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Fourth, eighth-graders improve while high school results are mixed :

Test progress is 'elementary' for schools

by Susan Allen
Staff Writer

Last week's final test results released by state officials offered no surprises for Floyd County schools which showed most improvements were made in elementary schools.

There was some confusion over the accuracy of Floyd County's test results published late last week be-

cause local officials have not received that information from testing officials in New Hampshire.

Assessment coordinator Phil Paige said Thursday that information for school districts was to be mailed from New Hampshire on Thursday.

Paige confirmed Thursday afternoon that the published results were accurate except for Prater Elementary. Other than the inaccurate scores

for Prater, Paige said the scores were much the same as reported late last year.

"There were no big changes,"

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Paige said. "There were no surprises in this report. These (latest) scores included non-cognitive indicators,

writing portfolios and performance events."

Non-cognitive indicators include the district's attendance figures, re-

tion rates and dropout numbers. The greatest improvements were made in fourth grade test scores with

eighth graders next in line and senior scores coming in last.

"This is the first year of the testing biennium," Paige said. "We were pleased with the results of the fourth grade; optimistic about the eighth grade; and concerned about the twelfth grade."

Paige said that state officials are talking about moving testing dates back for twelfth grades to October or

to test students when they are juniors in high school.

One area of concern for school officials is the amount of time it takes to receive complete test results—about a year.

"It is a very legitimate concern," Paige said. "We do get preliminary reports in October. But that's still at

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Rebs' debut in tourney is a reunion for some fans

by Scott Perry
Times Editor

Forget the feud between baseball and track programs.

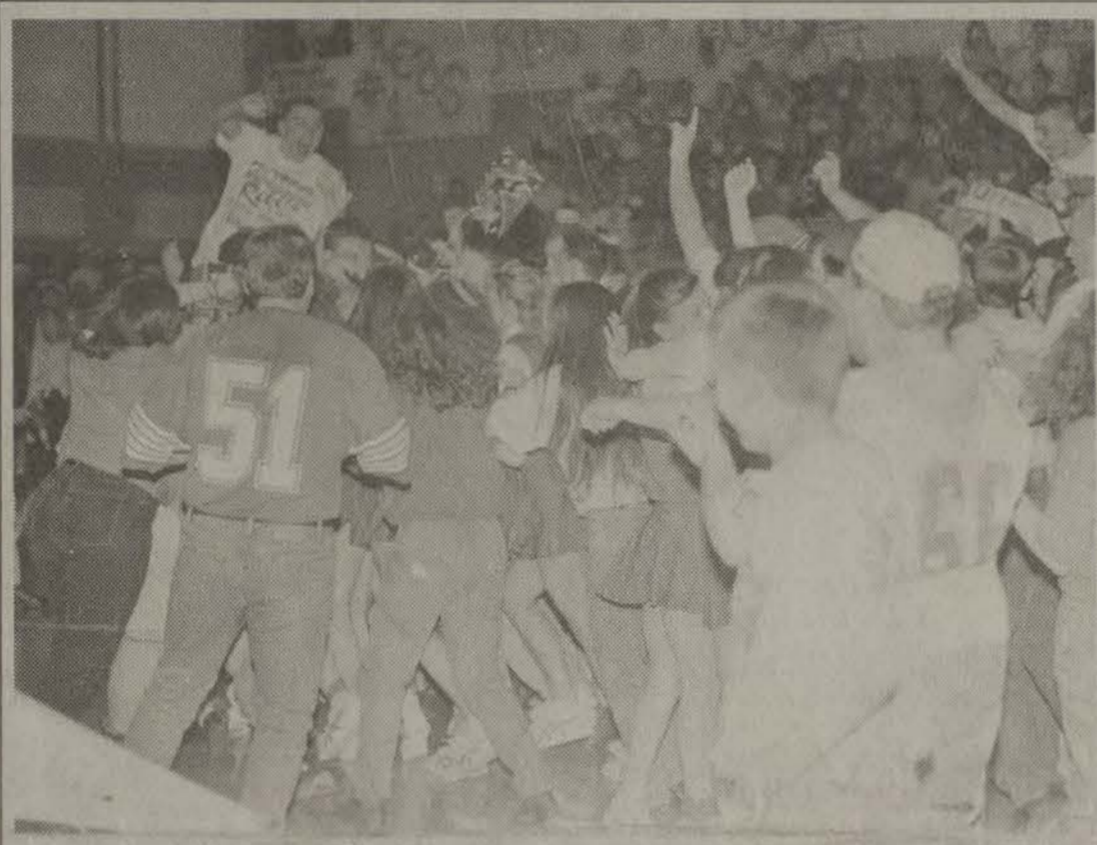
This is March. It's basketball season. Time for the Big Dance.

And, Allen Central is going to the ball. When the Rebels take the floor next Wednesday evening at Louisville's Freedom Hall, it will mark the first time the Floyd County school has represented the 15th Region in the prestigious Sweet Sixteen high school basketball tournament.

But, while the state tourney represents the debut for ACHS, it is something of a reunion for long-time basketball fans in the school's district.

Three of the four schools that consolidated in 1973 to form Allen Central have appeared in the state championship playoffs.

Wayland went four times, in 1947, 1951, 1956 and 1964. Behind "King" Kelly Coleman, the Wasps reached the semi-final round in 1956, winning the third-place con-



ALLEN CENTRAL fans rejoiced Tuesday after the Rebels earned their first trip to the Sweet Sixteen.

solation game. Coleman still holds tourney records for the most points scored in a tournament; the most points scored in one game; the most free throws taken and the most field goals attempted.

Garrett High School appeared twice in the tournament, losing in the first round in 1948 and 1963.

Maytown also made two appearances, losing in the first round in 1967 but making it to the semi-final round in 1969. Martin was the only school of the four consolidated into Allen Central that did not win a regional crown.

The Rebels will face 8th Region champ Shelby County in the nightcap of Wednesday's first-round slate. The game begins at 7:30 p.m.

Ordinance would give public a say

Proposed waste law requires public hearing on rate hikes

by Scott Perry
Times Editor

Floyd County's besieged solid waste commission would be eliminated and replaced with a single solid waste coordinator who would answer directly to the fiscal court under an ordinance proposed by the court-appointed custodian of the solid waste agency.

The ordinance, drafted by custodian Bob Meyer, would clarify the county's intent to establish mandatory participation in the program and would provide the fiscal court exclusive authority to set rates and oversee the waste disposal system. It would also allow for public input before rate increases could be enacted.

In a report issued earlier this month, Meyer suggested that the ordinance was necessary to replace one adopted in 1980 because of widespread confusion over the requirements of the existing solid waste law.

"Public perception that the (current) system is not mandatory is supported by the large volume of customers who claim that they have never received garbage services and consequently refuse to pay their bill..."

Meyer wrote in a March 9 report to Circuit Judge John David Caudill. His solution to that problem was a recommendation that the county adopt a new ordinance.

Like the existing ordinance, the proposed law would allow the issuance of franchises for solid waste services to private companies that meet stringent requirements. It would also permit the development of waste transfer stations; set standards for

collection vehicles; and prohibit the unregulated disposal or burning of garbage.

The proposed ordinance requires the implementation of a system for recycling and proposes a system of collection points for residents whose homes cannot be serviced individually.

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Lorrie Patton gets first place in state academic contest

by Geoff Belcher
Floyd County Schools

While Floyd County students are excelling in state and regional athletic competitions, they're also tearing up the boards in more academic pursuits, with at least one student clawing—or rather writing—her way to the top.

Lorrie Patton, 14, an eighth grader at McDowell Elementary School, defeated approximately 85 other students from around the state to place first Saturday in the Governor's Cup Competition 1994 State Finals, English Composition category.

Patton is the daughter of Joy Patton and Floyd County Board of Education Chairman Edward Patton, Jr., of McDowell.

Patton is the captain of the McDowell Elementary Academic Team and president of the Beta Club. She plays saxophone in the school band; participates in the school Forensics program; is a cheerleader; and participates in the talented and gifted program with a 3.9 grade point average.

In previous English composition competitions, Patton placed first in the region and fourth in the district. She has placed in competitions in the last three years.

Other winners in the Governor's Cup competitions will be announced.



Lorrie Patton

Martin council balks at utility deal

by Susan Allen
Staff Writer

Martin City Council is not crazy about the idea of handing over management of the city's water and sewer department to the Big Sandy Area Development District.

At a special meeting Wednesday, council reacted negatively to a proposal from Big Sandy ADD to manage the office and field work of the two problem-plagued departments.

Councilman Rodney Hutchinson told ADD representative Eric Ratliff up front that he would not make any decision on the issue until he consulted with city attorney Keith Bartley.

"I don't know anything that's go-

ing on with the water and sewer department," Hutchinson said. "I'm completely in the dark. I've only been (on the council) for four months and I want to find out what's going on."

Hutchinson then made a motion that Mayor Raymond Griffith compile a financial accounting of the water and sewer departments which would include any monies the department owed.

Councilwoman Hazel Robinson seconded Hutchinson's motion and it passed 3-1.

Councilman "Hoss" Halbert voted against the motion because he said council receives the reports monthly.

Hutchinson said accounts payable for the two departments are not included on the monthly handouts.

During discussions on the proposal from Big Sandy ADD, council members objected to a provision that would give the management group, Water Resources Corporation, authority to hire and fire city employees; a clause that would create a position of a utility manager; and a proposed change in group medical insurance for utility workers.

Ratliff and ADD director Roger Recktenwald went over the proposed contract with council Wednesday and apparently could not persuade them to agree.

Recktenwald stressed that council needed to get a handle on the management of the two departments because the systems needed to be on solid financial ground to pay for a

future bond issue to build a sewer plant.

If city employees did not work out and had to be fired, Recktenwald said, Water Resources would take the heat off council.

"That argument didn't wash with several council members.

"Whether we agree or disagree, we'll catch flak in the decision made," Hutchinson said.

"People will know who hired the hired gun," councilman Steven Jenkins said.

In regard to creating a management position, councilwoman Robinson asked Recktenwald if he had someone in mind to be hired as

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City plan concerns development panel

by Susan Allen
Staff Writer

Floyd County Development Authority board members are somewhat concerned about Prestonsburg City Council's apparent intent to hire an economic development director.

At Wednesday's authority meeting, board member H.D. Fitzpatrick suggested that board members talk with Mayor Jerry Fannin about the issue. Fitzpatrick said that it was assumed that city council would contribute funds to the authority to assist in attracting industrial development to the county.

"It seems to be a duplicate of what the county is providing," Fitzpatrick said in reference to the city's plan to hire an economic development director. "If they're going to put money there, give it to us and we can make better use of it."

Economic Development Director Darrell Gilliam said that the city could be creating the position as part of their Main Street program. Gilliam added that he would discuss the city's participation in the development authority with Fannin.

County Attorney Jim Hammond said that Fannin had been invited to Wednesday's meeting, but that Fannin phoned him earlier in the day and said he was unable to attend.

Floyd County Judge-Executive John M. Stumbo said he had talked with Fannin on several occasions and that he "didn't see any problems whatsoever" with the city's participation in the authority.

Chairman Burl Wells Spurlock said he would make it a point to call Fannin and invite him to the next meeting.

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Oklahoma road woes

The apparent deterioration of a portion of Oklahoma Hollow road at Allen has some residents concerned about their safety. Residents say that putting gravel on the road has not been effective and it will take extensive work to rebuild the roadway. (photo by Susan Allen)

Fannin to replace Latta on board

Former Prestonsburg Mayor Ann Latta resigned Wednesday, March 16, from the board of directors of the joint Prestonsburg-Floyd County Public Properties Corporation.

Latta, who now operates the Public Relations firm of Latta and Associates, will pursue fund-raising and public relations efforts on behalf of the Kentucky Opry for the new Mountain Arts Center.

Prestonsburg Mayor Jerry Fannin has been appointed to fill Latta's unexpired term which lasts through June 1995. Other members of the corporation are Estill Carter, Ray Brackett, John M. Stumbo and O. Sam Blankenship.



Takes oath

State Sen. John David Preston receives the oath of office from Kentucky Supreme Court Justice Joseph Lambert during a swearing-in ceremony in the Senate chamber Thursday. Preston, R-Paintsville, won a special election on March 8 to fill the unexpired term in the 25th district. Preston's election gives Republicans 13 seats in the 38-member Senate, with one vacancy in the 34th district still to be filled. Preston's term runs through 1996. (LRC Public Information photo)

Martin

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the utility manager at \$18,500 per year.

Former ADD employee Glen Patton is in line for the job, Recktenwald said.

Robinson said she had heard that Patton was in line for job.

As for different health insurance benefits, Jenkins said that he was concerned some employees would not be covered under a new plan because of their ages and if they had a pre-existing condition.

Ratliff said that the program they wanted to use had been developed to cover utility workers and he did not think Jenkins' concerns would be a problem.

After about an hour and a half of

discussions, council took no action on the proposal.

In a related issue, Recktenwald said that council needed to resolve a dispute with Mountain Christian Academy (MCA) concerning payment for a sewer line installation in 1984.

Council has been trying to resolve the issue since last summer, but Recktenwald and Mayor Griffith said they have not been able to get in touch with Arnold Turner, MCA's attorney.

Mayor Griffith and Recktenwald said that they have been unable to talk or meet with Turner because Turner has been unavailable.

"We can't talk to him or see him,"

Griffith said. "What can we do?"

Turner said Thursday that he has not heard from the mayor or Recktenwald since last October. He added that he called for Recktenwald in January and spoke with an ADD representative.

"I find it somewhat outrageous that they're publicly whining that they have not been able to get up with me, when we haven't heard from the mayor in excess of six months," Turner said. "We haven't heard back from Roger Recktenwald since early January when I made my call to him with no response."

The next regular meeting of the council is Wednesday, March 23 at 7 p.m. at city hall.

Ordinance

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Other than re-emphasizing and clarifying the mandatory provisions of the county's solid waste plan, the most noticeable difference between the existing law and the proposed ordinance is in the management area.

The existing program was established as a quasi-governmental corporation, operated by a board of directors known as the Floyd County Solid Waste Commission. That board has authority under the 1980 ordinance to set rates and regulations for operation of the agency.

The proposed ordinance would replace the solid waste commission with a solid waste coordinator who would be appointed by the fiscal court, which would determine the coordinator's specific duties. The coordinator would be responsible for the day-to-day management of the county's solid waste program.

The new ordinance would also address one of the most volatile issues currently plaguing the county's solid waste program by establishing a method for public discussion on rate changes.

The proposed law would require a public hearing at least two weeks prior to the effective date of any significant change in system rules and regulations, or whenever a rate change is to be proposed to the fiscal court.

Floyd County Judge-Executive John M. Stumbo said Wednesday that the fiscal court had received a copy of the proposed ordinance, but he did not know if the issue would be discussed today, Friday, at the regular monthly meeting of the court.

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Scores

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least two to three months into the school year. The time lag is a definite problem with performance-based assessments."

There are some Floyd County schools that meet the criteria to be sanctioned by the state, Paige said, but he declined to identify those

MSU summer schedule revised

Morehead State University has revised its summer school schedule and will open its first summer session a week later than previously announced, according to Dr. John C. Philley, MSU executive vice president for academic affairs.

The action was taken to enable the region's public school teachers whose school year has been extended as a result of the severe winter to pursue their education, he said.

Under the new calendar, registration for Summer I will be conducted Monday, June 13, with classes beginning on Tuesday, June 14, and continue through Friday, July 8.

Registration for Summer II will be Monday, July 11, with classes starting the next day and continuing through Friday, August 5.

"When we originally set our 1993-94 calendar, it was impossible to foresee that Eastern Kentucky would have the kind of weather conditions it has faced this winter," Dr. Philley said.

"By changing our summer start-up date, we are making it possible for teachers in our service region to stay on track with their educational goals," Dr. Philley added.

Development

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Fannin could not be reached Thursday for comment.

Also Wednesday, board members reaffirmed actions taken during last month's meeting because a quorum of members was not present.

Only three of the board's seven members attended the February meeting and conducted business with the proxies of the absent members.

Under an ordinance creating the authority, four members constitute a quorum of the board, and, therefore, three members present at the meeting did not constitute a legal quorum to conduct business.

Board members Julius Martin and Paul Gearheart were absent from Wednesday's meeting.

schools until he receives the official test results.

Under the first phase of state sanctions, a school must develop an improvement plan which will boost test scores. In phase two, a plan is developed and implemented at a school with a state appointed distinguished educator.

State officials have delayed imposing Phase three sanctions for two years. Phase three sanctions, which call for the management of a school to be taken over by a distinguished educator, has been postponed for two years.

Paige cautioned that the first two-year round of testing has not been completed.

"If the numbers don't change the second year, we would have some in one and two," Paige said. "This is the first year. It's not the second year, so

it's not fair to say (that we have schools at those sanction levels). It is the second half."

Weighted averages reflected in the test scores are based on the number of students in each school. If more fourth grade students are at a school than eighth grades, the fourth grade students will have a greater influence on the grading index.

Overall, Paige said, some schools made great strides and those that didn't need to work toward improving their scores.

"I'd like to congratulate the schools that have made tremendous improvement," Paige said. "We do have some schools that did not demonstrate a great deal of improvement the first year that are making major restructuring changes that will improve (scores) in the second year of the biennium."

Kentucky Army and Air National Guard begins the 1994 campaign

This year's Easter Seal Telethon in Louisville on March 5 and 6 will kick off the 1994 22nd Annual National Guard "Bucket Brigade." Units around the state are scheduled to begin local collections this weekend and throughout March and April. Volunteers from the over 8,400 soldiers and airmen of the Kentucky Army and Air National Guard will participate jointly under the direction of Adjutant General Robert L. DeZarn.

Last year, the Kentucky National Guard raised \$118,142.15 for Easter Seals during the "Bucket Brigade." According to Major General DeZarn, "We're calling on all of our units to increase the number of volunteers helping this year so we can surpass last year's total collection. In this, our twenty-second year of participating in the campaign for Kentucky's disabled children and adults, we expect to go beyond the two million dollar mark."

Since 1972, guardsmen around the state have collected over \$1,926,659.37 by operating collection points at strategic highways and street intersections. Other past collection figures for the Kentucky National Guard include collecting \$76,000 in 1992, \$68,814 in 1990, and \$62,810.48 in 1989. Guard units had a brief hiatus in 1991 due to Desert Storm.

The Kentucky National Guard plans to reach its two million dollar mark during the National Easter Seal Society's 75th Anniversary year. Guion Miller, executive director of the Kentucky Easter Seal Society, said, "The Kentucky National Guard has provided more volunteer support and financial assistance for our Ken-

tucky Easter Seal programs of direct service for the disabled than any other Kentucky organization during its 71 year history."

The Kentucky Easter Seal Society, one of the oldest voluntary health agencies, has been in existence for 70 years. Its programs serve over 26,000 children and adults with disabilities around the state. Program centers are located in Ashland, Carrollton, Covington, Lexington, Louisville, and Paducah. Of the funds collected for Easter Seals, 99 percent stay in Kentucky and 83.6 percent go to direct services.

Adjutant General DeZarn concluded his remarks by saying, "The Kentucky Army and Air National Guard both have a proud tradition in responding to crises of all kinds. And while our troops did an outstanding job during the severe weather conditions of this winter, we're not about to rest on our laurels. With the help of the good people of Kentucky, we intend to 'Do more in '94!'"

Tax credit seminar

An announcement from Deborah Allen, Field Office Manager, Department for Employment services, stated that a seminar on the targeted jobs tax credit program will be held at Jenny Wiley State Park, Wilkinson-Stumbo Convention Center, on March 18, from 9 a.m.-noon. This tax credit program gives employers up to \$2400 tax credit on their federal income taxes for hiring a new employee from certain targeted groups of individuals.

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Courthouse News

SUITS FILED

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

Bonnie Ray of Prestonsburg vs. Okel Ray et al. of Teaberry; complaint for partition.

Kentucky Housing Corp. vs. Lester Daniel of Martin; alleged debt.

Allred Newsom Jr. of Grethel vs. Sherry Salisbury Newsom of Harold; dissolution of marriage.

Frank Whitt of Water Gap vs. Ashland Exploration Inc.; compensation and punitive measures for dam-

ages to property.

Kenitha Hutchinson of Melvin vs. Billy Hutchinson of Teaberry; dissolution of marriage.

Teresa Evans vs. Bobby Johnson of Ivel; compensation for alleged injuries received in an accident on or about April 27, 1992 at Grethel.

Carolyn Mitchell of Printer vs. Jack D. Mitchell of Allen; dissolution of marriage.

Bobby Dean Branham of Prestonsburg vs. Sandra Dee Branham of Prestonsburg; dissolution of marriage.

Pamela Sue Calhoun of Paintsville vs. Lester Calhoun of Prestonsburg; dissolution of marriage.

Launa Bryant of McDowell and Lester R. Bryant of Hi Hat; joint petition for dissolution of marriage.

Wallace Keathley of Grethel vs. Keystone Insurance Company; compensation for alleged loss of dwelling.

Sheryl A. Little of Wheelwright vs. Diane C. Click of Hueysville; compensation for alleged injuries received in an accident on or about January 17, 1994 at Martin.

Cletis Coleman of Pikeville vs. Our Lady of the Way Hospital; compensation for injuries received on premises of OLW.

Gregory Darrin Frasure of Grethel vs. Tanya Elizabeth Frasure of Wayland; dissolution of marriage.

Teresa Music vs. Stacy L. Moore of Langley; compensation for alleged injuries received in an accident on September 22, 1993 in Prestonsburg.

John J. Hancock of Garrett vs. Kathy Hancock of Breathitt County; dissolution of marriage.

MARRIAGES

Angela M. Tackett, 18, of Bypro and Kevin D. Johnson, 19, of Bevinville; Sherry Ann McKinney, 22, of Melvin and George Gregory Compton, 28, of Weeksbury;

Cheryl A. Woods, 36, of Weeksbury and John R. Bradford, 33, of Weeksbury; Karen A. Ratliff, 37, of Sitka and Ronald A. Slone, 43, of Bevinville;

Sharon H. Little, 46, of McDowell and James R. Meade, 50, of Hi Hat; Melissa M. Collins, 18, of Blue River and Brian K. Reynolds, 23, of Banner;

Ann Smith, 20, of Printer and Ricky Lee Shepherd, 24, of Printer.

PCC announces dean's list

A number of Floyd County students were named to the president's list and dean's list during the fall semester at Prestonsburg Community College.

Qualifying for the president's list by earning a grade point average of 4.0 were Naomi Adkins, Tram; Dorothy Banks, Wayland; Pamela Ann Blair, Prestonsburg; Billy Joe Caudill, Langley; Janet Faye Conn, Martin; Joann Conn, Prestonsburg; Larry Russell Elliott, Dwale; Loretta Fannin, Allen; Kevin Walter Garret, Prestonsburg; Terry DuMauier Garten, Prestonsburg; Darren Gearheart, Harold; Derek Kane Hale, Harold; Dianna Gwen Hale, Martin; Lisa Dawn Hall, Wheelwright; Tanya L. Harris, Ivel; Terry Lee Hays, Allen; Marsha Sharlene Johnson, Bypro; Melinda S. Keathley, Harold; Keesha Lee Lawson, Lackey; Kimberly Ann Little, Hi Hat; Daniel Brandon Lowe, Prestonsburg; Rhonda L. Meade, Minnie; Beverly Jane Mullins, Stanville; Staci Rachelle Newsom, Prestonsburg; Angela Kristen Ormerod, Prestonsburg; John Martin Porter, Stanville; Dorla Robinette, Harold; Stephanie Ann Rudder, Martin; Bronita Slone, Garrett; Angel S. Tackett, Harold; Christina Marie Tackett, McDowell;

Rhonda Joyce Tackett, Prestonsburg; Holly H. Walters, Stanville; Vicki Marie Watkins, Teaberry; Andrea Lynn Waugh, Allen; Paul Keith Wells, Prestonsburg; Pamela Jean Whitaker, Prestonsburg; Patty Sue Williams, Stanville; Anita Lou Woods, Prestonsburg; and Agnes Irene Younce, Melvin.

These students were also named to the Dean's list which requires at least a 3.50 grade point average out of 4.0.

Others on the dean's list are Dinah Faye Cantrell, Isonville; Shelly D. Adkins, Harold; Sherronda Lynn Akers, Prestonsburg; Kirstin Rowena Anderson, Prestonsburg; Barbara Butler Bevin, Printer; Stephania Blair, Prestonsburg; Ronald K. Chaffin, Allen; Bertha E. Clemons, Printer; Mary H. Cole, Prestonsburg; Teena Bea Conley, West Prestonsburg; Christina Lee Crider, East Point; Denessa R. Dailey, Beaver; Katrina Marie DeBoard, Prestonsburg; Jackie DeRossett, Prestonsburg; Lisa Maria Dotson, Prestonsburg; Christina Elliott, West Prestonsburg; Bernice Woods Fannin, Allen; Laura Lea Gilliam, Prestonsburg; Debbie Renea Griffey, East Point; Crystal Annette

Hall, Allen; Sandra Kay Hall, Prestonsburg; Jason Neil Hayden, East Point; Traci Renee Hicks, Langley; Anthony Scott Howell, Auxier; Terry Lynn Howell, Wayland; Charity Lynn Hunt, Stanville; Sue Ellen Johnson, Weeksbury;

Dara N. Jurich, East Point; Ginger Diane Kidd, Harold; Melissa Kidd, Harold; Joie Lawson, Honaker; Janine Louise Lee, Prestonsburg; Beverly H. Lewis, Betsy Layne; Brenda Kay Marcum, Banner; Parthena Martin, Manton; Staci Leigh May, Prestonsburg; Glenn David May, II, Allen; Willovene Justice McKinney, Harold; Willis Dean Newman, Grethel; Nancy Jane Newsome, Betsy Layne; Derrick Ray Owsley, Estill; Rebecca Ann Patton, Martin; Peggy Ellen Prater, Prestonsburg; Kristie LaDon Ratliff, Ivel; Christy Leigh Reid, Prestonsburg; Margaret Sue Risner, Auxier; Kristi Suzanne Robinson, East Point; Joni Eileen Sanders, Prestonsburg; David Paul Sizemore, Prestonsburg; Marcella Skeans, Martin; Lisa Marlene Slone, Lackey; Regina Dawn Spears, Endicott; Lisa Lynn Sticklin, Prestonsburg; Donna Lynn Tackett, Weeksbury; Rhonda Gayle Tackett, Melvin; Twana Tackett, Galveston; Rhonda Harris Vanco, Prestonsburg; Carey Robyn Wallen, Allen; Marissa L. Wallen, Banner; Barbara Williams, Prestonsburg; Opal Doreane Williams, Weeksbury; James Alan Witten, Auxier; and Trudy L. Woods, Prestonsburg.

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This concert special, taped live at Detroit's Fox Theatre in 1989, presents these superstars' signature songs. In one of his last appearances, the late Davis opens the show with favorites including "The Candy Man" and "What Kind of Fool Am I?" He also performs a rousing parody of Michael Jackson's "Bad." Minnelli follows with her Broadway standards "All That Jazz" and "Cabaret" and Sinatra takes the stage for such classics as "Mack the Knife" and "My Way."

The focus on Sinatra continues at 11 p.m. in *Frank Sinatra: A Man and His Music*, a vintage television special from 1965. This award-winning special presents classic, swinging Sinatra backed by the orchestras of Nelson Riddle and Gordon Jenkins. With an opening straight from Peter Gunn and an introduction from announcer Ed McMahon, Sinatra gets down to business, cruising through such standards as "Don't Worry About Me," "My Kind of Town (Chicago)," "It Was a Very Good Year," "Come Fly With Me," "The Lady Is a Tramp," and his traditional closing, "Put Your Dreams Away."

Great Performances "Jerry Herman's Broadway at the Bowl" was produced by Gregory H. Willenborg with funding from Duracell, Inc.

Frank Sinatra, Liza Minnelli and Sammy Davis, Jr.: The Ultimate Event was produced and directed by George Schlatter.



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PUBLIC HEARING ON AGING SERVICES

The Big Sandy Area Agency on Aging will hold a public hearing regarding area plans for aging services programs under Title III of the Older Americans Act of 1965 as amended, the Kentucky Homecare Program, and the Adult Day Care Program. The hearing will be held Wednesday, March 23, at 10:30 a.m., at the Prestonsburg Senior Citizens Center. The public is invited to attend.

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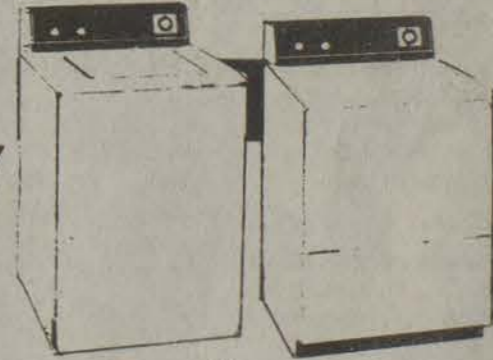
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Liberty of thought is the life of the soul—Voltaire

A worthy proposal

by Scott Perry

An ordinance which proposes to revamp the way the Floyd County solid waste program operates merits comprehensive review by the fiscal court for a couple of reasons.

First, the proposal would remove a layer of bureaucracy by eliminating the solid waste commission and it would put the responsibility for running the program where it belongs...with the fiscal court.

A single solid waste coordinator would be appointed by the court to handle day-to-day operations with duties prescribed by the court.

The second and most important reason for considering the new law is a provision that requires public hearings on any and all changes in the rules and the rates that apply to waste disposal.

As the court has undoubtedly learned from the recent rate debate, the public has a keen interest in matters that affect their pocketbooks.

In the past thirty days, we have learned more about the condi-

tion of the county's solid waste program than we have since it was initiated in 1980.

We owe our new-found knowledge to court-appointed custodian Bob Meyer, who has waded around the politics and to the heart of the matter.

We knew going in that what Meyer would find would not be all good news.

But any news is better than none when taxpayer dollars are at stake.

The county attorney, meanwhile, has taken issue with Meyer's appointment as custodian and, legally, he probably has the ammo to void that appointment.

If he succeeds, we'll probably be right back in the dark on issues concerning garbage disposal.

But the court has another option. They can enact Meyer's proposed ordinance and appoint him or another with his high standards to the post of coordinator.

And, they can open the door for public discussion on rates and regulations.

It's their move.

A RAVENOUS LION ESCAPED FROM THE ZOO TODAY. ITS WHEREABOUTS AT THIS HOUR ARE UNKNOWN.



ALSO, A MAXIMUM-SECURITY PRISON BUS OVERTURNED... 28 CONVICTS ARE STILL AT LARGE.



AND IN OTHER NEWS...



LORENA BOBBITT WAS RELEASED.

BETTER DEAD BOLT THE FRONT DOOR.



—Letters to the editor—

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Health care plan is not a favorite of area seniors

Editor:

As a member of the Seniors Coalition, I want you to know that most Seniors do not favor the Clinton Health Care plan.

Under the Clinton plan, senior citizens will surely face drastic cuts in Medicare coverage, lose their right to choose their own doctors, face long waiting lines, and possibly be denied life-saving medical treatment.

These matters are documented in a report, available at no charge, from the 2-million member Seniors Coalition. I urge you to contact the Coalition today at (703) 273-5449, get a copy of their report.

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Who's been in outer space?

Only the United States and the former Soviet Union have launched manned space flights, but astronauts from 24 other nations have flown on American and Soviet flights.

Who's been there*:		Soviet missions	
Total astronauts		297	
Americans		188	Afghanistan 1
Soviets		74	Britain 1
Europeans		22	Bulgaria 2
Other		13	Cuba 1
			Czech 1
			France 1
			Germany 2
			Hungary 1
			India 1
			Japan 1
			Mongolia 1
			Poland 1
			Romania 1
			Syria 1
			Vietnam 1

* Includes current U.S. mission.
SOURCES: Johnson Space Center, National Air and Space Museum

What others are saying

The following articles are excerpts of editorials taken from Kentucky newspapers

Legal battle over broad-form deeds comes to a quiet and just end

A 40-year legal battle over the use of broad-form deeds to mine coal came to a quiet, just end when the U.S. Supreme Court let stand a Kentucky constitutional amendment.

The amendment, overwhelmingly approved by Kentucky voters in November 1988, strikes a balance between those who own mineral rights and those who own the property on which those rights are located. The amendment came after decades of unsuccessful legal efforts to end an injustice that allowed owners of mineral rights through broad-form deeds to use any means necessary to recover those minerals—even if it meant damaging or destroying surface property owned by others.

The legal battle began in 1956 when the state's highest court ruled that broad-form deeds gave owners of mineral rights the authority to stripmine for coal over the objections of surface owners. During the next three decades, the Kentucky General Assembly approved several laws restricting the rights of mineral owners, only to have those laws declared unconstitutional by state courts.

Legislators finally concluded that the only way to restrict mining through broad-form deeds without violating the state constitution was to change the constitution; however, approval of the amendment did not end the legal challenge. Mineral owners claimed it violated their property rights. The U.S. Supreme Court's rejection without comment of their appeal apparently brings an end to the long court battle. Good.

The amendment does not deny holders of broad-form deeds the right to claim their minerals. It simply says that they must use mining practices in use at the time the deeds were signed to recover those minerals—or get the approval of surface owners to use other methods. That's fair, reasonable and just.

—Ashland Daily Independent

Can't teach an old dog new tricks

You can't teach old dogs new tricks, especially if they're Democratic leaders in the Kentucky General Assembly.

In another blatant display of partisan politics, the House Democratic leadership last week punished Republicans once again for not voting the Democrats' way. Because they didn't support the health care reform act, some Republicans lost what are called "pork barrel projects" in their district.

The majority of these projects included renovations at state parks. These projects were taken away from the Republicans and the money was given to other projects in districts represented by Democrats who voted for the health care bill.

Democratic leaders can be a little hasty sometimes, but they are quick to correct themselves. For instance, when money was taken away from Ashland Community College because Republican Rep. Don Farley of Ashland voted against the bill, the Democrats suddenly realized that Democratic Rep. Rocky Adkins of Sandy Hook also represents a portion of Boyd, where ACC is located. The next day the funding was restored because

Adkins supported the health care bill.

The same maneuvering occurred in 1990 when Republicans and some Democrats who voted against the now-infamous Kentucky Education Reform Act lost funding for similar building projects.

Democratic leaders don't deny playing politics. "It's the name of the game," said Rep. Marshall Long, the Democratic chairman of the House budget committee.

Kentuckians, though, should tell their lawmakers that they don't like this game. Wouldn't it be nice to see the General Assembly act in a courteous, respectful way. Doesn't a lawmaker have the right to vote the way he or she wants, and then not be chastised for doing so?

But, as previously noted, you can't teach old dogs new tricks. You can, however, throw them out of the dog house. —Paintsville Herald





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Floyd County School Performance Test Results

WHAT THE NUMBERS MEAN:

- BASELINE:** The scores achieved on test from the 1991-92 school year.
- 1993 Score:** The scores achieved on test for the 1992-93 school year.
- Threshold:** The scores schools must reach by the end of the 1993-94 school year.

WHAT THE LEVELS MEAN:

- REWARD:** School exceeds baseline by one or more points.  School eligible for bonus money.
- SUCCESS:** School reaches threshold.  School is declared successful.
- PLAN:** School has improved but has not yet reached its threshold.  Improvement plan must be developed.
- DECLINE:** Test scores fall below baseline scores.  Improvement plan, distinguished educators assigned to help.

School-by-School results:

School	Grades Tested	Baseline	1993 Score	Threshold	Level
Clark Elementary	4th	29.5	31.7	36.6	Plan
Prestonsburg Elementary	4th	28.6	33.9	35.7	Plan
Allen Elementary	4&8	33.3	36.8	40.0	Plan
Auxier Elementary	4&8	30.0	36.4	37.0	Plan
Betsy Layne Elementary	4&8	35.2	36.3	41.7	Plan
Harold Elementary	4&8	39.4	46.0	45.5	Success
Duff Elementary	4&8	35.4	45.3	41.9	Reward
Stumbo Elementary	4&8	32.8	34.0	39.5	Plan
McDowell Elementary	4&8	34.9	35.0	41.4	Plan
Martin Elementary	4&8	31.9	34.4	38.7	Plan
Maytown Elementary	4&8	31.8	37.0	38.6	Plan
Melvin Elementary	4&8	33.0	37.5	39.7	Plan
Prater Elementary	4&8	RESULTS UNAVAILABLE			
Osborne Elementary	4&8	31.2	35.2	38.1	Plan
Adams Middle School	8	33.9	33.1	40.5	Decline
Allen Central	12	31.3	32.1	38.2	Plan
Betsy Layne	12	28.0	30.6	35.2	Plan
McDowell*	12	37.3	33.4	43.6	Decline
Prestonsburg	12	34.5	32.8	41.1	Decline
Wheelwright*	12	33.3	31.7	40.0	Decline

*Wheelwright and McDowell High Schools have been consolidated into South Floyd High School.



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Bank and Trust Company
Member FDIC

Andy Elliott
Hwy. 3188 Martin, KY
285-9317

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Jacobs Citgo & Wrecker Service
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285-9300

TWIN BRIDGE AUTO PARTS
Martin, KY
285-3691

Hall Funeral Home
Martin, KY
285-9261

Rita's Beauty Shop
Hwy. 122 at Garth
285-0343

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285-3773

Merion Bros. Monument Co.
Garth, KY
285-9961

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Bucks Branch
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285-3220

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Martin, KY
285-3104

Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home
Martin • **285-5155**

Sandy Valley EXPLOSIVES
Magazine Branch, Allen, KY
874-2186

VALLEY MINE SUPPLY
Wayland, KY
385-2911

Main Street Fishing Supply
285-3775
&
June's Dress Shop
285-3553
Martin, KY

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Martin, KY
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The Friday Comics

THE FAR SIDE

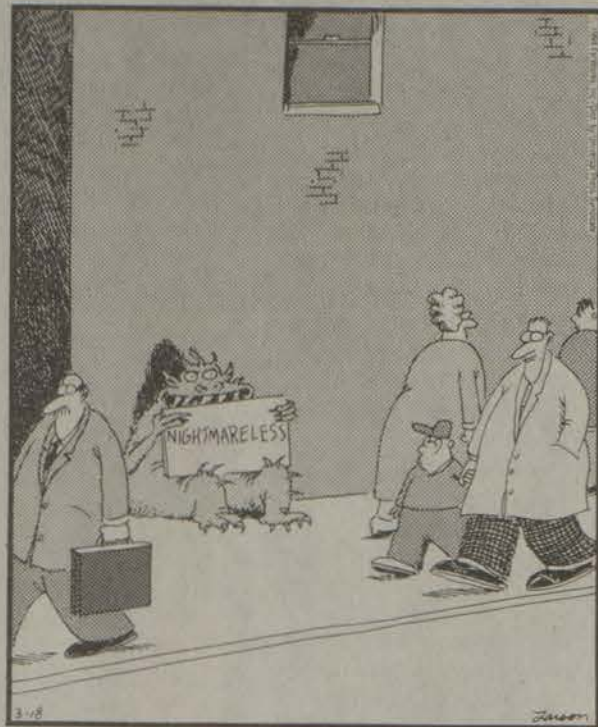
By GARY LARSON **THE FAR SIDE**

By GARY LARSON

RATZ by BEN SMITH



"I'm sorry, Sidney, but I can no longer help you. ... These are not my people."



Not heeding his father's advice to avoid eye contact, Joey makes a "contribution."



THE SPATS by JEFF PICKERING



OUT ON A LIMB by GARY KOPERVAS



R.F.D. by MIKE MARLAND



BUTCH AND DOUGIE by ALEX HOWELL



Farcus

by David Waisglass
Gordon Coulthart

Farcus

by David Waisglass
Gordon Coulthart



"I can assure you, we've never had a complaint."



"In other words, smile while you're being screwed."

Super Crossword

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| ACROSS | cavalry sword | Adam* | Danube | 39 Mets or Yankees | 80 Female parent |
| 1 Plant of the lily family | 54 Elevator man | 90 Strong beer | 125 "A — to Live" | 41 Thin wire nails | 81 Crime locale |
| 6 Look everywhere | 55 Salliated and bored | 91 Delicate colors | 126 Decomposes | 84 Plans in detail | 86 P.I.'s important case? |
| 10 Evening, in Venice | 56 Albert or Cantor | 92 Melancholy jazz form | DOWN | 42 Clever plan | 87 Lower corner of a square sail |
| 14 Pierre's escargot | 58 Ancient Greek farce | 93 Duffer's dream | 1 Early West Indian | 44 Stewart and Serling | 89 Arabian prophet |
| 19 Texas shrine | 59 Search diligently | 95 Canoe-shaped boat | 2 Defendant's need | 45 Of the ear | 91 Japanese gateway |
| 20 Layer of the eye | 60 Open space in a forest | 97 It's before beam or clasp | 47 Distress signal | 46 Concealed | 92 Hunter's objective, often |
| 21 Large reptile, for short | 61 U.S. painter in Europe | 98 important, successful person | 49 Dado of a pedestal | 47 Distress signal | 94 Not Ital. |
| 22 Italian epic poet | 63 Rummy game | 102 Homer's enchantress | 51 Heart-shaped sweet cherry | 52 Moslem ruler | 96 Conundrum |
| 23 Inflexibility | 64 Learned persons | 103 Influential people | 52 Moslem ruler | 53 Split with violence | 97 Foal or horn starter |
| 24 American or National, in baseball | 66 Musical count | 107 — Yankee | 55 Football liner | 54 Talk Me Out to the — | 98 Light snacks |
| 26 Mink's cousin | 67 American financier and philanthropist | Doodle Dandy* | 56 Atelier fixture | 56 Enter into conflict with | 99 Porcelain-producing Japanese town |
| 27 Nigerian | 69 Chopin work | 108 Coastal region of Arabia | 57 Enters into conflict with | 60 Sticks with adhesives | 100 Cousin of 21 |
| 28 Frosted | 71 Place a bet | 110 Meter or tonic starter | 61 Savor | 61 Savory | Across |
| 30 Irish sea god | 72 Rubbed harshly | 111 Sharp taste | 62 Rope or wad | 62 Rope or wad | 101 Small drum |
| 31 Therefore | 74 Carp | 112 Women's org. | 65 Baseball's music fame | 65 Baseball's music fame | 103 Exposes to view |
| 33 Hockey's Bobby | 75 Wild, shaggy-haired sheep | 113 Ryan's daughter | 16 U.S. merchant/financier | 66 Angled edge of glass | 104 Senseless of glass |
| 34 Narrow-minded and prejudiced | 78 Disencumber | 115 Group of stars in Ursa Major | 17 River to the Rhone | 68 Classic car | 105 Skirt insertions |
| 36 Heronlike wader | 79 Led astray | 118 Three-banded armadillo | 18 Peter of films | 70 Kind of acid | 106 Having a dark complexion |
| 38 The giant sequoia | 81 Jeeves, for one | 120 Worn away | 25 Uncanny | 71 Becomes limp | 109 Liquor made from palm sap |
| 40 Ruby or Sandra | 82 Water, in Bordeaux | 121 Translucent milky gem | 29 Passing grade | 72 Hard and unyielding | 111 Camper's need |
| 41 Plaited, as hair | 83 Ledger entry | 122 White-tailed eagle | 32 Job performing jazz | 73 "Educating —" (movie) | 114 Employ |
| 43 Turn to the right | 85 Badger's cousin | 123 Clementine's father | 35 Pindar's products | 74 Practical joker | 116 Comical remark |
| 44 Judicial garments | 86 Wins out over | 124 River to the | 36 Obliterate | 75 Tend the turkey | 117 In favor of |
| 47 Bowling game division | 87 Mountain shelter? | 88 "—, I'm | 37 Part of a climbing plant | 76 Church part | 119 Pan, tail or weed starter |
| 48 Cain's land | 88 "—, I'm | | | 77 Takes to court | |
| 50 Heavy | | | | | |

Vision Teaser



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Light is missing; 2. Expression is changed; 3. Vest is added; 4. Tie is different; 5. Water cooler is missing; 6. Picture is moved.

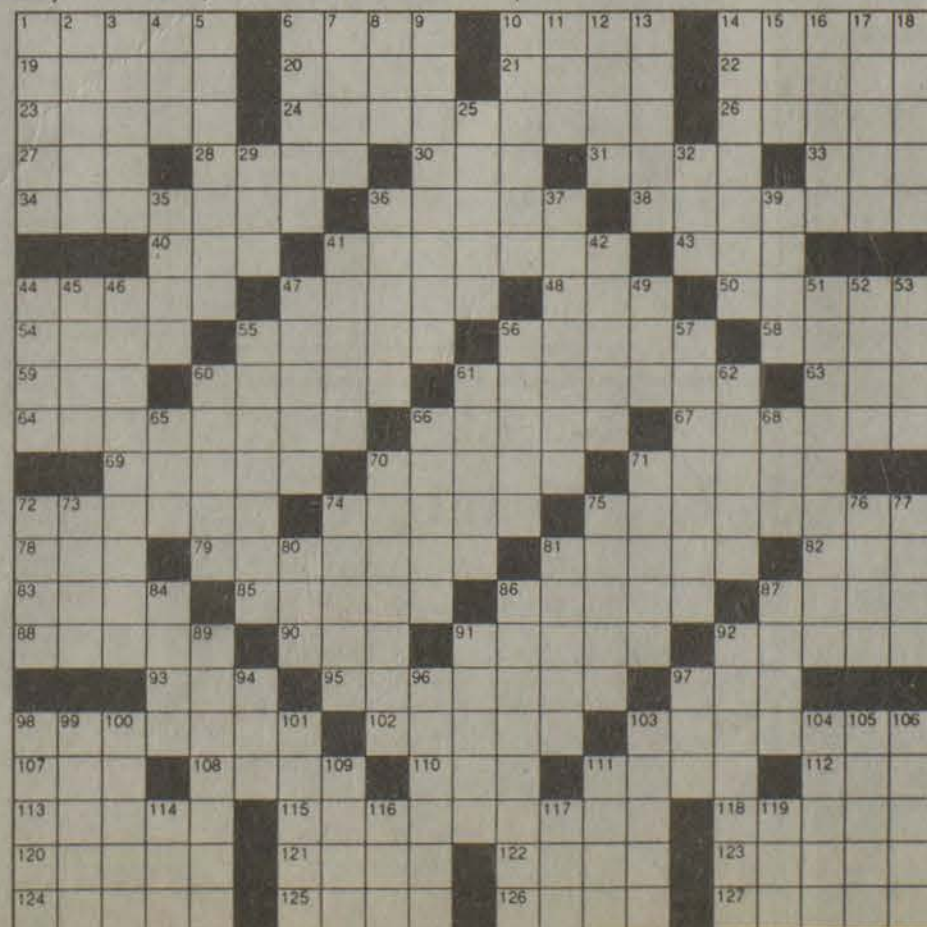
MagicMaze

THINGS THAT FADE (Answers on B 2)

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

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| Blooms | Flowers | Odor | Rainbows |
| Bruise | Hope | Pain | Smiles |
| Color | Light | Paint | Sound |
| Eyesight | Memories | Perfume | |



(Answers on B 2)