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Disputing parties agree to let Public Service Commission settle cost argument :

Water woes dry up; track to open on time



The final hurdle?

Appalachian Racing investors, who own Floyd County's Thunder Ridge race track, are confident live racing will begin at the track on July 3. Clyde Woods, an investor in the track, pictured at left, conferred with attorneys Tom Moak, at center, and Gil Johnson, at right, after Wednesday's court hearing concerning water service to the track. (photo by Susan Allen)

by Susan Allen
Staff Writer

An accord has been reached between owners of a harness racing track and Auxier Water Company officials to provide water to the track site so that live horse racing can begin on July 3.

Track owners filed a lawsuit this week against the company asking for a restraining order mandating that water service be provided to the site.

The two sides were disputing the cost of providing water service, according to the lawsuit.

At a hearing Wednesday in Floyd Circuit Court, Thomas Moak, representing Appalachian Racing, told Judge John David Caudill that Auxier Water officials had agreed to install water lines to the track and that the cost of the service would be determined by the state Public Service Commission.

Track owners agreed to post a

\$25,000 bond, which represents the estimated cost of providing the water service.

Judge Caudill issued a restraining order which said that "an emergency exists" because the racing facility would not be able to open on July 3 as ordered by the Kentucky Racing Commission without water service.

On Tuesday, water company president Phillip Ward said he was surprised by the lawsuit because his company had not refused to supply water to the track.

The state racing commission granted Appalachian Racing a license for live racing dates provided that the track facility is ready to open by July 3.

Prestonsburg businessman Clyde Woods, a shareholder of Appalachian Racing, said after Wednesday's hearing that, with the water dispute settled, the track will be ready to open on July 3.

"This was very, very important," Woods said about getting water to the site. "Naturally, we were concerned because without water, we don't open. (With the issue resolved), we'll go off on July 3. There's no doubt about it. The track is 80 percent complete."

Woods said that the intertrack wagering facility, located at Center Stage, will be moved to the track next week.

Floyd man cited in securities deal

A former Floyd County man is accused of bilking a Chicago Housing Authority out of \$11 million in a phony investment scheme.

In a complaint filed by the Securities and Exchange Commission, Lyle E. Neal, 52, of Hi Hat, is accused of taking millions of dollars from the Chicago Housing Authority's director, John D. Lauer, to invest in securities, but no investments were made.

Lauer and three other defendants are also named in the complaint filed by the SEC.

The complaint alleges that Neal approached Lauer on two occasions to invest the money through his Lexington-based company Konex, which Neal formed in December 1993 as the sole shareholder.

Lauer allegedly invested the money, which came from the authority's benefit plan, without getting approval from the housing authority.

The SEC complaint claims that Lauer failed to tell the housing authority that the investment was made through a limited partnership that he had formed, Clifton Capital Investment L.P. Lauer also allegedly received a \$25,000 commission for the transactions.

Neal, Lauer and John DeVincens, Konex's attorney, were subpoenaed and testified about the allegations as part of the investigation.

Neal reportedly testified that he was convicted of a felony in 1981, for the sale of coal tax shelter limited partnerships and he served nine months of a 14-month prison sentence in federal prison.

Other defendants in the case are Clifton Capital Investors, LP; Copol Investments Ltd., based in St. Peter

Port, Guernsey, British Channel Islands; and Copol chairman Joseph Polichemi.

On March 29, 1993, the SEC claims that Lauer, acting on his own, transferred \$10 million in housing authority funds to a trust account and that two days later the money was put in Polichemi's company bank account in Luxembourg.

Lauer said that after Neal reported that two successful trades had been

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'Peter Pan' gets year off to a flying start

Jenny Wiley Theatre's audience will be transported to Never Never Land tonight, Friday, when the theatre begins its season with the production of Peter Pan.

A reception before the show kicks off the theatre's 30th anniversary. Door prizes, including a trip for two to Broadway in New York City, will be given away. Artwork by several members of the Mountain Heritage Arts and Crafts will also be displayed during the reception.

Holly Wooten will fly across the stage as Peter Pan. Paintsville native David Coleman will operate the apparatus that will propel Wooten across the stage.

Other members of the cast are Ryan Hatfield, Jennifer Hughes, Michael Roberts, Bart Barnette, Sarah Lynn Click, Kristin Everage, Leslie Fugate, Wesley Fugate, Analyse McCoy, Wesley Nelson, and

Kevin Thacker.

The show is billed as "one of the most fabulous plays of the century." Villainous pirates, renegade Indians, lost boys and the tiny fairy, Tinker Bell will traipse the theatre's stage.

The performance begins at 8:15 p.m. To find out if tickets are available for the opening night gala, call the theatre box office at 886-9274.

Other performances for the season include The Gin Game, Carnival and A Funny Thing Happened On The Way To The Forum.

The Gin Game opens June 30. The comedy is about two elderly people living in a retirement home.

Carnival, which opens July 21, brings the festival atmosphere of the circus to the stage.

The smash Broadway hit, A Funny Thing Happened On The Way To The Forum, comes to the theatre on July 8.

Six-year wait is nearly over for start of sewer project at Martin

by Matt McCarty
Staff Writer

The wait is almost over in Martin for a new sewage treatment plant as construction got underway on the plant Wednesday.

Martin first discussed the possi-

bility of getting a new sewage plant in 1988, but the city had trouble finding a place to put the facility. The council was able to locate the plant at Cracker Bottom.

"We've done all we can do," Mayor Raymond Griffith said. "Now it's up to the construction people."

Libby Ratcliff, a projects administrator from the Big Sandy Area Development District, was at the city council meeting Wednesday and discussed ways to acquire the money the city was granted when it needs it.

Martin received grants from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and loans from Kentucky Infrastructure Authority and Farmer's Home Agency (FmHA) to fund the project, which will cost \$2,697,803.

The city must submit a request to each of the agencies stating how much of the money it will need at the time based on its invoices.

Ratcliff told the council that because of the different deadlines the agencies have that the city could risk missing the deadline for the money and would have to wait for the next cycle to occur before getting the money if the council decided they should approve all requests at the regular meetings.

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Faulty brakes on car may be to blame for collision

Faulty brakes apparently caused a collision between an automobile and a train Wednesday morning at David, which injured a Blue River man.

Craig Ousley, 30, of Martin, was operating a 1985 Pontiac on KY 1210 early Wednesday morning when he discovered the brakes on the vehicle were not working. Ousley exited the moving vehicle, but his passenger, Larry Chaffins, 30, of Blue River, could not get out of the car before it traveled into the path of CSX train operated by Michael Saul, 27, of Pikeville.

The train hit Ousley's vehicle on the left side and the impact ejected Chaffins from the car. Chaffins had the car door open and was attempting to get out of car when it was struck by the train.

Chaffins was taken to Highlands Regional Medical Center and treated for injuries to his arm and hand. Ousley was not injured in the accident.

Kentucky State Police trooper David Watkins is investigating the accident.

Kentucky Power warms up to business incubator plan

by Matt McCarty
Staff Writer

The Floyd County Development Authority and Kentucky Power Company are joining forces to develop a business incubator in Prestonsburg that is designed to give new industry a leg up.

The authority announced Wednesday plans to construct a 21,000 square foot shell building at Cliff on 2.4 acres owned by the Prestonsburg Industrial Development Corporation.

The building will allow new businesses to start operations while they search for a more permanent home.

"A shell building can shave 3 to 4 months off the construction schedule," Floyd County Development Authority executive director Darrell Gilliam said, "and fit-up work can be accomplished even in inclement weather, because the structure is under roof."

Shell buildings usually involve construction of the foundation, sidewalls and roof, truck docks, and

site preparation.

The building will be underwritten by the Kentucky Power Company, which will loan the Prestonsburg Industrial Corporation \$750,000 interest free for up to three years. Kentucky Power's parent company, American Electric Power System, has been doing the shell building program since 1988, but Prestonsburg is Kentucky Power's first community to take advantage of the program.

"We are extremely pleased to be able to assist the Prestonsburg Industrial Corporation in its economic development efforts," Dick Boyle, Kentucky Power president, said. "Prestonsburg, like most of Eastern Kentucky, is dominated by the coal industry and related service companies. Many of the communities have long sensed a need for economic diversification, and have been taking steps to meet this need."

Gilliam said that work will begin on the building early next week and completion is expected by early October.

The board also decided that up to \$50,000 of coal severance money will go to help with the development of a new industrial site near Allen,

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Local Job Corps celebrates 30th anniversary of program

by Polly Ward
Times Feature Writer

The Carl D. Perkins Job Corps Center at Goble Roberts helped celebrate the 30th anniversary of the national Jobs Corps program Thursday with a special program of its own.

With "A Tribute to the Past, A Commitment to the Future," as the national anniversary theme, the Carl

D. Perkins center focused on showing off the accomplishments of its students. Students manned demonstration stations set up in the recreation room, giving the visitors who toured the center a first-hand look at the training programs the center offers.

An early afternoon program included special presentations by local dignitaries and music selections from Job Corps students and the Kentucky Opry.



Starting point

Local officials announced this week plans to develop an industry "incubator," a shell building that will allow new businesses to get started while they are searching for a permanent home. Plans for the project were presented Tuesday by, from the left, Prestonsburg Mayor Jerry Fannin; Floyd County Development Authority director Darrell Gilliam; Kentucky Power representative Delinda Borden; and County Judge John M. Stumbo. Kentucky Power is financing the building, which will be constructed on an industrial site at Cliff. (photo by Scott Perry)

Jenny Wiley a winner in budget fight

With Governor Brereton Jones' signature Wednesday on the state's two-year budget, over \$6 million is earmarked to be used for renovations at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park.

The budget does not include funds for building a 18-hole golf course, but does include \$1.6 million to design 15 projects at state parks including the golf course at Jenny Wiley.

The state will borrow about \$61 million for pay for park renovation projects in fiscal year 1996, which includes three projects at Jenny Wiley.

Projects slated for Jenny Wiley are the renovation of the May Lodge estimated at \$4.2 million; boat dock replacement, \$1.3 million; and \$675,000 to upgrade the public pool.

Design on the golf course is slated to be done in 1995, but lawmakers did not authorize building the project. The golf course is one of 15 projects to be designed, but not built in the next biennium, in the state park system.

The General Assembly ended a 17-day special session Wednesday, which cost taxpayers \$680,000. The special session was called because Governor Brereton Jones and lawmakers could not agree on the budget during the regular session earlier this year.



47th anniversary

Ersel "Preacher" Huff and Edith Kidd Huff of Drift, will celebrate their 47th anniversary July 1. "Preacher" Huff has been in the old Regular Baptist church for 41 years. He sends his thanks to everyone for their prayers and support.

Jenny Wiley's 30th year dedicated to "Mr. Jenny Wiley Theatre"

Any organization that becomes a success on the surface never does so without hard work and dedication from behind the scenes. For Jenny Wiley Theatre, a foremost source of this dedication came from Dr. Henry A. Campbell Jr., a man who served as the Jenny Wiley Drama Association president 12 times in its 30-year history, as well as being the first president of Prestonsburg Community College.

Dr. Campbell passed away earlier this year and in honor of his memory and his undying devotion to making Jenny Wiley Theatre the success it has grown to be, the theatre's 1994 summer season will be dedicated to the man referred to as "Mr. Jenny Wiley Theatre."

During the 30th Anniversary's opening night celebration on June 24, Dr. Campbell's children will be presented with a plaque honoring their

father as the first and only Emeritus Trustee of the theatre. In addition to being honored as an Emeritus Trustee, the theatre's annual college scholarship has been named in his honor. The Henry A. Campbell Jr. Memorial Scholarship is awarded every year to a student interested in theatre and pursuing a college education, a more than proper homage that combines the two things Dr. Campbell devoted his life to, furthering education and the theatre arts.

As the theatre reaches the crossroads of its 30th season, no other time would seem quite so befitting to honor someone, who without help, the first 30 years may not have been the achievement that it was.

As Jenny Wiley Theatre flies into its 30th year with the debut of Peter Pan, it is also using its anniversary to exercise a certain retrospect into its past by honoring Dr. Campbell.

KET programs focus on health issues

As part of the 1994 Women's Health Campaign, KET airs America's Women: In Pursuit of Health. The network also broadcasts two other health-related programs this week: *When Doctors Get Cancer* and *Tough Choices*.

America's Women: In Pursuit of Health focuses on diseases affecting women

America's Women: In Pursuit of Health airs at 9:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 28. The 30-minute documentary features NBC News Correspondent Betty Rollins (herself a survivor of breast cancer). The program highlights efforts being made through the Women's Health Initiative, a project of the National Institute of Health, to

better understand the diseases that affect women, how women are affected by them, and how to better prevent them.

Rollins interviews researchers across the country about their concerns regarding the lack of research that ultimately affects diagnosis and treatment for women.

Focusing specifically on cardiovascular disease, cancer, and osteoporosis, the program also provides up-to-date information about what puts women at risk for these diseases the symptoms they may experience, and ways to help prevent them.

America's Women: In Pursuit of Health is a production of WTVI 42/Charlotte, N.C. and the College of American Pathologists.

This year, one in three Americans—about 85 million of us—will be diagnosed with cancer.

Martin

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The council, however, voted to give Griffith the authority to authorize the requests without consulting with council.

A pre-construction meeting was held on June 13 in which the engineers were told they could begin and were given ten days to start work.

Haworth, Meyer and Boleyn is the engineering company that will be handling the project and they have nine months to complete it.

Meetings will be held on or about the 20th of each month to discuss the progress of the project.

In other action, the council:

- approved the second reading of the budget for 1994-95.
- decided to submit a letter to Beaver Elkhorn Water District asking for the amount of water used by people who are presently hooked up to the city's sewage system but are not being billed to determine how much their sewage bill would be.

Councilmen Steve Jenkins and Alan Whicker were not present.

Securities

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made, Neal told him that more investments had to be made. Lauer said that he refused and asked that the money be returned.

None of the money has been given back to the housing authority, the SEC charges.

Lauer's attorney, James E. Snyder, claims that most the allegations in the SEC complaint are not against his client and that the allegations involving Lauer "will not be demonstrated to be a violation of the Securities Act."

Neal could not be reached to comment, according to a published report.

Local students graduate from Centre College

Joe Burchett and Ernie Croot III from the Prestonsburg area received degrees at the 171st Commencement of Centre College held June 5.

Burchett, the son of Joe and Barbara Burchett of Prestonsburg, received a B.S. in physics. He was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity.

Croot, the son of Ernest and Mary Croot of Bevensville, received a B.S. in computer science studies and mathematics. He received the Sallie Warfield Memorial Prize, awarded to the student with the highest standing in mathematics.

Centre awarded 180 bachelor's

degrees. Honorary degrees went to Dr. Martin E. Marty, Fairfax M. Cone Distinguished Service Professor at the University of Chicago and Senior Editor of *The Christian Century*; William H. Breeze, special assistant to the professor for endowment at Centre College and retired executive vice president of Ohio National Life Insurance Company; and Wesley Stodghill, a member of the Board of Trustees and retired president of Independence Life and Accident Insurance Company.

Founded in 1819, Centre is a private, liberal arts college with a total enrollment of about 950 students.

Coleman Oil helps "Peter Pan" fly

Coleman Oil Company has recreated the magic of Tinker Bell and sprinkled Jenny Wiley Theatre with "fairy dust!" Thanks to the company's generous sponsorship of a truss system, Peter, Wendy, John and Michael will be able to "fly" during the theatre's production of "Peter Pan" which opens June 24. (The part of "John" is being played by Jeremy Ryan Hatfield of Phelps.)

The 30x16 foot aluminum truss was custom designed for Jenny Wiley Theatre by Theatrical Equipment Rental Inc., Knoxville, Tennessee, a nationally-known professional builder of staging equipment. The system breaks down into storable parts which can be assembled in dif-

ferent configurations like an Erector set.

As well as enabling "Peter Pan" cast member to fly, the system will also expand the production's special effects, magic, and backdrops, and allow more versatile sets and lighting design. The quality and excellence of future productions will be enhanced also. For example, in the current season's production of "Carnival" the system will be visible as part of the set and will be lighted from within the structure.

Tedi Vaughn, executive producer of Jenny Wiley Theatre, said, "The theatre thanks Coleman Oil Company for making the flying of Peter Pan possible. We know they are very supportive of children's events and we appreciate their making our thirtieth anniversary family show an event to be remembered. The truss system means we can produce a first class "Peter Pan" and it opens the door to exciting new set and lighting designs for all future shows."

Incubator

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upon approval from the Fiscal Court. "It will tell us what all we have to do to develop that site," Gilliam said. The funds will be used for engineering work on the site.

Gilliam said that up to three industries could be located on the 35.69 acre property.

"We have two prospects that would generate about 480 new jobs," Gilliam said.

He added that one of the two prospects was a leading clothing manufacturing store.

Gilliam said if all goes well, industries could be ready to go by March of 1995.

"It's exciting because we've been searching for a sight for two years," Gilliam said.

With the addition of both the shell building and the new industrial site, Gilliam said that in 1995 there could be a "significant impact on new jobs."

The authority also agreed to make part of the new industrial site available to R&S Body Company, Inc., pending a letter of commitment from that company.

Dolores Smith was absent from the meeting.

Jenny Wiley Theatre to open Friday night

A headline in Wednesday's edition of the Floyd County Times said that Jenny Wiley Theatre's opening night was Thursday, June 23. Opening night at the theatre is tonight, June 24.

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You're Invited

The public is cordially invited to attend the swearing in ceremony of Paul Burchett to fill the unexpired term of the late Honorable Judge Harold Stumbo as the Circuit Judge of the 31st Judicial District, Commonwealth of Kentucky. The ceremony will take place on the 2nd floor Circuit Court room of the Floyd County Courthouse at 12:00 o'clock noon on Friday, July 1st, 1994. Administering the oath of office will be The Honorable Judge John David Caudill. An open reception will follow for the Honorable Judge Burchett immediately following.

Courthouse News

SUITS FILED

Editor's Note: Suits filed are not indicative of guilt but represent only the claims of those filing the action.

Timothy Yates of Garrett vs. Amy B. Curry of Prestonsburg et al.; compensation for alleged injuries received in an accident on or about May 28, 1993, in Prestonsburg.

Glenna Bentley et al. of Harold vs. Craig Samons of Banner; compensation for alleged injuries received in an accident on or about March 30, 1994.

Christine Danielle Coleman vs. Michael Scott Coleman of Prestonsburg; dissolution of marriage.

Melinda Joy Holbrook vs. Rodney Jay Holbrook of Prestonsburg; dissolution of marriage.

Robert James Anderson of Otter Creek Correctional Center at Wheelwright vs. Don Stewart, interim director of Otter Creek Correctional Center; petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus.

Eddis Mosley of Gamer vs. Karen Mosley of Garrett et al.; compensation for injuries received when she fell on a faulty step.

Jimmy Johnson of Hi Hat vs. Lola Mae Layman Johnson of Marion, Indiana; dissolution of marriage.

Luther H. Minor of Pikeville vs. Stephanie Music of Prestonsburg; compensation for alleged injuries received in an accident on or about March 6, 1994, in Prestonsburg.

Shelia Gregory of McDowell vs. Billy T. Gayheart of McDowell; compensation for alleged injuries received in an accident on May 13, 1994, on Ky. Rt. 122.

Wormald David Stone of Auxier vs. Virginia Stone; dissolution of marriage.

Rita S. Williams of Tram vs. Elma

J. Stephens of Blue River; compensation for alleged injuries received in an accident on May 13, 1994, on Ky. Rt. 1428.

Bill Wireman vs. Magdalene Wireman et al.; compensation for alleged injuries received in an accident on or about July 24, 1993, at Blue River.

Consol of Kentucky Inc. vs. Big Sandy Wholesale Co. et al.; petition for partition of real property.

Darrell Campbell of Prestonsburg vs. Darlene Campbell of Prestonsburg; dissolution of marriage.

Connie Marshall et al. vs. Pam Porter of Dwayne; compensation for alleged injuries received in an accident on or about April 6, 1994, on Ky. Rt. 1428, Prestonsburg.

Sandra Newcomb of Prestonsburg and David Lee Newcomb of Pikeville; joint petition for dissolution of marriage.

Dwight David Newsome of Betsy Layne vs. Nancy Jayne Newsome of Betsy Layne; dissolution of marriage.

Jessie D. Spears of Garrett et al. vs. Kenneth L. Bentley of Martin et al.; compensation for alleged injuries received in an accident on or about March 21, 1994.

Regina Hunt of Prestonsburg et al. vs. Donnie Joseph of Combs et al.; compensation for alleged injuries received in an accident on or about August 12, 1993.

Larney Mercer et al. vs. Carl T. Patton of East Point et al.; alleged default of contract.

Henry Reffett of Langley et al. vs. Chester Johnson of Topmost et al.; compensation for alleged damages to property near Eastern.

Juanita Bevins of Martin vs. Dwayne Bevins; dissolution of marriage.

Glen Kidd vs. Paul Hunt Thompson as administrator of Floyd County and the estate of Sheridan Martin; compensation for alleged injuries received in an accident on or about April 19, 1993, near Martin.

Rebecca Wells of Martin vs. Marty Delane Wells of Louisville; dissolution of marriage.

Jeanice Johnson Hall of Hi Hat vs. Victoria Hall of Virgie; dissolution of marriage.

Elizabeth Cochran of Prestonsburg vs. Highlands Regional Medical Center et al.; compensation for emotional distress.

Carolyn Bevins of Pike County vs. John G. Ratliff et al.; compensation for alleged injuries received in an accident on or about August 4, 1993, on U.S. 23 near Stanville.

Rachel Elizabeth Martin of Prestonsburg vs. James Philip Martin of Bowling Green; dissolution of marriage.

Rita Faye Craft vs. Worley Anderson Craft of Wayland; dissolution of marriage.

Matthew Jacobs of Pippa Passes vs. Shannon Thornsberry of Martin; compensation for alleged injuries received in an accident on or about February 21, 1993.

Wanda Duote of Prestonsburg et al. vs. David Plumber of Auxier; compensation for alleged injuries received in an accident on or about June 9, 1992, at Allen.

MARRIAGES

Lisa L. Henry, 20, of McDowell and Gregory L. Akers, 27, of McDowell; Faye D. Owens, 20, of Bypro and Jeffrey A. Mullins, 22, of Bypro;

Jeanene Hall, 23, of Beaver and James M. Hamilton, 31, of Beaver; Shasta Jean Tussey, 22, of Springfield, Ohio, and David Lee Chaffin, 19, of New York;

Delois Hall, 31, of Bevinville and Delmas G. Stone, 46, of Bevinville; Denice Shepherd, 16, of Hueysville and Christopher Kenneth Robinson, 19, of Martin;

Kimila D. Buckley, 30, of Pikeville and Jerry L. King, 27, of Harold; Judy Marie Pelon, 36, of Harold and John H. Salisbury, 48, of Harold;

Pamela A. Greene, 23, of Prestonsburg and Ronald G. Bowling, 28, of Annville; Karen S. Collins, 36, of Banner and Kermit D. Joseph, 36, of Prestonsburg;

Melissa R. West, 21, of Prestonsburg and Timothy L. Hall, 21, of Topmost; Lanis Gail Maynard, 43, of McCombs and Jamis Edward Morrison, 52, of McCombs;

Bobbi Lynn Kunath, 23, of Endicott and Terry William Music, 24, of Prestonsburg; Kristy L. Akers, 17, of Prestonsburg and Matthew T. Hitchcock, 19, of Prestonsburg;

Mary Lynn Bays, 29, of Prestonsburg and Sidney Lee Meade, 25, of Harold; Iva Dale McDaniel, 36, of Wayland and Richard E. Osborne, 36, of Eastern;

Traci L. Samons, 19, of Martin and Charles R. Conley, 23, of Garrett; Rose M. Harmon, 42, of Prestonsburg and Clyde F. Johnson, 28, of Prestonsburg;

Marqueta E. Martin, 21, of Minnie and Michael Arnett, 19, of Claypool, Indiana; Della Misty Dawn Bryant, 15, of Printer and Danny R. Tackett, 27, of Printer;

Robin R. Roope, 27, of Prestonsburg and William T. Nairn, 25, of Prestonsburg; Letitia L. Crisp, 22, of Tomahawk and Stephen D. Damron, 22, of Weeksbury;

Wanda Hall, 29, of Harold and Chester Dewayne Burke, 27, of Harold; Robyn L. Johnson, 21, of Wayland and Steven E. Buckley, 26, of Prestonsburg.

Pikeville students graduate during evening ceremonies

Martha Chill, chief administrator of Pikeville Methodist Hospital, delivered the commencement address Friday, June 3, during graduation exercises for the Pikeville Campus of Kentucky College of Business. The event was held at 7 p.m. at Pikeville High School, when students were honored with special awards and the announcement of selection to Who's Who among Students in American Junior Colleges.

Taking part in the graduation ceremonies were Carolyn Diamond, professional and recessionist; Don Richard Preston, graduate, invocation; Richard G. Wood, president of Kentucky College, welcome and awarding of degrees/diplomas; Tina Williams Adkins, campus director, presentation of awards and presentation of graduates, and Vernon Hampton, benediction.

Pikeville students who received degrees during the evening were Letha Damron, Legal Secretarial; Collette Ratliff, Medical Administrative Assistant; Margaret Sawyers, highest honors, Medical Administrative Assistant, and Brenda Spears, Accounting.

Another associate degree recipient was Mary Thompson of Allen, highest honors, Medical Administrative Assistant; Timika Jackson of Wheelwright, honors, Data Processing, and James D. Keathley of Galveston, Data Processing.

Also, Lucille Yates and Teresa Yates, both Medical Secretarial students of Martin.

Honored during the evening were recipients of the college's highest awards. They are Brenda Spears, Accounting; Don R. Preston, Management Information Systems and Mary Thompson, Medical Administrative Assistant, who received the Joseph E. Hurn Award for Academic Excellence. Alicia Y. Darnell, who majored in Medical Secretarial studies earned the Achievement Award, and Timika Jackson in Data Processing was named the Leadership Award winner. Geneva Talbert, a 1989 Accounting graduate, was selected for the Alumni Achievement Award.

Announced as those chosen for inclusion in the 1994 edition of Who's Who among Students in American Junior Colleges were seven students recognized as nationally outstanding campus leaders. They join an elite group of students from more than 1400 institutions of higher learning in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and several foreign nations.

Pikeville Campus honorees are Katherine Akers, Barbara Daniels, Susan Jarvis, Lisa May, Don Preston, Mary Thompson and Teresa Yates. Yates and her daughter, Lucille Yates, also received roses to signify their accomplishments in graduating together with Medical Secretarial diplomas.



Second birthday

Samantha Ellen Hackworth celebrated her second birthday on May 22 with a Barney and Baby Bop cake. She is the daughter of Melissa, and Bill Hackworth of Minnie. She is the granddaughter of Neva and Jerry Ratliff of Langley, Rosemary and Glen Hackworth of Garrett and Dingus and Joanna Blackburn of Indiana. She has one brother, Kendall, and one sister, Belinda.

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Alligators star in all-nature night

On June 30, KET extends its usual Thursday evening lineup of nature programming, with two in-depth documentaries on one of nature's most elusive reptiles: the alligator.

The evening begins at 8 p.m. with Kentucky Afield, the longtime favorite that sends host Dave Shuffett across the state for outdoor exploration, fishing and hunting. Kentucky Afield is a co-production of KET and the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Next, at 8:30 p.m., NatureScene, travels to Massachusetts where hosts Jim and Rudy visit the Summit of Holyoke, with its spectacular views of the Connecticut River Valley. Glacial rocks and strange geological formations, along with dinosaur tracks, add to the story of this area.

For the following two hours, alligators and the humans they interact with are the stars Alligator!, airing at 9 p.m., examines this feared but misunderstood creature, including its adaptability; its feeding, mating and fighting habits; and how and why it attacks humans.

In the 1960's, alligators were near extinction. But in 1973 they were placed on the endangered species list, and today more than a million live in Florida alone. But that success has also put it into more frequent contact with humans, whose numbers are also growing. As the alligator instinctively tries to protect itself, attacks have not only increased over the years, but have also overflowed into residential areas. To better understand this creature, biologist Kent Vliet and naturalist Mark Emery discuss its biology, physiology and behavior.

In Louisiana, man has been the predator and the alligator the prey. Alligator Hunters, airing at 10 p.m., is a 60-minute documentary on alligator hunting as told by "old timers" in the marshes of Louisiana. This program gives an interesting look into this hunting tradition, which was passed on from fathers to sons, and includes conversations with natives of the bayou, known as "marsh men". These families made their living from the land before pollution and overhunting destroyed the natural habitat of the alligator, severely diminishing its population.

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ALLAN S. PERRY III—Publisher-Editor

Liberty of thought is the life of the soul—Voltaire

Give that man a breath mint

by Scott Perry

We hadn't intended to jump into the fray over whether state lawyers ought to make their own disciplinary hearings open to the public, figuring the outcome would be something like whipping a dead horse.

After all, the state Supreme Court ruled in 1978 that the judicial branch of government, including the Kentucky Bar Association, didn't have to comply with the provisions of open records law.

And, the General Assembly, which might mandate open disciplinary hearings for lawyers, is overloaded itself with the very folks who might have their dirty linen aired in public should such a change be made.

But darned if some grand-standing attorney hasn't ticked us off.

Testifying Wednesday at the state bar association's annual convention, Hazard lawyer Asa Gullett III, who was once the bar's chairman of a task force on lawyer discipline, took the opportunity to divert attention away from real issues by blaming everything on the press.

Gullett suggested, in fact, that the whole move to open disciplinary hearings against lawyers

was being pushed by the press so the press can pursue vendettas against attorneys.

He then lumped all news agencies into one neat package, saying, "Our noble profession should not bow to the wishes of a profession (the press) with no educational standards, no licensing, no discipline and no ethics."

That earned Gullett a standing O from his compatriots.

We're more inclined to offer him a roll of breath mints he no doubt needs after mouthing that load of crap.

We won't dispute the allegations that there are some undereducated, undisciplined and unethical folks among the press corps, but their flaws are by the very nature of their profession on public display every day.

Our credibility is subject to constant checks and balances by our readers, who are neither stupid nor naive.

And, when someone like Gullett insinuates that the public ought not be allowed to sit in on disciplinary hearings for lawyers because of some absurd notion that the press is full of attorney bashers, our readers wonder, like we do, what secrets he's really trying to keep secret.

Letters to the editor

Letters To The Editor

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Kentucky task force seeks to improve employee conditions

Editor:
As chairman of state government's Career Service System Task Force, with members who are state employees and our private sector counterparts, I oversee a process to improve how we manage state government personnel. Our aim is to provide better service to our customers by cutting red tape, reducing the time and cost of doing business with the state and building a better work environment for all state employees.

Since the task force first met in December, our actions include passage of the Pilot Personnel Program Act that allows 15 to 20 percent of the state's permanent full-time work force to participate in pilot projects that, first and foremost, promote increased involvement by all state employees. The pilots must also emphasize manager and employee training, continuous improvement of how we deliver services, evaluating customer satisfaction, and performance measurement. The task force has also moved to combine human resource development and personnel administration to increase employee involvement at every level of the state's personnel management system. We have taken steps to strengthen the state's Equal Employment Opportunity efforts to recruit and retain a diverse work force.

These are a few of the steps the task force has taken to improve state employment procedures, but the one that impacts all others and which may be our biggest challenge, involves our efforts to improve how we communicate between state government offices located in every county of the commonwealth. Because the task force is committed to conducting business in the most open manner possible, we have held state wide staff meetings and teleconferences, sent memos to all state employees, and used computer networks wherever possible to keep employees informed.

This effort has been made more difficult by groups such as the Kentucky Association of State Employees (KASE), who seem determined to spread incorrect information about the task force's work and intentions. While agreeing with our programs to boost employee training, rework the evaluation system and develop a modern personnel system, KASE has repeatedly told state employees that our actions are actually an effort to erode the protections included in the Merit System Law.

I cannot emphasize strongly

enough that through our actions—legislative or otherwise—this task force has insisted on keeping employee protections that are included in the Merit Law. There have been and will be no exceptions. The sections in the law that protect against firing, demotions, or other penalties without cause; that relate to layoffs; and preserve reemployment rights remain in place.

Throughout this process, we have invited participation by all state employees and organizations, including KASE, and that input has been very valuable. We will continue to encourage it. Productive dialogue, however, is only possible in an atmosphere of honesty and goodwill. I am hopeful that, in the future, those traits will encompass our discussions with groups like KASE.

Forming the Career Service System Task Force was only one of 270 recommendations presented to Governor Jones by the Commission on Quality and Efficiency last November. In just six months, the general Assembly and state agencies have taken steps to implement Commission recommendations that, using the estimates in the report, will cut the cost of government \$155.3 million over the next five years. An overview of these accomplishments is available by calling my office at 502-564-4240.

Following the example set by the Governor's Commission on Quality and Efficiency, this task force aims to generate team commitment to dramatic improvements in the way state government manages and uses its people. This requires that we throw out outdated, punitive practices that lead to mistrust, suspicion, and fear. Our commitment calls for a new way of operating that requires changes in our thinking, culture and actions.

I continue to encourage everyone to get involved in this process. Only by working together for positive change will we accomplish the reforms necessary to truly satisfy our customers—the citizens of Kentucky.

Secretary Pat Mulloy
Kentucky Finance and
Administration Cabinet
Chairman, Career Service
System Task Force

Officials understand that numbers add up

Editor:
For the past three weeks I have been working toward getting petitions and backing to get something done regarding the Stumbo Park at

Allen. Our county officials are not going to do anything unless we get together. These people understand numbers, which are used when counting votes.

Several people that signed these petitions made statements like, "I called and complained about the portable toilets several times and nothing was done." People have been told the baseball fields do not make any money.

In the summer we have two baseball leagues—Little League and Babe Ruth—with approximately 270 children. The high schools use the fields during their season with the three teams totals another 60 or so young people. These totals are around 330 children and teenagers that use these facilities. Ask yourself where your child would be if not playing ball this summer.

If you count two parents per child that uses this park and double it that would be 660 people that can get behind a move to get something done like other surrounding counties have. Again, add to those number the grandparents of these children and you have 1320. If you go on to the children who will be using these facilities over the next few years, count aunts, uncles, etc., there could be number in this county in the thousands and I think our officials would understand these numbers at election time.

Please look for these petitions and sign them. Let's get together and attend fiscal court meetings and get something done.

We have to remember the golf course makes money. If they could do away with the ballfields as they would like to do, where would your children go? These young people are the future of this county, they need something to be proud of.

Please take a few minutes out of your busy schedules to help with this most important project. The golfers had a meeting at the park with the magistrates. Let's get together and have our own rally for the park.

Word of mouth has been the best advertiser over the years, so tell a friend, neighbor. Tell everyone and let's get together at the Stumbo Park at Allen, on July 9, at 3 p.m.

I am asking for all ballplayers, parents, grandparents, friends and neighbors to please attend this rally. It takes numbers for action. Let's do it now.

Margaret Holbrook
Allen

What others are saying

The following articles are excerpts of editorials taken from Kentucky newspapers

Disappointed in Patton

We were very disappointed with Lt. Gov. Paul Patton's statements last week that the state should not issue bonds to fund new construction projects supported by Gov. Brereton Jones. Patton's comments came at a very inopportune time. The governor and Eastern Kentucky legislators were putting up a strong fight to increase the state's overall debt payments by issuing bonds that would fund Eastern Kentucky projects. Three of the projects valuable to Knott Countians were the proposed Red Fox Resort, and improvements at Jenny Wiley and Buckhorn state lodges.

As a result of the legislature's refusal to go along with the governor's proposal, the Red Fox Resort at Carr Fork Lake faced a serious setback.

The Red Fox Resort and other park projects would encourage more tourism into Eastern Kentucky without raising taxes. The governor's budget proposal was a plan for the future economic growth of Eastern Kentucky.

Last week was a time for East Kentucky leaders to present a united front. Unfortunately, Patton was not a part of the East Kentucky effort. One political analyst reported that by Patton's stand he was able to distance himself from the governor and not appear to be just a regional candidate for his bid for governor. It is a shame that Lt. Gov. Patton did not share the same view of the other Eastern Kentucky leaders when he made his comments on the eve of the voting. — *Troublesome Creek Times*

Why shock probation in sexual assault case

According to evidence a prosecutor planned to present at the trial, the victim of an attempted rape

at a University of Kentucky fraternity house last year was just a few breaths away from dying when the assault on her ended.

Blood vessels burst in the woman's face, which the assailant covered with a pillow; and a doctor was prepared to testify that the victim was about one minute away from death.

That's a very thin margin between living and dying — so thin you would think the victim's ordeal would be taken into account during any sentencing decision by a judge.

But Scott Ratliff, an Ohio man who pleaded guilty to attempted rape in the case, walked out of Luther Luckett Correctional Complex Monday after serving just 248 days of a five-year sentence.

Fayette Circuit Judge Mary Noble granted Ratliff's request for shock probation.

The judge said she did so because Ratliff was a first-time offender who could not get sex offender counseling or participate in an Alcoholics Anonymous program in the prison.

Maybe the counseling and AA meetings will help Ratliff; maybe not. One thing is certain, though: Judge Noble's action offers little hope or encouragement to the victims of rape and sexual assault.

Ratliff's victim may need extensive counseling, too. The trauma of struggling for her last breaths will stay with her for years, if not for the rest of her life. Now, there is the additional trauma of seeing her assailant walk away a free man after just 248 days in prison.

As is too often the case in our courts, Judge Noble showed more concern for the criminal than she did for the victim. And in doing so, the judge added to the terror faced by all victims of rape and sexual assault. — *Lexington Herald-Leader*

Opinions expressed in this column are those of the writer and do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the *Floyd County Times*.

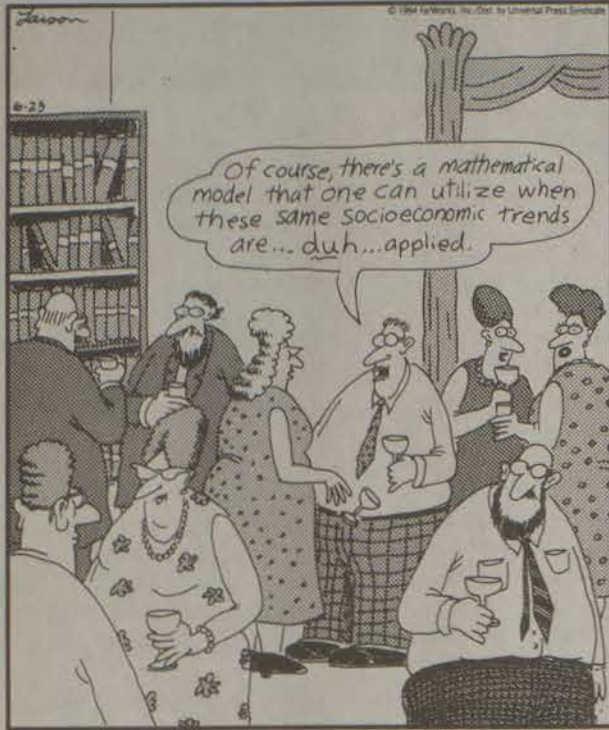
The Friday Comics

THE FAR SIDE

By GARY LARSON THE FAR SIDE

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THE SPATS by JEFF PICKERING



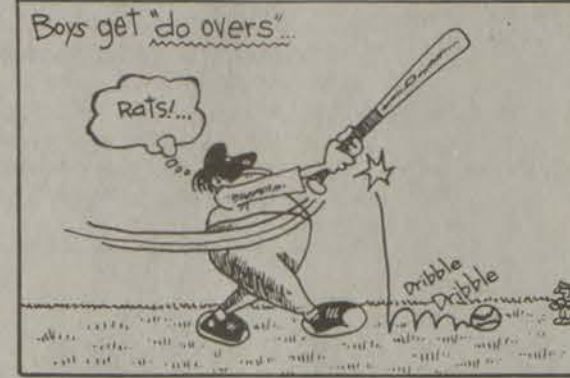
Suddenly the Mensa partygoers froze when Clarence shockingly uttered the "D" word.



"Yeah, I remember Jerry. Good friend of mine. ... You know, I never understood a single word he said, but he always had some mighty fine wine."



OUT ON A LIMB by GARY KOPERVAS



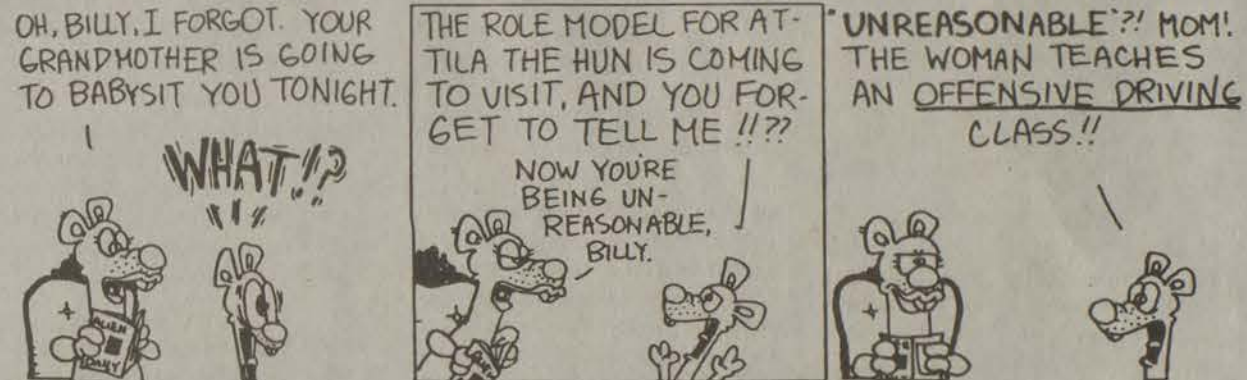
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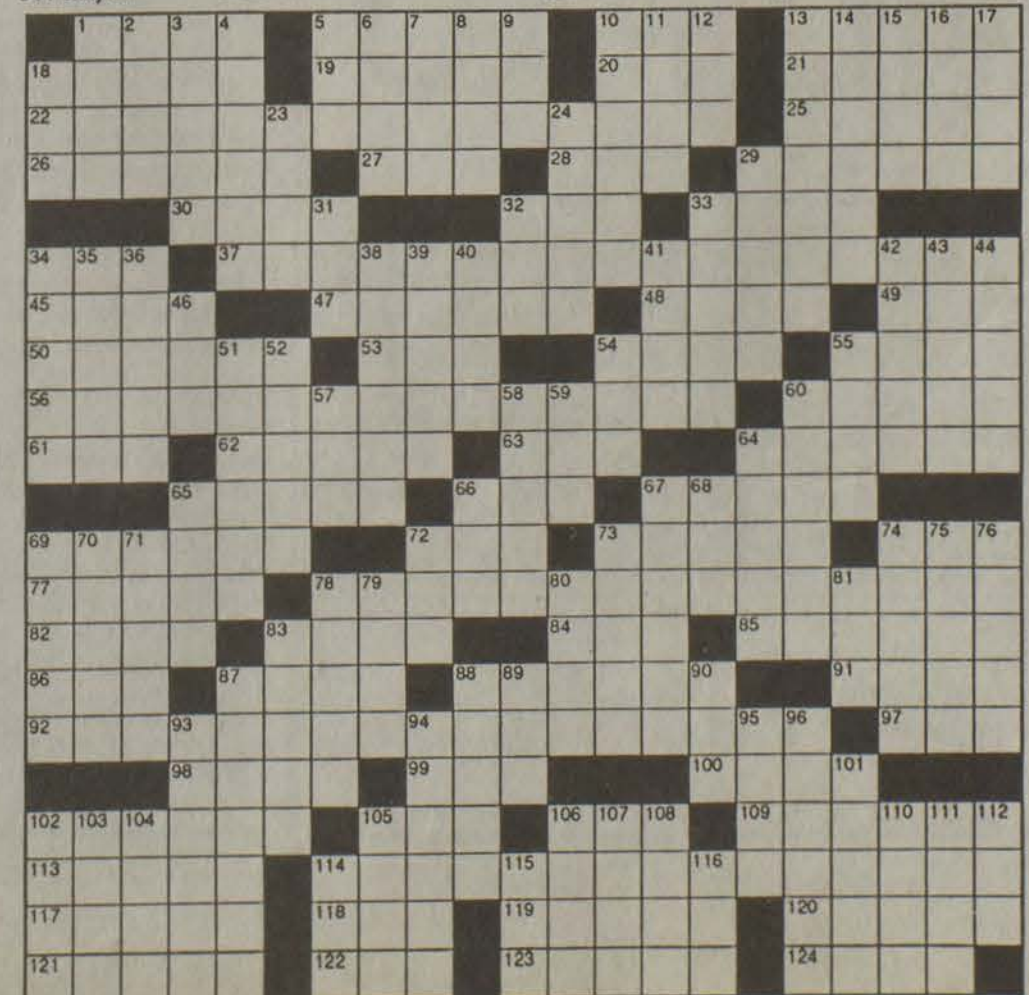
"Pay your bill, pay your bill ..."



"I don't think we're here to be congratulated on my science project."

Super Crossword

- ACROSS
- 1 Line of clothing?
- 5 Full of froth
- 10 Prover's ints.
- 13 Carpentry or printing
- 18 Lawrence's lady
- 19 "The Jewel in the Crown" setting
- 20 Actress Hagen
- 21 Send the money
- 22 Eddie Cantor tune
- 25 Decorate
- 26 Left port
- 27 Singer Sumac
- 28 Compass pt.
- 29 Nogaes nap
- 30 Ireland, in poetry
- 32 Spare-tire material?
- 33 Mail event
- 34 Impact sound
- 37 The Happenings tune
- 45 Curl up with Cather
- 47 "Chaplin" star
- 48 Placed
- 49 Tokyo, once
- 50 Jim Varney character
- 53 551, to Caesar
- 54 Penny or
- 55 Aquatic organism
- 56 World War I ballad
- 60 Burstyn or Barkin
- 61 Mystery writer Josephine
- 62 Make much of
- 63 Use the remote control
- 64 Makes some dough?
- 65 Approaches
- 66 Hall of Famer Mel
- 67 Donut topping
- 69 Hulled grain
- 72 "Murder, — Wrote"
- 73 Patsy Cline hit
- 74 Napa vessel
- 77 Decisive defeats
- 78 Jacky
- 82 Division word
- 83 Compassion
- 84 Strangelove and Seuss: abbr.
- 85 Trafalgar victor
- 86 "Kookie" Byrnes
- 87 — Spumante
- 88 Most mirthful
- 91 Shipshape
- 92 James
- 93 Darren tune
- 97 Afternoon delight?
- 98 Eyebrow shapes
- 99 Academy for future lieuts.
- 100 Cezanne or Lynde
- 102 "Splash" star
- 105 Easy as —
- 106 Gush
- 109 Took care of pressing business?
- 113 Viva voce
- 114 Marlo
- 115 Lanza tune
- 117 Library fixture
- 118 "O Sole —"
- 119 Ford or Fonda
- 120 A Leeward Island
- 121 "Oliver Twist" villain
- 122 Cough up the cash
- 123 Surround a Seurat
- 124 Pesky insect
- DOWN
- 1 Versatile bean
- 2 * — saw
- 3 Mosey along
- 4 Art of "Kate & Allie"
- 5 Petty prevarication
- 6 Just
- 7 First person
- 8 Easily split mineral
- 9 Go on and on
- 10 The Dionnes, e.g.
- 11 To be, in Toulouse
- 12 Lemmor/Danson film
- 13 Brought up the rear
- 14 Use coupons
- 15 — Alonso Stagg
- 16 Gossip
- 17 Sicilian rumbler
- 18 "Major Barbara" monogram
- 23 Ms. McClurg
- 24 Cecil's chum
- 29 Wedding-dress fabric
- 31 Nancy Drew's boyfriend
- 32 "Pshaw!"
- 33 Where to dance a jota
- 34 "The Sun Also Rises" heroine
- 35 Home on high
- 36 Virile
- 38 Tyrolean tunes
- 39 Baby hooter
- 40 Textbook heading
- 41 "The Time Machine" people
- 42 Politico
- 43 Sidled
- 44 Some stallions
- 46 Dover's state: abbr.
- 51 Caramels and chocolates
- 52 Where to find Alice
- 54 Graduation gear
- 55 Sheltered, at sea
- 57 Imperfection
- 58 Montezuma, for one
- 59 Gangster's gun
- 60 Pepsi or lipase
- 64 "East of Eden" director
- 65 W. alliance
- 66 Palindromic cry
- 67 Concerto — (Baroque form)
- 68 Research site
- 69 "Peer Gynt" composer
- 70 Sonata movement
- 71 Surpass
- 72 For instance
- 73 Hall of Famer Rod
- 74 Pop in
- 75 Battery part
- 76 Songstress
- Tucker
- 78 Quotes an expert
- 79 Adjective suffix
- 80 Pastoral poem
- 81 Sandwich choice, for short
- 83 College course, briefly
- 87 Rubs the wrong way?
- 88 Last name in fashion
- 89 Loser to DDE
- 90 Mil. unit
- 93 Strauss' river
- 94 Scotch cocktail
- 95 Secular
- 96 Throughout
- 101 Ponti's partner
- 102 Crones
- 103 — Really
- 104 Cranny's companion
- 105 "Turandot" tune
- 106 Scoff at
- 107 Best of Farber
- 108 Put a name to
- 110 PBS science show
- 111 Send out
- 112 — "Kapital"
- 114 Audiophile's purchase
- 115 TV term
- 116 Deli bread



(Answers on B 2)

MagicMaze

PARTS OF A SHEEP (Answers on B 2)

Q R E O L H E B X U R O L I E
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 X V S Q S C R A G L O M K L I
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 X V U S Q P E R I N U P M S M
 K J H F E N W O B L E A C B U
 Z Y X V K E L F I T S U T R R

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions—forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

- Apron
- Elbow
- Forehead
- Girth
- Hock
- Knee
- Loin
- Poll
- Rump
- Scrag
- Shoulder
- Stifle
- Tail
- Underline
- Withers

Vision Teaser



Differences: 1. Picture is moved. 2. Golf club is longer. 3. Sweater is different. 4. Umbrella stand is added. 5. Mirror is changed. 6. Shoulder bag is missing.

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Smile Awhile

Sara Hopson

FAT FREE OR DIE

No food containing more than 8 grams of fat has been carried into this house within the last twelve months.

This should mean that the people living within these walls should be no larger than a peppermint toothpick from Pizza Hut. Unfortunately, at least one member of the household looks more like the Meat Lover's special from the same aforementioned eating establishment.

It amazes me that I still manage to maintain my weight or add to it by eating fat free pretzels, baked potatoes with fat free margarine and fat free sour cream, and fat free fig newtons. Of course, there are times when I break over and eat yogurt, but it's fat free, too.

"What's for supper, Sara?" my husband asks.

"Fat free Egg Beater sandwiches with fat free cheese and fat free mayonnaise."

"Yum, Yum," he answers glumly. "What's J. R. eating?"

"Pizza."

"I'll have pizza, too."

"But you hate pizza!"

"I hate fat free more."

"Fat free is so much healthier. And I'm sure that any day now, pounds of weight will fall from my body."

My husband doesn't believe me. Men don't. The weight just slides off the male gender when they adhere to a diet low in fat. They don't even have to count calories like women do.

Sadly enough, worse than trying to convince men that women don't lose as rapidly as men on fat free, is trying to convince them how difficult shopping for fat free foods has become. I did this one day last week, and was surprised at how many foods claimed to be fat free or so low in fat you supposedly couldn't tell the difference.

"Jean," I asked my friend, "have you ever tried those low fat chocolate chip cookies? They're delicious."

"They should be. There's five grams of fat in each one."

"That's a lot. How many in the real ones?"

"Twelve. It's amazing how seven extra grams of fat improves the taste of a cookie."

"Have you tried the fat free corn chips?"

"I've been chewing on the same one I started two days ago," she replied dryly. "I keep dipping this same one in picante sauce."

"Have you lost any weight?"

"I haven't weighed. I will at the end of the week. That's after I've finished my fat free brownies with fat free whipped topping, and the rest of the fat free burritos."

"I found some fat free cake at the store, and I'm going to fix it with some fat free strawberries sweetened with Equal. I should drop a ton."

Somewhere out there, a white laboratory rat is being subjected exclusively to fat free foods, and he weighs 400 pounds. I've no doubt we'll be reading about it soon.

THE TIMES' WEEKEND Extra

Poperri by Scott Perry

The United States Supreme Court will be deciding sometime in the near future if the U.S. Constitution is worth the parchment it's printed on.

Since the only job the Supreme Court has is to interpret what the Constitution really says for us morons who think the printed words ought to be enough to go by, the Court's decision on one particular case is really important.

If they interpret the wrong way, why they could be out of a job.

Here's the deal.

In a case out of Arkansas, the high court is being asked to decide if states have the right to limit the terms of their representatives to Congress.

Now, the average Constitution reader, whose latin legalese stops at "Et tu, Brute?!", might think the answer to that question is made pretty clear in the Constitution.

The very first article (section 4) says that, and we quote, "The times, places and manner of holding election for Senator and Representatives, shall be prescribed in each state by the Legislature thereof..."

Okay, that's pretty clear.

It is also pretty important to note what is not in the Constitution before we give you the clincher on this particular issue.

Nowhere does it say that Senators and Representatives may be elected until they fall over dead.

That's a major point because (drum roll please) there is a little thing in the Constitution called the 10th Amendment.

Here's what it says...

"The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States, respectively, or to the people."

Now it doesn't matter how many law degrees you've got nailed up on the wall to be able to interpret that.

If the Constitution doesn't specifically say it can't be done, then the states have the final say on what will be done.

There you go.

Now, before some disgruntled Washington lawyer who makes a living reading between the Constitutional lines accuses us of practicing law without a license, let's make one final point.

You don't have to be a lawyer to serve on the Supreme Court.

We'd be more than happy to accept an appointment to the next opening.



First show of the season

Kentucky Opry will open the summer Monday night. Jody Conley, left in front row, has moved to Somerset. He will be replaced by Chris Lafferty, whose magical fingers bring the keyboard to life. As always, Munroe, in back, will be up to some new antics. Billie Jean Osborne, founder of the Kentucky Opry, has promised a few surprises in this year's show. Don't miss a single performance.

The stars come out Monday night

It's toe-tappin', finger-snappin', time Monday night, June 27, when the Kentucky Opry opens its fourth season at Jenny Wiley State Park Amphitheatre.

Most of the faces will be familiar, says Opry founder Billie Jean Osborne, "but we've got a lot of new songs, new arrangements, and a few surprises in store."

A new face at the Opry this year is Chris Lafferty, who has been a member of the Kentucky Opry Junior Pros for the past two years. Lafferty is moving into the spot vacated by Jody Conley, who is moving to Somerset. Conley played the keyboard and guitar and was a vocalist with the Opry since its inception.

Lafferty has played back-up to Conley in recent months. He is a graduate of Betsy Layne High School and is now a freshman at Prestonsburg Community College.

Returning stars include comedian

Munroe Birdshot, vocalists Misty Daniels, Raetta Damron and Danette Flanery, emcee and lead singer Tony Whited, fiddle player David Morris, and the rest of the band: Dwayne Binge, Ray Salyers and James Whited.

The Opry will be a regular Monday night feature at the amphitheater again this year, running through August 15, plus a gospel night show on August 27, and a final performance Sunday, August 28. All show times are 8:15 p.m.

This season will be special to Billie Jean and the Opry troupe, most of whom have been performing with the group since it formed.

While they're making music on the outdoor stage this year, plans are heading into the final phase for construction of their permanent indoor home—the Mountain Arts Center.

Paul Hughes, president of the Kentucky Opry Inc., said an announcement will be made soon for a groundbreaking date at

the site on the Mountain Parkway, and construction on the center, with its 1,000-seat theater, will begin this fall.

"We still need our private contributors, to finish our fund-raising effort," Hughes said, "but we can see our way to start the building going up."

The Kentucky Opry Junior Pros will be the opening act this Monday. Ranging in age from 8 to 18, the younger group has been in big demand for concerts this year with their crowd-pleasing country music sound.

Other opening acts will appear throughout the summer, and will be announced later.

Kentucky Opry performance tickets may be purchased by calling the Jenny Wiley Theatre box office, 886-9274. Ticket prices are \$10 adult; \$8 senior citizens and \$5 student.

Additional information may be obtained from the Opry office at 886-1341.

Sports View

by Ed Taylor

ROBINSON, WELLS IN DISCUS CAMP...

It may be summer and school may be out. But for Allen Central's Shawn Robinson and Levi Wells, the track season never has ended and there is much to do in the future.

The two discus throwers just attended John Powell's Discus Camp in Grandville, Ohio, last week and the duo is anxious for next season to begin.

"It was like being in the military," said Robinson of the camp. "It was hard, but we learned a lot."

Some of the things the camp stressed was foot speed and stance.

"They worked on our stance and changed that," Robinson explained. "Then we worked on our foot speed. We were doing it all wrong before. One thing we were doing wrong was that our shoulders were not back far enough."

The veteran thrower brought home videos to watch and the learning process will continue.

"They recorded us while we were down there. We got the videos to look at and see what we are doing wrong," Robinson said that he and Wells had learned a lot and were confident about next spring's meets.

"We will throw a lot farther than

what we threw this year," said Robinson, who has won almost every meet he has competed in. "Coach (Forrest) Hughes got us to go to it and the camp helped us a lot."

Robinson said the camp director was surprised to learn that his school did not have a track and field facility.

"They couldn't believe it," he said, "that we didn't have a track and field facility here. They were surprised that we could throw the discus without one. It was the best camp that I have been to."

Robinson said that Wells and himself have decided to go to the Bluegrass State Games this year and set a new record.

"We will do better than last year," said a confident Robinson.

The two Ridge Runner-throwers said that he and Wells wanted to share what they learned in camp with others to make them better throwers.

If all goes well, the new track and field facility at Allen Central should be ready this spring.

ISAAC HEADS TO CUMBERLAND...

Here's some great news! South Floyd's Krystal Isaac will be heading to Cumberland College

this fall. Isaac inked a letter-of-intent with Cumberland this week. She received a scholarship in both basketball and track.

With the signing, Isaac becomes the first athlete from South Floyd to receive a college scholarship.

Isaac carried a 3.9 GPA this year and is tickled, we understand, to be going to Cumberland.

Her dad called and informed me of the signing (at Cumberland) and said that he was "tickled to death for her."

Isaac has been a hard worker, both academically and athletically, all through school. She starred on the South Floyd Lady Raiders basketball team and was a state competitor in track this year.

Isaac will run track and play basketball for coach Henry Morgan. She played three years of varsity basketball for Wheelwright.

I'm very happy for Krystal.



Attends camp!

Allen Central discus throwers Shawn Robinson, left, and Levi Wells attended the John Powell Camp in Ohio last week. The duo looks forward to the next track and field season at Allen Central. They will be part of the Bluegrass State Games next month. (photo by Ed Taylor)

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Cumberland not only got an outstanding athlete, but a quality person, as well. I wish her the very best at Cumberland.

Well, that's how I see it! Until the next time.

Drift

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Jimmy Lee Stumbo had a RBI single.

The Reds got on the scoreboard in the third inning when four runs crossed the plate. Mullins walked three consecutive batters to load the bases. Chris Damron then cleared the bags with a long double. He later scored on a passed ball to make it a 8-4 game.

The Astros came back with three of their own in the fourth. A walk to Spriggs and Hall's third hit of the game set up Stone's RBI single. Mullins then followed a run-scoring base hit before Stumbo doubled home two runs.

The Reds got their final run in the fifth inning when Damron walked, stole second and third before scoring on a wild pitch.

"Jason (Spriggs) is playing real good baseball for me right now," said Coach Hall. "He is the type of kid that will play anywhere you put him."

Mullins got the win in going the distance. Henry Napier suffered the setback for the Reds. Napier had 10 strikeouts in the game.

The Astros are 14-2 on the season.

Brooks

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The defensive play of Bartley at short had Potter in awe.

"He has a very strong and quick arm at shortstop," Potter stated. "He is a very good defensive player and swings a good bat."

A couple of 10-year-olds have added to the scheme of things for the Dodgers.

"Casey Brown and Kyle (Potter) have been very good subs for us this season. They will come in and perform well," he said.

Carroll finished the game with three hits, including two doubles. Keathley, Tackett and Newsome had two hits for the Cubs.

Potter

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been a big part of the success of the Betsy Layne program.

"I'm glad to see him sign with Pikeville College. It's a good program academically as well as in athletics. I feel that Chris can contribute here at Pikeville," he said.

Coach Newsome said that Potter needs to get stronger and that "it will help his overall game."

"He was an excellent shortstop for us and he may get some time at second base here at Pikeville," said Newsome.

While playing four years for Betsy Layne, the Bobcats won 20 or more games in each season that Potter played.

"We reached the regional finals twice and won it once," said Newsome. "He ended his career at Betsy Layne in a big way when we went to the sectional tournament."

"We're just real excited about having Chris coming into our program," said Coach Cutwright. "When you can get a player the caliber of Chris out of a successful program such as Betsy Layne, you have gotten a quality player."

"We try to recruit good local play-

ers," he said. "We believe that Chris can play for us at the college level and I believe he can contribute in his first year."

Coach Cutwright said that the biggest adjustment he sees for Potter is offensively.

"But that is the case with all players coming out of high school into the college game," said the Panther coach. "It is an adjustment for every player."

"He is a very good defensive shortstop. He will get the opportunity to play early. It's never, will he or won't he play. He will."

"I'm just willing to play anywhere they need me," said Potter. "I'm just hopeful that I can contribute wherever I play."

"I feel that my defense has improved a lot and I just need to continue to work on my defense."

Potter said that he chose the Pikeville program over other schools because it was an area that he was familiar with.

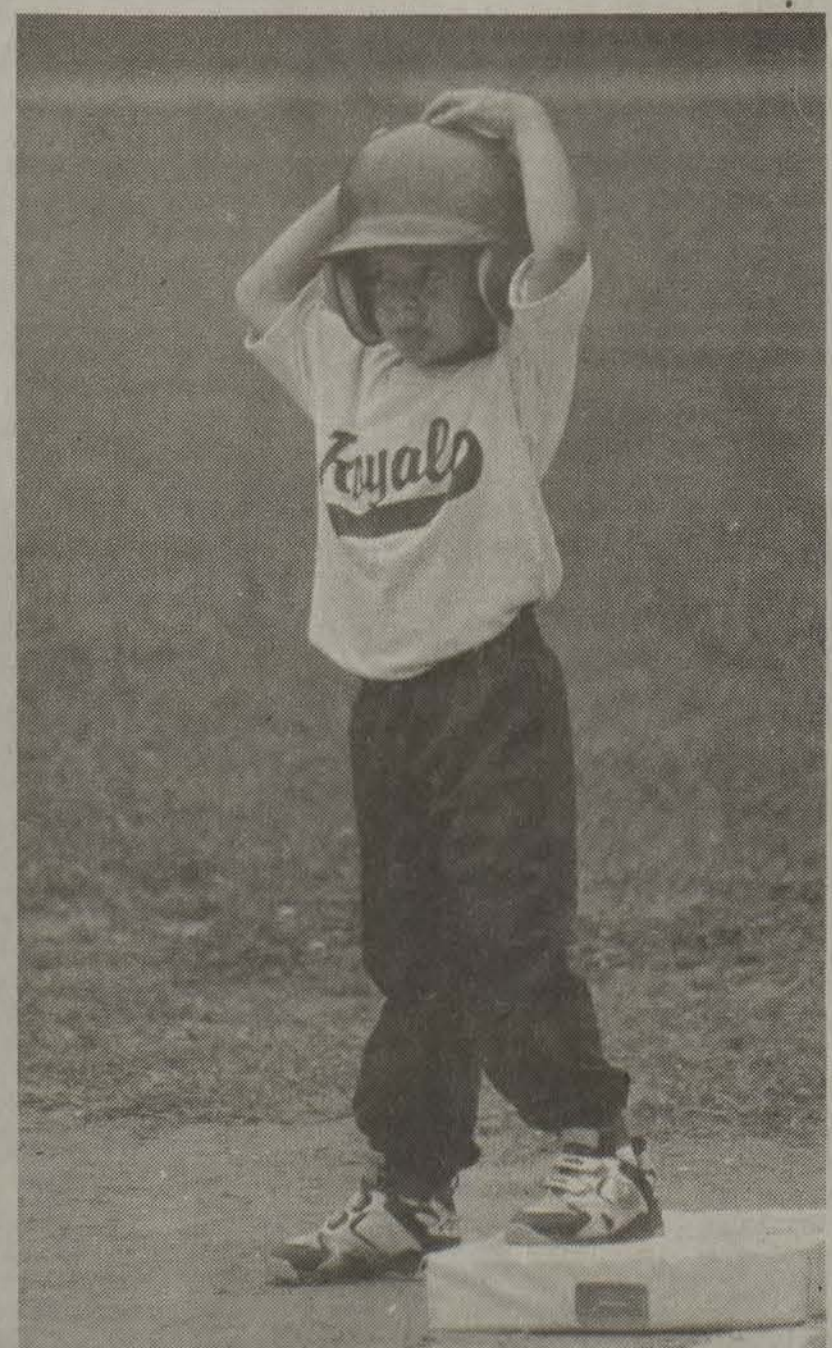
"It's the kind of baseball, in this

area, that I am used to," he said. "The program here at Pikeville is building and it is getting to be a consistently good program. I feel that it will get even better."

Other schools Potter heard from

included Marysville, Tennessee, Cumberland, Campbellsville, Morehead, Duke and Cincinnati.

Potter plans to major in pharmacy. He said that he will work with his uncle this summer in the profession.



"Now, what did the coach say?"

This Martin Pee Wee base runner looked a little confused as he stood at first base after getting a hit. The Martin Pee Wee League provides a lot of excitement for parents and fans. (photo by Ed Taylor)

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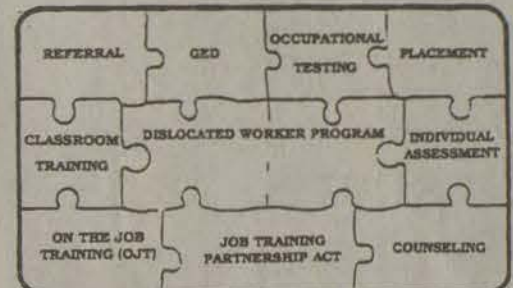
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