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Daisy Bates was born in 1913 or 14 in Huttig, Arkansas. She married L.C. Bates and together they began the newspaper, *Arkansas State Press*, which was dedicated to advocating civil rights for African Americans. She received international recognition during her involvement in the 1957 Little Rock Central High School Crisis as the mentor to the Little Rock Nine. She wrote about her desegregation experiences in her memoir, *The Long Shadow of Little Rock*. The Arkansas legislature established an official state holiday in her honor, the Daisy Gatson Bates Day, in 2001. Bates died November 4, 1999.



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William Jefferson Clinton was the 40th and 42nd governor of Arkansas. He was also the 42nd president of the United States (two terms). Born August 19, 1946, in Hope, he graduated from high school in Hot Springs. Interested in politics from a young age, he was a Rhodes Scholar, graduated from law school and ran for political office before the age of 30. He was the second youngest governor of the state and the third youngest president. While governor he brought about economic and educational reforms. While he was president, the U.S. enjoyed the longest time of sustained economic growth in the nation's history.



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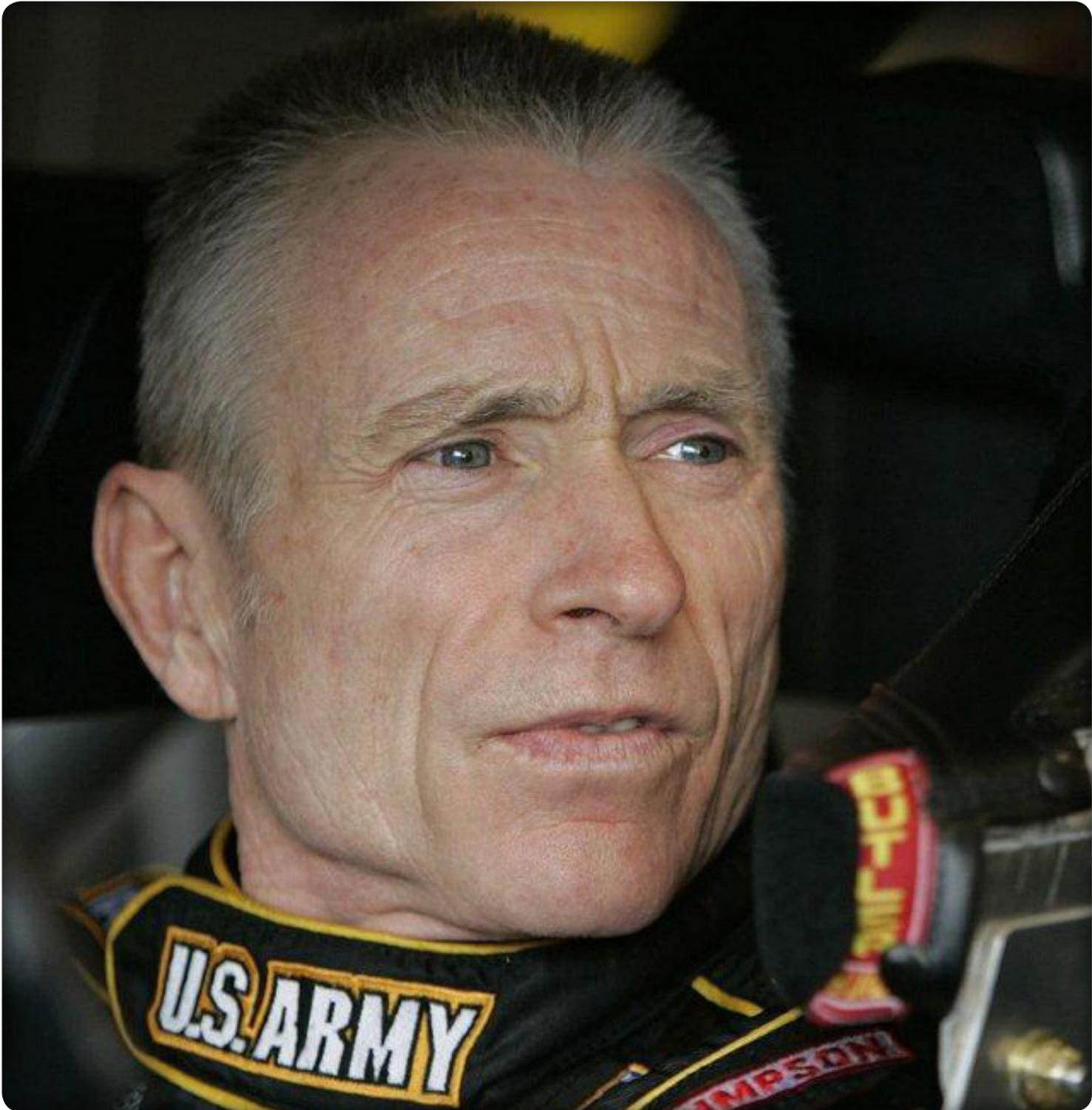


Paul "Bear" Bryant was born on September 11, 1913, at Moro Bottom near Kingsland, Arkansas. He became one of the most successful college football coaches in history. He earned his nickname, "Bear," by entering a bear wrestling contest when he was a teenager. Bryant coached at the University of Alabama for 25 years starting in 1958. During that time the Tide won five national championships. He was named SEC Coach of the Year 10 times and National Coach of the Year, four times. "Bear" Bryant died January 26, 1983.



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Mark Martin was born in Batesville on January 9, 1959. His father instilled a passion in him for driving while he was young. He competed in the American Speed Association right after high school and was named Rookie of the Year in 1977. Martin then became the only Arkansan competing in NASCAR. By 2008 he had accomplished 395 top ten finishes in the top division of NASCAR and holds the record for most wins. In addition, he has won five championships in the International Race of Champions Series. Martin ranks 10th in all-time wins and sixth in all-time pole position list.



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Born January 18, 1913, Carroll Cloar grew up on a cotton farm in Earle, Arkansas. After graduating from college, he attended art school in Memphis. Most of his artwork centered on his childhood memories from Eastern Arkansas or family photographs. He won national acclaim in the 1950s as a realist and surrealist painter. Cloar died April 10, 1993.



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Born on March 3, 1896, near Pea Ridge, Arkansas, Field Kindley was awarded the American Distinguished Service Cross, American Distinguished Service Cross with Oak Leaf Cluster and the British Distinguished Flying Cross. Kindley was ranked third in the number of aircraft downed during WWI. After the war, he was killed during a flight demonstration rehearsal. Field Kindley is buried in Gravette, Arkansas, where a monument has been erected to him. (His pup's name is Fokker. Fokker was the name of an aircraft used by the Germans during WWI.)



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The best-selling novelist, John Grisham, was born in Jonesboro, Arkansas, on February 8, 1955. He practiced law and was elected to the state legislature in the neighboring state of Mississippi. Grisham has written several books such as *The Firm*, *The Runaway Jury*, etc. Several of his books have been made into movies. In 2001 he published *The Painted House* about life on a cotton farm. The TV movie based on the book was filmed in and around Lepanto, Arkansas.



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Johnny Cash was born February 26, 1932, in Kingsland, Arkansas, but raised primarily in a planned community named Dyess during the Great Depression. He became a world renowned singer and songwriter. Cash also became an actor and author during his long career. Some of his well-known songs were: "Ballad of a Teenage Queen," "Don't Take Your Gun to Town" and "Ring of Fire." The movie, *Walk the Line*, recorded the first half of his life. Cash died September 12, 2003.



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Scottie Pippen was born in Hamburg, Arkansas, on November 25, 1965. In 1996 he was named one of the 50 top National Basketball Association players ever. He began his career playing at UCA in Conway. Most of his professional career was spent with the Chicago Bulls. Pippen was an NBA All-Star seven times; his team won six NBA championships; and he won two gold medals as a member of the 1992 and 1996 U.S. Olympic basketball teams.



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Mary Steenburgen was born in Newport, Arkansas, February 8, 1953, but was primarily raised in North Little Rock, Arkansas. She has played a variety of roles in movies, television and stage. Steenburgen received an Oscar for her work in the movie, *Melvin and Howard*. She has also been involved in charitable work in the state.