

FedEx employees coming to The Market on Poplar

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FedEx has signed two leases for space in The Market on Poplar shopping center in the former Albertson's supermarket location.

FedEx spokesman Jim McCluskey said the company signed the leases within the past two weeks.

Plans are for FedEx Corporate Services to occupy 34,173 square feet at 890 Poplar. The majority of the space will be used for "developmental training for employees" to help ex-

pand and enhance their skills, McCluskey said. FedEx Express will occupy some of the space, he said.

The space the company currently uses for training at the FedEx World Tech Center in Collierville will be converted into office space for employees, McCluskey said.

Modifications to the building will begin soon, and FedEx expects to occupy the building in early 2009, he said.

Other businesses in the shopping center on the northeast corner of Poplar Avenue and Market Boulevard include Patton Computers, Memphis Pool, CiCi's Pizza, Jackson's Shoes and Hobby Lobby.

In Brief

Small business association endorses Norris and Todd

The National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB), an association for small businesses, announced Tuesday that incumbents Senate District 32 Sen. Mark Norris and House District 95 Rep. Curry Todd, both of Collierville, are among the candidates it is endorsing in 56 legislative races.

The endorsements were made by NFIB/Tennessee SAFE (Save America's Free Enterprise) Trust, which is comprised exclusively of NFIB members.

"Small business is the backbone of Tennessee's economy, and it's critically important to have a General Assembly that supports free enterprise," said Jim Brown, state director of NFIB/Tennessee in a statement issued by NFIB Tuesday. "The National Federation of Independent Business supports candidates who support small business, regardless of party affiliation. NFIB's endorsed candidates clearly understand small business owners need better access to affordable health care and believe fiscal responsibility, a sensible workers' compensation system and less regulation are important to our future."

— NFIB

CONFESSIONS OF A CONFUSED DAD:

Ask Me No Questions

BY JEFF MARTINDALE
Special to The Collierville Herald

"Did God create the devil?"

Questions like this have throughout history driven fathers to utter what are arguably the four most valuable words in his verbal arsenal: "Go ask your mother." (A close second: "Where is the remote?") We're much better at answering "softball" inquiries like, "Who won the World Series in 1982?" than "curveball" philosophical queries that require deep thought and knowledge more extensive than miscellaneous sports trivia.

The question hurled by my son came out of left field – literally. My boys and I were resting inside our trusted family tent, pitched alongside many others on the outfield grass at AutoZone Park on Family Sleepover Night after a Redbirds game. Tucked snugly inside our sleeping bags following a long evening of thrilling baseball and a post-game movie projected on the JumboTron, I hoped the boys would quickly fall asleep because I knew from three years of ballpark sleepovers that I would struggle to succumb to the fatigue during the interminable hours before sunrise.

I had started to insert an earplug to shut out the din of downtown activity when Will fired the first pitch. If I hadn't been muddled by the late hour and a tummy bloated from ballpark hotdogs I might have fielded his question with more eloquence, but instead mumbled, "Huh?"

He repeated the question, which afforded me a moment to clear the mental cobwebs and craft a response. Like it is said, "He who is asked, answers. He with no answers, stalls." (Confucius said that, I think, or was it Bill Clinton?)

Anyway, I make light of my shortcomings, but the truth is that I want my boys to feel comfortable asking me questions. I must have similarly pestered my parents during my youth because my brain cells are choked with a collage of useless knowledge, which comes in handy for crossword puzzles and the infrequent game of Trivial Pursuit, yet often fails me at critical moments.

"God created everything, including the devil," I answered, going on to explain how the devil had once been an angel of God before falling away.

"Does the devil make us sin?" Jack chimed in.

"I think he does because it keeps us from being close to God."

"Why is there sin?" Will shot back.

"Because people do things that they want to do and it isn't always what God wants us to do."

Jack: "Does everybody sin?"

"Yes."

Will: "Everybody?"

"Everybody. No one is perfect."

Jack: "Only Jesus was perfect."

Will: "Yeah. Jesus never sinned."

"That's what the Bible says." (A helpful hint for dads: always quote a reliable and trusted source to boost your credibility. The Bible is one of the best, along with CNN and anyone's mother. The worst? The Internet, most politicians and "Entertainment Tonight," among others.)

"If God created everything, why doesn't He make sin go away?" Will's astute question filled me with anxiety for how could anyone short of Billy Graham answer it, much less at a fifth-grade level? I have enough Biblical knowledge to be dangerous, so to speak.

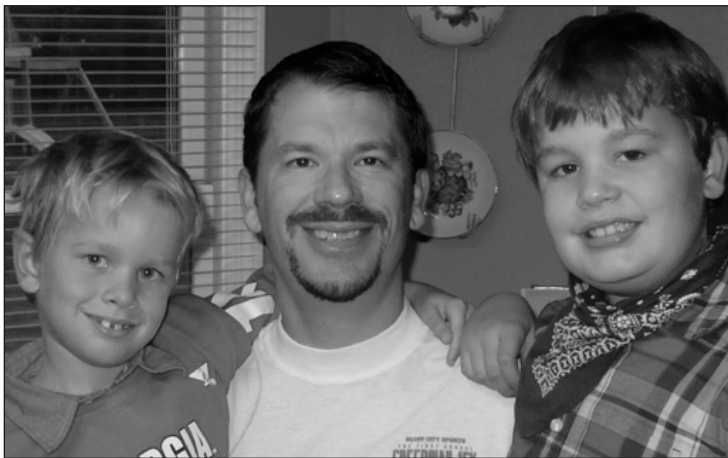
I gave it a shot, though my explanation of how God gave humans free will produced confused expressions and gaping yawns, meaning either my response had missed its mark or the late hour had finally caught up to them. (I hoped the latter). At any rate, I declared it bedtime but not before offering a parting comment I hoped would stick in their inquisitive minds.

"I don't have all the answers, boys. There's a lot I don't know about stuff, but it shouldn't stop me from learning. You asked good questions and I hope you'll always come to Mom or me with more of them, but understand that sometimes we might say, 'I don't know.'"

The time approached 1:30 a.m., and our heads weighed heavy on our pillows. My voice had just trailed off into the night, when Jack couldn't resist having the final word.

"Dad," he declared, propping himself up on his elbows. I could tell by his self-assured tone that he was about to bestow on us a dose of third-grade wisdom.

"If Adam and Eve hadn't eaten that apple, we'd all be nude."



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July 31: Vandalism under \$500 – Resident on Andrew's Way reported that he noticed one of the glass panes in the home's backdoor was broken when he got up that morning to take his dog out. Responding officer found no signs indicating entry was gained. Resident requested extra patrol.

July 31: Aggravated Burglary – Officers responded to a call about a burglary at a home on East Lawnwood at approximately 2 a.m. The victim told police that someone had stolen a steel safe containing \$2,985 from his second-floor bedroom and that items on top of the safe had been moved. The owner of the house said that everyone in the home except his grandmother had gone to a party that night. The grandmother, who had been asleep in her bedroom, reported she didn't hear or see anything unusual. Officers noted that someone trying to enter through the second-floor bedroom's window, reported to have been unlocked, would have to go over the roof from the rear of the house. Items that had been moved from the top of the safe were processed and photos of the room were taken.

July 31: Aggravated Burglary – Officer responded to a call about a theft from a vehicle in an open garage at a home on Bradford Trace. The complainant said that sometime between 6 p.m. and 6:15 p.m. someone entered both unlocked vehicles in the garage, a Ford F-150 and a Lexus GS3. The only item reported missing was a \$200 pair of prescription sunglasses.

July 31: Misuse of Registration; Manufacture, Delivery, Sell of Controlled Substance – An officer pulled over the driver of an Oldsmobile Cutlass Cierra he observed weaving as it was headed westbound on Poplar Avenue near Main Street. The 31-year-old Rossville man crossed the center line three times. The driver did not have the vehicle's registration and it had Tennessee license plate belonging to a 1987 Ford. The driver consented to a vehicle search, which revealed a plastic bag containing 13 smaller bags of marijuana, totaling 32 grams. The driver was taken to CPD jail for processing.

Aug. 1: Simple Possession of Marijuana – An officer patrolling near Peterson Lake and Shelton roads at approximately 4:52 p.m. observed that the driver of a Nissan Pathfinder was not wearing his seat belt. After stopping the vehicle, which was driven by a 32-year-old Collierville resident, the officer detected the odor of burnt marijuana coming from inside. With the driver's consent given, the officer searched and found marijuana "roaches" in the ashtray and one in a tackle box. The total weight of the roaches and the bag that contained them was roughly 2 grams.

Aug. 2: Theft of Property under \$500 – An officer arrived at Kohl's, 3575 Houston Levee, at approximately 12:28 p.m., on a shoplifting complaint. The store's loss prevention manager had a 21-year-old Collierville resident in custody for stealing jewelry, including a watch, and clothing. She was issued a citation for Theft of Property under \$500 and given a criminal trespass warning.

Aug. 2: Driving Under the Influence; Driving with Suspended License – An officer checking businesses around Merchants Park Circle at approximately 4:20 p.m. observed the brake lights of a Ford Taurus with a Tennessee license plate reflecting off the front of Eddie Bauer's. The officer observed two men in the car. The 30-year-old driver, whose address was listed in Memphis, was on a cell phone and told the officer he was looking for Houston Levee. The passenger appeared to be asleep. The driver had watery eyes, was confused, swayed when he stood and performed poorly on the sobriety test. The driver said he and his passenger had been to a club on Beale Street and were meeting some girls on Houston Levee. The driver tested at .114 on the breath test and was arrested.

Aug. 2: Suspended License; Simple Possession of Marijuana; Possession of Drug Paraphernalia – Officers stopped a vehicle at Poplar Avenue and Hwy. 72 for having a tinted cover over the license plate that obstructed the view of the plate. The 27-year-old male driver, of Murray, Ky., had a suspended license. The driver said he had marijuana in the vehicle. A search produced roughly 2 grams of marijuana and a metal smoking pipe with marijuana residue.

Aug. 4: Theft of Property under \$500 – Officer responded to a call from World Market, 4600 Merchants Park Cove, Ste. 121, about a fraud complaint. The store manager advised the officer that his review of security camera footage showed a 35-year-old male employee making transactions at the register, using store items he never purchased and taking the refunded money, \$130.01, on July 23. The manager showed a statement admitting to the theft signed by the suspect, who was taken into custody and searched. Three grams of marijuana were found in his pants pocket and a glass jar with a rubber-sealed lid covered inside with marijuana residue was found in his vehicle, along with a marijuana blunt in the ashtray.

Aug. 4: Theft of Property over \$1,000 – Officer responded to a call from World Market, 4600 Merchants Park Cove, Ste. 121, about a fraud complaint. The store manager advised the officer that a 28-year-old female cashier had signed two confessions to charging \$1,725.52 worth of fraudulent cash refunds and store gift cards and store surveillance video also was available. The

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