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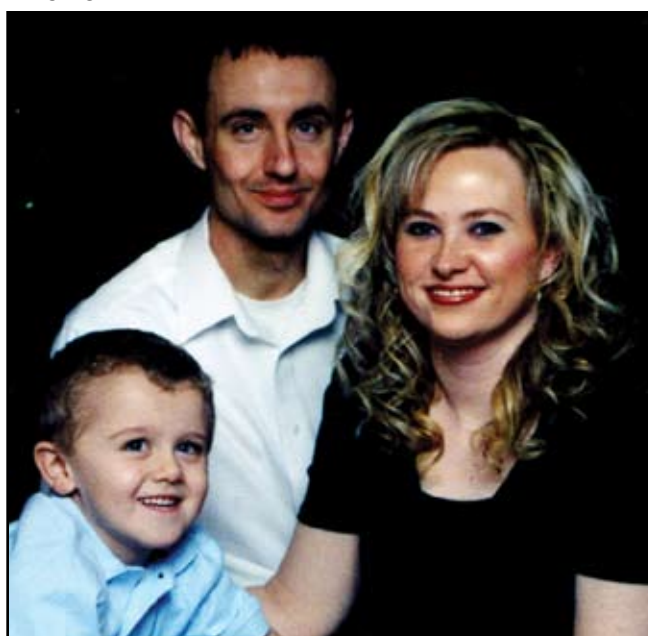
WEDDING



Ashley and Bill Sizemore

Ashley Candace Smith and Bill Travis Sizemore were united in marriage July 12, 2008 at the Wedding Chapel at The Preserve in Pigeon Forge, Tenn. A reception was held after the ceremony at the Preserve Resort. Ashley is a 2005 graduate of Lynn Camp High School and a full-time student. She is employed by Ventures Plus, LLC. She is the daughter of Gary and Kimberly McCracken-Helton of Corbin and the granddaughter of Mickey and Betty McCracken of Corbin and Faye Helton of Woodbine. Travis is a 1994 graduate of South Laurel High School and is employed by CSX Transportation. He is the son of Billy Sizemore of Science Hill and Elaine Rudy of Lily. He is the grandson of Junior and Faye Sizemore of East Bernstadt, and the late Junior and Georgia Kilburn of Lily. After a honeymoon in Cancun, the couple now resides in London.

ENGAGEMENT



Proffitt - Williams

Koby Andrew Proffitt would like to announce the union in marriage of his father, Kevin Douglas Proffitt and bride-to-be, Jennifer June Williams. The ceremony will take place Saturday Aug. 16, 2008, at Pisgah Church in Somerset with Brother Phillip Williams officiating. Jennifer is the daughter of Buddy and Norma Williams of Nancy. Kevin is the son of Steve and Patricia Proffitt, formerly of Corbin. All friends and family are invited to attend.

BIRTH



Levi and Lucas Hayden

Shane and Amy Brock of Corbin are proud to announce the birth of their twin sons, Levi Hunter and Lucas Hayden. Lucas and Levi were born May 12, 2008 in Lexington. Lucas weighed 5 pounds 10 ounces and was 17 inches long. Levi weighed 5 pounds 15 ounces and was 17 1/2 inches long. Maternal grandparents are Donnie House and Elaine Morgan of London. Paternal grandparents are Bill and Jean Brock of Corbin.

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TIPPING THE SCALES OF JUSTICE

Barbourville attorney has no qualms about taking on the corporate giants if that's what it takes to meet the financial and emotional needs of his clients

BY BOBBIE POYNTER
COMMUNITY EDITOR

The Law Office of Samuel E. Davies in Barbourville looks nothing like a stuffy lawyer's office. It's just too pretty. Every room from ceiling to floor treats the eye to a panoramic vista of Barbourville's beautiful and historic past.

That's because attorneys Samuel E. Davies (call him the Grey Sam, not the Old Sam) and his son, Samuel G. Davies, run their law office out of the same building that houses the Towne Square Place Bed and Breakfast. Older Barbourville residents would remember it as the old Sampson B. Knuckles mansion on Knox Street.

Samuel E. Davies, 62, is the son of Bill Davies, a Welsh immigrant whose own father came to America in 1902 to work in the Kentucky coal mines, bringing with him the only thing of value he owned — a 4-6 foot harp, which is still with the family to this very day. A year later he was joined by Samuel's father Bill (who was 6 years old then), grandmother, aunt and two uncles.

Sam's eldest uncle, Elias, the attorney's namesake, was unhappy in America and opted to return to Europe. Sadly, Elias was lost at sea and never made it home.

Bill Davies was already 50 years old when he fell in love and married Alice, a local girl from Stinking Creek, who herself was then more than 30 years old.

Sam's mom and dad ran a little country store in the blue-collar Frog Level of Barbourville (so-named because the ground was so low and marshy that the frogs stayed out both day and night).

"That old grocery store was a good place to grow up," said Sam. "We got to hear the old men sitting outside on the porch talking politics. And we got to meet a lot of people coming and going, including those families coming back from the Korean War, who moved here and there looking for work and, like the rest of us, were living from day-to-day."

Sam grew up an intelligent and inquisitive young man. He loved trying new things, things that would stretch his mental capacity to its fullest. However, his curiosity did occasionally get the best of him.

"Me and my brother built our own laboratory," recalled Sam. "The college (Union) was cleaning its chemistry lab waste and we'd salvage through the pits. We built a pretty little classy laboratory in our dad's barn. That is, until we figured out how to put chemicals together to make black gunpowder. In testing it, we blew a hole in the roof of our dad's barn. That put us out of the chemistry business."

Sam never lost his knack for trying new things and breaking new ground. As an attorney, Sam's favorite cases are those that have never been tried before.

"I've done a lot of first impression cases," he said. "I like it when no one else has done them — the more difficult, the more unique, the more that I identify with it."

Sam likes the "first impression" cases because, even though they are the more difficult to try, they help break new ground in the legal community.

"If you think about it, a tire blows out all the time," he said, "and there's been a bunch of them, so everyone knows what to do about it. I like to see what they'll do with something that's never happened before."

As a 35-year veteran attorney, Sam has had his fill of groundbreaking cases.

Sam was the lead attorney in the CTA injury and death cases. When they were resolved in the factory, CTA hired Davies to design the liability of its portion against the man-



PHOTO BY BOBBIE POYNTER

Samuel E. Davies, prominent attorney, greets his clients from within the peaceful country decor of the Towne Square Place Bed and Breakfast in Barbourville. The building's impressive collection of family and community memorabilia artfully arranged by Sam's wife, Linda Davies, exhibit the colorful history of both its owners and the surrounding community.

ufacturer of the material that blew up, resulting in a \$123 million verdict. To date, he is still one of the attorneys of record.

In 1994, Sam tried a case featured on NBC with Katie Couric against a manufacturer of Parlodel, a medication used to suppress lactation after childbirth. The drug had significant side effects, and Sam stepped in when a client who had suffered a massive stroke came to him after taking the drug. The drug was eventually withdrawn from the market.

Sam went to bat against a major auto manufacturer in 1999 when a van carrying a group of young athletes from Australia and New Zealand rolled over on I-75, killing three and severing another's arm. The group was on its way to the Kentucky Horse Park to participate in the Rolex Games. The resulting \$20 million settlement was only the beginning.

Following the case, the National Highway Safety Administration tested the vehicles and agreed to their dangerous roll-over tendency. Manufacturers have since taken action to correct the problem. The fix turned out to be as simple as widening the wheel base.

"No one had ever beaten a major automotive company," said Sam. "This was long overdue. It was information the public really needed to know. In fact, it led to public awareness all over the world."

"We knew we were doing the right thing. We tried to keep in mind that most of the jury were Toyota employees. The defense felt the jury would favor them in defense of the automotive industry. My thinking was that we were actually doing Toyota a favor by making this public, thereby affording them the chance to be heroes by coming out and building a better car."

Just last year, Sam settled a case for a family in Clay County whose house had burned to the ground. They had an insurance agent who allegedly charged the family an excessive premium and then pocketed the money, causing their homeowner's insurance to

lapse. Sam and Senator Robert Stivers were the attorneys of record.

"We sued the company he worked for alleging they hadn't done a proper background on the guy and qualified him," explained Sam.

It took a couple of years, but the company finally settled the case. During the two-year period, the family had been living in half-way houses and hotels. The couple had four foster children and no money to pay the lawyers. There wasn't

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Sam Davies dresses to the 'kilt' in a regalia (formal dress) as he escorts his wife Linda to a dance. The distinctive color and tartan (plaid) design of his kilt identifies him as a member of the Welsh Davies clan.

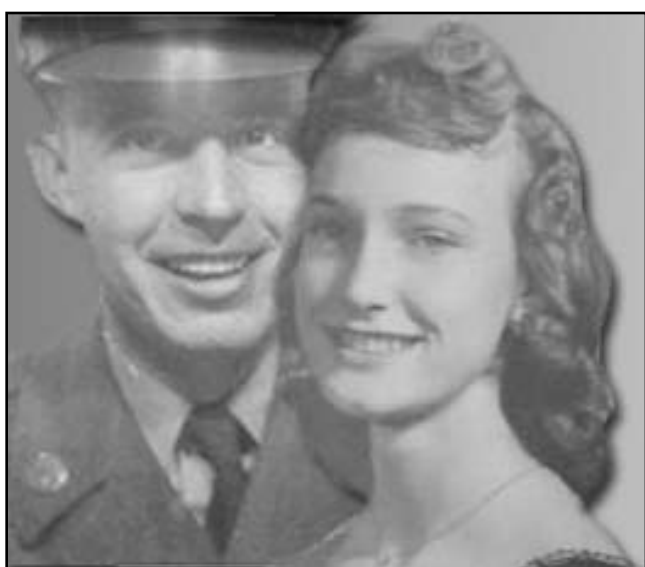
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50TH ANNIVERSARY



Bobby and Margie Bailey

Bobby and Margie Bailey will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary, Sat Aug. 9th at a surprise dinner hosted by their daughters at Keavy Fire Dept, in Keavy. Bobby is the son of John and Susan Bailey of Wooten and Margie is the daughter Thomas and Mae Hart of Keavy. Their children are Dennis Bailey of Ohio, Bobby Bailey of Texas, Penny Lopez of Keavy, Rita Martin of Arizona, Jeffrey Bailey of Pineville, Danny Bailey of IN, Tammy Hayes of Williamsburg, and Peggysue Salyers of Corbin. They have 21 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren. They have been longtime members of Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses for over 35 years. We hope that all friends and family can attend, anyone wishing information please call 606-620-7638 or 606-280-7407.



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Union's president, Edward D. de Rosset, far right; Dr. Lou Ann Hopper, an associate vice president at Union, far left; and Professor Mary Alice Lay, bottom-center, hosted area educators for KTIP training on July 25.

Union Hosts KTIP Training for Area Educators

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES-TRIBUNE

Union College hosted area teachers and principals on July 25 for a day of mandatory KTIP TPA (Kentucky Teacher Internship Program-Teacher Performance Assessment) training.

Union's Department of Education worked with regional KTIP coordinators to bring the training to Union,

allowing educators from Bell, Knox and Laurel counties to complete the session close to home. Nearly 20 principals and teachers attended.

KTIP was created to assist new teachers, particularly during their first year in the profession. Kentucky recently changed the KTIP model, which now requires new teachers to develop a Teacher Performance Assessment (TPA). The TPA pro-

vides a way for new teachers to analyze and monitor success in the classroom through the use of data. The transition from KTIP to KTIP TPA requires that those involved in administering KTIP at area schools be retrained in the new model. Union agreed to fund and host the training to aid local educators in meeting the new requirements.

DAVIES

FROM FRONT PAGE

enough money for the family to buy a house and fill it with furniture, and the attorneys felt it was more important to get the children back into a home, so the men bypassed their attorney's fees and added it to the family's settlement.

"It breaks your heart for it happen," said Sam. "But, as I get older, I see it happen more and more.

"This couple was special. How many people will take in four children and adopt them? In fact, these two adopted the children even after they lost their home. Today, they have one in college and the others in high school."

The family still keeps in touch with the Barbourville attorney and sends him pictures of their growing family.

Sam credits his success to his loyal and dedicated staff. Both his office manager, Alene Foley, and his legal assistant, Boyd Richardson, have been with him since he first opened his business 35 years ago in a small, two-room office hidden away in an alley on the Barbourville courthouse square.

Now that his son, attorney Samuel G. Davies, works with him, Sam said the office has finally joined with the technology age. Sam explained the workings of a modern lawyer's office requires extensive organization, both in the office and in the courtroom, and Samuel G. has brought his substantial knowledge of

the computer with him.

"It's such a joy working with my son," said Sam. "We have a good working relationship. Samuel (G.) is very technologically savvy. In the last few cases alone, he's organized us such that it made all the difference in trying the case and settling it.

"Me? I missed the technology revolution."

Sam's son is just as happy to be working side-by-side with his father.

"It's an honor to work with my dad," said Samuel (G.). "I've learned from him all my life, and now I get the privilege of working with him. It's not a sweat shop here. We do it because we like it. If I'm to establish a reputation, I'd rather be associated with him than any other attorney I know."

Sam works long hours

and does a lot of traveling, depending on the cases he is working on. However, Samuel E. Davies is, and always has been, a family man first. He and Linda, his wife of 38 years, were their sons' greatest supporters throughout the boys' school years. Both sons, Logan and Samuel G., attended St. Camillus Academy, and each excelled in his own right. Logan was one of Knox County Piranhas' top swimmers for many years (with Dad as club representative), and later became a volunteer assistant for the Piranhas after he moved on to college. Samuel, on the other hand, became an Eagle Scout, with his mom serving as den mother and both parents helping with the many Boy Scout activities and camp outs. Once the boys were grown, Sam and Linda spent several years as caregivers for their own parents.

"No matter how busy things get, Dad always take time for family," said Samuel G. "If Mom calls, everything stops, regardless of who he's talking to on the phone or who might be in the office. He's always been like that. Family has always come first."

Sam's life is definitely not all work and no play.

Sam and Linda have been members of the Cumberland Valley USA Ballroom Dance Club for many years. Although family obligations slowed their dancing for a while, the couple is now back in the swing of things. Sam is the club president, and with Linda's help, schedules dances and sends out monthly newsletters. Oftentimes, they join the other 65 members from across Bell, Whitley, Pulaski, Knox, Laurel and Clay counties for group tours and cruises. Through their association with the dance club, the couple has visited many picturesque locations over the years including Hawaii, Alaska, Denmark, Russia, Norway, Germany and most recently, China.

Professionally, Samuel E. Davies, has been recognized by his peers as one of the top attorneys in the state of Kentucky.

In 2003, Sam was inducted into the American College of Trial Lawyers, an international recognition of attorneys in America, Canada and other countries. This was a particularly special honor as it is restricted to less than one percent of the lawyers in any given state and the vote must be unanimous.

In 2007, Sam was honored at the outstanding trial lawyer in the Kentucky Trial Lawyers Association (now known as the Kentucky Justice Association).

This past year Sam was honored as the 2007 Kentucky Trial Lawyer of the Year and presented with an Abraham Lincoln bust, which he proudly displays in his office.

In the August 2008 issue of "Kentucky Monthly Magazine" Sam was named as one of the Super Lawyers of 2008, which lists the top 50 attorneys in the state.

After 35 years as a trial lawyer, Sam said he has never even considered retiring. Why would he when he has the best of both worlds?

"I like what I do," he said. "If I were to retire, I'd do exactly what I do now, go to work and dance. When I'm working, I'm traveling. So I can't see any reason to retire."

For now, Sam will continue to do the two things he enjoys most, dance with his wife and help those who can't help themselves.

"This trial practice is like a gambler that plays Texas Hold 'Em all the time," he said. "If you don't win, you don't get paid. Very exciting."

COME HOME, IT'S SUPPERTIME

Coming straight from the heart

Hello! Hope you're not too busy to lend me a few of your precious moments today; I want to give you two great recipes, so we can't visit too long.

I read these words somewhere, sometime, and they came to mind this week: "The character of a man can easily be judged by how he treats those who can do nothing for him." Maybe I can't do anything for you, but why not treat me with kindness and respect anyhow. Don't bother, though, unless its sincere and straight from your heart; if your smile is just a facade, don't go to the trouble. What brought this saying to mind is not what you might think, but because I see so very many people who do kind and wonderful things - not for anything they might gain, but because they are truly good and decent.

Try this recipe once and you will never use another:



Shelby Sizemore

1 tbsp. cornstarch
1/2 cup boiling water
3 egg whites
1/4 tsp. salt
6 tbsp. sugar
few drops flavoring (use lemon for your lemon pie)

Moisten cornstarch in about 1 1/2 tsp. cold water, then add the boiling water and cook until thick and clear; cool completely. Beat the egg whites until stiff, adding the sugar gradually and finally the salt and flavoring. Add the cold cornstarch mixture and beat until meringue stands in stiff peaks. Spread on pie, sealing to edge of crust. Bake @ 375 until browned. This

meringue never cries.

Absolutely awesome (and fattening!)

CHOCOLATE SHORTBREAD

1 1/2 cups flour
1 tbsp. cocoa powder
4 tbsp. superfine sugar
(I just used regular and it did good)
2/3 cup butter, softened
1 1/2 oz. semi-sweet chocolate, finely chopped

Put all ingredients in mixing bowl and beat together with spoon until they form a dough. Knead the dough lightly. Place the dough on a lightly greased cookie sheet and roll or press out to form an 8" circle. Pinch edges of dough with fingers as for a piecrust; prick all over with a fork and mark into 12 wedges, using a sharp knife. (Don't cut all the way through) Bake @ 325 for 40 minutes, or until firm. Cool slightly before cutting into the wedges, then transfer to a wire rack to cool completely. Yummy! Bye for now!

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The seasons of your pet's life

Our home is often a comedy. You see, we have three dogs in three different seasons of life.

Wally, the boys' seven-month-old Corgi, is still basking in puppyhood. Lady, our Collie mix, is now six-years-old and enjoying life as an adult. Meanwhile, Rascal, our German Shepherd, is now a senior at age eight.

Each season of your pet's life brings particular joys, concerns, and challenges. In general, puppyhood lasts about a year. Although some breeds actually take close to two years to mature.

Adulthood usually begins from one to two years and lasts until the dog reaches the age of seven.

However, this varies with the breed of dog. In general, large breeds have a shorter lifespan.

While senior status usually begins at seven, a canine pet is considered geriatric at age ten.

Puppies are adorable and rightfully so. There is a saying that God made puppies cuddly and adorable, otherwise no one would tackle all the challenges and work.

Wally is a ball of energy, although he retreats for a long nap daily.

He loves to run and play. That includes chewing, digging, and general mischief. Ironically, some of the most annoying things he does are hilarious.

Wally loves water. I attempt to keep several bowls filled with fresh water outside and one inside. I kept finding water in the kitchen floor near the bowl. Then I saw how it happens. He takes his white stocking feet and splashes with joy. Often he proceeds to show his strength by turning the bowl over and moving it.

He can't resist a water bowl filled with a large chunk of ice. He uses his paw and bobs it up and down. Then he bites and pushes the iceberg, making clinking noises until the ice melts to a movable size.

The ice then becomes a hockey puck, which is removed from the bowl and hurled across the floor or ground until it melts into oblivion.

Puppyhood is a cherished season. Like a child, the puppy's appearance, ability and energy level change rapidly.

Puppies are intrigued by everything and explore the world with the mouth. This necessitates constant supervision, since a puppy's exploration can result in injury or even death.

We are constantly checking to see what Wally has in his mouth and proceeding to remove it. He is totally captivated by a stick, a moving leaf, or even a dirty sock lying in the floor.

Until a puppy has completed the series of vacci-



VICKIE BRAMLETT

nations, he is susceptible to many deadly diseases. Socialization with humans and other animals is also critical at this time, so it must be done safely.

Puppyhood brings challenges in housetraining and crate training. Very young puppies, like little children, have limited control and must be taken to potty many times a day. Routine, consistency and perseverance, however, are the keys.

Lady could be the poster dog for adulthood. She is vibrant but not hyper. She has a routine that makes caring for her very simple. She is great with other animals and people.

One of the big priorities at this point in life is preventing problems that can easily develop in the next season of life.

Obesity is just as detrimental to dogs as it is to people. It's important to feed an adult dog a good quality food and maintain proper exercise.

Many breeds of dogs need to avoid high impact exercise that could stress joints and develop into mobility issues later.

Senior status in dogs presents many of the same maladies as it does in humans.

Joint problems are quite common. Seniors still need exercise, but low impact exercise is often best.

Mental stimulus is equally important. An elderly dog loves to learn new tricks.

It may be time to transition your pet's diet. There are many high-quality brands of food available in senior formulas.

You may want to supplement your pet's diet to increase quality of life. I provide Rascal with a glucosamine and chondroitin supplement, since most large breed seniors are prone to joint problems.

Your veterinarian is a best friend to you and your pet in every season of your pet's life. Seek his advice in every season. Schedule regular visits for check-ups and vaccinations. When your pet is sick or injured, don't hesitate to get the professional care your pet deserves.

The senior season might be the best. Rascal is very content to just hang out with me.

The bond that has formed through the years is rich. We understand each other. We communicate fluently. While we are well aware of each other's quirks, we love each other unconditionally.

In every season, each day is a gift! Cherish it!

Crossing the Line



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Lots of excitement was in the air last week in Barbourville as a group of youth performed a play called "Kids Crossin' the Line." Maggie Smith, Knox County UNITE volunteer, wrote and directed the play. Mrs. Smith worked relentlessly to see that the youth were prepared for the performance. The play involved a teenage drunk driver who injured a smaller sibling in an accident and how from this experience the boy was awakened to the dangers of alcohol abuse. Mrs. Smith was assisted by David Nevels, Kim Haggerman and Becka Todd. The group prepared posters advertising the play, posters giving area teenage alcohol statistics, and public service announcements. Pictured above the group did a dress rehearsal at the Thursday night Summer Fest. The youth presented Mrs. Smith with a dozen pink roses in appreciation of her hard work.

Bradley, Elliott attend FCCLA conference

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More than 5,000 nationwide members, advisers, alumni, and guests of FCCLA; Family, Career and Community Leaders of America, gathered in Orlando, Fla. July 13-17 for the 2008 National Leadership Meeting. Christina Bradley, who graduated in May, and David Elliott, a rising sophomore at Whitley County High School, were among them.

This year's student-devised subject for the annual national meeting was "Excellence Electrified," and throughout the five-day convention, participants examined and discussed several critical issues, including family, school and community violence prevention, physical as well as financial fitness, future career exploration and countless community service projects.

A number of relevant youth issues, such as the changing roles of men and women in the home



CHRISTINA BRADLEY



DAVID ELLIOTT

and workplace, traffic safety, and cancer awareness were also explored at the meeting through presentations, workshops, and youth sessions.

David Elliott will continue to work with other FCCLA members and advisers in Kentucky to encourage others to discover their strengths, motivate members to target career goals, and initiate a plan to ignite youth leadership in their community.

Christina Bradley and David Elliott represented the Whitley County Chapter during Spotlight

on Projects where representatives from states share successful national, state, or chapter projects. WCHS was one of only two schools to have two projects presented. Both projects were the primarily the work of Patrick Jones. He created the Kentucky SAVES website and several websites that made up his Applied Technology competition where he focused on websites to promote the WCHS chapter where representatives from states share successful national, state, or chapter projects.

David Elliott was fortunate to participate in a focus group meeting with youths and adults from across the United States concerning the FCCLA SAVES national program with program director, George Barany. The group collaboratively discussed plans to improve participation in this national program that seeks to improve the rate in which Americans save money.

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PASSING NOTES

'Uglies' respects the problems of adolescence

Every once in a while, I like to touch base with the world of young adult literature. People who are too snobbish about this sort of thing miss out on miracles like Harry Potter, which is a real shame. They also miss out on the value of discussing books with their children and grandchildren, which is an even worse shame. Unless, of course, they can convince their children or grandchildren to read the same things they do — like James Joyce or Thomas Pynchon — which is child abuse.

This summer, my experiment in teen reading was Scott Westerfeld's "Uglies" trilogy, which is not only young adult, but also — brace yourself — science fiction. And it was surprisingly good.

The protagonist is a 15-year-old girl living in a future where, at the magic age of 16, everyone is surgically perfected and then moves into a sort of futuristic Club Med/Studio 54 called New Pretty Town.

If someone prefers to keep his or her own face and personality and not party through the next ten years or so, the only choice is to run away and join the rebels, who basically camp out in the wilderness and hide from the establishment. As you might imagine, rebellion is not a popular choice. I won't go any further, but if you've seen The Matrix, you might imagine where this is going.

I have adult friends who have read them all and love them. And certainly there's something to be said for Westerfeld's style, which is engaging and fast-paced. "Uglies" is a page-turner. No matter your age, you want to know what happens next.

In comparison with a lot of teenage fiction, "Uglies" is smart and stylish. It never talks down to its reader, and it respects the problems of adolescence enough to elevate them to the level of social ills (where many of them probably belong). Westerfeld lacks the sheer literary skill of J.K. Rowling or the careful characterization of Judy Blume, but what he lacks in dexterity and depth, he makes up for in momentum and intelligence.

As science fiction goes, Westerfeld's world is one of the better constructed and explained.

The behavior of his fictional society hangs from a cohesive framework of values, fears and ideologies. Westerfeld clearly



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knows why they do what they do — right down to knowing not only the events of their history, but how they feel about those events. He has created an actual culture.

Also, unlike many lesser science fiction authors, Westerfeld doesn't feel the need to tell the reader every single thing he knows about his little universe. How difficult it must be to

painstakingly give birth to a universe in which there are so many technological wonders, to know exactly how each of those wonders operates, and then not to detail those facts like an instruction manual. So few science fiction writers manage that restraint, but Westerfeld negotiates it brilliantly. He ensures that we know enough to make the technology plausible, but he doesn't teach us enough speculative science to compete for civil engineering jobs in the distant future.

If "Uglies" has a glaring flaw to me, it is one that plagues even the most highly respected of the "future dystopia" novels: it's nearly humorless. Clearly, the greatest plague of the future will not be that we will all end up soulless or oppressed or even dead, but that we will all end up horribly, horribly earnest.

To me, this poses a credibility problem. We may survive running out of oil, food, or clean water, but I don't think the human race would survive running out of humor. And yet, so many "future" novels present a world without it.

That said, "Uglies" is still a book you should read, especially, but not only, if your children or grandchildren are reading the series. Obviously, the central concern of "Uglies" is the need to feel at least adequately attractive compared to

one's peers, especially in a culture where changes to one's appearance are increasingly common and come with a price tag. But there are a lot of other issues being raised here. Westerfeld masterfully bounces around the question of what constitutes social acceptability and power in different contexts.

And then there are the questions of rebellion and social conformity. The rebels that the main character joins are enemies of the state, not just social non-conformists. These are not books for teenagers to read in a vacuum. Out of context, it's not easy to tell whether the following conversation, for instance, is really about totalitarianism or teenage angst:

"Why am I unhappy?" Tally repeated softly. "Because the city makes you the way they want you to be, Peris. And I want to be myself. That's why."

He squeezed her shoulder and gave her a sad look. "But people are better now than they used to be. Maybe they have good reasons for changing us, Tally."

"Their reasons don't mean anything unless I have a choice, Peris. And they don't give anyone a choice."

If you really think it doesn't matter whether they're talking about totalitarianism or teenage angst, consider that America has used an awful lot of bullets fighting totalitarianism over the years. And an unfortunate number of teenagers have used them in fighting teenage angst. We ignore such correlations at our peril.

The dichotomy between the cowboy and the settler, between freedom and cooperation, underlies our entire culture. We have yet to find that balanced point where our culture can still produce people like Henry David Thoreau and Rosa Parks without creating people like Timothy McVeigh and Jim Jones. As long as we continue to fight over where that balance is — and if we're lucky we will always be able to — stories like "Uglies" deserve to be listened to. And, as a culture, we owe it to our kids to listen to those stories in their language.



Anthony Holbrook graduates from Army Infantry School

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES-TRIBUNE

Army Pfc. Anthony A. Holbrook has graduated from One Station Unit Training (OSUT) at the U.S. Army Infantry School, Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga. The training consisted of basic military training and advanced individual training (AIT).

During basic training, the trainee received instruction in drill and ceremonies, military customs and courtesies, map reading, tactics, basic rifle marksmanship, physical fitness, field training, and first aid skills.

The recruit developed combat skills and handled various weapons available to the infantry soldier.

During AIT, the soldier received instruction to serve as an infantryman/mortarman using light and heavy anti-armor weapons, indirect-fire support, and mechanized operations while assigned to a rifle or mortar squad. Holbrook is the son of Deborah Holbrook of Barbourville.

The private is a 2006 graduate of Knox Central High School.

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