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It's official HRMC union workers vote to strike



Above, union workers line the road across from Highlands Regional Medical Center yesterday as they began a strike against the center. Right, Larry Daniels, president of the Kentucky chapter of SEIU, and Stella Perry, a retired nurse, lead the workers out of Highlands Regional Medical Center yesterday as the strike became official shortly after noon. (photos by Willie Elliott)

by Willie Elliott
Staff Writer

Responding to the chant "1, 2, 3, 4—union workers out the door" from hospital workers stationed outside Highlands Regional Medical Center, the remaining workers left the hospital a little after noon yesterday to begin the threatened strike against the medical center.

Members of Service Employees International Union (SEIU), Local 1199, voted Wednesday to reject contract offers and to strike. The registered nurses' new bargaining unit voted 48 to 1 to strike, and, for the other hospital workers, the vote was 305 to 6 in favor of the walk-out.

Dave Regan, union local president, said the main issues remained the same: workers insurance and job security. Other points that need to be worked out, he said, include seniority, scheduling, on-call pay, sick leave and retirement plans.

Regan said the hospital and union have had 20 years of peaceful bargaining but added that a new administration that has been at the medical center for about a year and half "wanted to pick a fight with the union."

Another point of contention is the contract for the registered nurses. The union wants the RN bargaining unit to become part of the overall package from the hospital, while the hospital wants the two contracts to be separate and to expire a year apart.

Kathy Rubado, director of marketing and public relations at the

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Leisurely reading

Don't get upset if you can't find the TV Times in today's newspaper. It's there, but it has a different name and many more stories to read when you get tired of pushing the remote control. The new Leisure Times is a merger of TV Times, which has come out on Fridays for years, and Entertaining Times, which has been included in the Sunday paper since its inception in July. Leisure Times carries the local TV cable listings and popular fun features, such as News of the Weird, horoscope, soap updates, and celebrity news. To encourage you to turn off the TV occasionally and get up off the couch, Leisure Times also has stories on music, theatre, art and recreation in the area, as well as the Day Trip feature about places to visit in this region, as often as possible. We hope you like it.

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Grand Jury indicts 10

by Pam Shingler
Editor

Ten persons were indicted Wednesday by the Floyd County Grand Jury, including a Pikeville man charged with seven counts of wanton endangerment in the first degree, a Class D felony.

Terry W. Slone, 29, of 1501 Stone Coal Rd. in Pikeville, was indicted for shooting a firearm into a vehicle and endangering the lives of the driver and six passengers.

The incident allegedly occurred February 21. Slone is accused of firing into a vehicle operated by Lloyd Spears. Listed as being endangered by the action were Amanda Hall, Tina Damron, Nina Damron, Billy Spears, Leonard Keathley and Amy Spears.

A David man was indicted on four counts of mail theft and one count of forgery in the second degree, both Class D felonies. James Orville Hicks, 38, of 2886 KY 850, allegedly stole letters addressed to Greg Ison at a Martin Post Office mailbox on March 24, April 10, May 3 and May 10 of 1998.

Hicks is also charged with signing Ison's name on a check for \$455.81, drawn on TransFinancial Bank on March 26, 1998.

Ronnie Hall, 21, of Galveston is accused of fleeing or evading a police officer in the first degree, a Class D felony, and of wanton endangerment in the first degree, also a Class D felony.

Hall is alleged to have disobeyed a direction to stop given by Kentucky State Police Trooper Rick Conn on June 12. He is charged then with passing another car on a curve on KY 979 and causing Trooper Conn's cruiser to leave the roadway. The second count also alleges that Hall was driving under the influence of alcohol.

Billy Sammons, 60, of KY 122 at Hunter Branch Road was indicted on two felony charges and two misdemeanor charges. On May 19, he is alleged to have committed assault in the first degree, a Class B felony, by striking Kenneth Sharp with a wrench and assault in the second degree, a Class C felony, by striking Alma Sammons with a hoe handle.

Sammons is further charged with assault in the fourth degree, a Class A misdemeanor, by striking Linda Sammons, and with criminal mischief in the second degree by damaging a 1990 Ford Crown Victoria belonging to Alma Sammons.

Indicted on one count of mari-

juana cultivation, a Class D felony, was William Charles Branham, 26, of Allen. The charge, involving five or more plants, dates to May 19.

Charged with one count of flagrant nonsupport for more than six months, a Class D felony, was Phillip Anderson, 25, of 111 Buena Vista Dr. in Martin. The allegation covers June 1, 1998 through July of this year.

Dimont Harris, 42, of 5528 KY 114, Prestonsburg, was indicted on one count of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence, with three prior convictions, on one count of operating a motor vehicle while his license was revoked or suspended, and one count of being a persistent felony offender in the first degree. The first two counts are Class D felonies and the third a Class C felony. The incident allegedly occurred on July 24.

James D. Garrett, 47, 406 S. Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, was indicted on one count of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence, a Class D felony, on March 6.

Teresa Scott, 40, of 1890 State Road Fork, Prestonsburg, was indicted on one count of operating a motor vehicle while her license

(See Indicts, page two)



On Wednesday at the Mountain Arts Center, Leatha Kendrick leads the group in a discussion about charting the course for the Kentucky Arts Council for the next three years. (photo by Willie Elliott)

Locals discuss future of the arts

by Willie Elliott
Staff Writer

The Kentucky Arts Council (KAC), hosting a series of meetings with the invitation "we want to hear from you," met with about 25 local people at the Mountain Arts Center (MAC) Wednesday to get input from various groups and individual citizens concerning the long range plans of the organization.

Information from these meetings will be used, in part, to chart

the course of the KAC through the year 2003, when the organization will go through the process again.

East Point resident Leatha Kendrick was the facilitator for the group and elicited responses by posing the question, "What are the best things that have happened in the arts in your community in the last two years?"

One program in Johnson County involves cooperation

(See Arts, page two)

Wife shoots husband

by Randell Reno
Staff Writer

Saturday morning at about 7:20, the Kentucky State Police received a call concerning Kathy and Mark Jervis of Endicott. An apparent domestic dispute elevated to violence when Kathy Jervis, 34, allegedly shot her husband Mike, 35, in the arm and the bullet went into his chest.

Mark Jervis was shot one time in the left arm, according to the KSP media release, but the bullet lodged in his chest. He was transported to Highlands Regional Medical Center, where he was stabilized and then transferred to St. Mary's Hospital in Huntington, West Virginia, for further treatment.

As of Wednesday morning, Jervis was in surgical intensive care at the West Virginia hospital, where he was listed in serious condition.

KSP Trooper Mickey Watson, Lt. Paul Maynard, and Det. Billy Meade, along with Floyd County Sheriff John K. Blackburn, responded to the scene of the crime.

(See Shoots, page two)

CAP founder resigns as chairman of board

Monsignor Ralph W. Beiting has resigned as chairman of the Christian Appalachian Project (CAP), the interdenominational organization he founded in eastern Kentucky more than 38 years ago.

Father Beiting, who is 75, was named chairman emeritus for life of CAP's board of directors.

CAP's mission is to combat poverty in the region through more than 70 programs, ranging from emergency services to adult education and job training.

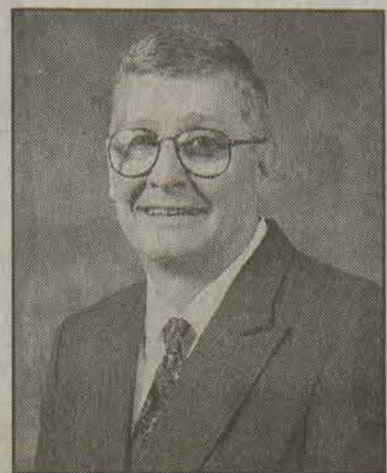
"My love for CAP has not dimmed," Beiting said in his letter of resignation to CAP President and CEO Mike Sanders. "But I think if I truly love it, I must take steps now when I still have energy and some wisdom to step down and support the new leadership that must come soon because of my age.

"I know God and you will design ways in which I can still serve, perhaps in a more effective way than ever before," he wrote.

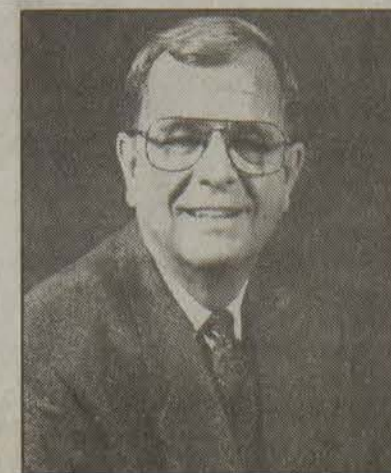
The board, at its annual meeting last week, also selected Lexington businessman Jerome B. O'Daniel as the new volunteer chairman of CAP.

Father Beiting will continue to write and to make public appearances on behalf of CAP. Sanders, formerly of Floyd County, said Beiting's decision will "free the busy priest from management decisions and allow him more

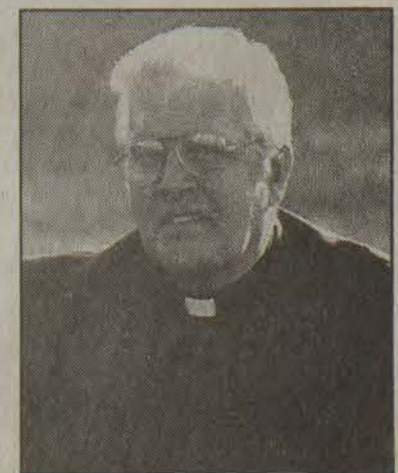
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Problems may prevent project

by Randell Reno
Staff Writer

Fears that the city of Martin may have "impending major problems" could put the flood control project in jeopardy of being abandoned altogether, according to Roger Recktenwald, executive director of the Big Sandy Area Development District.

"The audit presentation is kind of a red flag," said Recktenwald during a discussion at Martin City Hall Wednesday night. "They (Army Corps of Engineers) want a plan of how the city will solve its problems."

This was the consensus in a special called meeting of the Martin City Council when Mayor Alan Whicker and only one council member, Hazel Robinson, showed.

"We have some critical issues that really need to be discussed," said Whicker, who apologized to those attending because of the lack of a quorum. Whicker expressed frustration in the council members' absence, saying that the loans to the city and issues with the waste water are "very serious problems."

Those at the meeting expressed concern with the city's lack of ability to bring in revenues to pay its debts and for the inability to raise

funds for the flood project.

"Over a period of time, there will be money saved, but the city has also added additional debt," said Recktenwald. "The Army Corps of Engineers is not happy because the city has to match funds. In a period of several months, they will come with a 'go or not-go' situation."

The city's share of the debt for the flood project will be \$200,000, according to Recktenwald. The figure is less than what was expected, Whicker said.

But the problem still lies in how the city will accumulate this amount of money. The reduction in the insurance tax was a step backwards, according to the mayor, in the city's fight to build much-needed savings.

The estimation of \$200,000 does not include the commercial buildings that will need to be constructed, Recktenwald said.

The Corps of Engineers is supposed to provide \$40 million, 95 percent of the money for the project; the state is to kick in 95 percent of what is left, \$2,500,000, leaving the \$200,000 for Martin to provide.

"It has been my experience, by the time the project is finished, you will be over your estimated amount" said Whicker.

But the city still has other obligations.

"There are multiple bond issues out there with different maturity dates," Recktenwald said. Although the bonds may not have been incurred by the current administration, Recktenwald said, "the obligation is there."

"We are working backwards by changing the tax ordinance," Whicker said. "With only \$175,000 to come in, the change has made the city go backwards. The folks that look at the ordinances wonder if we are going to be able to pay. Every year we sit back and do nothing, and things get higher and higher."

"(Being unable to) get a quorum will not impress them either," said Recktenwald. "I would direct you to communicate with (the Corps). It would be good for the city to have a piece of paper down there."

Jacquie Slone, accountant, encouraged the mayor not to give up.

"They are willing to work with the city if they see (the city) is trying," said Slone.

But, according to Whicker, no one on the council is willing to increase the city utility rates, especially since the hike in rates would have to be a major increase to solve the utility budget problems.

"If the city would obligate some of the funds of the occupational tax, in the long run, they (Army Corp of Engineers) would accept a minimal rate increase," said Slone. "They are looking for ways to keep the sewer fund open."

"They are looking for two things," said Bob Lewondowski, public administration specialist for Big Sandy ADD. "They want to insure the solvency of the rates and to see the reserve built back up to \$30,000."

"They are concerned that the city will not make operational cost or get it in operation," said Slone about the utilities budget.

Whicker expressed concern that if the problems were not solved, the Kentucky League of Cities would downplay Martin's need for funds from the insurance tax and the allotment for Martin would be lowered.

With the council members absence and the city's lack of income, the city may have more problems. "It is in true jeopardy, to have this project, to insure generations of a home," said Recktenwald, referring to the plan to raise the city above the flood plain, its rebuilding and hopeful economic growth.

But with no council to hammer out any type of proposal, the meeting could not officially take place. Whicker said he will call for another special meeting for next Tuesday.

"There is just not a lot we can do this evening," said Recktenwald.

Arts

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between the Johnson County Extension Office and the local schools. An art teacher and drama teacher at Johnson Central High School are working with actor Ronnie Blair to do art forms at historic sites. The scripting and acting will be done by the students. The KAC provided funds for the project.

Another program in Paintsville deals with a dulcimers and involves churches, parents, and craftsmen. It includes dancing and telling Jack tales. Members of this group work with Mountain HomePlace to display their talents.

Two projects involve technology which seems to be attractive to many students. Students in Appalshop's Media Institute learn filmmaking from professionals and then go on to develop a tape on the subject of their choice. These tapes will be available to the public sometimes this fall.

Video conferencing is also available at the Mountain Arts Center (MAC). The MAC programs are now available on the Internet in "almost TV" quality, according to interim director Keith Caudill.

Aloma Burke is working with a group of students at Shelby Valley High School who are offering to produce web pages for this and other arts and crafts groups.

After more than an hour of discussing projects that are working in the area, Kendrick had the group become more focused by listing specific goals and obstacles to those goals.

The group found that many problems are caused by lack of manpower. This suggested that they need to increase membership and make more use of networking. One participant summarized the idea of networking by saying the group needs cohesiveness to solve many of the obstacles that were listed.

The discussion also pointed to the need to get the community, schools, businesses and ordinary citizens involved in projects. It was emphasized that students who take part in worthwhile projects tend to have a better image of themselves and do better academically.

After a break, two groups were formed to discuss seven topics: economy (global/local), technology, aging population, education reform, economic development/cultural tourism, infrastructure and youth at risk.

When the two groups came back together, they wrote headlines of what could be down the road. A couple of those included, "East Kentucky Number One in Tourism" and "Appalshop Wins Academy Award for Film Making."

The meeting at the MAC was one of nine regional meetings scheduled across the state. The last of these meetings was scheduled for Somerset on Thursday. Meetings were also held include Bowling Green, Owensboro, Paducah, Lexington, Louisville, Covington, and Ashland.

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hospital, said administrators would handle the duties of striking personnel. She said the hospital was prepared to deal with the situation. Rubado said if a patient should arrive at the hospital with an emergency situation, the patient would be stabilized before being sent to another local hospital. She stressed that the hospital still has an emergency room staff.

Yesterday, the hospital reportedly had only three patients. Until the situation is resolved, patients are being referred to hospitals in Paintsville and Martin.

After all workers had made their way to the front of the facility yesterday, the group chanted, "1, 2, 3, 4, Bud Warman out the door," referring to the chief executive officer of Highlands.

Regan told the group that the security guards were no enemy to the union, but said "there is need for them." He told the workers to be responsible and not bring any embarrassment on the union or the medical center. The security guards were on hand during the strike rally.

The last strike at the medical center was in 1981 and lasted 107 days.

Regan said the union hopes the strike is over soon. He said the union is ready to return to the bargaining table whenever the hospital is ready.

The contract offer from the hospital, which was rejected, included two percent pay increases for all personnel, but it established a two-year contract period for nurses and a three-year contract period for service, maintenance, technical and clerical employees.

Founder

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time to focus on CAP's mission, providing both opportunity and a hand up to Appalachia's poor."

Sanders said that Beiting "is Cap in so many ways. He reaches out to the needy, ministers to the forlorn and celebrates with the children; he hammers the nails on the homes we repair and directs the construction on the camps we build; he is the leader of the CAP family, and he'll probably be busier than ever now."

"This truly blessed man who has accomplished so much in this life will continue to be our spiritual leader, and we will look to him in the coming years for the courage and strength to press on with the work he began so many decades ago."

In addition to Beiting's ongoing involvement with CAP, he will remain as pastor of St. Jude Church in Louisa and St. John Neumann Church in Hode.

He was ordained 50 years ago and incorporated CAP in 1964. He served as president until 1985. He has written 11 inspirational books and currently is working on his autobiography. The books and the mission and history of CAP are described on CAP's web site at www.chrisapp.org.

O'Daniel resides in Lexington, where he operated his own consulting firm and had been an executive for many years with IBM, where he began his career at IBM in 1957 and rose to direct worldwide development for typewriter products. He is now retired from both positions.

A graduate of the University of Kentucky, he formerly served on the boards of the National Conference and the Catholic Newman Center at UK. He was appointed to the CAP board of directors in 1996.

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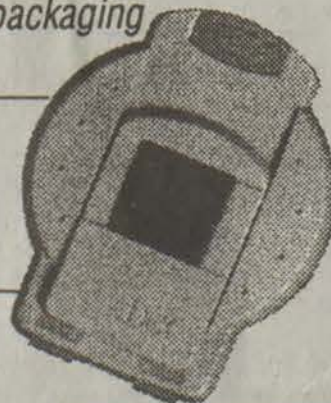
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BREAKTHROUGH IN CONVENIENCE

Indicts

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was revoked or suspended, a Class D felony.

Leonard Hall, 65, of Arkansas Creek at Martin received indictments for terroristic threatening, a Class A misdemeanor, and obstructing a public highway, a Class B misdemeanor. The first charge relates to an alleged incident on May 24, during which Hall is accused of threatening to shoot Vance Hale, and the second charge reportedly occurred on May 27.

Shoots

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No arrest has been made in the incident. The case is being investigated by Meade and is expected to be presented to the Floyd County Grand Jury.

Briefs

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Plan ahead

In case you're still spinning from how fast summer has gone by, Monday is Labor Day. Be advised that if you have financial, postal, government or academic business to take care of in the immediate future, you need to do it today. Banks, government offices, post offices, schools and many businesses — including The Times — are closed on Monday for the federal holiday. This will be the last holiday for most people until Thanksgiving, so make it a good one.

Public meetings

- Floyd County Solid Waste, Tuesday, 6 p.m., Fiscal Courtroom, Courthouse
- Martin City Council, special meeting, Tuesday, 6 p.m., City Hall
- Grand opening, Jim C. Hamer Co., Friday, September 10, noon, Water Gap Road



Above, from left, are Loretta Newsome of CAP; Barbara Blanton, non-traditional; Elizabeth Howard, CSBG, and Cynthia Whitaker, CSBG. Below, from left, Newsome; Stephanie Hyden, CSBG; Loretta Blackburn, non-traditional; Shonelle Deanna Greer, CSBG; and Andrea Griffith, CSBG.

Scholarships are awarded to women

The Big Sandy Area Community Action Program Inc. in Floyd County recently presented scholarships to several students.

Loretta Newsome, CSBG coordinator, presented five scholarships of \$471.60 each and two non-traditional scholarships of \$475.

The scholarship winners are

- Andrea Griffith, daughter of Sheila Griffith of Allen, to attend Prestonsburg Community College;
- Elizabeth Howard, daughter of Berlin and Geraldine Howard of Eastern, Eastern Kentucky University;
- Deanna Shonelle Greer, wife of D.M. Greer II of Prestonsburg, PCC;

- Barbara Ann Blanton of Prestonsburg, mother of two small boys, PCC;

- Cynthia Whitaker, daughter of Roger and Eva Whitaker of Martin, PCC;

- Stephanie Hyden, daughter of Judy Treadway of Minnie, Morehead State University; and

- Loretta Blackburn of Prestonsburg, mother of two small children, PCC.

Criteria for the awarding by the selection committee include CSBG client eligibility, high school diploma or GED, full-time student, grade point average, two letters of reference and applicant's request for award in 500 words or less.



Social Security anniversary wishes

August 14 marked the 64th anniversary of the signing of the Social Security Act by President Franklin D. Roosevelt. Except for 1935, perhaps this past year has been the most exciting for Social Security. A national dialogue has raised many of the same issues and poses similar choices for the future of the program.

Last year, President Bill Clinton called for a national discussion on the future of Social Security to address its financial problems. Many national and local events have been held to further this important discussion. Daily articles continue to appear in the country's newspapers. There is intergenerational awareness and questioning about the choices that will soon face the American public.

Social Security continues to be a basic thread in the fabric of American life, even after 64 years. More than 148 million workers are protected by Social Security; more than 44 million people receive

retirement, survivors and disability benefits from Social Security.

There is no question that Social Security has changed the fate of many American. It has helped independent and productive people continue to live independent and productive lives, and has give many others a floor of income protection that has kept them above the poverty line.

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Most people are wishing for many more successful anniversaries for Social Security. This means that the public interest that has gotten the program this far will probably continue to grow and that wise choices will be made about its future by the American people.



Up, up and away

Benji Fish, a fifth grade student at Prestonsburg Elementary, uses his new ramp to practice bike jumping. Benji lives on Westminister Street with his dad and mom, Jimmy and Diane. (photo by Willie Elliott)

MSHA publishes data, techniques for preventing black lung

The federal Mine Safety and Health Administration is moving ahead in its campaign against black lung, the disease that affects coal miners exposed to excessive levels of respirable coal mine dust.

Davitt McAteer, assistant secretary of labor for mine safety and health, recently announced three actions by MSHA:

- Publication of a book outlining techniques for controlling respirable dust in longwall mining;

- Posting of selected coal mine dust sampling data on MSHA's web site, and

- Upcoming confidential X-rays to collect data on black lung cases in the coal mine workforce.

"There's a saying that knowledge is power. With these steps we hope to put knowledge in the hands of the whole mining community — and with it, the power to help end black lung," McAteer said.

MSHA's new publication, "Practical Ways to Reduce Exposure to Coal Dust in Longwall Mining — A Toolbox," presents more than 20 techniques that can help mine operators reduce respirable dust on longwall mining sections.

In longwall operations, a shearer slices coal from a face that can be up to 1,200 feet wide. Many longwall operations have faced challenges in meeting federal coal mine dust control standards.

"Research has led to development of dust control techniques that work on longwall operations. But we need to get the information out there," McAteer said.

McAteer also announced that MSHA has placed selected coal mine dust sampling data on its home page on the World Wide Web. This information allows members of the mining community to com-

pare their own dust sampling results with the experience of others.

MSHA has begun posting data from required coal mine dust samples taken by mine operators and processed by MSHA earlier this year. These data can be viewed on MSHA's Web site at www.msha.gov under "Safety and Health Information."

McAteer said that in the fall MSHA plans to announce a program designed to provide fully confidential, free X-rays to underground coal miners. One goal for this program will be to obtain a more reliable estimate of the number of black lung cases in today's miners, McAteer said.

"We will not disclose the names or individual test results from this program, but we plan to report the overall statistics," McAteer said. "We're hoping for at least 85 percent participation by eligible miners."

MSHA plans to offer the confidential X-rays to miners at about one-fifth of the nation's coal mines in the coming year.

The actions form part of a long-term campaign by MSHA to end black lung, according to recommendations made in 1996 by the Advisory Committee on the Elimination of Pneumoconiosis Among Coal Mine Workers.

Correction

In Wednesday's Times, it was mistakenly reported that in a suit filed by Dennis Lafferty against Bryco Arms that the gun was purchased in the mail by Lafferty, when in fact the gun was purchased in a Floyd County gun shop by one of Lafferty's friends.

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Lifestyles/Editorial:
12:00 noon, Thursday, September 2nd

Lifestyles Section Advertising:
1:00 p.m., Friday, September 3rd

Legals: 5:00 p.m., Thursday, September 2nd

Classified Advertising/Real Estate:
11:00 a.m., Friday, September 3rd

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Joint Commission on Healthcare Accreditation will conduct an accreditation survey of **McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital and McDowell ARH Home Health Agency on October 4th and 5th, 1999.**

The purpose of this survey will be to evaluate the organization's compliance with nationally established Joint Commission Standards. The survey results will be used to determine whether, and the conditions under which, accreditation should be awarded the organization.

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Viewpoint

QUOTE OF THE WEEK...

Dance is not separate from the life it comes from.

— Marie Brooks

Friday, September 3, 1999 A4

Editorial

CAMPAIGN MONEY

Ah, now it's clear. It isn't free speech US Sen. Mitch McConnell is defending when he opposes campaign finance reform. It's just the money.

For if Kentucky's senior senator were a true believer in the First Amendment, he would defend the cherished right of free speech to the death, even for those who disagree with him.

However, that's not the way McConnell responded to the Committee for Economic Development, a group of corporate America's bigwigs who have called for banning soft-money contributions to political parties. Instead, in his capacity as chairman of the committee that raises campaign funds for Republican senators, McConnell fired off letters to at least some Committee for Economic Development members, urging them to resign from the organization.

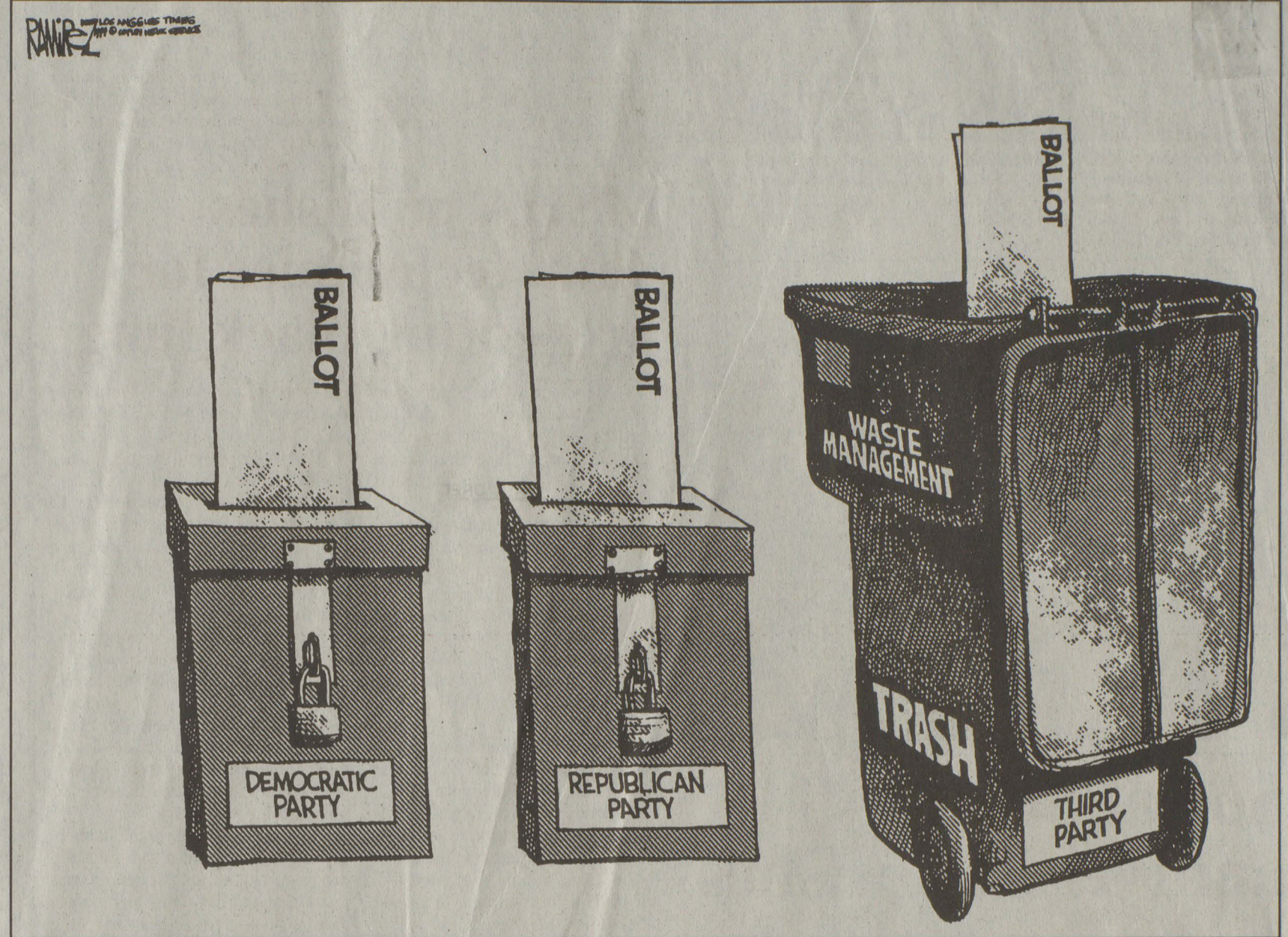
In his letter, McConnell accused the group of promoting a "radical campaign-finance agenda" and of trying to "eviscerate private sector participation in politics" by imposing anti-business speech controls."

He even said participation in the Committee for Economic Development could damage the reputation of the members' employers. Some recipients took that to be a veiled threat to back off the campaign finance reform issue or lose clout in Washington. If it was a threat, it didn't work.

The group is still pushing reform, and with good reason. Its members are tired of the strong-arm tactics the parties employ to raise unlimited "soft money." They're tired of being perceived publicly as corrupting the American political system. So, they're sticking to their convictions, despite McConnell's letter.

It's McConnell who's now taking heat for trying to bully the corporate executives into silence. And the heat is well deserved, because McConnell's actions prove that his main First Amendment interest is the free speech of dead presidents.

— Lexington Herald-Leader



Letters to the Editor

'IF A PERSON IS A CHRISTIAN, EVEN DOGS AND CATS SHOULD BE ABLE TO TELL IT'

Editor:

Thank you, Ms. Shingler, for having the courage to put your views on animal abandonment into such straightforward words (FCT, 8/20/99). I have a few favorite fantasies concerning the fate of people who dump animals myself.

I know that the reaction of many people to this sort of denouncement is that it's "just another animal fanatic raving about minor problems when the world is full of much more pressing concerns."

I don't think that anyone who is truly concerned about the welfare of animals is oblivious to human suffering. If anything, we are more acutely aware of it because we see so many parallels in the way human society treats the "weaker" members of its own species and the way it treats animals.

Is it just coincidence that the same society who can set off a dog on a remote country road can abandon a newborn baby in a garbage dumpster or an elderly relative at a shopping mall? (The latter scenario has become commonplace enough to earn it a name: "Granny-dumping.")

Should it surprise us that almost all — in excess of 90 percent — serial killers honed their skills on animals long before they turned to people? Is it any wonder that one of the most consistent "red flags" that signal child abuse within a family is abuse of the family pet?

When any society begins to lose respect for any form of life, it is a reliable indicator that its morals, in general, have begun a decline. The Nobel Prize-winning humanitarian, Dr. Albert Schweitzer, was very much of this persuasion. He was once quoted as saying, "A man's religion is of little value unless even seemingly insignificant creatures benefit from it. A truly religious man does not ask how far this or that deserves sympathy... to him, life as such is sacred."

I have met people who seem to be of the mindset that professing Christianity and concern for the welfare of animals are mutually exclusive. It seems to me that they go hand in hand. One of my former pastors once said in a sermon that if a person is a Christian, even dogs and cats should be able to tell it. He pointed out that, of course, they are not going to think this out concretely; they should, however, have a sense of "there's something different about that one."

Obviously, not every Christian's calling is going to involve running all over the county feeding and trying to catch stray animals, or caring for injured or orphaned birds and baby rabbits for the entire neighborhood. At the same time, there needs to be some recognition that for some it is a calling, and one no less legitimate or any more easily dismissed than any other.

God as a Doberman? It's certainly a unique idea, but I suppose He can take any form He so desires, so who knows? (I continue to use the masculine pronoun since nothing else quite seems to fit. The Bible says that "God is a Spirit," and so probably does not have a gender as we know it. I can't bring myself to use "she," and "it" seems to indicate something inanimate.)

Jesus began His earthly life among animals. He refers to them constantly in His sermons, and particularly draws attention to how much He as the Good Shepherd cares for us as His sheep. He also must identify them in a unique way since He became the ultimate Sacrificial Lamb.

Proverbs 12:10: "A righteous man regardeth the life of his beast." Maybe God won't chase them down in the form of a large black dog, but be sure they will be held responsible for their actions.

Carol Combs-Morris, DVM
Estill

THANKS TO MUD CREEK SUPPORTERS

Editor:

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I hope there are a lot more out there who will give. Let's show our senior citizens how much we really care. If you wish to contribute, make checks out to Mud Creek Senior Citizens Center and send to me at PO Box 267, Harold, KY 41635, and I will make sure they receive it. God bless you all.

Den Hunter

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Letters to the Editor

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PostScript

by Pam Shingler
Editor



A CRAZY MOVE

Although it looks like Aunt Ruby is going to try to stick it out alone in Indiana, I've gone ahead and bought the house we were going to share — with a good deal of trepidation.

It's a beautiful old house, two-story, nice lot up against a hill, a porch with a place for a swing, a wonderful butler's pantry with a big tin-lined bin that I don't know whether it's for garbage or ice. The wood on the stairwell and on the living room mantle is fine and delicately carved; thankfully, over the years, well-meaning residents have not covered them in layers of paint.

There are, of course, some drawbacks. The fence has to be fixed to hem in my two house dogs and the two strays I've adopted and foisted onto my cousin until I move. A gutter — on the long side, of course — has to be replaced. A lot of trees and bushes have to be tamed.

Down the road are many other things that need to be tended to, but like Scarlet O'Hara, I'll have to think about them tomorrow.

I did call old friend and distant relative Bobby Castle — Mr. Auxier, to some — to tell him I was moving back into the neighborhood and to see if he could steer me to someone who could mow the lawn and trim the weeds, which have grown almost to wild.

When he finally understood which house I was moving into, he said, "Oh, yeah, that was where Mr. LaViers (not Harry) lived. He was a (coal company) manager and he went crazy there."

Comforting thought. Bobby promised to relate the history of the house after I get in. I can't wait to hear this story.

I'm hoping I don't join Mr. LaViers,

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COMMENTARY

The Slow and Silent Disaster

by Dan Glickman
Agriculture Secretary

Despite its devastating effects, drought doesn't get the attention it warrants because, unlike hurricanes, tornados or floods, it is the kind of disaster that has to be around for awhile before anyone feels its effects. The fact is, year in and year out, drought causes many more problems for American agriculture than the natural disasters we hear about more often.

Drought sneaks up on you. A long dry spell can happen almost anywhere in the nation, but you never know specifically where or when it will hit. But every year, there is drought somewhere. Last year it was the southwest—New Mexico, Arizona, Texas and Oklahoma.

This year it's the mid-Atlantic, northeast and some areas in the northwest. The mid-Atlantic region is experiencing the worst drought since the 1930s, and there is no end in sight.

The droughts of the past two years are making a bad situation worse. They are compounding an already tough situation for farmers who are experiencing historically low commodity prices for row crops.

In this decade alone, USDA has paid out \$3.4 billion in crop insurance benefits due to drought, compared to \$268 million for crops damaged by floods. USDA is providing some emergency relief through low cost loans.

And we are providing cost-share benefits through our Emergency Conservation and Emergency Watershed Programs,

to help with water needs such as installing pipes, drilling new or deepening existing wells, supplying emergency water for existing irrigations systems, and more.

But, most importantly, this administration is working very hard with Congress to make sure farmers and ranchers receive sufficient emergency assistance to help them get through the present crisis. In doing so, we need to heed the lesson we are being taught by repeated disasters—be prepared.

In addition to helping farmers to be better prepared for emergencies like drought, we must also provide aid for family operations to help them cope with adverse conditions beyond their control. Removing the cap on loan rates, expanding and improving crop insurance and enlarging the Conservation Reserve Program are the kinds of actions which will give farmers greater flexibility.

I also want to see a new farm bill that will grant more emergency authorities for the Secretary of Agriculture—for example, extending commodity loans, helping to provide on-farm storage, increasing food aid donations, or providing adequately funded livestock feed assistance.

Last month, I opened the first meeting of the National Commission on Drought, which will report back to the President with a comprehensive plan on how to prepare for drought.

Some of the issues the commission will review include coordinating drought management through a single government agency, enhancing crop insurance, a rapid response style program to provide immediate relief in emergencies, developing better preparedness, water conservation programs, and more technical assistance that will help farmers withstand drought, for example, better irrigation techniques or rotational grazing.

I also want to see better coordination between federal, state, local

and tribal officials.

We must recognize that managing our water resources is not just an agricultural issue. It is something urban, suburban and rural communities all have a stake in! So as we act quickly to help farmers

and ranchers now—and I believe that the Administration and Congress will do so—at the same time, we must learn from this experience and act for the long-term.

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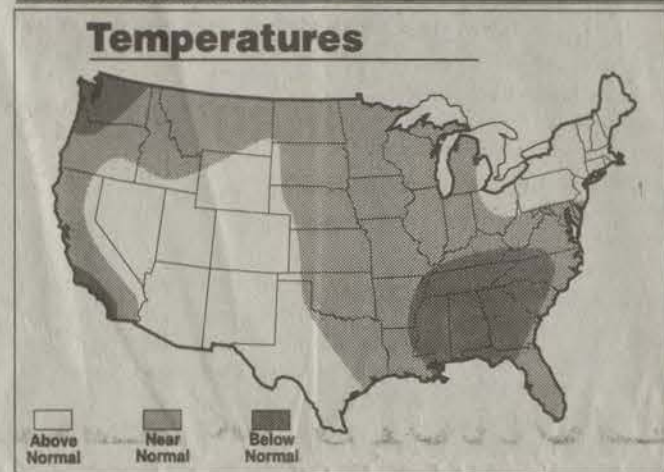
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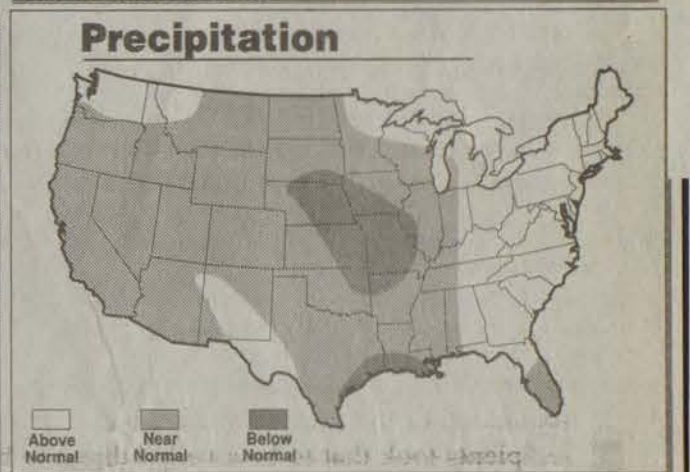
THE WEEK AHEAD...



NATIONAL SUMMARY

Some much needed rainfall may wet the eastern third of the nation during the period. A combination of a storm system and tropical moisture may spread from Maine to Florida. High pressure will provide warm weather for the Rocky Mountains and Southwest. A series of storm systems will brush the Pacific Northwest with rain. Dry weather will cover the central Plains.

THE WEEK AHEAD...



PostScript

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although the possibility is always present, I'm hoping, too, that I'm able financially to maintain myself, especially since I took the original steps to buy the house expecting my aunt to share some of the expenses. I don't know the circumstances of Mr. LaViers' fall, but I do know that money worries can lead to mental anxiety—big-time.

Auxier is, of course, ancestral territory, in a sense. I heard my grandmother many times talk about moving into a coal camp house "before the window glass was in." My grandfather and

great-grandfather, she said, "struck the first picks" in Northeast Coal Company's original operation in that area.

It is a tribute to the company that so many of the houses they built in the community are still in such good shape. Most of the owners over the years have taken pride in their community and have kept up the houses which are now around 90 years old. There are, of course, sad exceptions.

I hope I'm able to keep up Mr. LaViers house, while, like the fiddler on the roof, playing a pretty tune without falling off.

Letters

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CONCERNED ABOUT BRIDGE

Editor:

I am writing concerning an old and crumbling bridge that is located at McDowell, over Beaver Creek.

This bridge is really a safety hazard and needs to be removed. When it rains, trash collects against the bridge, and the water spreads out, flooding the residents.

I have tried writing letters to officials for years and have only got the runaround.

I have enclosed a picture that should tell the story and bring attention to this problem.

I hope someone can help.

Melda Hall
McDowell



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Kyle Caudill (left) and Ryan Elliott get their room together at Eastern Kentucky University with a lot of help from their mothers, Linda Elliott (far right) and Leslie Caudill. Caudill and Elliott are freshmen at the school and 1999 graduates of South Floyd High School. (photo by Willie Elliott)

BLE gets it canopy

by Randell Reno
Staff Writer

The principal at Betsy Layne Elementary reports that after a "very long wait," the school is getting a canopy over its sidewalks to shelter the students from inclement weather.

"We have tried to get canopies for ... ever since I have been here, six years. Mr. (Woody) Carter and Mr. (Don) Roberts got the ball rolling on them," said Principal Karen Allen.

Construction on the canopies were to begin last week. They will cover the entire sidewalk area and the crosswalks.

Allen also reports the efforts to seal leaks in the gym are at or near completion. Workers have been putting a rubberized coating on the roof of the gym that should stop all the leaks. The dome has been trimmed in Betsy Layne Blue and the canopies are expected to be trimmed in blue also to match the newly restored roof.

"All of our faculty are wearing 'uniforms,'" said Allen. "We rewarded kids for wearing uniforms with a dance last week. We had approximately 400 students to wear an appropriate dress code.

"They had to wear it for a week. They wore khakis with a red, white, or blue shirt for a week, and then they were rewarded with a dance. Kids that didn't wear those were not punished, but the kids that did were rewarded. We are trying to slowly phase it in."

A trip around the school revealed that almost all the teachers were wearing some type of khaki pants and either a red, white, or blue shirt with Betsy Layne on it. The dress

code is not mandatory for the staff, according to Ann Sammons.

"It's easy," said Sammons. "You don't have to worry about it. We have all been buying the shirts."



*Happy 40th Birthday
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*Phyllis Grace,
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Quit Laughing At Us,
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50!*

Fire marshal urges commissioners to check their homes for recalled heating/air conditioning accessories

Kentucky State Fire Marshal Dave Manley urges consumers to check their home heating and air conditioning systems to see if they have one of the systems recently recalled because of potential fire hazards.

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, the Trane Company, of Tyler, Texas, and American Standard Inc., have issued a voluntary recall of 9,900 accessory electric heaters. The heaters, which are used to provide supplemental heat in heat pump or electric heating systems, include incorrectly routed wires that can cause the accessory heater to continually cycle on and off. The excessive heat caused by the continuous cycling could catch nearby combustibles on fire.

Trane and American Standard are aware of four reports of the heaters continually running. No property damage or injuries have been reported.

The recalled auxiliary electric heaters were sold as a component in various models of Trane and American Standard brand air handlers for heating and air conditioning systems. The air handler is the indoor component of the consumer's air conditioning or heating system and is a painted metal cabinet, which has the Trane or American Standard nameplate on its front. The nameplate provides a list of accessory electric heater model numbers that could be installed in that air handler. The model numbers for the recalled units are BAYHTR 1410A and B.

The model numbers for air handlers that may contain the recalled heater units are: TWG048A140A;

TWG060A150A; TWV036B140A; TVF0346A140A; TWE030C140A,B; TWE030C140F; TWE030C14FB; TWE036C140A,B; TWE036C140F; TWE036C14FG; TWE042C140B, C; TWE042C14FB, C; TWE018C140A, B; TWE048C140F; TWE048C14FC; TWE060C15FC, D; TWE060D150A, B; TWE030P130A, B; TWE030P13FA, B.; TWE036P130 A,B; TWE030P13FAB; TWE042P130A, B; TWE042P13FAB; TWE048P130A,B; TWE048P13FA, B; TWE060130A, B TWE060P13FA, B; TWE063P130A, B TWE063P13FA, B; TWE031E13FA, B; TWE037E13FA, B; TWE040E13FA, B; and TWE065E13FA, B. All models have a single arabic digit after this final letter.

Independent installers of Trane and American Standard equipment sold these accessory heaters nationwide from October 1997, through May 1999, for between \$250 and \$400.

Consumers should remove any combustible material from around the air handlers with recalled heaters. Consumers with one of these electric heaters should call their local independent Trane or American Standard dealer, listed in your yellow pages, for a free inspection and repair, if needed. For assistance in locating a local independent dealer, contact Trane at (888) 556-0125 between 7 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. CDT Monday through Friday. Consumers also can get information on finding a local dealer online at <http://www.tranecom/residential>.

Resource centers offer summer care

by Willie Elliott
Staff Writer

To better serve the students of the Floyd County School System, the family resource and youth centers initiated summer activities and recreation programs.

At a recent Floyd County Board of Education meeting, Assistant Superintendent Pete Grigsby Jr. said that Shannon Bailey, who oversees the operation of the centers through the Kentucky Department of Education, recommended these additional activities.

Some of the centers treated their students to swimming, bowling, movies, trips to museums and attending the musical "Grease" at Jenny Wiley Theatre.

Other activities included a Dance Camp taught by Ashleigh Frasure, a former member of the Prestonsburg Dance Cats, an art class taught by Krys Varney and a two-day 4-H camp.

South Floyd High School Youth Service Center and Osborne Elementary Resource Center combined to hold a basketball camp that ran from July 19 through July 22. South Floyd coach and interim principal Henry Webb hosted the camp.

Stumbo Elementary Family Resource Center offered PACE and GED classes for the parents.

Board member Carol Stumbo asked why participation was so low at some sites. Grigsby said location may have been the cause. He said an analysis would be made to see how participation could be improved.

All the centers took part in Our Lady of the Way's health fair.

New logo ties environment and backyard bird feeding

The search is over for the logo design that best represents the importance of wild bird feeding to the environment. The new logo aptly is named "Be for Birds." It will help raise public awareness about the value of backyard bird feeding, much as the "recycle" logo has helped draw attention to the need to conserve natural resources.

The "Be for Birds" logo search was conducted through a design competition sponsored by the National Bird-Feeding Society. Greg Giplin of Oklahoma City won the contest with his design of a songbird feeding out of a human hand. His logo idea was voted num-

ber one by the members of the society out of five semi-finalists. More than 300 entries were submitted.

Chosen for its simplicity, the winning design is an easily recognizable logo that depicts the important relationship between feeding wild song birds and the preservation of birds and habitat.

The logo now is part of the public domain, available to any organization that wants to use it, as is the "recycle" logo or the "pitch in!" logo. It is a generic symbol, to be applied wherever bird feeding is the subject.

Manufacturers, birding organizations and educators can find the new "Be for Birds" logo at www.birdfeeding.org. By placing it on packaging, advertising, printed materials and web sites, the society believes it will show the user's support and also help remind consumers of bird feeding's importance.

"More than 50 million Americans feed backyard songbirds," says Sue Wells, executive director of the National Bird-Feeding Society. She adds that these people, one in every four adults, make a big difference to the health and even the existence of wild birds nationwide.

According to Wells, "the loss of

habitat is threatening the continuation of many plant and wildlife species, including songbirds. And what better place to start reversing that trend but in our own backyards."

Celebrating its 10-year anniversary this fall, the society works to support research projects and public education to help make wild bird feeding better for both people and the birds.

To keep abreast of the best ways to enjoy and help backyard birds, join the not-for-profit National Bird-Feeding Society. For just \$15 annual support, members receive a bi-monthly newsletter, a membership certificate and more. The address of NBS is P.O. Box 23, Northbrook, IL 60065. Or visit its website at www.birdfeeding.org.



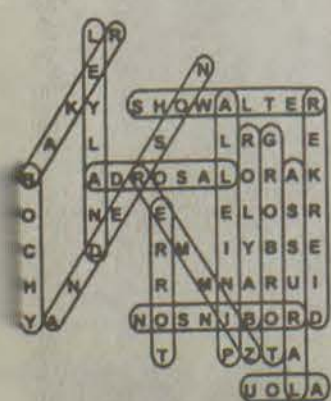
Blood inventory is increased by PCC

Ninety people will be served by the blood drive at Prestonsburg Community College on August 31.

Each semester, the Central Kentucky Blood Center is invited to campus to replenish the area's blood inventory. The CKBC provides blood and blood components for 68 hospitals located in 54 central and eastern Kentucky counties.

Mickey Bowling, manager of donor resources with CKBC, said, "The two drives held at Prestonsburg Community College make blood available for between 150 and 200 people annually. If donors who give once a year can give one additional time, blood shortages would be a fear of the past. We appreciate the efforts made by the college."

MANAGER OF THE YEAR



Answers to Super Crossword

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AGEE OLIVA ROSIE RATE
RAMA LICIT ASSAM ANTE
GRIDLOCK LEVEE LANDON
LUNE VOTER NONE
SAVORY PICTS LOCKS REP
AMICE BRAKE PARKA BLI
PINK FLANS WARDS SPIN
INC FROND BARGE SHIDE
DEADLOCK LASSO SHADES
IONS MONTE SOAK
LOCKET SANDE WIRLOCKS
EVOES FADES SHIRK LIP
GOLD POLAR LOONY FOTO
ALT HAREM POULT KINER
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OPEN LETTER TO THE COMMUNITY

On Thursday, September 2nd, the Service Employees International Union called a strike against Highlands Regional Medical Center. As a result of the strike, the ability of the Medical Center to provide health care services to the community has been curtailed. We encourage all members of the community to seek medical care at other facilities until the strike is resolved.

This strike, like all strikes, is unfortunate and was avoidable. A hospital strike is not like a strike against a business, plant or mine, where only production schedules are interrupted. In a hospital strike, the Union is using the power of the picket line to deprive people of health care. That, in our view, is an inappropriate use of the strike weapon. And why is this strike taking place?

The Union would like you to believe that the strike is about "unfair labor practices," the elimination of "seniority rights," and the "loss of pension benefits." All of these positions are a smokescreen to divert public attention from the real issues, because the Union knows that the public will not be sympathetic to its real positions. So what is the strike about?

- The Union's demand that all registered nurses be required to join the Union and to pay dues, whether they want to be a member or not!
- So-called "job protection" proposals which seek to always protect the most senior employees, whether they are the most qualified or not to provide patient care!
- A demand for free health care for all services provided at Highlands Regional Medical Center and its other network providers.

The Union's proposals are unrealistic and will add to the cost of health care to our community.

In response to the Union's demands we have offered a fair proposal:

- Wage increases of 3% a year for all employees, to include longevity benefits (cost 1% per year) for all service, maintenance, technical and clerical personnel.
- A pay for performance bonus of 1% per year for registered nurses.
- Extensive seniority rights, which requires the layoff of junior employees first, with extensive bumping rights for senior employees.
- A health care proposal which remains one of the best plans in this region.
- Continued current pension plan, or a 401(k) program with both employee and Medical Center contributions.
- Continuation of other supplemental wage benefits.
- Continuation of mandatory union membership for service, maintenance, technical and clerical employees, with maintenance of membership benefits for registered nurses. Registered nurses will not be required to join the Union, but if they do, they will have to remain members of the Union for the term of the contract.
- Two-year contract for registered nurses, three-year contract for other unionized employees.

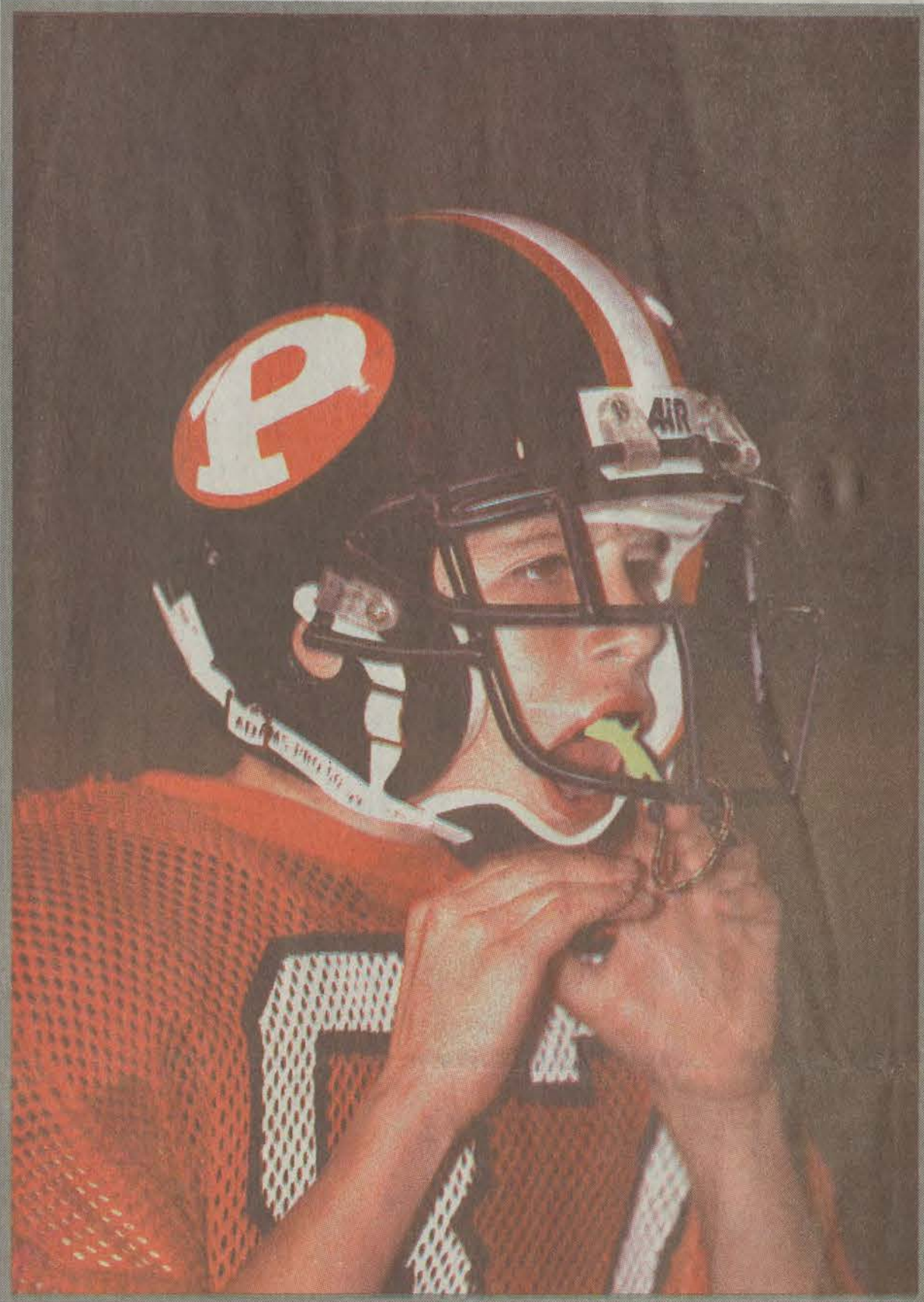
Proposed Highlands Health Benefit Plan			
	Services @ HRMC 60% discount applicable	Services @ Network Provider, Not Available @ HRMC	Services Outside HRMC and Network Provider
Deductible:			
Single		\$250	\$1,000
Family		\$500	\$3,000
Out-of-Pocket:			
Deductible does not count toward out of pocket expenses			
Single		\$500	\$2,000
Family		\$500 each person	\$6,000
Coinsurance	100%	80%	50%
Inpatient Services	No charge at HRMC	If not available at HRMC plus 20% of charges	50% of charges
Outpatient Hospital Services	\$10.00 co-pay at time of registration plus 20% of charge	\$20.00 co-pay at time of registration plus 20% of charge	\$20.00 co-pay 50% of charges
*Inpatient and Outpatient Services	If services are available at HRMC but member selects to use another facility they will be responsible for 50% of the charges..		
Emergency Hospital Services—True Emergency	\$25.00 co-pay waived if admitted. Non admissions will be responsible for 10%	\$50.00 co-pay waived if admitted	50% of charges \$50.00 co-pay
Emergency Hospital Services—Non Emergency	\$50.00 co-pay will be responsible for 10%	20% after deductible \$50.00 co-pay	50% of charges \$50.00 co-pay
Physician Charges	\$10.00 co-pay CHS physician \$15.00 all other physicians	\$20.00 co-pay	50% of charges
Prescription Drugs (30-Day Supply)		IPS/Restat Providers Only	
Generic		\$5.00 Co-pay	
Brand Name		\$10.00 Co-pay	
Preferred Brand Name		\$25 Co-pay	
Non Formulary		100% employee	
Mental Nervous and Substance Abuse		Included	

We will work to end this strike soon. We ask the union membership to consider the cost of this strike to their families, the community, the patients, and the Medical Center.

FLOYD COUNTY
Sports

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Playing hard

This Adams Middle School football player shouted out instructions when the Blackcats faced Paintsville last Tuesday night in the Beaver Valley Conference. (photo by Ed Taylor)

Pigskin preview...

Season enters week three and all is not well

by Ed Taylor
 Sports Editor

The high school football season enters week three and our Floyd County teams are 2-4 after six games involving Allen Central (1-1), Betsy Layne (0-2) Prestonsburg and South Floyd (1-1).

Three games highlight this week's schedule as Sheldon Clark visits Prestonsburg and South Floyd invades Betsy Layne. Allen Central hosts the Cavaliers of Jenkins.

In a huge regional game, Lawrence County meets Belfry on the gridiron. This should be a good one. Coach Chuke Williams and the Bulldogs are tabbed to repeat as regional champions in 3A this season. However, Belfry, who dropped to 2A this season with the new alignment, has a fine quarterback in Jonathan Wright (6-4, 230).

Only three starters return to the defensive line for the Pirates this year while the offense is pretty much intact from last year.

The Pirates are coming off a season where they advanced deep into the state playoffs last year, after revamping their running game for the "air waves."

Lawrence County last year finished 12-1, losing only in last year's state playoffs to Mike Holcomb's Breathitt County Bobcats, 29-14.

Lawrence County could very well be the team of the '90s in high school football in Kentucky. The Bulldogs have not lost a regular season game in two and a half years. They finished the '97 season 13-0 before falling in the state finals, and last year's 12-0 mark was only marred by the loss to Breathitt County.

All-area quarterback Alan Short will be behind center for the Bulldogs and favorite target Gerald Parker could very well become the state's all-time career yardage leader.

AT BETSY LAYNE

The South Floyd Raiders (1-1) will look to lick some wounds from last week's one-sided loss to the Shelby Valley Wildcats. The Raiders dropped a 40-12 decision to the home team. It wasn't the defensive stand coach Donnie Daniels had hoped for, after they performed so well in the season opener.

This is still not a healthy Raider ballclub with the likes of B.J. Bryant out, along with quarterback Charlie Williams. But Coach Daniels is wondering if there are not more mental injuries than physical. Matt Tackett

missed practice one day last week and missed the Shelby Valley game.

"I had to bench two players," said the veteran coach. "Matt didn't play, B.J. (Bryant) and Charlie (Williams) were out. So we dressed 21 players for the Shelby Valley game."

The South Floyd coach is hopeful that both Bryant and Williams will return when they face Phelps in their first district game on Friday, September 10.

"Charlie will take some snaps today (Wednesday) in practice," said Coach Daniels. "We should have both back when we play Phelps."

Betsy Layne will bring an 0-2 mark into the game with hopes of knocking off the injury-riddled Raiders. But the Betsy Layne team will have to be more aggressive on the field and avoid mistakes.

"They are a young team and seem to make youngster mistakes," said Coach Daniels of the Bobcats. "They have kids that play very hard. They try and get something done on the field. They are running a lot of stuff that you have to prepare for. Ted (George) seems to be throwing the ball more."

The Bobcats will rely on the play of Aaron Swiger, who has been moved from the backfield to quarterback.

"We felt we needed to make the move," said Coach George. "Brandt (Brooks) seemed to be having a hard time back there."

Ricky Goble has been nursing a hamstring pull but should be ready for the Raiders. Goble will join Bradley Brooks in the backfield along with Michael Rogers.

CAVS VISIT DANIELS COMPLEX

The off again-on again Jenkins Cavaliers will gather at the Don Daniels Athletic Complex in preparation for their game with the Allen Central Rebels (1-1).

At the onset of the season, Jenkins had decided to drop the football program, but a change of heart kept the Cavs on the gridiron as they attempt to revive one of the most respected programs here in the mountains.

Allen Central has divided their first two games and has been putting some big numbers on the scoreboard.

Led by senior Mark Dunfee, the Rebels have a balanced attack with the throwing of quarterback Brandon Sizemore.

Dunfee has already rushed for 365 yards in two games. He has scored four touchdowns and leads the county there.

(See Preview, page two)

Paintsville rallies in fourth to edge Adams

Blackcats' Hurt rushes for 169 yards in loss

by Ed Taylor
 Sports Editor

The Paintsville Elementary Tigers (1-0) spotted the Adams Middle School Blackcats (0-1) a 12-0 lead, then rallied to pull out a 13-12 decision late in the fourth quarter.

Where Adams dominated, time-wise, the Tigers dominated the final period, taking control of the football in the closing seconds of the third quarter. Paintsville ran the clock in the fourth, marching from their own 28-yard line to the end zone of the Blackcats for the winning touchdown, a one-yard pass from Shane Simpkins to an unexpected Cody Johnson.

It was mostly the Brandon Hurt Show for Adams Middle School, as he ripped the Tigers' defense for 169 yards on the ground and scored both touchdowns for the Blackcats. Michael Morrison rushed for 46 yards on eight carries.

Jeremy Runyon had 67 yards rushing to lead Paintsville, but his receptions for the night would have made a nice highlight film. Runyon had four receptions in the game, good for 48 yards, but some of the passes were difficult ones to handle.

For instance, when it appeared the Blackcats defense had the Tigers where they wanted them,

Simpkins found Runyon with a pass that Runyon went between two Adams defenders to haul.

It was a crucial time for the Tigers, as well, as they desperately needed a first down. On the ensuing play, a bad snap from center went over the head of the Tiger quarterback. Once he chased the loose ball down, Simpkins threw in desperation only to find Runyon at the end of the pass and a Tiger first down.

The first down kept the Tigers' comeback hopes alive as the clock was winding down. Again, the Tigers were having to try to stay ahead of the clock. On a first down play from the Adams 30, an illegal procedure penalty set the Tigers back and an incompletion made it even darker.

Again, it was Simpkins and Runyon hooking up as the wide out made a great catch of a Simpkins pass, a first down and deep in Adams territory — the 14-yard line.

On a second and 11 situation, Adams closed down the passing lanes to Runyon, but Simpkins hit Cody Johnson with a pass although the pass was not intended for him. The ball bounced off the hands of Runyon, who was shadowed by two Adams defenders, and bounced into the hands of Johnson, who was sitting on the ground when he received the ball at the one-yard line.

On a first and goal, Runyon was stacked up at the line of scrimmage for a no-gainer. But on second and goal, Simpkins hit a wide-open Johnson in the end zone for what proved to be the game winning touchdown with 30 seconds on the clock.

Adams had the ball with 30-seconds to play, but Trevor Compton

was sacked for a loss, and a bootleg pass from Michael Morrison to Hurt was only good for an 11-yard pick up as the clock expired.

The game, which had some oddities in it, started out in a

strange fashion. Adams fumbled the opening kickoff, a Paintsville defender scooped up the ball and headed for the goal line, but he fumbled the ball with Adams coming up with the loose ball.

Adams held the ball most of the opening quarter on an outstanding running game by Morrison and Hurt. However, the drive stalled out at the Paintsville seven-yard line where the Tigers took over on

downs as the quarter ended.

On a second down play in the second, Paintsville fumbled the ball with Elza Webb falling on the loose ball. But Adams returned the favor and fumbled the ball away on the very next play.

With 1:57 to play in the second

(See Adams, page two)



Hard to handle

Adams running back, Brandon Hurt (9), rushed for 169 yards against Paintsville Tuesday night as grade school football opened. Paintsville posted a 13-12 win over the host school. (photo by Ed Taylor)

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE
Pursuant to Application Number 836-0287

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Industrial Processing Inc., P.O. Box 29, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, has applied for a permit for a crusher and loading facility coal processing facility affecting 1.81 acres located 1.33 miles North of New Allen, in Floyd County.

The proposed operation is approximately 1.14 miles North from KY Route 1428's junction with US Route 23 and located 1.08 miles East of Calf Branch.

The proposed operation is located on the Lancer U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area is owned by Delano May.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

This is the final advertisement of this application; all comments, objections or requests for a permit conference must be received within 30 days of this date.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE
Pursuant to Application Number 836-5377, Renewal

In accordance with 350.055, notice is hereby given that FCDC Coal, Inc., 452 Town Mountain Road, Pikeville, Ky. 41501, has applied for renewal of a permit for an underground coal mining and reclamation operation located 1 mile Northeast of Drift in Floyd County. The operation disturbs 2.59 surface acres and underlies 895.10 acres. The total permitted acreage is 897.69.

The operation is approximately 1 mile East from KY 122's junction with Stonecoal Br. Road and located 0.05 miles North of Stonecoal Branch. The operation is located on the McDowell and Harold U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps at latitude 37° 30' 41" and longitude 82° 44' 15".

The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Alma Land Co. The operation will underlie land owned by Phillip Meade, Tommy and Sherry Shelton, Denzil & Josephine Yates, Cas & Verlie Spurlock, Clayburn Bailey Heirs, Alex Stephens, Ellen Halbert, James Ervin Halbert, Bernard P. & Fron McKinney, John A. Salisbury, David May, Bee & Ola Halbert, James W. & Janie McKinney, Willard McKinney, Paul & Anna Mae Perkins, Harold Bowling, Bernard & Frona McKinney, Oscar & Opal McKinney, The Elk Horn Coal Corporation, Barbara & Oscar Hancock Jr., Lois & Henry Meade, Cecil McKinney &

Tandy L. Spurlock, James & Melissa Collins, Johnny Kidd, and Kermit & Doreen Martin, Martin G. Halbert, Jr., and Alma Land Company.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Dr., Suite 6, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

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Pursuant to Application Number 836-8040 RENEWAL

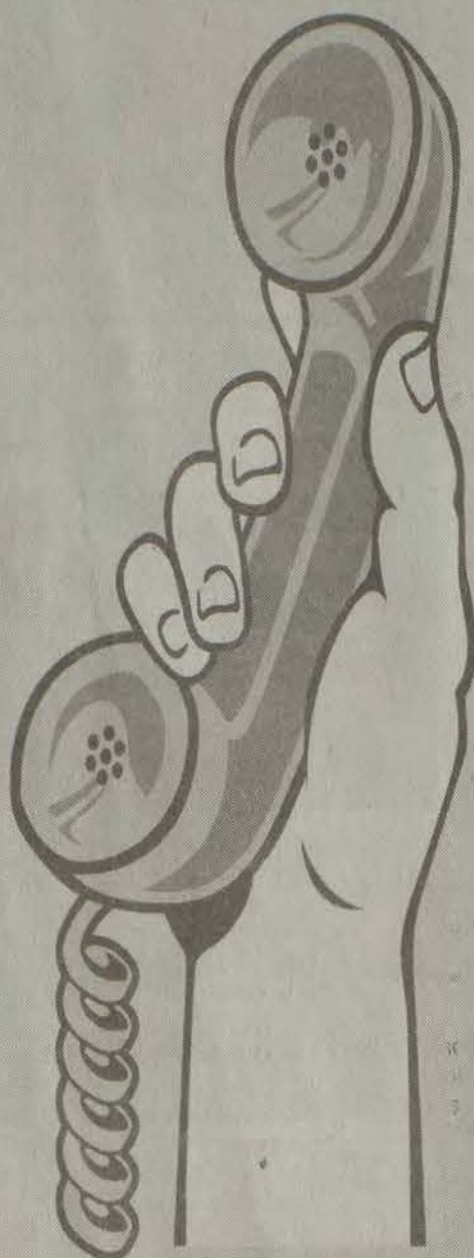
In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that LICK FORK PROCESSING CO., 819 South Federal Highway, Suite 203, Stuart, FL 34994, has applied for RENEWAL of a permit for a Coal Processing and Refuse Disposal Facility located approximately 0.05 miles east of David in Floyd County, Kentucky. The existing operation will disturb 41.59 surface acres.

The existing operation is approximately 0.15 miles West from Rough & Tough Branch Creek's junction with KY Route 404 and is located on Lick Fork of Middle Creek. The latitude is 37 degrees 36 minutes 5.7 seconds. The longitude is 82 degrees 53 minutes 6.2 seconds.

The existing operation is located on the David U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The surface area disturbed is owned by Lick Fork Processing Co. and The David L. Francis Testamentary Trust. The operation affects an area within 100 feet of public road KY Route 404. The operation will not involve relocation of the public road.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow Complex, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, KY 40601.

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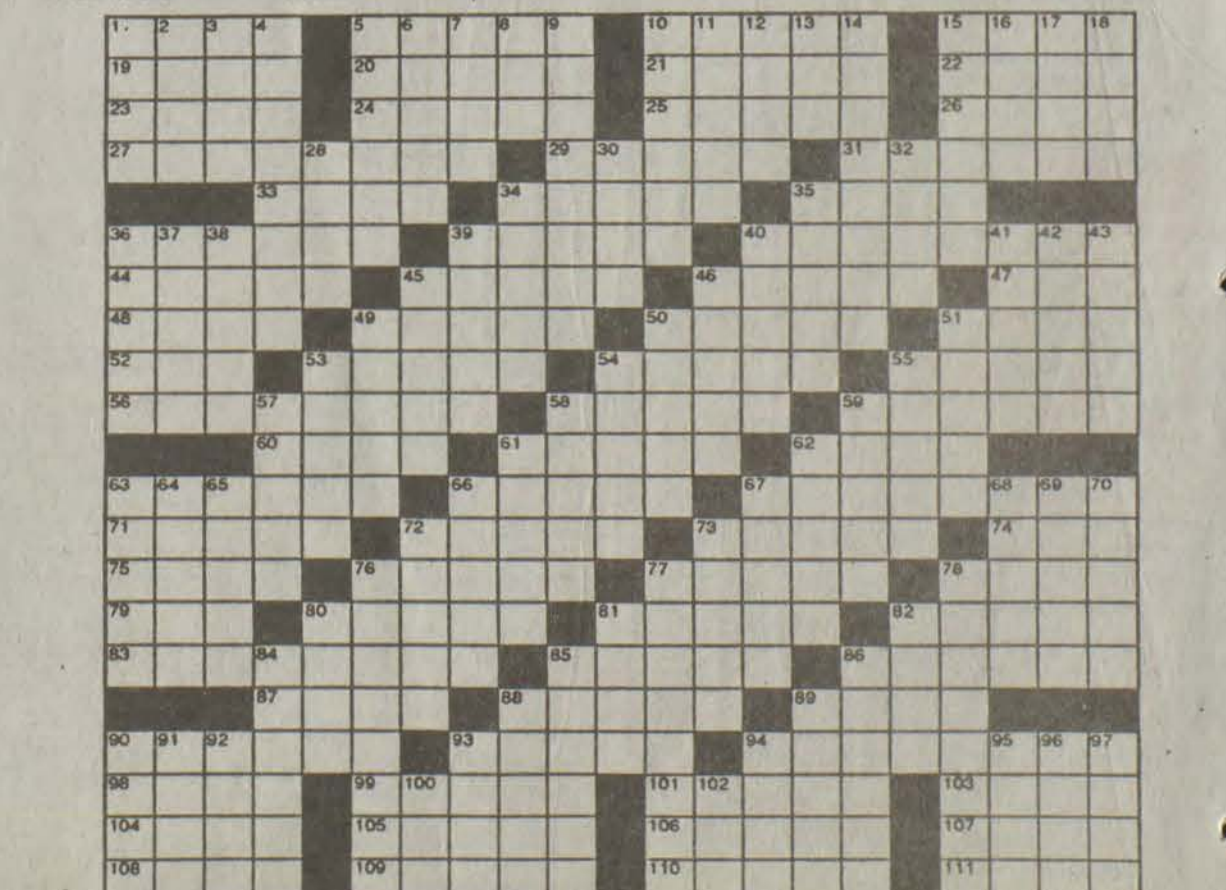


POPEYE



Super Crossword

- ACROSS**
 - 1 Kimono feature
 - 5 Billiards shot
 - 10 Come into conflict
 - 15 House or sticks starter
 - 19 Author/critic James
 - 20 "Papa" Dionne
 - 21 Actress Perez
 - 22 Appraise
 - 23 Hindu hero
 - 24 Lawli
 - 25 Its capital is Shillong
 - 26 Pay to play
 - 27 Bad traffic situation
 - 29 Reception held by the president
 - 31 Michael, of TV fame
 - 33 Debussy's "Clair de lune"
 - 34 Participating citizen
 - 35 Fine-grained sharpening stone
 - 36 Appetizing
 - 39 Ancient residents of Great Britain
 - 40 Way of marching
 - 44 White linen vestment
 - 45 Word with shoe or drum
 - 46 Hooded garment
 - 47 Samuel's
 - 48 Clove-scented perennial
 - 49 Custard tarts
 - 50 Nathaniel and Artemus
 - 51 Washer cycle
 - 52 Part of a bus title
 - 53 Palm leaf
 - 54 Cleopatra's craft
 - 55 Reprove mildly
 - 56 Stalemate
 - 58 Cowboy gear
 - 59 Small differences
 - 60 Charged atoms
 - 61 Gambling game
 - 62 Relax in the tub
 - 63 Picture holder
 - 66 Famous jockey
 - 67 Male witches
 - 71 Bacchanalian cries
 - 72 Losses freshness
 - 73 Evade work
 - 74 Leo "The Durocher"
 - 75 Fish or brick starter
 - 76 Opposite in character
 - 77 Demented
 - 78 Dorothy's dog
 - 79 Once called Clay
 - 80 Sheikh's retreat
 - 81 Young pheasant
 - 82 Baseball and TV host
 - 83 In the hoosegow
 - 85 Twin crystal
 - 86 Showing the most pluck
 - 87 Ship's steering wheel
 - 88 Stoppers
 - 89 "The Animal" (movie)
 - 90 River in New Jersey
 - 93 Friend of the Lone Ranger
 - 94 Cotter pin
 - 98 TV star Estrada
 - 99 Fill too full
 - 101 Word before shop or suit
 - 103 Baker's need
 - 104 Body or dote starter
 - 105 Called Chosen by the Japanese
 - 106 Rudely concise
 - 107 Relief org.
 - 108 Short clicks in Morse code
 - 109 Report or rumor
 - 110 Like Georgia Brown of song
 - 111 Swiss abstract painter
- DOWN**
 - 1 Marionette maker
 - 2 Temple's ex-husband
 - 3 Large highway hauler
 - 4 Wrestler's hold
 - 5 Plymouth, for one
 - 6 Lewis Carroll heroine
 - 7 Actor Moranis of "Ghost-busters"
 - 8 Duct or form starter
 - 9 Ben and daughter, of TV
 - 10 Longs for eagerly
 - 11 Charlie Brown, usually
 - 12 Harebeast
 - 13 Keresan Indian
 - 14 Short-necked evergreens
 - 15 Construction-site sights
 - 16 Bill or book starter
 - 17 Preminger, of films
 - 18 Hammer part
 - 28 Angler's need
 - 30 Kitchen follower
 - 32 Paul of songdom
 - 34 Article of food
 - 35 Wandering tribe
 - 36 Pleasingly tasty
 - 37 Ammonia derivative
 - 38 Flowering, woody plant
 - 39 April 1 occurrence
 - 40 Slow and stately, in music
 - 41 Lukewarm
 - 42 Suppress
 - 43 Isle of, south of Cuba
 - 45 Voting groups
 - 46 Analyze a sentence
 - 49 Weather-map area
 - 50 Squander
 - 51 Military dress hat
 - 53 Ice fields
 - 54 Parade features
 - 55 Classroom need
 - 57 Drained by a ditch
 - 58 Not a party animal
 - 59 "Who's Now" (song)
 - 61 "Call Me" one
 - 62 Canonized
 - 63 Same as 24 Across
 - 64 Convex molding
 - 65 Baby's complaint
 - 66 Dried orchid
 - 67 Sals or some start
 - 68 Biological duplicate
 - 69 Birds of prey
 - 70 Golf or tennis
 - 72 Ancient Roman square
 - 73 Spiritual entities
 - 76 Closes against entrance
 - 77 Manuevers in labor disputes
 - 78 Bank vault security device
 - 80 Ummah Urah
 - 81 Essential element
 - 82 Green vegetable
 - 84 Military uniforms
 - 85 Blue day?
 - 86 Gem stone
 - 88 Shrink in fear
 - 89 L.O.O.M. member
 - 90 Peruse
 - 91 Cartoonist Peter
 - 92 Catcher's glove
 - 93 Barcelona bu
 - 94 Place or plug starter
 - 95 Egg-shaped
 - 96 Wax
 - 97 Cap or hole starter
 - 100 Bosh!
 - 102 Novel



MAGIC MAZE

MANAGER OF THE YEAR

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

- Alou
- Anderson
- Baker
- Baylor
- Bochy
- Dierker
- La Russa
- Lasorda
- Layland
- Piniella
- Robinson
- Showalter
- Torborg
- Torre
- Zimmer

HOCUS-FOCUS by HENRY BOLTINGOFF



Differences: 1. Baseball has been added. 2. Building is gone. 3. Catcher's shoes are different. 4. Fence has been repaired. 5. Pitcher's pants are longer. 6. Boy's hat is different.

Answers to Crossword Puzzle and Magic Maze can be found on page A6