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Tidbits

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The Martha Irwin Award for Lifetime Achievement in Highway Safety is presented annually to an AAMVA member jurisdiction employee, or other individual whose primary function is directly associated with highway and traffic safety efforts.

Nomination Guidelines:

- AAMVA member jurisdiction employees, or other individuals whose primary function is motor vehicle or highway safety, are eligible.
- Interested jurisdictional members are encouraged to submit nominations to their chief motor vehicle or chief law enforcement administrator who will then submit one nominee per jurisdictional agency to AAMVA Director of Law Enforcement Brian Ursino at bursino@aamva.org.

[Click here for the 2013 Martha Irwin Award nomination form.](#) Nominations must be received by April 30, 2013. For more information, contact [Brian Ursino](#) via email or at 703-350-5103.

[2013 Standing Committee Vacancies](#)

Each of AAMVA's three standing committees have vacancies beginning September 2013. If you are interested in applying for membership, please download the Committee Member Application.

- The Driver Standing Committee is seeking an information technology representative and a public affairs and consumer education (PACE) representative from any of AAMVA's four regions.
- The Enforcement Standing Committee is seeking two law enforcement representatives - one from Region I and one from Region III. These applicants must be sworn law enforcement officers.
- The Vehicle Standing Committee is seeking an information technology representative and a public affairs and consumer education (PACE) representative from any of AAMVA's four regions. The Vehicle Standing Committee is also seeking a vehicle representative from Region III.

All terms are for two years beginning September 2013 and ending August 2015. Download the [Committee Member Application](#). Applications must be received by **August 1, 2013**. If you have questions, please contact Dianne Graham, director, Member & Conference Services via email dgraham@aamva.org or phone (703) 908-8267. For more information, see <http://www.aamva.org/Committees-and-Working-Groups/>.

Region I News

[Trucking Bill Allows Bigger Loads \(Connecticut\)](#)

The weight of trucks hauling agricultural products could rise by 20,000 pounds under a bill approved Wednesday by the Transportation Committee. But it would require an act of Congress to follow through on the bill, which next heads to the state Senate. State truckers have mixed emotions about the bill, which is supported by the Connecticut Farm Bureau Association as a way to help bring goods across neighboring state lines. [Read the full article in the Connecticut Post.](#)

[New License Plate Combinations Available Starting Monday \(Connecticut\)](#)

Connecticut drivers who want to choose the letters and numbers on their vehicle's marker plate will have additional choices starting Monday. The Department of Motor Vehicles says it will accept requests for "vanity plates" with mixed combinations of letters and numbers which do not have to be divided by a dot. Commissioner Melody Currey says it's one of the results of the department's multi-million

dollar technology upgrade. She says the outdated technology did not allow mixing letters and numbers, but starting April 1, consumers will be able to request combinations like JUST4U or GO4IT. Plates must meet DMV rules for vanity plate combinations. [Read the full article on CBS Connecticut.](#)

State Senate Approves Driver's Licenses for Illegal Immigrants (Maryland)

Maryland could become one of a handful of states that grant special driver's licenses to illegal immigrants under legislation garnering strong support in Annapolis. The bill, passed by the Senate on Monday, would expand and make permanent an existing two-tiered driver's license system to include more than 100,000 people whose immigration status currently prevents them from applying for a license. Gov. Martin O'Malley backs the plan, which now moves to the House of Delegates. "It's a safety issue," said Del. Jolene Ivey, a Prince George's County Democrat who introduced the House version. "I want to know that everybody on the roads passed a driver's test. I want to know they have car insurance, that they know not to flee when they're getting pulled over or in an accident." "It's practical," added Sen. Victor Ramirez, who introduced the bill in the Senate. Opponents said the measure would attract illegal immigrants, making Maryland a "sanctuary state." "We'll be the only state east of Illinois that does this," said Sen. Allan Kittleman, a Howard County Republican. [Read the full article in the Baltimore Sun.](#)

Gas Tax Increase Advances in House of Delegates (Maryland)

The House of Delegates turned back a series of amendments Wednesday night seeking to derail a transportation revenue bill backed by Martin O'Malley, a strong indication that Democratic leaders have enough votes to raise the state's gas tax for the first time in more than two decades. After defeating 11 proposed amendments, the House gave the bill its preliminary approval, setting up a final vote before the end of the week. If it passes, it would go to the Senate. The plan would raise gas taxes by about \$600 million a year when fully implemented in 2017. It is the result of painstaking behind-the-scenes negotiations among O'Malley, Senate President Thomas V. Mike Miller and House Speaker Michael E. Busch over a way to raise revenue for the state's roads, bridges, transit and other transportation needs. The talks produced an agreement early this month, more than halfway into the 90-day legislative session. [Read the full article in the Baltimore Sun.](#)

House Okays 12-cent Increase in New Hampshire Gas Tax, Sends Bill to Senate

The House yesterday gave final approval to legislation that would increase New Hampshire's gas tax for the first time since 1991. On a 206-158 vote, the Democratic-led House passed a bill to raise the tax by 12 cents, phased in over three years for gasoline and six years for diesel fuel. The state's gas tax is now 18 cents per gallon. The bill next goes to the Senate, where Republicans hold a 13-11 majority. Sen. Chuck Morse, a Salem Republican and chairman of the powerful Senate Finance Committee, has said it "will be dead on arrival" in the upper chamber. The bill had passed the House earlier this month. But since it involved state revenue, it went to the House Ways and Means Committee for a second look. [Read the full article in the Concord Monitor.](#)

New Hampshire RFP Released

The State of New Hampshire recently released a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the purpose of procuring a fully functional software suite to support the operations of the NH Division of Motor Vehicles (NH DMV) and the services needed for a successful implementation of the software. The primary focus of the effort will be to replace the functionality of the current NH DMV application that is implemented in CA-IDMS. This project is known as VISION.

[New York to Increase Fines for Texting While Driving](#)

Not only is it unsafe to text and drive, it will soon cost you more if you get caught. The state budget set to be approved this week will increase the penalties for texting while driving and talking on a cell phone, hiking the fee for multiple violators to up to \$400. The legislation also increases the fine for talking on a cell phone without a hands-free device from \$100 to \$150 for a first offense, making it consistent with the first-time fine for texting while driving. [Read the full article in the Democrat and Chronicle.](#)

[Bronx Motor Vehicle Inspectors Faked More Than 13,000 Inspections: Officials \(New York\)](#)

Eight New York City motor vehicle inspectors have been arrested for allegedly faking more than 13,000 inspection certificates for vehicles that weren't actually tested, officials said Thursday.

The inspectors allegedly performed "clean scans" where they connected a DMV computer to a second vehicle and then used the second vehicle's information to pass the safety and emissions test for the uninspected vehicle. "These individuals were trusted to perform state-required inspections specifically aimed at keeping unsafe cars off the road," Attorney General Eric T. Schneiderman said in a statement. "Instead of performing safety inspections, they took advantage of their expertise and cheated the system." Every vehicle registered with New York State is required to be inspected every year to check for safety and satisfactory emissions compliance. [Read the full article in NBC New York.](#)

Region II News

[Self-Proclaimed "President" of Sovereign Citizen Nation Convicted in Alabama of Federal Tax Crimes](#)

A federal jury in Montgomery, Alabama, found James Timothy Turner, also known as Tim Turner, guilty late Friday of conspiracy to defraud the United States, attempting to pay taxes with fictitious financial instruments, attempting to obstruct and impede the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), failing to file a 2009 federal income tax return and falsely testifying under oath in a bankruptcy proceeding, the Justice Department, the IRS and the FBI announced today. Based on the evidence introduced at trial and court filings, Turner, the self-proclaimed "president" of the so-called sovereign citizen group "Republic for the United States of America" (RuSA), traveled the country in 2008 and 2009 conducting seminars teaching attendees how to defraud the IRS by preparing and submitting fictitious "bonds" to the United States government in payment of federal taxes. Although the evidence at trial revealed the bonds are fictitious and worthless, witnesses testified that Turner used special paper, financial terminology and elaborate borders in an effort to make them look "real" and more likely to succeed in defrauding the recipient. Turner was convicted of sending a \$300 million "bond" in his own name and of aiding and abetting others in sending fifteen other "bonds" to the Treasury Department to pay taxes and other debts. [Read the full article on imperialvalleynews.com.](#)

[Georgia Supreme Court Rules State's Driver's License Law is Constitutional](#)

Georgia's highest court has rejected a Mexican national's argument that part of a state law that requires a Georgia-issued driver's license to get behind the wheel is unconstitutional because it discriminates against non-Georgia citizens. In an opinion published today, the Supreme Court of Georgia unanimously rejected the argument by Fernando Castillo-Solis. The law says anyone living in the state longer than 30 days must have a state-issued license to operate a vehicle, and anyone who violates that law can be punished unless they show up in court with a valid Georgia license. [Read the full article in the Times Free Press.](#)

[Georgia Driver's Licenses](#)

A proposal to make it easier for certain foreigners to get Georgia driver's licenses has cleared the Senate and needs only final House approval to head to Gov. Nathan Deal's desk. The bill would allow Georgia to enter into reciprocal agreements with foreign countries so that each government would recognize valid driver's licenses from the other for anyone who is a lawful immigrant. The administration has said it backs the idea behind House Bill 475. For Georgia, that would mean giving certain foreigners temporary Georgia licenses without those drivers passing the usual exams. Supporters pitch the measure as business friendly, given that foreign firms often send employees and executives to Georgia for extended stays. [Read the full article at the costalsource.com.](#)

House Rejects Special License Plates for Ex-Lawmakers (Georgia)

House lawmakers defeated a measure that would allow retired legislators to buy special license plates. The House rejected a Senate amendment on Thursday that would have allowed ex-lawmakers to buy the plates by a 101-67 vote. It now goes back to the Senate. The language was tacked on to a measure that also allows drivers to buy license plates supporting the Appalachian Trail Conservancy and the Atlanta Braves Foundation. Some critics said they don't know why ex-lawmakers need special recognition. [Read the full article in the Atlanta Journal-Constitution.](#)

Changes to Driver's License Could Boost Organ Donations (Kentucky)

The gleeful smile 3-year-old Milosh shares with his mother belies the suffering he has endured and the hard fact that almost from birth, he needed a heart. Milosh was a year old when he received his heart on April 5, 2011, from the family of a small child who had passed away. April is Organ Donor Awareness Month, which made the gift even more meaningful for Milosh's family, said his mother, Brie Kalapasev. And now, they have even more to celebrate: This year, Kentucky started offering a blue heart designation on driver's licenses of those who are organ donors - a welcome option for residents like the Kalapasevs of Fort Wright, who know personally the life-giving gift of those who donate organs. Technology for the new state driver's licenses has made the addition of the designation available, and as of January of this year, those getting a license have had the option to add the emblem. [Read the full article at news.Cincinnati.com.](#)

New DPS system Could Cut Oklahoma Driver's License Test Wait Times

The long wait in line that some endure at Department of Public Safety offices may be shortening soon as state officials have announced plans to phase in an online appointment system. The program, dubbed Inline/Online, was launched Tuesday in Oklahoma City with plans to expand the service to the Tulsa area in April and eventually statewide, officials said. Persons can use the online scheduling system to make appointments for services, including taking driving and written tests and obtaining identification cards. "They are going to be able to make an online appointment instead of standing in line," Trooper Betsy Randolph said. Appointments can be made in 15-minute increments from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m, up to 14 days in advance. Officials say the goal is to permit users with an appointment to get in and out within an hour. [Read the full article in Tulsa World.](#)

Number of Deferred Action Applications on the Decline (Texas)

Seven months after the launch of a controversial initiative to give certain undocumented immigrants a reprieve from deportation proceedings, federal data shows that only California is home to more deferred action applicants than Texas. But the overall number of those applying for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals has fallen sharply since the program began in earnest in August, which immigration lawyers say is a byproduct of the current debate over comprehensive immigration reform. Deferred action, announced by the Obama administration in June, grants eligible applicants relief from deportation proceedings and allows them employment authorization for two years, subject to renewal,

if they meet certain guidelines. From August through March 14, about 453,600 applications have been filed with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, which oversees legal immigration to the U.S. About 73,260 have come from Texas, second to California's 128,400. A large majority of the applicants, about 338,300, have Mexican roots, with those from El Salvador a distant second at 18,500. About 16,000 applications have been denied, according to USCIS statistics. [Read the full article in the Texas Tribune.](#)

'One State Under God' License Plate a Growing Success in Texas

A Christian-themed specialized plate in Texas approved in 2011 has sold hundreds of copies, resulting in about \$60,000 for the state's General Revenue Fund. The Calvary Hill license plate created by a charity group called Glory Gang has sold over 560 plates, generating money for both the Texas government and the nonprofit. The plate, which features the phrase "One State Under God," is distributed by My Plates, a Texas-based company that was given a contract by the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles to create and sell specialized plates. [Read the full article in the Christian Post.](#)

Region III News

Proposed Legislation Would Ban Hand-Held Cellphones While Driving in Illinois

Batavia resident Jamie Kroc said she believes that anyone talking on a cellphone while operating a car should be wearing a Bluetooth headset. "I use a Bluetooth in my car religiously," she said. Kroc said she supports proposed legislation that would ban the use of hand-held cellphones throughout the state. The bill recently was approved in the state House of Representatives, 64-46, and it is now headed to the state Senate. Similar legislation passed the state House last year before being defeated in the state Senate. The legislation would allow the use of hands-free phones, and violators could be fined a maximum of \$75 for a first offense. [Read the full article in the Kane County Chronicle.](#)

'Kelsey's Law' Banning Young Drivers from Using Cellphones Takes Effect Thursday (Michigan)

The law banning young drivers from using cellphones while driving is set to take effect on Thursday. Known as Kelsey's Law, the legislation will ban drivers with a Level 1 or Level 2 driver's license from using a cellphone while they are operating a motor vehicle. Gov. Rick Snyder signed the legislation into law in January. A Level 1 driver's license is commonly called a learner's permit and is available to people who are at least 14 years and 8 months old. A Level 2 license is available to people who are 16 years old and have at least six months of experience with a Level 1 license. Drivers typically move to a Level 3 license at age 17. The law is named after Kelsey Raffaele, a 17 year old driver from Sault Ste. Marie who was killed when she was talking on her cellphone on Jan. 24, 2010. [Read the full article on ann Arbor.com.](#)

Region IV News

Arizona Driver's License Battle Heads to Court

A federal judge is deciding a case focusing on whether the federal government or state officials have the authority to decide who is legally in the country. U.S. District Judge David Campbell heard arguments Friday in Phoenix in a lawsuit seeking to block Arizona Gov. Jan Brewer's order denying driver's licenses for immigrants who have gotten work permits under a new Obama administration policy. Immigrant groups say the policy is unconstitutional because Arizona allows some immigrants with work permits to get driver's license, but won't allow the immigrants protected by Obama's policy to pursue any benefits. [Read the full article in the Miami Herald.](#)

Farley: Regulated Arizona License Plates May Aid Police

When a law officer or witness has only a split second to identify a vehicle, Arizona's abundance of special license plates causes unnecessary difficulty, a state lawmaker contends. "Now that we have so many special plates that are so different in designs from our standard Arizona plate, it has become a public safety issue," said Sen. Steve Farley, D-Tucson. SB 1206, authored by Farley, would require all future special license plates approved by the Legislature to have a standard design that includes a 3-inch box where a personalized design could be inserted. That would be a similar to a system used in Maryland, Farley said. The Senate passed the bill last month, and it was awaiting action by the House Rules Committee before proceeding to the floor. [Read the full article on arizona.newszap.com.](http://arizona.newszap.com)

Pilot Program Targets Teen Drivers (California)

How do you get a teenager to wear a seat belt when mom and dad aren't in the car? How do you get them to not text, ease up on the gas pedal or stay sober behind the wheel? How do you keep them alive? Last year, nine teens died in vehicle crashes in San Diego County. Five of them were driving. So far this year, two teens have died in local crashes, including one driver. One North County-based pilot program hopes that repeating the message that bad driving choices can kill - and that having teenage peers deliver that message - will help save lives. To that end, about 30 student journalists and leaders from North County high schools toured the Medical Examiner's Office on Friday as part of a California Highway Patrol program called "Steering Teens Straight." [Read the full article on utsandiego.com.](http://utsandiego.com)

Overweight Truck Bill Passes Legislature (Idaho)

A bill giving local highway officials the ability to allow heavier trucks on certain routes is on its way to the governor. The Idaho House voted 49-18 on Friday to pass the bill, which allows trucks of up to 129,000 pounds to be approved. Currently, the weight limit on Idaho roads is 105,500 pounds, except for a handful of designated routes in southern Idaho. Several of those routes run through Magic Valley communities, including Twin Falls, Burley and Jerome. Last week, Magic Valley industry representatives testified that allowing more routes would help companies save money on transportation. The measure was met with resistance from some north Idaho and Treasure Valley legislators, who expressed concerns about the safety of heavier, longer trucks going through urban and mountain areas. [Read the full article on magicvalley.com.](http://magicvalley.com)

Senate Panel Looks at Statewide Cellphone Ban for Drivers (Montana)

State lawmakers are considering telling Montanans to hang up and drive - or face hefty fines. Sen. Christine Kaufmann, D-Helena, told the Senate Highways and Transportation Committee on Tuesday that Senate Bill 390 would allow drivers to talk on their cellphones only through a hands-free device. Under Kaufmann's measure, minors behind the wheel wouldn't be able to speak on cellphones at all, and no driver would be allowed to text while driving. Texting while stopped at stoplight or stop sign would also be prohibited under the measure. [Read the full article in the Billings Gazette.](http://billingsgazette.com)

Bill Proposes Speed Limit Change from 75 mph to 85 mph (Nevada)

Some state lawmakers in Carson City think it's time to pick up the pace and raise speed limits to 85 mph on some of Nevada's wide-open roads. But not everyone's on board, and said saving a few minutes driving through the middle of nowhere isn't worth the extra risk. "At 85 mph or 95 mph we are reading about you in the paper -- we are listening to story about you on the evening news because that's a fatality," Erin Breen, University of Nevada, Las Vegas' Safe Community Partnership, said. The bill proposed by Sen. Don Gustavson, R-Sparks, would increase the speed limit on some roads from 75 mph to 85 mph. The first stretch is Interstate 15 North from Las Vegas toward Mesquite, the second stretch is a 300 mile road from Fernley to Utah on Interstate 80. [Read the full article on kntv.com.](http://kntv.com)

[Couple Who Sold High-Quality Fake Green Cards, Driver's Licenses at Swap Meets Sentenced \(Nevada\)](#)

A pair of Mexican nationals convicted of operating a large-scale counterfeit document mill and selling the phony cards at area swap meets will spend two to five years in prison for their efforts. Jose Navarro-Parra, 38, and his female business partner Libia Bustillos-Gonzalez, 30, were sentenced on March 22 after being convicted following an undercover probe by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's (ICE) Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) and the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department (LVMPD). Navarro-Parra and Bustillos-Gonzalez, who were in the U.S. illegally, will be placed in deportation proceedings upon completion of their prison terms, said ICE. [Read the full article in Government Security News.](#)

[Effort to Broaden DUI Laws Continues \(Oregon\)](#)

An Oregon House committee is continuing its work on legislation broadening laws against drunken driving to cover other drugs. The latest version, reviewed on Monday, would include five substances that are among the 10 that turn up most often in crime-lab reports by the Oregon State Police, based on urine samples. They are amitriptyline, an antidepressant; cyclobenzaprine, a muscle relaxant; diphenhydramine, an anti-histamine; dextromethorphan, a cough suppressant, and tramadol, a pain reliever. Under the current definition of driving under the influence of intoxicants, the law covers alcohol, controlled substances, inhalants or any combination. [Read the full article in the Statesman Journal.](#)

[Bill Seeks to Allow Alcohol References on Oregon's 'Wine Country' License Plates \(Oregon\)](#)

For years, Oregon wine and beer lovers have tried to fancy up their custom license plates with something that speaks to their passion. Some examples, according to David House, spokesman for the Driver and Motor Vehicle Services: FYN WYN, GR8 PNO, BEER ME, BRWSKI. You get the idea. Each time the DMV's response has been a firm no. Such plates violate state rules against alcohol references. The state also bans sex, drug and bodily function innuendo. TOASTD? Nope. Same for BUZZED. A Southern Oregon vintner sued the state back in the mid-1990s to get VINO on a plate, claiming freedom of expression. The Oregon Supreme Court came down on the side of the state, saying it had authority to regulate what goes on its license plates. But two years ago, the Legislature approved a new specialized plate celebrating the state's growing wine culture. The "wine country" plate, which pictures grape vines, has been a modest hit. But it raised an obvious issue: If the state can put an alcohol reference on a plate why can't residents do the same. That's the thinking behind House Bill 3471, just introduced by Rep. Paul Holvey, D-Eugene. Holvey's bill would make a specific exemption and allow alcohol references on wine country vanity plates. He said he had it drawn up at the request of constituents who are into wine. [Read the full article in the Oregonian.](#)

[Oregon Bill Would Prevent Dealers From Rolling Back Used Car Mileage](#)

Monty King is passionate about Oregon House Bill 3137. "We're talking about odometer fraud. Is there other dealers doing it? You bet there are," said King, who is the president of the Oregon Vehicle Dealers Association. "I'm gonna bring this bill back to the legislature session after session after session until you pass it." A KATU Problem Solvers investigation in 2010 inspired the bill to stop dealers from using a common trick: rolling back the mileage on used cars. Right now, the Oregon DMV does not keep track of mileage on cars that are more than 10 years old. That means if you're buying a used car, you may have to trust that the seller - and the odometer - are telling the truth. The DMV started keeping track of mileage in 1990, when there were fewer older cars on the road. Now, the average car is nearly 11 years old. The bill would require the DMV to keep odometer records on every car from the last time it was

bought or sold. King says honest car dealers want the DMV to keep track. [Read the full article on kval.com.](#)

Herbert Signs Bill Banning Smoking in Vehicle with Kids (Utah)

Gov. Gary Herbert signed a bill Thursday banning smoking in vehicles with child passengers just hours after suggesting he was considering vetoing it along with another bill changing how public school performance is graded. The governor's deputy chief of staff, Ally Isom, said after discussing concerns raised about the smoking bill by several legislators who wanted to weigh in, "nothing shared with him warranted a veto." Herbert, she said, "does due diligence. He gets phone calls. People want to talk to him." Isom said the bill was never on the governor's "veto list" but had been among the bills he saw as concerning. [Read the full article in the Deseret News.](#)

Red-Light Cameras Could be Used in Investigations (Washington)

State lawmakers are still considering allowing images from red-light cameras to be used in investigations beyond red-light infractions, but Bremerton police have already done it while working on one high-profile case. The Kitsap Sun reports (<http://is.gd/DtOAiT>) that Bremerton police used images taken by a red-light camera in their investigation of the 2011 stabbing death of Sara Burke. The newspaper received a copy of the warrant police used to get the images from Redflex Traffic Systems. The Legislature gave cities and counties the ability to use traffic enforcement cameras in 2005. The law stipulates that images from the cameras can only be used to enforce red light, railroad crossing and school speed zone violations. [Read the full article in the Seattle Times.](#)

Washington Electric Car Bill Would Fine Drivers Who Park at Charging Stations

Imagine pulling up to a six-pump gas station to find unattended cars parked at all of them -- for hours. In the midst of the Christmas shopping whirlwind last year, Jeff Finn, one of about 2,500 Washington residents who drives an electric car, pulled up to a group of charging stations at Bellevue Square in Bellevue to find all six stations occupied by gas-fueled vehicles. Shoppers had parked there as if the stations were empty spaces. Luckily, Finn had enough charge to make it to another charging station, but the problem remained: Other than common courtesy, drivers of gas vehicles don't have a reason not to park at a charging station. That will change if Senate Bill 5849, which was approved by a House committee Thursday, continues to make headway in the Washington state Legislature. The bill would impose a \$124 fine on those who park in a designated charging station while not charging their vehicle. [Read the full article in the Oregonian.](#)

Did You Know...

- *In 2011, at the age of 68, Jim Calhoun became the oldest coach ever to win a NCAA national championship when his Connecticut Huskies defeated the Butler Bulldogs 53-41.*
- *Emmett B. "Branch" McCracken was the youngest coach ever to win a national championship, when in 1940, at the age of 31 his Indiana Hoosiers beat the Kansas Jayhawks 60-42.*
- *In 1963, the Loyola (Chicago) Ramblers set an NCAA record that still stands for the largest margin of victory in an NCAA tournament game when they beat the Tennessee Tech Golden Eagles, 111-47. Loyola went on to win the championship over the Cincinnati Bearcats 60-58.*
- *In 1994, Bill Clinton became the first sitting president to attend an NCAA tournament game, watching the Arkansas Razorbacks advance over the Michigan Wolverines, 76-68, to get to the Final Four. Mr. Clinton also attended the championship game, where Arkansas defeated the Duke Blue Devils 76-72.*

- *1973 was the first time the NCAA championship was broadcast in prime time on a Monday night. NBC showed Bill Walton making 21 of 22 field goal attempts and scoring 44 points in leading the UCLA Bruins over the Memphis State Tigers, 87-66.*
- *John Thompson was the first black coach to win an NCAA basketball championship, when his Georgetown Hoyas defeated the Houston Cougars, 85-74, in 1984.*
- *Seven teams have won the national championship with perfect records: the 1956 University of San Francisco Dons, the 1957 University of North Carolina Tar Heels, the 1964, 1967, 1972 and 1973 UCLA Bruins, and the 1976 Indiana Hoosiers.*
- *Catholic universities have won the national championship eight times: Holy Cross in 1947, LaSalle in 1954, the University of San Francisco in 1955 and 1956, Loyola University of Chicago in 1963, Marquette in 1977, Georgetown in 1984 and Villanova in 1985.*
- *Bob Knight, Dean Smith and Joe B. Hall are the only individuals who have won an NCAA championship as a player and as a head coach. Knight won as a player at Ohio State in 1960 and as the coach of Indiana in 1976, 1981, and 1987. Smith won as a player at Kansas in 1952 and as the coach of North Carolina in 1982 and 1993. Hall won as a player at Kentucky in 1949 and as the coach of Kentucky in 1978.*