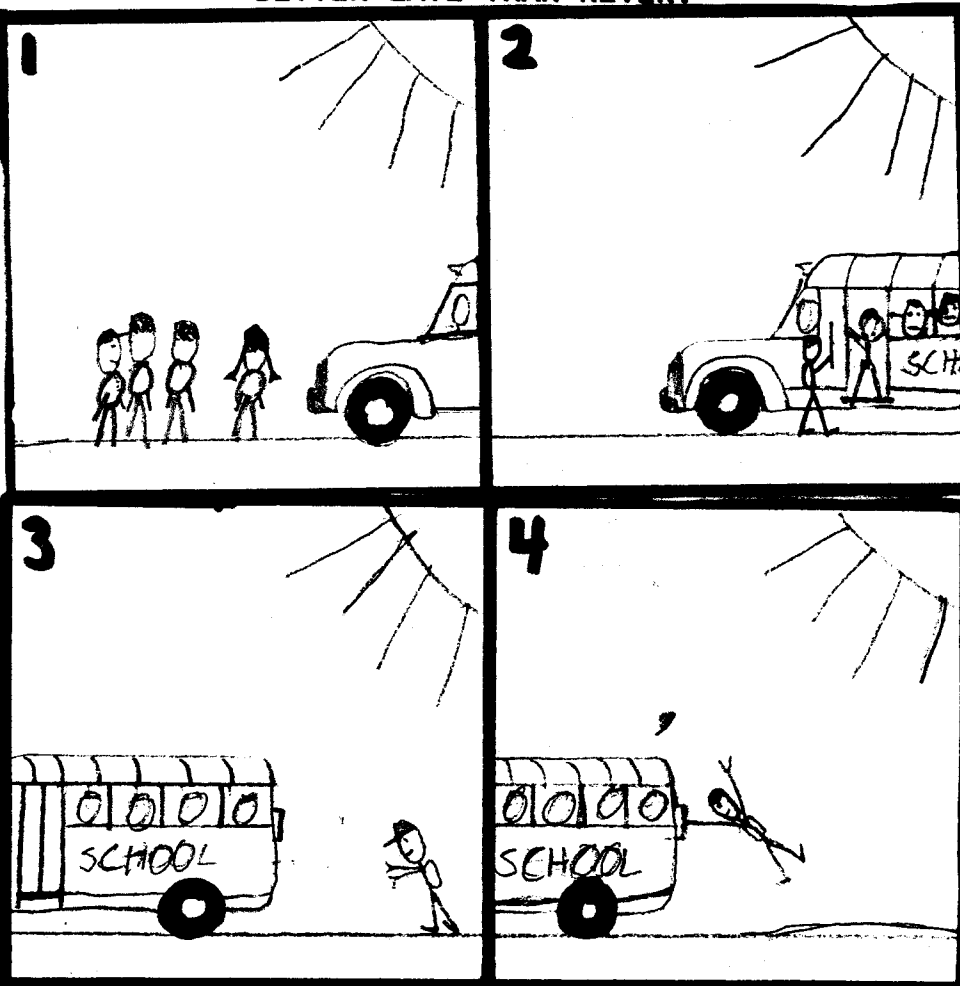
Mother: Doctor, my baby just swallowed a pen.

Doctor: I'll come right over.

Mother: What should I do until you get here?

Doctor: Use a pencil.

BETTER LATE THAN NEVER!



Ralph: How did you get out of the war in Iraq?

James: I-ran

Q. What happens when two bullets get married?
A. They have a little BB.

Q. What part of your body is the meanest?
A. Your heart, because it's always beating.

Sid: The doctor told me to drink carrot juice after a hot bath to get rid of my illness.

Sam: Did it work?

Sid: I don't know. I can never finish drinking the hot bath!

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By Elizabeth Dicks, Age 12
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This summer I attended a Red Cross certified babysitting class, sponsored by the Dekalb County Library.

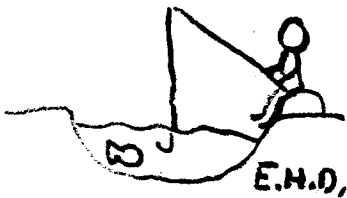
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FOURTH AND "FINALLY" ISSUE OF PICAYUNE

Thank you a million, neighbors, for your encouragement and support of our journalism efforts for almost a year now. We have learned a lot, but the biggest benefit has been getting to know our neighbors better. Although we won't be writing the newspaper anymore, we hope the friendships we've made will continue. As we've said many times before, you are wonderful people, and we pray that God will bless each and every one of you. Hope you had a great summer! AHD, BBD, EHD, JFD, NFD



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