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Robinson takes over for Robinson at ASD Wife now holds husband's old job

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Since 1998, Marvice Robinson has served as a First Lady of sorts for the Alabama School for the Deaf volleyball team. During a five-year stretch her husband, Patrick Robinson, guided the Lady Warriors on the court, while she served as his assistant coach.

Now Patrick Robinson must adjust to the role as First Husband of the ASD netters while his better half runs the show.

Marvice is the new head coach of the School's volley-

ball team, taking over for Patrick, who will soon begin his second year as ASD boys' basketball coach.

"I always refer to them as the Robinson due, said ASD athletic director Kay Hill. "Now I tell people they're splitting up – not their marriage, just as a coaching duo."



The pair has been married for nine years, and the 2003 season -- which begins Thursday when the Lady Tribe travels to Fayetteville – will mark the first head coaching stint for Marvice. The couple has two small children, and with one coaching basketball and the other volleyball, it allows them to better navigate the obstacles associated with being working parents.

Marvice has already logged

multiple hours getting her team ready for a new season – and a new era.

"I'm very excited and I think the girls are very excited because they have a woman role model," Marvice said. "They already know me, and for the most part my style of coaching will be the same as that of Patrick's. There will be some differences, though."

Patrick admits it'll be a bit strange to be a spectator instead of a mentor.

"Sometimes I think it'll be bad, but then I also think there comes a time to give it up and this is the time," he said. "She deserves the job and I know she'll do well."

Marvice had a stellar career as an athlete, and is already a member of the South Carolina School for the Deaf Hall of Fame. Aside from excelling at volleyball and track at

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SCSD, she has also represented the United States in the Deaf Olympics.

“She was a speedster – one of the best in deaf school history,” Hill said. “And I think the girls appreciate what she accomplished as an athlete and already look up to her as a coach.”

In 2002, the Silent Warriors finished with a 19-12 worksheet, and Marvice hopes to better her husband’s efforts this time around.

We lost two good seniors,

but we have a great group coming back,” she said.

“What I’m trying to do is get our younger girls motivated. If I can do that, I think we’ll have a chance for a really good season.”

Of course, hubby won’t be far away if his wife should need him.

“Hey, she has a Master’s degree so I don’t think she’d even want my help,” he said. “But if she does, I’ll be there. I’m proud of her, and she knows I’ll help her any way I can.”

“Even if I’m sitting in the stands.”



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News from Around

SCSDB TO LAUNCH DEAF EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP

By
Carol Mabry Garrett, Vice President

SCSDB has begun efforts to establish a statewide Deaf Education Partnership. The purpose of this comprehensive partnership is to identify and bring together South Carolina's stakeholders who have an interest in the education of children in our state who are deaf and hard of hearing. Represented in this partnership will be SCSDB, SC Department of Education, higher education institutions, state agencies and advocacy groups such as SCAD. These partners will represent a broad view of educational services and programs across our state to include all children who are deaf and hard of hearing regardless of their educational placement, whether it be in their local school district, at SCSDB, within the natural environment or other special setting. The goal is to identify and focus on critical issues that impact high quality education for these children. The most effective way for us to meet current and future challenges is to partner and work together in this important effort.

The SC Deaf Education Partnership will be similar in function to the SC Vision Education Partnership successfully established and led by SCSDB since 2000.

The SC Deaf Education Partnership will kick off this fall. Developments will be shared in upcoming editions of South Carolina News.



FISHING NEWS

by
Bassin Bob

Lake Wateree - Saturday, October 4. The South Carolina Bass Anglers of the Deaf had their 10th tournament of the year at Lake Wateree State Park. The weather was a bit chilly in the early morning, but after a couple of hours it started warming up and turned out to be a beautiful day. The water temperature at 72 degrees was ideal for fishing and catching bass. Four bass anglers participated in this event. Bassin Bob (Spartanburg) after three straight tournaments of failing to catch a fish, finally hit the jackpot by taking home first place honors with a catch of 2 fish weighting a total of 2 pounds and 9 ounces. Second place went to Harland Bryant (Pacolet) who caught 1 fish weighting 1 pound and 2 ounces. The next tournament will be held at Lake Wylie Ebenezer Park on November 8. Fishing

has been excellent at Wylie and hopefully we will have a large turnout. Take care and see you next time.

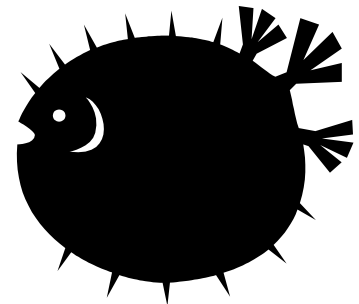
Fishing Results:

(winner, fish,/dead, weight)

- 1) Bob Morrow, 2/0, 2 lbs 9 oz
 - 2) Harland Bryant, 1/0, 1 lb 2 oz
- Chuck Funderburk, 0
Richard Price, 0

Lunker:

- 1) Bob Morrow, 1 lb 12 oz



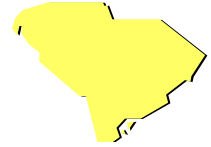
FISHING NEWS, Part II

By
Bassin Bob

Lake Greenwood- Saturday September 20. The South Carolina Bass Anglers of the Deaf held their 9th tournament of the year at Lake Greenwood State Park.

The weather was sunny, nice and ideal for fishing. The water temperature was a bit warm at 84 degrees. Six deaf bass anglers participated in this tough event. Harland Bryant (Pacolet) took top honors by being the only fisherman able to catch a legal size (12"+) fish to weight. The other fishermen were not so lucky, but reported several misses. Everyone had a good

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time and looks forward to our next tournament at Lake Wateree on Saturday, October 4. Hope to see you at Wateree. Take care and Happy Fishing.

Fishing Results:

(winner, fish/dead, weight)

1) sHarland Bryant, 1/0, 1 lb 2 oz

Edward Montgomery, 0

Richard Hiott, 0

Pacificio Santiago, 0

Richard Price, 0

Bob Morrow, 0

Lunker (14"+)

1) Harland Bryant, 1 lb 2 oz

MAD News By Secretary of MAD Clint Sallings

Hello SC people...

Last Oct 4,2003 we hosted MAD's Italian dinner for the NAD people and community members and it was a HIT !! We had about 60 people that came for dinner including 26 delegates. We provides din-



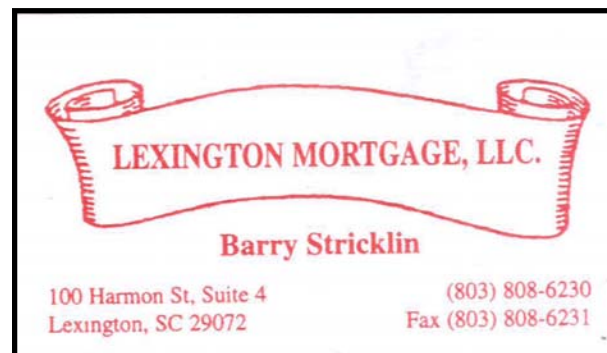
ner choices of spaghetti, ravioli, chicken patties, various dessert choices, drinks. Lots of people had a great time and I want to say thank you to all the people who came to dinner to show support. Special thanks to Holly May's mother who made very delicious rolls and George Heinen's mother who made a very delicious fruit cocktail. One more special thanks to the people who cooked and helped set up for the dinner. We can't say thank you enough to everyone for the big help we received... God Bless you all...

Advertising

Hello everyone:

Allow me to introduce myself. My name is Alan Stricklin, formerly known as Alan Poon. I graduated from Model Secondary School for the Deaf, Washington, DC in 1997. I moved to Lexington, SC about 2 1/2 years ago from Boston, Massachusetts. I am currently a student at Midlands Technical College where I am working towards an Associate of Arts degree. I also work with my dad, Barry Stricklin who has managed his own mortgage company, Lexington Mortgage Co., for 8 years. He knows how to sign pretty well and is able to communication with the Deaf people in SC. I wanted to share this information because it is a great opportunity for anyone who wants to buy a new house, get a loan, refinance, or build up good credit, and you may visit our web site is <http://ameripanelsc.com/>. I know the business pretty well and help Deaf people with any of their needs. Good credit is very important part of your life. Please feel free to email me at Alan@lexingtonmortgage.net or Barry@lexingtonmortgage.net for more information if you want to check your credit report to see if you are quality to get a loan for refinance to get low interest to save bucks.

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Television Captioning Censorship Hurts Family Values

Silver Spring, MD - The National Association of the Deaf (NAD) urged President Bush to overturn a recent decision by the U.S. Department of Education to declare almost 200 television shows inappropriate for captioning by the Department's Technology and Media Services for Individuals with Disabilities program, effective October 1, 2003. According to NAD President, Andrew J. Lange, the Department's action is government censorship and contradicts President Bush's promotion of family values and parental accountability.

Under the current guidelines, applicants for captioning grants take into account the preferences of consumers, through grantee Consumer Advisory Boards (CABs) and other feedback mechanisms, when selecting "educational, news, or informational" programs for captioning. The recent decision deeming almost 200 television shows inappropriate for captioning apparently was based entirely on additional descriptive categories and actions of an external panel of five unnamed individuals.

Required federal rulemaking processes were completely disregarded, thus the public was not provided with the opportunity to provide written opinions, data, or arguments on the recently narrowed definition of "educational, news, or informational" programs for captioning.

Nancy J. Bloch, NAD Executive Director, said, "this secretive process amounts to censorship, which runs counter to the principles of the First Amendment freedom of speech. This action also segregates

over 28 million deaf and hard of hearing individuals from access to the same shows as everyone else in America." In addition, Bloch added, families of persons with a hearing loss (parents, siblings, and grandparents in particular) bring the number of persons adversely impacted to many millions more.

Most if not all of the censored shows are in fact educational and informative. These include reruns of family favorites such as "Bewitched" and modern shows such as "Law & Order." "Disney Monthly Original Children's Movies" and "Pokemon" cartoons, fixtures in today's youth culture, are also being censored. Virtually all sports programming has been censored, isolating deaf and hard of hearing students of all ages, not only in the classroom, but within the family, at the school lunch table, and on the playground. The censorship of these shows not only prevent deaf and hard of hearing children from watching shows that help them learn about the trends, culture, and society around them, censorship also prevents deaf and hard of hearing parents from making informed decisions on appropriate programming for their children.

"Without captioning, millions of deaf and hard of hearing parents, such as myself, are unable to preview shows for appropriate content for their children, to watch television programming with their families, or to engage in dialogue with their children in response to televised programs. Education does not stop at the schoolhouse door. My duties and responsibilities as a parent to pass on our family values to my children has been under-

mined by a few government officials," said Lange who called upon the President to practice what he preaches and restore parental authority by overturning the recent censorship decision.

Similar efforts to censor captioning in 1998 was met by a massive, nationwide outcry of consumer protest. These censorship efforts failed, in part, because then-Department of Education Secretary Richard W. Riley affirmed that the government should not "supersede the individual judgment of million of deaf Americans" nor should the Department single out particular television programs resulting in a denial of access for deaf and hard of hearing individuals. See Riley's letter at: <http://www.nad.org/infocenter/newsroom/nadnews/EdSecretaryRileyRespon.html>.

"We've always enjoyed a close relationship with the Department in promoting education and family values. This rehashing of the 1998 issue is very disappointing," Bloch said. Consumers are encouraged to share their views and opinions with Congressional members and Department of Education officials; contact information is available at: <http://www.congress.org/congressorg/home/>

For a list of recently approved and disapproved television programs for U.S. Department of Education captioning support, click on: <http://www.nad.org/openhouse/action/alerts/captioningcensorship/list.html>

SCAD Schedule of Events

NOVEMBER

**November 1, 2003
(Saturday)** - 9:00 am until 10:00 am Breakfast Social, 10:00 am until ???, **SCAD Board meeting**, SCAD Home Office

**November 8, 2003
(Saturday)** - SCBAD Fishing Tournament, Lake Wylie, Ebenezer Park, Rock Hill, SC (State Road 161), contact rhmor-row@charter.net

**November 8, 2003
(Saturday)** - Spartanburg Association of the Deaf (SgAD) Host Thanksgiving Dinner. Time and Place - TBA

**November 22, 2003
(Saturday)** - SCBAD Fishing Tournament, Lake Greenwood, Greenwood State Park, Ninety Six, SC (State Road 702), contact rhmorrow@charter.net

**November 24, 2003
(Monday) through December 24, 2003
(Wednesday)** - Spartan-

burg Association of the Deaf (SgAD) host fundraising Christmas Gift Wrap at Westgate Mall, Spartanburg. Please come and support our fundraising.

DECEMBER

**December 1, 2003
(Monday) through December 24, 2003
(Wednesday)** - Spartanburg Association of the Deaf (SgAD) host fundraising Christmas Gift Wrap at Westgate Mall, Spartanburg. Please come and support our fundraising.

JANUARY

**January 10, 2004
(Saturday)** - 9:00 am until 10:00 am Breakfast Social, 10:00 am until ???, **SCAD Board meeting**, SCAD Home Office

MARCH

**March 6, 2004
(Saturday)** - 9:00 am until 10:00 am Breakfast Social, 10:00 am until ???, **SCAD Board meeting**, SCAD Home Office

APRIL

**April 24-25, 2004
(Saturday and Sunday)** - Revival by Carter Bearden at First Baptist Church in Dillon, SC.

MAY

May 1, 2004 (Saturday) - 9:00 am until 10:00 am Breakfast Social, 10:00 am until ???, **SCAD Board meeting**, SCAD Home Office

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