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Defendant competent; rape trial begins

by Chris McDavid
Staff Writer

A Floyd County jury began hearing testimony Thursday in the case of a Harold man accused of the 1993 kidnapping and rape of a 62-year-old Ivel resident.

Eddie Dean Hall, 24, was arrested April 24, 1994, on the morning of the alleged incident, by Kentucky State Police sergeant Lynn Cross, who was a detective at that time.

Hall was indicted by a Floyd County

Grand Jury in May 1993 on charges of first degree rape; first degree robbery; kidnapping; and first degree burglary.

On Tuesday, Floyd Circuit Judge John David Caudill heard testimony from witnesses, including a clinical psychologist, to determine if Hall is competent to stand trial on the charges.

The clinical psychologist reportedly testified that Hall suffers from an organic mental disorder and has anti-social personality traits. Another witness reportedly said that although the defendant was illiterate, he was "holler

smart" and functions at a higher level than his educational background. Judge Caudill ruled that Hall was competent to stand trial.

After the jury was selected Wednesday afternoon, Commonwealth Attorney John Earl Hunt presented his opening statement to the jurors.

Hunt told the jurors that Sgt. Cross and other KSP officials would be testifying during the trial, and emphasized that "scientific evidence" would put Hall at the scene of the crime.

The commonwealth attorney said

that Hall's fingerprints match those which were taken from the scene. He also said that the victim would testify about all the events which occurred the night of the alleged incident.

"She was raped and restrained against her will," Hunt said, adding that the victim's home was burglarized and she had been robbed of \$240.

"After hearing the testimony, the question is going to be 'what do you do with this indictment,'" Hunt said. "I be-

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One name missing, one name misspelled

by Susan Allen
Staff Writer

A second Prestonsburg man has entered the race for the State Representative seat in 94th District, which includes precincts in Floyd County.

Prestonsburg insurance agent Denzil Allen, a Democrat, filed for office Monday afternoon in Frankfort at the Secretary of State's office. Allen's name was inadvertently omitted from the list of candidates published Wednesday.

Last year, long-time office-holder Herbie Deskins, a Democrat from Pikeville, announced he would not seek re-election to the seat in the House of Representatives.

Allen will face fellow Democrats Herman W. Lester of Pikeville (whose name was backward in Wednesday's edition); Ira Edsel Branham of Pikeville; Joe H. Harris of South Williamson; Robert D. McNinch of Prestonsburg; and Jim Pruitt of Pikeville.

Only one Republican, Mitchell Maynard of Varney, filed for the seat.

Tuesday's filing deadline produced a flurry of activity in County Clerk Carla Boyd's office, but the final lineup has not been decided.

Boyd said Tuesday that Independent candidates have until April 27 to change their voter registrations, and will have until 4 p.m. August 11 to file for office.

Since an Independent political party is not sanctioned in the county, candidates for the Independent ticket do not have to run in a primary election, Boyd said. The April 27 date to change party registration was set because there wasn't an election in the state last year, she said.

The primary election will held May 26.

Luck of the draw

A drawing for candidates' placement on the May Primary ballot was conducted Thursday afternoon on the steps of the courthouse. The drawing was initially scheduled to be held in the district courtroom; however, the event was moved outdoors because of a trial.

Floyd County Court Clerk Carla "Robinson" Boyd said the drawing was the first to be held outside and had drawn the largest crowd she had seen. (photo by Chris McDavid)



Takeover invitation is revised; board bickers over minutes

by Susan Allen
Staff Writer

Revisions to an agreed order were approved Wednesday which may place the management of the Floyd County School System in the hands of state education officials.

Floyd school board members met in special session Wednesday to approve minor word changes in the agreement, which calls for a three-year state takeover of the troubled district.

Board attorney Jerry Patton said that wording which says the school district is to be a "state-managed district for a three year period" implies that state control is mandated for that time period.

"I understand the Department of Education (doesn't) want to be in here that

long," Patton said. He added that the law says a takeover can last up to three years, with state officials conducting annual reviews on the system's progress.

Patton suggested that the board incorporate into the board minutes a cover letter from Kevin Noland, general counsel for the education department, that accompanied the revised agreement.

Noland's letter explains that under the law, a district designated as state-managed remains so until the Kentucky Board of Education determines the management problems have been corrected. A board of education "could petition" the state board for an early release from state management, Noland said.

The Floyd board also requested a change in the agreement that mandates that the local board continue to meet to

discuss the district's affairs. The agreement initially said the local board "may" continue to meet.

Board member Johnnie Ross said the revisions "fulfilled the spirit" of the first agreement reviewed.

As a state-managed district, the control and management of district falls to state officials and state Education Commissioner Wilmer Cody has the power to veto any actions of the local board.

"The commissioner hopes that (the) exercise of this veto authority will be unnecessary and further anticipates a productive and cooperative working relationship between the Floyd County Board of Education and the state management team," the agreement says.

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Stumbo says 2nd judge is needed

by Susan Allen
and Chris McDavid
Staff Writers

A certificate of need for a second Floyd District Judge has been made to the state legislators by State Supreme Court Justice Janet Stumbo.

Floyd District Judge James R. Allen, who has one of the heaviest caseloads in the state, is hopeful a second district judge will be added.

"My understanding is that we're number one in the state with our caseload," Allen said. "I look forward to getting a second judge. I really need the help. It's going to lighten my load by splitting the responsibilities."

A certificate of need by the Supreme Court is needed before legislators can create and fund new judgeships.

Stumbo said Allen needs the assistance.

"The certification of necessity for the Floyd District recognizes that Judge James Allen has the highest caseload of any district judge in the state and that, while he is handling the situation very well, it is imperative that he receive the help of a second district judge," Stumbo said.

Stumbo explained that she hoped that a second district judge in Floyd County would become part of a new Family Court System that the Supreme Court has been working on for the past two years.

In legislation introduced Thursday, however, Floyd County was not listed as one of the pilot projects in the six Supreme Court Dis-

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The week ahead...

Look for more special Valentines in next Wednesday's edition of The Floyd County Times!

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Grievance is filed against chair of healthcare board

by Chris McDavid
Staff Writer

A Big Sandy Health Care employee has filed a labor grievance against board president Bertie Salyer and is asking that the president be relieved of her position on the board.

Bobbi Arnett, a social worker for BSHC and the chairperson for the health care union's grievance committee, presented the grievance on behalf of Sonja Hall to the board during a regular meeting of the board of directors Monday night.

According to the grievance, Salyer "harassed and humiliated" Hall in front of her co-workers. The grievance indicates the incident occurred on the same day of the board meeting.

Hall said Thursday that Salyer came to the central office Monday and requested in-

formation from executive director Ellis Buchanan.

"After their meeting, he asked me if I minded making copies for Mrs. Salyer," Hall said.

Hall said Salyer made a scene at the central office by "turning around real quick" and waving a hand full of papers in her face. "She asked me if I was his personal secretary," Hall said, adding that she said she was not and told Salyer the supervisor was not present.

Hall said the board president requested that another employee assist with making the copies.

Thursday afternoon, Salyer denied Hall's accusations, but admitted she asked if Hall was the executive director's personal secretary.

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Civil rights lawsuit alleges police brutality

by Susan Allen
Staff Writer

A federal civil rights lawsuit has been filed against the City of Wheelwright and former police chief Tommy Engle in relation to an altercation in May.

John D. Pratt is suing Engle and the city for alleged police brutality.

According to the suit, filed by attorney Ned Pillersdorf, Pratt was a passenger in a vehicle driven by Aron Pratt of Pine Top when Engle began pursuing the vehicle.

"With malicious intent and extreme deliberate indifference,

Engle rammed his police cruiser into the vehicle (Pratt) was riding in, causing . . . the first injury to his skull," the suit alleges. "After (Pratt) was physically taken from the vehicle, (Engle), while (Pratt's) hands were fully handcuffed in the rear of his body, was violently and maliciously thrown to the ground, thus once again injuring (Pratt's) skull."

Engle is no longer Wheelwright police chief and could not be reached for comment on the suit.

Pratt also claims in the suit that after he was thrown to the

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END-TIME CHRONICLES

by Randy Slone
We appreciate your comments. Send questions or comments to SEAL FEEDBACK, P.O. Box 268, Weeksbury, KY 41667.

Virtually every time I have watched TBN (Trinity Broadcast Network) recently, I have listened to a teacher or preacher advocating that God wants me to be "materially prosperous" in this life. This teaching is usually presented in the form of an equation, beginning with my responsibility first, followed by God's reaction. According to these teachers, my responsibility is to pay my tithes, live a righteous and obedient Christian life, and earnestly pray for the prosperity I desire, accepting as "fact" that my prayers will be granted. God's reaction will be to multiply my tithes and "feed" them back to me, in the form of better jobs, nicer homes, more money, etc. While this is a nice sounding message, the important consideration is whether or not it is Biblically and historically accurate.

Frankly, I am somewhat amazed that a doctrine so far removed from accurate Biblical teaching could be accepted by such a large cross section of Christianity. Was Jesus materially wealthy? (see Matthew 8:20) Which of the apostles or disciples were wealthy? If material prosperity was an expected result of becoming a Christian, why would Paul say, "If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men?" (1 Corinthians 15:19) Paul's description of his lifestyle, as found in 2 Corinthians 11:23-27, cannot possibly be equated with material prosperity. Was the apostle John materially prosperous while he wrote the book of Revelation on the prison island of Patmos?

Historically speaking, the early Church in Jerusalem suffered extreme material hardships. For this reason, Paul encouraged the Gentile congregations to provide monetary gifts to the Jerusalem church. (See 1 Corinthians 16:1-3, 2 Corinthians 8:13-14). Soon after this time period, the Roman government began to persecute all Christians severely. This is why Jesus told the Church in Smyrna, "I know your afflictions and your poverty..." (Revelation

2:9) The Roman Christian persecution began with an automatic legal seizure of all material holdings by any professing Christian. Almost immediately, however, this persecution escalated to horrendous torture and murder of entire Christian fam-

ilies. This forced the Church to go "underground" until Constantine issued the Edict of Tolerance in 317 A.D.

According to "Foxes' Book on Martyrs," approximately five million Christians were brutally murdered during the years of 100 A.D. to 317 A.D. Many of these Christian "refugees" were forced to survive barely above the level of an animal. Out of necessity, they had to live their lives as transients, shrouded in secrecy; ownership of land or homes was out of the question. Needless to say, they did not experience prosperous lives by earthly standards. Excuse my sarcasm, but I wonder how the TV "prosperity" evangelists would explain their lack of material blessings?

Christian Prosperity: An End-Time Trend?

Material hardships and persecution has been an earmark of true Christianity throughout the entire Christian era. I could continue with a long list of sincere Christians who suffered severe deprivation in every aspect of their lives, many to the point of losing their lives. Jesus said, "If they persecuted me, they will persecute you also." (John 15:20) Paul boldly stated, "In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted..." (2 Timothy 3:12) In many cases, persecution will automatically negate prosperity, depending on the type of persecution.

Does this mean a true Christian has to be impoverished? Absolutely not! Zacchaeus the tax collector was apparently materially prosperous. Even though he gave half of his wealth to the poor, he was probably still "rich," according to Jewish standards at the time. (See Luke 19:1-9) Biblical context suggests that Cornelius was also wealthy, and there is no insinuation that he gave up his material wealth after his conversion." (See Acts 10:1-48) In 1 Timothy 6:17-18, Paul tells Timothy to, "Command those who are rich in the present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth... Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds..." Therefore, from a Christian perspective, material wealth carries a responsibility; those blessed with it should use it generously to advance the gospel and further the needs of the Christian community.

The TV evangelists who are pushing this prosperity doctrine try to prove their point by using Biblical characters such as Abraham, Moses, David, and Solomon as examples. While it is true that God blessed these individuals with great material wealth, how about other Old Testament characters, such as Elijah, Ezekiel, Jeremiah, and most other Old Testament prophets? The Bible indicates that the majority of God's true prophets were impoverished and persecuted throughout much, if

not all, of their lives and ministry. Did God love Moses more than the apostle Paul, or Solomon more than the apostle John?

I find it interesting that "tithing" is always such an important factor in this modern prosperity doctrine. I suppose it's just coincidence that a large portion of these tithes will probably go to the TV evangelist who delivers the prosperity message. Paul warned Timothy that certain false teachers would come along "...who think that godliness is a means to financial gain." (1 Timothy 6:5) I sincerely hope my fears are unwarranted regarding

many of these teachers.

I am reasonably sure that God blesses "some" individuals with great material prosperity, according to His infinite wisdom and purpose. In the same way, other talents and spiritual gifts are provided "individually" to the Christian community for the general upbuilding of the Church. However, to teach that material prosperity is a gift which God freely provides to "all" true Christians can be very destructive to sincere Christians who begin to doubt their faith or the Lord's trustworthiness if material prosperity does not happen to come their way.

Starburst and Enchanted Beauties winner

Brandy Nichole Crum was crowned Little Miss Starburst winner. She was also the winner of the photogenic, beauty and the overall natural beauty. Brandy was also crowned the winner in the Enchanted Beauties Pageant at Salyersville, and she won the most beautiful trophy.

Brandy is the daughter of Tonya Crum of Martin, and the granddaughter of Garvin and Brenda Crum, also of Martin.



Brandy Nicole Crum

This is the same kind of misguided damage which has been done by obsessive "faith healers" (who claim universal health to all true Christians) and certain proponents of "speaking in tongues" (who claim all true Christians will speak in an unknown tongue). See 1 Corinthians 12:27-31.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Calendar items will be printed as space permits

Editor's note: As a service to the many clubs and committees that meet in our community, the Floyd County Times' Community Calendar will post meeting and public service announcements. Articles for the Community Calendar must be submitted in writing to the Times no later than 5 p.m. Monday for Wednesday's publication or 5 p.m. Wednesday for Friday's publication. These cannot be taken over the telephone.

MMS meeting
Martin Middle School site-based meeting will be held Monday, February 2, at 6 p.m. at the school. The meeting is open to the public.

Collecting for Mr. Rogers' Sweater Drive
Martin Middle School Youth Service Center is a collection site for Mr. Rogers' Sweater Drive. If you would like to donate, bring it to the center between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Swing class
The Paintsville Community Center will continue to offer the Tuesday Swing Club. Beginning Swing class meets at 6:30 p.m. February's feature Swing Dance is The Shag. from 7:30- 9 p.m. Call 789-2612 for more information.

Retired teachers to meet
The Floyd County Retired Teachers will meet February 5 in the dining area of May Lodge at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park. Registration begins at 10 a.m.; meeting at 10:30. Jenny Howard of the Adult Literacy Program will be the guest speaker.

Cheerleading championships
The 12th annual Mountain Classic Cheerleading Championships will be held Saturday, February 28, at the Pikeville High School Gymnasium for elementary and junior high squads. For more information, call Lisa Wheeler at (606) 432-0185 during school hours.

Scholarship applications
The Floyd County Farm Bureau Federation and the Kentucky Farm Bureau Federation are accepting scholarship applications. Four \$2,000 scholarships for graduating seniors whose parents have been a member of the Floyd County Farm Bureau for at least two years; several \$1,000 to \$10,000 scholarships if applicant's parents are a Farm Bureau member, in any county of Kentucky. Applications are available at the Farm Bureau Office, 207 South Lake Drive, the senior sponsors and/or guidance counselors at the high schools.

ACHS council meeting
The Allen Central High School regular site-base council meeting will be held Tuesday, February 3, at 6 p.m. in the library. The meeting is open to the public.

East Kentucky Homegrown to meet
East Kentucky Homegrown will meet at the Floyd County Extension Office on February 3, at 5 p.m. They will discuss plans for pastured poultry program, the Neighbor-to-Neighbor program and project plans. Call Pat Spicer at 886-2668 for more information.

JW Pioneer Festival committee will meet
The Jenny Wiley Pioneer Festival Committee will meet Monday, February 2, at 6 p.m. in the conference room at Prestonsburg City Hall. The group will discuss subcommittees and bylaws.

Open house
Betsy Layne High School will be hosting an open house February 4, from 4-7 p.m. and a Financial Aid Workshop at 6 p.m. in the library.

Transition training course
All current EMTs must complete a transition training course to upgrade training before June 30, 1999. Prestonsburg Community College will offer the course beginning February 17, from 6-8:30 p.m. Call 886-3863, ext. 258, to register or for more information.

Apples for Students Plus
May Valley Elementary is participating in the Apples for Students Plus program and is asking community members and parents to save their Food City receipts and drop them off at Downtown Drug, Sassy Jo's and Martin Post Office. Call Karen Goble at 285-0883, ext. 211 for more information.

McDowell Family Resource Youth Service Center

- Free three-session parenting program February 9, 16 and 23, from 12:15 to 2:15 p.m. at the center. Call 377-2678 for info.
- Free GED classes each Thursday, from 8:30-2:30 p.m.
- A nurse from the health department is at the center each Monday. Call 377-2678 for list of services.
- After-school childcare from 1-5 p.m. for headstart-sixth grade. Registration is \$15 per child and \$1 per hour.
- Fluoride administered each Wednesday for primary-sixth grade students.

Martin Church of Christ

- February 4 and 11: Biblical Symposium, Dinosaurs in the Bible at 6:30 p.m. with Greg Nichols speaker.
- February 13: Sweetheart dinner at 7 p.m.
- February 19: Coffee house, free coffee.

Beauty pageant
Valentine's Beauty Pageant will be held Sunday, February 7, at 3 p.m. for ages 0-16 years. Contact Martin Middle School at 285-3011.

Ups of Down Syndrome
The Ups of Down Syndrome support group will meet Sunday, February 8, at 4 p.m., at the American Electric Power building (beside Big Lots) in Pikeville. Call (606) 377-6142 or 478-5099 for more information.

Open registration
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Viewpoint

Quote of the week...

"Outside show is a poor substitute for inner worth."

—Aesop

Editorial

A logical conclusion

by Scott Perry

While it may be a moot issue as it relates to one board member, we think the state's decision to impose six-month suspensions rather than permanent ousters of two accused members of the Floyd County Board of Education shows some logic and some acknowledgement that the blame for what ails the system ought to be shared.

The sentence is logical because Jody Mullins and B.J. Newsome have been board members for just over a year. They weren't responsible for all the problems and they weren't able to fix them by themselves in such a short time.

They didn't do a lot to try and fix the problems, either, that much is true, but they have been given the chance to make up for that and to live up to their responsibilities with the suspensions. Maybe they can use the time to study up on their responsibilities as elected officials, since they admitted to the state board they didn't know what they were when they took office.

We also think the penalties reflect some admission by state authorities that few improvements were made during their watch and it might be a little hypocritical to lay all the blame on local officials, who were authorized to do nothing without gaining state approval first.

So, perhaps we should

read this as a compromise. A reasonable one, at that.

Of course, over the long haul it may make little difference.

One of the suspended board members, B.J. Newsome, has made himself ineligible for the board by filing for a county office.

And, if a three-year takeover of the system is approved by the state board, none of the other local board members will have much influence on the management of the district.

They'll have input, yes, they just won't have any authority to act.

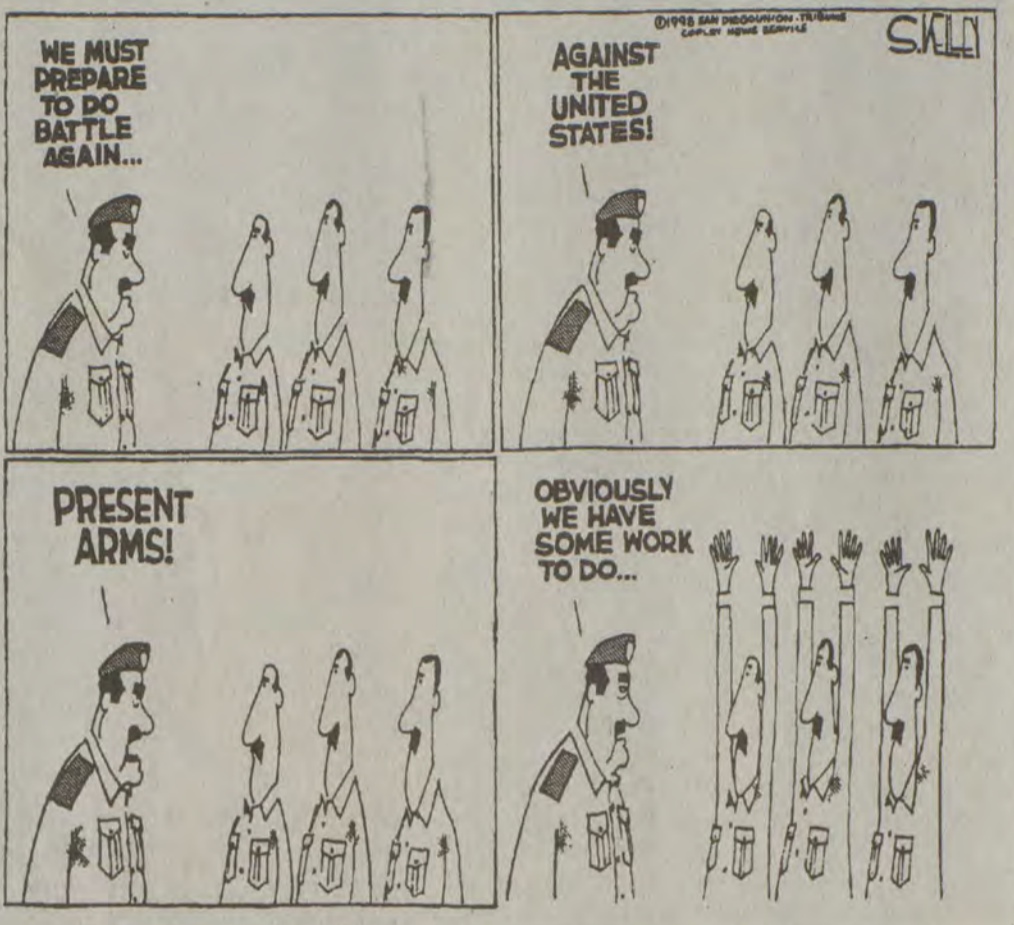
The key to the Floyd County School System's future, though, is not what this board is entitled to do, but how the next board reacts to the opportunities this period of adjustment will present.

Whether there is a state takeover or not, school board elections will be held in November of 1998 and again in November 2000.

The representatives we elect then will define our interest and determination toward real improvements in our schools.

We've got some time to think about what we want from our schools before we decide who can take us toward that goal.

If we use this period of intervention as nothing more than a recess from business as usual, we'll have no one to accuse the next time but ourselves.



Letters to the Editor

Thanks for support

Editor:

On behalf of the Mud Creek Senior Citizens Center, I would like to thank everyone who made donations to support our center.

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I deeply appreciate all donations and urge you to continue in your support of our center. Any donations to the center or items to sell at future auctions can be made by contacting me at the following address: Den Hunter, P.O. Box 267, Harold, Ky. 41635, or phone (606) 587-2772.

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Legislative Perspective

with Representative Gregory D. Stumbo
Majority Floor Leader

Last week Governor Paul Patton unveiled his proposed budget expenditures for the next two years. Of course, budget expenditures are highly important to each legislator's district. It is through the state budget that legislators are able to obtain funds to fulfill certain critical needs in their communities. This particular Governor has been most fortunate to come to the Legislature with a surplus of funds. His suggested spending areas were very commendable with a huge emphasis on children.

His expenditures for children ran the gamut from early childhood development to large appropriations for financial assistance and merit scholarships for students seeking post-secondary education. He included proposed funding that would encourage school districts to establish child safety programs and also indicated he wants to put additional money into school bus drivers' salaries.

The Governor also proposed building three new juvenile detention centers along with initiating prevention programs to stop young repeat offenders.

I was pleased to learn that money was in the Governor's proposal to construct and operate an East Kentucky Center for Science, Mathematics and Technology. I am proud that the center will be located in Prestonsburg. I believe it will ultimately be one of the most important projects with the most impact on young East Kentuckians coming out of the 1998 General Assembly.

In the budget proposal, \$5 million dollars additional was proposed for continued development of a Health and Wellness Center at

Prestonsburg Community College. This was an idea that began during the last session of the Legislature and is continuing to develop.

My local government officials will be happy to learn that the budget proposal included a one percent raising, from 13 to 14 percent, of coal severance tax money being returned to the fiscal courts. If you recall, the initiative to return coal severance tax money back to coal-producing counties was started during the Jones' administration.

The Jenny Wiley Theater will receive funding to make some very critical renovations to its physical structure.

The next step in the budget process is to begin committee hearings conducted by the House Appropriations and Revenue Committee. During that time legislators will be looking at key proposals in Governor's budget and deciding whether to accept each of the recommendations or to amend them. I will continue to work hard to obtain funding for the construction of the Town Branch Bridge. Another project upon which I plan to work hard and focus in securing the additional monies for the School Facilities Construction Commission. The commission's budget needs \$10 million new dollars to increase its bonding capacity so that several key Floyd County projects will qualify for assistance. Renovation of the athletic facilities at South Floyd and Prestonsburg High Schools must be completed. And, we will know that May Valley and Betsy Layne Elementary Schools desperately need additional classrooms.

I will spend the next few weeks of the session working to get this funding in the final

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Letters to the editor policy

Letters to the Editor are welcomed by The Floyd County Times.

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A victim's right too far?

"How many times do the victims of this crime, or any crime, have to be made victims against by the very judicial system that they are paying for?!" The words of a politician? Of course. They were muttered on the floor of Congress early last summer, and the speaker was referring to the McVeigh trial, the trial that refreshed the furor over victim's rights. For at least the past two decades now, the victim's rights movement has been gathering steam, changing fundamental aspects of the American criminal justice system, and presenting questions about the true meaning and purpose of punishment.

Political Party

by Dave Porter

For a time, after the captivating fashion of vigilante justice that characterized the old west, and before our current era of heartless and endless criminal rampages, there existed a justice system that functioned to protect society but not its individual members. A crime committed was a crime committed against the state, and the effect of that crime upon the victim was not a component in the grand design of our justice system.

Today, all over the country, things are much different. It was back in 1986 when Kentucky passed its first comprehensive set of laws that recognized and established a "Crime Victims' Bill of Rights." An interesting extension to those rights is part of a bill to be considered by the 1998 General Assembly. If passed, it would recognize the right of a crime victim to have presented to the jury, impact testimony during the penalty phase of criminal trials, along with testimony relating to any physical, financial, or psychological harm suffered by the victim.

Comforting crime victims and welcoming their involvement in the judicial process has added an important element to the never-ending crusade for justice. But the heat of the debate and the desire, not just to acknowledge, but elevate, the rights of the victim, can lead to a potentially dangerous disregard for what has become the unpopular rights guaranteed the accused. Those unpopular rights are not to protect the criminals, who deserve little protection, but are, instead, meant to protect us.

In response to the costly public defense, last summer, of the Oklahoma City bomber the above-quoted Congressman said "It would be my thought that if McVeigh didn't have the money for his gold-plated defense, he should not have blown up the building in the first place." Who would not agree? But he went on to conclude that "We need to change the law that allows criminals to get the best defense; he shouldn't have blown up the building in the first place." Who would not agree? But he went on to conclude that "We need to change the law that allows criminals to get the best defense that taxpayers can pay for." What started out as a simple attack on an isolated abuse of the system turned into the possibility of Congress voting to deny the accused of the right to best defense possible.

The speech of the Congressman represents a typical answer of a politician responding to the frustration of the voter who has grown sick of the rising crime. He continues: "I think we need a victim's rights amendment to our Constitution. Over the last 40 years liberal judges have turned our Constitution into the 'Criminal Protection Act.' The purpose of the last 40 years is to make sure that every criminal is coddled, pampered, and looked after in a very popular manner. It is time for it to stop, and the Constitution has to protect victims as well." But victims' rights are not in competition with, and cannot be exercised at the expense of, the rights of the accused.

Victim impact statements are now common throughout the country, and for good reasons. They involve an otherwise powerless crime victim in the system that needs their input, cooperation, and respect.

Yet there exists a potential for abuse, if the victim impact statement is used to make the courts a forum to satisfy a victim's rights.

The General Assembly is now in session considering these, and other, important issues. To leave a message with your legislator in Frankfort, call 1-800-372-7181.

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ACADEMICS



Michael Ousley, Auxier eighth grade student, reported that he created a "wireless rolling car that turns freely" by using Legos, a battery and a motor. Michael brought his creation to Pat Burke's class and demonstrated it for the students before putting it on display.



Justin Rice, Auxier Elementary fifth grade student, dissected a crayfish in Pat Burke's classroom two weeks ago. Justin used a scalpel, tweezers, needles, and measuring instruments to remove, measure, weigh, and label the crayfish's internal organs. He wrote a report detailing the project.



Environmental awareness

The fourth-grade classes at Prestonsburg Elementary recently participated in Environmental Day at Prestonsburg Community College. Shown here at the petting zoo are Kenneth Hayden, Brian Blair and Debra Holland.

Former police officer speaks to students

Leo Mudd, a former undercover narcotics detective, visited May Valley Elementary and spoke to the students about drug-alcohol awareness. Mudd's goal is to educate youth about the destruction of substance abuse.

He held the student's attention as he used games and props to get his point across. He explained how students bring guns and cigarettes to school, and what it does to other students. Mudd's K-5 program is called HELP. It means Help Every Little Person.

May Valley students assisted Officer Mudd in his drug-alcohol awareness program. Beth Skeans, a third grader, played the part of a good student and showed what would have to be worn for protection against firearms. She was also given a gas mask to show what was needed to protect her from tobacco smoke.

Second grader, Ryan Reynolds, illustrated what happens when a student brings guns and cigarettes to school. Justin Martin, a fourth grade student, acted the part of a

law enforcement officer who removes students who bring drugs

and guns to school.

This program was sponsored by

May Valley Elementary Family Resource Center.



Beth Skeans, 3; Ryan Reynolds, 2; and Justin Martin, 4 participated in a demonstration by Leo Mudd about a program called HELP (Help Every Little Person).



Appalachian Studies class makes quilt

The Piarist School Administration Studies class recently made this wall hanging as part of a class project on quilting in Eastern Kentucky. Each of the 12 seniors made their own square, which was then combined into the final product. The students involved are from left, Jeanne Mahaffey, Monica Majmundar, Jesse Robertson, Jimmy White, Ann Hall, Kristi McGarey, Andrea Griffith, Sally Lambert, Jennifer Adkins, Roy Sturgill, Cori Duty, and Rachael Woods.

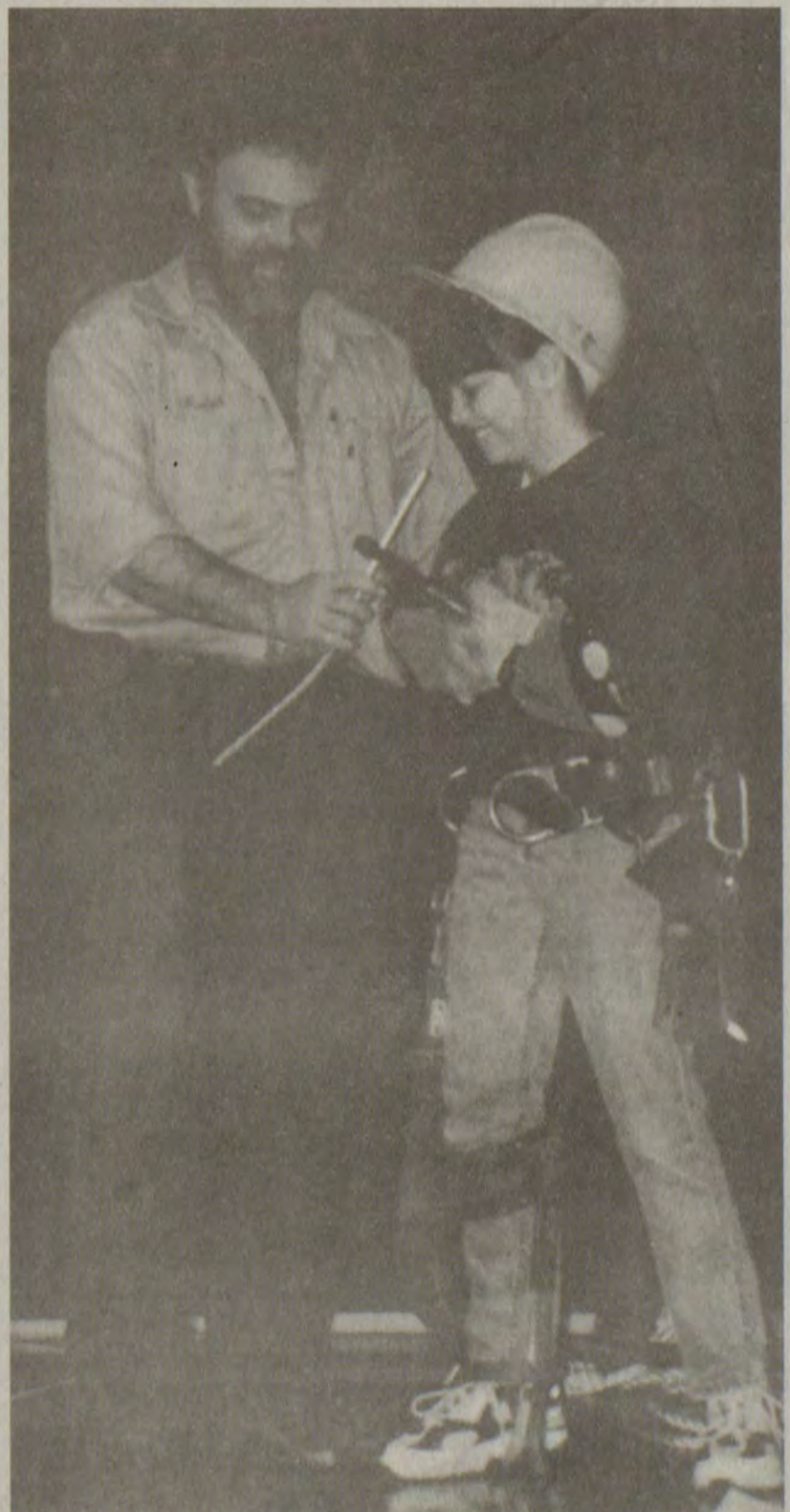


Pat Burke's class hung red ribbons around Auxier Elementary during Red Ribbon Week. Pictured here, left to right, are Brooke Akers, Brandon May, Johnathon Rohr, Brandy McCoy, and Trent Grindle.



Instructors visit science program

Several instructors at McDowell Elementary School recently visited and observed the science curriculum and facilities at Hindman School. McDowell Elementary School has developed a Science Resource Room that will facilitate a hands-on science curriculum for its students. The conversion to a Schoolwide Title I Program has made this innovation possible. McDowell Elementary instructors who visited Hindman School were Brenda Hamilton, Dale Hamilton, Gwen Hamilton, Carolyn Martin, and Lucy Reynolds.



"Playing it Safe"

Big Sandy RECC Public Relations Director, Dan Hitchcock and serviceman, Ralph Leslie, conducted their electrical safety program, "Playing it safe around electricity," on October 13. Pictured is serviceman Leslie with a fifth-grade student.



Perfect attendance for 5th month at Prestonsburg Elementary

There were 254 students at PES who had perfect attendance from December 9 to January 15. A gift certificate for \$25 from Wal-Mart was presented to: From left, Seth Setser, Thomas Tackett and Brittany Porter. Also pictured is Mrs. Gwen Harmon, Principal.

Collecting for Mr. Rogers' Sweater Drive

Martin Middle School Youth Service Center is a collection site for Mr. Rogers' Sweater Drive. If you would like to donate, bring it to the center between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Spooktacular event at PES

Prestonsburg Elementary students who had perfect attendance for one week prior to Halloween participated in a Spooktacular drawing for hand-painted pumpkins (painted by Mrs. Trimble, their art teacher).

The winners were, Kendra Crum, 5th-Thornsberry; Kassidy Kid, K-Collins; Ohnalene Howard, 1-Damron; Stephanie Conley, 2-Shepherd; Krystal Layne, 3-Ousley and Tony Hall, 4-Hunt.

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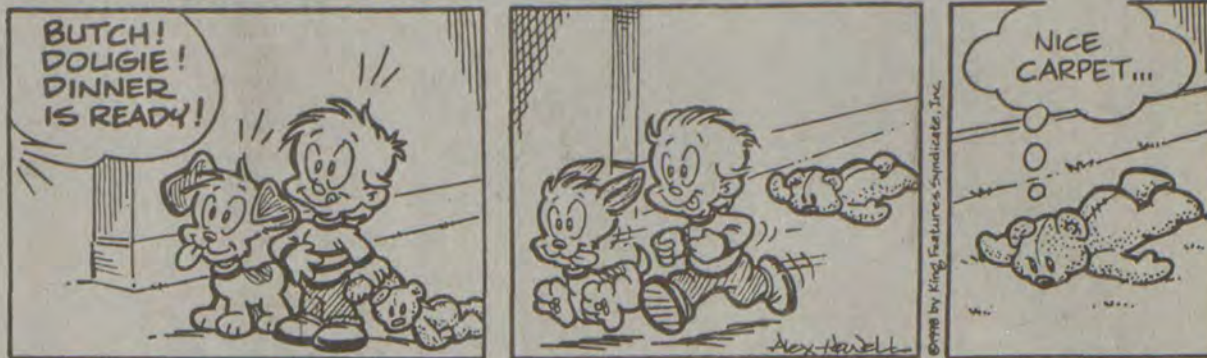
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BRINGING UP FATHER



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14 Singer Shannon
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18 That's no bull!
24 Feel certain
25 Completed
26 French bean?
31 Lecture series
32 Follow the trail
33 Corduroy ridge
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41 "Fried Green Tomatoes" star
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48 Out to get
49 Look like a lecher
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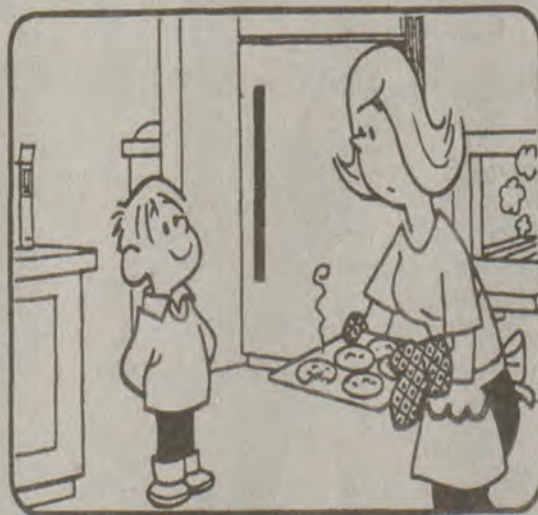
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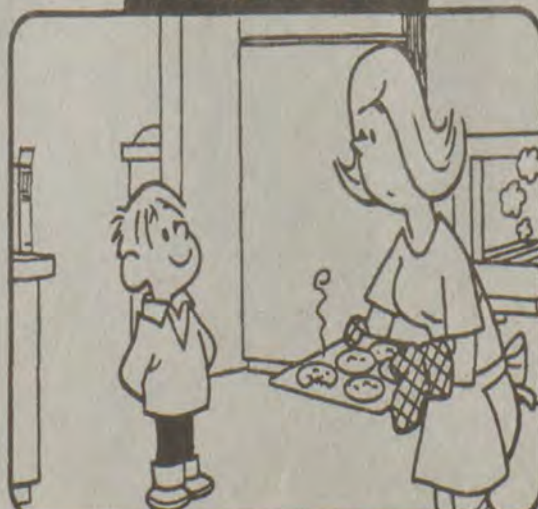
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions-forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

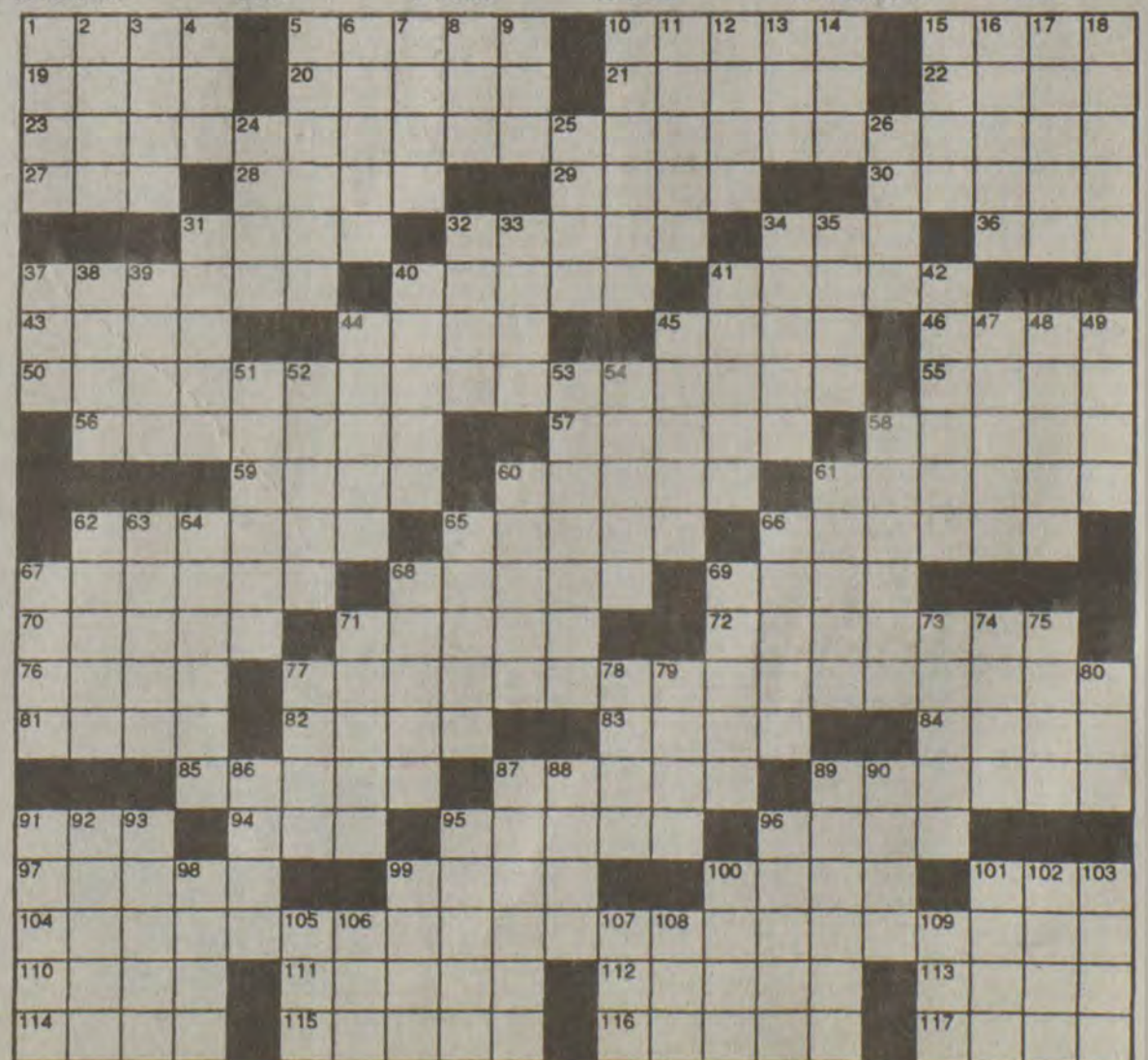
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- Knickers
- Overalls
- Pants
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- Slacks
- Sweats
- Trousers



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FIND AT LEAST 6 DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PANELS.
Differences: 1. Cabinet is moved. 2. Neckline differs. 3. Handle is missing. 4. Apron is different. 5. Apron is different. 6. Pants are different.



Answers on B1

Floyd County Catholics to celebrate Diocese anniversary at Rupp Arena

Roman Catholic Bishop of Lexington J. Kendrick Williams recently announced plans for a special Mass at Rupp Arena on May 31 to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Catholic Diocese of Lexington. Floyd County Catholic churches are part of the Lexington diocese. There will be no Masses in any of the churches of the diocese on that date so that priests, religious

and the laity can come to Lexington for the event. Thousands are expected at Rupp Arena, the bishop said. Special guests at the Mass will be Archbishop Thomas C. Kelly, O.P., of Louisville, and Bishop William A. Hughes of Covington. The Catholic Diocese of Lexington with churches in 50 counties of Central and Eastern Kentucky was

formed in 1988 out of the Diocese of Covington and the Archdiocese of Louisville. There are now 67 parishes and missions in the diocese with a total membership of more than 14,000 families. Catholic churches may have Saturday Masses to provide for Sunday worship, and these Masses will be held on Saturday May 30 to

accommodate Catholics who cannot make the trip to Lexington for the special event the next day. Bishop Williams said the theme of the event will be "Mission '98—Reaching Out to All." The bishop said he was declaring 1998 officially as "our anniversary year," and was making the announcement of the anniversary celebration early so that plans for it could begin in all the parishes and missions of the diocese.

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Environmental Awareness

Floyd County's Environmental Planning Authority celebrated its first year by having an Environmental Awareness Poster Contest. Two first place posters were awarded a bicycle donated by Wal-Mart at Prestonsburg. Winners were Katie Short, daughter of Edward and Glenda Short, of Wayland, and Jared May, son of Lonnie and Denise May. Katie's poster was entitled "Clean Up Kentucky." Jared's featured a "Sad and Happy Earth." Pictured below are: Johnnie Ross, chairman of the Floyd County Environmental Planning Authority, Janet Conley, chairman of the Education Sub-Committee, Jared May, and Cindy Hackworth, Wal-Mart environmental representative. In first photo are Janet Conley, Katie Short, and Cindy Hackworth.



Family Dollar Store to open

The 107th store in Kentucky and the 2892nd in the fast growing North Carolina-based discount store chain will have a grand opening in Prestonsburg on Thursday, February 5th. The new store, at 401 North Lake Drive, will open at 9 a.m.

Local officials and Family Dollar executives will take part in a brief ribbon cutting ceremony at the main entrance to the store immediately before the opening. The company expects a large crowd to attend the ribbon cutting ceremony and then take advantage of the special Grand Opening sale prices.

Phil Thompson, senior vice president of store operations, said, "Family Dollar looks forward to locating in Prestonsburg and being part of a fine community." Family Dollar is a rapidly expanding company and offers excellent employment opportunities in this area and throughout the 38 states in which the stores are located.

Family Dollar carries a complete line of merchandise for the family and home, including clothes and

shoes, domestics, health and beauty aids, housewares, small electronics, school supplies, candy and snack foods, toys, paint and auto supplies.

Since the company was founded 38 years ago, Family Dollar has been known for offering outstanding values in first quality merchandise.

Under the company's "Everyday Low Price" policy, customers save more throughout the year on thousands of items.

Beginning with one store in Charlotte, North Carolina in 1959, the company presently operates in a 38-state area ranging as far northwest as South Dakota, northeast to Maine, southeast to Florida, and southwest to New Mexico. The store in Prestonsburg is one of approximately 300 stores expected to be opened during the current fiscal year. The general offices are in Matthews, North Carolina, just outside of Charlotte, and distribution centers are in Matthews, West Memphis, Arkansas, and Front Royal, Virginia.

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Nichols to deliver keynote address at math conference

Dr. Michael R. Nichols, a psychologist, humorist, and noted public speaker will deliver the keynote address at the Tenth Annual Spring Conference of the Eastern Kentucky Council of Teachers of Mathematics to be held on Thursday, April 23, at Jenny Wiley State Park.

Dr. Nichols, who is currently teaching in the University of Kentucky's College of Medicine and the Lexington Theological Seminary, writes and travels the country, giving talks on humor, stress, and psychology of religion. He has spoken to over 90,000 individuals in presentation, workshops, seminars, and after-dinner speeches to professional organizations and civic groups, and has performed at Lexington's

Comedy on Broadway. Dr. Nichols has also appeared on TV and radio in nationally syndicated programs. His column "Laughing Matters," appears regularly in Kentucky Medical News.

Preregistration forms for the spring conference will accompany the E. K. C. T. M.'s "Winter Newsletter" which will be mailed to members in February. The Eastern Kentucky Council of Teachers of Mathematics is an affiliate of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics. Additional information concerning the conference may be obtained by contacting John D. Sammons at Prestonsburg Community College or Tammy Goble at Sheldon Clark High School.



Michael Nichols

Department of Employment Services helping welfare recipients find work

The Department for Employment Services' Prestonsburg office has helped almost 400 welfare recipients find unsubsidized employment during the last six months of 1997.

Through its 26 local offices across the state, the Kentucky Department for Employment Services helped more than 8,000 individuals get off the welfare rolls.

The Prestonsburg office, which covers Floyd, Johnson, Magoffin, and Martin counties, assisted 389 people in finding employment from July through December.

The Department for Employment provides on-going assistance to welfare recipients who must find jobs to meet the work requirements of the 1996 federal welfare reform legislation. Services include work readiness seminars, job search assistance, on-the-job training programs and subsidized employment opportunities. The department is an agency of the Cabinet for Workforce Development.

Employment Services Commissioner Margaret Whittet said that the most important service the department provides is teaching welfare recipients how to get a job.

"The ultimate goal is to help people become financially self-sufficient through employment. We try to

accomplish that by helping people to develop the skills they need to land that first job," said Whittet. "But we also want them to be self-sufficient in their next job search, to be able to move on to a better job and advance throughout their working years. We attempt to give them skills to further themselves in the workforce."

Whittet said that part of the success in helping welfare recipients find jobs is Kentucky's continuing low unemployment rates in many areas of the state.

"It's obvious that we still have several pockets of Kentucky where unemployment rates are high and jobs are scarce," she said.

"However, we're very fortunate that in most of the state, jobs are available, and employers are actively recruiting and hiring." According to information from the Department for Social Insurance, the number of Kentucky families on welfare went down from 68,260 in November 1996 to 56,370 in November 1997, the latest month for which figures are available.

For more information about job search assistance available to welfare recipients or to the general public, contact the Department for Employment Services office in Prestonsburg at 886-2396.

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Sara Hopson

Who's on the ballot?

Being a former bantam weight political contender who never experienced the thrill of victory, I can't help but feel a certain empathy for all the candidates who signed up to run for political office.

I'm glad more people have chosen to become involved in the political process, but with so many aspirants, choosing a candidate to vote for is causing havoc in many households throughout the county.

"Look, Gladys," Fred Bob said to his wife. "My brother's running. Vote for him."

"I can't," she replied glumly. "My granny's running, too."

"My Heavens, Gladys! Granny's 92 years old."

"But she's an active 92," Gladys said, defensively.

"If you call getting out of bed and making it to her walker active!" Fred yelled.

Incensed, Gladys said, "Granny cares about the people in this county."

"So does my brother. And he's certainly more qualified than Granny."

"What are your brother's qualifications?" Gladys asked, confidently.

"Well, he..." Fred Bob stammered. "Oh, yeah. He's a resident, and a citizen."

"Um hum," Gladys uttered, patiently. "Go ahead."

"And he's a registered voter."

"And he breathes. I don't care, I'm voting for Granny. She'll be a great public official."

"Look! There's a man running who has the same name as our son."

"It is our son, Fred Bob."

"Oh, no!" Fred Bob lamented. "He's running against my mother!"

"How strange," Gladys stated, flatly. "I didn't know there was an office for Witch."

"This is no time to bring up grudges. You know a boy has an obligation to vote for his mother. Why that would be un-American."

"Mull it over in your conscience," Gladys replied. "Just remember if you vote against your own son you'll never be able to look him in the face again. You haven't finished reading all the names yet."

"I can't go on. It's too painful," Fred Bob cried. "I'm afraid I'll see my daughter's."

"It's right there in column seven. Right beside your uncle's."

"Not Uncle Bruce!" Fred Bob whined.

"The one who gave us a down payment on the house, paid for our daughter's wedding, and made us beneficiaries on his multi-million dollar will? Say it's not him, Gladys."

"I never understood why you liked him so much. He always irritated me the way he came around with that big wallet bulging in his back pocket. Looked deformed to me. Anyway, it's not that uncle. It's the one that saved your life during the war."

"If it weren't for him our daughter wouldn't even be here," Fred Bob said.

Gladys laughed. "Do you think our daughter actually looks anything like you?"

"This is no time for jokes, Gladys!" Fred Bob bellowed. "We're trying to decide who to vote for and half our family is running."

"You're right," Gladys said. "I'll tell your uncle I'm grateful he saved your life, but I wish he'd salvaged some of your scruples along with your hide."

"That does it," Fred Bob screamed.

"This is a democracy, and I can vote for

(See *Smile*, page six)



Members of the Oak Ridge Boys, Duane Allen, Joe Bonsall, William Lee Golden, and Richard Sterban will be at the Mountain Arts Center in April to present two concerts.

Oak Ridge Boys to be at MAC

Theirs is one of the most distinctive and recognizable sounds in the music industry, and that sound can be heard at the Mountain Arts Center April 3 when the Oak Ridge Boys present two concerts.

The four-part harmonies and upbeat songs of The Oak Ridge Boys have spawned dozens of country hits and a #1 pop smash, earned them Grammy, Dove, CMA and ACM awards, and garnered a host of other industry and fan accolades. Every time they step before an audience, the Oaks bring 15 years of hits and 50 years of tradition to bear on a stage show widely acknowledged as among the most exciting anywhere. And, each remains as enthusiastic about the process as they have ever been.

"When I go on stage, I get the same feeling I had the first time I sang with The Oak Ridge Boys," says lead singer Duane Allen. "This is the only job I've ever wanted to have."

"Like everyone else in the group," adds bass singer extraordinaire Richard Sterban. "I was a fan of the Oaks before I became a member. I'm still a fan of the group, today. Being in The Oak Ridge Boys is the fulfillment of a lifelong dream."

The two, along with tenor Joe Bonsall and baritone William Lee Golden, comprise one of country's truly legendary acts. Their string of hits includes a pop chart-topper "Elvira," as well as "Bobbie Sue," "Dream On," "Thank God For Kids," "American Made," "I Guess It Never Hurts To Hurt Sometimes," "Fancy Free," "Gonna Take A Lot Of River," and many others. They've scored ten gold, three platinum and one double platinum album, one double platinum single, and had more than a dozen national #1 singles.

The Oaks represent a tradition that extends back to 1945, before Hank Williams had a career. The original group, based in Knoxville, Tennessee, began performing country and gospel music in nearby Oak Ridge where the atomic bomb was being developed. They

called themselves the Oak Ridge Quartet, and they began regular Grand Ole Opry appearances in the fall of '45. In the mid-'60s, they were featured in Time magazine as one of the top gospel groups in the nation.

By the late '60s, with more than 30 members having come and gone, they had a lineup that included Duane Allen, William Lee Golden, Noel Fox and Willie Wynn. Among the Oaks' many acquaintances in the gospel field were Bonsall, a streetwise Philadelphia kid who embraced gospel music wholeheartedly, and Sterban,

they refined the strengths that would soon make them such an across-the-board attraction.

Their gospel sound had a distinct pop edge to it, and while it made for excitement and popularity, it also ruffled purist feathers and left promoters unsure about the Oaks' direction.

Then, in 1975, the Oaks were booked to open a number of dates for Roy Clark, whose manager was floored by their abilities.

"He came backstage and told us we were three-and-a-half minutes — meaning one hit record away from being a major act," says Bonsall. "He said we had one of the most dynamic stage shows he'd ever seen, but that we had to start singing country songs."

They took his advice, and the result was a breakthrough.

Within a year, Paul Simon would tap them to sing backup for his hit "Slip Slidin' Away." They would appear before three presidents, produce one of the first country music videos, take part in the first headline tour of the USSR, and become one of the most enduringly-successful touring groups anywhere.

They did it with a consistently upbeat musical approach and terrific business savvy. They proved their business acumen in any number of ways, including

such steps as declining the chance to sit on the couch during their many appearances on the Tonight Show.

"We said, 'If you're going to give us four minutes on the couch with Johnny, we'd rather have four minutes to give you another song that lets people know what got us here,'" says Allen. "We didn't get here talking; we got here singing."

The Oak Ridge Boys will present concerts at the MAC at 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. Lower seating is \$25, and upper seating is \$22. The concert is presented by the Citizens National Bank and the Bank Josephine.

Here's something you probably don't know about the Oak Ridge Boys:

They are not from Oak Ridge. No, the Tennessee town that can claim 49 police officers, 39 dentists, no bowling alleys, an average snowfall of 4.2", and prevailing winds blowing in from the Southwest cannot actually call the Oaks homeboys. Now, let's step back for a little history. Oak Ridge was created to develop the Big One, and when Oak Ridge residents needed some well-earned distraction from bomb research, they began bringing in a gospel group called the Georgia Clodhoppers. Liked 'em so much they nicknamed 'em the Oak Ridge Quartet. That, of course, was a long time ago, and while the gospel thread still remains strong in the group, the dynamic, vibrant act that you see on stage today has little to do with the Clodhoppers of yore.

who was singing in quartets and holding down a job as a men's clothing salesman. Both admired the distinctive, highly-popular Oaks.

"They were the most innovative quartet in gospel music," says Bonsall. "They performed gospel with a rock approach, had a full band, wore bell-bottom pants and grew their hair long...things unheard of at the time."

The four became friends, and when the Oaks needed a bass and a tenor, in '72 and '73 respectively, Sterban and Bonsall got the calls. The group remained a highly popular mainstay on the gospel circuit, and it was there

engagements, all at her own expense. She has given him many gifts, including scrapbooks of his appearances, but is not romantically interested in him. She calls her obsession "my Valium. I save on therapy."

NOT MY FAULT

— TV personality Jenny McCarthy, on how those unfortunate nude photos as a Playboy Playmate ever got made: She was walking around Chicago, she told reporters in August, intending to be a model, "And I went, 'Jenny, no, no. All of a sudden my body started walking there (to Playboy). That's exactly what happened. A larger force, and I call it destiny, brought me in the door, moved my mouth, took the robe off, and did it."

— In November, the city of Pittsburgh agreed to forgo an appeal and thus to pay a \$1.5 million judgment to motorcyclist Henry F. Jodzis Jr. for injuries suffered in 1979 when, fleeing police after running a stop sign, he smashed into a police car being used as a roadblock. The original jury verdict in 1987 was for \$60,000, but the city council insisted on an appeal, and a second trial in 1995 awarded the higher amount. The juries found the Pittsburgh police violated its own rules on roadblocks.

— In November, the High Court in London, England, awarded Peter Lawrence, 39, about \$1.6 million for injuries he suffered in a 1991 motorcycle accident. Several broken bones mended quickly, but not the damage to the part of his brain that governs emotion and control. Before the accident, the court found, Lawrence was an easygoing man with a stable marriage and a good job, but now, after having lost his job and marriage, he cannot stop making impulsive, offensive sexual advances, and several women testified that he has sexually harassed them.

CHUTZPAH

— According to a report in The Washington Post in November, armed robbers in the large Nigerian trading city of Onitsha are so bold, and the police so out-manned, that they often notify the victims in advance that they will be coming to rob them, to encourage the residents to be away from the house at the time. A few days after the police announced a crackdown, one gang of 50 armed robbers cordoned off a street and looted every apartment building on the block.

— To help the government's case against him, accused bus fire-bomber Saber Abu el-Ulla played himself in a prosecutors' video re-enactment of the crime in Cairo, Egypt, in September. A jovial el-Ulla acted out all the sequences, including firing at the tourist passengers and hurling three Molotov cocktails down the aisle of the bus. Said a clearly pleased el-Ulla, "I have always wanted to be an actor."

— Outlaw Koose Munusamy Veerappan, 47, wanted in connection with more than 130 murders and 200 elephant-killing in the southern India states of Karnataka and Tamil Nadu, announced in August that he would surrender to authorities in Madras only on the condition that he be given a subsidy of about \$143,000 and an immediate presidential pardon.

— Welsh welfare couple Shaun and Julie Doran complained to reporters in November that the free house built for them by the government was "too white" and therefore too difficult to keep clean. The Dorans and their nine children were given the \$200,000 house near Llandeilo, Carmarthenshire, plus about \$450 a week in welfare benefits. Complained Julie, 34, about the

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by Chuck Shepherd

News of the Weird

— A Police Officer's Dream: Vincent Morrissey's police brutality lawsuit went to trial in New Haven, Conn., in December, and West Haven police officer Ralph Angelo was on the witness stand, claiming that Morrissey himself had provoked the encounter by swinging at Angelo. Morrissey's attorney, skeptical of the testimony, asked Angelo to demonstrate to the jury how hard Morrissey had swung at him. Before the lawyer could clarify what he meant by "demonstrate," Angelo popped the lawyer on the chin, staggering him and forcing an immediate recess.

— The show business newspaper Daily Variety reported in December that John Kricfalusi, creator of TV's "The Ren & Stimpy Show," was threatening legal action against the producers of the Comedy Central show "South Park" for ripping off a cartoon character. According to Kricfalusi, his character "Nutty the Friendly Dump," an animated piece of excrement, must have been the basis for "South Park's" "Mr. Hankey the Christmas Poo," a holiday-dressed, singing, dancing piece of excrement.

— A December New York Times story profiled 55-year-old bank vice president Rosemary Dunne, who has for 13 years been what might be described as a groupie for prominent opera tenor Richard Leech. She has sat on the front row of each of his 74 Metropolitan Opera performances since 1992 and traveled to most of his out-of-town and international

For My Valentine

Happy Valentine's Day

To Dale and Dustin Wireman
To my perfect husband and son on Valentine's Day. Not only are you both my family, you are my dearest friends. You are the happiness in my life and you make my heart smile. You both fill my soul with so much joy. I know that I was blessed by God to have you for my family. I love you both with all that I am. Happy Valentine's Day.
Love Tami

To my valentine, Jeff

I sit here alone, so empty, and lonely. I think of you often, every minute of the day. Wondering how you are, what you are doing, wishing I could hold you. When I am with you, it is as if we're a bird flying freely in the clear blue sky. This is just a very small part of how wonderful I feel as when I'm with you. When we are not together, I never forget the love and specialness that I have for us.
From your valentine,
Elaine

Happy Valentine's Day

Mom
To a great mom of five.
And a devoted wife of Jesse Sparkman.
She is a special Valentine to me.
She is my mom and I love her very much!
With love,
Michael Sparkman
Age: 13

Happy Valentine's Day

To my girls: Kelly, Jamie, and Kayla. You mean the world to me. I love you guys very much.
Love you,
(Mom) Sharon

Happy Valentine's Day

To a special son.
To Nathaniel Lee Dye
From Mom
I love you.

Happy Valentine's Day

To a Super Headstart Teacher.
Kim Grubb
We love you.
Your May Valley Headstart Students

Happy Valentine's Day

To: Eugene and Luveda Jacobs
We love you.
From your daughter and grandson, Doralene Dye and Nathaniel Lee Dye

Happy Valentine's Day

To: Miss McDonald's class at Allen Elementary
From Doralene Dye and Nathaniel Lee Dye

Happy Valentine's Day

Garnis,
To my Valentine,
Thanks for making all my dreams come true!
I love you, Peggy

Happy Valentine's Day

Darling, Brian O.
Even if the hurt was great I still love you. May we always remain together forever. I hold you in my heart on this special day and always. I love you very much. Mistakes can be fixed.
Love ya, always
and forever,
Sharon

Happy Valentine's Day

I met my Valentine,
One summer night.
I knew in my heart,
He was Mr. Right.
We have been together eight years. Through the year's there were laughter, and tears.
Cupid shot an arrow that night, because he knew in my heart, I had found Mr. Right.
You're my valentine!
Gerold Ray Hall
From: Your wife Kimberly

Happy Valentine's Day

To: Crystal Tackett
Crystal, Crystal wherefore art thou? Of course you can't come to me because you're tired from runnin' round my mind so much. My love for you makes me blue when I can't hear your sweet voice. So tell me on this glorious day of commitment - Will you be my valentine Crystal Tackett?
Your valentine,
Jeffrey Spencer Jr.

Happy Valentine's Day

Ed Senig
You light up my life.
I will always love you.
Your wife, Linda

Happy Valentine's Day

Doug,
Today my dearest valentine the color of love is red, for roses and candles, too, but the reddest thing my sweet and dear valentine, is the heart that beats for you, and only you, my sweetest and dearest valentine.
Love you
From your Valentine, Lynn Kidd

Valentine's Day

Zach, Katie, Dylan, and Dalton.
Watching you grow, and loving you, My Dears
Makes my Valentine's Day last
Every day of every year!
Love, Mom

Happy Valentine's Day

Corey,
Sweet special little man of mine
It's you I do adore,
And with each day that passes
I love you even more.

Sweet special little man of mine
My love for you can never be measured,
But all the memories we will share
Will always be treasured.

Happy Valentine's Day

Sweet special little man of mine
Our life together means so much to me,
But the most precious moment of all
Is the first time you said, "I love you, Mommy."
Happy Valentine's Day, Pretty Boy!
Love,
Mommy

Happy Valentine's Day

To my daddy with all my love!

I could never count the reasons
Why my daddy means so much to me.
Anymore than I could measure
All the water in the sea!

I could never count the joys
That I have to be thankful for
Anymore than I could count the sands
That rest upon the shores!

And even with all the special words
And the loving phrases too
I could never find enough ways,
To tell you daddy, I love you.
Love your baby girl,
Stormy Nebraska La'Shay Stewart

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We love you.
Mamaw and Papaw Nichols

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To my Granny, I love you so much that it's hard for me to put it into words. So I'm going to try to the best of my ability. You, in my opinion, are the world's greatest granny and for this and the thousands and thousands of other reasons, I love you with my heart and soul. I will always need your help and advice. Granny I wanted to wish you a Happy Valentine's Day.
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Dear Gary,
Happy Valentine's Day!
Love forever and ever,
Always and always,
Joyce

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To: Josh, Ryan, Blair
I have been with you for 2 1/2 years now. I love you all like you were mine. I love you. Happy Valentine's Day.
Patsy

Happy Valentine's Day

Casey,
Happy Valentine's Day. I love you.
Granny #3

Happy Valentine's Day

Josh Akers,
Happy Valentine's Day. I love you.
Aunt Patsy

Happy Valentine's Day

To Mommy
We love you.
Happy Valentine's Day
Love BB and Bo

Happy Valentine's Day

Mamaw and Papa
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B.B. and Bo

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To: Sissy and Russell
Happy Valentine's Day
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To: Yae Yae, and Derek
Happy Valentine's Day
We love you.
B.B. and Bo

Happy Valentine's Day

To Ginger Spice, and Whitney and Mitsy
Happy Valentine's Day
Love, B.B. and Bo

Happy Happy Valentine's Day

Chris Meadows
You are the sunshine of my life.
I love you,
Mom

Happy Valentine's Day

Gary,
It isn't easy being so in love with you and not being able to see you everyday.

There are times when I'd give anything just to gaze into your eyes.
Or hold you in my arms even for just a few minutes.

I know that right now, this is how things must be.

But it doesn't make it any easier to bear.

Everyday without you just reminds me of the joy you add to my life.

So honey, always remember, I love you. I'm thinking of you.

And I'm counting every second until we can be together.

Love always,
Shawna

Happy Valentine's Day

Deslan,
I believe in fairy tales,
I believe in wonderland,
I believe in miracles,
And in the promised land.

I believe in pretty angels,
I believe in dreams coming true,
I believe in happy endings,
Since I've met you.

I believe in beauty,
I believe in paradise,
I've believed in destiny,
Since the first time I looked into your eyes.

I believe in many things,
I believe in you and me,
I believe there's a reason for everything,
And that we are meant to be.
Vickie

Happy Valentine's Day

Aunt—Glenda Lawson
We love you.
Erica, Dewey and Laura Meade

Happy Valentine's Day

Dewey Meade
We love you.
Love, Mom and Dad
(Thomas and Beth Meade)

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Brittany (BB) Hamilton,
My sweet little princess,
Happy Valentine's Day.
We love you.
Mommy and Jr. Bug

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We love you.
Beth, Thomas, Dewey
Erica and Laura Meade

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Your wife, Angie

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Priscilla,
My beautiful wife, you are a
treasure that blesses me everyday I
am with you. You are a thoughtful
person in the most special ways.
You fill my heart with happiness
and love. Thank you for loving me
in all the ways that you do.
Happy Valentine's Day from
your husband, John Thacker.

Happy Valentine's Day

Mom
Manervall Little
Love, Reba Vicars

Happy Valentine's Day

To A Wonderful Husband
Thomas Ray Meade
I love you,
Love, Beth

Happy Valentine's Day

For my wife, Shelia Porter, you
are the love of my life.
From the moment I first laid eyes
on you 21 years ago, I knew there
would never be another woman for
me. Although I have not always
shown you this, make no mistake, I
have never loved, nor will I love
anyone but you.
With all my love,
Your husband, Forrest (Punky)
Porter

Happy Valentine's Day

Gregory Donald Morrison and
Jesse Michael Morrison
Two little boys who hold special
places in our hearts. You both have
beautiful faces and smiles. Each
time we are with either of you, we
are left with a beautiful memory
which we hold dear in our hearts.
You both are precious gifts from
Heaven above.
Happy Valentine's Day and we
love you both very much!!!
Mamaw Mildred and Aunt
Bobbie

Happy Valentine's Day

Billy Joe,
I believe that God answers
prayers, and I believe that God sent
you to love me in the unconditional
way that you do.

Happy Valentine's Day

Mildred Fannin,
You have been both my friend
and my mother.

I know you probably don't fully
understand my weird ways, but you
seem to accept them and love me.

I wish I were rich with lots of
money so I could let you have a bet-
ter life and better worldly posses-
sions. But unfortunately I am not
rich money wise, but I am rich by
the fact that I have the love of a
Mother from the type of person you
are.

You are very thoughtful, sweet
and kind in so many different ways.

Some people are not as lucky as
I am, they don't have the love of a
caring Mother like you.

I believe that we have a one of a
kind in each other.

I am also rich by the fact that I
know you will walk on Streets of
Gold in Heaven when I don't have
you here on earth anymore.

Happy Valentine's Day and love
from your wife!!!
Bobbie Lynn

Happy Valentine's Day Mom, I
Love you with all my heart!!!
Bobbie Lynn

Happy Valentine's Day

Dad—Thomas Ray Meade
You are the Greatest
Dad in the World!
We love you.
Dewey, Erica and Laura Meade

Happy Valentine's Day

to Monette, Breylee, Candy
With love, Timmy

Happy Valentine's Day

Erica Meade
We love you.
Love, Mom and Dad
(Thomas and Beth Meade)

Happy Valentine's Day

Laura Meade
I love you.
Dad and Beth

Happy Valentine's Day

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SOAP UPDATES

by Seli Groves

ALL MY CHILDREN: Liza and Tad searched for the mystery woman who, unknown to them, was moving through the passageways in Adam's home. Believing he had rats, Adam called for the exterminator. Later Adam consulted a psychic, Erica blasted Dimitri for offering too little, too late to help Bianca. Brooke prepared to visit Laura in Boston. Meanwhile, Hayley and Mateo joined forces to get the goods on Jim. Edmund had a

surprise visitor. **Wait To See:** David is hooked by deception. **ANOTHER WORLD:** Unaware that Cindy palmed the listening bug, a suspicious Joe cracked open the butterfly pin and found it empty. Gary ran into a dead end in his investigation of the fire at Paulina's home. Cass and Felicia argued over Wally. After confronting Rachel on why she didn't tell him Amanda was Hadley, Carl left for New York. Donna and

Michael grew closer as they watched Nick and Sofia plan their wedding. Lila turned to Matt after Shane again rejected her. **Wait To See:** Vicky finds herself too close to Shane. **AS THE WORLD TURNS:** Lucinda was upset with Kim for becoming Molly's "guardian angel." Lily threatened to have Steve charged with conspiracy unless he testified about the videotape. Holden turned down James'

deal. With Kirk distracting Teague, Ben and Lucinda found a clue in his apartment. Barbara saw James coming from Kirk's hearing and slapped him. **Wait To See:** James pulls another trick on Sam. **THE BOLD AND THE BEAUTIFUL:** Mike and Maggie caught up with Sheila. A shaken Brooke told Ridge she had suffered a miscarriage. Later, Taylor brought her son to Ridge and Brooke's home where she again warned Brooke she'll tell Ridge the truth if Brooke isn't really pregnant. Lauren learned the Rush look-alike was Rush's twin, Jonny. Eager to get Rick to finance her demo tape, Amber planned to make herself indispensable to him. James followed Marty to a darkened house. **Wait To See:** James makes a disturbing discovery.

SUNSET BEACH: Ben promised Meg they'll be together forever. Later, Tim urged Meg to believe Ben planned to kill her. While posing as a nurse at Cedar Oaks, Virginia learned Vanessa's mother, Lena, has "Martin's Syndrome." Tim told Meg to prove Ben's the killer by checking his leg for the wound (like the one on Grogan's body) that Tim inflicted on the island. Del in Hell advised Annie on how to get Olivia out of

Gregory's life. Annie later told Caitlin she has a baby for her, but didn't tell her it would be Olivia's baby. Cole got a warm welcome from the daughter of his construction chief. **Wait To See:** Ben could be implicating himself. **THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS:** Victoria walked into a surprise birthday party where she later danced with Tony while Cole danced with Ashley. Diane told Victor she spends time with Jack because he helps her deal with Nikki. Paul told Chris they should consider having a baby. Danny, meanwhile, told Gina that he and Chris shared many memories the night before. Tricia worried about Ryan's delay in filing for his divorce. Sharon told a delighted Doris that Cassie was her granddaughter. **Wait To See:** Grace makes a decision about Cassie.

NATASHA'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A revision in your philosophical outlook is possible. A new study will fascinate you. Avoid a tendency to be quarrelsome. Share warm times with family this weekend. **TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) This should be a notable week regarding career interests. A raise, a new job offer, a promotion or a success is likely. The weekend accents matters of the heart. **GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) Delays in connection with work could upset you this week. However, you may be making an important business contact socially. The weekend favors having guests over. **CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) You'll have a clearer perspective about a matter from your childhood. Early week domestic upsets will be quickly resolved. The weekend finds you very much in love. **LEO** (July 23 to August 22) Problems in parenting may arise

early in the week. However, in romance, feelings will deepen. You may receive a social invitation from a business colleague. **VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) It's a week that promises you financial gains through business interests. However, relations with a co-worker may be sticky. The weekend is especially romantic. **LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) You may feel that someone has let you down early in the week. Later, you'll have luck with collaborative ventures and intellectual work. Your personality shines this weekend. **SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) A person you've helped out in the past comes to you for help once again. This is the week to make deals and buy and sell. The weekend favors romantic and social get-togethers. **SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) The early part of

the week finds you nursing a resentment, but you'll snap out of it later when you meet with a wonderful romantic or social opportunity. The weekend is pure fun! **CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) This is a topsy-turvy week for you in business. A setback could be quickly followed by a triumph. This weekend you're at your very best socially. You'll attract romance. **AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) Difficulties could arise with a friendship, perhaps due to a financial concern. However, romance is a plus, and you may become very much involved. **PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Extra funds will become available to you this week. Something could depress or anger you early in the week, but by the weekend, you're cheerful, charming and content. © 1998 King Features Synd., Inc.

DAYS OF OUR LIVES: Unaware Jennifer, Jack and Abby really were in Dayton, Laura sent Peter there believing she was putting him off their trail. Hope told Mike she felt Bo betrayed her when she learned of Billie's pregnancy. Vivian, Ivan and Jonesy arrived in England where she planned to wed Jonesy. Later, Susan saw Ivan and Vivian and worried they might take baby Elvis back to Stefano. Realizing Roman knew the truth about her and John, Marlena cautioned him about his "friend," Kristen. **Wait To See:** Kristen's desperation deepens. **GENERAL HOSPITAL:** Rejecting help from Helena, Nikolas asked Emily to be his speech "therapist." Stefan learned Luke moved Laura to a new location. Bobbie helped Jason prepare the baby's christening with Mike and Emily as his godparents. The Quartermaines were upset when Jason named the baby for Sonny. Carly arrived as the baptism was in progress. Felicia was confused by James' kiss. **Wait To See:** Carly decides it's time for the truth. **GUIDING LIGHT:** Annie and Alan's wedding came to a halt when someone from her past turned up. Amanda resisted Beth's attempt to get back into the Spaulding family. Dinah warned Cassie that Hart will leave her one day. Despite Alan's reaction to her, Annie was sure she could still triumph. Roger and Holly came to a startling realization. Matt feared he'd caused Vanessa too much stress. **Wait To See:** Annie begins to play her cards. **ONE LIFE TO LIVE:** Miss Stonecliff drugged Dorian's milk and tried to persuade her to forget her suspicions. Andrew and Téa shared a passionate kiss. Kelly told both Ian and Blair about her part in ruining the takeover attempt. Mel and Cassie confronted Miss Stonecliff, who collapsed. R.J. and Jacara, and Hank and Carlotta arrived at the same hotel and found their reservations had been mixed up. **Wait To See:** Dorian makes a shocking discovery. **PORT CHARLES:** Scott asked Conklin to have a sketch artist draw the man from Serena's dream. Rex

TUNING IN

by Sally Stone

Congratulations to Robert Ulrich. Not only did he beat cancer, the popular and prolific TV actor, now has his own daily talk show. The syndicated series from Buena Vista is called, appropriately enough, "The Robert Ulrich Show." Check your local listings for the time the show airs in your area. The hit SHOWTIME series, "Stargate SG-1," starring Richard Dean Anderson, will begin its syndication on FOX in the fall of this year. Meanwhile, fans who started to build a library of "Stargate" novels tied to the movie, which was released in 1994, can now anticipate adding books to their collection based on the series. The first

book, "Stargate: SG-1," by Ashley McConnell, will be a novelization of the two-hour pilot and will be released when the series begins its syndication, on FOX. Shelley Long's new series, "Kelly, Kelly," has run into some problems that could delay its planned premiere date. Columbia TriStar, the original producer, has dropped out because of creative differences with Warner Bros., which will now be in sole charge of the production. The result is a reshuffling of roles, and although Long and her co-star, Robert Hays, ("Airplane") will stay with the show, several minor characters will change.

"Fantasy Island," one of Aaron Spelling's biggest hits, is coming back in a new version. ABC is said to have dibs over CBS and the UP Network on running the remake of the series that was once one of its top-rated shows. Meanwhile, Ricardo Montalban, who, with Herve ("the plane, the plane") Villechaize, starred in the original series, was recently honored with a Vatican knighthood. **End Note:** Congratulations to Jay Leno who, NBC sources say, didn't put the network over a barrel when they rushed to renew his contract after Jerry Seinfeld announced he was pulling the plug on his long successful show. Leno could have asked for the moon, and a GE executive would have figured a way to get it for him. Instead, he reminded everyone that NBC stuck with him when the "common wisdom" was to dump him for Letterman.

whoever I want, Fred Bob. I can't help but believe that my children and grandmother would be the best people for the offices." "I'm not disputing that, Gladys," Fred Bob said meekly. "It's just going to make it hard for me to campaign against my mother and uncles. The next thing I know my ole coon dog 'Blue' will be filing for office." "I'm glad you mentioned that," Gladys said as she shyly pointed to the rest of the slate. "If I'm not mistaken, that's Ole Blue's registered name there beside your father's."

Weird

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fact that all rooms are white: "White everything. It is driving me mad."

ADULT BEHAVIOR

—Government education officials confirmed a report in Malacca, Malaysia, in September that a fifth-grade boy, the son of a man named K. Ramiah, 38, who was shirking his homework assignments, was held by the teacher, who ordered the 21 girls in the class to slap him on both cheeks, resulting in a swollen face. —In July, two volunteer firefighters in The Plains, Ohio, playing hide-and-seek with neighborhood kids, got stuck in a tree 15 feet up at about 10:30 p.m. Ten of their colleagues, with an extension ladder truck, responded to the 911 call.

ZERO TOLERANCE

Recently declared as drug contraband in schools, earning suspensions for the students in possession: cough drops (Belle, W.Va.,

November); health-food lemon drops (Colorado Springs, Colo., November); Certs Concentrated Mints (Manassas, Va., September); gift-wrapped bottle of Bordeaux wine as a Christmas gift for an eighth-grader's French teacher (Cobb County, Ga.).

NO LONGER WEIRD

Adding to the stories that were formerly weird but which now occur with such frequency that they must be retired from circulation: (23) The emphysema patient who just can't stop smoking even though hooked up to an oxygen tank, with predictable results, as happened to Robert Auger of Bridgeport, Conn., in November. And (24) the gasoline thieves working in the dark who believe the best way to illuminate an area is with a match or lighter, to similarly predictable results, as happened to Timothy D. Compton, 18, in Glenoma, Wash., in November. (Send your Weird News to Chuck Shepherd, P.O. Box 8396, St. Petersburg, Fla. 33738, or Weird@compuserve.com.)

Smile

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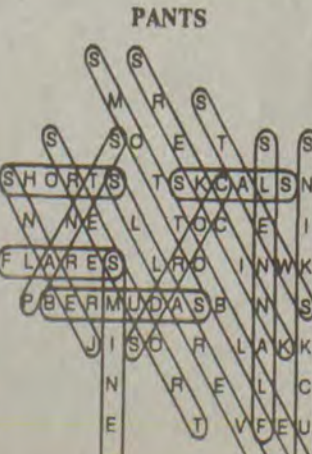
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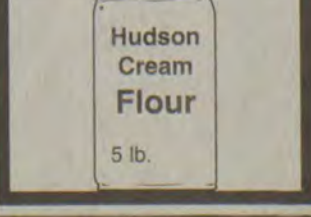
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Juveniles arrive at youth academy

The moment many Sycamore residents have dreaded for months has finally arrived.

The Kentucky Youth Academy, which has been the center of controversy with the Pike County Board of Education, is officially open for business, has a contract with the Department of Juvenile Justice and began receiving juvenile boys for treatment last week.

The opening of the academy, which was originally scheduled to open last November, has been delayed for months due to an investigation into an alleged coverup involving Superintendent Reo Johns and the sale and purchase of the former school, which now houses the academy. — *Appalachian News-Express*

Supreme Court says Pike needs third district judge

Justice Janet L. Stumbo of the Kentucky Supreme Court has announced that the certification of need for an additional district judge to serve the 35th Judicial District has been made by the Supreme Court. The judicial district serves Pike County. —

House fire at Charlie kills one

A house fire at Charlie Sunday afternoon claimed the life of a 73-year-old Lawrence County woman.

Gary Marie George was pronounced dead on the scene after her body was discovered by firefighters inside the burned home.

Police said a passing motorist saw the fire and called the Lawrence County Dispatch Center.

Foul play is not suspected. — *The Big Sandy News, Louisa*

Schools back in session

After canceling school two days last week due to low attendance, Lawrence County Superintendent Eddie Michael said Monday's attendance figures showed improvement, but were still not back to normal.

The decisions to cancel school last week came after attendance bottomed out at just above 85 percent.

A flu outbreak was blamed for the low attendance

No leads in brutal murder of Ezel man

State police say they have no leads in the brutal slaying of an Ezel man early Thursday, January 21.

The victim, Michael Dean Bartley, 42, was found bludgeoned to death in his back yard about 5:40 a.m. after Bartley's wife, Avonelle, became worried when he did not return to his car to go to work after feeding his dog.

Struck down with a blunt instrument, Bartley's body was found lying in his yard in a pool of blood about 11 feet from his house. His billfold was missing and state police say robbery appears to have been the motive. Bartley had been known to carry as much as \$700 to \$800 in his billfold.

Police say Bartley, who worked at Quality Kitchen Cabinets in Mt. Sterling, got up early to go to work and was killed after he left his house to start his vehicle and feed his dog.

His wife reported that when she realized her husband had not returned to the house and his car was still running, she became alarmed and called a neighbor, who found Bartley's body.

The Morgan County coroner said Bartley probably died almost instantly from a crushed skull. An autopsy revealed that he had been struck three times with great

Garrett man jailed after shoplifting

A Garrett man was jailed last Tuesday after he was caught shoplifting a T-shirt from a local department store, authorities said.

Terry D. Ramey, 18, was arrested by the Kentucky State Police after charges of theft by unlawful taking and possession of a controlled substance not in original container.

According to the citation, Ramey was caught stealing the T-shirt, which was found in his coat by the manager of Magic Mart at Coal Run. — *Appalachian News-Express*

Civic center No. 40 on Gov. Patton's list

If the Kentucky General Assembly approves Gov. Paul Patton's list of projects up for funding through an anticipated state budget surplus, Pike County could receive \$6 million for a proposed \$12.5 million civic center.

On Monday, Patton ranked the civic center project 40th on his list of 139 statewide projects. — *Appalachian News-Express*

figures. — *The Big Sandy News, Louisa*

Yatesville golf course high on budget list

The outlook for a championship golf course at Yatesville Lake is good after the project was listed as No. 28 in a \$12.5 million budget draft issued by Gov. Paul Patton last week. — *The Big Sandy News, Louisa*

Funding for industrial park recommended

A five-county effort to form a regional industrial park came one step closer to reality Monday when Gov. Paul Patton announced that funding for the project was recommended by the Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development.

The proposed Northeast Kentucky Regional Industrial Park is a cooperative effort between Boyd, Greenup, Carter, Elliott and Lawrence counties, and is one of the major initiatives of the Patton administration. — *The Big Sandy News, Louisa*

force with a blunt instrument, once on the side of the head and twice on the back of the head.

Police are asking for help from the public. Anyone who might have noticed something unusual in the neighborhood or who might have any information that could help with the investigation can contact the state police at (606) 784-4127 or toll-free at 1-800-222-5555 and ask for Detective Robert Motley, who is heading the investigation. — *The Licking Valley Courier, West Liberty*

Council refers street repair plea to county

A West Liberty resident who attended a city council meeting Monday evening to request maintenance work on a portion of Old U.S. 460 near his property was referred by the council to the Morgan County Fiscal Court for help.

The resident suggested bypassing a dangerous slip in the roadway, but was advised that although the neighborhood is in the incorporated boundaries of the city, the road belongs to the county.

Mayor Scott Wells said since the road had not been adopted by the council as a city street, maintenance of the road is not the city's responsibility. — *The Licking Valley Courier, West Liberty*

the Ohio home of Wendy's owner/founder, Dave Thomas, late last year.

Jude acknowledged his involvement as a "fence" for stolen merchandise to the Martin County Sheriff's department. According to Jude, 17 others have already been arrested in Ohio in connection with the case. The FBI is also involved in the investigation.

Jude said the two men who had burglarized the Thomas home had come to his (Jude's Columbus, Ohio) home to brag about their hit and to offer for sale some of the stolen items. The goods apparently were Christmas presents because Jude said some of wrapping paper was found outside his apartment by Columbus police detectives. — *The Martin County Sun*

Magistrate disputes criticism of road

A logging operation along Poplar Fork created such a mud hazard last week that Chief Deputy F.D. Fitzpatrick, of the Martin County Sheriff's Department, had to close the road along Poplar Fork to bus traffic.

A resident, Debbie Osborne, complained that she couldn't get the magistrate to fix the road. The magistrate said later that the road gets worked on more than any other road in the county and that he had spoken with the logging company and they told him they would be finished in that area within a week. — *The Martin County Sun*

then another likely project if another surplus develops on June 30, 1999.

Patton allocated \$3 million in surplus funds for the 26th-ranked project to build an artisan education center in Hindman.

Ranked 77th on the list is the governor's planned expenditure of \$3 million on the Red Fox golf course. — *The Troublesome Creek Times*

Board hears declining financial situation

During a three-hour work session last week, the Knott County Board of Education discussed the harsh reality of declining enrollment in Knott County and the impact it has on the school system's budget.

Average Daily Attendance in Knott County schools had fallen from 3,413.5 in the 1989-90 school year to 2,977.3 in 1996-97. Seek funds, based on the average daily attendance, allows \$3,500 per child per year — a loss of more than \$31,000 in that year alone.

The problem, financial officer Roger Martin, told board members, is that while funding is being reduced, the school system is not making adjustments in spending. — *The Troublesome Creek Times*

Maynard's stepdaughter says she was abused, too

Martin Countian Debbie Smith was a surprise guest on the Montel Williams Show last week, a show that turned out to be even more than Montel bargained for when the younger sister of Wesley Jordan told a national audience that she, too, had endured the sadistic torture of her stepfather, Steve Maynard.

Wesley Jordan, then 15, had went to the Smith's home for help after being brutally tortured by his stepfather and mother, Bonnie Maynard, for months. Both are currently serving time in the state pen as a result of a plea bargain agreement last year.

During the taping, Wesley Jordan's sister, Sabrina, was also on the show. Sabrina told Debbie Smith that she had been chained and had to drink her own blood when Steve Maynard knocked her teeth out.

No air date for the show was announced; however, Smith said her son overheard a conversation that it would be aired on February 6. — *The Martin County Sun*

Martin County man arrested in connection with robbery of Wendy's founder's home

David Eric Jude, 19, was arrested on Monday in connection with a crime ring that allegedly broke into

Jury indicts Knott man for domestic violence

A Knott County man was indicted for breaking federal domestic violence laws, according to a press release from the U.S. Attorney's office in the Eastern District of Kentucky. A federal grand jury in London indicted Elisha Jacobs, 37, on two counts of interstate travel for the purpose of domestic violence and other charges.

According to the indictment, Jacobs kidnaped his estranged wife at gunpoint in February 1997 and drove her from Hindman to a motel in Tennessee. He then assaulted and raped her, the indictment says. In April 1997, Jacobs was placed on bond and ordered to stay away from his wife. A few days later, the indictment says, Jacobs drove to a residence in Indiana where his wife was staying and assaulted her with a firearm. — *Troublesome Creek Times*

Artist training center on Patton's list of projects

Gov. Paul Patton's spending plan for anticipated budget surplus funds included one definite project and

Man killed in two-car crash

A 20-year-old Magoffin County man was killed Saturday, January 17, in a two-vehicle accident that injured at least two others.

Jack F. Gipson died from injuries he received when a vehicle driven by his cousin, Steve Gipson, went out of control on a curve, crossed the center line and collided with an eastbound vehicle driven by Noah "N.B." Bailey.

The Gipson vehicle was traveling west on Ky. 30. The collision occurred approximately four miles west of Salyersville, near the Jackson exit of the Mountain Parkway.

After the Gipson car struck Bailey's vehicle, it slid over an embankment. Steve Gipson reportedly was thrown from the vehicle.

Steve Gipson was taken to Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center, and a third passenger, Dwayne Gipson, was also transported to the Paintsville Hospital. — *The Salyersville Independent*

School board in disagreement

Members of the Magoffin County Board of Education were unable to agree on the election of a new chairman at a meeting January 15.

Chairman Greg Fitzpatrick nominated the board's newest member, Gerald Howard, to be chairman and received a second from Larry Carpenter.

Floyd men indicted by Johnson grand jury

Two Floyd County men were among a list of 31 indictments handed down last week by a Johnson County grand jury, as cases from last year's drug sweeps by Paintsville police were heard.

James Allen of Prestonsburg was indicted on charges of third degree burglary, for allegedly entering a utility building belonging to John Gene McCarty on September 28 with intent to commit theft.

John Allen of McDowell was also indicted for third degree burglary. Allen allegedly entered a utility building belonging to John Gene McCarty on September 28 with the intent to commit theft.

The men were indicted earlier this month in Floyd County on separate charges. — *The Paintsville Herald*

Superintendent denies claims board not doing enough for special ed.

"Strong accusations," said Superintendent Orville Hamilton, were made by a federal advocate rights group last Thursday to the Johnson County Board of Education concerning the school systems' special education program.

The vote was deadlocked when members Nolan Hall and Billy Rand Joseph opposed the nomination. Hall then rejected Joseph's nomination to be chairman and, in turn, nominated Joseph, of which Joseph himself seconded. Fitzpatrick and Carpenter voted against Joseph's nomination, creating another deadlock.

One member of the board was absent for that meeting. Board members decided to leave the meeting open until January 22, at which time they planned to try again to elect a chairman. — *The Salyersville Independent*

Candidates file c

Democrat incumbent Magoffin County Judge-Executive Charles E. Hardin filed to seek re-election to a second term.

The previous day, Hardin's political nemesis, Paul H. Salyer, a former two-time county judge, entered the race by filing to seek the Democratic nomination for judge-executive.

The filing of the two created a current three-person race for the Democratic nomination for the top political office in Magoffin County. Ben Gardner, a retired government worker, officially became a candidate for the office.

Carter Whitaker, former Magoffin County school superintendent, who was forced to resign that post in 1994, is currently the only person seeking the Republican nomination for judge-executive. — *The Salyersville Independent*

The accusations were pointed toward whether or not the special education program is allotting enough money and time per student in the program.

At this week's board meeting, Hamilton said the board was "way above and beyond the expected requirement." He has asked the state's Office of Educational Accountability to investigate the matter. — *The Paintsville Herald*

Ballot reaches ninety in last week to file

The deadline is past, the campaign has begun, and this year 90 Johnson Countians will be vying for votes in the May 26 primary election.

In the last week to register for the election, 20 people filed their papers to run for office, making it by far the busiest week of the early campaign season. — *The Paintsville Herald*

Bid awarded for new school construction

The final phase of paper work and planning is near an end as the long awaited addition to the county school system has been approved by officials in Frankfort and a bid for its construction awarded.

The bid was awarded to Akers and Akers construction company of Pikeville for a cost of \$4,323,000, the lowest bid offered. — *The Paintsville Herald*

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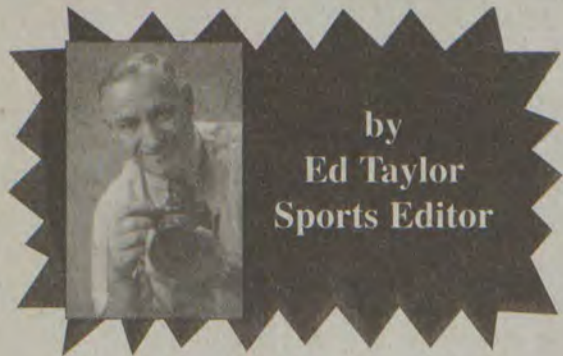
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Floyd County Elementary tournament set

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

It wasn't the most harmonious meeting the Floyd County Elementary Athletic Conference has held, but it turned out to be a very productive one at the conclusion of the meeting that took three and one-half hours to work out all the problems that faced this year's grade school tournament.

This is the first year of the new conference that was divided into two divisions that included six teams in the North and seven in the South.

Harold Elementary will host the final round of the county's "biggest show," but the first round games will

be broken down to be played at four different sites. Adams, Martin, Melvin and Harold were selected as the four host schools.

There was confusion over how the teams would be seeded, by overall records or just the records in their respective division. Duff Elementary coach Ronnie Patton lobbied for the division format, but it was defeated by a 7-4 vote. Each team, boys' and girls', will be seeded according to their overall record played against each conference school (North and South).

Osborne principal Paul David Tackett thought the item should be brought before the committee, made of coaches and principals, for another vote.

"It is board policy now," explained Pete Grigsby, Jr. of the group. "It cannot be changed by us. But I can take it before the board and see what they will do, but their next meeting isn't until next month."

Coach Derossett found some support from Allen, Betsy Layne, and Duff.

"Maybe we can use this meeting to make adjustments to our conference next year," said Grigsby.

Harold athletic director Tim Rice cited the problem

of having school teams playing in different sections of the county. But the group held to the original minutes held at the start of the conference.

The Final Four of the tournament will be held February 9, 11 and 12 at the D.W. Howard Fieldhouse at Betsy Layne. The four sectional sites will start next

week. Adams will play host to the first section on February 3 and 4. The three teams competing will be Osborne, Auxier

and Martin girls, along with Duff, Auxier and Adams in the boys' class.

Melvin will play their section on February 2 and 5 at the Wheelwright gym. Betsy Layne, Melvin and McDowell will be the three girls' teams while the boys will include Betsy Layne, Melvin, and Osborne.

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Stumbo wins South Division with victory over Osborne

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

When the Stumbo Mustangs and Osborne Eagles walked onto the hardwood last Monday night they each had identical 14-2 records and were tied for first place in the South Division of the Floyd County Elementary Athletic Conference, shooting for a number-one seed in the upcoming county tournament.

When the smoke had all cleared, it was Stumbo taking home a 50-47 hard-fought win over the Eagles and the number-one seed.

"It was a great game," said Osborne coach Roger Johnson. "I don't think anyone had a bigger lead than four points."

Josh Howell scored 18 points in leading the Mustangs, who improved to 15-2 in the conference. Marcus Allen netted 15 points and Josh Allen scored 10.

Game-scoring honors went to Osborne's Michael Hall, a seventh grader. Hall finished with 21 for the night including a three-point basket. Josh Johnson added 11 points for the Eagles.

Hall hit his trey in the first quarter where he scored five points to keep the Eagles close to the Mustangs at 14-12 after the first quarter. Howell pumped in six for Stumbo in the opening stanza.

Osborne was a two point better team in the second period as the two teams had settled nothing heading to the locker room at half time tied, 23-23. Randall Mathews had a three-point basket and Hall scored six points to lead the Eagles. Marcus Allen hit a trey and scored six for Stumbo.

Stumbo outscored Osborne 12-9 in the third period and that margin stood up as the two teams played even in the fourth period.

Jeremy Daniels had five points for Stumbo and Brian Roberts added two.

Tyler Hall, who had a three-point basket, finished with seven for Osborne. Wendell Tackett added six and Mathews scored three.

Stumbo, the number-one seed, will play in the Harold section on Thursday, February 5. They will meet the winner of the Prater/MCA/Harold game.

Osborne, the number-two seed, plays at Wheelwright on February 5 and will meet either Melvin or Betsy Layne.

Some new wrinkles will be added this season

and Martin girls, along with Duff, Auxier and Adams in the boys' class.

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Good game

Prestonsburg's Joe Campbell hit the corner against Allen Central Tuesday night and scored 20 points to lead the Blackcats to a 78-65 win over the Rebels. (photo by Ed Taylor).

Music scores 29 as Allen edges Osborne

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

Ramanda Music scored ten of her 29 points in the fourth quarter as the Allen Lady Eagles soared past Osborne, 44-34, in girls' basketball.

Lekita Johnson scored 14 points to lead Osborne. Kandance Mitchell had 12 points in the game. Tabatha Berger scored eight points.

Allen led 7-5 after the first quarter behind

Music's four points. Berger had all five of Osborne's points in the opening period.

A 12-4 second quarter gave Allen a 19-9 halftime lead. Music had eight points in the quarter. Allen led 30-22 after three quarters. Mitchell scored eight points in the fourth quarter for Osborne.

Beth Joseph finished with eight points for Allen. Mitchell added four, and Rachel Hall had two. Falon Osborne netted one point for Allen.

Player Spotlight...

Conley wants to help Lady Blackcats to be winners

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

(This is the first of several player spotlights to run on some of the freshman players in Floyd County).

In grade school she was one of the top girls in the county and there was talk that one day, Amelia Conley would be one of the top girl players to play at Prestonsburg High School.

The high school basketball season is three weeks away from being history and Conley has not disappointed anyone. She got her first start of the season last Monday night against South Floyd in a district game.

But Conley is not interested in being the spotlight of this team, she just wants Prestonsburg to be a winning team.

"I just want to improve anyway I can," she said. "I enjoy playing basketball at Prestonsburg. They didn't have to pick me to be on the team."

Conley said amount of playing time is not that much of a concern for her.

"Even if I didn't get a lot of playing time, I am still glad to be playing for them."

This attitude is rare among ballplayers today, who are quitting teams because they are spending too much time on the pines instead of the hardwood.

Prestonsburg is not off to one of their better starts but Conley feels this team still has time to jell and be a surprise team.

"I certainly believe we are a good enough team to surprise someone in the district tournament," she said without hesitation. "We need to work on playing team ball a little bit more."

The freshman center has seen some improvement in the ballclub that she is playing on.

"I just want to help in anyway I can," she said. "Coach (Jackie) Crisp is a real good coach. If we loose, and we have, he doesn't get all that upset with us."

Conley said the biggest adjustment for her was in competing against the more-experienced players.

"Basically, that was it. Just coming in here and competing against players with more experience than me. That was the hardest adjustment. It is hard to rebound with the bigger girls, but I hope to eventually be able to rebound with them."

While Conley may be sounding a little modest, she is one of the best young players in the county who goes to the glass hard. But her defensive play, and ability to block shots, is the thing that pleases the fans. But she says more improvement is needed in her game.

"I need to improve in handling the basketball," she said. "I could improve on a lot of things."



Amelia Conley

Prestonsburg takes sole possession of first place

by Ed Taylor
Sports editor

The Prestonsburg Blackcats took sole possession of first place in the Floyd County Conference and improved to 4-0 with a big 78-65 win over rival Allen Central last Tuesday night at the Prestonsburg Fieldhouse.

Andy Jarvis pumped in 24 points and Joe Campbell added 20 to lead Prestonsburg, who had four players in double figures. Nathan Leslie added 12 points, while Wes Samons tossed in 11.

Prestonsburg's game plan went as planned with John Ortega tracking the state's fourth leading scorer, Todd Howard, all over the court. Howard, who came into the game averaging just over 26 points, was held to half that and finished with 13 for the game. He did not have a three-point basket.

Edmund Slone led the Rebels with his 15 points. Gary Hunter netted 12 and Nick Samons had 10 points.

It was the hot outside shooting of

Campbell that set the tone for Prestonsburg as they went from inside to outside on offense. Campbell drained three treys in the contest. Samons also buried three three-point baskets.

Jarvis was unstoppable down low against the shorter Rebels, taking the ball and scoring easily uncontested.

For Howard, he had to work for what shots he did get as there was little screening out front for the high-scoring guard.

Prestonsburg scored the first six points of the game and rolled out to a 21-8 lead in the first quarter. Slone scored the last five points of the period with Prestonsburg turning the ball over on three straight possessions. Prestonsburg led 21-13 after the first quarter.

Slone scored 11 of the first 13 points for Allen Central in the second quarter, but his performance was not enough to overcome the shooting of Jarvis and Campbell. Jarvis had seven points in the quarter and Campbell hit two three-pointers.

Allen Central fell behind by 13 points, 37-24, but trailed 39-30 at the half thanks

to a 6-2 run.

The biggest lead for Prestonsburg came in the third quarter when they built a 19-point advantage. Samons buried a trey and then scored on a layup that gave Prestonsburg a 55-36 lead with 3:40 to play in the third period.

But Allen Central was not ready to fold as the Rebels fought back and cut the lead down to eight points twice. They could get no closer that the eight points in falling for the fifth time this season.

Jesse Hall finished with seven points for the Rebs, while Brian Jones added four. Rodney Scott and David Twiss had two apiece.

Ortega, while he had just six points for the game, did his usual good defensive job in stopping Howard. Kyle Conley had four points and Ray Patton had one.

Prestonsburg (12-5) is playing in the Toyota Classic in Georgetown this weekend.

Allen Central (10-5) travels to Sheldon Clark tonight and then takes to the road for a rematch with Pikeville Saturday night.

Piarist Lady Knights fall to Riverside, Cordia

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

Coach Darnella Bradley's Piarist Lady Knights dropped two games this week in basketball, falling to Cordia on Monday, 44-24, and dropping a 40-24 decision to Riverside last Tuesday night.

Katie Vogelsang led the Lady Knights with eight points against Riverside. Ann Hall tossed in seven. Beth Lawson finished with three points. Rachael Woods, Cora Duty and Tai England finished with two apiece.

Riverside jumped out to a 12-3 first-quarter lead behind Brenda Neace's four points. Elizabeth Stacy scored four in the first quarter as did

Jackie Bailey. Lawson had the lone field goal for the Lady Knights.

Hall scored five of her seven points in the second quarter as the Lady Knights trailed 22-13 at the half.

The Lady Knights entertain Jackson City tonight at 6 p.m.

Riverside outscored Piarist 15-4 in the third quarter to open up a 37-17 lead after three quarters. Vogelsang and Lawson had the only field goals for Piarist.

Hall had four rebounds and four

steals in the game. England pulled down seven boards and also had four steals. Vogelsang pulled in seven rebounds.

Hall scored 13 points, had nine rebounds and came up with five steals in the Lady Knights' loss to Cordia. Woods added five points and Vogelsang scored three.

Cordia shutout the Lady Knights in the first quarter and led 10-0 at the first stop. It was a 23-8 game at the half. Hall had six points in the second quarter.

The Lady Knights struggled from the floor as well as the free-throw line. They made only six-of-16 in the fourth quarter. Woods scored her five points in the fourth quarter.

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Hutchinson scores 21, but Knights fall 73-62 to Rams

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

Adam Hutchinson scored 21 points for the Piarist Knights but it was enough as they dropped a 73-62 decision to Riverside Christian last Tuesday night.

The Rams placed four players in double figures led by Rob Pocai, Michael Neace, and Shane Miller with 14 points each. Andy Keck added 12 points.

George Hall tossed in 16 for Piarist and Matt Goeing had seven. Hutchinson pulled down eight rebounds but had eight blocked shots. Joe Fitzgerald had eight

rebounds.

The Knights trailed 14-6 after the first quarter and went to the locker room at the half down 42-25.

The girls' game gets underway at 6 p.m., with the boys tipping off around 7:30 p.m.

Hutchinson scored five points in the first quarter and pumped in 10 in the second period. Hall had five in the second.

Pocai hit four three-point baskets in the first half to lead the Rams. He had one in the first quar-

ter and buried three in the second stanza. Pocai did not score in the second half. Neace had six points in the second quarter.

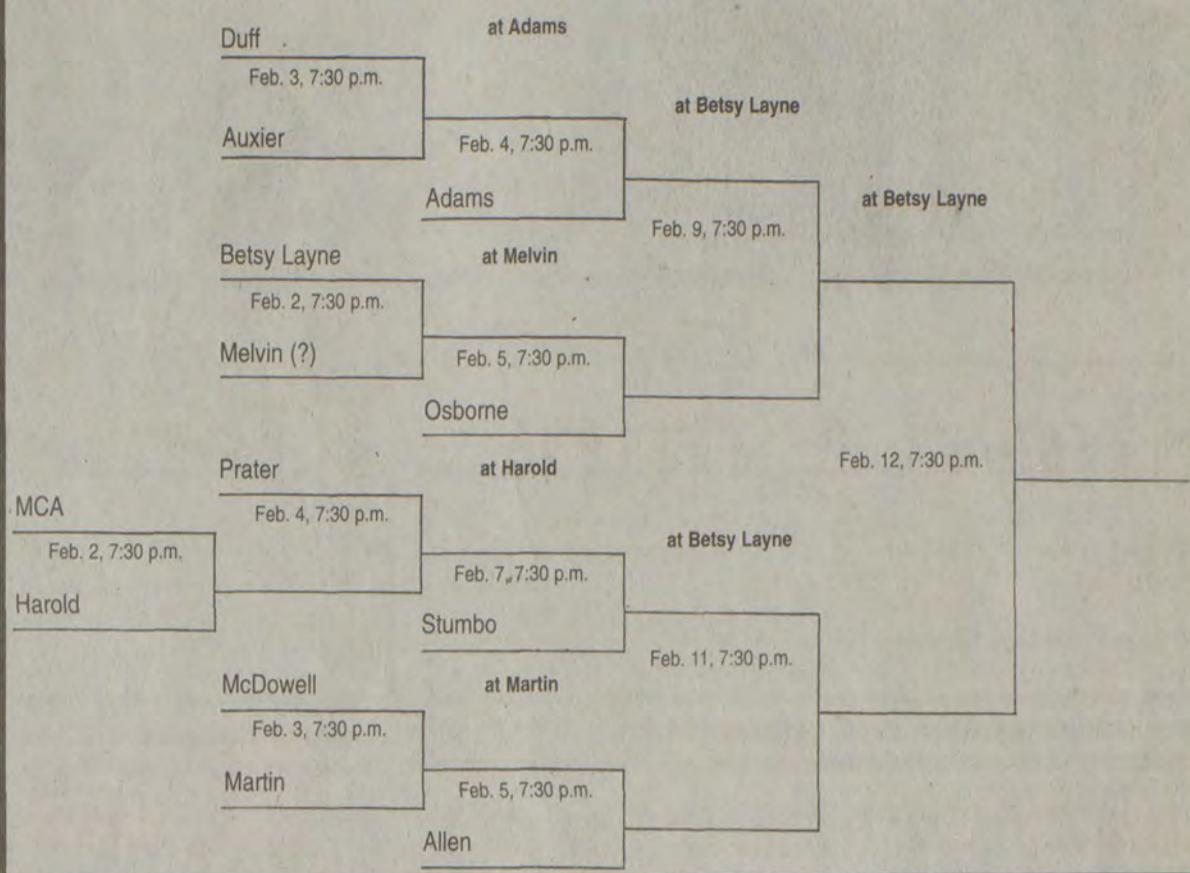
Hutchinson had six third-quarter points and Hall hit a three in scoring eight in the period as the Knights tried to come back.

Joe Fitzgerald scored six points for Piarist with Brett Hall tossing in four. Robert Hall and Jason Holbrook added three each, with John Leeton scoring two.

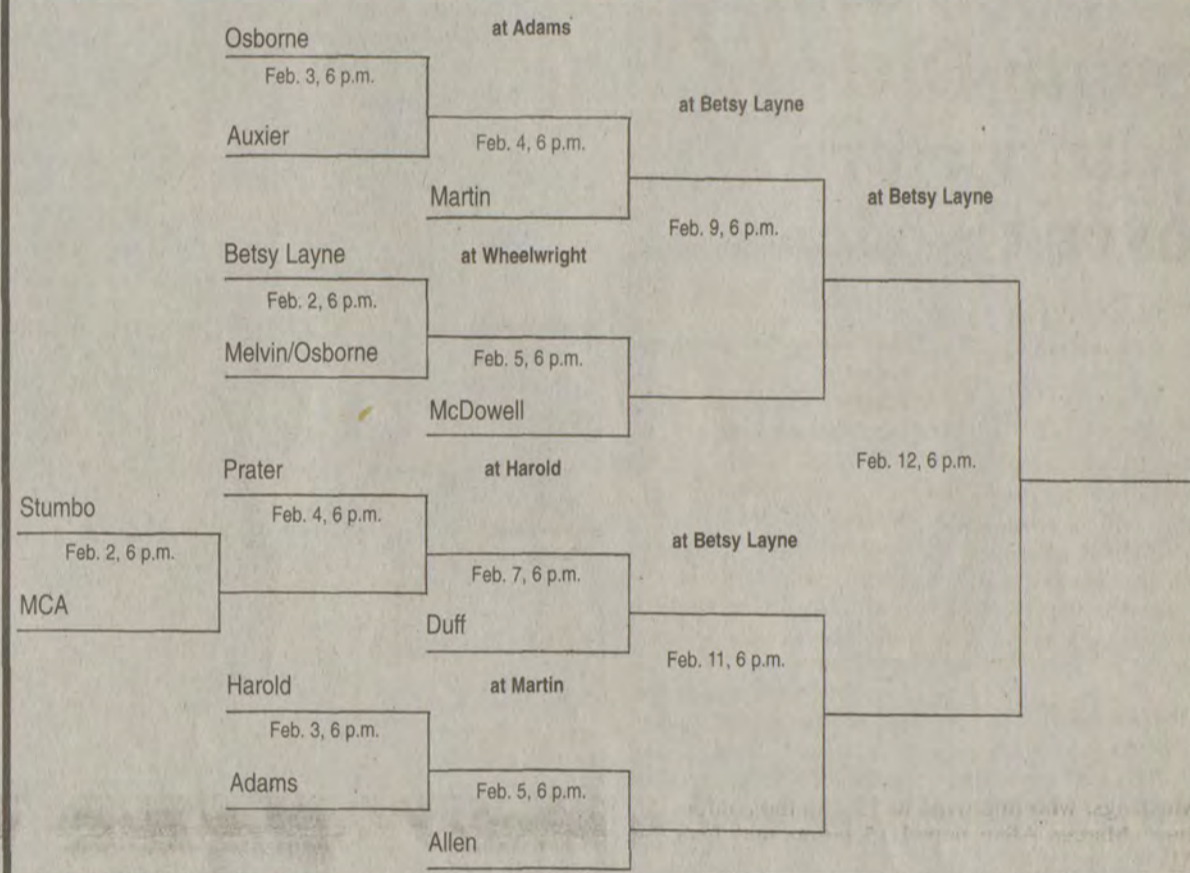
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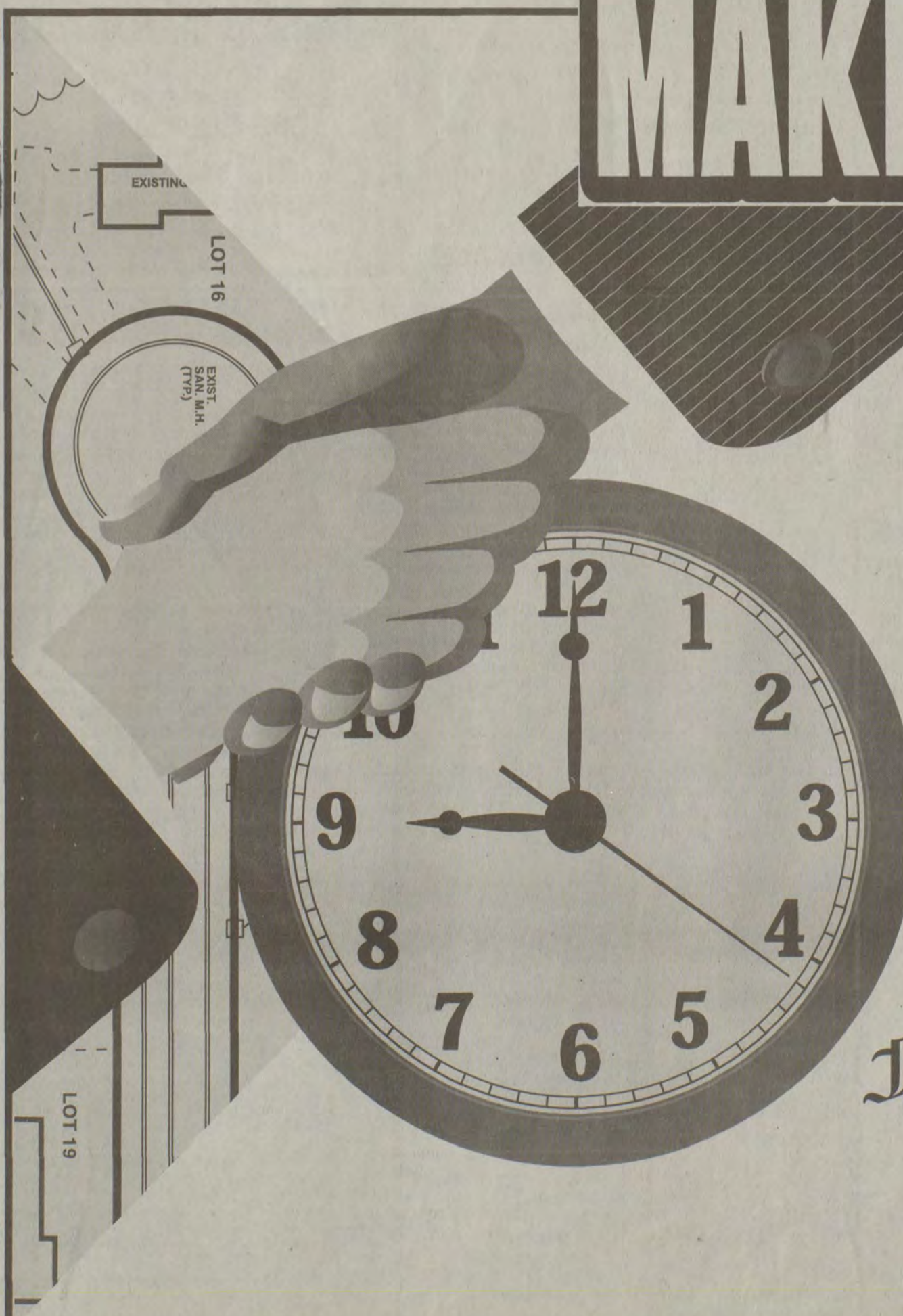
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McDOWELL, KY

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FOR RENT: Two bedroom apartment located on Front Street across from Floyd County Health Department. \$400 monthly plus \$400 deposit. 886-3043.

BASEMENT APARTMENT: Two bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, downtown Prestonsburg. All electric. Stove and Refrigerator. Carpeted. \$350/month \$150 deposit utilities paid except cable and phone. Call before 9:00 PM 874-1246.

FOR RENT: Two bedroom apartment, modern, spacious, built in kitchen appliances included, Wayland KY. Not HUD approved. 606-785-3911 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM.

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WINCHESTER APARTMENTS: 1 bedroom, all utilities included. \$365/month \$150 deposit. 606-928-9741.

NICE TOWNHOUSE APARTMENT two bedroom, one bath. Stove, refrigerator, central air/heat, W/D hookup. Good location at US. 23 and Rt. 80. \$405/month plus utilities. One year lease. 886-6551 or 237-4758.

FOR RENT: Two bedroom house for rent. You pay own utilities. \$275/month \$150 deposit. Ask for Ish or Beth. 886-2134

TWO BEDROOM 1 1/2 bath Townhouse and One Bedroom Apartment. 886-8991.

Mobile Homes For Rent

THREE BEDROOM MOBILE HOME: Bucks Br. at Martin \$300/month plus deposit. 874-8967. Three bedroom brick home. Five miles from Prestonsburg \$450/month. Plus deposit. 874-8967.

FOR RENT: Two Bedroom Mobile Home. Large private lot. Pets welcome. Will accept HUD. Phone 886-6900 or 606-745-1556

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FOR RENT: Sm. furnished trailer off Mt.Parkway on Rt. 114. 886-8724.

THREE BEDROOM TRAILER AND TWO BEDROOM TRAILER: for rent at Banner. 874-2407.

FOR RENT: Three bedroom Trailer at Grethel, all electric, partly furnished. \$100 deposit, \$250/month. 874-1214.

TRAILER FOR RENT: 2 BR, all electric. Newly remodeled. 285-3980.

FOR RENT: Two bedroom trailer, all electric, Wilson Creek area of Langley. \$300/month deposit required. 8:00 AM - 5:00Pm 789-8590 after 5 PM 285-0716.

ONE BEDROOM TRAILER: All utilities furnished. \$ 3 5 0 / m o n t h. Prestonsburg area. Private. 285-3061.

TRAILER FOR RENT: 1 BR at Bema in Knott County. Washer, dryer, stove, refrigerator, and water furnished. 946-2529 or 358-9617.

FOR RENT: 2 BR Trailer. Located near Clark School on Rt. 114 \$275/month + utilities. Available Feb. 9th. 606-285-9991 leave message.

FOR RENT: Mobile Home on private lot. Two bedroom, refrigerator, and stove included. Must have references and deposit. Call 358-9142.

FOR RENT: Two - Three bedroom mobile home located on Cow Creek. \$375/month includes gas heat. Security deposit required. Call 874-2802 J. Davis.

FOR RENT: New model 14' x 65'. 2-bedroom, 2 bath, mobile home. Total electric. Stove and refrigerator, new carpet. Between Prestonsburg and Paintsville on old US. 23. Also have lots for rent. Call 886-9007.

AKERS TRAILER COURT in New Allen has several trailers for rent. 1 1/2 to 2 bedrooms. Call 874-8978 or 874-8039 after 5 p.m.

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FOR RENT: Combination office and/or storage approx. up to 1,200 sq. ft. available. 886-9466.

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OFFICE FOR LEASE: Six separate rooms. Located on US Rt. 23 near Floyd/Johnson Co. Line. Call Bob 789-3904.

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LARGE PRIVATE TRAILER LOT with farm setting. All hookups available. \$145/month, \$145 deposit. Call 606-789-9428.

FOUR TRAILER LOTS FOR RENT: All hookups available. Located at Blue River. Call 886-6186 or 886-8286.

TRAILER LOT FOR RENT: Contact 874-0440.

Lots For Sale

FOR SALE: Lot in W. Prestonsburg. 90' x 70' with small building. 285-3170.

Employment Available

AVON: BUY OR SELL. Call Jancy at 886-2082.

KENNEL HELP NEEDED
Someone needed to do heavy duty work cleaning after cats and dogs. Extraneous labor involved, lots of lifting, carrying, and outside work. Four hours a day six days per week. 886-3680.

WE HAVE POSITIONS AVAILABLE: Part-time to begin, office cleaning, floor maintenance, etc. Nights, days, and weekends. To receive consideration, submit brief resume to: Service Master, PO Box 244, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. No phone calls will be accepted.

LOOKING FOR TRUCK DRIVER: CDL License with hazmat. Experience required. Call 886-8123.

SERVICE TECHNICIAN: Additional Field Technician needed in the Pikeville/Prestonsburg area. Now available for an individual with Electronics background and Mechanical aptitude. Excellent benefits package included. Call Service Manager for an Appointment, VanDyke, Inc., PO Box 2618, Ashland, KY 41105-2618, (800)826-3755.

ABBOTT ENGINEERING, INC. is currently seeking to fill the position of Crew Chief with underground and outside experience. We have an excellent benefit package with excellent salary. Applications may be picked up at the Prestonsburg office or resumes may be faxed at (606)886-6986 or mailed to 3073 KY Rt. 321, Prestonsburg, KY 41653.

KY BAPTIST HOME FOR CHILDREN is seeking a foster care specialist to assist in case management and foster parent recruitment and training. Masters degree in human services or related field preferred or bachelors degree with a minimum of 2 yr. relevant experience. Send resume to: Cornerstone Family Center, PO Box 425, Harold, KY 41653.

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CHOCOLATE LABRADOR RETRIEVER PUPPIES for sale: AKC registered. 285-0273.

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PART TIME MERCHANDISING SPECIALIST needed. Must have reliable transportation, flexible schedule. 1-800-998-2035 ext. 144.

MICRO STATION TECHNICIAN: Progressive Eastern Kentucky based Civil Engineering firm has an immediate opening for an expert Micro Station Technician. Knowledge of and extensive experience with Micro Station V5.0 (or later) is a requirement. Salary dependent upon abilities. Call 606-436-2151 for an appointment or fax Resume to 606-436-2291.

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SALES POSITION: Energetic, self motivated, go getter to sell cheer leading & dance uniforms to schools & youth groups. Draw + comm. \$30K + potential. Send resume to: PepQuarters, 4535 Poplar Level Road, Louisville Ky. 40213.

JOB OPPORTUNITY: Health Careers/Special Projects Coordinator The Southeast Area Health Education Center, a regional health education agency responsible for 16 counties in SE KY, is now accepting application for a health careers, providing health education programming in schools, and coordinating a summer health screening project with health professions students. Some knowledge of the health care system and familiarity with principles of community health and adult education helpful. A bachelor's degree in health education, community health, education or a related discipline required, master's degree preferred. Must demonstrate competence in planning, organizational skills, verbal and written communication, computer knowledge and ability to manage a variety of complex tasks. Residence within general vicinity of Prestonsburg required. Salary range: 25-28K depending on experience and background, excellent benefits. Submit resume to Karkie Tackett, Assistant Center Director, SE AHEC, 100 Medical Center Drive, Hazard, KY 41701.

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FOR SALE: One year old hunting dog, had all shots. 886-8108.

FREE TO GOOD HOME: 20 month old German Shepherd. No papers. 874-9983 between 10:00 AM and 12:00 noon.

Rummage & Yard Sales

BASEMENT SALE: Between Sugar loaf and Cow Creek. Jan. 30th thru Feb. 7th.

INSIDE RUMMAGE SALE at Green Acres Community Center. Infants, children, and adult clothing will have name brands: Guess, Levi, and other baby items. Feb. 3rd and 4th starting at 9:00 AM.

Free

FREE CASH GRANTS! College. Scholarships. Business. Medical bills. Never Repay. Toll Free 1-800-218-9000 Ext. G-6778.

Work Wanted

LOOKING FOR WORK: Tree trimming of any kind. Also, Gutter and hillside cleaning, light hauling & fire wood for sale. Please call 886-8350.

Wanted

LOCAL CHURCH has opening for an organist. Anyone interested should mail resume to: General Delivery, 8097, KY. RT. 1428, Allen, KY 41601.

WANTED: Nurses and other licensed health professionals. Would you like to get away from the cold and snow? Would you like to keep that small town life style and live just 40 minutes from the beach and 2 hours from Orlando? Would you like to live near the lake where the crappie and bass fishing is great? You can talk to a local nurse who made the move and loves it. Call Clarissa Hall at 941-467-7052 if I'm not home, we've gone fishing so leave a message and I will call you back.

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TURNED DOWN ON SOCIAL SECURITY/SSI? Free Consultation. 1-800-896-1130. No fee unless we win your case.

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NEED YOUR MOBILE HOME MOVED?

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Driver Training

DRIVER EDUCATION Save money on car insurance. Check with your agent. Take Driver Education at PCC, Monday through Saturday. Cost \$250. Six hours on the road and six hours classroom instruction. Call 886-3863 to register.

Help Wanted

HELP WANTED: Earn up to \$500 per week assembling products at home. No experience. INFO 1-504-646-1700 DEPT. KY-2276.

AVON, FREE sample and products with start-up kit, only \$20. Call 1-800-840-4902.

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CHIMNEY CLEANING SERVICES AND PAINTING CO.: R.A. Taylor, professional interior with references. 886-8453.

Carpentry Work

REMODELING SPECIALIST: Carpentry, electrical, masonry, vinyl and stucco. Charles Scott 874-9462.

CARPENTRY WORK, ALL TYPES: New homes from ground up; remodeling or additions: all finish work; drywall; painting (interior, exterior and trim work); all types concrete work, driveways, sidewalks, foundations, etc.; any size pole buildings; garages; decks. Over 20 years experience. Robie Johnson, Jr., call anytime, 886-8896.

1991 FLEETWOOD HOME 14' X 64': 2 bedrooms, 1 bath. Very good condition. FINANCING AVAILABLE. Features: Central Air, Appliances, Large Deck, Storage Building. Great location, minutes from Prestonsburg. A great value at \$14,900. Call 889-9529.

For Sale or Rent

NEW DUPLEX FOR SALE OR RENT: No money down if you can qualify. Three bedrooms. Located on Abbott Creek. Call between 6-10 PM 886-3799.

Commercial Property For Rent

BUILDING FOR RENT: Downtown Prestonsburg \$350/month deposit required. 886-7065 home 886-2335 work, ask for Jerry Fannin.

COMMERCIAL PROPERTY FOR LEASE: 2,600 square feet, on S. Arnold Avenue, formerly an attorney's office. Ample parking. Call 886-8681.

Storage Space For Rent

SPECIAL Storage units. Rent for 3 months, get 1 month FREE! 886-1896

Houses For Rent

FOR RENT: 2 BR House in Garrett, partially furnished. Central air/heat. Call 606-358-9695.

LARGE OLDER HOME: Nice Prestonsburg neighborhood. Carpeted, stove, and refrigerator. Three bedroom, two bath, 1 1/2 story \$425/month plus \$150 deposit, plus utilities. Call before 9:00PM 874-1246.

FOR RENT: 3 BR House, furnished, \$350/month. \$150 deposit near swimming area at Dewey Lake. 886-3313.

FOR RENT: Two bedroom house for rent. You pay own utilities. \$275/month \$150 deposit. Ask for Ish or Beth. 886-2134

NEW FLEETWOOD DOUBLE - WIDE: 3 Bedroom 2 Baths. Delivered and Set-Up, Low Down Payment. Less Than \$235/month. The Affordable Housing Mart-Lexington. Call (606)293-1600 or (800)755-5359.

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NEW FLEETWOOD 16 X 80: 3 Bedroom, 2 Baths, Delivered and Set-Up, \$22,900. The Affordable Housing Mart -Lexington. Call (606)293-1600 or (800)755-5359.

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MOBILE HOME LOANS from Green Tree Financial. Sellers/Buyers/Owners. 5% down payment. Refinance/equity loans; land and home loans; Realtor calls welcome. Call 1-800-221-8204.

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Living room suits; daybeds; gun cabinets; bedroom suits; recliners; odd chests; dinette sets; bunk beds; odd beds; loungers; used washers, dryers, refrigerators; and lots more! Call 874-9790.

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New 2-bedroom apartments

- 900 square feet
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All located in a secluded area.

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Call 874-9790

Contractors

CONTRACTING: Boyd Contracting. Roofs, decks, porches. Home building and remodeling. Contract or by the hour. 478-1764 or 478-4230.

Roofing & Construction

SPEARS CONSTRUCTION: Building and all types of remodeling, roofing, siding, decks, patios, lock work, concrete, etc. 606-874-2688.

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Allen, KY
Commercial, residential and service work. Licensed and insured. Rotor roter service, drain cleaning, etc. **CALL US FIRST!** 874-2794.

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VISIT THE LARGEST PANELING CENTER in Eastern Kentucky at Goble Lumber. Over 80 different prefinished panels in stock and as low as \$4.95 per panel. Call Goble Lumber, 874-9281.

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FLOOR COVERING, INSTALLATION, CARPET, HARDWOOD, CERAMIC TILE, AND VINYL. 377-2762 or 285-9887.

Found

FOUND: Boston Terrier, probably 5+ years old, at intersection of 23 and 460, Little Paint. Call 886-8108 or 276-3082 and describe.

Tree Service

TREE CUTTING AND TRIMMING, Topping, brush removal, land clearing, etc. Large or small jobs. Free estimates. Call 874-9271

Services

"CAPTURE THE MOMENTS" Video Productions available for proms, weddings, parties, and reunions. Call 874-8408.

Notice

BRANHAM HEIGHTS APTS. OF WHEELWRIGHT KY is requesting estimates for carpet, padding, vinyl, and installation for one and two bedroom apartments. 606-452-4777.

Reward Offered

LOST CHOCOLATE FEMALE LABRADOR RETRIEVER with red collar. Last seen in the Maytown area. Answers to the name of Brandt. 285-0273.

BLACK AND WHITE CAT with pink collar. Lost at mouth of Abbott. Answers to the name Greaser. 886-2442.

Want To Buy

OLD POCKET WATCHES, WRIST WATCHES, GOLD RINGS, ANY SCRAP GOLD. Will pay top dollar. 587-2946.

Legals

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

Pursuant To Application Number (836-5325), Renewal

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Branham & Baker Coal Company, Inc., P.O. Box 271, 148 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, has applied for renewal of a permit for an underground coal mining operation located 0.57 mile west of Wayland in Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 3.87 surface acres and will underlie 739.85 acres, and the total area within the permit boundary will be 743.72 acres.

The proposed operation is approximately 0.61 mile west from KY Rt. 1086's junction with KY Rt. 7. The nearest stream is the Right Fork of Beaver Creek. The latitude is 37° 26' 46". The longitude is 82° 49' 03".

The proposed operation is located on the Wayland U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Consolidation Coal Company of Kentucky. The operation will underlie land owned by: Ransom and Mary Marcum, Junior Martin, Jerome Messer, Tom Martin, Knott County Land Company and Consolidation Coal Company of Kentucky.

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, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow Complex, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Ky. 40601.

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 INTENTION TO MINE

Pursuant to Application Number 898-5937, Amendment No. 2

In accordance with KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that Premier Elkhorn Coal Company, P.O. Box 130, Myra, Kentucky 41549, has applied for an amendment to an existing underground coal mining and reclamation operation located 3.0 miles southwest of Ligon in Pike and Floyd counties. The amendment will add 4.85 acres of surface disturbance making a total area of 595.70 acres within the amended permit boundary.

The proposed amendment area is approximately 4.0 miles northwest from Route 229/23 junction with Robinson Creek Road and located 0.4 mile west of Robinson Creek. The latitude is 37° 22' 34". The longitude is 82° 39' 00".

The proposed amendment is located on the McDowell and Wheelwright U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The surface area to be disturbed by the amendment is owned by Russell and Martha Walker, Earl and Gracie Brown, Clifford and Geneva Henson, Anthony Cerullo, Trenia Brown Cecil, Gene and Evie Vance, and ANR Coal Company, LLC.

The amendment application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and

Regional Office, 109 Mays Branch Road, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501-9311. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow Complex, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

Pursuant to Application 836-5273 Amendment No. 3

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that Richardson Fuel, Inc., 16232 US Route 23, Catlettsburg, KY 41129 has applied for an amendment to an existing underground coal mining operation and reclamation operation located 0.6 mile west of Hueysville in Floyd County. The amendment will add 6.0 acres of surface disturbance and will underlie an additional 3.5 acres making a total area of 890.4 acres within the amended permit boundary.

The proposed operation is approximately 0.3 mile east from Saylers Branch Road junction with SR 7 and located 0.07 south of Saltlick Creek. The latitude is 37° 29' 39". The longitude is 82° 51' 07".

The proposed amendment is located on the Wayland U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The operation will underlie land owned by Norman Allen Heirs, Ben Combs, Stewert Howard, Dallas Cox Estate, Gordon Howard, Kelly Howard, Norma Martin, Juanita Cox, Barry L. Combs, and Arlie Jackson.

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, KY 41653. Written comments, objections, or request for a permit conference

shall be filed with the Director of the Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow Complex, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, KY 40601.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

Pursuant to Application No. 836-5296, Renewal

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Maple Ridge Mining Corporation, P.O. Box 219, Harold, Kentucky 41635, has applied for renewal of a permit for an existing underground coal mining and reclamation operation located 1.00 mile southwest of Blue Moon in Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 6.07 surface acres and will underlie 1,110.81 acres, and the total area within the permit boundary will be 1,116.88 acres.

The proposed operation is approximately 1.10 mile southwest from Morgan Fork Road's junction with Little Mud Creek Road and located adjacent to and 0.50 mile north of Morgan Fork of Little Mud Creek. The latitude is 37° 29' 28". The longitude is 82° 42' 33".

The proposed operation is located on the McDowell and Harold U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by The Elk Horn Coal Corporation. The operation will underlie land owned by The Elk Horn Coal Corporation, Vannie Kidd, Reevis Hamilton, Leon Greer, Charles McKinney, Ted Meade, Venedith Meade, William and Dorothy Martin, Sola Williams, Clayborne Bailey, Roy Spurlock, Estill Mullins, David Meade et al., Earl Lee and Katherine Hall, Ida Mae Newsome et al., Ella Martin, Charlie Elliot, John Hunter, Roger Lee and Patricia Hunter, Caner Hunter, Willie L. Lawson, and Earl Watson.

The operation will affect an area within 100 feet of public road, Morgan Fork Road. The

relocation of the public road.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 2705 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653-1410. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to KRS 231.040, application for a permit to operate a place of entertainment, has been made by Larry and Sherry Moore of P.O. Box 185, McDowell, KY 41647. The name of the proposed business will be carryout, beer by drink, pin ball machines, video machines and juke box.

Pursuant to KRS 231.070, the Floyd County Attorney shall investigate whether the applicants lack good moral character, or whether the applicants will obey the laws of the Commonwealth in the operation of the business, or whether the applicants, within the last two (2) years prior to the date of filing the application has been convicted in Kentucky of maintaining a public nuisance. Pursuant to KRS 231.080 any person desiring to oppose the permits shall file with the County Clerk no later than February 19, 1998, in writing, allegations that show cause as to why the application shall not be

information shall be signed, dated and reflect the current address of said person providing the information.

Pursuant to KRS 231.080, a hearing has been scheduled for February 19, 1998, at the hour of 1:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as same can be heard before the Floyd County Judge/Executive at the Floyd County Courthouse Annex in Prestonsburg, Kentucky. The Floyd County Judge/Executive shall hear evidence in support of or in opposition to the granting of the permit.

Keith Bartley
Floyd County Attorney

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Triple B Corporation, 2980 KY Rt. 321, Prestonsburg, Ky., has filed an application with the Natural Resources and Environmental Cabinet to construct a fill area. The property is located 0.50 miles Northeast of Prestonsburg along KY Rt. 321 and the Levisa Fork of the Big Sandy River. Any comments or objections concerning this application shall be directed to: Kentucky Division of Water, Water Resources Branch, 14 Reilly Road, Frankfort Office Park, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. Phone: (502) 564-3410.

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Sealed bids for CIAP Modernization Project KY36P035-910 (96) will be received by The Housing Authority of Prestonsburg, P.O. Box 687, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, on Wednesday, February 18, 1998, at 2:00 p.m., prevailing time, and then at said office publicly opened and read aloud. This phase of the program includes termite treatment at one development (KY035-001); this site is located within the city limits of Prestonsburg, Kentucky.

Bidders, Form of Bid, Form of Contract, Drawings, Specifications and other contract documents may be examined at the following locations:

Barge, Waggoner, Sumner and Cannon, Inc. 401 West Main Street, Suite 306 Lexington, Kentucky 40507
The Housing Authority of Prestonsburg U.S. 23N, Green Acres Drive Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653

If the offerer's base bid exceeds \$25,000, the following documents will be required: Bid Bond and Performance and Payment Bond.

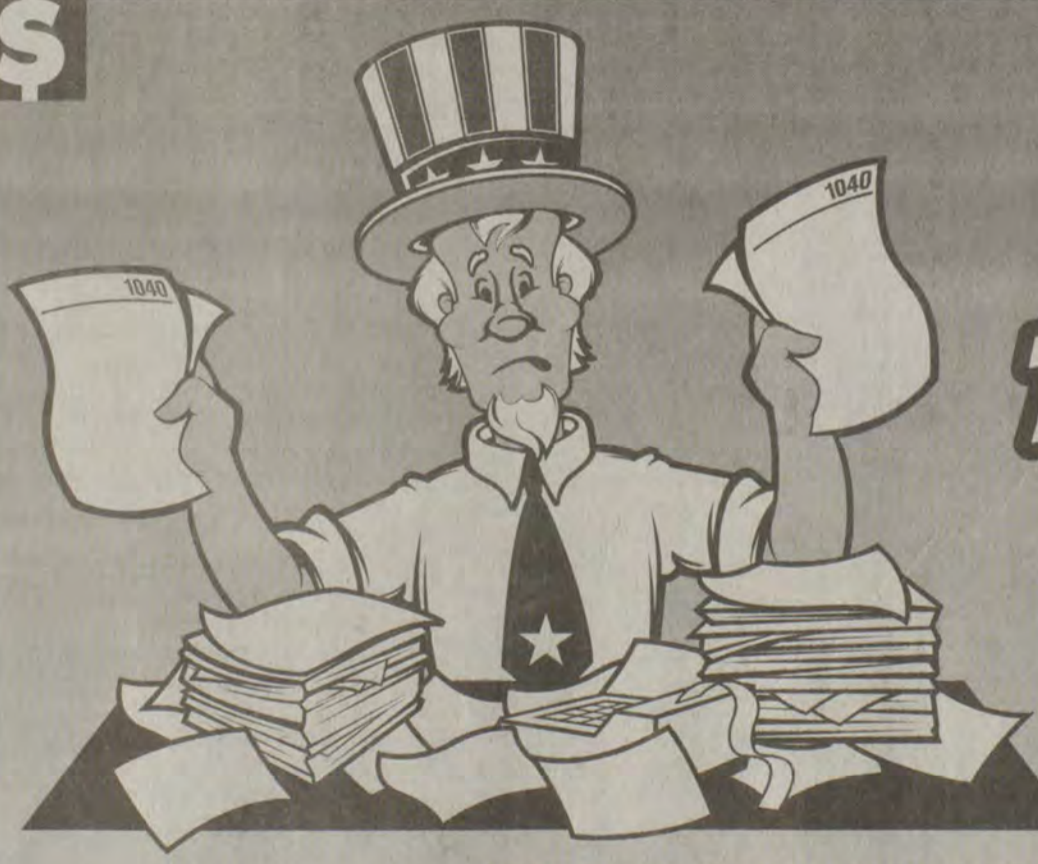
Copies MUST be obtained at the office of: Barge, Waggoner, Sumner and Cannon, Inc. 401 West Main Street, Suite 306 Lexington, Kentucky 40507
Telephone: (606) 367-7521
Attention: Wayne L. Clayton

Direct any questions concerning bid documents to Mr. Wayne L. Clayton, AIA, at (606) 367-7521.

The Housing Authority of Prestonsburg By: Ms. Brenda Harris Executive Director January 23, 1998

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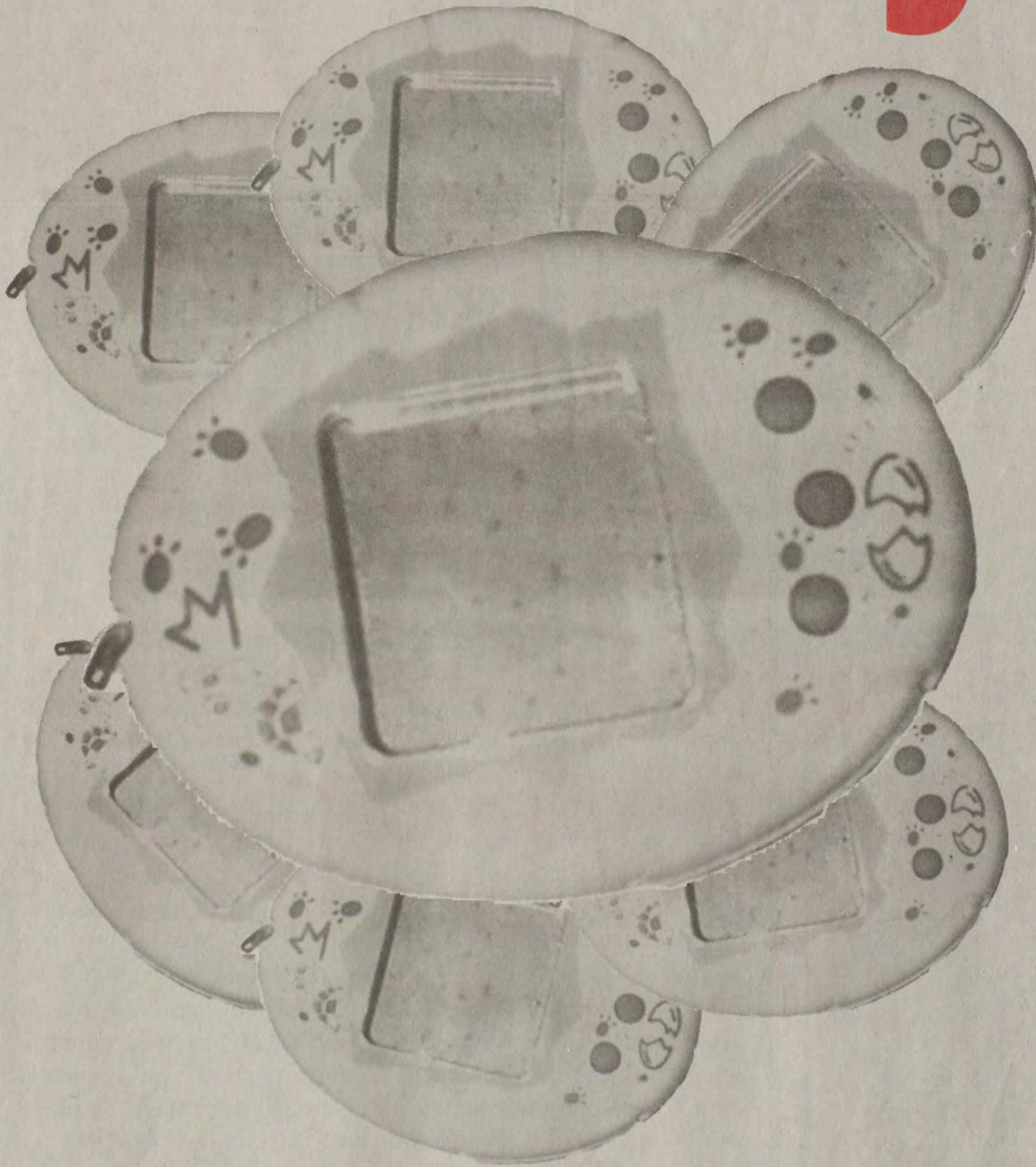
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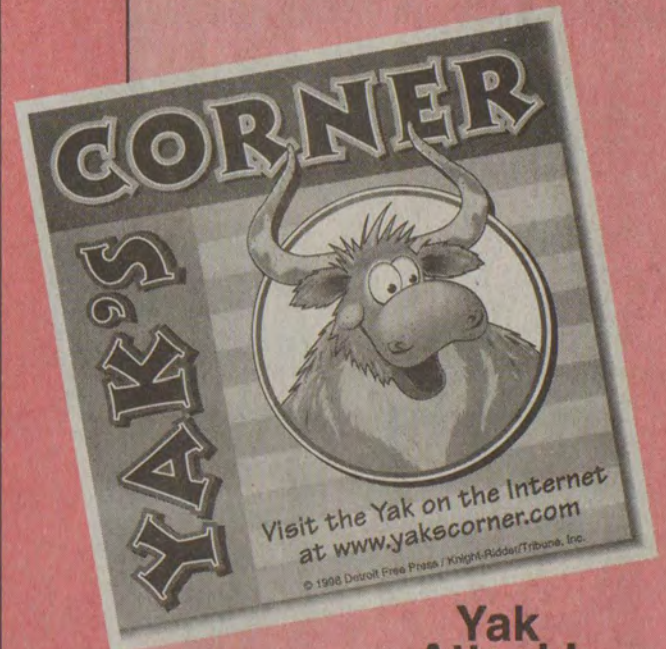


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BRAINY-YAK

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The Floyd County Times
P.O. Box 391

Prestonsburg, Ky 41653

If your correct answer is drawn,
it will appear in the next issue of S'up?!

Rachael Hill of Prestonsburg has the answer to last month's Brainy-Yak question: "What is the capitol of Mexico?" Rachael's answer, "Mexico City," is correct. According to the World Book Encyclopedia, Mexico City is the largest city in Mexico and in the world.

YAK IN JAPAN

The Yak visited Japan to learn more about the host country of the 1998 Winter Olympics.

SCHOOL, JAPANESE-STYLE

The kids at Wakatsuki Elementary School in Nagano City don't wear shoes. Like all Japanese students, they take off their shoes at the front door and put on slippers.

For 20 minutes each day, they clean Wakatsuki's floors, halls and bathrooms. They take turns serving lunch and go to school most Saturdays.

Welcome to school Japanese-style, which is a lot different from school American-style.

Japanese kids have to learn two different Asian alphabets, each with 46 characters plus the 26-letter Roman alphabet.

A class of fifth-graders made the Yak a special treat — rice cakes. First, they put on white coats, caps and face masks. Then they took turns whacking a pile of cooked rice until the kernels disappeared and it became a gluey blob.

"It's fun hitting the rice with a hammer," said Aimi Hiriyama, 11.

After washing the dishes, the kids got out rags and brooms and cleaned the school. Didn't they mind?



The kids at Wakatsuki Elementary, above, clean their school for 20 minutes each day. Wearing masks and staying extra-clean, below, kids cook, too.

"No, but we hate to clean the bathrooms," said Keisuke Sakurai, 11.

It was more like a cleaning party than just cleaning. The Yak could see the kids were proud that their school was clean.

The kids gave the Yak a big bag of origami to take home. And everyone wanted to shake hands. Japanese don't shake hands; they bow.

—Patricia Chargot,
Knight-Ridder Newspapers



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VALENTINE'S DAY

Why not celebrate Valentine's Day by showing your heart how much you love it? After all, February is American Heart Month.

Your heart, which is about the size of your fist, is the hardest-working muscle in your body. During an average lifetime, the heart will beat three billion times!

Here are three of the best ways to keep your heart happy: Don't smoke, exercise regularly and eat healthy, low-fat foods. And no, that doesn't mean no goodies.

Here's a recipe for a heart-healthy treat.



HAPPY HEART VALENTINE CUPCAKES



Ingredients:

- 1 box angel food cake mix
- water; vegetable oil, eggs (see cake mix box for amounts)
- 18-ounce container Cool Whip Lite (or any brand of instant dessert topping)
- 1 pint strawberries, sliced (ask a grown-up to help you slice them)
- cinnamon candy hearts
- red sprinkles
- red food coloring

Directions:

- Ask an adult to help you with the cake mix directions for cupcake batter. After you mix the batter, pour them into cupcake tins and bake them. After they are baked, let cool completely.
- While the cupcakes are cooling, add a drop of red food coloring to the dessert topping. Stir until pink.
- Coat each cupcake with the topping. Decorate with strawberries, red sprinkles or cinnamon hearts. Keep in the refrigerator until dessert or snack time.



—Knight-Ridder Newspapers
SOURCE: Henry Ford Hospital's Nutrition Clinic

YAK YUKS

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YAK IN JAPAN

JAPAN'S FAVORITE DOG

You've probably heard of Balto, the famous Alaskan sled dog. But do you know about Hachiko, Japan's most famous dog? Hachiko was an Akita, one of Japan's most popular dog breeds. Akitas are loyal and loving pets. They're descended from a dog whose likeness has been found carved in ancient Japanese tombs.

Hachiko belonged to a professor at Tokyo University. Every day, he would accompany his master to the city's busy Shibuya subway station, then return at night to walk home with him. One day, the professor didn't show up. (He had died at the university.) Hachiko waited for hours before finally returning home, alone. He eventually became homeless. But he searched the station every day for the rest of his life. He depended on station vendors for food.

Hachiko's story spread across Japan and in 1934, a statue of him was erected outside Shibuya. He died the next year at age 12.

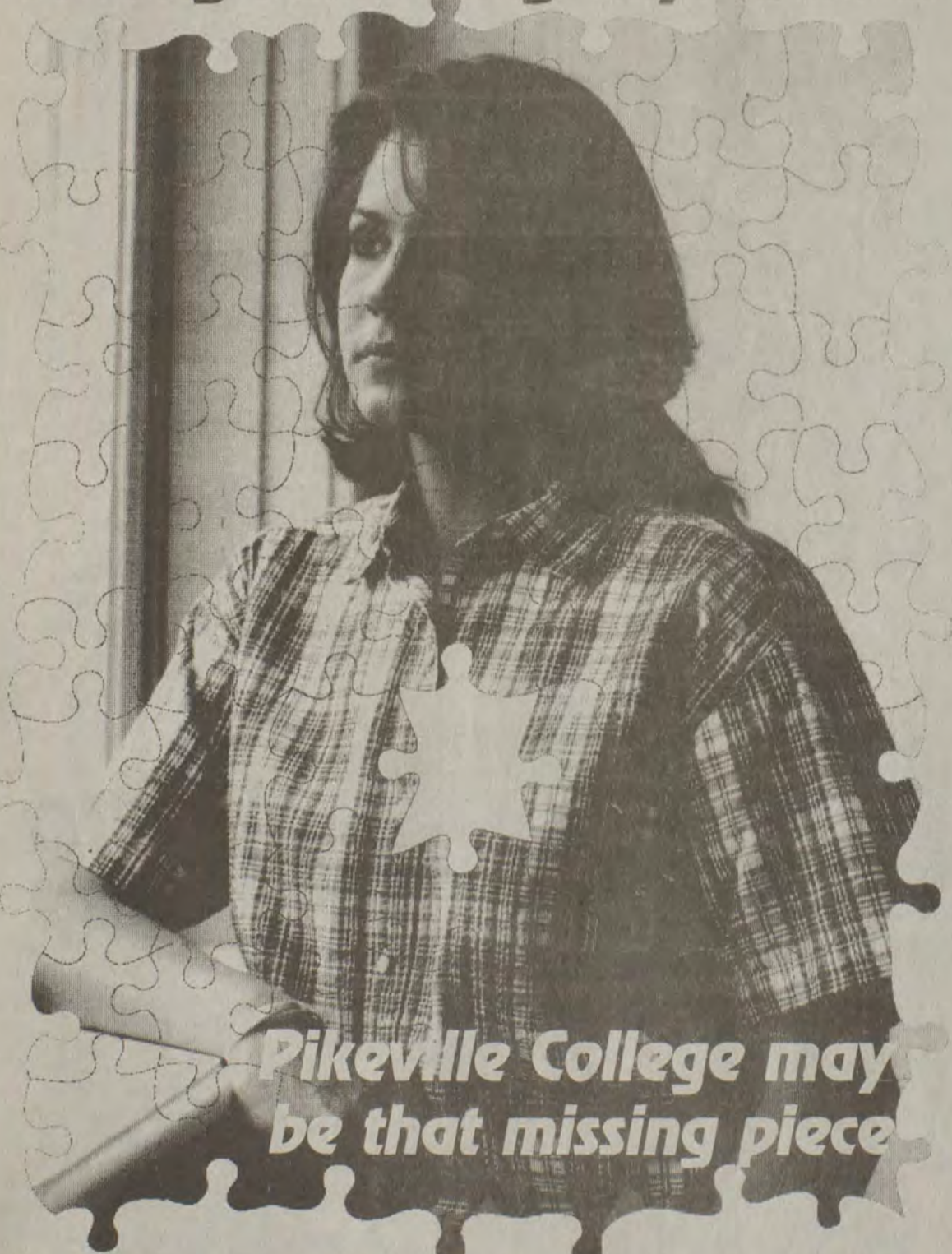
Today, his statue is a popular meeting place for teens. "Meet you at Hachiko," kids say.

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Hachiko's statue is a popular meeting place.

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The Joy, The Pain

Osborne Elementary shares the world of Virtual Pets

by Cindy Yates
Editorial Assistant

A group of Osborne Elementary students and their parents have discovered that one of the holiday season's hottest toys isn't so hot.

Last Wednesday and Thursday, eighth grade students from April Bradford's language arts class shared with The Floyd County Times their experiences with virtual reality pets, commonly known as Giga Pets or Nano-Pets.

These were the "rave" toys for the Christmas season - everybody knows what they are; but not many people have a good idea just how time-consuming they can really be.

Six of around 20 students or so brought their pets to school Thursday, after permission was obtained from school Principal Paul Tackett.

It seems that these "pets" can be quite annoying. "We can get the kids quiet and working really well, when 'beep, beep, beep,' sounds out and everyone in the class has to turn around to find out what's going on with the pet," Ms. Bradford said.

The pets are quite a sight, that is, if you don't have a child that owns one.

They hatch from an egg, grow up (with proper attention from its parent) and attend school. They eat, drink, go to the bathroom - not a pretty sight - and even get sick once in awhile.

"Yeah, you have to take care of them. Mine's died at least 15 times," one girl said. As a matter of fact, this young basketball prodigy had hers die as the students discussed their virtual pets during the interview.

"Hey, have you seen their funeral?" said one boy. "They're cool - they get wings and fly off to heaven; then there's a cross or

something," he said.

"They've been such a distraction here," Principal Tackett added, "that we have a 'no pet' policy.

care of them themselves. However, if the parents or grandparents have to baby-sit, I wish they'd never been invented. After my granddaughter got sick of hers, she never re-

have to take care of Chasity's Giga Pet," Mitchell said.

The entire class seemed to be in agreement on the responsibility issue. Several commented that they were never going to have kids due to their experience with the pets.

The pets come in the form of key chains, which most owners commonly wear on bracelets or just use them to carry their keys.

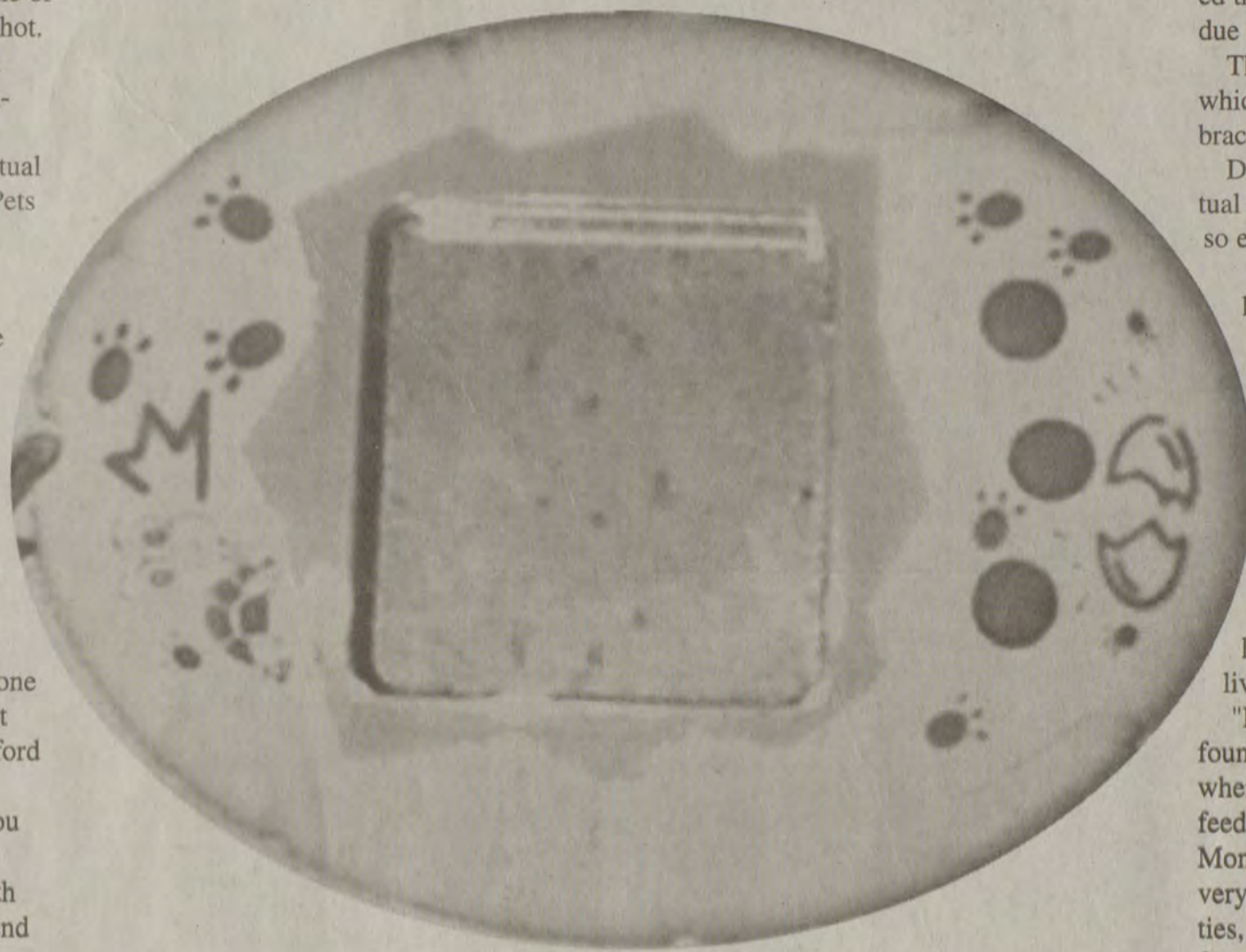
During the group discussion about the virtual reality toys, the class split up into groups so everyone could witness the pets in action.

Some of the more common opinions heard were: Cool! Watch it eat! Neat! Oooo - gross! Mine has never lived that long, and so on.

Two girls managed to keep their pets alive for 15 years, roughly since they got them last October. (This is one of those weird-pet life spans you hear about), but they worked hard to achieve this. Most just agreed that living two years, which is about three days human time, is the status quo for the lives of their pets.

"In my experience with these, I have found them to show children responsibility, when a child watches and cares for the pet by feeding and disciplining it. In my case, as her Mom, I have seen that this doesn't last for very long because of schoolwork or activities, and we don't have enough time to care for them so kids pass them on to their moms or dads for care. This, in a sense, is like raising another child, you just don't have to buy food for them. I myself don't really like them, because they get taken to school and it can interfere with class. They don't belong in school," one academically-inclined student said.

One rather economically-astute young man seemed to sum up what most parents believe is gospel: "They're a total waste of \$12.50."



"I had to take one from a student once, and forgot I had put it into my desk drawer. The alarm went off, and I had no idea what was going on. It scared me to death," Tackett said.

Parents and students alike are finding out that, while these objects look harmless enough, they can be as frustrating as a real pet.

"The pets are fun for the kids if they take

set it, and now it was a waste of money," commented Jimmie Lou Johnson, whose granddaughter is in Bradford's class.

Chasity Mitchell's mom, Lesia, said the pet has its good points.

"I think that it is a good idea for some children to have a Giga Pet. It does show them responsibility, if they take good care of them. But I bet it does interrupt class and gets on some people's nerves. I also do not

Just Like One of The Kids

by Cindy Yates
Editorial Assistant

This past December found me in an unusual position. I had already purchased "the" toy of the season for my four kids, namely a virtual reality pet. One per child.

My intentions were good, you know how you feel when you manage to get the rave toy for the holidays, especially when you manage to obtain it weeks before Christmas?

The second week of the month brought child number one down, and hard, with the flu. He was rendered home-bound and pitiful-looking with his puppy-dog eyes rimmed with dark circles that comes with staying up all night throwing up. He had me hook, line and sinker in the sympathy department.

The maternal instinct-slash-guilt kicked in, and I dug down into my purse, known as "The Floyd County Triangle" by those that know me, and Ta-Da! Giga T-Rex to the rescue.

Excitement was palpable in the air, and the doe-eyed sparkle came back

into the eyes of my first-born as he carefully ripped apart the package it was in and immediately, like all males, began to tinker with the object without reading the instructions first. Anyway, the look on his face and the hug I received was worth enough to balance the federal deficit.

With his sister and twin brothers at school, he and I sat together in a chair and explored the virtual reality world of the T-Rex. It was innocent-looking enough. You could play with it, make it go to school, feed and water it, and, most importantly, clean up after its....well, let's just say it wasn't housebroken.

We watched it hatch from its egg, and it immediately proceeded to go to the bathroom. "Hmmm, this may be more complicated than I thought," my child said. "Ha, Ha," I replied, "now you know how I felt when you were little," I told him, and wondered when

exactly I had turned into my mother.

After two hours, Rex had eaten, (bathroom), drank, (bathroom), started school (bathroom), and learned a new game, (bathroom). He then required

an injection as he had "obviously

come down with a virus," explained my son.

When kids numbered two, three and four burst through the door, we went through the "Mom got Me something and not you," routine, until I relented and pulled out the other three pets.

Havoc being wrought on all fronts, I realized that I had messed up - big time. Kids three and four, four-year-old twins, tossed aside their pets the minute a popular television show

came on the TV screen. My one and only daughter decided parenthood was not for her the first time her pet relieved itself.

Undaunted, feeling at least like I had contributed to my oldest son's recuperation, we dressed for bed.

At approximately 2 a.m., an annoying beeping awakened me, but not anyone else. An elephant parade could not awaken

my kids. I tracked the sound for a few minutes, until I found the source; one of the twins' pets had went, and needed cleaning up.

Dilemma - wake up the custodial child and hope he fixes the stupid thing and goes back to sleep, or just take care of it myself?

After cleaning up the pet and putting it back to sleep, (you also have to turn off the lights in its little tiny home) I was reminded of the all-

hours-of-the-night feedings I had experienced with my four children, and now I found myself caring for their children. I was furious.

The next day, after a million trips to the bathroom per pet while the kids were at school, I lost it.

I threw child number three's pet to the floor and jumped up and down on it - it still wanted to eat. These things are stomp-proof. If you try and drown them, they just begin an incessant beeping that can only be stopped by the garbage truck. They are immortal.

The moral to this story is that virtual reality pets are for the birds, plain and simple. My oldest child still hangs on to his, even though it has died once or twice and had to be re-hatched. "I am the oldest," he reminded me, haughtily, "I can handle responsibility."

I'm thirty-five, and I'm way too old for another infant. I have told my children repeatedly "Just wait until you have kids of your own."

They assure me, they won't. Maybe these things work as a form of contraception.

REALITY OF VIRTUAL PETS

Ask Anything

How to make bigger bucks babysitting

Chicago Tribune

You can write to Wendi at KidNews, 5th floor, 435 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60611. (Please keep letters short.) Or send questions by e-mail to Kidnews@aol.com.

DEAR WENDI: My sister used to babysit for two kids across the street. Now she's too mature, so I took over. There's one problem: The woman isn't paying me enough! I babysat for five hours on Friday, and she only gave me \$7. Money is the reason I babysit!

—UNDERPAID

DEAR UNDERPAID: Don't let your payment be a guessing game — make it clear upfront what your rates are. For tips, turn to "The Ultimate Baby-Sitter's Handbook" by Debra Mostow Zakarin (\$5, Price Stern Sloan publishers). The book has great suggestions for setting your rates. Here's a wrapup: Talk to other kids your age who baby-sit and find out what they charge. Then talk to adults in your neighborhood to find out what they pay. This research will give you a working idea what the going rate for baby-sitting is. Remember, if you charge much more than other kids do, you may not get as many jobs — and if you charge much less, you're gonna feel underpaid and resentful.

After you have your basic rates down, think about times you'll want to raise your rates. Like, after midnight you could charge 50 cents an hour more; or you could charge extra for three or more kids. You could even double your rate on major nights like New Year's Eve. Once you have things worked out, make up a flier to display your rates. And on the flier, why not sell yourself by telling what a great sitter you are? Like, you could mention if you have CPR or first-aid training or have taken baby-sitting classes.

Remember ... it's OK to compromise on rates, but the time to do that is before you take a job, not when it's done and you're standing at the door with your hand out waiting to be paid.

Hey, you baby-sitters out there: What are your rates? Any baby-sitting tips? Please write in! If I use your comments, I'll send you a copy of "The Ultimate Baby-Sitters Handbook."



Adam



KID NEWS

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Dashing 'dos

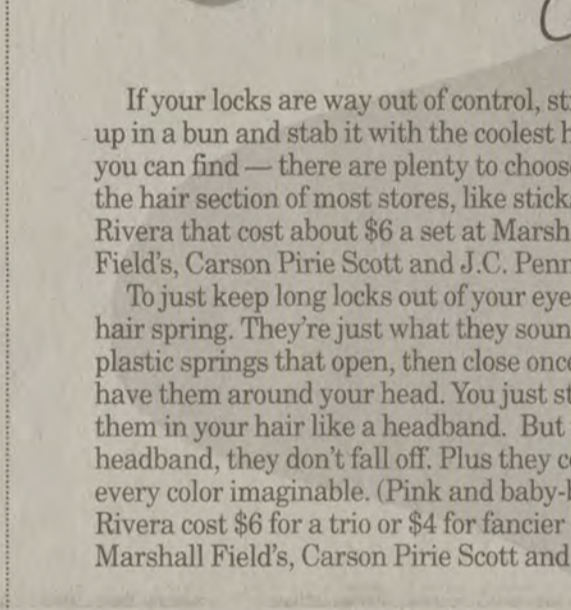
By Lisa Skolnik
Chicago Tribune

There's no better time to try new things than a new year. Here's a few ways to look great in '98:



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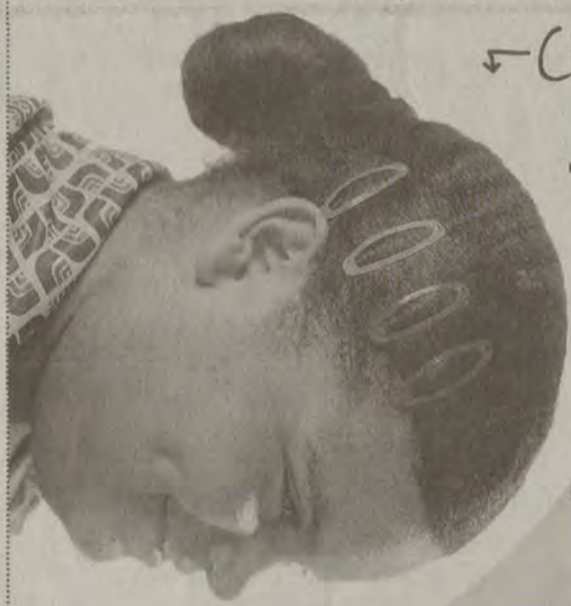
Try on a new mood with truly temporary hair color. Ardell International makes Hair Flair, a wand-applicator mascara that comes in eight killer colors (think Jade, Daffodil and Iris) and can be instantly stroked on. The company also makes delicious Haircolor Candy, a pomade in eight great colors (like Kickin' Kiwi or Groovin' Grape) that you finger on in fat chunks. Both products wash out easily; look for them for \$5 to \$6 each at beauty supply stores and mass merchandisers.



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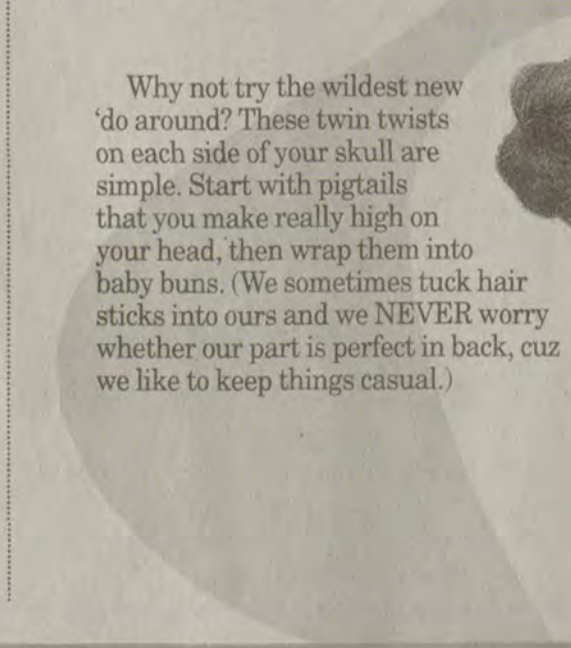
If your locks are way out of control, stick them up in a bun and stab it with the coolest hair sticks you can find — there are plenty to choose from in the hair section of most stores, like sticks from Rivera that cost about \$6 a set at Marshall Field's, Carson Pirie Scott and J.C. Penney.

To just keep long locks out of your eyes, try a hair spring. They're just what they sound like: plastic springs that open, then close once you have them around your head. You just stick them in your hair like a headband. But unlike a headband, they don't fall off. Plus they come in every color imaginable. (Pink and baby-blue by Rivera cost \$6 for a trio or \$4 for fancier singles at Marshall Field's, Carson Pirie Scott and J.C. Penney.)



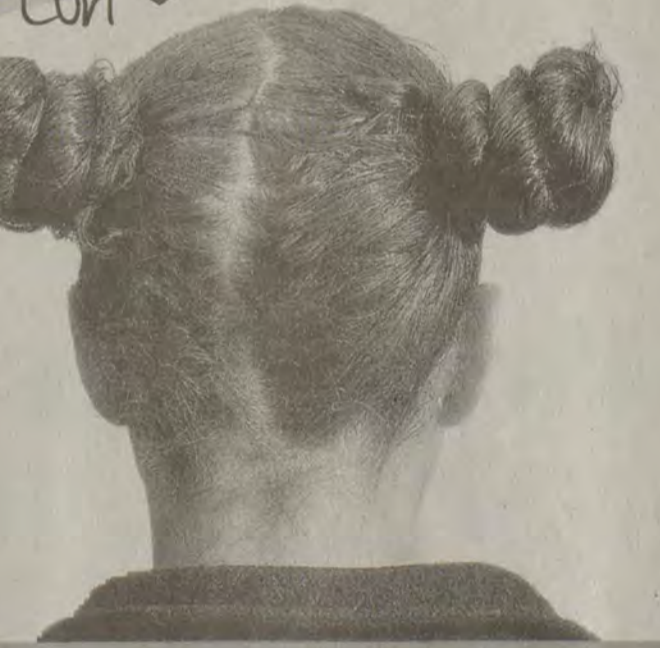
Control

If your hair needs just a bit of a boost — say a dash of color or a slight flourish, or maybe a touch of help because some goofy chunk won't lie right — iron it out with some clippys. These little barrettes aren't only a sweet buy, they're a smart investment because they're cheap, sweet and supereasy to use. Coolest yet, they work on every kind of hair. They pop open and clip shut with a flick of your finger and come in every color or finish (think glitter or leopard spots) imaginable. Rivera clippys are \$4 a set at Marshall Field's, Carson Pirie Scott and J.C. Penney.



Curl

Why not try the wildest new 'do around? These twin twists on each side of your skull are simple. Start with pigtails that you make really high on your head, then wrap them into baby buns. (We sometimes tuck hair sticks into ours and we NEVER worry whether our part is perfect in back, cuz we like to keep things casual.)



Sky Watch

Exploding stars foretell sun's fate

Chicago Tribune

Photos taken recently by the Hubble Space Telescope show stars that glow like beautiful Christmas tree ornaments. But astronomers say what you're really seeing is a preview of how the Earth may be burnt to a crisp in about 6 billion years.



The new images show Earth-sized stars that are dying. Here's what has happened to them: Stars consume hydrogen for about 10 billion years until

the hydrogen is exhausted and the core of the star collapses into a superhot sphere. Then the star swells into a red giant, with superheated plasma racing outward in all directions. And because our sun is a star, astronomers say, it faces the same fate.

Looking at the Hubble pictures, "we have seen the future of our own sun billions of years from now," says Howard E. Bond, an astronomer at the Space Telescope Institute in Baltimore. "We have another 6 billion years to get out of town before that happens."

In its red-giant phase, Bond says, the sun will expand by about 200 times, searing the Earth to boiling temperatures. After a few thousand years, the sun will then collapse into a cooling white dwarf, its heat slowly fading. If the Earth still exists, it will become a frigid, lifeless hulk.

The dying sun will offer an awesome view (for anyone who could stand the heat enough to stick around, that is). Astronomer Bruce Balick of the University of Washington, Seattle, says: "The sky will be filled with colors, sparkling like bubbles, bangles and beads." But scientists don't expect any of our descendants to be around to see it.

As frightening as this may sound, scientists say the death of a star is a basic process of the universe.



Mini Ha-has

What do you call a woodpecker without a beak?
A headbanger!

What do you get if you cross a skunk with an eagle?
An animal that stinks to high heaven!

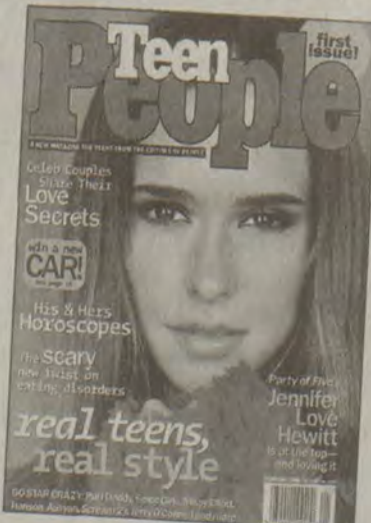
What do you get when you cross a football player with a broken telephone?
A quarterback!

Cabbie: Do me a favor — look out the window and see if my blinker is on.
Passenger: Yes. No. Yes. No. Yes. No.

'zine Scene

Teen People: More of same

We were psyched to get our hands on the new *Teen People* (\$2.99) because it promised to focus on real teens, not celebs. When we thumbed through the first issue, we found a magazine that was sophisticated and star-studded (you'll find the latest on Hanson and the Spice Girls). We found a 'zine jammed with your basic fashion and zit-prevention stories. But what we didn't find was a magazine that gets real. Sure, a few real kids show up in



the "Can you spot the virgin?" story. But we wanted more reality and less celebrity. That's why we're fans of grownup *People*: It covers ordinary people with extraordinary stories to tell.

Book Nook

Like reading? Join the club!

Chicago Tribune

It's Amy Brent Wexler's business to know books. After all, she's a head honcho with the Stuart Brent Children's Book Club. So we were psyched when she gave us with a list of books she thinks you'll love.

Fantasy

"**The Golden Compass**" by Philip Pullman: One of the best new fantasy books in ages. A new

vision, it is totally absorbing, incredibly suspenseful. A rather dark tale, it draws you in completely. The sequel, "The Subtle Knife," is already out, with more to follow.

Environment

"**The Most Beautiful Roof in the World: Exploring the Rainforest Canopy**" by Kathryn Lasky: This is a skillful account of both the wildlife in the rain forest canopy and the excitement of a scientific career.

Sports Bio

"**Lives of the Athletes: Thrills, Spills (and What the Neighbors Thought)**": Terrific profiles of legendary athletes who broke new ground in their sports and



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often broke through gender or racial barriers. The book is full of unusual personality details.

Science Fiction

"**Ender's Game**" by Orson Scott Card: Don't bother with another science fiction book until you have read this one. It's absolutely riveting. The world is threatened by attack from the Buggers, and the sole purpose of the military is to find and train the greatest military genius in the history of mankind (an eight-year-old named Ender) to defend Earth.

The Stuart Brent Children's Book Club offers monthly selections by mail. Each member gets selections tailored to their tastes — and if they don't want it, they can just send it back. For info, call 847-835-8424 or e-mail bookschild.com.

Short Stories

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Nicholas Bryant's book, "What's a Little Fellow to Do," won the county-wide Young Author's competition in the graphics category.

The Young Author's program is sponsored by the Floyd County Board of Education. Students compete in their classrooms; then their schools; and finally, on the county level.

When Bryant wrote his book, he was a ten-year-old, fourth grade student at John M. Stumbo Elementary.

He is the son of Lonzo and Michelle Bryant of Grethel.



MOM AND NICKY

What's a Little Fellow to Do?

by Nicholas Bryant

Chapter 1 The Divorce

I'm just an ordinary ten-year-old boy. I come from a family that has had a rather harsh, hard life. On October 15, 1994, my mom and dad were having their normal fist fight. When I suddenly yelled, "Enough!"

That's when silence broke. For about 30 seconds, you could hear a pin drop. Dad said, "What?" I screamed, "Enough!"



NICK

new boyfriend. Little did I know, she had been secretly meeting *him* at area lounges.

I said, "Sure."

If I knew what was waiting for me, I would have never gone.

When I arrived at my trailer, the first thing I noticed was that *Nicky* had a beer in his hand.

I said to myself, "Oh no, *he's* a drunk. I hate drunks; they can't walk, talk, or think straight."

After mom introduced me to *Nicky*, *he* began making promises to me. He said that I would get to go fishing with *him*, and that *he'd* take my family places. *He* said we'd stay over night in huge hotels, and that all of us would have a blast.

Well, so far it's been two years since those promises, and I haven't even been near a place where we could go fishing. I can't imagine visiting or staying in a nice huge hotel.

I'm still hoping and praying that someday *he* will leave. Things aren't the same as

they were when we were alone. Sometimes, I threaten to leave and go live with my dad, but I don't really want that. I love my mom and my little sister. I just don't want to share them with some other guy, especially *Nicky*.

Just the other day, finally, we visited a recreation area, Cave Run. I thought that maybe *his* promises weren't lies, until *Nicky* got mad at me for being honest, and telling mom that Latasha had

not stepped on her crayons. I explained to mom that *he*, and not my little sister, had stepped on her crayon box, and broke many

of her crayons. *He* must have not liked me telling on *him*, because a little later on, *he* got in my face, calling me a pervert and other bad names. I thought to myself I had enough of this from Dad.

Mom overheard him and said, "You better stop calling him names." He was drinking that day, and turned around and threw a chair at mom. They split up, but it was only a few days until they were back together.

So far, that's the only real flare up my mom and *Nicky* has had. Sometimes, because of Mom's feelings, I think I'll learn to like *Nicky*, but in other ways, I *hate* him.



MOM



DAD



NICKY

"That's it," dad yelled. "Nick, go to your room," begged mom. I cautiously went to my room and started crying. I just knew that Daddy was going to hurt Mom. Many times before that, I had been in their fights, trying to stop them from arguing, and that's why Mom would get hit the most.

She'd step in and cry, "Not him, he's too little."

Finally, after more fights, mom and dad decided that it would be best if they divorced. I was kind of happy and kind of sad.

My mom divorced dad, November 12, 1993. She met *Nicky*, March 4, 1995.

Between those two dates, mom, my sister, and myself were the only people on earth that counted to me. We had everything to ourselves, and I didn't have to worry that my mom would be beaten. Life was so content.

Chapter 2

My Mom's New Boyfriend

During March 4, 1995, due to an ice and snow storm, our community had a big black out. My mom called me down at Kathy's, (that's where I stay all night sometimes), and asked me if I wanted to come meet her



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Mountain Christian Academy Announces Third Quarter Honor Roll

Mountain Christian Academy recently announced its third quarter honor roll. To achieve honor roll status a student must have a 3.0 GPA. To obtain high honor roll, a student must have all A's with an average of 94 percent or above.

THIRD GRADE

High Honor Roll: Myranda Elliott; Jacob Moak; Josh Ousley; Mikka Riley; and Lincoln Slone.

Honor Roll: Kayla Anderson; Aaron Bentley; Whitney Bradley; Elizabeth Coleman; Emily Coleman; Kellie Farthing; Katelyn Lemaster; Chesie Madden; Dustin Rowe; Kendra Sammons; Steven Slone; Whitney Trimble; John Turner; James Warrix.

FOURTH GRADE

High Honor Roll: Michael Combs; and Sean Leslie.

Honor Roll: Jennifer Adams; Jessica Adams; Chris Conley; Shane Duncan; Corey Little; Adam Milam; Matthew Porter.

FIFTH GRADE

High Honor roll: Molly Burchett; Karen Bowmann; and Caitlin Clark.

Honor roll: Chance Bradley; Samantha Farthing; Megan Harris; Lauren Preston; and Ashley Ratliff.

SIXTH GRADE

High Honor Roll: Matthew Francis; Lora Gibson; and Shawna Peters.

Honor Roll: Katherine Adams; Clinton Halbert; Tessa Shepherd; and Derek Slone.

SEVENTH GRADE

High Honor Roll: Sheena Boyd, Bart Barnette, Trent Bradley, Jessica Combs, Heather Leslie, Sarah Pillersdorf, Carlo Repuyan, Celina Rowe, Kyle Scalf, Whitney Slone; and Dustin Stumbo.

EIGHTH GRADE

High Honor Roll: Bill Jones.

Honor Roll: Megan Barber, Ambrosia Cox, James Hall, Katie Hall, Cindy Hall and Amanda McDonald.

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Tips on when to keep your child home from school

Sniffles and Coughs

Most pediatricians agree that children can attend school with the sniffles as long as they feel all right otherwise. But keep your child home if he or she has a heavy cough accompanied by a steady stream of mucus. Also keep the child home if the cough is accompanied by a fever, rash or rapid or labored breathing.

Vomiting

Any child who is vomiting should be kept home and you should check with your child's physician.

Sore Throat

A sore throat is a common symptom in children that can make swallowing and eating painful. A sore throat may or may not be accompanied by swollen glands in the neck. Try to determine the cause of the sore throat. Was it brought on by a cough or drainage of mucus? Is it worse first thing in the morning but gets better or disappears in a few hours? Are there other symptoms such as a fever, cough or stuffy nose? Cough drops or medicated lozenges can reduce the pain of sore throat, as well as help reduce congestion. If the pain persists or is accompanied by a fever, call your child's doctor to rule out something more serious, such as a strep infection.

Fever

Most fevers are not a cause for alarm. In fact, most pediatricians don't consider a fever being present unless the rectal temperature is 100.4 degrees or above. Fever is the body's reaction to infection or inflammation and in and of itself is rarely harmful. A fever should be thought of as a blinking yellow light that says "caution, something's going on."

Children with fevers less than 100.4 degrees should be kept at home and given medication to reduce the fever and make them more comfortable. If a fever, above 100.4 degrees and combined with a sore throat or rash, doesn't respond to medication or lasts more than 48 hours, this could indicate a more serious illness. Remember, never give your feverish child aspirin, it has been linked to Reye's syndrome.

Stomachache

An upset stomach — often caused by anxiety — is the most common complaint among children. Abdominal pain can be worrisome, but it is not always a sign of something serious. You can use the "jump test" to make a preliminary evaluation. If your child is able to jump around, he or she is probably well enough to go to school. If the stomach pain is accompanied by diarrhea, vomiting or fever, you should keep your child at home. If the pain seems severe or persists for several days, consult your child's physician.

Rashes

It's important to determine the source of a rash. If it's poison ivy, for example, the child can go to school as long as the rash is being properly treated. But an unexplained rash may be the first symptom of contagious illnesses such as measles or chicken pox. If the rash is accompanied by other symptoms such as crankiness, lethargy, unusual crying or general discomfort, keep the child home and describe these symptoms to your child's doctor. Any rash that doesn't whiten with pressure is potentially serious, and your child's doctor should be consulted.

Treating Your Child's Symptoms

When using over-the-counter medications, parents need to take precautions and consider their child's age and symptoms.

1. **Know the medication and its use.** Make sure that the medication is appropriate for your child's symptoms and age. If your child is under two years old, always check with the doctor before using an over-the-counter medication.
2. **Read the label carefully.** The product label provides instructions for use and correct dosages. Also read the label for precautions and side effects.
3. **Know the appropriate dose.** Giving your child too much medication can be dangerous, and too little may not do the job. Children's doses are usually based on weight and age. Follow dosage recommendations.
4. **Use appropriate measuring devices.** It's best to use the measuring device that comes with the medication. If you use a spoon, make sure you are familiar with exactly how much the spoon holds.
5. **Consult a physician if you have any questions concerning proper use of over-the-counter medications.**

(This information is not intended as a substitute for a physician's Advice.)



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Looking for guidance?

Now there's no excuse for getting lost in the woods, the mall or anywhere else, for that matter. The same guidance system that pilots use is now available to hikers, cyclists and anyone else who needs more than bread crumbs to find his way home.

The brand new Garmin GPS III (GPS means global positioning system) is a hand-held device that takes advantage of a dozen directional satellites orbiting Earth. Within seconds, it tells you exactly where you are on the planet. Mark your spot before you start your journey and you'll always be able to find your way back. Of course, if you're trying to get lost, what's the point? But if you have to be home before dinner, here's your ticket.

The GPS III mounts right on the handlebars of your bike and runs on four AA batteries. You can find them in electronics and sporting good stores for about \$140. Deluxe models sell for about \$245.

—Matt Peiken, Knight-Ridder Newspapers



the bodsquad

Parents won't bite at mealtime

BY EILEEN NECHAS AND DENISE FOLEY
Knight-Ridder/Tribune News Service

My parents insist we all have dinner together on most nights of the week. I'd rather be doing something else. What's the big deal?

Maybe your parents just love you and are interested in what's happened to you during the day. If that's their motive, consider yourself lucky and join in. Eating with your family may act as an informal therapy session that can help you get your head screwed on right. One survey of 527 kids ages 12 to 18 found that those who ate with at least one adult family member about five times a week were more well-adjusted than teens who shared about three meals per week with their families. So, give your family the honor of your presence, join in the conversation and play later.

—Sources: Medical Tribune News Service; Journal of the American Medical Association.

My coach decided that we should wear a cup during practice and playing football. I don't want to because it's uncomfortable and I think I run faster without one. Should I listen to him?

Yes, if you want to keep the "family jewels" from getting seriously mashed. A cup can help protect your testicles from injury, including a rupture, a painful affair to say the least. Your distaste for wearing a cup is common. A survey of 499 football players at 14 Ohio high schools found that 55 percent never wore a cup while playing the game. Only 21 percent wore an athletic cup regularly. Meanwhile, a third said they'd been injured in their testicles while playing sports. Most of the kids who got injured had not been wearing a cup when they got hurt.

—Source: Pediatric News, August 1997.

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FRESH NEWS



▲ Angela Lindvall, 18, grew up a tomboy in Kansas City.

She's got the LOOK

Model teens: Fresh faces find challenge on the runway

BY JACKIE WHITE
Knight-Ridder Newspapers

NEW YORK — One day last April, Randall Lindvall stood in New York's Times Square at 42nd Street and looked up to the massive billboard that looms above the city's famous theater district.

There, peering out from a Calvin Klein ad, was Lindvall's 18-year-old daughter, Angela.

"That's when I knew, 'This is bigger than I thought,'" says Lindvall, a pharmacist at the Veteran's Hospital in Kansas City.

Angela Lindvall is a striking woman, tall — 5 feet, 10 inches — with long, straight, light hair, clear green eyes, a serious expression and a determined,

slightly swayed-back walk.

And, indeed, she is an ascending star in international modeling circles. In the recent spring fashion presentations in Europe and New York, she worked most major shows, including 22 in Italy and 18 in New York. She strolled the catwalks for designers such as Versace, Calvin Klein, Todd Oldham and Marc Jacobs.

Lindvall, who attended Lee's Summit High School, is living the dream of many young women who envision themselves as the next Kate Moss or Cindy Crawford. It is not, however, her dream.

"I never wanted to be a model. I don't know how I ended up there. I guess it was just fate," she says.

Lindvall is one of several young women from the Midwest who are working successfully in New York.

Kim Lemanton, 20, of Newton, Kan., has dark hair, porcelain skin, blue eyes, a slight frame and a contract to appear in a major advertising campaign this season.

Annie Henley, 18, of Kansas City, is splashed in advertising posters across

The Buckle stores in area malls. She's been in the fashion pages of Seventeen and Mademoiselle and is regularly booked for beauty ads and catalogs.

These young women began going to New York in their mid-teens. At first, they went for summers and on school breaks and lived in apartments with other models under the supervision of their New York agencies. They made the rounds of casting calls and photo tests. Gradually, they started to get work and then to make money.

Eventually, they found the lure too tempting to return home to the Midwest and, in some cases, to school. They are living on their own, managing their lives, have or are getting financial advisers and appear mature and poised well beyond their years.

People around them tend to forget how young they are. Angela Lindvall recalls that an agency representative with whom she was living chastised her for not doing something. "I said, 'Look, I'm only 17.'"

Annie Henley was 15 when she went to New York, initially during a spring break and then for the summer. She found it tough to fit back into day-to-day school life at Winnetonka High School, and when the next semester started she was in Japan.

She celebrated her 16th birthday working for Matrix Beauty products on a photo shoot in Miami.

In the beginning, she would sometimes get frustrated, says her mother, Jill Henley. "I would say to her, 'You know, you can always come home.' But she never said she wanted to come home. It was kind of like 'yes, I was meant to do this.'"

She has learned to accept the rejection that often goes with the models' obligatory casting calls and auditions. "It's not you personally," Annie Henley says philosophically. "It's nothing the client doesn't like about you. It just may be that they're looking for someone more exotic or different."

And she is coming to terms with the idea that models are sometimes viewed merely as an anonymous face or body. "Sure. Sometimes you feel like a piece of meat," she says. "But it's just a job."

Modeling is "make believe," says Kim Lemanton. It's getting to wear a beautiful Valentino dress and makeup, and then "you wash it off," and go back to real life.

Meanwhile, Angela Lindvall is experiencing the roller-coaster ambivalence of an exploding career. Despite her recent intense media exposure, she is still uncomfortable with publicity and only reluctantly agrees to an interview. She says she wants to be anonymous at home in Kansas City.

But with her career on the upswing she is not likely to be ignored for a while. She modeled for the Missoni and Jil Sander advertising campaigns — Sander for the second time. She is treating her dad to a trip to Prague this month, where she is to be photographed for Italy's Trussardi campaign.

Both she and her family are surprised to see her in this world. She grew up a tomboy, with little interest in clothes. "When I had to buy clothes I had to get help," she says.

Her dad can barely remember seeing her in a dress and doubts she could walk in high heels. Mostly, he recalls a daughter who climbed trees and entertained herself by joyfully tossing frogs on him.

She knows she has changed in the past two years. "I'm wiser to things in the world," she says.

As for the future, she is in home study and has several more courses to complete her high school education. Ultimately, her own dream is to nurture a garden, have children, write children's books and have workshops for kids.

But for tomorrow, there are photographers, makeup artists, stylists and runways.

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Liam Gallagher rocks in Texas. Take the Oasis IQ test

BY MATT PEIKEN
Knight-Ridder Newspapers

You've seen the videos, pinned up the posters and heard all about Noel Gallagher's snotty 'tude. But how well do you really know Oasis?

As the band gears up for its winter tour through the United States, we've put together a brain-teasing Oasis quiz sure to stump even the most dyed-in-the-desert (like the pun?) fan. Ace this, and you can safely call yourself a groupie.

You can do a little work yourself and find all the answers, and a lot more juicy Oasis nuggets, at the group's official Web site: www.oasisinet.com. Or you can take the easy way out and peek at the answers below.

The Official **oasis** Home Page

- Rhythm guitarist Paul Arthurs is better known by this nickname:
a) Cracker
b) Bonehead
c) Weasel
d) Sleeper
 - Noel Gallagher's wife is named:
a) Vanessa
b) Moira
c) Alyssa
d) Patty
 - Oasis' original drummer was:
a) Alan White
b) Darren Jessee
c) Tony McCarroll
d) Chad Gracey
 - Noel's favorite Beatles song is:
a) "Love Me Do"
b) "Yellow Submarine"
c) "Baby, You Can Drive My Car"
d) "Ticket to Ride"
 - Liam Gallagher's birthday is:
a) Sept. 21, 1972
b) Sept. 12, 1973
c) Nov. 27, 1971
d) Dec. 11, 1970
 - Oasis' debut single, released in the United Kingdom, was:
a) "Some Might Say"
b) "Supersonic"
c) "Shakermaker"
d) "Live Forever"
 - Oasis made its American concert debut in:
a) San Francisco (Bottom of the Hill), Oct. 14, 1994
b) New York City (CBGB's), Sept. 30, 1994
c) Cincinnati (Bogart's), Sept. 17, 1994
d) Seattle (Moe's), Sept. 23, 1994
 - In 1995, Oasis had trouble completing its American tour because:
a) Liam Gallagher lost his voice.
b) The band had its equipment stolen.
c) Bassist Paul McGuigan left the tour because of exhaustion.
d) Some towns banned Oasis from appearing because of the group's outrageous antics in previous cities along the tour.
- Answers:
1) b, 2) d, 3) c, 4) d, 5) a, 6) b, 7) d, 8) c

reality check

Teen capsule

What 16-year-olds said they would put into a time capsule to best represent themselves:

- CDs
- School yearbook
- Scrapbook
- Clippings
- Lollipopalooza
- ticket stubs
- Beeper
- Nikes
- Michael Jordan's jersey
- Noise ring
- Vidao clip from "Beavis and Butt-head"

SOURCE: Teenage Research Unlimited survey of 2,006 12- to 19-year-olds, October 1997. Margin of error of plus or minus 3 percent.



gameboy

Few girl games in '98

BY LANGSTON WERTZ, JR.
Knight-Ridder Newspapers

We look into our '98 crystal ball and see a few things happening:

There doesn't seem to be much on the horizon for girls. Games slated for release in early '98 are more of the same bang, bang, shoot-em-up stuff we've come to expect.

But Electronic Arts will release "March Madness" in February, and the college basketball game will allow gamers to choose one of the best 10 women's teams from the 1996-97 season.

Keep an eye out for the continuing rise of PC gaming. With 3D ac-

celerator cards and advanced technology, PC gamers can have what would be the equivalent of a new PlayStation every few months. But buyer beware: You can buy a Nintendo 64 or PlayStation for \$150; a good PC is upwards of two grand.

That said, expect the industry to continue to boom. Sales of software in '97 approached \$5 billion.

On to the reviews:

- "Duke Nukem 3D" (A): GT Interactive has created a perfect conversion of the PC classic for the Saturn, even adding a Saturn-exclusive 29th level.
- There's a plot about some nasty-looking aliens trying to take over the L.A. of the future. You return to your hometown, as Duke, and have one job: to clean up the city.
- You begin with a pistol and gain more ammo as you go, including something called a Shrinker, which, um, minimizes your foes to a

point where you can squish 'em.

This one is cult classic on the PC because of the graphics, the speed of gameplay and the constant variety of Duke's one-liners.

At one point, you run into a mirror and see yourself. Says Duke: "Man, I look good."

There's cursing and scantily clad females doing some things you won't see on the Disney Channel, so "Duke" isn't for the young ones. But this is a fun title, and for Saturnites with Sega's Net Link, you can play against friends online.

- "SU Flanker: Squadron Commander's Edition" (B): PCs do flight simulators better than anything else and SSI/Mindscape has another solid flight sim here. If you own one, you may not want to venture here because "SU" doesn't break any new ground.
- A Mission Editor allows you to be in single-

training missions or real battle. You can choose to be a pilot, a commander or theater general.

The SU is modeled after a bird created by Russian aerospace engineers. The game gives you a very realistic feel of flying the plane.

There are more than 200 missions to choose from, so this isn't a game you're going to beat in one sitting. The enemy's AI is strong — not exceptionally high, but impressive enough to keep you interested. There's also Internet play available.

RATINGS: A: the best available, must have; B: excellent; C: average; D: below average; F: forget it.

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ACADEMIC

Student Spotlight

Allen Central High School

Tish Yates is a senior at Allen Central. She is a member of the softball team, Beta club, Drill team, Rifle team, Spanish club, Math club, Tae Kwon Do, Color Guard.

Her interests include: Spanish, and playing basketball.

She has been a member of: Student council, four years; Drill team, four years; Color guard, four years; softball team, four years; rifle team, two years; Tae Kwon Do, one year; Spanish club, one year; math club, two years; Academic team, one year; Beta club, three years; R.O.T.C., four years.

Her awards include: VFW Leadership, Sons of the American Revolution, Woodmen of the World for U.S. History.

She plans to attend Roanoke College, where she plans to major in Criminal Justice.



Tish Yates

This page highlights student achievers from each of the high schools in Floyd County. One student will be chosen from each high school, grades nine through twelve. These achievers are selected by the guidance counselors of each school.

Betsy Layne High School

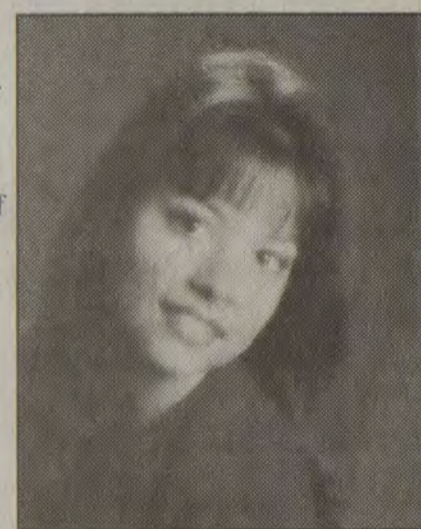
Andrea Britt Coleman is the 17-year-old daughter of Phillip and Carol Coleman of Stanville. She is a senior at Betsy Layne High School.

Britt has been a member of the BLHS Majorette Squad for two years where the team has won several national titles. She has also been a member of the band and varsity singers for four years. She has participated in all-state chorus for two years, been in all county chorus for four years and been in all district chorus for two years.

Throughout high school Britt has participated in various clubs such as FCA (where she is currently the co-captain), IMPACT bible study group, champions against drugs, student council, etc. Britt was also chosen to be a junior honor guard last year and was the secretary for her sophomore class. Britt was a member of the football - basketball court this year and was elected this year's Floyd County's Miss Red, White, Blue.

Britt currently holds a GPA of 3.7. In her spare time she enjoys hanging out with friends, playing the piano and singing.

After graduation, Britt plans to attend the University of Kentucky and major in music.



Andrea Coleman

Prestonsburg High School

Allison Leigh Caudill is the 17-year-old daughter of John and Karen Caudill.

She has a weighted 4.130, and an unweighted 3.936 GPA.

Her awards and achievements include: National Honor Society, Who's Who Among American High School Students, Outstanding Senior.

Her hobbies include: Student Council, FHA, KYA, Prom Committee, Honor Choir, Pep Club, History Club, Annual Staff, Powder Puff Football, Biology Club, All-County Chorus, Champions Against Drugs.



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The Piarist School

Iris Stumbo is a freshman at The Piarist School who has maintained a 4.0 grade point average. She recently attended the Premier Program at the Kentucky Youth Assembly. She has been selected to receive the National English Merit Award. She is the Freshmen Class Representative on the student Council. She is also in the drama and French clubs and serves on the Prom committee. She hopes to major in Chemistry. She is the daughter of Johnnie and Glessie Stumbo of Prestonsburg.



Iris Stumbo

South Floyd High School

Stacia Stumbo is the daughter of Ivan and Wanda Stumbo of McDowell. She has a cumulative GPA of 4.41.

Her academic honors and awards include: National Honor Society, two years; Beta Club, four years; Who's Who Among American High School Students, four years; All-County Academic Team, three years; Algebra II, Biology I, Pre-Calculus, French II, Accounting, and Honors U.S. History awards

Extracurricular activities or clubs include: Co-captain of Varsity Cheerleading Squad, F.B.L.A. Parliamentarian, Budget Chairperson, Raiders Against Drugs, Council member and Fundraiser Chairperson, FHA, FCA, Senior Class Treasurer, Student Council member, STLP.

Community Service: Work blood drive for FBLA, blood drive for R.A.D., one year; toy drive, canned food drive, three years; peer tutoring.

She plans to attend Morehead State University for the '98-'99 school year.



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HOW THICK IS THE ATMOSPHERE

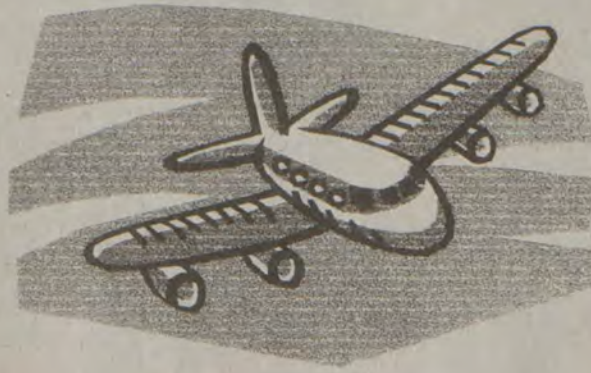
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We've all seen pictures of the Earth and its atmosphere as a series of concentric circles, showing the troposphere, stratosphere, ionosphere, etc., often looking like a bulls-eye target with the solid Earth in the middle. But if we were to draw that picture to scale, what would it really look like?

Let's start with the solid Earth, which has a radius at the equator of about 6378 kilometers (or 3963 miles). With a compass (or a computer) draw a circle scaled to fit on a single sheet of paper to represent the Earth. If a distance of 1 cm on your paper equals 1000 km on Earth, then the Earth is drawn as a circle with a radius of 6.378 cm

The atmosphere is interesting stuff. One of the things it happens to do is get thinner the higher you go. At sea level, the atmosphere pushes down with a weight of about 1 kg per square centimeter (or about 14.7 pounds per square inch). As you

move up into the atmosphere, while you are climbing a mountain or riding in an airplane for example, the atmospheric pressure begins to decrease. When you reach an altitude of about 5,500 meters (about 18,000 feet), the air pressure is only about one-half of what it was at sea level, which means that about half of the Earth's atmosphere is already below you. Does that mean that you will pass through the other half of the atmosphere and be in the vacuum of space if you rise another 5,500 meters? Fortunately, no, since most commercial passenger jets fly at an altitude of 11 - 13,000 meters. There is still enough air at that altitude to keep jet engines running and to flow over the wings to create enough lift to keep the plane aloft. But the air pressure at 11,000 meters is only about



one-quarter of that at sea level. In other words, for roughly each 5.5 km you ascend, the atmospheric pressure halves. By the time you have reached an altitude of 30 km (on your way into orbit aboard the space shuttle, for instance), you have risen above 99% of the Earth's atmosphere, and by 100 km, 99.9999% of the atmosphere is below you.

So, lets see where this "top" of the atmosphere goes on your scale drawing. (It's really not the top, since molecules of air continue to extend into space, but virtually all of the atmosphere will lie below this line) If your drawing uses the scale of 1 cm = 1000 km, you need to add another circle with a radius just 1 mm larger than the circle representing the Earth to show 100 km altitude.

I think you will be able to see from your drawing just how thin the Earth's atmosphere is. The Earth is a big place, but the atmosphere that supports life, creates our weather and keeps us protected from harmful radiation is just a small portion of the planet we live on.

Other activities:

Make a graph plotting atmospheric pressure along the horizontal axis, and altitude along the vertical axis. Does the atmosphere ever go away completely?

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Your heart weighs under a pound and is only a little larger than your fist. However, it is a powerful, continuously hard-working muscle. One in four Americans have some form of cardiovascular disease. Also, heart attack is our country's number one single cause of death. Stroke is the third leading cause of death.

You can reduce your risk by following these simple suggestions from the American Heart Association:

- ♥ Get your blood pressure checked.
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- ♥ Don't drink too much alcohol.
- ♥ Be physically active.
- ♥ Eat a healthful diet.
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Use the News

Madam I'm Adam

A palindrome is a word or sentence that's spelled the same forward and backward. How many palindromes can you find in this newspaper? Here are some examples: mom, dad, sis.

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What's in a word?
Sometimes another word!
Name all the objects in the left row. Then figure out which words on the right sound like they're part of the words on the left. For example, "peas" on the right sounds like it's in the word "trapeze" on the left.

Find objects that pair up. Then draw a line connecting them (from dot to dot). When you're done, the leftover letters in the center will spell out a word. (Answer below.)

	B	L	F	
(Trapeze)	I	A	S	
	X	S		
	T	A		(Peas)
	E	O		
	R	Y	P	
	N			

*Word We're Looking for:

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Use the News

Face to Face

Did you know there's a face in this newspaper? Well, there is! See how many of these words you can find in five minutes: nose, eyes, mouth, cheeks, eyebrow, chin, ears, hair, eyelash and lips.

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Split Personality

Talk about being two-faced! One of the members of the Turnover family actually has two faces! Can you find that person in this picture gallery?

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