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**QUESTION OF THE WEEK**

The Winchester Board of Commissioners is considering changing its meeting time from 5:30 to 4 p.m. on the first and third Tuesdays of each month, and the board wants its constituents' input. Which would you prefer? Cast your vote online at [www.winchestersun.com](http://www.winchestersun.com).

**WEATHER**

Today: 50  
 Tonight: 27  
 The AccuWeather forecast appears on A10.



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*Where do I begin ...*



Clockwise, from top: Linda and Billy Edwards, married on Aug. 23, 1969 (Photo by James Mann); Fred and Johnnie Baber, married on Aug. 4, 1951 (Photo submitted); Lara and Chris Thornbury, married on Oct. 13, 2007 (Photo submitted).

Lyrics from "Theme from Love Story (Where Do I begin?)"



*to tell the story of how great a love can be?*

**Three couples share their love stories**

**T**heir love started with a prayer, roller skates and e-mail. Now in light of Valentine's Day, three Winchester couples share the ups and downs of their 38 years, 56 years and almost four months of marriage.

**THE BEGINNING**

As the young, petite, long-haired freshman strolled through the halls of her high school in the mid-1960s, a wild, trench coat-wearing, long-haired sophomore told her, "I love you."

But he was a short-lived stranger, and the two opposites were soon dating, three months later.

Now, Linda and Billy Edwards have been happily married for 38 years, going on 39.

"She was a cute little girl. She

was only 14 years old, and I was the old bad guy," Billy said.

"You were only two years older than me," Linda responded as she laughed. "He was a jock, and I was innocent."

Before Billy met Linda, he knew he needed straightening up. One day, he was driving up to the top of a hill in Dayton, Ohio, when he stopped at a park.

"I prayed, 'Give me something to keep me straight in line.'"

More than 40 years later, Linda admits she hasn't always kept him in line, especially at the onset of the marriage. But "I learned," Billy said.

As he laced-up his roller skates at Scotty's Skating Rink in Lexington in 1950, Fred Baber was just expecting to enhance his skating skills. Instead, he met his wife, Johnnie.

"She was skating real good, so I asked her to teach me to skate," Fred said. "But I was hesitant because she was such a good skater."

But before the night was over, Fred was taking Johnnie home.

"I asked her if she had a ride home, and she said 'no.' So I asked, 'Would you let me take you home?'" Fred said, even though he was unfamiliar with Lexington roads. "I found my way back."

And he sure did. He also found his way back and forth from Winchester to Lexington for a year.

Now, 57 years later, Johnnie "tries to keep me in line," Fred said. "But we're both the boss."

As she pressed enter and sent the e-mail, Lara Thornbury could hardly believe what was happening. The man at the other end of the e-mail responded, and frequent visits to her e-mail account ensued. Soon the individuals would meet, again.

"We had had the same friends for years," Thornbury said. "And we knew each other when we were young from being in Cotillion."

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**Police chase on I-64 ends in arrest**

Sun Staff Report

A driver led police on a high-speed chase through Clark and Fayette counties Friday night before being arrested on Interstate 64 near the county line.

The Winchester Police Department received a call about the fleeing suspect about 6 p.m., and its officers joined Lexington Police in the pursuit.

According to radio conversations between a dispatcher and officers, the suspect was driving a Toyota Four Runner at speeds of 90 to 100 miles per hour while eastbound on the interstate.

Lt. Richard Bottoms of Lexington Metro Police said narcotics officers were attempting to serve a warrant in a drug trafficking case, and the driver of the vehicle was involved somehow. Bottoms said the driver was either at the residence at Polo Drive or showed up when the warrant was being served, and fled the scene.

Lexington Police had a helicopter above the residence for surveillance and

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**AP poll calls for pullout in Iraq**

By JEANNINE AVERSA  
 Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The heck with Congress' big stimulus bill. The way to get the country out of recession — and most people think we're in one — is to get the country out of Iraq, according to an Associated Press-Ipsos poll.

Pulling out of the war ranked first among proposed remedies in the survey, followed by spending more on domestic programs, cutting taxes and, at the bottom end, giving rebates to poor people in hopes they'll spend the economy into recovery.

The \$168 billion economic rescue package Congress rushed to approval this week includes rebates of \$600 to \$1,200 for most taxpayers, the hope being that they will spend the money and help

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