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Who is smarter – men or women?

In case you haven't noticed by now, there are a number of differences between men and women.

Some are immediately obvious, but I wanted to dig deeper, so I decided to put this easy question to a half-dozen Northern Shores Elementary School fourth-graders: "Who is smarter – men or women?"

Here is a look at the battle of the sexes through some young eyes.



"Women are smarter. Sometimes men make decisions like going to a club and getting a little bit drunk. Also, if a man goes away the woman can handle the children properly."

Justin Littlejohn



"Men are smarter. They do more things. They build stuff. Women can't build stuff."

Galvin Palumbo



"Women are smarter because they are used to doing stuff like cleaning. My dad doesn't look for stuff like my mom does. He's still a good dad."

Skylar Parks



"Women are smarter because they do all the work. Men go to work two or three times, or just stay home. Most women usually go to college."

Tayla Hargraves



"I actually think men are smarter. They've accomplished a lot throughout the past. Women have been at home caring for the children."

Tori Chafiany



"That question is a toughie, but men are smarter because there was a boy in my class and he knew everything. He was in the second grade. Girls like girly stuff. Most boys in my class pay attention."

Lauren Ratkovich

Turkey Trot to parade for pets

By Eric Feber
The Virginian-Pilot

Individuals and families are invited to dust off their running or hiking shoes, leash up ol' Fido and join in on the Riverfront Swim Club sponsored sixth annual Turkey Trot 5K Run and Walk, beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday. The route will run through the Riverfront community in North Suffolk's Harbourview area. It will begin and end at the neighborhood's swim club, 5301 Sport Club Run.

The race/walk is open to seven age divisions, including a Gobbler Run for ages 12 and younger. The cost for adults is \$12 advance and \$14 on Saturday; and \$10 for kids 12 and younger prior to the event or \$12 on the day of the race. The family pooch is invited to join in. Just make sure he or she is on a leash and be-

going?

what Turkey Trot 5K Run and Walk

when 9 a.m. Saturday

where Beginning and ending at Riverfront community swim club at 5301 Sport Club Run in Harbourview

how much Adults \$12 advance, \$14 on Saturday; \$10 for kids 12 and younger in advance or \$12 on race day

contact 483-3906 or swimclub@charter.net or www.riverfrontswimclub.com

has well among other dogs and strangers.

All participants will receive an event T-shirt.

Proceeds will benefit the Suffolk Humane Society to help with its pet adoption, spay/neuter and responsible pet ownership efforts. This marks

the third year the Turkey Trot has paraded for pets.

"We think their continued support is wonderful and invaluable," said the Humane Society's Kay Hurley. "They are definitely a pet-friendly neighborhood. It's nice we receive such support from Suffolk communities."

If you don't want to walk or run, you can still help by dropping by and offering a cash donation or a donation of pet food, dog/cat toys or other pet-related items. Kitten food and biodegradable Tidy Cat litter are especially needed.

"We hope lots of people in the surrounding areas will decide to support our race/walk, have fun, and help Suffolk Humane," said Pam Sweet, the Riverfront Swim Club manager.

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ACADEMIC

Chad A. Felts, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Felts Jr. of Ivor, graduated from the University of Virginia with a B.A. in history.

MILITARY

Air Force Airman 1st Class Dezmun L. Dubois, son of



Dubois

Millynda Dubois of Suffolk, graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. Dubois is a 2008 graduate of Nansemond River High School.

Army Reserve Pvt. Robert B. Gay, son of Robert Gay Sr. and Dana DeVantier of Franklin, graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C. He is a 2009 graduate of Southamp-

ton High School.

Air National Guard Airman 1st Class Savian Q. Jones, son of



Jones

Karen Robinson of Suffolk, graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. Jones is a 2008 graduate of Nansemond River High School.

Air Force Airman Jordan E. Smith, daughter of Kay Smith of Capron and Michael Smith of Scottsburg, Ind., graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio,



Smith

Texas. Smith is a 2008 graduate of Southampton High School.

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sheets and explained how the technology works. Within minutes, most of the students were working quietly.

Smith's students used earphones to watch a video and learned about the Lewis and Clark expedition from the National Geographic Web site. They finished the lesson by posting three reasons Americans moved westward to Smith's classroom blog.

Maybe it's the novelty. Or maybe the iPod Touches require more focus. But students tend to talk less and stay on track more than they do when working with regular computers, Evans said.

Student Morgan Whitley giggled when asked how a room full of seventh-graders was able to stay so quiet.

"Because we're into this," she said. "It's awesome."

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