



## Presidents' Columns

By Collins Wohner  
*Past President*



By the time this column appears, CABA will have a new president, and her predecessor will have fled the country, albeit for a family vacation. The CABA gavel is now in the very capable hands of Amanda Green Alexander, who became president effective June 1. Working with Amanda as an officer for the last two years has been a treat—one of the true privileges of holding this office. She has been a great vice-president and will do a great job as president.

Even Amanda could not tame the weather on April 28—the originally scheduled date of CABA's 22<sup>nd</sup> annual golf tournament. The date was reserved almost a year in advance and seemed ideal, until the 10-day forecast appeared. The dire predictions never relented and turned out to be no exaggeration. The Country Club wisely deemed the tornado hazards of the day unplayable, and the tournament was postponed until July 28. Amanda now must preside over two golf tournaments instead of one, but no

By Amanda Green Alexander  
*President*



I am delighted to have the opportunity to serve as the President of the Capital Area Bar Association (CABA) for the 2014–2015 year. We have a very exciting year ahead. This year's theme is

***Leading & Inspiring Positive Change in Our Community and Our Profession.*** Gandhi once wrote, "Be the change you want to see in the world." This year, CABA will be that change and its members will inspire great things in our community and our profession. The CABA board is busily preparing for the upcoming year and I am excited to receive the torch passed from my colleague, Collins Wohner, who has graciously served as our President this past year.

As I reflect on the importance of CABA, I am reminded often that our organization is the largest local bar association in the state and as a profession and an association, we have both a tremendous influence and an enormous responsibility to lead. This year we

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### July 28

CABA Golf Outing at Country Club of Jackson  
For more information, registration and sponsorship opportunities, visit us at [www.caba.ms](http://www.caba.ms)

### August 19

Membership Meeting

### October 21

Membership Meeting

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22<sup>nd</sup> Annual  
**GOLF  
OUTING**

July 28, 2014  
Country Club of Jackson



Lunch starts at Noon  
Shotgun Start TBD

4 Person Scramble \$150 a person  
(includes lunch and reception)

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### *Collins Wohner*

one is better able to handle the extra duty without breaking a sweat than she is.

One faint silver lining to the postponement of the golf tournament is that anyone who had good intentions supporting MVLP by sponsoring the tournament, but who did not get around to it before, now has a second chance. Committee chair Brad Moody, committee stalwart Ben Piazza, and others have done a great job rounding up golf sponsors already—and our thanks go out to those who have already sponsored. Please remember that the sponsorships are for the benefit of MVLP. If you hear from Brad or Ben in July, please consider helping out.

Even with the golf tournament postponed, the end of the year was busy. Our experiment of taking a CABA monthly meeting out of

downtown Jackson for the first time appears to have been a success. The April meeting drew a near capacity crowd and included a number of new faces, as hoped. Sherri Davis-Garner was an engaging speaker who offered practical advice for most everyone. The Hamil's lunch was delicious. Our thanks again to Butler Snow for making their beautiful, comfortable conference room available for this special meeting.

The CABA/JYL Spring Social following the Spring Bar Admission Ceremony took place at the Manship. A lively crowd enjoyed the Manship's sophisticated bar offerings and tasty hors d'oeuvres. Thanks to committee chair Margaret Smith for coordinating the event.

The year officially wrapped up with the Evening Honoring the Judiciary on May 6 at the Jackson Country Club. Chief Justice Bill

Waller roused the crowd as keynote speaker with a perfect combination of thoughtful remarks and great humor. Kudos to Gretchen Kimble and Laura Glaze for pulling together a great evening. Our apologies to the federal judges who were unable to attend this year because of the unfortunate, but also unavoidable, scheduling conflict with the 5th Circuit Judicial Conference.

Thank you all for the honor and privilege of serving as CABA President this past year and as an officer for the last 3 years. It has been a great treat to get to know many of you better, and to work with CABA Executive Director Pat Evans and with a great group of fellow officers, board members, committee chairs, and other members. I'm grateful for the opportunity. Ciao. 🍷

### *Amanda Green Alexander*

hope to reactivate and re-engage our members to work together towards a common goal. I am sure, like me, you are constantly inundated with membership opportunities by different organizations. It requires a constant assessment of "am I getting the bang for my buck?" With CABA the answer is, "YES!" Below are just a few reasons why joining CABA or re-activating your membership is so very important—personally and professionally.

#### **Membership Has It Privileges**

**Innovative and relevant CLE opportunities:** Have you ever wondered "why the millennial or baby boomer in my office is not understanding what I am saying", "how can

I stand up for myself without alienating my colleagues", "how can I convey my worth to my senior partners," "why do some lawyers have more persuasive arguments than others" or "heavens, what happens in that jury room anyway?" This year's CLE lineup will address communications across generation lines, tackling gender biases, and effective communications in and out of the court. We are exploring and developing CLEs to improve your business and professional development. We will examine those relationships and explore how to make them work for us. As a benefit of your CABA membership, each meeting will include an hour of CLE!!

#### **CABA is for the busy and mobile lawyer:**

If you are traveling or just landed, CABA committees are developing FREE teleseminar CLE opportunities for members.

#### **CABA membership makes good CENTS:**

Your CABA membership can be as low as

\$75.00 per year depending on your practice and includes 4–6 hours of CLE. It's a bargain you should seize! The membership dues are minimal. However, the opportunity to visit with judges and local colleagues, earn CLE credit, and improve your business and practice is priceless.

**Oldies but Goodies:** We are continuing our commitment to the minority scholarships at MC Law, UM Law and the MS Volunteer Lawyers Project (MVLP) with proceeds from our golf tournament. Plans to bring back the tennis tournament in the fall are underway.

In your mail, you received your 2014–2015 Membership Statement. Please take a moment and reactivate your membership for this year. Again, thank you for the opportunity to serve as your President. If you haven't already, please join us and encourage others to do so as well. Each one of you matters and we need your support. It's going to be a GREAT YEAR! 🍷

# WILLIAM COLEMAN: HIS SERVICE TO THE BAR AND COMMUNITY TO BE MISSED

By Will Manuel



On May 31, Mississippi lost a great jurist, devoted citizen, and loving family man. Judge William F. Coleman passed away at his home in Madison at the age of 84. He left this earth as he lived his life—surrounded by family and still exercising his mind (he did the entire crossword puzzle in the paper the day before he passed—in ink). Judge Coleman served for 20 years as a circuit court judge in Hinds County. Even after he left the full-time bench in 1996, he continued to accept appointments from the Supreme Court to serve as a senior judge on cases around the state. At the celebration of his life at the Jackson Yacht Club on June 8,

two Justices of the Mississippi Supreme Court outlined the many high-profile cases that Judge Coleman had handled and the professionalism he always showed in his courtroom. Judge Coleman had recently presided over such diverse matters as the election contest for the Mayor of Hattiesburg and the sentencing of Jackson County’s sheriff. The celebration was attended by numerous lawyers and members of the community who sang Judge Coleman’s praises as someone who was always fair and treated everyone with respect.

As a lawyer, I think I only appeared before Judge Coleman once—as a brand new member of the Bar. I remember being nervous about appearing before one of the most long-standing judges in the county. I don’t remember what sort of motion he heard, but I do recall that he treated me with utmost respect, despite my fumbling, new lawyer behavior. I really got to know Judge Coleman

when I took up the hobby of sailing. Judge Coleman was a fixture by the Reservoir and was a master sailor. A former Commodore of the Jackson Yacht Club, he was well-known among the avid boaters who frequented JYC. I had the honor of sailing with him and his family several times. His passion for trimming the sails may have even exceeded his love of the law. He was an excellent teacher. It was also on the water that I got to know Judge Coleman as the patriarch of a fantastic family. Known as “Big Daddy” to his children and grandchildren, he always had a big smile for family and friends alike. He was certainly loved by all those who were around him. The fact that I learned some of the great lessons of sailing from a legendary trial court judge is one of the wonderful quirks that can only happen from practicing law in the state of Mississippi. Judge Coleman lived a full and deep life. He will truly be missed. ➔

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# ORLANSKYS HONORED

## *with CABA Professionalism Award*

By David Maron



Recipients of the Capital Area Bar Association's Professionalism Award must be attorneys who adhere to the highest professional standards of ethics, integrity, civility and courtesy, have shown

a commitment to the practice of law as a learned profession with the highest level of skill, and have contributed significant time and resources to public service. The list of past recipients of this award is indeed a Hall of Fame, representing the very best of what each member of the bar should aspire to. The recipients this year further distinguish that list. Beth and Steve Orlandsky were nominated and considered jointly and share this award together as the 2014 recipients.

To those of us who have practiced law in Mississippi — particularly in the Capital Area — Steve and Beth Orlandsky are no strangers. Their professional careers and recognitions speak to much of their high ethics, integrity, civility, intellect and skill as advocates. But the recognitions of Best Lawyers, AV Rating, Fellow of the Mississippi Bar Foundation and others, while numerous and compelling, only tell part of that story.

In spending any time in conversation with the Orlandskys, one quickly learns not just about the professional dimension of their work, but the *spirit* with which it is practiced. Steve's firm, Watkins & Eager, is a distinguished firm with outstanding lawyers. I am reminded of a number of years ago when Steve's senior partner, Mr. Bill Goodman, received this Award.

He told how, upon beginning his legal career, his grandfather, Mr. William Watkins, presented him with a book inscribed "*May*

*you have an honorable career.*" This year, the Capital Area Bar Association recognizes two (2) lawyers, husband and wife, who truly exemplify an honorable career.

Steve is a graduate of LSU and of the University of Mississippi School of Law. His judgment, professionalism and legal skills make him a wise counselor to his clients and a zealous and fair advocate.

Other lawyers who have worked closely with Steve have spoken of his "strong, unwavering ethical compass" and even those on the other side of cases have said things like, "he has been pleasant, focused on the business at hand ... resulting in substantial justice being done for all involved."

Steve has also combined his successful private practice for corporate clients with service to the poor and disadvantaged in many ways including as a 10-year member of the Board of Mississippi Legal Services and service on the Mississippi Equal Justice Foundation serving as its chairman from 2004–2006.

Beth, a graduate of Stanford University and the University of Tennessee Law School. She was recruited to Mississippi to work at Butler Snow. (Some reports suggests that *Steve* was recruited to Jackson, but other accounts suggest that Steve was an added bonus when *Beth* was recruited. Either way, the Mississippi legal profession has been enriched by both of them.) Beth's clients in private practice beginning with Butler Snow and later with Ott & Purdy and McGlinchey Stafford benefitted from her keen intellect and sharp legal skills. And more recently, as the advocacy director for the Mississippi Center for Justice (where she also serves as its Child Care Advocate) her clients have been the beneficiaries of those skills as well.

Their son Abram, speaks of his mother's work with the Mississippi Center for Justice and pro bono efforts as "using her *considerable legal skills* and acumen in the highest possible way."

But the professional accolades aside, Beth and Steve also have an unwavering commitment to public service that touches many areas of community life. Whether as charter members of Parents for Public Schools, on the board of Stewpot Community Services, with Beth Israel, or with youth at Henry S. Jacobs Camp (where incidentally I'm told they first met), their service reflects a steadfast commitment and calling of a generation that learned from their parents that a profession—and *the legal profession in particular*—is not just a business.



2014 CABA Professionalism Award recipients, Steve & Beth Orlandsky with David Maron.

The law as a learned and noble profession gives us the privilege to practice, but with that privilege comes the responsibility to our clients, to the law, to our colleagues, to the community, to the less fortunate, to those in one's spheres of influence, and most critically to one's family. Steve and Beth have been examples and mentors to many.

Theirs is a legacy of priorities, values and service. Steve and Beth truly reflect the highest ideals as lawyers, parents, friends, and

community servants. I know their families are proud and in particular, their parents (who were with them when they received this award at this year's Evening Honoring the Judiciary. Steve's father, Judge David Orlansky, served with distinction in the Northern District of Mississippi for many years before his retirement in 1995).

As is written in Solomon's Wisdom Book, *Proverbs 23:23-25* "The father of the righteous will greatly rejoice and he who begets a wise child will delight in him. Let your father and mother be glad and let her who bore you rejoice."

We congratulate them, celebrate with them, and honor them as the 2014 Capital Area Bar Association Professionalism Award recipients, our friends and colleagues — Beth and Steve Orlansky. 📌

## CABA Professionalism Award

Each nominee for the CABA Professionalism Award must be a practicing attorney who demonstrates consistent adherence to the professional standards of practice, ethics, integrity, civility, and courtesy; encourages respect for, and avoided abuse of, the law and its procedures, participants, and processes; and shows a commitment to the practice as a learned profession, to the vigorous representation of clients, and to the attainment of the highest levels of knowledge and skill in the law and contributed significant time and resources to public service.

### Past recipients of the CABA Professionalism Award:

David Kaufman  
Robert Gibbs  
Barry Ford  
John Henegan  
Ben Piazza  
Barry Powell

Christy Jones  
John Corlew  
Gee Ogletree  
William Winter  
Louis Watson  
Tom Crockett

Alex Alston  
George Hewes  
William Goodman  
Reuben Anderson  
Harold Miller

# CABA Membership Meeting April 16

held at the Butler Snow office in Ridgeland, MS



**A** Program Chairman, Sharon Bridges; Speaker Sherri Davis-Garner; Collins Wohner, 2013–2014 CABA President; Amanda Green Alexander, 2014–2015 CABA President



**B** Cheryl and Bruce Burton with Speaker, Sherri Davis-Garner



**C** Speaker Sherri Davis-Garner spoke on her book, *Choose to Stay or Choose to Go*

# *An Evening* HONORING the JUDICIARY *Banquet*

*The Capital Area Bar Association and the Jackson Young Lawyers Association held their “Evening Honoring the Judiciary” on Tuesday, May 6, 2014 at the Country Club of Jackson. CABA members, honorees, and guests enjoyed a reception at 6:00 p.m followed by dinner at 7:00 p.m. This annual event recognizes our judiciary and the critical role of this co-equal branch of government in ensuring and preserving the rule of law established under our Federal and State constitutions.*



- A** The Honorable William L. (Bill) Waller, Jr., Chief Justice of the Mississippi Supreme Court, presented an inspiring keynote address for the event.
- B** The Gavel was passed from JYL President, Michael J. Bentley to JYL President Elect, Lindsay T. Dowdle.
- C** The Gavel was passed from CABA President, J. Collins Wohner, Jr. to CABA President Elect, Amanda Green Alexander.

An Evening HONORING THE **JUDICIARY** Banquet

# CABA AWARD

## Recipients



- A** Hunter Aikens received the JYL 2014 Outstanding Service Award, presented by JYL President, Michael Bentley
- B** Andrew R. Wilson received the CABA 2014 Pro Bono Award, with the support of his parents, Martha and Marcus Wilson
- C** A. Kate Margolis received the CABA 2014 Outstanding Service Award, shown with CABA Executive Director, Pat Evans
- D** Seth Shannon received the JYL 2014 Pro Bono Award, presented by JYL President Michael Bentley
- E** John Dollarhide received the JYL 2014 Outstanding Service Award, presented by JYL President, Michael Bentley
- F** Beth L. and Steven D. Orlansky were named as co-recipients of the CABA Professionalism Award
- G** Event Chairman Gretchen Kimble with CABA President, J. Collins Wohner, Jr.; Event committee member and former CABA President, Laura Glaze; and CABA President-Elect, Amanda Green Alexander

An Evening HONORING THE JUDICIARY Banquet

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# The Road LAWYER

## The Friendly Confines on Addison at Clark

It's long been thought of as the corner of Addison and Clark because home plate and the main entrance point there. Of late, Waveland and Sheffield behind left and right field, respectively, have been more in the news.

You still take the Red Line north to Howard.<sup>1</sup> You board in the Loop, deep and dark beneath the Second City. You emerge into the light, even when the skies are grim. By the time the train reaches Fullerton, the people are packed in like sardines, as often as not with lots of fans wearing the colors of the visiting team. The L roars into Addison, and empties.

You know you're in a special place.

Rooftop fans across Waveland Avenue behind left field "sort of scream[] that this is such a great place to be," according to Andy McPhail, Cubs president a generation ago.

Elwood Blues chose 1060 West Addison—the most famous street number in Chicago—for his fake driver's license address to show up the cops and dupe the neo-Nazis determined to do dastardly deeds to brother Jake and him for breaking up their parade.

Babe Ruth is said to have called his shot in the third game of the 1932 World Series and then turned a Charlie Root fast ball into a titanic home run over Wrigley's center field wall.<sup>2</sup>

Roy Hobbs saw the "lady in white" rise in the light and the stands down the third base line and broke out of his slump.

But mostly it's about summer days like the one "in the late 1950s, [when] on the way home from a punishing road trip, Ernie Banks turned to his teammate, Jerry Kindall, and said, 'Jerry, we're going home where people are friendly—back to the Friendly Confines.'

"Kindall smiled, 'Ah, the Friendly Confines of Wrigley Field.'" <sup>3</sup>

"Then the game starts, and it's Paradise Lost." <sup>4</sup>

### And Ladies' Day, Too

1919 is infamous on the South Side. On the North Side, 1919 was the year chewing gum magnate William Wrigley, Jr., gained controlling interest in the Cubs. When he

died 13 years later, Grantland Rice said of Wrigley, "he was the type of owner baseball needs badly."

By the early Depression days, fat cat Charles A. Comiskey's less than admirable role in the Black Sox Scandal had become known, along with his duplicity and penuriousness in dealing with his players.<sup>5</sup>

For years baseball had attracted a rough crowd, and not just at Comiskey Park. Wrigley was determined to change that. Ladies Day was featured as nowhere else.

William Wrigley built a tradition of a wholesome family atmosphere befitting an established residential neighborhood, and his Wrigley descendants/successors kept the faith.

In 1937, the familiar ivy vines were planted along the outfield walls, and the hand operated scoreboard was erected behind and above center field. Both landmarks remain.

But the Wrigleys sold to the Tribune Company in the early 1980s, and new ownership began making big noises about breaking with the biggest of the Wrigley traditions—no night baseball. The courts said, No, you've

1. The Red Line south to Dan Ryan/95th Street will stop at 35<sup>th</sup> Street and let you out to take in a White Sox game.

2. John Kass, "'Babe Ruth's Called Shot' about baseball, myth," <http://articles.chicagotribune.com/2014-04-17/news/>

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3. *A Century of Wrigley Field*, page 12 (2013)

4. Blair Kamin, "Design gives Wrigley Field a firm sense of place," <http://www.chicagotribune.com/sports/baseball/cubs/wrigley/ct-wrigley-field->

[architecture-met-0423-20140423\\_0\\_4731653.column](http://architecture-met-0423-20140423_0_4731653.column). Kamin offers a wonderful architectural review of Wrigley Field.

5. See The Road Lawyer's review of U. S. Cellular Park, at 35<sup>th</sup> Street Station on the Red Line, in Hinds County Bar Ass'n Newsletter 12 (June 2008).

committed to support the family oriented residential environs of Wrigley Field, and many residents have lived in the area for years, relying on relative peace and quiet on summer nights.

## Saturday, May 3, 2014

The ivy on the outfield walls had not yet budded. From The Road Lawyer's [TRL] seat at the terrace level along the left field line, it wasn't clear whether brown meant Spring had not yet come to Chicago, or that the vines had died over the brutal Winter just past.

We had walked around the ball park before the game. Not a leaf, not even a noticeable bud along Sheffield or Waveland until we reached the corner of Waveland and Clark. A light greening of a few limbs of a lone forlorn tree. Maybe a sign of hope.

The Cubs had eked out a 7-6 win over the Cardinals on Friday. There was a look of anticipation on the faces of so many of the 37,000 plus who filed into Wrigley Field that Saturday afternoon. In fairness the same could be said of the red clad fans who had come up from St. Louis for a weekend renewal of the National League's best rivalry since the Dodgers and Giants moved west.

Still, the calendar insisted that May had arrived. It was Derby Day. The temperature eased into the 60s, though there was hardly a moment when fans were unaware why they call this the Windy City. As on earlier visits, it seemed as if the super structure of Wrigley had been engineered so as to funnel the winds from the West with reminders that life isn't easy, only wonderful though full of fortuities.

TRL recalled a less hospitable May visit about six years ago. "Just another 53-53 game," said the rough hewn fan in the next seat. "What's a 53-53 game?" "53 degrees and 53 mile an hour winds!" And then with disdain, "You can always check out the Cubby

Bear Lounge across the street." Sage advice, TRL thought.

## Play Ball!

Chronic Cubs fan, bow tie wearing, so serious looking, political pundit (in order of priority) George F. Will has his moments. "Baseball—its beauty, its craftsmanship, its exactingness—is an activity to be loved," Will begins.<sup>6</sup> But he rejects Willie Stargell's insight, "The umpire says 'Play ball,' not 'Work ball.'" Will insists "professional baseball is work."<sup>7</sup> He who has to work to smile.

So what is one to make of the top of the first, when Cardinals' cleanup hitter Matt Adams' major league fly ball drifts towards shallow left. An easy play for the Cubs' young outfielder, Junior Lake, until the wind catches the ball, drives it back towards the infield, touching the tip of the lunging Lake's desperately outstretched glove before falling to the grassy turf.

Work? Play? Luck? A home field advantage, except it was the home team fielder who didn't know the winds. Or just a Wrigley Field single, as TRL learned they call it.

But no harm done. Yadier Molina struck out to end the inning. And Lake would redeem himself in the sixth.

## The 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party

And what of the memorable moment at the end of the birthday party some ten days earlier. A century ago to the day, the Chicago Federals took to this field in this ball park against the Kansas City Packers and christened an icon on any architectural tour of the Windy City.

A 400-pound birthday cake—a replica of Wrigley—had made the 12-hour trip from Carlo's Bakery in Hoboken, N.J. to the ballpark "infused with a century of stale beer and the collective longing and frustration of

generations of Cubs fans."<sup>8</sup>

It was top of the ninth. The Cubs held a 5-4 lead over visiting Arizona, but the Diamondbacks had runners on first and third. Relief pitcher James Russell took the mound for the Cubs. Miguel Montero stepped to the plate for the D'Backs.

The television cameras caught an eight year old kid in the stands with his dad. Animated, pleading, cheering at the top of his young lungs, though you couldn't hear him. Strike one to Montero. Strike two! A couple of balls interspersed, but the Cubs were still one strike, one pitch away from Happy Birthday!

The density of expectation hung in the air. A foul ball. Then slow motion, until Montero's bat cracked the baseball which sped towards right and skipped in the grass a few steps ahead of Justin Ruggiano, the Cubs' right fielder charging forward like he knew what was at stake.

The TV cameras cut back to the kid and his dad. The kid was crying. Dad was stoic. He had seen it before. Another change of pitchers, and Aaron Hill's bloop triple that Ruggiano tried for so hard that he injured himself. The D'backs were ahead 7-5. Ruggiano's two run home run in the sixth was a mere statistic.

The last of the ninth was mercifully quick, too quick for much but quiet.<sup>9</sup>

Is it work? Or play? Heartbreak? Luck? Or life itself?

However you slice it, the old ball park "withstood time and bad baseball to reach the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its opening on Wednesday."<sup>10</sup>

The next milestone day was in June when the Cubs brought Lennie Merullo, 97, from his home in Reading, Massachusetts, back to Wrigley. Shortstop Merullo is the last of those who played in the 1945 World Series, "a seven-game [Cubs] defeat, and [he] has the scar to prove it."<sup>11</sup>

Detroit Tiger Joe Hoover was caught stealing second in the top of the twelfth

6. George F. Will, *Men At Work: The Craft Of Baseball* 4 (1990).

7. *Id.*, at 5.

8. Andy Grimm, "'Cake Boss' bakes 400-pound Wrigley replica," [http://articles.chicagotribune.com/2014-04-23/news/chi-cake-boss-bakes-400pound-wrigley-replica-20140423\\_1\\_cake-boss-carlo-cubs-fans](http://articles.chicagotribune.com/2014-04-23/news/chi-cake-boss-bakes-400pound-wrigley-replica-20140423_1_cake-boss-carlo-cubs-fans).

9. See in part, Carrie Muskat's "Cubs foiled on Wrigley

Field's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday," [http://chicago.cubs.mlb.com/mlb/gameday/index.jsp?gid=2014\\_04\\_23\\_arimlb\\_chnmlb\\_1&mode=recap&c\\_id=chc](http://chicago.cubs.mlb.com/mlb/gameday/index.jsp?gid=2014_04_23_arimlb_chnmlb_1&mode=recap&c_id=chc); and "Cubs melt down in ninth, lose on Wrigley's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday," [http://www.cbssports.com/mlb/gametracker/recap/MLB\\_20140423\\_AR1@CHC/cubs-melt-down-in-ninth-lose-on-wrigleys-100th-birthday](http://www.cbssports.com/mlb/gametracker/recap/MLB_20140423_AR1@CHC/cubs-melt-down-in-ninth-lose-on-wrigleys-100th-birthday). TRL was at home in Jackson watching

the game on television.

10. Lynn Zinser, "Oh, the Stories Wrigley Could Tell: 100 Years of Checkered History," *THE NEW YORK TIMES*, SPORTS SUNDAY 4 (April 20, 2014).

11. Ben Strauss, "Cubs' Last Link To a World Series," *THE NEW YORK TIMES*, SPORTS TUESDAY B11 (May 20, 2014); "Lennie Merullo: The Last Living World Series Cub," <http://www>.

inning in Game 6. “He was spikes-high as I was going down to get the tag,” Merullo still remembers.<sup>12</sup>

## Food And Kids At Today’s Ballparks

It began at Camden Yards on April 6, 1992. Brand spanking new “traditional” retro ball parks. Only two of the real thing are left: Wrigley Field and Boston’s Fenway Park, dating back to 1912. Houston’s Minute Maid Park copies the worst of Fenway’s quirky features. Most copy more from Wrigley.

Not a one TRL has visited<sup>13</sup> is without some of the most untraditional features you can imagine. Most take Wrigley’s family approach to the extreme of having added some sort of play ground for the kids, while dad watches the game. In fairness, this has the advantage of minimizing the mothers and kids climbing over others seated on their rows every other inning for assorted non-baseball related reasons.

All the new traditional ballparks have dozens of fru fru food offerings. Maryland crab cakes can be wonderful, but at a baseball game? Sushi rolls at AT&T Park in San Francisco and Safeco Field in Seattle. Not sure what’s happened to the Ichiro TRL reported on, since Ichiro was traded to the Yankees in 2013.

Wrigley offers every kind of dog and brat and sausage you ever heard of, with competing but mouth watering bouquets as you stroll past the many dozens of concession stands on ground level. And of course there are pizza slices in Chicago. Only problem that Saturday was that the lines were so long at every stand that you’d better be prepared to miss an inning to get some of the real baseball food at Wrigley. TV monitors everywhere help you follow the game.

During the course of an eight and a

half inning game, TRL saw one—exactly one—serving of nachos, which a young woman was sharing with her son, who was stuffing himself with enthusiasm.

## Bud Makes A Foul Play

“Beer man” patrolled the grand stands as is required at real baseball games. But you have to know some history to appreciate the sadness suffered by the real Cubs fans. Budweiser and Bud Light signs, logos, hawkers were everywhere.<sup>14</sup> Never has a single food or beverage been so dominant at a ballpark.

An odd and out of place Toyota sign atop the left field wall broke the Bud monotony. By the fifth inning you became aware that United Airlines had a service to offer, a point of more interest than it might otherwise have been, since Southwest Airlines has shown its true colors by abandoning its many loyal patrons from the Greater Jackson Area. Just another disappointment and challenge for area Cubs fans to take in stride.

Back to beer. For starters, the Anheuser Busch company has long been the St. Louis brewery.<sup>15</sup> The Cardinals are now playing in the second iteration of Busch Stadium. It was jarring to look around at “the Cubs and Budweiser welcome you,” “love you,” and other out of place inanities.

Heileman’s Old Style was Chicago’s beer, though the Heileman company originated in La Crosse, Wisconsin. Even in New York, everyone knew the Cubs’ “loyal fans have spilled quite a bit of Old Style beer over the years.”<sup>16</sup> On Saturday, May 3, Old Style draft beer was nowhere to be found in Wrigley’s confines which are not so friendly to everyone.

TRL didn’t even see a Miller beer.<sup>17</sup> Didn’t even try to find a Coors.

The other offering from “Beer Man” was 312, a craft beer from Goose Island Brewery in Chicago. For the uninitiated, 312 is the

Chicago area code.

Refusing to succumb to Bud’s market power,<sup>18</sup> and in order to honor the traditions for which Wrigley Field stands in so many ways, TRL and son bought cans of Old Style, poured into cups.

## The Curse Of The Billy Goat

In the Fall of 1945, while most of America’s able bodied young men were still finding their way home and back to normalcy after serving their Country, the Cubs played the Detroit Tigers in a World Series. Legend has it that, in a game at Wrigley, the owner of the Billy Goat Tavern was evicted because of the said-to-have-been obnoxious odor emanating from his pet goat.

“The Cubs ain’t gonna win no more,” was the cry from tavern owner William (Billy Goat) Sianis as he was being escorted from the ballpark. And they haven’t.

Before and since, Wrigley Field has witnessed some historic and (for Cubs fans) heart breaking moments.

Of course, the Wrigley era story has to start with the insult that still stings on the North Side. The Cubs won the 1918 National League pennant and the right to play the Babe Ruth led Boston Red Sox in the World Series. But Wrigley’s grandstands didn’t have enough seats in those days, and the Cubs’ home games were moved to the South Side and double decked Comiskey Park, which could accommodate so many more paying customers.

In 1927, Wrigley added an upper deck and was ready in 1929, but the Cubs lost the World Series to the Philadelphia A’s, four games to one.

There was Ruth’s “called shot” in 1932. The Yankees swept the Series, 4–0.

The Detroit Tigers won four games to two, in 1935.

[bleedcubbieblue.com/2013/10/28/5025300/world-series-lennie-merullo-last-living-cubs-player](http://bleedcubbieblue.com/2013/10/28/5025300/world-series-lennie-merullo-last-living-cubs-player)

12. *Id.*

13. TRL has reported on visits to such new traditional ballparks as Oriole Park at Camden Yard, Citizens Bank Park in Philadelphia, Nationals Park at the Navy Yard in D. C., Minute Maid Park in Houston, Rangers Ballpark in Arlington, AT&T Park in San Francisco, Safeco Park in Seattle, AutoZone

Park in Memphis, and Keyspan Park on Coney Island, among others.

14. Brett, “Chicago Cubs’ Deal with Budweiser Will Reportedly Pay \$140 Million,” *CHICAGO CUBS NEWS* (Feb. 20, 2014).

15. Of course, it’s now Anheuser-Busch InBev headquartered in Leuven, Belgium.

16. Benjamin Hoffman, “Wrigley Field Turns 100, and Other Milestones Arriving in 2014,” *THE NEW*

*YORK TIMES, SPORTS SUNDAY* 10 (March 30, 2014).

17. Six years ago, TRL found Miller beers dominant at U. S. Cellular Field, home of the Chicago White Sox. See Road Lawyer’s review in Hinds County Bar Assn Newsletter 12 (June 2008).

18. Heileman’s has fallen on hard times financially since the early 1990s and hardly has the wherewithal to compete with the likes of Anheuser-Busch InBev. In candor, some say as much about the Cubbies.

In 1938, Dizzy Dean and player manager Gabby Hartnett led the Cubs gallant stretch drive to win the National League pennant, but the Yankees took four straight in the Series. Dean was the 6–3 loser in Game Two.

The Cubs came close in 1945, but the Tigers won out, 4 games to 3.

The 1969 Cubs were in first place for the first 155 days of the season, led by Ernie Banks and Ron Santo. Donnie Kessinger was the wide ranging, slick fielding shortstop who led the team in runs scored and stolen bases. But the Miracle Mets surged at the end, and only the aging faithful in Chicago remember what might have been.

A mild panic ensued when the Cubs won the first two of the best of five NL playoff series in 1984. No lights in Wrigley; no megabuck revenues from a Cubs World Series appearance. The San Diego Padres won game three, and game four was tied 5–5 after eight innings. Steve Garvey’s walk off home run in the bottom of the ninth tied the series at two-two.

The Cubs held a 3–0 lead after five innings of Sunday’s decisive finale, but Rick Sutcliffe couldn’t hold the lead. Prayers went unanswered, but not those of MLB’s “mad men.” The Padres moved on to play the Detroit Tigers in the Series.

## Then Came Steve!

Nineteen year later, the lights were shining brightly in Wrigley on the evening of Oct. 14, 2003. The Cubs had a 3–0 lead over the makeshift Marlins and were five outs away from their first World Series in 58 years.

A lazy fly ball to left drifted over the foul line. Moises Alou was under it, albeit against the wall, and ready for the catch. But lifetime Cubs fan Steve Bartman sitting on the front row reached for and deflected the ball away from Alou. To this day, no one in Chicago is sure whether the reclusive Bartman is more deserving of enmity or pity.<sup>19</sup>

Some logic says it wouldn’t have mattered. The Marlins went on to score eight runs that inning, and win the next night, and then the



CABA member Jimmy Robertson, outside Wrigley Field with Son Rob and grandson Tate, paying homage to the late Harry Caray, colorful “Take Me Out To The Ballgame” vocalist for Chicago Cubs, and long ago play-by-play announcer for the Cardinals on KMOX radio.

World Series. After four hits in that fateful eighth inning, shortstop Alex Gonzalez did boot a potential inning ending double play ball.

But baseball fans know better. There is a difference between having the visiting team with two outs in the eighth, down by three runs, than with only one out, and the home team deflated by what might have been, no, what should have been. And the difference is as real as the air we breathe.

In short order, the restaurant group of the late Harry Caray paid \$114,000 for the Bartman ball, and, in a well publicized ceremony, destroyed it; the remnants were used in a

spaghetti sauce.

Two years later the knife was twisted to a more painful point when the White Sox won a World Series over the Astros and exorcized the demons of 1919 (and 1959).

Still, some call the Cubbies “loveable losers.” Former Cubs manager Lee Elia had a different take, back before the flood lights were installed, *viz.*, “85 per cent of the world works during the day, and the other 15 percent goes to Wrigley to boo the Cubs.”<sup>20</sup>

Last year, former Jackson General Lance Berkman told a reporter, “It’s mainly been a place for people to go and drink beer.”<sup>21</sup>

19. See Ben Strauss, “Ten Years Later, Infamous Cubs Fan Remains Invisible,” *THE NEW YORK TIMES* (October 13, 2013).

20. Benjamin Hoffman, “Wrigley Field Turns 100, and Other Milestones Arriving in 2014,” *THE NEW YORK TIMES, SPORTS SUNDAY 10* (March 30, 2014).

21. *Id.*

## The National Pastime and the American Way of Litigation

Like the White Sox on the South Side, the Cubs have had their spate of unusual litigation. A big bone of contention for years was the Cubs holdout against night baseball.

In the mid-1960s, the Wrigley family still had an 80% controlling interest. Minority shareholders brought a derivative action, arguing that profits were being left on the table by refusing to install lights for night games at Wrigley Field.

The minority shareholders were sent packing. *Shlensky v. Wrigley*, 237 N.E. 2d 776 (Ill. App. 1968). Under the business judgment rule, the Cubs' decision to forego night baseball should be made in the board room, not the court room. Besides, there was no danger of a Cubs stockholder having bought his shares not knowing of management's preference for day baseball.

By the mid-1980s, the worm had turned. New management followed the Wrigley dynasty and wanted the big bucks. State law and a city ordinance effectively protected the Wrigley Family view.<sup>22</sup> So management sued. And, in true Cub tradition, management lost.

The 64 page opinion of Circuit Judge Richard L. Curry issued on March 25, 1985 is a classic. "The game of baseball may be everybody's business, but the business of baseball is greed," announced Judge Curry. Much of his opinion defended the neighborhood and residential ambiance that had long enveloped Wrigley Field.

New Cubs owners "should have had a better scouting report before coming to court ... What the Cubs' book on justice failed to note is that she is a southpaw. Justice is a southpaw, and the Cubs just don't hit lefties!"<sup>23</sup>

But you can't stop change, even if it isn't progress. On August 8, 1988, the lights went on.<sup>24</sup> That first night, it was fitting that the

rains came after three innings and washed out the rest of the Cubs' game with the Phillies.

## Ricketts vs. Rooftoppers

Tom Ricketts grew up in Omaha, attended the University of Chicago, moved to an apartment on the corner of Sheffield and Addison, met his wife in the center field bleachers,<sup>25</sup> became a billionaire, and in 2009, bought the Cubs and Wrigley Field. Ricketts wants to spend \$300 million (or is it \$500 million) on renovations.

The proposed 5,700 square foot video scoreboard and jumbotron alone would put an end to Wrigley Field as we have known it. And not just because rooftop building owners across Waveland and Sheffield are raising hell as somebody's from-outside-the-park view is going to be blocked.

Rooftop fans have been a part of Wrigley's uniqueness for decades. TRL remembers a game in the '90s with a large grill and kegs of beer on Waveland Avenue rooftops behind left field. A couple of dozen fans and a few chairs atop each of several three story residential buildings.

Soon the Cubs were marketing their rooftop spectators as evidence of the special experience to be had at West Addison and Clark. Harry Caray called it "one of the mystiques of Wrigley Field." The Cubs website touted the rooftoppers—along with the ivy covered outfield wall and the hand-operated scoreboard—as proof Wrigley was "the Mecca of baseball."

But the across-the-street building owners got greedy. "Grandstands" appeared atop these three story structures, first on Waveland and then on Sheffield. Hundreds of seats atop each. One on Waveland behind left center has an outfield fence style 460 foot sign.

In 1998, the City passed an ordinance imposing safety codes and requiring that the roof top proprietors be licensed. ADA

handicap access was mandated. Building owners complied, and the fans kept coming.

On December 17, 2002, the Cubs sued Sky Box on Waveland, LLC, and twelve other roof top venues in federal court. Forget the ambiance and Wrigley mystique. Rooftoppers were taking profits from the Cubs franchise.

The parties struck a deal, a confidential settlement,<sup>26</sup> which everyone knows says the rooftoppers will pay the Cubs 17% of gross rooftop revenues through 2023,<sup>27</sup> in exchange for rooftoppers' rights to have a say so in changes to Wrigley that might affect them. Like a giant jumbotron blocking views.

Without the Cubs, there would be no rooftops. But without the rooftops, Wrigley wouldn't be as cool, nor the Cubs as profitable.

Meet George Loukas. He owns the Cubby Bear Lounge catty-cornered across the intersection of Addison and Clark from Wrigley's home plate and front gate. Loukas owns three buildings with rooftops—at 1032 West Waveland, 3643 North Sheffield and 3609 North Sheffield. And he's mad as hell at Tom Ricketts.

At press time, the jury was still out on the Ricketts-owned Wrigley Field of the future. Few in the Midwest are unaware of the classic design, vintage 1924, of Soldier Field, where the Bears play football, or of the monstrosity it has become since its 2003 "improvements." Visitors driving down Michigan Avenue generally assume a space ship has landed on Soldier Field.

## Back to Saturday Afternoon, May 3

The Cubs were in last place in the NL Central. Collectively, 2011–13 was the worst three year stretch in Cubs history. TRL had never heard of \$500,000 a year Jake Arrieta, who started on the mound for the Cubbies.

Nor of Junior Lake, another minimum salary guy who hadn't learned how to play the

22. The story is that the Wrigleys thought seriously about night baseball after its initial success in Cincinnati and Brooklyn, and had acquired lighting equipment. Then came World War II, and the Wrigleys gave their lighting resources to the war effort.

23. Rudolph Unger and James Strong, "No Lights At Wrigley Field, Judge Rules," CHICAGO TRIBUNE (March 26, 1985).

24. The story of night baseball at Wrigley is told in *Chicago Cubs Yearbook*, 203–05 (2014)

25. *A Century of Wrigley Field*, 50–51 (2013); *Chicago Cubs Yearbook* 7 (2014).

26. See *Minute Order in Chicago National League Ball Club, Inc. v. Sky Box on Waveland, LLC*, entered on April 8, 2004, in No. 02 C 9105.

27. Terms of the confidential settlement agreement have been widely "reported." See, e.g., Paul Sullivan, "An evolution to 'Beautiful Wrigley Field,'" [http://articles.chicagotribune.com/2014-04-23/sports/ct-wrigley-generations-spt-0423-20140423\\_1\\_ballpark-chicago-post-left-and-right-fields](http://articles.chicagotribune.com/2014-04-23/sports/ct-wrigley-generations-spt-0423-20140423_1_ballpark-chicago-post-left-and-right-fields)

wind currents in left field. Arrieta was history and the score was still 0–0 when Lake came to bat in the bottom of the sixth. TRL had a perfect view of the majestic arc of Lake’s two run home run to left center. And of Anthony Rizzo’s first pitch solo shot to right center in the bottom of the eighth.

Not long afterwards, Hector Rondon took the mound, gave the Cardinals two hits in the top of the ninth, but survived with the save. And sent Cubs fans home with a 3–0 win, wondering if this was the first ever **six pitcher shutout!**

At press time, the Cubs were in their familiar position—last place in the NL Central Division and competing for worst record in Major League Baseball.

## Epilogue

In 2014, there are many “traditional” retro parks with men at work, and where owners make megabucks. But there’s only one other

place where the past isn’t even past; at least, it wasn’t until 2004.

“Unlike Fenway, which backs up to an expressway, Wrigley is lodged in the bosom of a residential neighborhood.”<sup>28</sup>

But for those who read tea leaves, maybe the Fenway and Boston connections are not so glibly dismissed. As the miracle of 2004 unfolded, every living member of Red Sox Nation knew that the Sox’ last World Series was in 1918, the Cubs their opponent, the Cubs that now have not been to a Series since 1945 (though the White Sox won and were champs in 2005).

Can one doubt what Tom Ricketts was thinking when he hired Theo Epstein as Cubs President, Baseball Operations?

A winner in Wrigley Field would be nice. It would be just, at least for fans who have paid their dues in loyalty and suffering, and in a world with less justice than we should have.

George Will reminded us of the wisdom

of the late Renaissance literature scholar, A. Bartlett Giamatti, in time Commissioner of Baseball. “Ball parks exist, he said, because there is in humanity ‘a vestigial memory of an enclosed green space of freedom or play.’”<sup>29</sup>

Giamatti spoke to those “who grow out of sports... I am not that grown up or up-to-date, I am a simpler creature, tied to more primitive patterns and cycles. I need to think something lasts forever, and it might as well be that state of being that is a game; it might as well be that, in a green field, in the Sun.”<sup>30</sup>

Ernie Banks has never been a Renaissance scholar but he understands the simple truths of one who was and became president of Yale University. “But Wrigley Field became mine,” Banks said recently. “I grew to love going there. I didn’t want to ever leave. That’s why I said, ‘Let’s play two!’”<sup>31</sup>

Reflecting on his mortality, Banks added, “I want my ashes to be spread over Wrigley Field, with the wind blowing out.”<sup>32</sup> ➔

28. Blair Kamin, “Design gives Wrigley Field a firm sense of place,” <http://www.chicagotribune.com/sports/baseball/cubs/wrigley/ct-wrigley-field-architecture-met-0423-20140423,0,4731653.column>

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30. A. Bartlett Giamatti, “Green Fields of the Mind,” in *A Great and Glorious Game: Baseball Writings*

of A. Bartlett Giamatti (1998).

31. Forward By Ernie Banks, *A Century of Wrigley Field*, page 11 (2013)

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# CAPTAIN EQUITY

## THE REPUBLICAN CIVIL WAR: *Everybody Loses*

Just as Vicksburg marked the turning point in the War Between the States, it looks as if Mississippi could again be the focal point in the ongoing Civil War that is being fought within the National Republican Party. In the 1860s it was the Union verses the Confederacy. Today it is the mainstream GOP against the Tea Party. Six months ago who would have thought that the Chris McDaniel primary challenge against long serving Senator Thad Cochran would have resulted in a virtual dead heat? But now, the race is headed for a run off on June 24 only because a token third candidate in the June 3<sup>rd</sup> primary deprived either candidate of a 50% plus one vote margin. If anyone in the Senate appeared to have a safe seat it was Thad Cochran, but thanks to the Tea Party movement led by the likes of Ted Cruz and Mike Lee and funded by Super PACs like the Club For Growth and Freedom Works who shamelessly pump millions of plutocrat dollars into state elections, Mississippi's considerable clout in the U.S. Senate has been put in mortal danger. In the Mississippi Republican Senate Primary early estimates are that \$12.5 million

vote and on and on and on.

And so, you ask, why is everybody a loser? The answer is that irresponsible ego maniacal candidates such as McDaniel, Cruz, Lee and so many more unsuccessful Tea Party primary challengers like Todd Akin ("legitimate rape," Richard Mourdock "Rape is part of God's Plan" and Sharon Angle "Second Amendment Remedies") push otherwise responsible Republicans further and further to the right just so the incumbents can keep their seats. Governing, which requires a measure of vision and compromise, was difficult enough before the 2010 emergence of the Tea Party; it is virtually impossible now. The good news for rational people is that Tea Party challengers who push out mainstream Republicans, the most infamous being Mourdock, who deposed longtime GOP Senator Richard Lugar in Indiana, often go on to lose to Democrats in the general election as was the case of Mourdock and Todd Akin who insured that Democrats were elected in Indiana and Missouri.

Thank God, Tea Party electoral victories are relatively rare. But when they do win, the question is why? The answer is easy: money

operate unregulated businesses, the environment be damned. Then there is casino billionaire Sheldon Adelson who wants to forbid online gambling that would compete with his casino empire's profits.

Unfortunately, the other common denominator is the Democratic Party in general and Barack Obama in particular. The President is smart and thoughtful, although perhaps not always decisive enough for me. But for the Tea Party, just being a Democrat these days is akin to being a Communist back in the McCarthy era. And then, of course, the President is black despite having a white mother. Race in America has always been a factor although it shrinks with each succeeding generation. The very fact that Mr. Obama lives in the White House is a testament to the progress America is making on this front although it is an understatement to say that not everybody is on board in this regard.

All this said, probably the biggest factor that allows the Tea Party to exist is frustration with American Government. That frustration is very real and is much easier to understand by most fair minded people. While I am far from being an expert on what makes the Tea Party tick, I would imagine that it is this frustration that pushes most conservative Republicans to vote for the Tea Party. One need only look at the shameless VA scandal and over intrusive NSA spying on American citizens. Wall Street institutions pay millions of dollars in fines but no jail time for those who engage in illegality. Why not? And then there are the two wars the last Republican Administration gave us, one of which was totally based on fabricated weapons of mass destruction for

**“ If there is to be fundamental change, economic pain will result and have to be shared.**

dollars was dumped into the poorest state in the country to affect the outcome which came to a virtual draw. In North Carolina where the Tea Party candidate was defeated, 90% of the money came from out of state. This is a great lesson of democracy in action at the state level, local governance, one man, one

and frustration. We have already referred to the money supplied by billionaires trying to influence state and local elections to gain economic benefits that will serve them and their businesses. Two of the most notorious are the Koch Brothers who have made billions in the oil business. Their ultimate goal is to

which W. Uncle Dick and Rummy have never been called upon to account. How many U.S. soldiers paid with their lives or limbs? And that doesn't even factor in the cost. From a Tea Party perspective, might this be an example of wasteful spending? To my dismay, I fear the lessons the Neocons never learned will be repeated by the zealots of the Tea Party in the form of climate change denial, ignoring the medical crisis in America by offering nothing to improve the Affordable Care Act, paralysis when it comes to Immigration Reform, etc. Underlying all of this is an unbridled disdain for all people who are not old and white. And by the way, I feel I have permission to say this because I am old and white ... and scared.

And then there are points of agreement with the Tea Party. Government is indeed too big. While in some instances there aren't enough regulations, there are plenty of instances where well meaning people and programs are hopelessly constrained by red tape. Increasingly, American jobs are being outsourced while antitrust has largely been consigned to legal history. Fewer and fewer multinational corporations control our economy and fiscal policy. The income and education gap grows more every day. The solutions are extremely difficult and won't be

solved by Tea Party nihilism. In my view it is probable that President Obama's biggest failing was to ignore the recommendations of the bi-partisan Simpson-Bowles Commission he formed. If there is to be fundamental change, economic pain will result and have to be shared. Meaningful solutions must be bipartisan. Unfortunately, this is treason to the Tea Party.

When it comes to diagnosing the problems the Tea Party looks good. But the ultimate problem is finding workable solutions. Prayer in schools and guns on college campuses and in bars are not solutions. And by the way, what exactly is a Constitutional Conservative that state senator McDaniel claims to be? And exactly what Liberties have we been denied that he is going to restore? And please be specific about the wasteful spending approved by Senator Cochran. Was it disaster relief for victims of Hurricane Katrina? How about Social Security, Medicare, VA Benefits, educational loans, roads and bridges? In these difficult times the last thing we need are endless commercials serving up meaningless slogans by an ego centric, terminally ambitious state legislator and part time radio talking head all funded by self serving Plutocrats. If you doubt this

take a good look at Ted Cruz and tell me one substantive thing he has done. And to bring up the Birther Movement, Big Ted is a Canadian via Cuba, but he never mentions that. At least Senator McDaniel is a citizen of the Free State of Jones.

And finally, there is the despicable Tea Party scheme to photograph and make public Thad Cochran's wife Rose who has spent more than a decade at St Catherine's Village for early onset dementia. In addition to the person taking the pictures, four high ranking members of the Mississippi Tea Party and avowed McDaniel supporters have been charged with felonies in hatching and executing this scheme. But wait, there is more. Three Tea Party officials and McDaniel supporters were discovered in the Hinds County Courthouse at 2:30 A.M. in the early morning after the June 3<sup>rd</sup> election. What? All I can say is "Res Ipsa Loquitur." Is this Constitutional Conservatism? As far as I am concerned, the worst offense of all is hypocrisy. It is often said that one judges the future by what has been done in the past. If this is what we can expect from the Self Appointed Christian Tea Party Patriots, I'll pass. I hope you will too. ➡

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# » On Computing

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By Joel Howell



With the passing of support for Windows XP and rising security concerns when browsing, here are some thoughts and suggestions on increasing internet safety.

The most commonly hacked browser is Internet Explorer. If you are not comfortable with continuously checking for updates, Firefox and Chrome are likely more secure alternatives. Both have multiple plug-ins and extensions, but be careful, as some Chrome extensions can change service ownership without notification. Most plug-ins, however, are safe; here are some that can be very helpful.

The Electronic Frontier Foundation and the Tor Project jointly developed an extension for Firefox, Chrome, and Opera called HTTPS Everywhere. This is a protocol for securing communications over a network by encryption, as opposed to the standard http protocol (the “s” in https stands for secure). When making a payment online, have you had a site tell you that you have been moved to a secure area? You may notice that the URL will change from http to https. It’s available from [www.eff.org/https-everywhere](http://www.eff.org/https-everywhere).

Web of Trust, also known as “WOT”, is an extension available for Explorer, Firefox, Chrome, Safari, and Opera. It displays traffic signal icons next to URLs and links. Green means the site is reliable, yellow indicates you should be cautious, and red tells you to stay away. The ratings are outsourced from WOT’s global user base and are supported by a number of trusted third party services. The website is [www.mywot.com](http://www.mywot.com).

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Click & Clean, available for Chrome and Firefox, is an extension that takes privacy to a new level. It can give you one click erase for your browser cache, download and browsing history, temporary internet files, cookies, and flash cookies. It’s available from Mixiesoft. You can get a more comprehensive understanding from the quick

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# HCBA HIGHLIGHTS FROM 25 YEARS AGO

By Linda A. Thompson



They say it's a sign of old age when you can remember events from 25 years ago better than those that happened last week. Glancing through the HCBA News issues from 1989 illustrates that point in a personal way for me. That year Judy Johnson became president of the HCBA; Jay Travis was advising as past president; Leonard Van Slyke was president elect; and Richard Montague was secretary-treasurer (president elect elect).

The HCBA Directors were Pat Bennett, Richard Courtney, Tommy Furby, and Hal Miller. There were many HCBA committee chairmen, to name a few who appeared in pictures: Zeke Downey and Harrison McIver, Bench and Bar Relations; Lynn Fitch, Women in the Profession; Robert Gibbs, Black Lawyer Participation in the Profession; Spencer Gilbert, Legal Aid; Katie Hester, Professional Ethics; John Maxey, Library Services; Peyton Prospere, Program Chairman; Belinda Stevens, Wellness; Carter Thompson, Social; Fulton Thompson and Ben Piazza, Membership.

In June of 1989, the headline story was about the new executive director — Pat Evans, and her appointment effective May 1. At the time, Pat had been serving as Director of Admissions and Placement at Mississippi College School of Law for two years. Before then, she served seven years as Director of Public Relations and Marketing for the Jackson Symphony Orchestra Association. In that capacity, she was awarded ten marketing and communication awards from the International Association of Business Communicators. I don't know how many awards or trophies Pat has received for her work with HCBA/CABA, but it should be at least ten.

Jackson Mayor Kane Ditto was the speaker at the August 1989 membership luncheon (the individual cost for which was \$8.25!) In October, the luncheon speaker was Louisa O. Dixon, Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety since January 1988 at the appointment of Governor Ray Mabus. Other special guests pictured after the October meeting were District Judges Walter J. Gex, III, Tom S. Lee, Dan M. Russell, Jr., and Henry T. Wingate. With them was pictured Hinds County Circuit Judge William F. Coleman.

F. Lee Bailey, celebrated attorney and author, was the speaker at MC Law School's Law Day banquet. His picture, taken with MC Law Dean Alton H. Harvey and Presiding Justice Dan M. Lee of the Mississippi Supreme Court, was featured in the October issue.

George H. W. Bush had begun his first term as U. S. President after succeeding Ronald Reagan, but Captain Equity was off on the state bar convention's move to Florida after a long tradition of meeting on the Gulf Coast. The Captain noted there were complaints in Sandestin, however, with the comment,

"Of course, it would be naïve to think everybody could be happy with anything these days — up to and including world peace. Take for instance the Mayor of Biloxi, who moped amidst a sea of happy convention goers with his hands in his pockets and his lip poked out. And then there were a score or so of artificially cheerful officials from the Mississippi Gulf Coast who arrived with burlap sacks of Mississippi oysters and enough Jack Daniels sour mash to make Exxon's Captain Hazelwood take the LSAT."

All of this casually intertwined with quips about the HUD Scandal of 1989, of course.

Justice Antonin Scalia was the guest speaker invited to the bar convention by the

Young Lawyers Section of the Mississippi Bar. He was pictured in the October newsletter and mentioned by Captain Equity, who suggested that Justice Scalia may have been the second choice of the Young Lawyers. "Prompted by a joint resolution of the Real Estate Practice and Criminal Law Sections, the YLS leadership had previously invited former Housing and Urban Development Secretary 'Silent' Sam Pierce to deliver his motivational pantomime, 'Nothing Down and All You Can Stuff in Your Pockets — But I Don't Want to Know About It.' Unfortunately, when we called to confirm this report, the former cabinet official whispered, and we quote, 'I don't know about it.'"

There were pictures of various capital area lawyers and judges who attended the bar convention in Sandestin. Among them were Mississippi Supreme Court Justice Reuben Anderson and Hinds County Chancery Judges Pat Wise and Denise Sweet Owens.

Christy Jones wrote an article about the establishment of the Charles Clark American Inn of Court in 1989. Hal Freeland of Oxford, one of the organizers of the William Keady American Inn of Court there, was instrumental in the organization of the Inn of Court in Jackson. The Inns of Court aspire to promote professionalism, understanding, and respect among lawyers and good will between the Bar and Bench, with Benchers and Barristers who represent all facets of transactional, trial, and appellate practice and Pupils drawn from promising baby lawyers and law students. The program at the May meeting was entitled "Reflections on Jury Service: The Views of a Group of Jurors." Eight jurors who had recently served on state and federal juries discussed their observations and objective criticisms about the experience.

The Christmas Social invitation appeared in the October 1989 issue. At that time the event was held under the harsh fluorescent lighting at the Mississippi Bar Center. Perhaps the Old Capitol Inn was still the YWCA then?

In October 1989, the World Series Earthquake shook the San Francisco Bay area and interrupted the Giants and the Oakland A's. A young quarterback and Gulfport native named Brett Favre drew national attention to the University of Southern Mississippi.

Ray Charles turned 59 in September of

1989. Fats Domino was 61; Jerry Lee Lewis turned 54; Bob Dylan was 48; and B. B. King was 64. Jimmy Buffett turned 43 on Christmas Day 1989, and Elvis had been dead for 12 years.

On April 21, 1989, the Queen of England had her 63rd birthday. Princess Diana was only 28. Nelson Mandela was in his 26th

year of imprisonment. On July 2, 1989, we celebrated the 25th birthday of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

Willie Morris published *Good Old Boy* and *The Witch of Yazoo* in 1989, and John Grisham published *A Time to Kill*. The movie version of *Driving Miss Daisy* was released to great acclaim and subsequently won an Oscar,

and Wendy Wasserstein's *The Heidi Chronicles* won the Tony for best play and the Pulitzer Prize for Drama.

Of course, there's more. You can make the trip back in time yourself by going to the CABA website archives at [www.caba.ms](http://www.caba.ms) and to your memories and to history. 📌

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