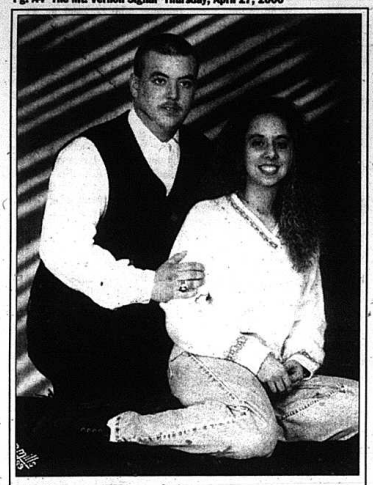
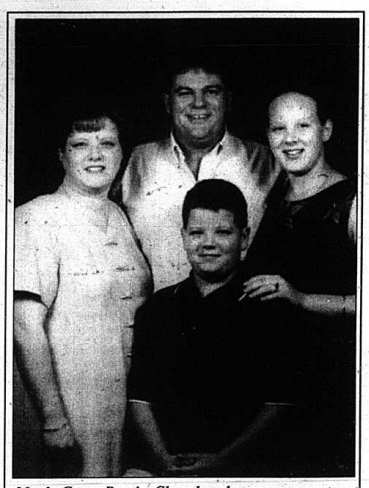


Mize - Harris

Homer and Judy Mize of Brodhead would like to announce the upcoming marriage of their daughter, Shawna Lynn Mize to J.C. Harris, son of Harold and Carol Harris of Brodhead. The wedding will take Saturday May 6, 2000 at 2:00 in the afternoon at the Brodhead Baptist Church in Brodhead. A reception will follow at the church. All family and friends are invited to attend.



Maple Grove Baptist Church welcomes new pastor

Bro. Keith Carr of Jackson County is the new Pastor at Maple Grove Baptist Church. Bro. Carr and his wife Valerie Joan have two children. Brittany is a sophomore at Jackson Co. High School and Brandon is in the 6th grade at Jackson Co. Middle School. We invite everyone out this Sunday to Homecoming to meet our new Pastor and family. Bro. Carr is the third Pastor at Maple Grove. Bro. Lester Arnold served from the establishment of the first church in 1964 to his death. Bro. Tim Hampton served nine years as assistant to Bro. Arnold and as Pastor.

"Sweet n' Sour"

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racy has to offer. The hospitality offered them was accepted in good faith and they became free to express their voice and live in peace. This act was the love of a Country for the freedom of others.

I, and probably many more like me, had never heard of Jaun Miguel Gonzalez, nor his son Elian until his unfortunate incident of a child being rescued from the ocean, off the coast of Miami, Florida. Now, not only the United States is aware of their names, the whole world is listening and watching for the next episode of Little Elian, and his father, Jaun Miguel Gonzalez.

I wonder if the mama, who was trying to enter the U.S.A. with her son and boyfriend, could see the consequences of her dream of her and Elian being an American citizen and live in the land of freedom if she would try it again? Would she tolerate her son being kept from his father? Would she approve of him being made a circus show piece for the world to look at and feel sorry for because he lost his Mommy and had to live with kinfolks? I doubt that very much for all indications have shown he was well raised and taught how to deal with problems.

Love is truly blind when it comes to decisions such as these. She loved him enough to risk his and her life getting him to what she believed was freedom, although at the same time teaching him to disregard the law of both countries. Her actions were saying, "If you want something badly enough it doesn't matter what the law says." She also loved him enough to give him the chance to live and reach the land of the free by tying him onto her own life device, and innertube, then lost her own life in doing so. That was supreme. Love. ——God Is Love.

His Papa has also loved and cared for him, much of his life. Elian's mother worked, as many mothers in this country do, and he spent these days and nights with his father. We have no way of knowing what took place during those years, but one thing is very evident, "someone did an excellent job of teaching and building character into that little body and mind." His every action is evidence of love and care from both parents.

More love was awaiting him in Florida. His fathers kinfolks were asked to care for him till arrangements could be made for his father to come to America and get him. And so they did. And his rescue from the sea soon became the symbol of a "Divine Rescue." It was then he became the center of attention by the media.

The Gonzalez family began showing their love for their special guest under their protection began by heaping gifts of love upon him. Things families on modest income would never be able to afford. They took on expensive sight seeing tours that many children never dream of seeing. His mind was being filled with the advantages of living in America, but not the realities of every day living after the excitement was over. To me, all this attention, toys of every description at his disposal, the hundreds of people lining the fence and having their children touch his hand as if they believed him a saint was brain washing and mental abuse. This child was in mourning for the mama he watched drown and should have been in his Papa's arms. Of course this distant family loved the little boy, who wouldn't love that little "Orphan of the Storm"? I would take him home with me in a minute. He is one of the brightest, most charming children I have ever seen on T.V. And I also believe his active fertile mind will store these memories for future decisions. And right beside them will be the one of his reunion with his Papa, which in turn will refresh the ones of his mama and the times they spent happily together. And probably the one of her last moments with him.

Love is such a strong force in our lives it can confuse us to what is right and wrong in times of stress. I am sure those loved ones in Little Havana thought they were doing the right thing when they hindered his father from seeing him by putting off the event by various means. Every time a solution was thought to be worked out another stumbling block was erected. One was when his beloved cousin went to the hospital. This was more trauma for him to face. Maybe she would die too. And I would think his reunion with his two grandmothers would have been traumatic in the setting where they were forced to meet. Not much privacy, a strange house, and "where is my Papa?" His cool reception to his grandparents was, to me, a certainty he had been counseled, was still in shock or deep grief and not ready to share it with anyone but Papa.

I saw love in another area some people will not agree on. I saw it when Janet Reno wiped tears from eyes and swallowed deeply when she announced, "The hour has come when something has to be done about removing Elian from where he is and returning him to his father." We have gone the last mile and cannot come to an agreement." And the place for him is with his father. Now the only choice we have is by obeying the law. She was truly disturbed by the decision forced on her.

I'll agree it was not a pretty scene. I wish it could have been accomplished by them handing over the child when the law announced they had come for him. But somewhere in their confused state of mind they believed they could still defy the law and keep him.

I also saw Janet Reno when smiles covered her face and her eyes twinkled when she mentioned his name while talking about negotiations with the family. She repeatedly commented on what a wonderful little boy he was.

Love does bloom in strange and unusual circumstances.

This "SAGA OF THE SEA," the love and hate it has brought forth in families, communities, nations, law and order, politics and the media, could easily go down in history as, "The Little Cast Away," that won the heart of the world with out ever fighting a battle.

That is what LOVE is about.

"Points East"

(Cont. from A2)

Culpepper is almost always upbeat. When practically everybody in the state is ridiculing the Wildcats, Chuck is the guy finding the bright spots. When it has been absolutely necessary to report something negative, he has been almost apologetic.

I wonder who is going to cover the Derby this year from a horse's perspective, something that Culpepper has done so well that you believe you are actually listening to a hay burner tell his side of the story.

How about optimistic sports writer. This year when thousands of sports writers across the country were picking who would win the NCAA and touting their rationale, Chuck allowed that approximately 64 teams had a shot at winning it and since almost everybody else had already been spoken for, he chose Arkansas.

I've forgotten what the story was about and it was not the first time that Culpepper's column wound up on top of the paper's front page, but an out-of towner was visiting me and made the remark that only in Kentucky would a sports column be the lead story in a major newspaper. Then he read the story and looked up at me. "Man," he said. "This guy is good. Is he a regular sports writer."

"Only the best in the country," I told him. And I believe that with all my heart.

So go with God, Chuck Culpepper. And I am dead serious about that subscription to the Oregonian. Our loss is Portland's gain, but I tell you pal, I am going to miss you terribly. I'm not really looking forward to becoming a Trailblazers fan, but I understand they play one sort of ball game or another in Portland and that's the name of the team. I really don't care what the sport is, as long as you're the guy working the best, I know that I'll be grinning.

As for the *Herald Leader*, thank God for Zits, Family Circus and Dave Barry on weekends is all I have to say in that regard.

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Rockcastle County High School Council seeks 2000-2001 Parent Members

We are seeking two parents to serve on the Rockcastle County High School Council from July 1, 2000 to June 30, 2001.

A parent, stepparent, foster parent or legal guardian of a child who will attend RCHS next year may nominate himself/herself or another parent, stepparent, foster parent or legal guardian of a child who will attend RCHS next year. Candidates should fill out a short nomination form saying why they want to run and showing that they are eligible. The forms are currently available in the school office and need to be returned to the office by Monday, May 8th.

On Wednesday, May 10th, statements from all candidates will be sent home to 8th, 9th, 10th and 11th grade parents.

On Tuesday, May 16th, all 8th, 9th, 10th and 11th grade parents are invited to vote in the high school auditorium at 6:30 PM.

The school council decides on school policies, plans and budgets that will help improve student performance. Some major efforts of the 1999-2000 council have been hiring a new principal, revising by-laws and governance policies, and planning continuing school improvement efforts.

The 2000-2001 council is likely to monitor and revise school planning efforts, monitor and revise safe school policies and continue curriculum improvement.

New council members will receive at least six hours of training to prepare them for their role on the council.

If your child will be a Rockcastle County High School student next year, please consider this important opportunity to help make our school even stronger than it is today!