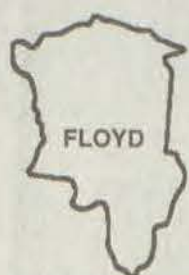


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Juvenile 'hooker' arrested in scam

A prostitution scam, cracked last week by the Hazard Police Department in Perry County, allegedly involved a Floyd County juvenile.

The 17-year-old female, who had been staying in the Hazard area, was arrested last week in connection with a scheme to steal money from potential clients.

The scam was uncovered after members of the prostitution ring stole \$800 from a man staying in a Super 8 motel in the area. The man, whose identity has been kept confidential by the police, apparently met two of the women at a Hazard bar on Saturday, July 27.

The women then took the man home with them and later went to his motel room. Terrence Cook, who heads the prostitution ring, according to Hazard police, also went to the man's motel room.

Cook and the man went into the motel room's bathroom to negotiate the price of the prostitutes' services. While the two men talked money, one of the women allegedly stole \$800 from under the bed.

Cook was arrested July 31 and charged with theft by unlawful taking. Cook was charged with promoting prostitution in the first degree on August 1.

Three females were also arrested. Melissa Stidham, 20, of Hazard was charged with theft. Valerie Lawson, 19, of Bonnyman, was charged with complicity to commit a theft. The juvenile was not identified.



Wheel Power

Bicyclists with the Christian ministry group Wheel Power rolled into Jenny Wiley State Park Tuesday where they spent the night at the Odd Fellows Campground. Since leaving California, they have traveled 3,275 miles in 58 days. They have about 800 miles left before they'll reach their destination in Lynchburg, Virginia. (photo by Janice Shepherd)

Construction glitches may delay opening of Mountain Art Center

by Janice Shepherd
Managing Editor

The opening of the Mountain Arts Center, originally scheduled for the second week in October, has been delayed.

Representatives of the general contracting company, W.B. Browning, recently reported to center director Bob Meyer that the new fa-

cility will not be ready for opening the first or second week of October due to delays in the construction schedule.

"It's a combination of things," Meyer said. "Specifically, we have such a large number of subcontractors that if one has a problem, then so does another. It creates a domino effect."

"For instance, one of the things

is the stage floor. It's a three-week process, but it can't be done until the theater is climatized. If not, we won't have the humidity under control and that can cause problems with installing the floor," he said. "And we can't put the seating down until the floor is installed. If there's a delay in installing the heating,

(See Opening, page two)

Board gets pat on back instead of on backside

by Patti M. Clark
Staff Writer

After a trip to the "woodshed" in February, members of the Floyd County Board of Education, along with Superintendent Dr. John Balentine, found Tuesday's appearance before the state board "refreshing."

"It was a new experience for Floyd County to go down there and not be talked badly about," board chairman Eddie Patton said Thursday morning. "It turned out better than I thought it would."

Balentine said that he was "elated with the response the system received at that state board meeting."

"I think they were surprised that we reduced the costs as much as we have," Balentine said. "They were pleased that we followed the deficit reduction plan that we proposed, that we stuck to it."

The praise might have been nice, but the system still isn't out of the woods. Floyd was one of five systems that will start the school year with a deficit in the general balance fund. Floyd is looking at a \$619,000 deficit and a \$40 million budget.

Also in the red are Carroll County, with a \$30,000 deficit in a \$7 million budget; Franklin County, with a \$477,000 deficit out of a \$20.9 million budget; Metcalfe County, with a \$214,000 deficit out of an \$8 million budget; and Rus-

sell County, which has a \$550,000 deficit out of a \$16 million budget.

Of the five, though, the board had only good words to say about the Floyd district, which was originally looking at a \$1.4 million deficit. Spending and hiring freezes as well as layoffs have brought the system closer in line, and the system is projected to be back in the black by the end of the 1997 fiscal year.

Patton said it was "poetic jus-

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Three more enter non-partisan bids for fall election

by Patti M. Clark
Staff Writer

Three more area residents have entered non-partisan races slated for the November ballot in Floyd County.

But it looks like last-minute filings will be the norm for most candidates. The deadline to file for a seat in the races — which include a mayor's seat, several council and commission slots, three board of education positions, and a possible county attorney matchup — is 4 p.m. Tuesday.

Stephen Farthing has declared

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Proposed hike in Martin gas rates withdrawn by company

by Patti M. Clark
Staff Writer

There won't be a hearing on a proposed natural gas price hike in Martin. There won't be a price increase either.

Jed Weinberg, manager of Martin Gas Inc., withdrew the company's application for a rate increase with a letter to Don Mills, executive director of the Public Service Commission.

"We filed this rate increase in the belief that it would lead to lower gas prices for our consumers over the long run because of a cheaper supply of gas through Kentucky West Virginia Gas as opposed to Columbia Gas," the letter states.

The proposed rate increase was announced in an advertisement in the June 19 issue of the Times. The \$7.60 per thousand cubic feet (MCF) rate the company was ask-

ing for was a 90-cent increase from the current rate of \$7.7175 for the first thousand cubic feet and \$6.6007 for each additional MCF.

Sherry L. Ratliff, a Martin City Council member, launched a letter-writing campaign to keep the increase from being approved after she found out about the proposed hike.

"City of Martin residents are al-

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Renovation forces change in traffic flow

by Chris McDavid
Staff Writer

When the school year begins, many motorists may be disappointed to discover that a portion of North Arnold Avenue has been changed to a one-way street, as has West Music Street, to ensure the safety of the students and a smooth flow of traffic around Prestonsburg High School.

Prestonsburg Police Chief Darrel Conley said Wednesday that the remodeling of the high school would create a strain on North Arnold Avenue beside the high school.

The police chief and fire chief, Tom Blackburn, met with the traffic safety committee and found the best plan was to reroute traffic around the school.

Conley said students, parents, bus drivers, and faculty would be permitted to enter the high school grounds on North Arnold Avenue from Route 321 (North Lake Drive), but North Arnold Avenue will be a one-way street going from the high school to the Music

(See Traffic, page two)



Garbage detail . . .

Robert Craft was monitored by Floyd County deputies Wednesday as he rummaged through the courthouse trash to try and locate a wallet. Craft and Donald Kidd, who were performing community service, were arrested for allegedly stealing \$294 from two courthouse workers.

Community service inmates accused of stealing wallets

by Chris McDavid
Staff Writer

Two Floyd County men, who were ordered to perform community service at the courthouse, were arrested Wednesday for allegedly stealing \$294 from a property valuation employee and the sheriff's wife.

Robert Craft, 19, of Prestonsburg, was arrested when Sheriff Paul Hunt Thompson found the money in Craft's shoe.

Craft alleged that Donald Kidd, 44, of Harold had given him the money.

Craft was performing community service ordered by District Judge James R. Allen because he had been convicted of assault. Kidd was doing community service for a drunk driving charge.

"I'm really glad the sheriff's department felt it was important enough to find my money," Glenda Marshall, a summer employee in the PVA office, said Wednesday.

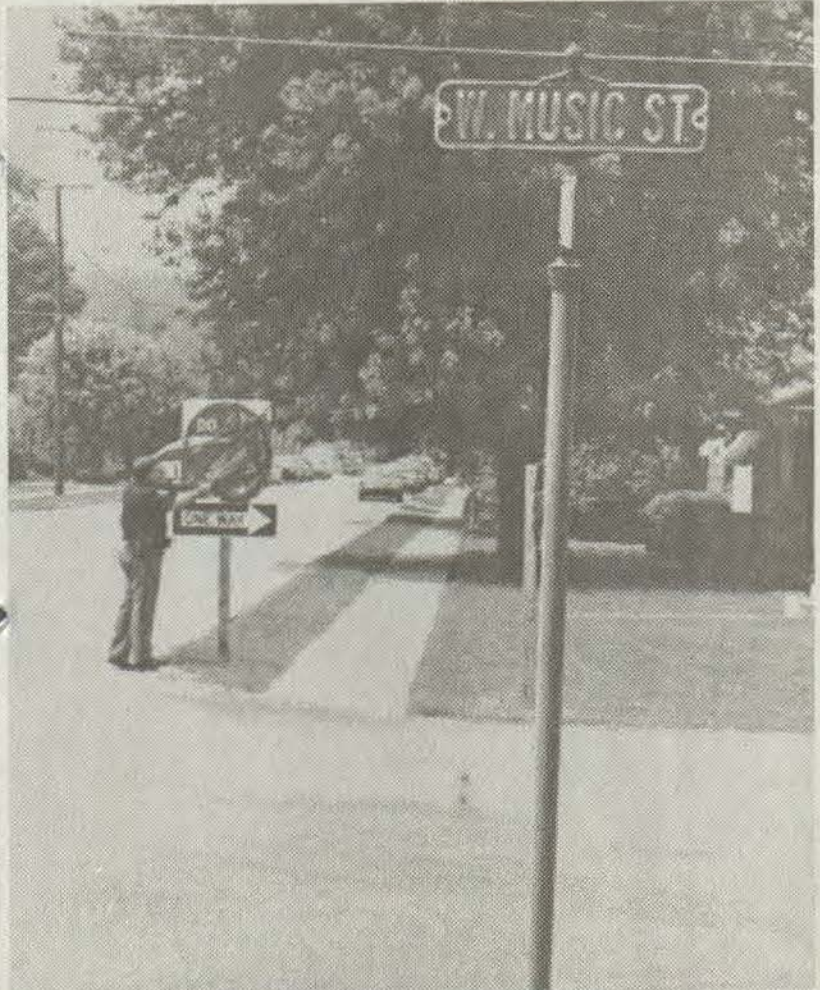
Marshall said she decided to get a soda and discovered her money was gone. She said she thought she could have lost her wallet and left the building to retrace her steps in hopes of recovering it.

Marshall's wallet was under a desk near the trash can. "I noticed (Craft) just checked one trash can and then left," Marshall said. She added that she didn't want to accuse him of stealing her money until she knew for sure that she hadn't misplaced the wallet.

In less than 15 minutes from the time the money was taken, the sheriff's department detained the two suspects until Sheriff Thompson arrived to search them.

Several courthouse workers assisted in the search for the billfolds

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Which way do we go?..

West Music Street and a portion of North Arnold Avenue will be changed to one-way streets to create a smoother flow for Prestonsburg High School traffic and ensure the safety of the students. Pictured above is Prestonsburg Police Chief Darrel Conley temporarily covering a "Do Not Enter" sign on North Arnold Avenue. (photo by Chris McDavid)

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Liberty of thought is the life of the soul—Voltaire

Miles to go before we....applaud

by Scott Perry

No pain, no gain. So the story goes. Doubt you'll find much dissent to that point from the Floyd County Board of Education, which has been called on the carpet so many times lately by the state board that members must surely be suffering carpet burns.

School officials made another appearance before the state board this week, but this time was decidedly uncharacteristic of past performances.

This time, Floyd School officials were there to collect a few pats on the back instead of the customary paddles to their backsides.

Good for them.

The state board of education offered its accolades in response to the school administration's efforts to slice a \$1.4 million deficit in half this year. The red ink should dry up completely by next year.

School superintendent Dr. John Balentine earns most of the credit (or blame, if you are a victim of the deficit reduction plan) for turning the system's financial picture around. Balentine, an outsider from both the political and cultural perspec-

tives, has made some tough decisions that have certainly not made him a great many friends among the county's educational establishment.

This must be what they call "tough love."

Remember, though, that Balentine came here to serve as a repairman, to fix a system that was broken, financially, and mismanaged, on both local and state levels.

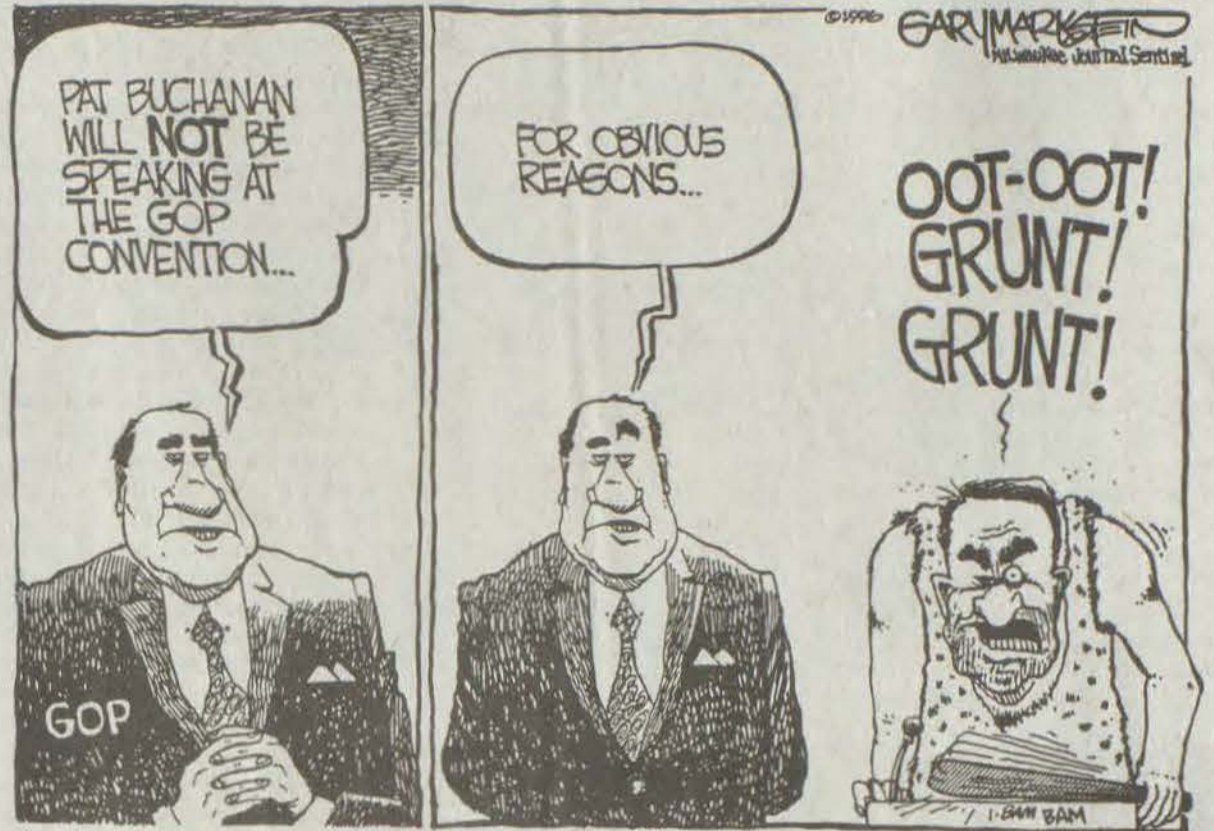
He has managed to stop the bleeding, but the true test of his mettle will be determined by his effectiveness in sewing up the wounds.

And dollars aren't the only things leaking down the drain in the Floyd County schools.

Educational leadership could certainly stand a bit of emergency room attention, too.

Now that the fiscal picture is improving, maybe Balentine can focus his surgical abilities on removing the obstacles to the system's pursuit of academic excellence.

If he is half as successful in that effort as he has been in straightening out the district's money woes, the pain that has accompanied these difficult times will produce the gains we deserve, we need, and those we should demand.



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.

Fraud is alleged by church group

Editor:
 On Tuesday, August 6th, I was informed that someone was soliciting money for the Martin Free Will Baptist Church Youth Group in the Stanville area.

This is a letter to inform businesses and private individuals of this event. Occasionally we do depend on contributions from the public, and each donation is received with appreciation.

However, due to this occurrence, someone has abused our church name and youth group as well.

The individuals involved were driving a black Camaro or Trans Am. A young girl who appeared to be around the age of four was sent into several different businesses asking for money to go on a trip to Kings Island.

The Kentucky State Police has been contacted, and a complaint has been lodged. In my opinion, using a child in this way is wrong and can be viewed as child abuse.

I apologize to those who donat-

ed, but in the event anyone is sent to ask for donations for the Martin Free Will Baptist Church they will have a typed letter on a letterhead from the church with the pastor's name, address, and phone number along with the signatures of the pastor and youth director.

Anyone contacted by these individuals may contact the State Police, or call the pastor of the church.

Faye Baldrige
 Martin Free Will Church
 Martin

The Political Party

Economic development

Nationally, every four years, Presidential candidates pledge to balance the budget and reduce the deficit. Four years later, the budget is not balanced and the deficit has not been reduced. In Eastern Kentucky, state legislative candidates vow to reform our disadvantaged school systems, lower automobile insurance costs for the region, and improve our economy. Today, our school systems remain the most inferior in the state, auto insurance companies continue to rob us, and we're still the poorest region in the nation.

Can our national leaders reduce the deficit and balance the budget? Can our state legislators improve our school systems, stop car insurance companies from exploiting us, and stimulate economic growth? If they can... should they? It is easy to say "Yes," but the answer is much more complicated than that. You must also ask, "what role should each level of government take and what will be the consequences?" Each of these issues deserves careful attention. However, economic development is Eastern Kentucky's most pressing problem.

To improve their economy, states must find ways to attract industry and train people to work. This costs a great deal of money—tax money. Kentucky's most famous victory in attracting industry is the Toyota plant in Georgetown, which has created 6,500 jobs since opening. The incentive package was developed by the Collins administration, and cost the state \$125 million. Half of this money was used to buy the land upon which Toyota could build their plant. This land was given to Toyota, free of charge. The rest of the money was spent on training workers and building a road from the interstate, to the plant. In addition to money, the state promised that regulatory agencies (environmental, zoning, etc.) would be very

cooperative, and unprecedented tax breaks would also be granted.

Not only were these extravagant gifts unfair to local businesses, but they were also unconstitutional. Kentucky's constitution forbids the use of tax money for anything other than public use. The case went to Kentucky's Supreme Court, which said the tax money was being used for "public use" because it was helping to lessen unemployment. However, other businesses also help to lessen unemployment, but don't get the same preferential treatment. Additionally, the state seized some unfortunate man's private land, which it gave to Toyota as part of the incentive package. This seizure sparked another Supreme Court decision, which once again sided with the state.

Overall, the Toyota project is considered an exceptional success, but it leaves many questions unanswered. Who benefited most, Toyota or Kentucky? Why has Eastern Kentucky (the region needing it the most) never received this type of economic assistance? Should the state disregard environmental concerns, and constitution laws, to stimulate economic growth? Was it worth \$125 million?

Those who argue against these type of economic development plans point toward the incentive package offered to Delfasco Steel, a Canadian company. The company was offered a package which included, among many other things, a \$140 million tax break. Delfasco would only have employed about 400 people. The state would have spent \$350,000 per job! Is it cheaper to just mail checks to the unemployed, straight from Frankfort?

For over four decades, Eastern Kentucky has been the focus of government programs, committees, task forces, development centers, and the list goes on. Whether these have been genuine efforts or political games, our region is still the



by Dave Porter

poorest in the country. The one industry which has been successfully promoted is coal production. While this industry provides needed jobs, it has also done much damage. Our mountains and streams have become polluted. Too much of the land is owned by foreign or out-of-state coal corporations. The majority of state-funded road construction is for coal traffic. Black Lung. If the state government can solve the problems, why haven't they done it?

To the defense of our legislators, much of the problem is caused by the attitude most Eastern Kentuckians have taken toward government and politics—they don't get involved. This is why lobbyists have such a great influence over the legislative process. Legislators make decisions based upon the information which is given to them. If the majority of the information comes from the people, then the majority of the decisions will benefit the people. In other words, if you don't tell them what you want, they can't give it to you. It is that simple.

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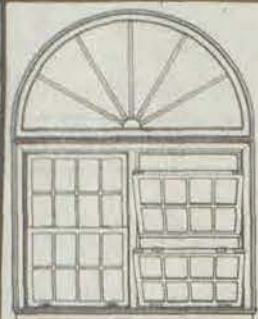
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A Look At Sports

**Football season!
Excitement fills
the air for '96**

In the past years, when the start of the high school football season drew near, there was plenty of talk about sports in Floyd County, but the conversation always centered around basketball.

But it seems to be different this year. Everyone is talking about the upcoming football season. There is plenty of excitement in the voices of those who follow the game like some follow politics.



Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

The Allen Central Rebels will have a senior-dominated squad this year and this could very well be the "Year of the Rebel."

Coach Glenn Reeves returns a very strong, as well as big, line on both sides of the football and with the likes of Beau Tackett, Gordon Reeves and Josh Reeves carrying the football, you can understand the reason for all the excitement. Add Thomas Jenkins running the flats or going deep as another reason Rebel fans are anxious for the season to begin.

Betsy Layne will be under the guidance of new coach Randall Hager. Hager brings a lot of experience to the Bobcats' camp and is one of the better defensive coordinators in the area.

Betsy Layne will be looking to replace some key losses such as Timmy Nunemaker, Chris Hicks, Wes Collins, Rodney Hamilton and Willie Meade. Those five players carried a lot of talent on the gridiron.

But Coach Hager has a very capable quarterback making a return for his senior season in Craig Hamilton. Ray Lyons, the Bobcats' leading rusher last year, returns for his final season, as does top defensive player Sollie Tackett. Billy Mitchell is a junior this season and, with a year under his belt in the backfield, look for him to put up some numbers this season.

Prestonsburg, also under new coach John Derossett, gives the Blackcat fans a real honest-to-goodness hope of a return to the regional finals. The Blackcats could be that good.

Mike Castle, who was tested last year and passed, will guide the offense with John Morris behind him, as well as Brooks Stumbo and John Ortega. With a combination like this, the Cats could run all day. But the passing game will not suffer any with the likes of Ortega and Gavin Hale on the wings at times.

A strong defensive line led by Rusty Young and Ricky Johnson has the fans drooling with high expectations. This ball club is definitely going to be a solid one.

I like the make up of the South Floyd Raiders. Coach Donnie Daniels has a strong defensive unit that will be led by Travis Johnson, who led the club in tackles last season. Add Aaron Caudill to the center position, and quarterback Nick Compton should have good protection this season to throw the ball.

I like Scotty Collins at the tight end slot. His teammates, as well as the coaching staff, have a lot of confidence in him. Out of the backfield will be Mr. Speed, Ketran Mays. Mays is no doubt going to be the feature back for the Raiders, but he will have some help from a capable Chris Isaac who has shown a lot of promise in preseason.

Again, as last year, Allen Central, Betsy Layne and Prestonsburg will be competing in the same district.

Allen Central and Prestonsburg went on to post-season play with Betsy Layne just missing a state bid in the playoffs. With all the talent the Rebels will dress, it appears they have an shot at going a second year in a row,

(See A Look at Sports, page A 12)

Bentley takes SID post at Pikeville College

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

Ron Damron, dean of students at Pikeville College, announced Tuesday the opening of the school's Sports Information Office. The new position fills a vacant part of the Pikeville sports department that the school had long wanted to create, according to Damron.

"This is a department we've

been wanting to start for several years now," said Damron. "We feel this is very important to Pikeville College and the athletic department."

Rick Bentley, former sports editor with the Appalachian News-Express in Pikeville, will head up the new department.

Bentley is a 1989 graduate of Pikeville College. He graduated from Millard High School in 1985

and has an associate degree from Alice Lloyd College.

"This is quite a thrill for me," said Bentley, who becomes the school's first sports information director. "As an alumnus, I always had a special feeling for Pikeville College. I always felt the school could use a sports information office, and to be chosen as the first SID means a great deal to me."

"We're very excited to have someone of Rick's background at the school," Damron said. "We needed someone with a journalism background, someone who knows the area and is familiar with the KIAC."

Bentley took his position this past Monday and began organizing the department.

"Right now we are going to be doing a lot of that, organizing," said Bentley. "Then we are going to start selling our basketball program, as well as push our season tickets."

Bentley, as former sports editor, knows the problems that a lack of communication between media and a school can create and, he hopes to be able to keep the media, as well as Pikeville College fans, informed.

"We want to keep you fellas (media) informed as much as we can," he said. "We're an East Kentucky school and we get students from Floyd County and Johnson County and all around us. We need to keep those people informed as to what we are doing here at Pikeville College."

"We have a lot of graduates still

in the area and what better way to keep them informed than using the media. We want to let them know about our sports department and, therefore, we are committed to do all we can for you guys."

Bentley reemphasized the fact that he felt honored to be chosen as the school's first SID, a position that he will not take for granted.

"I was fortunate they thought of me for the job," he said. "Things just so happened to work out to where I could come back to Pikeville. I was already in a pretty (good) job situation as it was, but when a job like this comes along, you have to take advantage of it. I've worked close with the college in past years, I knew the people and knew what they wanted."

Basketball will not be the lone sport that Bentley will report on. Baseball and women's softball has taken a big jump in popularity and, he says that although the school presently has a men's tennis team, a women's tennis squad could be in the making.

"This year we are starting a women's tennis team," he said. "We are also taking a serious look at a golf team. A lot of the local high schools have golf teams and it has become a popular sport."

But Bentley admits that basketball is the sport much on the minds of fans. "But we do have the other sports. They are important and do just as well," he said.

Bentley said he is surrounded by quality coaches at Pikeville College and counts it a privilege to work

with them. Stability in the coaching ranks at the school is very important.

"We are stable right now. We have Roy (Cutright) who is the men's basketball coach. He had the women's team for eight years and will be starting his third year as the men's coach."

"Randy Roberts has been here for the past two seasons as the women's basketball coach and will start his third year. Johnnie (Lemaster) will begin his third year, as well. These people are stable and well organized as far as their respective sport goes."

Bentley said his job is to keep people informed and to communicate with other schools.

"We want people to know we are excited about what is going on here at Pikeville College," said Bentley. "This basketball team has a legitimate shot at playing in a national tournament this season. We're excited about that."

"We feel we have the right person to help us begin this office," said Damron.

The Sports Information Office will be located in Room 102 in the Pikeville College gymnasium complex.

"We're going to make covering Pikeville College athletics easier," said Bentley. "We have a lot of fans out there, and our goal is to do everything we can to keep them as informed as possible. We're looking forward to a great year athletically at Pikeville College, and I'm glad to be a small part of it."



Rick Bentley

Disappointment of missing playoffs still lingers for Keathley

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

When the Betsy Layne Bobcats hit the gridiron on August 30 at Magoffin County, it will be a new season for all the players. But Shawn Keathley, who plays both sides of the football at a tackle position, just wants to experience the playoff berth that eluded the Bobcats last season.

"It hurt," he said about missing the playoffs. "It hurt real bad. It was hard not to make the playoffs last year. Here we were a 6-4 team and we don't get to play, while 3-7 teams are playing. I feel it wasn't right, but that is the way the system is set up."

Keathley returns for his senior year under a new coach. Keathley is one of the mainstays for the Bobcats and will be counted on for leadership as well.

"That is going to be one of the strong points of this year's team and that is the senior leadership we have," he said. "We've got some good players coming back."

Betsy Layne lost Kris Lawson after he transferred back to Prestonsburg and, last year's top defensive player, Jarrod Newsome, is in limbo as he is seeking to transfer to Prestonsburg.

"We feel we have players returning that can fill the void this team has felt," said the veteran lineman. "The loss of Jarrod, that hurt. But we can win games without them."

Keathley thinks Betsy Layne needs to work hard on conditioning because the numbers will not be in camp this year.

"Our conditioning — that's the main thing. That's what we really need to work on before the season begins. Most of us will be playing both ways this year and we need to be in better shape. It's going to be hard on the players up front."

Even with the loss of some key players from last year, Keathley says

the team is still upbeat about the year ahead or fit.

"This team is very optimistic," he

said. "The team is willing to go on and some of the other players are starting to step up their game some."

Keathley said the loss of last years players will only open the door of opportunity for others.

"It will be a break for some of the other players who came out this year," he said. "They are going to play some if they want to. They may have to."

Keathley will be quick to tell you he is not one to set any personal goals, but he just wants to contribute.

"I just want to go and do what I can for the team," he said. "I want to just go out and do my best. I don't think setting personal goals is necessary as long as we go out and win. I don't really care about my personal goals."

The returning lineman said the district race this year will be no different than what it was a year ago.

"It is going to be tough. It was tough last year and it will be again this year," he said. "Prestonsburg is going to be right at the top. I think we can be in the playoffs, but it is going to take a lot of hard work."

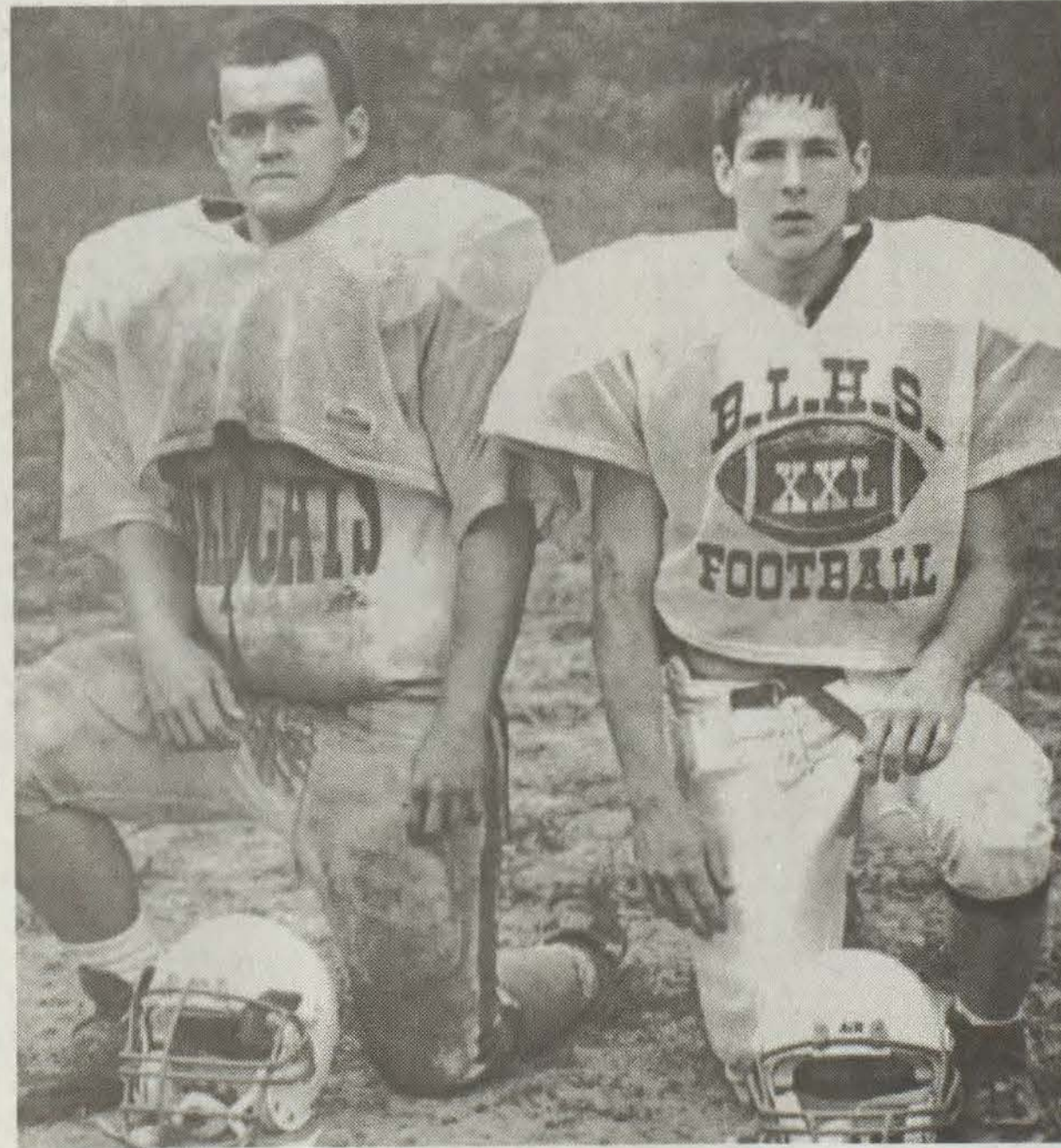
While some key players have departed, Keathley likes what he sees in the future. Russ Hall is going to be a good one for us. He will play an important role this year. We lost Jarrod and, hopefully, someone will step in and take the fullback role.

"We have Stewart Hall coming back, as well as Brad Kimbler and Darrin Reynolds on the lines. Dwayne Goble could start, but he is going to have to step up some."

With personal goals aside, Keathley is working hard for a chance to play in a playoff game before he leaves Betsy Layne.

New head coach Randall Hager says he likes the hard work Keathley displays.

"Shawn was a two-way starter last year," he said. "He plays both the offensive and defensive lines. He is the type of player you would like to have a bunch of. He's quiet and doesn't say a whole lot. But he is there every day. He works hard every day. I think he is a good football player."



Senior leadership

Shawn Keathley, right, and Craig Hamilton are expected to show the leadership that a young Betsy Layne Bobcat football team will need this season. Keathley will play both sides of the line while Hamilton may be moved to a running back position. (photo by Ed Taylor)

Every Friday night to be a battle for Betsy Layne

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

Three-year starter Craig Hamilton has set some pretty lofty heights for his senior year at Betsy Layne and one of those is a trip to a playoff game somewhere.

Hamilton is one of the most underrated football players in the 15th Region, but he was named to the All-County defensive team last year by the county coaches.

While Hamilton is a strong defensive player, he has been the starting quarterback for Betsy Layne the past three seasons. But that could all change this year.

"I don't know if I'm going to be at quarterback this year," he said. "I could be a running back. We have couple of players who may step up and play quarterback instead."

Hamilton was speaking of sophomore Tyler Puckett and junior Matt Rose. Coach Randall Hager said he would love to see Hamilton carry the football.

"Craig has been working a lot at tailback and Z-back for us," he said. "I sure would like to get to play him there. He probably will still take some snaps at quarterback, but primarily I would like to see him playing some running back."

The new head football coach said he expects great things from Hamilton.

"He is a three-year starter here," he said. "He's an excellent leader and excellent student. He's a good football player and we look for him to do a lot of good things his senior year."

Hager confirmed that Puckett or Rose will probably see time at the signal calling slot. But he could go to a rotation.

"Tyler is working hard and he is getting some things down. He probably is a little better thrower of the three. But we also have Matt Rose."

"We probably will have all three in there at the same time and we might just rotate them at quarterback," said Hager.

Hamilton said the Bobcats need to get stronger, but the lack of experience could be a problem solved only by scrimmage games.

"We have some players who can play but we need to get a few scrimmage games under our belt," he said. "We don't have a lot of numbers, but we always seem to be in good condition. We can go out and play 48 minutes of football."

"I hope to have my best season by far. I have set some pretty high goals. But this is my senior season

and I want us to do good," he said. Hamilton said the Bobcats should be a very competitive team and playing in the playoffs is not just a dream.

"We still feel we can play with anyone around here," said Hamilton, "even though we lost some players. We'll just have to go out every Friday night and play hard. We have the ability and we know we can play."

Hamilton said missing the playoffs last year with a 6-4 team was heartbreaking, but he thinks the Bobcats can repeat or do better.

(See Hamilton, A12)



Hard-hitting

Practices at Betsy Layne High School have been heating up since teams were able to put the pads on and go through hitting drills. The hot temperatures haven't helped things much. (photo by Ed Taylor)

Trans Financial RW&B Car Show gearing up for October 12

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

You know that fall of the year is not far away when football teams begin hitting the gridiron for football practice. But the annual Red, White and Blue Car Show, sponsored by Trans Financial Bank, also signals that fall is already in the air as October 12 approaches fast.

The annual car show will be held at the Trans Financial Bank lot on Saturday, April 12 with cars from all over the area as well as out of state cars making the show one of the biggest in the area.

Rain dampened the show some last year, but still 90 or more cars were present despite the weather.

This year show will be on the same order as last year with a \$1,000 savings bond going to the Best of Show.

Car Show T-shirts are available now for purchase at any of the bank's locations in Martin, Prestonsburg or Pikeville. The shirts sell for \$10.

A Friday Night Cruise will be held this year the day before the show. Car enthusiasts are urged to come and take part in just "cruising around."

For more information on the show call the banks Martin branch, 285-9281.

Sandy Valley Bobcats to hold signups

Coach Randall Hager of the Betsy Layne Bobcats announced that the Sandy Valley Bobcats grade school football team will conduct signups for grades 5-6 and 7-8 at the high school football field. The signups begin at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, August 13.

All players from John M. Stumbo, Harold, Betsy Layne and Prater Creek who anticipate playing this season are urged to sign up on this day.

Hamilton

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"This is my senior year," he said. "I would like to make the playoffs. We had a good season last year, but it was sort of disappointing in a way, I would at least like to have a repeat if not better than last season."

"With three points we could have been 8-2 last year and who knows what might have happened."

While Hamilton hated to see Coach John Derossett depart, he still believes in Coach Hager.

"Coach Derossett is the only coach I have played high school football for," said Hamilton. "But Coach Hager is a good coach. He knows what he is doing. He was at Prestonsburg when they went to the state and he's a good coach here."

Whether Hamilton is at the quarterback slot or not, he will be noticed on the field because he is a player who isn't afraid to challenge the bigger players.



Unmovable?

A Betsy Layne Bobcat took his turn tackling the sled during workouts Thursday morning at Betsy Layne. New head coach Randall Hager has been putting his team through two-a-day drills. (photo by Ed Taylor)

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but maybe at a higher seed.

Prestonsburg is expected to contend for a district championship with the likes of Breathitt County and Allen Central. Whitesburg, which lost 22 seniors from last year, is always a strong contender and not to be overlooked.

Betsy Layne could find themselves in a battle once again for the fourth seed with Whitesburg and Morgan County.

South Floyd will be in one of the meaner Class A districts in the state as they must battle an always strong and consistent Pikeville Panther team. Coach Daniels' ballclub got the fourth seed last year. They don't really care what

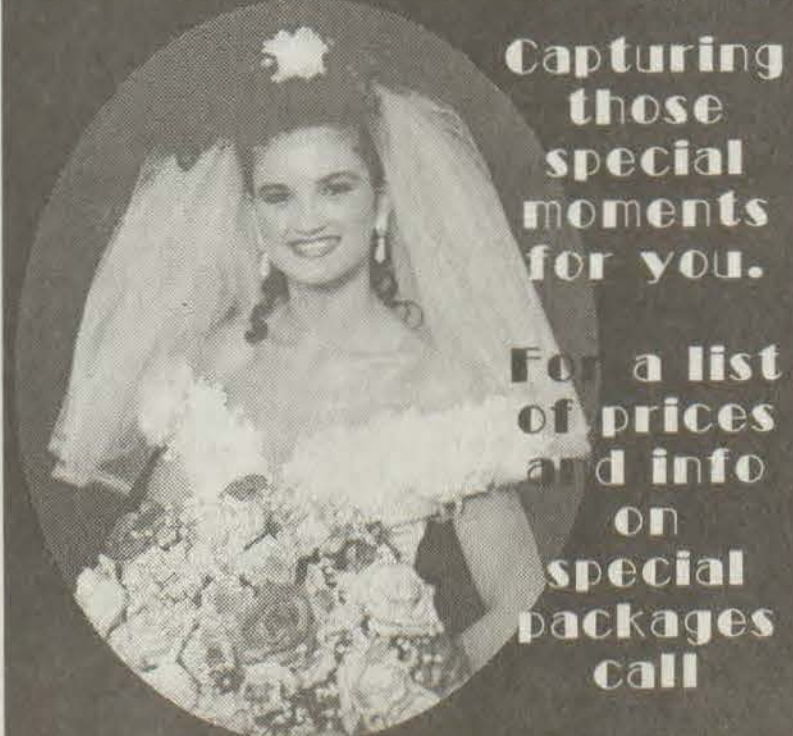
seed they go in, but they want to go farther than last year's first game.

I am looking forward to the start of the season. August 24 the Blackcats travel to Clay County to face Leslie County in the Appalachian Bowl. If you remember in '93, the great Prestonsburg run started at Clay County. Will history repeat itself?

It should be a great season. Look for my football tab around August 30 as we preview each team, talk to players and coaches, and maybe have a fan's corner.

Until Wednesday, good sports everyone and be good sports! Take the kids to Sunday School and church this Sunday.

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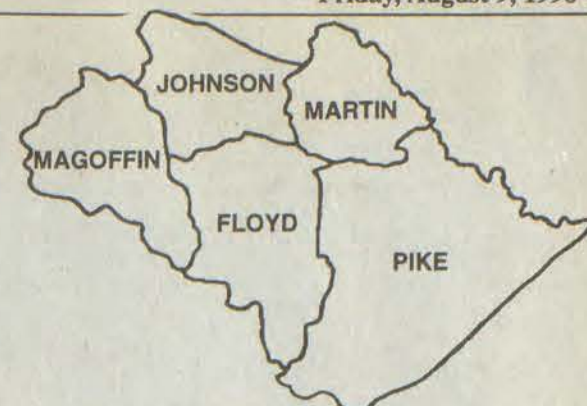


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Kelley at MSU

Rick Kelley, musical entertainer and comedian, will appear at Morehead State University's Brekinridge Auditorium on Tuesday, August 13, at 9:15 p.m.

The performance is free and open to the public.

Recently three of Kelley's original recordings were included in separate "Red Shoe Diaries" episodes which air on Showtime. Concert-goers may hear songs by such performers as Smokey Robinson, Wilson Pickett, Marvin Gaye and The Temptations when attending one of his shows.

Additional information is available by calling (606) 783-2071.

Final performance

The Mountain HomePlace will host its final performance of the "Jenny Wiley Story" as performed by the Jenny Wiley Drama Association, Friday, August 9, at 11 a.m. Visitors are advised to bring a blanket or folding chair.

After the performance and throughout the weekend, visitors may watch demonstrations of candle making, spinning, weaving, open hearth cooking, log hewing, blacksmithing and take a horse drawn wagon ride.

Saturday and Sunday, August 10 and 11, activities will start with an Appalachian wedding and continue with a barn raising. Ladies will be setting the table with traditional food and fixins, in which the public is encouraged to partake.

Children will enjoy participating in traditional games and activities.

From 4-6:30 p.m. on Saturday, mountain music will be performed by Bottom of the Barrel Bunch. Capping off the weekend, on Sunday afternoon there will be music by Forest Pelfrey and Friends.

Fitness walk, race

The 10th annual 1 1/2 miles fitness walk and 2 mile run will be held on Saturday, August 24, 1996 in Jenkins. These races are in conjunction with the Jenkins Days. The Jenkins DARE Program will be the primary sponsor at this event. For further information, call Ked Sanders at 606-832-4122 or Charles Dixon at 606-832-2759.

Distance learning

Morehead State University will offer a variety of graduate and undergraduate courses via distance learning this fall at Magoffin County High School.

Students may register at either MSU's Big Sandy Extended Campus Center in Prestonsburg or the Licking Valley Extended Campus Center in West Liberty. Registration will be conducted from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Thursday, August 15, and from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday, August 16.

Specific information on the Salyersville classes may be obtained by calling Suzanne Arnett at the Magoffin County High School library at (606) 349-2011 or from MSU's Office of Graduate and Extended Campus Programs at (606) 783-2605.

Breathitt County couple split \$22.8 million

Henry Fugate, 32, and Thelma Fournety, 42, will share in Powerball's \$22.8 million jackpot won Saturday night, August 3. The Breathitt County couple hit all six numbers needed to land the big prize. Fugate, a construction worker, and Fournety, who is unemployed, say they regularly play Powerball but never dreamed they would hit the jackpot.

"I checked the number Sunday morning by calling the Kentucky Lottery's hotline," Fournety told Lottery officials. "I called and woke Henry up and told him we matched all the numbers and that I thought we had won. He just said, 'That's nice. I'm going back to sleep.' He didn't believe me."

Fugate believes it now. "I called

the hotline number myself and checked the numbers, then I checked the newspaper. I didn't tell anybody but my family. I figured we'd get to Louisville and make sure, then we could tell everybody."

The \$22.8 million paid over 20 years is worth \$1,140,000 per year. The winners will split the money. Their winning ticket was a \$5 Quick Pick purchased at County Line Food Mart in Fisty. The store will receive one percent of the Powerball sales in Kentucky during the jackpot's run from \$5 million up to \$22.8 million. The winning numbers were: 08-18-21-24-37 and the Powerball was 29.

"What will I do with the money? All I can think of right now is a dream house," says Fugate.

Fournety agreed. "A new house is at the top of my list. And pay off bills."

The couple will receive their first check in two weeks. Lottery officials plan to make the presentation on a special live television program from the Kentucky State Fair on Saturday, August 17. The show called "Somebody's Gonna Win, Might As Well Be You," will be aired statewide on Kentucky Lottery TV affiliates.

"We've been planning the TV program for several months," says KLC President and CEO Arch Gleason. "We'll have winners of various games from all over the state on the show. And now we can present Henry and Thelma with their money on the show." It nor-

mally takes about two weeks for Powerball jackpot winners to receive their first check.

The winning ticket is the third

Powerball jackpot winning ticket sold in Kentucky since December and the fourth overall, totaling over \$210 million in prizes.

Pike man drives to hospital with meat cleaver in his head

A Pikeville man has been released from the hospital after he had a meat cleaver removed from his head.

Jessie James Taylor, 32, drove himself to Pikeville Methodist Hospital Sunday. He arrived at the emergency room with the meat cleaver embedded in his head at his temple and part of a butcher knife in his back.

He was transferred to the University of Kentucky Medical Center where he was released Monday about 1 p.m.

Taylor, of Pikeville, alleged that he was attacked by the 16-year-old son of his girlfriend, Lori Little, 32, also of Pikeville. They were apparently fighting over rent money.

Little allegedly hit Taylor with a

cane. Her son reportedly stabbed him and then put the meat cleaver in his head.

Little was arrested after the incident. She was charged with fourth-degree assault. Her son, whose name has not been released, was lodged in the Big Sandy Area Juvenile Detention Center in Prestonsburg. He was charged with first-degree assault.

According to Taylor's mother, her son came to borrow her truck about 4 p.m. Sunday so he could move some belongings from Little's home.

Little was released Monday on bond from the Pike County Detention Center. A pretrial conference is set for November 12 in Pike District Court.



Hearing aid

Early in July, Tina McFarland, a former Prestonsburg resident, joined a team of missionaries who left for Russia on July 26. She will be working with the deaf in the city of Rostov for one year. She is pictured second from right, standing in the back.

Governor defends tax proposal

by David Gross
Appalachian News-Express

Gov. Paul Patton defended his proposal to return some coal severance tax funds back to the coal companies, and said that plan is just part of the assistance needed to save the struggling coal industry.

"We're going to have to do a comprehensive program that would include much more than (my proposal)," Patton said. "There are many other equally difficult things that are going to have to be done."

Patton said additional methods to bail out the depleted coal industry are being considered. But he would not reveal the other proposals he has in mind.

There has been some criticism aimed at Patton's recent proposal,

Deer overpopulation is becoming problem in area

by Rodney Mullins
Appalachian News-Express

It wasn't Bertha that did \$3,000 worth of damage to Toby Collins' cornfield on Lower John Creek. It wasn't a drought, a tornado nor a hard freeze. Collins said it was deer.

"They're eating everything down here," said Collins. "They've completely destroyed the cornfield I put out."

Collins said the deer population is out of control in the Johns Creek area and wants something done about it.

Collins said deer in the area had done \$200-\$300 worth of damage to a fence on his property, ruined several crops besides his own and were a serious hazard for drivers of Pike County's winding roads.

which would give the coal industry a workers' compensation tax break.

The money being saved by the coal companies would be replaced with part of the coal severance tax proceeds that now go to the state's General Fund and local governments.

"This is just like robbing Peter to pay Paul," said Chris Ratliff, a Pike County attorney who is running for state representative from the 93rd district. "It doesn't solve the problem. We need a solution that doesn't cost the counties."

Patton's proposal would cost the state about \$13 million. Local governments would lose close to \$5.5 million, with \$500,000 of the loss coming from Pike County's share.

"Everybody's going to have to give a little—I want them to be pre-

pared for that," Patton said. "We've got a major problem."

Pike County Judge-Executive Donna Damron has supported Patton's proposal from the beginning.

"It's a catch-22 situation," she said recently. "If the coal industry needs our help...and we don't assist them, then we're not going to have any coal severance tax at all."

Patton said other county officials throughout the state should brace for reductions in coal severance tax proceeds. The reductions could be felt by next July, he said.

"I want to let them know that coal is in trouble," Patton said. "The fact is that the coal severance tax is already going down."

"I would guarantee that (the counties) are already overbudgeted. The coal severance tax will probably be 10 percent less than what they've got in their budgets."

Patton said a special legislative session to discuss workers' compensation will be called by next January.

"We fully intend to protect the injured worker," he said. "That has to be done — that will be done in my proposal. But we must reduce the cost to businesses."

Fire destroys Lawrence County tobacco shop

by Jerry Pennington
The Big Sandy News

A late-night fire gutted a tobacco shop and damaged the adjoining Dollar General Store along old U.S. 23 in Louisa last week.

Communications Coordinator Michael Woods said the Louisa Volunteer Fire Department received a call about the fire at 12:25 a.m., Thursday, August 1.

A Louisa police officer had spotted the fire that was already fully involved.

"The police officer that called it in said flames were already coming from the roof," Woods said. Firefighters were on the scene until close to 5 a.m., when the blaze was extinguished before extensive damage was done to the Dollar General Store.

Cleter Ferguson, owner of the buildings, said he estimated that roughly \$100,000 of structural damage was caused by the fire and

From the
Salyersville Independent

The Magoffin County Sheriff's Department recovered two stolen vehicles during the past week. Both vehicles had been burned.

The first, found on Rock House Fork, was a 1991 Ford F-150 pickup owned by Hysel Hale, formerly of Magoffin County and currently residing in Mount Sterling, Ohio.

The truck was reportedly stolen while it was parked at the Jellico boat dock at Paintsville Lake. The owner reportedly had gone out on

the lake and left the truck, with a boat trailer attached, parked.

When found, the truck was completely destroyed by fire, with the trailer still attached.

The second, a 1990 Nissan reported stolen from Sitka in Johnson County, was found on Tick Lick, near Falcon, completely destroyed by fire.

Gasoline containers and papers used to set fire to the vehicle were found nearby. Insurance fraud is suspected.

No arrests have been made in either of the thefts.

Police searching for missing Louisa woman

by Jerry Pennington
The Big Sandy News

What began as a routine stop and arrest of a drunken driver turned into an escape that has state and local police searching for a missing person.

Fannie E. Anderson, 38, of Route 3 in Louisa was arrested for driving under the influence shortly after 1 a.m. on July 25. Louisa Police Sgt. Kevin T. Adkins said she then escaped custody by lowering the passenger rear window and opening the door of the cruiser from the outside.

Police believe she then crossed the bridge into the Fort Gay, W. Va., area. For the next two hours, police searched the river bank, downtown Louisa and the Point Section, but

there was no sign of Anderson. Police also said Anderson's family has reported no contact with her.

The Louisa Police Department has filed a missing persons report with the Kentucky State Police and Anderson has been entered into the NCIC as missing for one week.

"At this time we do not suspect foul play in her disappearance," Adkins said. "Our concern is in verifying her welfare."

Anderson faces charges of DUI, third-degree escape and possession of marijuana—all misdemeanors. The missing person is 5 feet, 3 inches tall and weighs about 130 pounds. She has brown eyes and brown hair that is below the shoulder in length. She was last seen around 1:30 a.m., July 25, shortly after she escaped from police.

Anyone with information about Anderson's whereabouts should contact the Louisa Police Department at (606) 638-4058 or the Kentucky State Police at 1-800-222-5555.

Mingo County to use Pike landfill

Pike Judge-Executive Donna Damron was authorized at Monday night's fiscal court meeting to sign contracts with two Huntington, West Virginia, garbage services that will be bringing Mingo County waste to the Pike County landfill.

Both landfills formerly used by Mingo have closed and the county is waiting to be get a permit for a transport station.

The two companies that will be bringing trash into Pike's landfill are B&E Cartage and M&L Commercial Garbage, Inc.

The cost of hauling the garbage into Pike County, Damron said, will be \$30 per ton.

Damron stressed that neither company is to bring hazardous or medical waste to the Pike landfill and the Mingo services must have their own insurance.

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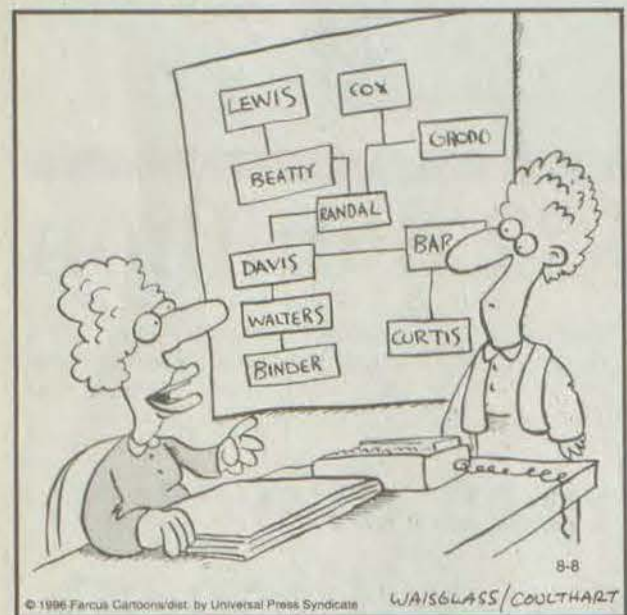
The Friday Comics

Farcus

by David Waisglass
Gordon Coulthart

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"It's not an org chart — it's the company dating schedule."



"As Rocky's agent, it's my job to run the bases for him."

R.F.D. by MIKE MARLAND



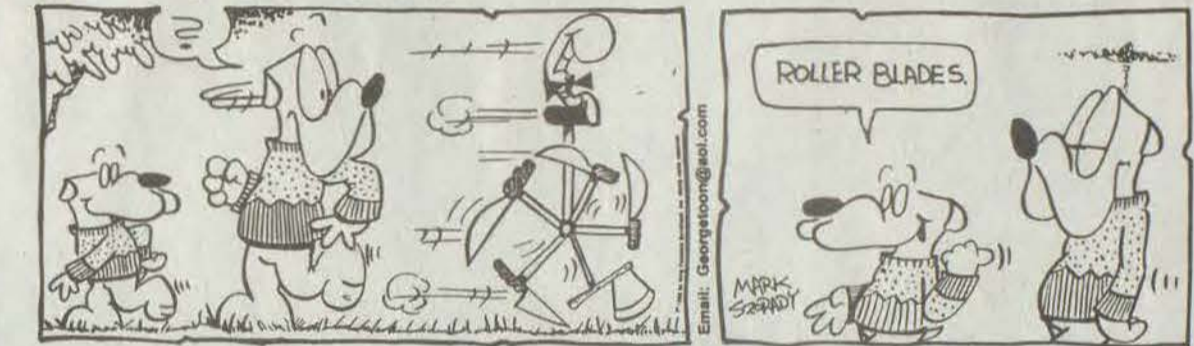
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BRINGING UP FATHER

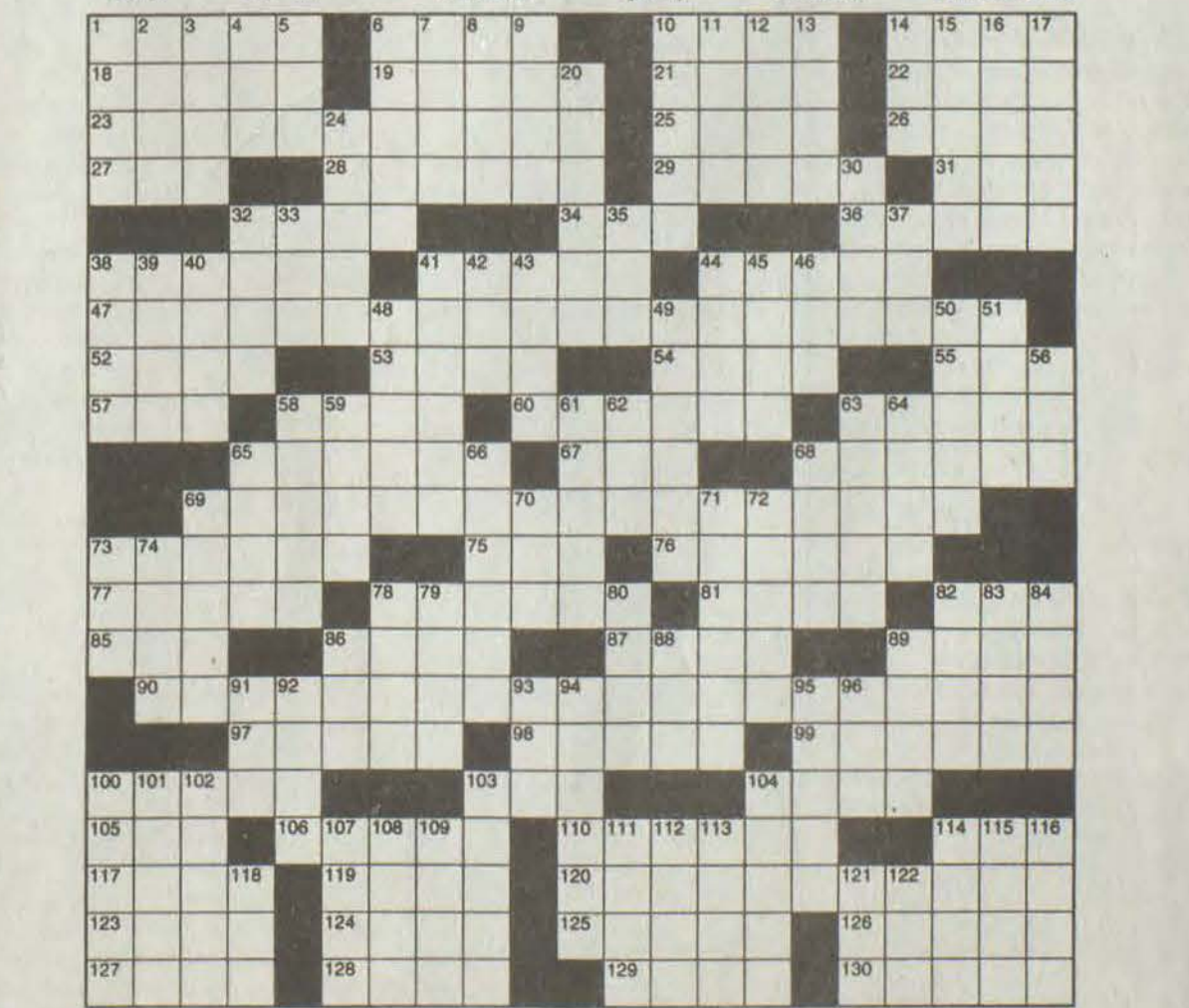


BUTCH AND DOUGIE by ALEX HOWELL



Super Crossword

- ACROSS: 1 Zest, 6 Medieval weapon, 10 Pants part, 14 Big party, 18 Lipstick shade, 19 Mea —, 21 Wan, 22 Section, 23 Carl Weather's role, 25 Columnist, 26 Bombek, 27 Half of us, 28 Odysseus, for one, 29 Cymbals' sound, 31 Vacation time in Versailles, 32 "The Great Pacificator", 34 "— All in the Game", 36 Bodybuilder Charles, 38 Bunch of bass, 41 Parish priest, 44 Colonel Tibbets' mom, 47 '72 Gene Hackman film, 52 Green land, 53 Bank offering, 54 Get under one's skin, 55 Psychic Geller, 57 Compass pt., 58 One of "The Avengers", 60 Register, 63 Actor Underwood, 65 Driver of "Circle of Friends", 67 WWII area, 68 Origin, 69 Sean O'Casey play, 73 Women and mares, 75 Cloth finish?, 76 Cop some z's, 77 Literary lover, 78 Quarel, 81 Adorable, 82 HST's successor, 85 Baby bear, 86 Ed Sullivan's mouse friend, — Giglio, 87 Bolger/Haley costar, 89 "La Rondine" rendition, 90 '64 Adam West movie, 97 Off the plate, 98 Composer Franck, 99 Intrepid, 100 '54 Bogart role, 103 Seer's gift, 104 "Gil —", 105 Einstein's birthplace, 106 Volunteer, 110 On the beach, 114 Canonized Mile, 117 Piece of news, 119 Capp's — the Hyena, 120 Connie Francis tune, 123 Ontario native, 124 Singer Redding, 125 Hoffmann's output, 126 Emulate Webster, 127 One of the Wallendas, 128 Virginia of tennis, 129 Felid, 130 Inert gas, DOWN: 1 Swindle, 2 "The Rape of the Lock" poet, 3 Rock's — Butterfly, 4 Hall of Famer Hubbard, 5 Conduit, 6 "Star Trek" doctor, 7 Ambiance, 8 Actor Bevans, 9 Foil's kin, 10 Gramps' glasses, 11 Hindman of "Home Improvement", 12 — mater, 13 Herbal concoctions, 14 Hope for a hit, 15 Prospero's servant, 16 Actress Berger, 17 "Gabby" of westerns, 20 Director Lyne, 24 College exams, 30 Sentry's shout, 32 Manage, 33 London lavatory, 35 Singing syllable, 37 Kind of cross, 38 Actress Anna, 39 Vandyke site, 40 At this point, 41 Paganini's instrument, 42 Boise's st., 43 Good place for a dip?, 44 Depraved, 45 Actress Gwyn, 46 "A Chorus Line" tune, 48 Ms. Verdugo, 49 Gives in to gravity, 50 "Uhuru" author Robert Clapton, 51 Carmen or Clapton, 56 Rage, 58 It's spotted out West, 59 Sonny Shroyer sitcom, 61 Outmoded jacket, 62 Hwy, 63 Hooch, 64 Clare Boothe —, 65 Stubborn sort, 66 He made light of invention?, 68 "Braveheart" extra, 69 Pachyderm handle, 70 Asian holiday, 71 Stick-in-the-mud?, 72 "— a Grand Old Flag", 73 Parenthesis shape, 74 Morose, 78 Health measure?, 79 "Once — a lime..." —, 80 Asset, 82 "Confound it!", 83 Gossip, 84 The Commodores hit, 86 Explosive initials, 88 Botanist Gray, 89 Author Martin, 91 Honey of a worker?, 92 Othello's inducer, 93 Medicine amt., 94 Meal, 95 Looked like Lothario?, 96 Pro-gun grp., 100 Finger part, 101 Marine leader?, 102 Arabic title, 103 Undo an error, 104 Like autumn weather, 107 Stream, 108 Chalky cheese, 109 Markey or Bagnold, 111 Galaxy glitterer, 112 A shake in the grass?, 113 Frank, 114 9 inches, 115 Tenor Schipa, 116 "East of —", 118 Brooks or Ott, 121 Courtesy of "Friends", 122 Noun suffix



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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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Boxing
Butterfly
Cassius
Foreman
Frazier
Gold medal
Heavyweight
Holmes
Liston
Media
Olympics
Spinks
Title

(Answers on B 5)

News of the Weird by Chuck Shepherd

— In June, firefighters in El Cajon, Calif., had to rescue Heather Jaehn, 25, who had locked herself out of her house and then had gotten stuck in the chimney trying to climb in. Four days later, Felix Rivera, 33, got stuck in a rooftop vent while allegedly burglarizing a San Antonio convenience store to get a beer and had to be rescued by firefighters before police could arrest him.

— Latest Dysfunctional Family: In May, the Tennessee Supreme Court ordered a new trial for Hixson, Tenn., Baptist preacher Don McCary, who had been sentenced to 72 years in prison for 13 sex offenses against four teen-age boys. His twin brother, Ron, had been serving time with him at the prison in Pikeville, Tenn., for raping a six-year-old boy, and their older brother, Richard, a former pastor, is still wanted by authorities after pleading guilty to molesting four boys in the 1980s.

POLICE BLOTTER

— From a May crime report in the Huntington,

W.Va., Herald-Dispatch: A 17-year-old pizzeria employee was arrested for DUI at night after the store closed, and his boss was charged with contributing to the delinquency of a minor. According to the boss, "[I]t is hard to pay people and I let him drink beer at [the pizzeria], so that he will work for free."

— In May, Domenico Germano, 32, was sentenced to four years probation and ordered to reimburse a bank more than \$5,000 in repairs. Six months earlier, after becoming frustrated that the bank's ATM would not give him any money, he pulled a gun and put four shots into it.

— In June, a judge in Anderson, Ind., first set bail at \$10,000 for Virdeen Redmon, 67, who had been arrested for public intoxication and driving with a suspended license. However, he raised the bail to \$100,000 when he saw Redmon's record: He has been arrested nearly 400 times on alcohol charges since 1947, had his driver's license suspended 33 times between 1947 and 1976, and had his license suspended "for life" in 1977.

— Life Imitates Magazine Ads: In March, David Lee Smith, 41, was charged with burglary in North Knoxville, Tenn., after he broke into a home and demanded milk to drink. The occupant complied with the request and then discreetly called the police from another room. A few minutes later, officers arrived and easily distinguished Smith from the occupant, they later said, because of the ring of milk around Smith's mouth.

— In June, according to La Vergne, Tenn., police Sgt. Carl McMillen, a man called 911 to summon officers to his home to stop his wife from pouring out all of his beer following a domestic dispute.

THE WEIRDO-AMERICAN COMMUNITY

— In May, Stanford University won the right, over the University of California at Berkeley, to house the literary legacy of the late Pulitzer- and Oscar-winning writer William Saroyan, apparently because it also agreed to take custody of Saroyan's nonliterary property. Because Saroyan was a compulsive collector, his nonliterary archives include, among other things, hundreds of boxes of rocks, matchbook covers, old newspapers (numbering in the thousands), labels peeled off cans, and a plastic bag filled with about 10,000 rubber bands.

— In June, a grand jury on Long Island, N.Y., returned indictments against three men who allegedly plotted to poison Suffolk County officials with radioactive substances in their food. The three men, John J. Ford, Joseph Mazzuchelli and Edward Zabo, believe that a UFO crashed on Long Island in 1995 and was being covered up by the government, and eliminating the officials would make it easier for the three men to gain power and expose the crash. Said district attorney

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Popperri

by Scott Perry

News that scientists have discovered evidence that life may have once existed on Mars may have come as a surprise to some folks, but we've always doubted the contentions that we earthlings were alone in the universe.

If you'll think about it, the signs that aliens are among us are pretty obvious. Why, even your next door neighbor may be a visitor from another planet.

Of course, the fact that this evidence of Martian life was collected from a meteorite and not a flying saucer doesn't support theories that intelligent life exists out there in space, but then the fall lineup of new television shows doesn't do much to support the claim that intelligent life exists on earth, either.

Don't forget, though, that in the film "War of the Worlds," those invaders from Mars arrived here with their spaceships encased in, you guessed it, meteorites.

When Orson Welles first broadcast that story over the radio back in the 30s, it set off widespread panic among people who didn't realize the broadcast was just a hoax.

Maybe it wasn't so fictional, after all.

Maybe this tiny fragment of a meteorite with its primitive Martian fossils is really just part of a bigger space rock that actually had some real live Martians inside. And, if that bigger meteorite did arrive back in the 30s, as Orson Welles suggested, it would help explain a lot of previously inexplicable events that have taken place here on planet Earth since.

Like the 1968 New York Jets winning the Super Bowl and the 1969 New York Mets winning the World Series.

Had to be something extra-terrestrial involved there, just like there had to be some other-worldly influence involved in the inventions of polyester leisure suits and spray-on hair.

It is also probably no coincidence that the "War of the Worlds" was first aired about the same time that Elvis Presley was born or that the microscopic fossils on that Martian meteorite look an awful lot like sequins from one of his jackets.

You know, Elvis was capable of some body language that was decidedly inhuman and his music was definitely "different" from the standard fare of his day.

Sure makes you wonder.

Don't need meteorites, though, to convince us that we are not alone.

If Rush Limbaugh isn't an alien, they don't exist.

Critic's Corner

by Michael Greene

Lonestar

This is the stuff of which Greek tragedies were made! A fascinating, complex, richly-related tale, this flick is not just eyeball fluff. It really gives the viewer something to chew on as the tale unfolds.

Chris Cooper portrays Sheriff Sam Deeds whose beat is the fictional town of Frontera, Texas, which is right on the border with Mexico. Chris' dad, Buddy (Matthew McConaughey), is dead when the story begins, but makes his appearances via flashbacks. Buddy was also the sheriff of Frontera whose main claim to fame was running off the corrupt Charlie Wade (Kris Kristofferson) who preceded Buddy in office and ran the town like his personal fiefdom.

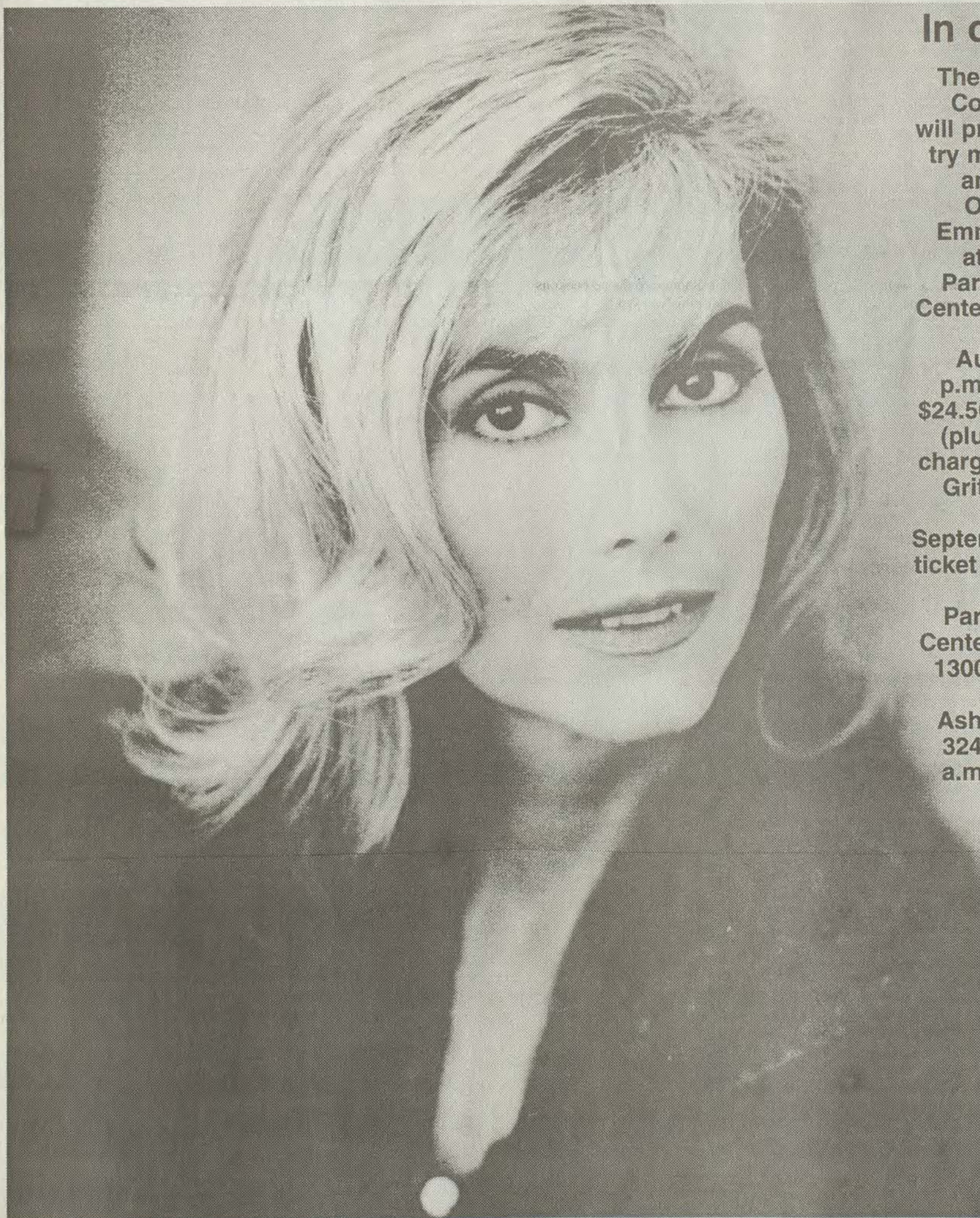
The movie begins with the discovery of an old skeleton, hidden in an abandoned army rifle range. The main clue to who the guy was is the rusted sheriff's badge next to the remains. Of course, the body turns out to be Charlie Wade's and Chris finds himself facing the fact that his dad, with whom he never really got along, is the main suspect.

As he goes through his investigation, more and more people in the town become involved, most notably, Pilar Cruz (Elizabeth Pena), a high school teacher with whom Chris had a romance back in their own teen years. Because of the differences in their ethnic backgrounds, both his father and her mother ended the relationship. Now that both find themselves single, the flames of passion are reignited.

That's the plot laid before your bare bones. However, as I said, this is a richly complex story which encompasses a wide range of characters and issues I don't have the space to detail for you. Let's just say that this is a movie that's a must-see, a real thinking person's flick. Were I to have the power, I would make sure it was a major Oscar winner come next year!

Extra

The Weekend



In concert

The Troubadour Concert Series will present country music legend and Grand Ol' Opry member Emmylou Harris at the historic Paramount Arts Center in Ashland on Tuesday, August 13 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$24.50 and \$18.50 (plus \$1 service charge). The Nitty Gritty Dirt Band will perform September 13. For ticket information, call the Paramount Arts Center box office, 1300 Winchester Avenue in Ashland at (606) 324-3175 after 9 a.m., weekdays.

YOUR MONEY'S NO GOOD HERE

Anybody who watches television knows that many businesses around the world don't accept the American Express Card. And being the realist that I am, I'm willing to ponder the possibility that there might be some places that don't accept any credit cards, major or otherwise. What I do find difficult to comprehend is that some places are still so backward that they don't accept money either. It's scary to think about, but there is a place on the Amazon River in South America that still utilizes the barter method to conduct business.

My Peruvian brother-in-law happened onto this discovery several weeks ago as he attempted to leave this backward region of South America along with my

ex-brother-in-law, their mother, and my nephew.

"It was amazing," Willy said in his almost impeccable English. "All I had were traveler's checks, credit cards and some cash. But these people wouldn't even consider it."

"What kind of people wouldn't accept a credit card?" I asked, disbelievingly.

"Some big, strange, jungle people," Willy replied. "They were incredible looking. They

had strong, muscular bodies that looked as if they worked out two or three times a day with weights. They didn't have an ounce of fat on them anywhere. Of course, very few of them still had all their teeth, and their skin was as leathery looking as an alligator's from all the sun exposure. I attempted to give them a credit

card so that they would help me find transportation back to Lima so I could catch my return flight to the states, but they wouldn't."

"I suppose that was frightening," I said.

"I don't trust anybody who won't take VISA," Willy laughed.

"How did you buy food?" I asked.

"Well, a couple of times we ate vegetation, and once we ate piranha."

"Piranha!" I exclaimed. "What did it taste like?"

"A little bit like chicken, but with a fishy aftertaste," he chuckled.

I wasn't amused. My nephew was still foraging around in the wilds of South America with people who didn't know what money was or that credit cards could never be paid off in one's lifetime at their current rate

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Smile
Awhile

Sara Hopson

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Board of Directors of Appalachian Research and Defense Fund of Kentucky, Inc. will hold a regular quarterly meeting on Saturday, August 10, at Natural Bridge State Park beginning at 11:00 a.m. The meeting is open to the public.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-8028, Renewal

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Bull Creek Coal Corporation, 452 Town Mountain Road, Pikeville, KY 41501, has applied for renewal of a permit for a loading, crusher, refuse disposal, coal processing facility affecting 18.16 acres located 0.5 miles south of Lancer in Floyd County.

The operation is located approximately 1.8 miles North from U.S. 23's junction with Ky. St. Rt. 3 and located 0.6 miles East of Bull Creek. The longitude is 82° 43' 55". The latitude is 37° 39' 42".

The operation is located on the Lancer U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area is owned by Bull Creek Coal Corporation, Paul P. and Sharon C. Burchett.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 2705 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments or objections must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

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

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Progress Land Corporation, P.O. Box 784, Hazard, Kentucky 41702, has applied for Phase III Bond Release on Permit Number 836-5320 which was last issued on June 22, 1994. The application covers an area of approximately 293.56 acres located 0.5 mile south of Weeksby, Floyd County, Kentucky.

The permit area is located approximately 2.5 miles south of the junction of Ky. 466 and Hwy. 122 and 0.5 miles east of Left Fork of Beaver Creek. The latitude is 37 degrees, 19 minutes, 30 seconds. The longitude is 82 degrees, 41 minutes, 39 seconds.

The bond now in effect for Permit Number 836-5320 is a surety of \$2,500. One hundred (100) per cent of the remainder of the original bond amount of \$10,000 is included in the application for release.

Reclamation work performed includes: Backfilling, final grading, seeding and mulching completed in April of 1986. All disturbed areas have been seeded as to provide adequate growth for plant species and provide appropriate conditions for the surrounding wildlife. Results thus far indicate growth of vegetation is according to re-vegetation plan.

This is the final advertisement of this application. Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by September 9, 1996.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for September 10, 1996 at 1:00 p.m. at the Prestonsburg Regional Office of the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and

Enforcement, 2705 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653-1455. The hearing will be canceled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by September 9, 1996.

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Progress Land Corporation, P.O. Box 784, Hazard, Kentucky 41702 has applied for Phase III

Bond Release on Permit Number 836-5322 which was last issued on November 18, 1994. The application covers an area of approximately 505.77 acres located 0.57 miles north of Halo, Floyd County, Kentucky.

The permit area is approximately 3.0 miles south of the junction of KY 122 and KY 1498 and located on Jacks Creek in Floyd and Knott counties on the Wheelwright and Kite 7 1/2 minute quadrangles.

The latitude is 37 degrees, 19 minutes, 28 seconds. The longitude is 82 degrees, 44 minutes, 29 seconds.

The bond now in effect for Permit Number 836-5322 is a surety of \$1,900. One hundred (100) per cent of the remainder of the original bond amount of \$12,800 is included in the application for release.

Reclamation work performed includes: backfilling, final grading, seeding and mulching completed in

the Spring of 1990. All disturbed areas have been seeded as to provide adequate growth for plant species and provide appropriate conditions for the surrounding wildlife. Results thus far indicate growth of vegetation is according to re-vegetation plan.

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LEGAL SALE

Notice is hereby given that on Monday, August 12, 1996, on or about the hour of 11:00 a.m. (local time), Wayne Supply Company, U.S. 23 South, Pikeville, Kentucky, will offer the following equipment at public sale to wit: 1 Caterpillar 621 Scraper,

SN 23H01787. This sale will be at public outcry, to the highest bidder, and will be for cash at the time of the sale. Seller reserves the right to bid. The equipment may be inspected at Wayne Supply Company's place of business in Pikeville. Licensed auctioneer, Phillip Childers.

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