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The McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital is pleased to announce the opening of the new Emergency Service Department and newly remodeled Admissions area. An open house will be held on Sunday, December 10, 1995, at 1 p.m. at the Hospital. Everyone is cordially invited to help us celebrate the new areas and the Christmas Season. Refreshments will be served and tours of the new areas given. Appalachian Regional Healthcare, Inc., is a not-for-profit health care system providing Hospital, Clinic, Home Health and other related health care services in Eastern Kentucky, Virginia and West Virginia.



After a detour or two, Latta reaches the top

by Scott Perry
Times Editor

Ann Latta's appointment Wednesday as Secretary of Tourism for the state is more than one of those local-girl-makes-good stories. It's a classic example of the American Dream, where anyone can start at the bottom and work their way to the top.

In Latta's case, that's just what happened...with a few notable detours, of course.

After graduating from the University of Kentucky in 1959 with a degree in journalism, Latta's first job was with Kentucky's Department of Public Information which, at that time, included the state's tourism development department.

"I started on the bottom rung, writing travel articles," she said Thursday.

On Wednesday, she made it to the top rung as Governor-elect Paul Patton's choice for tourism secretary in a department that directs the

state's involvement in Kentucky's fastest growing industry.

On her way up the ladder, Latta, 58, spent two years in Washington D.C., working with the U.S. Travel Service, a branch of the U.S. Department of Commerce. She also took an eight-year side-trip, serving as Mayor of Prestonsburg from January, 1986 until January, 1994.

As mayor, Latta spearheaded Prestonsburg's drive to develop and promote tourism in Floyd County, directing passage of the city's motel

and restaurant tax, which provided a consistent source of funding for tourism related projects. A portion of that tax is earmarked specifically for the operation of the Mountain Arts Center, scheduled to open this summer in Prestonsburg, and a project Latta helped launch.

After leaving the government sector in 1994, Latta founded her own public relations firm, Latta & Associates, and she currently serves under contract as the executive director for the Floyd County

Chamber of Commerce.

As Secretary of Tourism, a position she will officially assume Wednesday, December 13, Latta will oversee the Kentucky Department of Parks, the State Fair and Exposition Center, Fish and Wildlife Resources and the state's Travel Development Office. Her first job, though, will be to prepare a budget for review by Kentucky's General Assembly, which goes into

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Ann Latta

Two cases of assault waived to grand jury

by Susan Allen
Staff Writer

A criminal abuse charge against a Floyd County man involving a two-year-old child was referred Wednesday to a grand jury.

Merlin Osborne, 20, of Auxier, is charged with first degree criminal abuse for allegedly striking his live-in girlfriend's two-year-old son on November 25 after the child wet his pants.

At a preliminary hearing Wednesday in Floyd District Court, Kentucky State Police trooper M.J. Harrison testified that Osborne's girlfriend, Sherry Wyatt, entered Mike's Pizza Plus at Auxier and asked officers to help Osborne, who had cut his hand when he rammed it through a window.

When authorities arrived at Wyatt's home, Osborne told officers that he struck Wyatt's son because he wet his pants.

"(Osborne) was bleeding and we called for an ambulance," Harrison said. "He told us that he had hit the little boy and that he had been drinking. The child had bruises on his head, chest, neck and back."

Osborne is also charged with fourth degree assault because he also struck Wyatt several times, Harrison said.

"She said after the incident with the child occurred with her boyfriend, she confronted him," Harrison said. "She said he struck her several times in the head. The child was taken to (Highlands Regional Medical Center) and

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Local school officials offer plan to state

Floyd school board chairman Ray Brackett, board attorney Phil Damron and interim superintendent Ed Allen presented a deficit reduction plan to state officials Tuesday in Lexington. The Kentucky Board of Education approved the plan on Wednesday provided that a more detailed plan is submitted in February. (photo by Susan Allen)

Joseph asks court to throw out his indictment for vote buying

by Susan Allen
Staff Writer

An attorney for one of six people indicted by a special grand jury last month is seeking a dismissal of the charge against his client claiming that the state law that provides for it is unconstitutional.

Ned Pillersdorf, who represents Harold Junior Joseph, filed a motion Tuesday in Floyd Circuit Court which says the vote-buying charge against Joseph is similar to a statute that has been declared unconstitutional by the state Supreme Court, which called the law vague and

overbroad.

Joseph was indicted November 27 by a special Floyd County Grand Jury for allegedly buying votes in his bid for the office of jailer in the 1993 May primary election.

Pillersdorf claims the election law Joseph is accused of violating is almost identical to the statute addressed by the Supreme Court.

"The words in the indictment of 'expend money to another person in consideration of the vote or financial or moral support of that person' sound remarkably like a 'payment or consideration of a

vote' language in the statute that was declared unconstitutional in the Foley decision," Pillersdorf's motion said. "The language of the statute and the present indictment essentially suggest it is illegal to spend money to get votes. All candidates spend money for many purposes during a campaign to promote their candidacy. Money is given to other persons, in consideration of gaining votes, in the form of advertising, sponsorship of events, etc. The present indictment is an arbitrary enforcement of an

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State board holds its nose, okays plan

by Susan Allen
Staff Writer

The Kentucky Board of Education approved Floyd County's deficit reduction plan Wednesday provided that a more detailed plan is presented for review at the state board's February meeting.

"We accepted the committee's recommendation," state board chairman Joe Kelly said Thursday. "We are going to continue to research, review and monitor the situation. The bottom line is that they are to bring a more detailed plan back in February."

On Tuesday, local officials presented a plan to eliminate a \$1 million deficit projected for this year to the board's Management Support Committee. Committee chairman Craig True called the board's plan "pitiful" because it did not contain enough information about how the deficit would be erased.

True also commented that he was not happy that the Floyd County system was before the state board again.

"I'm disappointed that we've reached this point," True said Tuesday.

Because the Floyd system is projecting a deficit, state school officials must approve all expenditures in the district.

Interim superintendent Ed Allen said Thursday state officials will most likely be in the district once a week to approve any expenditures.

"Mainly, their plan is to come in one day a week and approve all purchases," Allen said. "And a person in the finance department will

come in on a monthly basis to review all purchases."

State officials must also approve any personnel decisions made in the district, Allen said.

"They won't get involved in who we employ, but if we can employ someone," Allen said.

At Tuesday's state board meeting in Lexington, Sandy Gubser, with the state's management assistance department, told committee members that Floyd officials have

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Janet Stumbo

Stumbo kicks off her bid for full court term

by Alisa Goodwill
Staff Writer

Two years to the day Janet Stumbo was first elected to the Kentucky Supreme Court, she announced her candidacy for re-election.

Stumbo said Thursday she announced her candidacy Wednesday evening because she felt there was so much more she could do.

"I feel my talents fit this job," Stumbo said. "I see there are things I can do and there are decisions I want to be a part of."

Stumbo became the first woman ever elected to the Kentucky Supreme Court in 1993. Before that, in 1989, she became the youngest person ever elected to the Kentucky Court of Appeals and the first woman from Eastern Kentucky elected to the Court of Appeals.

"It is important that someone from the Eastern Kentucky district be represented," Stumbo said. "I am the representation. The voice of the mountains needs to be heard."

That voice has been heard and recognized several times during her six-year tenure as an appellate judge.

Some of her awards and commendations include being inducted into the Morehead State University Hall of Fame; being named Ap-

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Prestonsburg, South Floyd bands to play at inauguration

Two Floyd County high school bands will participate in the inauguration of Governor-elect Paul Patton of Pikeville on Tuesday, December 12, at Frankfort.

South Floyd and Prestonsburg high schools will parade down Main Street and Wilkinson Boulevard in Frankfort as part of the governor-elect's inauguration celebration. The parade will feature about 180 floats, bands and other units from throughout the state.

The parade begins at 10 a.m. with a one-gun salute by the Kentucky National Guard on the overlook above the Capitol.

Due to limited parking, free bus shuttles will run from 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. between the Cabinet for Human Resources and Juniper Hills Park parking lots and downtown Frankfort and the Capitol.

Patton, a former Pike County Judge-Executive and Lt. Governor, will become the first governor from Eastern Kentucky since Bert T. Combs.



Lights of Life

The Big Sandy Mended Hearts program lit the Lights of Life tree Tuesday evening. The group visits heart patients to explain medical procedures, provide information about lifestyle changes and to cheer them up. The group also lit candles to honor those who have passed a milestone in life or in memory of someone who has died. (photo by Alisa Goodwill)

Road foreman says not guilty to charge

by Susan Allen
Staff Writer

Floyd County road foreman Mike Jarrell pleaded not guilty Wednesday to a theft charge involving the use of county gravel.

Jarrell was one of six people indicted last month by a special Floyd County Grand Jury, which conducted a six-month investigation into allegations of government corruption, the county's 911 system, alleged mismanagement in the solid waste department, vote fraud and monies missing from the sheriff's office.

Jarrell is accused of placing county-owned gravel on private property between April and May in 1989.

Jarrell's attorney, Keith Bartley, said Wednesday that his client entered his plea before Circuit Judge Danny P. Caudill. A pretrial conference has been set for February 9 at 9 a.m., Bartley said.

Jarrell was placed under a \$5,000 surety bond.

Arrestments for the six people

indicted were originally scheduled for December 14 at 2:30 p.m. before Judge Danny Caudill.

Others indicted by the special grand jury include Sheriff Paul Hunt Thompson, who is accused of willful neglect of duty; Calvin Howell, for vote buying; Dale McKinney, for accepting illegal campaign contributions and Astor Hunter Jr., for perjury.

The grand jury also asked that federal authorities meet with the attorney general to determine if the county's solid waste program should be investigated further.

Meeting rescheduled

The December meeting of the Floyd County Solid Waste Commission has been rescheduled for Monday, December 18.

The commission's regular meeting date for December fell on Christmas Day. The meeting will begin at 6 p.m. and will be held in the conference room at the courthouse annex.

Pikeville could be a local call for Floyd customers

by Patti M. Clark
Staff Writer

If the Public Service Commission approves a request from Bell South, residents of Floyd County will be able to call Pike County at a reduced rate.

"We're going to be creating a local calling area," Paul Smith, a spokesman for Bell South, said. "And it primarily affects the people of Floyd County."

The request, if approved, gives customers three options. They can keep their current service, which includes free local calls and long distance rates to Pikeville, or they can choose two new services.

The first would allow the customer to have an extended local calling area. The monthly rate would be lowered and there would be a charge for each call made in the

calling area.

Residence customers would pay \$9 per month plus the per-call charge on all local calls (including those to Pike County) based on distance, length, and time of day of the call. The charge for the service for businesses would be \$30.

Under the second option, there would be a flat fee of \$28 for residence customers and \$82 for business customers for unlimited calling in the new calling area.

"This is, literally, the wave of the future," Smith said. "Customers have been asking for options and we're giving them options."

He said he expects the commission to approve the application, which was filed December 1, in the next week or so and for the changes to take place after the first of the year. This is the fifth local calling area change to be made in the

Kentucky over the last few years. "This is the fifth phase to go with four other phases over other parts of the state that have been accepted," Smith said. "About 80 exchanges have been involved."

The change is possible because of some deregulations that occurred after AT&T broke up in 1984. Other legislative bills, which further deregulate the telecommunications industry, have been approved by Congress, but the House and Senate bills differ and no compromise has been reached. The bills would allow even greater changes in the industry.

"They've had the bills for more than two months and they've been trying to put them together," Smith said. "So far they haven't gotten that far and it kind of looks shaky."

If regulations on the industry are no longer in effect, local telephone

companies would be able to offer additional services, such as local, long distance, internet access and even cable services.

Tel-Com in Harold can do that now because the company was small enough not to fall under the regulations in place after the AT&T break up, Smith said.

"Right now, the customer could be serviced by a local telephone company, a long distance company, an intra-lata telephone company,

an internet service and a PC provider as well as cable," he said. "Customers have said they want to deal with just one company."

He admitted that the consolidation would change the way competition controls the prices of services but would not indicate if the charges would increase.

"The whole thing is controlled by the consumer," he said. "If he says he wants to pay for a service, a business will respond."

Those who dream by day are cognizant of many things which escape those who dream only by night.

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Prestonsburg OSM office closes

The Prestonsburg unit of the office of the Interior Department's Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSM) closed permanently today, Friday, but will begin operating out of the Pikeville office on Monday.

William J. Kovacic, OSM's Lexington Field Office director, said the decision to combine the offices came about after the Prestonsburg office lease expired.

"Co-locating the two offices in

existing Pikeville space, already under lease, will result in considerable cost saving to the government," Kovacic said.

The Lexington field office personnel will work to minimize any problems resulting from the change, he added.

OSM administers national standards requiring environmental protection during coal mining and land reclamation afterward, and OSM reclaims abandoned mine lands.

The agency provides support and oversight for approved state regulatory and reclamation programs, and directly carries out such activities on federal and Indian lands.

OSM was established in the Interior Department under authority of the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977.

For information concerning the Prestonsburg unit call the Pikeville area office at (606) 432-8145-4149.

State rural housing service receives increase in family housing funds

Thomas G. Fern, state director for Rural Economic and Community Development, formerly the Farmers Home Administration, said recently that Kentucky will receive an increase in Single Family Housing Funds during Fiscal Year 1996.

The increase will make financing available for many families who have no means of owning a home or making essential repairs to an existing home.

Allocations for the Rural Housing Guaranteed Loan program will increase from \$29,748,000 to \$41,412,000.

The Guaranteed Loan Program provides guarantees to lenders who make 100 percent loans to families with incomes not exceeding 115

percent of the median income for the area for the purchase of new and existing homes.

The Rural Housing Guaranteed Program targets families who do not have a down payment and makes financing available for purchasing a home at a fixed rate of interest with a repayment period of 30 years. Fern indicated the increase in allocations will make financing available for approximately 700 families to realize the dream of homeownership during the 1996 Fiscal Year.

A modest increase of \$1.3 million was made in the allocation for the Direct Home Ownership Loan Program. This program makes 100 percent loans available to low and very low income families for the

purchase of new and existing homes. Fern indicated the allocation of \$24,916,000 will provide financing for approximately 860 families who otherwise would not have the opportunity to purchase a home.

The allocations for the repair loan and grant program are increased to \$1,569,000. This will provide low interest loans and grants for approximately 575 low and very low income families to make essential repairs.

Further information on the above programs may be obtained from the local Rural Housing Service Office located at Prestonsburg. The telephone number is (606) 886-9545.

Unemployment rate falls in Floyd County for September

Floyd County was one of 65 counties in the state that saw a decrease in the unemployment rate from September to October.

The rate fell to 8.9 percent from 9.2 percent here.

Across the state, the rate went up in 43 counties and remained the same in 12.

The Floyd October 1995 rate is still higher than the 7.9 percent rate recorded in October 1994.

As compared to October 1994, across the state, rates were higher in 60 counties, lower in 53, and the same in seven.

In the Big Sandy area, which includes Floyd, Johnson, Magoffin, Martin and Pike counties, the rate fell from 8.7 percent in September to 8.4 percent in October.

Johnson's 7.3 percent rate was

the area's lowest, while the highest rate was 11.2 percent in Magoffin County, one of two area counties with rates above 10 percent.

Martin's rate was 10.4 percent and Pike's was 7.8 percent for October.

Most of those unemployed and filing for unemployment benefits — 41 percent — had worked in mining, 17 percent were in services, 13 percent in trade, eight percent in manufacturing and eight percent in construction.

Oldham County had the state's lowest unemployment rate at two percent. Elliott County has the highest rate at 14.4 percent.

Statewide, the rate fell from 5.1 percent in September to five percent in October. The national rate for October was 5.2 percent.



First birthday

Daniele Lusha Barnett celebrated her first birthday December 9. She is the daughter of Keith and Michele Isaac Barnett of Prestonsburg. She is the granddaughter of Mark and Hazel Harvey of Wheelwright and Janice Sester of West Prestonsburg.

Open house planned for December 14 at college

December 14 will be a busy day at Prestonsburg Community College, with two important events, the Annual Holiday Open House and the Associate Degree Nursing Pinning ceremonies, scheduled to take place.

The Annual Holiday Open House will be held from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. in the President's office and room 102 in the Johnson Administration Building. This event will feature light holiday refreshments for the general public, including PCC students and employees.

Later that day, pinning ceremonies for 1995 fall semester graduates of the PCC Associate Degree Nursing Program will be held at 7:30 p.m. at Irene Cole Memorial First Baptist Church on Front Avenue in Prestonsburg.

A reception will follow in the church Fellowship Hall. Both the pinning ceremonies and the reception are open to the public.



Winning rider

Denise Ray Stumbo, 13, a former resident of Floyd County, won the f-galleted pony class at the World's Championship Horseshow held at Louisville in September. She won \$1,500 in cash, as well as numerous prizes. She is the daughter of Ann and Barry Stumbo of Versailles and granddaughter of Walter and Gertrude Stumbo of Langley. She is the great-granddaughter of Anna Stumbo of McDowell. She is pictured riding "Best of Memories," a horse trained by her father who owns Barry Stumbo's Stables. Television and film star William Shatner has purchased horses from the Stumbo stables.

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Liberty of thought is the life of the soul—Voltaire

—Letters to the editor

Letters to the editor policy

Letters to the Editor are welcomed by the *Floyd County Times*. In accordance with our editorial page policy, all letters must include the signature, address and telephone number of the author. Letters must be received no later than 10 a.m. Tuesday for publication in Wednesday's issue and 10 a.m. Thursday for Friday's issue. Letters may be sent to Editor, The Floyd County Times, P.O. Box 391, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. Letters may be edited for clarity and length.

Fire the cannon, but aim it well

Editor:
We find it so amusing that you would print Mr. Goble's letter on the same page with an Agatha Christie quote regarding archaeologists making the best husbands (the older she gets, the more interested he is in her). Is this perhaps your subtle way of giving credibility to the fact that the age of this house is indeed one of its many virtues?

Regardless of the history surrounding Mr. Samuel May, the one certainty is that the May House is the oldest dwelling in our area. This structure would foreseeably be the cornerstone for further development of our local culture. The Mountain Arts Center will serve as the framework in which they will display our local performing arts. The Jenny Wiley Theatre has been a stable foundation for years. It appears to us that our local civic leaders are attempting to build the infrastructure necessary to present our culture and heritage to others.

We believe that Mr. Goble's letter attacking the May House, actually displays his frustration with local politics. If this is indeed true, then by all means, Mr. Goble, please fire the battery of cannons that warn of the pestilence infecting the courthouse. Let us see the flash and hear the roar. But please assure us that the cannons are aimed in the right direction and do not injure those who are attempting to bring about positive changes for the community.

Most assuredly the residents of Corn Fork deserve to have a sewer line; however, the restoration of the May House has no bearing on whether they install the Corn Fork sewer line. If your intent is to help the residents of Corn Fork obtain the sewer line, do as the members of the Friends of the May House and form a committee to pursue this worthwhile endeavor. Place your efforts into pursuing grants and other public monies to build the sewer line. Meet with the Friends of the May House; gain from their experience with fundraising and securing grants.

We would think that someone with the Goble surname would

savor the opportunity to help preserve part of our local history and culture. The Gobles have been in Floyd County since the late 1700's. We have had ancestors who participated in the Revolutionary War, the War of 1812, and the War Between the States. The Goble family has played a pivotal and colorful role in local culture and I would think that we would like to do as much as possible to preserve our local heritage. We should congratulate the Friends of the May House and given them our full support. Remember, united we stand and divided we fall.

Rondal and Laura
Hereford Goble
Lexington, Kentucky

A Christmas message

Editor:
In these days of talk of "family values" and the "Christian" life, it is easy to lose sight of the true meaning of these words. But, for five days in Eastern Kentucky, there was a family who held those concepts high for anyone to see. Their husband, father, pawpaw, uncle and friend, Dewey Conley, had died. They gathered from all over to honor his life, mourn his death and celebrate his entry to his new home.

Each day brought more and more people to the house of his gracefully grieving widow and his family. Messages came from all over the U.S. No one came or called with a casual story, each life he had touched had been made better by his presence in it. Over and over his family saw the effect he had on others and wished to be blessed enough to touch even one person in the way he had touched many.

His was a family touched by more than its share of life crises and challenges over the years, yet, as they came together to remember him and celebrate his life, it suddenly was clear that the one thing that always had held them together was the spirit and love of this one man.

Watching a family reform itself after a death is a sad and anxious thing, yet for this family the reforming was merely a formality. They knew at their core who and what they are, simply because they are still Dewey's family.

As the search continues for a way to live the "Christian" life and to impart family values, perhaps all that has to be done is to look at this one small family in Eastern Kentucky and take heart. The way to live this life and give these values is by the living and doing. Of course, it helps if you have a Dewey Conley at the core of your life.

As we face this Christmas season of love and peace, maybe all of those who knew Dewey Conley and his love for the son of God will take a few minutes and share his love and passion for peace with another person. In this way, those who knew this warm and loving man can give a Christmas gift to this little part of the world that may help everyone.

Chris Conley
Executive Director
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Editor:
Anyone who descends from John Williams and Evelyn Yates, married August 10, 1836, Floyd County, please write:

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Ambushed again

by Scott Perry

If it weren't for the fact that this shouldn't have been brought up in the first place, we wouldn't be bringing it up now.

But, in an article Thursday detailing the appointment of former Prestonsburg Mayor Ann Latta to the post of Kentucky's Secretary of Tourism, the Lexington Herald-Leader took another unnecessary swipe at Eastern Kentucky.

We probably could have overlooked the article's not-so-subtle hint that Latta got the job because she was "a Patton friend and campaign supporter," since the reporter did, well into the story, note her qualifications for the job, which are more than just adequate.

But it is hard to hold our tongues on the story's rehash of old and irrelevant news which insinuated to the uninformed reader that Latta was some sort of tax cheat.

Dredging up their 1989 series

called "Cheating Our Children," the Herald-Leader "revealed" once again that at one time the Latta's home in Prestonsburg was "significantly underassessed" for property tax purposes, "meaning they paid less in taxes to support local schools."

Not only was that resurrection of old news unnecessary, it is a misdirected suggestion that Latta was a poor choice for the Tourism post.

First of all, the home in question is not hers, it belongs to her husband. Secondly, Ann Latta was not any more responsible for assessing property in Floyd County when she was mayor of Prestonsburg than she is now.

We must assume by the inclusion of these snipes in the article about Latta, that the Herald-Leader does not approve of her appointment.

If that is the case, then we can all rest assured that Governor-elect Paul Patton made the right choice.

We never had a doubt.

—Our Yesterdays

(Items taken from the Floyd County Times 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, and 60 years ago.)

Ten years ago (December 4, 1985)

A Floyd County jury recommended that 23-year-old Timothy A. Bakay be given two 10-year terms prison terms as a result of the accident in which his car smashed head-on into a vehicle driven by Cathy Allen...A head-on collision just north of Prestonsburg claimed the lives of Tammy Marie Elkins, 22, of Melvin and her infant daughter...Some 25 homes on Toler Creek were left without gas, the result of a decision by the Public Service Commission to allow the Cities Service Company to end services to that area...Of Floyd County's 138 bridges, 110 are substandard, according to an evaluation submitted to the Federal Highway Administration by the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet...Felony charges against seven persons were reduced to misdemeanors in plea bargains worked out in Floyd Circuit Court...Nearly 150 local residents, along with federal, state and local dignitaries were on hand for the official ribbon-cutting ceremony at the newly-completed Big Sandy Regional Airport...There died: Lucretia Osborne Wicker, 85, of Eastern; Nellie Virginia Black, 65, of Fayetteville, Georgia; Herold Hamilton, 67, of Ligon; David Darwin May, 70, of Lexington; Nellie Burton, 86, of Ligon; Dorothy M. Conn, 65, of Martin; Stanley (Lum) Logan, 68, of Cambridge, Ohio; Carl Prater, 60, of Albion, Michigan; Mary Bridgeman Patton, 65, of McDowell; and Claude Isaac, 35, of Dearborn, Michigan.

Twenty Years Ago (December 3, 1975)

A two-car collision early Sunday morning on U.S. 23 in the vicinity of the Combs Airport, near the Johnson-Floyd county line, claimed the lives of two persons and injured two others. John Wallace "Butch" Branham, 44, of Auxier, passenger in a car driven by his wife, Greta, was almost instantly killed when their car, traveling south, was struck, head-on, by a car driven by Cleda Salyers, 23, of Gifford, Magoffin County...A passenger in the Salyers vehicle, 14-year-old Kimberly Bailey, of Salyersville, died en route to the Highlands Medical Center...Late Monday afternoon, Mrs. Annie Belle Spears Collins, 45, wife of Woodrow Collins, of Endicott, and her daughters, Shirley Dean, 22, and Velvet Lee, 12, were killed instantly in a collision at the intersection of the Lancer-Water Gap Road and U.S.

23...Members of two local unions of the Oil, Chemical and Atomic Workers last week by secret ballot approved a new contract with the Columbia Gas Transmission Company which provides an across-the-board basic wage increase of 44 cents per hour...The Thanksgiving holiday here may have exerted a calming effect on would-be lawbreakers in the county, or at least kept them closer home, as this week's listing from the county jail shows a lighter than usual number booked...Sales of Series E and H Savings Bonds in Floyd County during September were \$28,611 while sales for the first nine months totaled \$263,122, or 82.9 pct. of the county's annual goal of \$317,700...The Turkey Bowl East-West game of 1975 is now just a painful memory for most participants in Sunday's local gridiron lunacy. The West chalked up a 16-14 win, and the record now stands West 4, East 3, and one tie game...The Prestonsburg Community College chorus will present "The Messiah" Sunday, Dec. 7, at 3 p.m. in Pike Auditorium at the college...Langley resident, Jeffrey L. Martin, 18, is attending the National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago this week as one of the delegates from Kentucky...A surprise birthday celebration was given for Laura Conley on her 75th birthday, Saturday, Nov. 29 at her home at Lackey...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Eugene Nelson, of Flat Fork, a son, Brett Freeman; to Mr. and Mrs. William Sessions, of Salyersville, a daughter, Crystal Lee; to Mr. and Mrs. William Thomas Rose, a son, Samuel Scott...There died: Eurrella Celia Patrick Savage, 87, Wednesday, Nov. 26 at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Maxine Bierman, with whom she lived; Mrs. Judith Mathews Hall, 25, of Weing, Va., formerly of Hi Hat, last Friday at St. Mary's Hospital in Knoxville, Tennessee; Thomas M. Watkins, Sr., 84, Saturday.

Thirty Years Ago (December 2, 1965)

The Mountain Mental Health Association met Monday at the Floyd County Health Center here, to emphasize the need for a mental health association for Floyd, Johnson, Magoffin, Martin and Pike counties. Plans for the public information center long-planned for construction here by the Department of Public Information have been approved and advertisement for bids has been authorized...At mid-semester almost 49 percent of the 518 fulltime students at Prestonsburg Community College were well on their way to

failing to make passing grades. Rondal Lawson, bursar-recorder at the college, was quoted as saying recently...The 1965 Christmas season officially opened in Prestonsburg Saturday with the fourth annual Christmas parade and Snow Queen pageant...Married: Miss Susie Stephens, of Prestonsburg, and Mr. Larry Burke, of Catlettsburg, November 24 at Pikeville...There died: Mrs. Katy Porter, 81, November 25 at her home at Allen; Sherman Short, 47, November 26 at his home at Kite; Jimmy Crate Gibson, 14, of Tram, November 26 at the Pikeville Appalachian Regional Hospital; Dr. Earl T. Arnett, 62, former Floyd dentist, Tuesday at Mt. Sterling; Mrs. Alice Scalf Nunnery, 85, of Justell, November 29 at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin; Mrs. Cynthia Fannin, 82, of David, November 24 at Handshoe; Luther Mack Rector, 79, of Garrett, November 28 at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital.

Forty Years Ago (December 1, 1955)

Purchase of the interest of R. M. Sirkle in the Beaver Valley hospital at Martin has been made by Dr. Claude L. Allen, it was learned here last week...Formal signing of a contract to construct the Floyd County Health Center is expected this week, it was said Tuesday by County Judge Henry Stumbo...Figures produced by the American Automobile Association show that a car in the popular price range, driven less than 18,000 miles a year, costs \$602 in fixed charges and 3.5 cents additional for every mile driven...Latest of the buildings to be occupied after erection in this year's record-breaking construction program here is the R. V. May Company structure on South Lake Drive...If not used by December 22, 23,000 units of Kentucky's present supply of polio vaccine will be wasted, the Kentucky State Department of Health announced today...The Prestonsburg Black Cats' sharpshooting Lowell Hughes found the goal for 42 points; but Wheelwright's ace guard, Homer Osborne, hit the jackpot in the last second looping a 20-foot jumper that gave the Wheelwright Maroons a 79-77 win in the first round of the Floyd pre-season tournament at Wayland Tuesday night...There died: John Blackburn, 69, native Floyd Countyman, Tuesday in Long Beach, Calif.; Esalona C. Rathiff, 84, Tuesday at her home at Martin; Jim Dock Hall, 90, of Price, recently at his home; Joseph Wallace, 60, of Garrett, last Thursday at Veterans' Hospital,

Fifty Years Ago (November 29, 1945)

Work expected to begin next spring on the Johns Creek dam at Dewey, this county, hit a snag this week as the House Appropriations committee refused to approve President Truman's request for \$130,000,000 for flood control and navigation projects which had been stopped by the war...The alumni, with the support of one civilian, had too much might for the 1945-'46 edition of the Prestonsburg Black Cat basketball team to cope with in the charity game played here Friday night for benefit of Prestonsburg children of defective vision. The alumni won, 30 to 25...Completion of organization of the Floyd County Tuberculosis Association was effected at a meeting here Saturday...Attendance Officer Paris Conley this week announced that four more Floyd County fathers have been fined for failure to send their children to school...Married: Miss Sylvia Sellards and Mr. Fred Hall, both of Banner, Nov. 15 at the home of the officiating minister, the Rev. F. H. McGinnis...There died: Mrs. Polly Bradley, 65, Sunday at her home at Dock; Mrs. Artie Justice, 78, Thanksgiving Day at her home at Eastern; Mrs. Frances Rook Jarvis, 39, last Thursday at her home home at Cow Creek.

Sixty Years Ago (November 29, 1935)

Shotgun blasts, one fired as the result of a drunken row, the other writing another tragedy in the record of a family feud, resulted in the slaying Saturday of young miner Jeff Daniels, of Hunter, and Seland Cook, 45, veteran Floyd county teacher, on Left Beaver Creek...Somewhere between Louisville and Paintsville. The Times was told this week, the paving project for Friend Street here has been lost...Relief in Kentucky is over at the time this is published today. November 30, as far as the Federal Government is concerned...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lee Leslie at Martin, November 13, a daughter; to Mr. and Mrs. Ray Howard at their home here, Sunday, a son, Ray Ollie...There died: B. Morgan Spradlin, 42, Monday morning at King's Daughters' Hospital, Ashland; William Brackett, 48, Saturday at his home at Wheelwright; Corbett Miller, 26, of Cliff, last Wednesday at the Beaver Valley Hospital, Martin, of tuberculosis.

P-burg JVs fall to Belfry 43-28

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

The Belfry Lady Pirates junior varsity basketball team won over the Prestonsburg JV's this past Monday night 43-28 after scoring but one point in the first quarter.

Shelly Greathouse led Prestonsburg with ten points, Kimi Nunnery added six, while Brandi Slone scored five. Connie Hall and Brandie Lawson each netted three points. Jenna Fannin finished with one.

Belfry jumped out to a 12-1 first-quarter lead and led 22-10 at the half. Greathouse scored six of her ten points in the second quarter. This past Tuesday night, Prestonsburg's girls' junior varsity team defeated Knott County Central 42-28. Greathouse tossed in 17 points to lead the offense. Nunnery netted 11 points. Lawson, Crystal Slone and Brandi Slone each totaled four points. Fannin had two.

Leading 17-13 at the half, Prestonsburg broke the game open in the third and fourth periods. Greathouse scored nine of her 17 points in the third period. He hit a three-point basket in the third. Nunnery had four points in each the first and fourth period while scoring three in the second.

Prestonsburg led 8-6 after the first quarter.

Prestonsburg

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attempted 14 free throws and hit nine. Magoffin County was 12 of 17 from the charity stripe.

"When you get down by 12 at Magoffin County, it is hard to come back," the Prestonsburg coach said. "But our kids worked hard to get back in it. They never quit. We made a game of it."

Coach Pack said his team made its presence known inside.

"Obviously with the game that Andy and Jason had our inside game was good. Our floor game picked up in the second half. The real Prestonsburg team showed up in the second half. Our kids know they played a good second half. We're not down."

Prestonsburg trailed 16-12 at the first stop and was down 12 points at the half.

Prestonsburg (0-1) stays on the road as the team travels to Belfry tonight to take on Coach Raymond Justice's Pirates.

South Floyd

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two. South Floyd (1-1) will host the Hazard Lady Bulldogs this Monday night.

PIKEVILLE (43)					
players	fg	3pt	fta-m	tp	
Burke	1	0	8-6	8	
Mullins	1	0	0-0	2	
Hall	1	0	0-0	2	
Compton	5	0	2-1	11	
Hickman	3	0	0-0	6	
Kim'lain	3	0	3-0	6	
Bates	1	0	2-0	2	

SOUTH FLOYD (59)					
players	fg	3pt	fta-m	tp	
Meade	3	0	8-4	10	
Tackett	3	1	6-6	15	
Compton	5	0	8-6	16	
Holbrook	1	0	0-0	2	
Berger	1	0	2-1	3	
M. Tackett	2	1	1-1	8	
C. Tackett	2	0	4-1	5	
totals	17	2	29-19	59	

Pikeville	12	04	14	13-43
South Floyd	16	15	10	18-59

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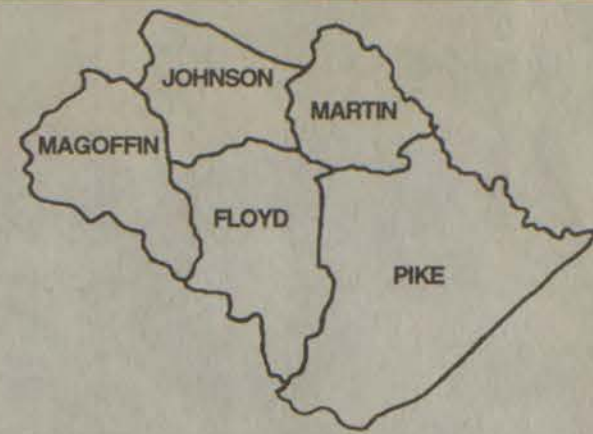
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New members named

Nine new members, including three area residents, were named to the Forward in the Fifth Board of Directors.

Denny Dorton, president of Citizens National Bank in Paintsville; Jean Hale, president of Pikeville National Bank; and John Triplett, an attorney from Martin County, were elected to a three-year term on the board.

Forward in the Fifth is a nonprofit organization that works to improve education in 39 eastern and southern Kentucky counties to bring communities and schools together to ensure all children have the educational opportunities necessary to live full and productive lives.

Free seminars of interest

Dr. Frank Gaskill, associate professor of management at Morehead State University, and a resident of Pikeville, will present two seminars of special interest to the community. Dr. Gaskill has been stationed in Pikeville since August of 1995 and is a member of the Chamber of Commerce. He is teaching in Morehead's Executive M.B.A. Program at Pikeville College and the undergraduate program at the Big Sandy Extended Campus in Prestonsburg.

The seminars are entitled "Marketing and Promotion for Small Businesses" and "Business Planning for Small Businesses". These seminars are jointly sponsored by the Pikeville Chamber of Commerce and the MSU/EKS-BDC. The "Marketing and Promotion" seminar is scheduled for January 29 from 6-8:30 p.m. at the East Kentucky Beverage Auditorium on North Mayo Trail, adjacent to the state police post and Long John Silvers Restaurant, in Coal Run. Topics to be covered at this seminar include: the marketing concept; segmenting the market; estimating and forecasting the market; planning and budgeting the marketing mix; advertising; sales promotion; and personal selling.

The "Business Planning" seminar is scheduled for February 19 at 6-8:30 p.m., also at the East Kentucky Beverage Company Auditorium on North Mayo Trail, adjacent to the state police post and Long John Silvers Restaurant, in Coal Run. Topics to be covered at this seminar include: the benefits of business planning; the elements of the business plan; critiquing the plan; and the management, resources and financial projection areas of the plan, where questions are likely to be asked to your investors or banker.

Please pre-register by contacting Linda Casebolt at (606) 432-5848 or Frank Gaskill at (606) 432-7138.

Couple say 911 address caused mix-up

by Chris Cochran
and Lou Watson
The Appalachian News Express

When Recca and Glenn Carroll's trailer caught on fire at 4 a.m., November 13, friends and neighbors immediately called the county's relatively new 911 system. What happened next depends on who one asks.

"They (the Upper Pond Creek Fire Department) went the wrong way," Recca Carroll said. "We used our 911 address and they went the wrong way."

Carroll said before the 911 system went into effect, her home address was listed as Octavia Hollow. With the new system in effect, Octavia Hollow became Pinsonfork Road.

Carroll said that change caused the station, located only three miles from her home, to travel to Pinsonfork, which is in the other direction.

More than seven calls were placed to the 911 dispatcher before anyone arrived on the scene, Carroll said, and it was one of the firemen who later told her of the mistake in directions.

"That did not happen," 911 coordinator Doug Tackett said. "There was a fire, the fire department was dispatched, they went directly to the address."

Tackett said transcripts of the 911 calls that night indicate the first call about the Carrolls' fire came in at 4 a.m., and within 17 minutes, firemen were on the scene.

"I would say that's a pretty good time for a volunteer department in

the middle of the night," Tackett said. "I talked to the chief of the Pond Creek station personally. They had no trouble finding the location."

However, one Pike County ambulance technician and one volunteer fireman, who asked not to be identified, said they had also encountered problems with the 911 system.

"I tell my family and friends to call the ambulance service directly instead of 911," the ambulance technician said. "That way we can talk to the person and find out exactly where they live."

The fireman said address problems had been encountered, but calling the fire station directly was not a good idea because the station could not respond until it was dis-

patched by the 911 system.

"Calling directly to an ambulance outpost would be fine because they are a commercial enterprise," the fireman said. "But we are funded by the county and we cannot go anywhere until that 911 dispatcher tells us when and where."

Belfry Fire Department Chief Rexel Jackson said his station assisted the Upper Pond Creek department that night and he noticed no problems.

"Problems with addresses can happen, but I don't think it would have affected their response time very much," he said.

Jackson said other than prank calls, the 911 system has worked pretty well for the Belfry station. He did admit, however, his station and other stations had not received

maps listing the new 911 addresses.

"The dispatchers have been trained extensively in using our new 911 address names and residents should continue to give their 911 number when calling in an emergency," he said.

Carroll is currently starting up a petition to get Pinsonfork Road renamed Octavia Hollow and is calling for a meeting of all Upper Pond Creek residents to discuss their options.

"I'm not trying to make trouble," she said. "But somebody screwed up and it could have cost someone their life."

"What if a child had been in that trailer?" she asked. "Is it going to take someone getting killed before they realize this 911 system isn't working?"

Floyd woman named in civil suit

by Tony Fyffe
The Paintsville Herald

A former Johnson County Sheriff's Department employee accused of stealing tax money is now the defendant in a civil suit.

Sheriff Don McFaddin on Wednesday, November 30, sued his former tax clerk, Michelle "Mickey" Woods of Prestonsburg, and a South Dakota company that provided her surety bond. In his suit, McFaddin attempted to recover the money Woods allegedly stole.

Woods was indicted in May by a Johnson County grand jury and charged with 27 counts of theft by failure to make required disposition of property. The indictment claims that from May 2 to December 6 of last year, Woods stole \$12,619 in property tax money by destroying the green slip and pocketing the money.

Woods, who was fired after the money was found missing, has pleaded not guilty. Her trial is scheduled for March 20 in Johnson Circuit Court.

The amount listed in the lawsuit is \$16,200. McFaddin said Monday that the additional \$3,581 in tax money was not included in the felony indictment because those individual transactions would be considered misdemeanors.

"I'd say there were about 25 to 30 misdemeanors," McFaddin said.

The sheriff said one reason he filed the suit was because the bonding company, Western Surety Company of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, has refused to pay the money pending the outcome of the trial.

McFaddin says in his suit that he demanded that the money be paid back, but that the funds have not been received.

He says he wrote a letter on July 25 to the bonding company asking that the money be paid. A notice of discovery was provided to the company on January 12 and a proof of loss on August 7, the suit says.

"Western Surety Company is obligated, pursuant to the surety bond issued to the defendant, Woods, to repay an amount up to \$10,000 of the loss suffered by the Johnson County Sheriff's Department and the citizens of Johnson County as a result of the defalcation of the defendant, Woods," the lawsuit says.

The suit says the sheriff and the residents of Johnson County are entitled to recover the money because they are "third party beneficiaries under the contract: between Woods and Western Surety."

If Woods is convicted at the trial, McFaddin said Monday that the bonding company would automatically be liable for the \$10,000.

The lawsuit was filed on McFaddin's behalf by Paintsville attorney C.K. Belhasen.



Twist and shout

James A. Duff Elementary School students put on a great show during Expo '95: Let's Put Our Heads Together and Dream the Same Dream. The two-day event for held December 4-5 at the Wilkinson-Stumbo Convention Center in Jenny Wiley State Park. (photo by Tammy Goble)

City of Van Lear to officially close next week

by Tony Fyffe
The Paintsville Herald

The city of Van Lear, which was dissolved by voters in November, is scheduled to officially close next week.

The official shutdown has left the two men who sought the city's incorporation five years ago, bitter and upset. Now that the city government has been dissolved, they say, the community will never get the attention it deserves from the county fiscal court.

"Incorporation was the only way Van Lear was going to get anything," former City Commissioner Tim Barker said.

Under state law, cities that are dissolved by voters formally close their doors 30 days after the election is certified. Election results in Johnson County were certified by the local election board November 13, according to Deputy County Clerk Linda Sparks.

That means Van Lear's dissolution becomes effective December 13.

City officials have not been at City Hall for several weeks; a "no trespassing" sign has already been posted on the door.

City Clerk Linda Cantrell said Monday that she will contact the

Big Sandy Area Development District in Prestonsburg to find out what steps must be taken to close the city down.

"I guess I'll have to get the records in good order and turn them over to the county," Cantrell said.

State law says that the fiscal court of the county in which a dissolved city is located is to assume the city's assets/liabilities. Cantrell said Van Lear has about \$4,000 in the bank, but she didn't immediately know the amount of its debt.

"We owe First National Bank about \$11,000 for old railroad property we bought, she said.

The city was initially dissolved by Van Lear voters in May 1994. City officials, however, challenged the vote in Johnson Circuit Court, claiming the election was illegal.

Beauty residents evacuated Saturday

A ruptured line carrying propane liquid caused the evacuation of 12 to 15 residents in Charlie Maynard Hollow near Beauty Saturday night.

Martin County Disaster and Emergency Services (DES) Director Dallas Sweeney ordered the evacuation after numerous residents complained of becoming ill from the fumes.

"Most of those who became ill complained of headaches, nausea, respiratory problems, and vomiting," Sweeney explained. "Several people were transported to the hospital."

The evacuation began at 10:30 p.m. and residents were allowed to return to their homes shortly after midnight.

Sweeney said he ordered the evacuation because, "At the time I had no idea what we were dealing

with. It was canceled after personnel from Kentucky Hydrocarbon told us there was no real danger."

The fact that nothing was known about the contents of the pipeline raises questions. Sweeney said, "Under the Community Right to Know Act, they are supposed to have material data sheets on file with the local DES office. I don't have them."

In doing a bit of research, Sweeney said, "I have found out that propane liquid is flammable, displaces oxygen, will freeze, and forms clouds low to the ground."

Betty McCoy is one of the residents who was evacuated Saturday. She said, "We have all had a headache and raw throat for two weeks. It would go away during the day while we were at work and return when we got home."

could dissolve when it has more debts than assets. He pointed to a state law that prohibits a city with "any debt in excess of the assets of the city" from dissolving.

"When we incorporated, we had to go by the letter of the law," Bowling said. "So I think the same thing should be done to dissolve it."

"If it's done right and the people are for it, then I would be satisfied," said Barker, who claims that many residents who don't live in the incorporated area improperly voted in the city election in November.

Assistant Attorney General Tom Emerson, who specializes in municipal law, could not be reached Tuesday for comment.

Van Lear's dissolution will leave three city employees without jobs, including Cantrell.

Beauty residents evacuated Saturday

Sweeney has been having problems finding out who owns the ruptured line and who is responsible for its repair. Yesterday, crews from Ashland Petroleum began working on the problem. But Sweeney said, "I feel like I have had to twist their arms to get any information from them. We originally thought the line belonged to Union Carbide. As it turned out, they sold it to Kentucky Hydrocarbon 15 years ago."

The situation of not knowing the rightful owner is nothing new. Sweeney said, "It seems like we have this problem anytime there is a leak that represents a threat to the public safety. It has happened more than once and nobody wants to claim it."

As of Tuesday evening, an exact damage assessment was not available.

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for rape, 120 years for sodomy and 18 years for sexual abuse. — *The Paintsville Herald.*

Two women arrested for pot possession

Tammie Stambaugh, 28, of Stika, and Cheryl L. May, 32, of Denver, were arrested Friday, December 1, for possession of marijuana and other charges following an incident at the home of Stambaugh's grandmother.

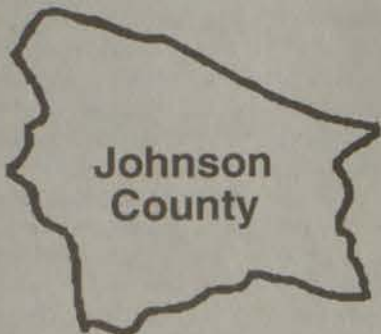
According to a police report, Stambaugh's grandmother, Okie Stambaugh, called the police after 9 p.m. and wanted the pair removed from her home.

Sheriff's deputy Calvin Music said Stambaugh had two roach clips in her purse along with a small quantity of marijuana. Several roaches were found along with some rolling paper, he added.

Marijuana was found in May's shoe, Music said. Stambaugh was also charged with third-degree criminal trespass, possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of a controlled substance.

May was also charged with third-degree criminal trespass and having prescription medication in an improper container.

Both women posted bond. May is scheduled for arraignment on January 8 and Stambaugh is slated to be arraigned January 11. — *The Paintsville Herald.*



Johnson County

Jack Barnes rape trial continued

The rape trial of Jack Barnes, who is already serving a 198-year prison term in a separate sexual abuse case, was continued Monday after he was brought into the courtroom in handcuffs and shackles in front of potential jurors.

The trial is continued until January 16, at which time Barnes will represent himself. Barnes will be assisted by attorney Kimberly Compton.

Barnes is accused of a total of 56 counts of rape, sodomy and sexual abuse involving a minor girl.

Last December, he was convicted on 15 counts of child molestation charges involving the girl's female cousin. For that conviction, Barnes is serving 60 years



Magoffin County

Drug-use problem in local schools discussed

A group of about 75 people, represented by elected officials, civic, school and religious leaders, parents and teachers, gathered in an informal meeting Tuesday evening at the Lloyd M. Hall Community Center to address a possible drug problem that exists in Magoffin middle school and high school.

The common theme that surfaced from the round table discussion appeared to be a need for involvement. Although there were no bases established that could provide figures as to how many students are using drugs, or as to how widespread the problem might be, it is believed about 82 percent of the student population had witnessed drug use. — *Salyersville Independent*

Drug arrest roundup

The Kentucky State Police and the Magoffin County sheriff's deputies made 10 arrests Tuesday at 8 a.m. following a drug arrest roundup.

The following people were arrested:
Mark Brown, 37, of Salyersville, charged with cultivating marijuana; Lanson McCarty, 34, of Salyersville, charged with two counts of trafficking in marijuana; Charles E. Gipson, 40, of Salyersville, charged with trafficking in marijuana; Roy J. Howard, 46, of Salyersville, charged with trafficking in marijuana; Tommy Helton, 31, of Salyersville, charged with trafficking in marijuana;

Billy J. Bailey, 30, of Salyersville, charged with three counts of trafficking in a controlled substance and one count of trafficking in marijuana; William D. Howard, 23, of Ivyton, charged with two counts of trafficking in marijuana; Bobby G. Cole, 33, of Salyersville, charged with trafficking in marijuana;

Freddy Harvey, 29, of Salyersville, charged with trafficking in marijuana, second degree trafficking in a controlled substance and first degree trafficking in a controlled substance; and Mark Combs, 34, of Salyersville, charged with second degree trafficking in a controlled substance, trafficking in marijuana, and possession of a radio device capable of sending and receiving police frequency.

Local gas station robbed

An unknown person, or persons, broke in the front glass door of Horn's Shell Mart at the junction of 645 and Milo Road sometime early Sunday morning.

The thief(s) made off with a small amount of cash, KSP trooper Mike Goble said.

The incident is under investigation by KSP detective Lee Weddington.

Harris drives car into Impala Motel

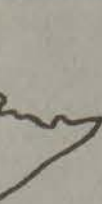
Don Harris, 66, drove his 1978 model Mercury through a wall at the Impala Motel Thursday, December 1. Harris had been living at the motel.

Harris was transported to the Hazard Appalachian Regional Hospital on a mental petition.

Exact damages to the motel are not known, but the wall on the back side of the structure and the roof received damage as well.



Martin County



Pike County

Virginia woman dies in traffic accident

Alice Gordon, 46, of Vinton, Virginia, died Tuesday at 8:35 p.m. when she apparently lost control of the tractor-trailer she was driving.

Gordon was traveling west on U.S. 460 when she apparently lost control of the tractor-trailer and struck a '94 Dodge Shadow traveling east on U.S. 460. The tractor-trailer overturned in the roadway.

Gordon was pronounced dead at the scene by Pike County Coroner Charles Morris.

Brian Woodard, 19, of Mouthcard, driving the Dodge Shadow, was treated and released for minor injuries at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital.

Both subjects were wearing their seat belts. The accident is still under investigation by Kentucky State Police trooper Shawn Fearn.

Man gives college \$1 million in stock

Lexington businessman John DuPuy Jr. has pledged 20,000 shares of PepsiCo stock to Pikeville College. The money is for endowed scholarships for students

from Pike, Floyd, Breathitt, Elliott, Johnson, Knott, Lawrence, Leslie, Letcher, Magoffin, Martin, Morgan and Perry counties.

College spokeswoman Gerri Kinder said DuPuy's is the largest gift from an individual in the college's 106 years.

DuPuy's father was a founder of Pikeville-based East Kentucky Beverage Co., one of the state's largest Pepsi distributors. DuPuy is a 1938 Pikeville College graduate.

The college will receive 2,000 shares a year for 10 years. — *The Appalachian News Express*

Native poet honored with marker

Kentucky poet Effie Waller Smith has been remembered in her home county with the dedication of a highway marker.

The marker, dedicated Monday on Hambley Boulevard, was provided by the Kentucky Historical Society, which also provided the funding, along with the Kentucky African-American Heritage Commission and federal grants.

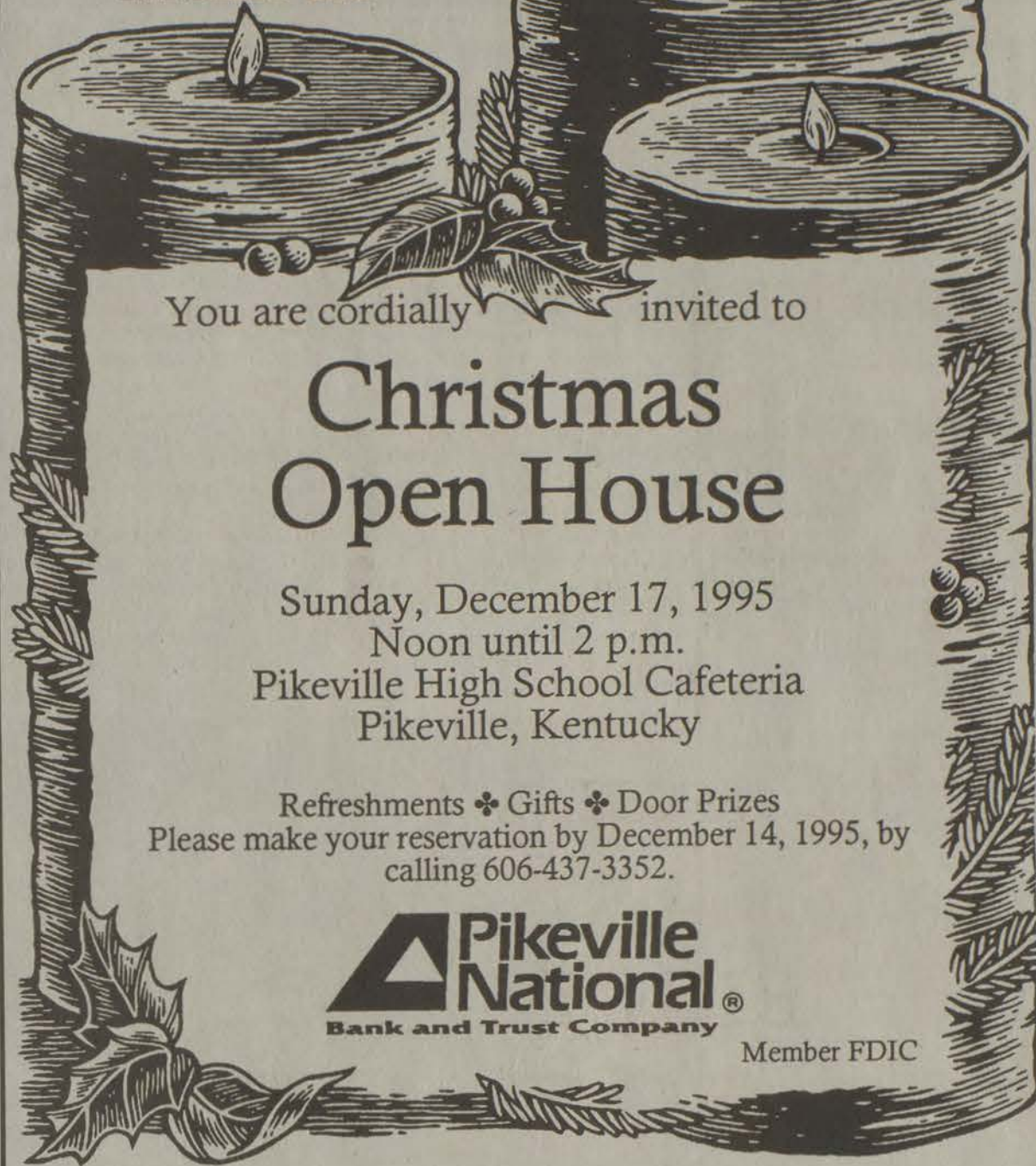
The marker is one of seven that will recognize African-American contributions to Kentucky's heritage.

Pike County Circuit Clerk David Deskins, who began a research project on Smith in 1987, served as master of ceremonies and gave a history of her life.

Smith was born in 1879 on Chloe Creek in Pike County. She had four books of poetry published, the last one in 1917 appeared in Harper's Monthly.

The Kentucky Historical Society Highway Marker Program maintains 1,645 markers that recognize historical sites, events and individuals in each of Kentucky's 120 counties. — *The Appalachian News Express*

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News of the Weird

by Chuck Shepherd

The family of Santo Alba filed a lawsuit in Boston against the late Mr. Alba's employer, Raytheon. Alba's workload had increased, causing him (said the family) to commit suicide by sticking his head into the sheet-metal cutting machine at his shop at work. And in Newport, R.I., also-stressed Navy computer systems manager Raoul Payette blamed his supervisor and shot her in the neck with a derringer. According to police, Payette had fixed upon the Navy's workplace admonition to "Identify and Eliminate Barriers to Quality"; "She was the barrier," he said. Someone with a worse job than either man was the researcher on a study reported in a November journal article on condom usage by Nevada prostitutes; that person's job was to examine used condoms for breakage.

COURTROOM ANTICS

In May, Hawaii's Intermediate Court of Appeals set aside the firearms conviction of James G. Kahoonei because his bedroom was illegally searched. The search was conducted by Kahoonei's mother, but the court ruled that she was searching not as a mother but as an "agent" of the government in looking for weapons.

In March, Robert Licciardi, 36, who was freshly convicted of killing his disabled father in order to get his hands on the family fortune and who had acted as his own attorney during his trial, claimed in a letter to the Stockton (Calif.) Record that he had incompetent counsel, that the judge was "unfair," "prejudiced" and "unreasonable" for allowing Licciardi to represent himself.

In April, a federal court refused to review the Novato, Calif., small claims court decision in favor of Phillip Schlenker for \$65 from the local cable TV company. Schlenker won the judgment for a breach of contract in that he was unable to enjoy "Monday Night Football" during 1993 and 1994 because the cable company was feuding with the local ABC-TV station in San Francisco.

In July in Chicago, a county circuit judge, James G. Smith, was transferred to a lower-profile job because of his remarks during a medical malpractice trial involving a Hispanic victim. According to the Chicago Sun-Times, when defense attorneys pointed out that there had once been a shooting in the malpractice victim's family (which could have led to the victim's subsequent learning disabilities), Judge Smith said, "Of course, [shooting guns] is a common practice among Hispanics. ... Every New Year's, I had to dismiss cases because it was common for them to step out and shoot at anything that was out there."

FETISHES ON PARADE

Stewart R. Flaharty, 64, a 22-year veteran

morgue worker at York (Pa.) Hospital, was fired in August and charged with abuse of a corpse after he was caught by a coworker making personal photographs of the nude body of a woman in her early 20s who had just died in an automobile crash.

Stephen N. Porco, 28, was sentenced to six years in prison for a series of auto burglaries attributed in part to his lust for women's purses, from which he has suffered for at least ten years. An authority close to the case estimated Porco had stolen more than 500 purses.

In Somerset, Pa., in July, Mr. Ali Burke, 25, was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct at a McDonald's after he squirted ketchup on the nose of the Hamburger and licked it off.

GEOGRAPHIC CENTERS OF WEIRD

Japan: Among the thriving new businesses in Tokyo is a "convenience agency" that, among other things, supplies guests at funerals and weddings so that the families will not lose face by sparse attendance. And an account in Japan Times in July reported that "thousands" of Japanese have paid to take three-day excursions to Rio de Janeiro to visit the gravesite, childhood home and museum of the late Formula 1 racer Ayrton Senna. And Tokyo's first "nap hotel" opened earlier this year, featuring tents in a large room, where weary salesmen can crash for a half-hour at a time for rates of \$3 to \$6.

(Send your Weird News to Chuck Shepherd, P.O. Box 8306, St. Petersburg, Fla. 33738, or 74777.3206@compuserve.com.)

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Popperri

by Scott Perry

It snowed again.

For a bunch of people, that meant the world came to a temporary end.

Wonder how something so calmingly beautiful as a blanket of snow can be so nervewrackingly pesky?

And, how can anyone who writes for a living get away with using an adverb like 'nervewrackingly'?

Never mind.

Believe it or not, snow is a common winter occurrence in many countries not closely situated to the equator and it has been for many, many years.

In fact, scientists now believe that snow played a key roll in the evolution of man, forcing him during the Ice Age to come down from the trees and into caves, where the population grew by leaps and bounds because there wasn't anything to do but leap and bound (if you catch our drift).

We also know that snow was a considerable menace in more modern times, as recently as the 1930s and 40s, because our parents were forced during those days to walk barefoot to and from school in knee deep snow, uphill both ways, with sacks of rocks over their shoulders.

The rocks, we suppose, were to either assist traction or to pelt any abominable snowmen who might try to snatch their lunch money.

Those horror stories from our parents' school days are no doubt why our kids usually don't go to school when it snows.

While we have all this technology, space age communications and most of our kids have shoes, travelling uphill to and from school is still a big problem when it snows.

And, since most of us have forgotten what it's like to walk to the TV to change the channel, let alone walk to our schools which, thanks to modernization, aren't located anywhere near where we live, snow days are vacation days for our kids.

The bad news about that is that despite all our technology, a little bit of snow can bring the learning process to a dead stop.

The good news, though, is that with no lunch money to swipe, abominable snowmen are all but extinct.

Critic's Corner

by Michael Greene

Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls

A few years back when I used to watch "In Living Color," I was struck by the sheer hilarity of Jim Carrey. In many ways, he reminded me of my favorite comedic genius, Robin Williams. Carrey lived up to the promise of his talent and is now a huge box-office success. He commands obscene amounts of money for his films.

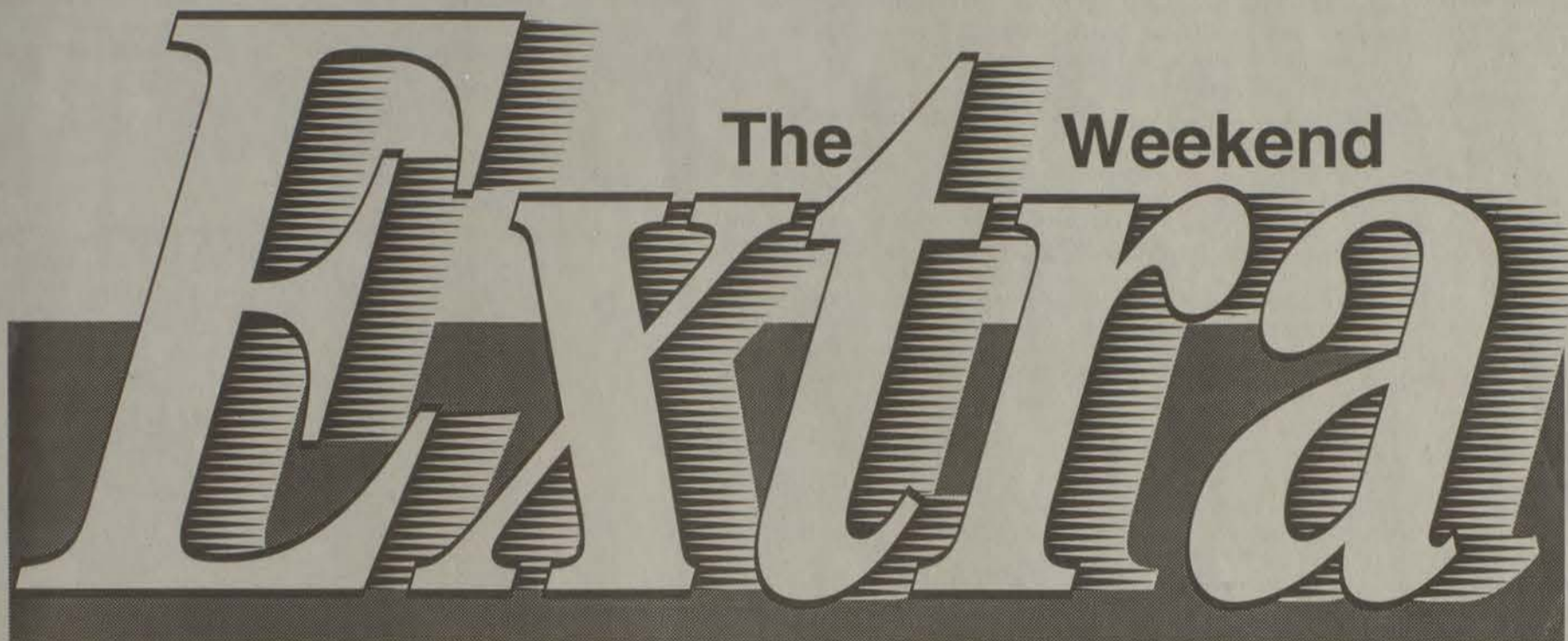
The first "Ace Ventura" flick was a surprise hit. It was fresh and funny and served to really dish up Carrey's wacky humor. Unfortunately, this sequel falls far short of that.

Carrey is back as Ace. When we first see him, he is hiding out in an ashram in the Himalayas where he has gone to recuperate from a tragic incident involving an unfortunate raccoon. Think "Cliffhanger" (Sly Stallone) and you get the picture. Ace's assignment involves going to Africa (Nibia, a fictional country) in order to locate a missing animal, an albino bat.

The bat is sacred to the Wahchati tribe. It must be located before the Wahchati princess marries the prince of a rival tribe, the Wahchutus. If not, the two tribes will go to war.

Ace's bosses are stereotypical English upper-crust, stuffy gentlemen. Torn between two such diverse cultures, Carrey is given plenty of room for comedic takeoffs and mimicking. Unfortunately, it's the sort of thing you see coming and amounts to a plethora of anticlimactic moments.

Stay home and wait for the video. This film is nothing more than a showcase for Carrey's funny faces and double-takes. Even fans would find this a bit wearing.



Voices to ring out with the sound of Christmas

by Patti M. Clark
Staff Writer

Voices from across the state will ring out in unison Tuesday night when more than 5,000 people from about 100 school and church groups will gather for the eighth annual Kentucky Christmas Chorus.

And about 100 of those voices will be from Floyd County.

Students from Betsy Layne Elementary, Betsy Layne High School and The Piarist School are expected to travel to Lexington for the event.

"This is the first year I have taken any elementary students," Sandra Tackett, chorus director at Betsy Layne Elementary, said.

She said she learned of the event from Mike Cooley, chorus director at Betsy Layne High School. "We're going to be riding the bus with him," she said. "I think I'm taking about 16 students."

She said the chorus is a chance to broaden her students' horizons. "I was looking for things for the elementary group to do," she said. "This is a chance for them to sing with other choirs."

During the event, the groups combine to sing together some familiar Christmas songs. "They sent us a whole book of Christmas songs," she said.

There will also be soloists performing.

"They're excited. They've never been in something this large," Tackett said. "They're a little bit frightened,

but it's just the unexpected."

She said she anticipates the sixth, seventh, and eighth graders to enjoy themselves once the event begins.

This is the second year Cooley has taken students. "It is wonderful," he said. "It's a chance for students to hear the Lexington Singers and the Lexington Philharmonic."

He said he learned of the chorus from a friend. "It's a great motivational tool for the students," Cooley said. "It lets them hear it the way it's supposed to be done."

He said he plans to continue the tradition of attending the event. "It's just a wonderful way to kick off the holiday season."

Lynde Shoup, English and drama instructor at The Piarist School is planning on taking several students — if their permission slips come in soon enough.

"Right now, we have five who have permission to go," she said. "I thought it would be a good experience for them to see it in action instead of just in a book."

The three groups are joining 118 others for the chorus.

The groups come from more than 45 counties across the state and will fill

from last year and 59 new groups have been added. About half the number of groups attending are from schools, the other half are from churches.

The public is invited to the free sing-along, which will run from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Doors to Rupp Arena will open at 6 p.m. with additional activities and entertainment for families scheduled.

Before the singing begins, bell ringers, choral groups, and holiday characters such as Frosty and Santa's Elves will entertain in the concourse.

Southern Bell Dairies will hand out free eggnog samples during the pre-show activities.

This year, as a special treat, the accoUstiKats, an a cappella group from the University of Kentucky, will entertain from 6:15 to 6:45 p.m.

The Lexington Philharmonic, conducted by George Zack, will provide the music. The Lexington Singers, and Lexington soloists Othello Pumphrey and Melissa Baber will entertain and help lead the singing.

WKYT-TV, Channel 27, in Lexington, and WYMT-TV, Channel 57, in Hazard, will air the event live from 8 to 9 p.m. for those who can't travel to Lexington for the real thing. It will be rebroadcast at 5 p.m. on Christmas Day.

The event is sponsored by the Kentucky Eye Institute and WKYT-TV and is coordinated by the Lexington Fayette Urban County Government with the help of about 150 volunteers.



Lexington's Rupp Arena with the musical sounds of the holidays. The largest groups signed up to participate include Lexington's Garden Springs Elementary School with 378 singers and the East Jessamine Middle School from Jessamine County with 200 singers. Nearly 50 groups will be returning

Oh where, oh where has my granddaughter gone

This past Saturday night I had the pleasure of driving my ten-year-old granddaughter to a dance at the grade school. When she first arrived at our house, she looked like most ten year olds clad in jeans and a sweatshirt.

"Will you drop me off at the dance? I have to be there at 6:30," Malorie asked.

"Yes," I said, as I kissed her on the cheek. Anything you want."

"I'll be ready in a minute," she replied, as she walked into the bathroom. Fifteen minutes later someone emerged from the bathroom and walked past me as I sat in my recliner.

"Who was that?" I asked my husband.

"I'm not sure," he replied numbly. "I thought Malorie was in the bathroom, but I could have sworn some older woman just paraded through in front of me."

"Malorie!" I called. "Is that you?"

"Yes," she answered. "Why?"

"Come back in here. I want to see you."

In a few seconds, Malorie reappeared. At least it resembled Malorie and it sounded like her except the person in front of me appeared to be several years

older.

"Are you wearing lipstick?" I asked.

"Uh, huh. Why?"

"You don't need lipstick. You look prettier without it."

"No, I don't," she replied flatly.

"And is your hair teased?"

"Yeah. And I'm wearing perfume, too."

"Are those fake nails?"

"Are you ready to take me or not?" she asked.

As I looked at Malorie, I couldn't help thinking about when I was her age. At my tenth birthday party, we played that ever seductive game known as Spin-the-Bottle. As I remember, the boys tried to get the Coke bottle to land on Martha Ann Miller.

Martha Ann was so sophisticated because she was the only girl at the party wearing hose. The rest of us were wearing anklets with lace around the edges. When I finally got the bottle pointed in my direction, my fifth grade sweetheart had the task of being the kisser.

This was not an easy maneuver since I was several pounds heavier than he was. When he positioned me

for a romantic dip in the privacy of the utility room, he dropped me. After that night, I don't think any of us girls wore anklets again. And I don't think my sweetheart every tried to kiss me again.

"Do all the girls dress like that?" I asked, pointing to her bare midriff.

"Some do," she said. "Let's go. I don't want to be late."

"Have you ever worn that outfit before?" I asked.

"I wore it to the last dance. Everybody liked it."

"I can see why," I replied.

"Are you wearing eye shadow, Malorie?" I asked, as we got into the car and started for the grade school.

"Just in the crease. It gives them more depth. I could put some on the brow but I don't need it. I did put some blush on my cheeks. Just a hint under the cheek bone to give them more definition."

For a minute, I thought I was talking to a cosmetic consultant. I didn't start wearing makeup until I was a freshman in high school, and then I only wore lipstick and foundation. Thinking back on it, I must have looked like a ghost with pink lips.

As we approached the school I looked at Malorie and said, "Have a good time."

"Okay. I love you," she replied, as she closed the door.

All of a sudden she looked like a three-year-old again.



Smile
Awhile

Sara Hopson

The Friday Comics

Farcus

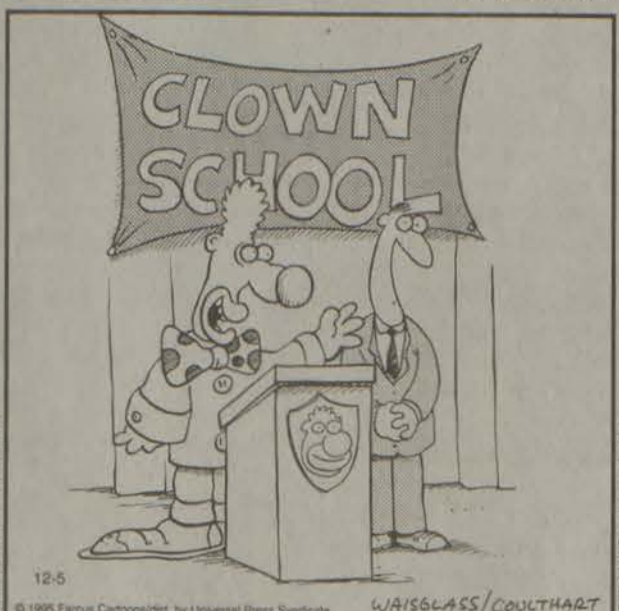
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"I told you not to turn your back on the audience."

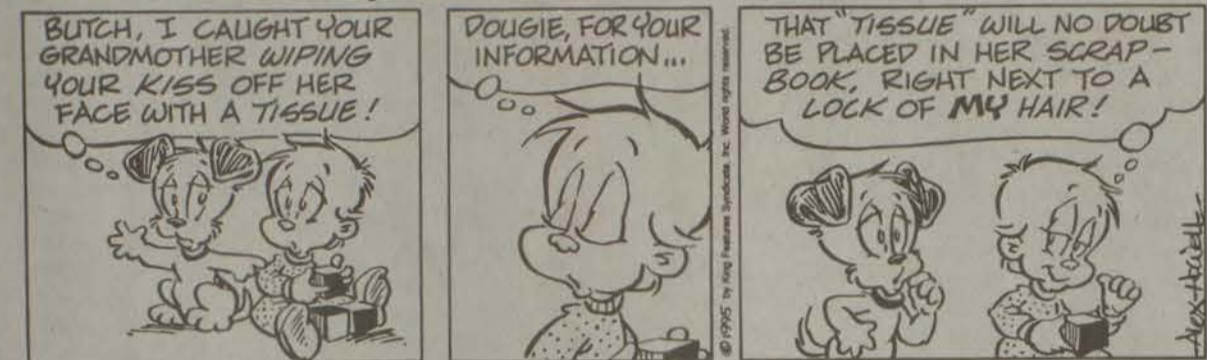
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"And now I'd like to present Marvin, our class straight-man."

BUTCH AND DOUGIE by ALEX HOWELL



BRINGING UP FATHER



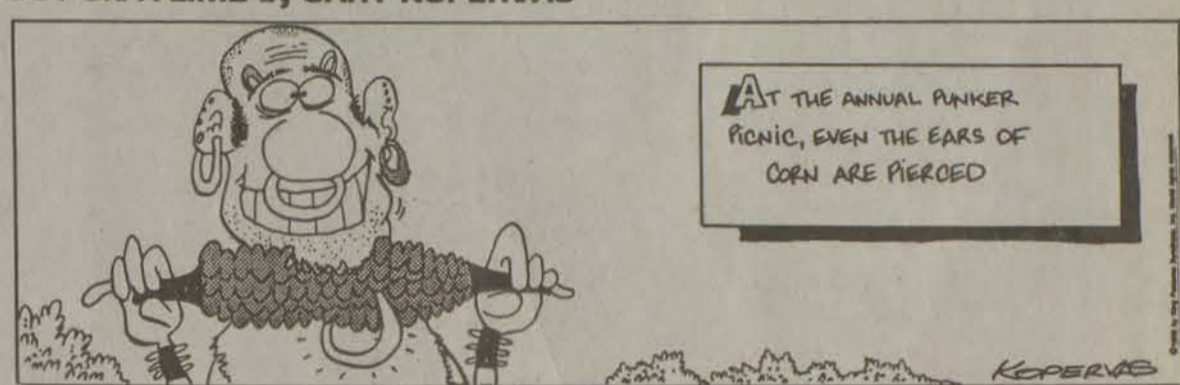
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Super Crossword

ACROSS	supper	abbr.	seaport	heroine	88 Head of
1 Domino or	52 RABBIT	98 Aria, e.g.	3 Garr or	45 Tropical treat	France?
Waller	58 Carve a	99 Dug in	Hatcher	47 Shah Jahan's	89 Olympic
5 Eban of	canyon	100 Louts	4 Noncoms	city	warmonger
Israel	59 Cold-war	103 Shocking	5 USN rank	49 "Lorna —"	91 Cucumbers
9 Discourage	asn.	swimmers	6 Rapturus	50 Haskell or	93 Second-hand
affection?	60 Horatian form	106 Electra's	7 Playwright	Munster	94 Neighbor of
13 Part of a	61 Records	brother	Henley	51 — a beet	Hungary
portal	62 victory at	109 COW	8 Grate stuff	53 Yen	95 Folk tail?
17 Notion	sea?	114 Actress Miles	9 Draft org.	54 Actress Stark	101 Feudal
18 "Disco Duck"	63 Peculiar	115 Onassis'	10 Envelope	55 Printing	territories
singer Rick	64 Egg plant?	nickname	encl.	process	102 Layers
19 Houston	67 From — Z	116 Pianist Peter	11 Bellowing	56 Affectionate	104 Director
athletes	68 Photo session	117 Pound the	12 Refine	57 Searches for	Sergio
21 Petrograd	69 Peoples of	podium	13 Hwy.	truffles	105 Actress Mia
potentate	"Fame"	119 Homeric	intersection	62 Spanish	107 "Clinton's
22 BEAVER	70 Cantata	work	14 Blue hue	etcher	Ditch"
25 Yellowfin,	71 composer	123 Sharp taste	15 "— Lescaut"	65 "This round's	108 Yellowish
for one	73 BUFFALO	125 SEAL	16 Acts like an	—" "	109 Deadly
26 Architect	76 Tun throw-	129 Blue hue	ass?	66 Minnie of	110 Bloke from
Jones	aways	130 "Remington	19 Site for a	"Hee Haw"	Basra
27 Yonder	77 Untouched	—" "	fight	68 Descendants	111 Nobelist
28 "You —	serve	131 Muse with a	20 Actress	70 Sewing	Pauling
heard nothin'	78 Fred Astaire's	scroll	Berger	instruction	112 Rinsed off
yet!"	birthplace	132 Writer Wister	23 Knight time?	the car	113 Do the hustle
30 Trigger-	79 Sundial	133 Shopping	24 Actor Stoltz	squirreled	away
happy guy?	numeral	memoran-	29 Most concise	118 Reveal	120 Hawkeye
31 Palindrome	80 Rich niche	dum	32 "Vogue"	72 Composer	State
part	82 Sea plea	134 Arkin of	competitor	Francis	121 Peak
33 CAT	83 Dynamic	"Chicago	34 "— Under	74 Crane's cry	122 Say it isn't so
37 Reflexive	beginning	Hope"	Fire"	75 Fuzzy fruit	124 Gangster's
pronoun	84 Like a draw	135 Cavalry	35 Emulate	76 Arrive at a	gun
40 Funny fellow	86 Jamaican	characteristic	Perry White	conclusion?	126 Japanese
41 — Krishna	culist	136 Like some	36 Swerve	78 Illinois city	export
42 Tablet	90 Use a harrier	bulldip	37 Artistic output	81 Part of TGIF	127 "Nightmare"
43 Speech	92 MULE	DOWN	38 Spine start	84 Big name at	street
problem	96 Join up	1 Pacific	39 Snorri's	Indy	128 Max —
46 Pitch in	97 Letter	archipelago	stories	85 — Dinh Diem	Sydow
48 Ceremonial	addenda:	2 Yemeni	44 Haggard	87 Betty clash?	

Vision Teaser



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THUNDERSTORMS (Answers on B 6)

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

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

Cloud	Gusts	Squall	Violent
Cold front	Lightning	Storm	Warning
Floods	Rain	Summer	Wind
Forecast	Sleet	Thunder	

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