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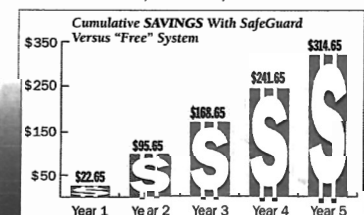
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## Once caught, newspaper bug never leaves you

Funny how life works.  
If I hadn't lost the deep-fry job at the all-you-can-eat fish house, I might never have caught the newspaper bug.  
And I sure wouldn't be saying hello as your new columnist.

I caught the bug 20 years ago a few pages back in this section with the following story: SAUSAGE FOUNDER DIES. Not much of a headline, maybe, but the handcrafted prose below it was mine, and it ran nationwide on the Associated Press wire that night, at least as far as Danville.

Where can you buy a thrill like that? I was an \$85-a-week obituary writer for the Greensboro Daily News, age 19, going into my junior year at UNC. That spring I had wandered into Journalism 102, taught by the Daily News managing editor, Irwin Smallwood.

After getting the bad news from the fish house, I needed rent money and talked Irwin into starting me as a copy girl and weekend obit writer. This meant giving up unlimited free hush puppies and the blue polyester uniform with the sailor's bib, but newspaper work had some advantages of its own.  
The main perk, I was about to find out, was that anything could happen.  
The newsroom in 1977 looked a lot like it does now, except there was a haze of smoke hanging over our heads and rows of noisy electric typewriters on our desks.  
Harvey Harris was the religion writer, and he sat near Moses Crutchfield, an editor. One day a guy wearing a robe and identifying himself as Jesus made it past the guard and up to the newsroom. Harvey greeted him warmly and said, "Jesus, I'd like you to meet Moses."

On the obit desk, Lesson No. 1 was to get a person's name right the first time, because in this particular department there was no second chance. Lesson No. 2 was that everybody had a story. Some were big ones, like founding a country sausage empire, and some weren't.  
I wrote about a man who had two brothers with the same first name as his: John. A lady who lived to be 103 by drinking — cross my heart — eight cups of strong black coffee every day. A grandfather who never missed a day's work in 53 years at the five-and-dime.

Hearing no complaints from the customers, I decided this was the line of work for me, and after I graduated I set out on a tour of mid-Atlantic reporting assignments. I covered everything from criminal courts to Maryland politics, two beats that occasionally overlapped.

In 1990, Ned Cline, former News & Record managing editor, answered a letter expressing my strong desire to come home.

"I asked around about you," Ned said. "I'm told you write a good obit."

Now, I may be a native New Yorker and Long Island's original mall chick, but all these years I've thought of Greensboro as my hometown. Home, loosely defined, is where you buy your first car, rent your first apartment, get through college on a deep-fry salary and inexplicably talk your way into a newspaper job.

And believe me, there's no place like home.

When News & Record Editor Pat Yack offered the best assignment yet — to introduce myself as your columnist — I thought about all the good stories my adopted hometown has treated me to during the past few years.

Bennett Belles have invited me to their college reunions. Montagnard women from Vietnam have served me their homemade rice wine. Young Greensboro men told me their dreams at the Million Man March. Veterans my father's age have told me what it was like to fight in World War II.

I never get tired of hearing those stories — your stories.

And I never get tired of hearing the presses roll, like a herd of buffalo racing a freight train, the same way they sounded the night I wrote my first headline story.

It was a typical midsummer's night in Greensboro. It smelled of fresh tobacco from the late shift at Lorillard, and walking out of the air conditioning was like bumping into a damp punching bag. On the steps I passed Alfred Hamilton, the Greensboro Record city editor, and my Journalism 101 professor from the year before.

I was holding a copy of the next day's paper, still cool and limp from the wet ink. Alfred saw me digging through the B section, looking for the sausage headline. He chuckled, shook his head and kept walking.

"That's it," he said. "You've got the bug, and there's nothing you can do about it."

Which was OK with me. I never liked hush puppies anyway.

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# Triad

## License bill stresses experience

● To the dismay of some teenagers, lawmakers and public safety advocates are pushing to implement graduated driver's licensing.

By MICHELE D. SNIPE  
Staff Writer

Jason Gilbert, a Greensboro teenager, sees the graduated driver's licensing bill as "a slap in the face," but the N.C. General

Assembly views it as a necessity.

The state House has passed the graduated licensing plan, which would introduce teens to full-pledged driving privileges gradually, over 18 months. And 84 of the state's 50 senators have signed up as co-sponsors of the bill, although a vote has yet to be taken. If it's passed, it would become law in December.

Jason, 14, a freshman at Page High School who is enrolled in driver education, says graduated licensing isn't fair because

"it groups all 16-year-olds together. It says 16-year-olds aren't mature enough to drive."

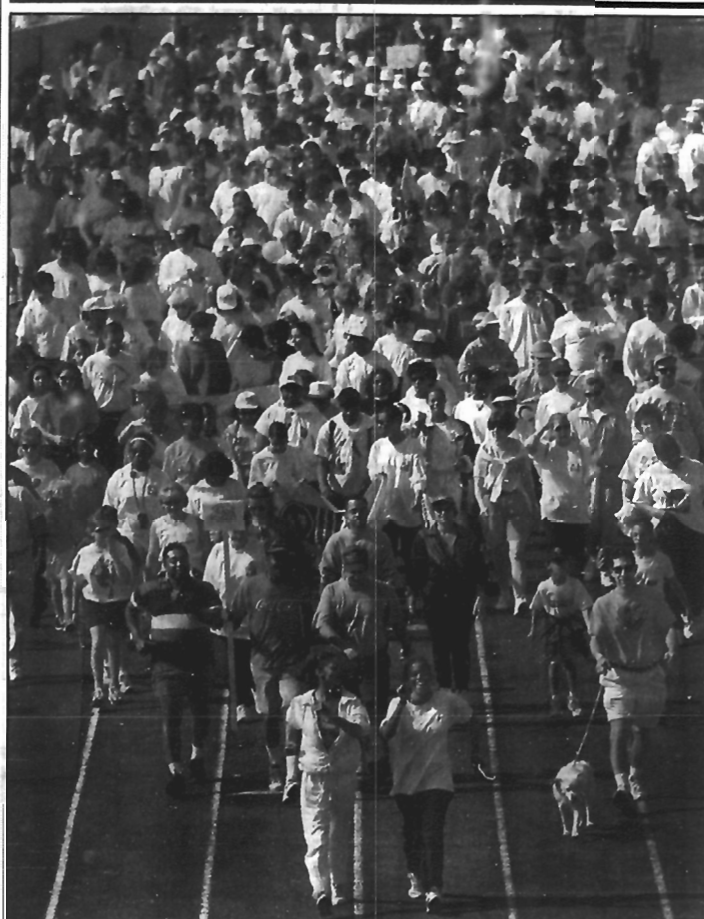
But officials with the Governor's Highway Safety Commission and the N.C. Child Fatality Task Force, who brought the proposal to the legislature, say the bill is intended not to penalize teens but to give them more driving experience under safer conditions.

The graduated system would introduce teen drivers to full, unsupervised driving

privileges in three steps over 18 months:  
● Limited learner's permit: Available to those 15 and older, this permit would allow a teen to drive only with a parent, guardian or approved licensed driver for the first year.

● Limited provisional license: Available to teens who drive trouble-free for that first year, the limited provisional license would allow them to drive alone between 5 a.m. and 9 p.m. Unsupervised

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Walkers begin the 5-kilometer Human Race at the Grimsley High School track. More than 60 nonprofit organizations were involved in Saturday's event. Near the finish line, participants and spectators could enjoy a petting zoo, healthy snacks and live music.

## Nonprofits big winners in 5K race

● More than 1,800 people show up for the third Human Race in Greensboro.

By TONY HALL  
Staff Writer

After rolling through the Human Race on Saturday, Ed Reams planned to keep on going — to Florida.  
"He's still not sure who he's going to take along with him," said Reams' mother, Emily, after her son won two airplane tickets to Orlando for raising \$1,710 for the charity race.

Reams, who lives in Greensboro, was among more than 1,800 people to walk, run or wheel around the 5-kilometer course starting and ending at Greensboro's Grimsley High School.

The Human Race, in its third year, was started as a way to help nonprofit groups help themselves. This year, 60 groups raised more than \$75,000, said Molly Keeney, the executive director of the Volunteer Center, which came up with the idea for the race.

"What makes this unique is that it benefits more than one group," Keeney said.

Bell House, a residence for disabled adults, raised more than \$11,000 this year. The second best showing was made by the Greensboro Urban Ministry, with \$9,700.

The nonprofit groups raise money by asking members or supporters to solicit financial pledges from friends, relatives or businesses for participating in the race.

Each nonprofit group keeps 75 percent of the money it raises and gives the rest to the Volunteer Center, which helps people find volunteer opportunities. Because Bell House was the top fund-raiser, it keeps 90 percent of its money.

The Human Race was mostly a walk, but about 200 people actually ran through the neighborhoods around the high school, said Kelly Lombardino, who organized the event for the Volunteer Center. Unponsored runners had to pay \$15.

Mark Harrison, who finished 34th, said he runs for his health.

"I have to run to get the smoke out of my lungs from spending too much time in bars," said Harrison, who doesn't smoke but plays lead guitar for a local band.

Doug Trent ran, too. But he gave his 6-year-old Chinese sharpei, Bubblebutt, the day off. Bubblebutt is not out of shape, he said.

"He's a spectator today," Trent said. "He can run 15

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## Purim celebrated with reflection, joy

● About 250 families observe Purim at Greensboro's Beth David Synagogue.

By JENNIFER KRONSTAIN  
Staff Writer

Amid the little girls dressed as Queen Esther and Cinderella was 11-year-old Joanna Levick. Clad in red, the Greensboro girl was a Coke can.

"We wanted to be something really different," Joanna said, standing next to her friend, Audrey Witte, 10, who was dressed as a hippie.

Though the dress was nontraditional,

the children were recognizing Purim on Saturday night, along with about 250 families at Greensboro's Beth David Synagogue. The holiday marks the deliverance of Jewish people from a genocidal plot by a Persian ruler named Haman about 2,500 years ago.

Rabbi Eli Havivi read the story in Hebrew from the Old Testament book of Esther, telling how King Ahasverosh — upon learning that Esther, his wife, was Jewish — stops the annihilation, saving the Jewish people.

"There are many episodes of oppression and persecution in the Jewish history," Havivi said. "This one ended happily. We hope that there are no more."

Purim celebrations often are joyous, even raucous. The Talmud normally condemns drunkenness, but it approves of drinking on Purim.

Still, threats to Jewish people continue 2,500 years after Esther's time. Fighting continues in Israel, where a terrorist bomb killed three people this past week.

Ronni Kutchei, a 68-year-old Greensboro resident, lost her extended family in the Holocaust, but her sister in Tel Aviv, Israel, faces the current conflicts. Kutchei said that at times, their phone conversations have been cut short because of fighting as her sister seeks shelter from bombs.

"It's part of life over there," she said. "That's the sad thing. ... They've got to learn to talk to each other without worrying about talking for media purposes. How many young men and women and children can you lose?"

But Kutchei, cradling a newborn baby in her arms, expresses hope. "We may be down and anti-Semitism may crop up, but God continues to be with us, and we always come out of it."

## NEWS TO USE

### Sign up for philanthropy conference

The registration deadline has been extended to Friday for Philanthropy '97, the fourth annual conference for the state's nonprofit sector, to be held April 1-2 at the Koury Convention Center in Greensboro.

The conference will focus on ways to encourage community collaboration, use technology more efficiently and engage more young people in nonprofit work. Between 500 and 700 staff and board members of North Carolina nonprofits are expected to attend.  
To register or for information, call (919) 899-3748.

### City to mark Fair Housing Month

The city of Greensboro will celebrate Fair Housing Month during April. Fair Housing Month is an annual campaign that focuses on publicizing the rights guaranteed to all Americans by the Fair Housing Act of 1968.

The city of Greensboro Human Relations Office operates the city's fair housing program. The office investigates discrimination complaints in the buying, selling or rental of property.  
For more information, call 373-2038.

### The Depot offers tax assistance

For help with your taxes, go online with The Depot. The Depot has compiled a list of tax resources to make it easier. The special section, called "Taxes links to tax software and tax forms on the World Wide Web," the IRS and news articles, tax laws this year.  
To access Tax Relief, point to The Depot at <http://www.gobacktothe Depot.com> and click on the Tax Relief arrival.

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