



LETTERS to the Editor

Retired pilots honor murdered friend

Thank you for the article in your November issue revisiting the tragic murder of James Clark Edwards. We hope that somewhere down the road, even though Adam Corey Hoover is serving a life sentence, he is not allowed to be eligible for parole.

I take no credit for finishing the airplane. It was something that needed doing and I enjoyed it; however, I do wish to give my friend, Dave Dollarhide, credit for the excellent up-close photos he [and his son-in-law] took in the air.

Dave flew A-4 Skyhawks and A-7 Corsairs in Vietnam and was the only pilot in his squadron group [of four] to survive the 1967 catastrophic explosion on the USS Forrestal, which claimed 134 lives. After he left the Navy in 1969, he flew with the Navy Reserves in Jacksonville, was Attack Squadron 203 Commanding Officer and retired as a Captain in 1984. He also flew for National Airlines, Pan Am and Delta until he retired in 2002.

Shortly after retiring, Dave purchased a lot at Haller Air Park with three friends and former Navy pilots. They call themselves the "Dreamland Squadron" and are creating their version of an old men's Navy squadron. They built a hanger, and each of them will eventually have their own airplane.

Thank you very much.

- Tom Butler

Attempted theft thwarted by Wal-Mart shopper

I thought I should pass this along; sometimes things just hit too close to home.

While I was shopping tonight [Dec. 24] at Wal-Mart, standing in the hair care products aisle, a young girl (early twenties) came and stood next to me with a small newborn in her arms, asking me about a certain shampoo. I really didn't think much of it. My shopping cart was on the other side of me, my back turned to it as I spoke to the girl.

I suddenly got the feeling that something wasn't right. I turned to look at my cart, and I had to look twice, because I didn't believe what had just happened. My purse was gone! I saw another young lady turn the corner of the aisle pushing another cart. I suspected it had been her, but wasn't sure. I immediately followed her. She began to look back at me and began to walk faster. So I walked faster too.

As she turned to go down another aisle, I noticed my purse in her cart. She began to run, so I ran after her. She turned around again to look at me and I told her she'd better stop. She shoved her cart down an aisle and ran. Luckily,

my purse was still in the cart. I immediately grabbed my cell [phone] and called 911. There were no Wal-Mart personnel around, so I ran to the door where I thought the girl exited and told the cashier to call the store manager and security NOW.

I proceeded out into the parking lot to see if I could determine the girl's whereabouts. Not a trace. They scanned the store with the security cameras, etc., but couldn't find them. The young girl who had been talking to me had been trying to distract me while her friend lifted my purse from my cart. They were very slick.

I filed a police report, but I'm sure they'll be back. And there will be many others trying the same thing. My mistake was leaving my purse in the cart to begin with. But I am exposing my mistake to you so you don't make the same one.

-Cyndi M. Davis, Jacksonville

(Editor's Note: Although this incident happened on Christmas Eve, crooks are always looking for an easy "mark." Ms. Davis works for the American Red Cross and is a frequent volunteer for the Justice Coalition.)

WANTED

by the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office



CLAY C. BLADES

VA#: 2406
Sex: Male DOB: 08/24/39
Ht.: 6'2" Wt.: 210
Violation: FTA/VOP/DUI



BARRY W. BLITCH

VA#: 2385
Sex: Male DOB: 09/23/69
Ht.: 5'10" Wt.: 195
Violation: Fail to Register/Sex Offender



JOHN LOUIS COLEMAN

VA#: 2389
Sex: Male DOB: 02/08/45
Ht.: 6'2" Wt.: 260
Violation: VOP/FTA/Domestic Battery



ADAM JOSEPH DAVIS

VA#: 2393
Sex: Male DOB: 10/24/78
Ht.: 6'1" Wt.: 175
Violation: Leave Accident w/injuries



SHAMARD M. DAVIS

VA#: 2402
Sex: Male DOB: 06/16/82
Ht.: 5'7" Wt.: 135
Violation: VOP/Domestic Battery



THOMAS J. DAVIS

VA#: 2382
Sex: Male DOB: 07/18/73
Ht.: 5'6" Wt.: 135
Violation: Burglary



RASHEEM duBOSE

VA#: 2408
Sex: Male DOB: 03/15/84
Ht.: 5'8" Wt.: 150
Violation: Escape



MICHAEL A. FUNCHESS

VA#: 2390
Sex: Male DOB: 03/19/68
Ht.: 5'11" Wt.: 185
Violation: VOP/DUI



JERROD D. HARDWICK

VA#: 2407
Sex: Male DOB: 08/31/78
Ht.: 5'11" Wt.: 195
Violation: Burglary/Sexual Battery

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