

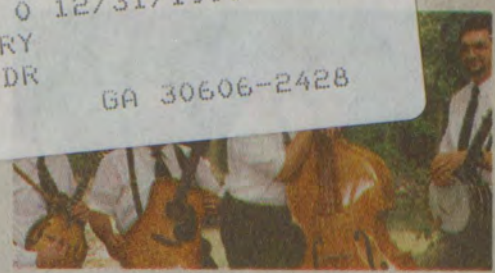


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Plan is 'alive,' but not well, in board's eyes

"I think we have all the freedom and choice to go way beyond and we are not confined to this. For the most part, (the plan) is like kids rewriting a paper the same (every) time."

—Board member Carol Stumbo

by Susan Allen
Staff Writer

With time running out, Floyd County's Board of Education approved a comprehensive improvement plan, but vowed to keep fine tuning the document until it is satisfactory.

At a special meeting Tuesday, individual board members aired their concerns regarding the plan, saying it didn't go far enough to correct the system's many problems and that the brunt of the improvements would be borne by too few employees.

An in-depth improvement plan was ordered by state officials in response to a comprehensive management audit by the state last fall, which detailed numerous problems in the school system.

Board members also expressed their distaste for corrective actions that were proposed for problems noted in the audit that local school officials say didn't exist.

At Allen Central High School, for example, the audit concluded that there were classrooms over cap-size, but principal Patricia Maynard said

Tuesday that was not true.

The board wanted to know why the state's finding was not disputed.

"Why are we addressing this?" board member Carol Stumbo asked.

Maynard said that former interim superintendent Bill Rideout ordered that responses be made to all of the audit findings and, if any findings were disputed, a separate report would have to be made.

Board member Johnnie Ross said he thought responding to inaccurate findings was wrong.

"I think it's unprofessional to ask

staff to address something that's not true," Ross said. "I ask that the state manager address false allegations made against the school."

Stumbo agreed.

"I don't want a plan developed for something that's not true," Stumbo said. "There are more areas of concern."

Administrator Jody Sword said the committee would document any inaccuracies in the audit and notify state officials.

Ross and Stumbo also asked instruction director Phil Paige about

findings that some teachers were teaching out of their fields of certification. They asked how the situation came about and what had been the district's stand on the matter.

"It is discouraged, but not disallowed," Paige said.

Chairman Terry Dotson asked Paige to explain.

"Expediency is the first reason," Paige said. "This person is already employed and they need a thing to do. We have people who are hired in

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State goes on defense over plan timelines

by Susan Allen
Staff Writer

State education officials went on the defensive Tuesday night after local school officials blamed them in part for delays in getting Floyd County's district improvement plan off the drawing board.

Floyd school officials must have the improvement plan in the hands of state officials by Friday, but local board members were not pleased with some areas of the plan and felt that some of the June deadlines were unrealistic.

Instruction director Phil Paige, who served on the committee of school personnel who developed the plan, said it was mid-February before state officials told them to begin work on the plan.

The improvement plan is in response to an extensive management audit in the district last fall which revealed a number of management and financial problems in the school system.

The audit was given to school officials in October and a response was to have been made within 30 days.

After receiving the audit, state Education Commissioner Wilmer Cody announced he would seek the removal of then superintendent Gene Davis and the entire board of education.

The school system's leadership

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A Maytown home and two vehicles were totally destroyed by a fire early Wednesday morning. Maytown Volunteer Fire and Rescue Squad captain Chris Bailey, left, and assistant chief Chris Martin, right, inspected one of the vehicles while waiting for an investigator to arrive on the scene.

photo by
Chris McDavid

Fire fights exhaust volunteers

by Chris McDavid
Staff Writer

When volunteer firefighters responded to a house fire early Wednesday they feared the occupants may not have escaped the burning home.

The discovery of two vehicles in the driveway of the Maytown home prompted Maytown Volunteer Fire and Rescue Squad members to believe someone may have

been home when the fire started.

The fire department and sheriff's office immediately began attempting to locate the home owner, Randy Adkins. Nearly two hours later, they discovered Mr. Adkins and his family were out of town.

"It was gone before we even got there," assistant chief Chris Martin said about the home, adding that the vehicles prompted volunteers to believe there may be

casualties.

The vehicles were also destroyed by the fire, captain Chris Bailey said, adding that their fuel tanks had exploded from the heat and flames of the house fire.

The vehicles' charred frames and the home's foundation were all that remained after the fire. The Martin Volunteer Fire Department provided assistance at the scene.

The Maytown Volunteer Fire and Rescue Squad had a long

night of fighting three separate fires into the early morning hours, leaving many of the volunteers exhausted.

The volunteers were dispatched to the three fires within a seven-hour period.

"We were pretty busy all night," Martin said. "We would just get comfortable (at home) and our pagers would go off again."

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Floyd man awaits call for liver transplant

by Cindy Yates
Editorial Assistant

William Paul Skeans has spent most of his life giving his time and energy to the communities in Floyd County.

Now, his family hopes those who can, help them, as he awaits the call alerting him that University Hospital in Cincinnati has a liver for his necessary transplant.



Skeans

He is a man who had worn many hats; social worker, school teacher, and vocational and employment counselor, as well.

A Martin native, Skeans married Marcella Adkins Lewis, also from Martin.

Marcella has worked as a county substitute teacher and is a licensed cosmetologist. She spends her free time volunteering at the Mountain Arts Center, and now, "trying to raise money for my husband's transplant operation."

Skeans has a pager from the hospital, and has provided the hospital with phone numbers of practically everyone he knows so, if a liver is found that is a

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Limits on public comment get a noisy 'no' for the time being

by Susan Allen
Staff Writer

A proposal that some school board members felt would inhibit public participation at board meetings was put on the back burner Tuesday.

Floyd board members reviewed a proposed policy for outlining rules for public comment at regular board meetings and two members felt the timing was bad to impose new rules.

"I certainly do not or cannot support this," board member Carol Stumbo said. "It's not that there's anything in here that's unreasonable and it's to make our meetings more efficient. I understand it would

be more efficient if people didn't appear and go on at great lengths. I think communication is a big problem in Floyd County and I'm not ready to restrict their right to speak.

"People come here because the system is not working the way it should," Stumbo continued. "When the system gets fixed, they won't be coming here. I'd like to see it stay the way it is."

Interim superintendent Mike King said he was proposing the guidelines, which include limiting speakers to three minutes; limiting written comments to 250 words; and the board would not decide any issue until it had been researched through the superintendent's office.

Currently, people wishing to address the board sign a sheet to be recognized for public comment and the board has imposed no time limitation for their comments.

King said the suggestions were an effort to help the board expedite the long agendas at regularly monthly meetings. He added the guidelines were not an attempt to deter anyone from addressing the board.

Board member Johnnie Ross agreed with Stumbo.

"There's a lot of people out there, especially parents, who are used to coming be-

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Floyd mine superintendent is indicted by feds for violations

by Chris McDavid
Staff Writer

The operator of a Floyd County mine, where a Honaker man was killed in August 1996, was indicted by a federal grand jury in Ashland last week on seven criminal violations of mandatory safety standards.

Muncie Meade Jr., of Knott County, was the operator of the M & D Coal Company No. 3 Mine when 20-year-old Tracy Bryant was killed in a roof fall at the mine.

Meade's indictment includes charges that the mine did not use a check-in and check-out system to ensure workers get out of underground mines, and that Meade falsified mine records.

Bryant's death was not reported to the

Department of Mines and Minerals and the Mine Safety and Health Administration until 17 hours after the mishap.

Shortly after the fatal accident, Meade denied rumors that he was aware of Bryant's death and that he intentionally failed to report the incident until the following morning.

Meade claimed that he inspected the check-out board, which the indictment indicates did not exist, and Bryant had been signed out.

Meade allegedly falsified the mine's preshift examination record book and certificates of training for several miners, according to a press release from the U.S. Department of Mines and Minerals.

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- Sheriff has suspects in brutal killings
- Two youths killed in mobile home fire

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Plan

places they are not certified for. I have informed the superintendent (this had occurred) numerous times . . . We have time to make corrections before school starts next year. I want everybody to understand that, (the people) before me and behind me (at the meeting)."

Interim superintendent Mike King said all principals have been made aware of the situation and that it is difficult to determine how those staffing errors had occurred.

"Sometimes that happens, over-staffness, or it's a little politics or whatever," King said. He added that he will work diligently to correct the problem.

Ross wanted to know how the problem would be corrected because, under the improvement

plan, the process for monitoring the situation remains the same.

Paige said any discrepancies in staff would be presented to King and state manager Woodrow Carter. "I trust the gentleman in charge to make sure it's done," Paige said.

"We do too," Ross said. Dotson wanted to know how teaching certifications could be verified because the audit noted the district's personnel files were virtually non-existent.

King said work has already started on getting the district's personnel files in order.

Also, Stumbo said she was concerned that many of the responsibilities for ensuring the improvement plan is implemented are relegated to school principals.

"I see schools struggling to solve problems that are district problems," Stumbo said. "We need leadership at the district level to see that happen. I don't want schools monitored: I want schools helped."

Dotson concurred. "Several times in the report it says little support was given by the central office, that there was very little organization in the central office," Dotson said.

"Accountability and responsibility loom large with most of the problems. I find (that) people want it, but no one will do it. How is a principal going to solve the problem with no help from above? It's a recipe for shortfall."

The board praised staff for getting the report done in just under a

month, but stressed the document is going to be ever-changing and the scope of improvement will be broadened.

"After two and three revisions, I'm not impressed," Stumbo said. "I think we have all the freedom and choice to go way beyond and we are not confined to this. For the most part, (the plan) is like kids rewriting

a paper the same (every) time."

Jody Sword, an administrator who worked extensively on the plan, called it a "living document" that would be undergoing constant changes. He added that some areas of improvement listed could not be fully explored because the committee was under such a strict timetable.

Ross made a motion to "approve this living document and keep trying to pump life into it."

The board approved it unanimously.

Ross added that the board "don't like exercises in futility and will hold the state manager and superintendent accountable" for making sure the changes are implemented.

Defense

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then began to unravel and Davis announced he was retiring October 31 and three of the five school board members resigned.

In November, Martin Carr was named the district's interim superintendent until February when state consultant Bill Rideout took over that position. Rideout left the post on March 9 and Mike King is now the interim superintendent.

Paige told board members at Tuesday's special meeting that the audit remained "in the superintendent's office" and staff was not directed to work on a plan. He said associate education commissioner Tom Willis told staff in mid-February that a response needed to be done by March.

"Mr. Willis said here's what's going to be done and there's the timelines," Paige said.

Paige said staff was directed by Rideout to put June deadlines for implementing changes.

Jody Sword, a central office administrator who also worked on the plan, confirmed Paige's account of what happened.

"That's accurate. It just sat there and collected dust," Sword said about the audit. Nothing was ever

directed to staff. No superintendent addressed with central office staff the management audit. I asked Mr. Willis about the state board timelines and he said they came from the Department of Education."

A three-page response to the audit was sent to state officials, but that was rejected because it was grossly inadequate, according to state officials.

Willis responded that the audit has been in the district for quite a while and "the rush got on" to prepare a response for the Kentucky Board of Education, which meets in April in Florence. He added that until the school system was declared state-managed in February, local officials were still in control of the district.

Local school officials were asked in February about a response, other than the three-page document, which Willis said, "I've not found anyone in the district who will take credit for it."

In regard to the June timelines outlined, Willis said he suspected those were chosen to get an immediate response from central office staff to begin work on the plan. Those timelines could be extended,

Willis said.

The plan, which is being referred to as a "living document" because it has gone through three revisions so far, is not finalized, Willis said.

"You may not like every response they gave, but they have paid more attention to those areas in the last month than for the last three years," Willis told the board. "I don't think the state board expects to see the final document."

Willis invited board chairman Terry Dotson and other board members to the Kentucky Board of Education meeting to discuss the plan. The meeting begins on April 7 in Florence.

Comment

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fore the board," Ross said. "It's unnerving. From a taxpayer's point of view, especially with the current financial problems, being given three minutes to talk to the board, would give me the impression you want to hear me, but not too much of (me)."

The intent of the proposal is "good," Stumbo said, but the district should be focusing on "building communication" rather than "sending a signal to shorten communication."

Board chairman Terry Dotson said he favored the guidelines because it would spell out the rules for public participation at board meetings.

"When we ask someone to come before us at the same time with the same time frame, we come up with a way the public can communicate. This will let us know so we can plan our time."

Dotson said if he wanted to appear before the board it would help him if he knew what the rules

were.

Stumbo said "difficult times" were ahead in the school system and such a policy might make it easier to deal with what's ahead, but she said public comment was not the reason for their late night meetings.

"Lengthy board meetings are not determined by public comment, but an ungodly agenda that goes on forever and ever," Stumbo said.

Dotson said he agreed that some "fine tuning" was needed on a policy to outline specifics for public comment at meetings.

Stumbo said she has never forgotten the struggle residents went through for the right to speak at meetings.

"I know how hard people fought to get up here," Stumbo said, pointing to the table where comments are given from. "Some of the gossip and destructive communications would stop if the communication gets better."

The issue was tabled.

Indicted

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partment of Justice.

The indictment does not indicate if Meade falsified Bryant's certificate of training. The mishap occurred on Bryant's second day of work at the mine.

Other criminal violations listed in Meade's indictment are:

- explosives and detonators were transported into the mine at the same time with crew workers;
- unqualified shot firers were used to detonate explosives;
- there was no program to prevent miners from having smoking materials in the mines;
- new employees were not trained before being assigned a job;

and

- required preshift examinations of the mine were not done.

Meade will be arraigned on the charges in Pikeville's U. S. District Court at a date and time to be set by the court.

Meade faces a maximum sentence of one year in jail and a fine of up to \$100,000 for each of the safety violation charges. He could receive five additional years in jail and a \$250,000 fine for each of the falsification charges.

An indictment is not an indication of guilt, but a determination by the grand jury that criminal charges merit further court proceedings.

Transplant

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match, he can be found immediately.

If he wants to go out of town, he must notify the transplant team in advance regarding the dates he will be gone, and phone numbers where he can be reached so that he can be contacted.

If the pager goes off, Skeans must immediately call in and ask that the transplant coordinator be notified, and then get moving towards Cincinnati.

While he waits, he is constantly taking an antifungal medication to prevent infection before the transplant. He has to take it five times a day.

A letter detailing his instructions leaving town and taking medica-

tion was received by the family March 18. The first sentence, stating "you have been approved by the Liver Transplant Multidisciplinary Team at the University Hospital and by the Ohio Solid Organ Transplant Consortium and you have been placed on the national computerized waiting list," has been offset only by the ever-increasing financial burdens his family faces.

A fund has been established by family members at the Trans Financial Bank in Martin. You can help them by donating whatever you can to: Paul Skeans Liver Transplant Account, in care of the bank.

"Prayers are needed as well," Marcella said.

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Shooting incidents, marijuana case sent to grand jury

by Chris McDavid
Staff Writer

Some people will say just about anything to keep from being blamed for a crime.

Trooper Byron Hansford testified Wednesday that a Floyd County man accused of cultivating marijuana alleged the drugs belonged to his girlfriend.

Gary Hall was arrested on February 20 after authorities found 268 marijuana plants in his resi-

dence. He was charged with cultivating marijuana, a felony; possession of drug paraphernalia; and possession of marijuana.

"He told us the plants were his girlfriend's and she left to go to Ohio," Hansford said during the hearing on the matter.

The trooper said a female subject was also in the residence when Hall was arrested. "We asked who the lady was at his residence and he said she was his wife," Hansford said, adding that Hall later stated

the plants could have belonged to anyone.

The trooper testified that Hall's arrest was the result of an investigation into a burglary incident. "Based on information from a subject, I obtained a search warrant," he said.

Hall's attorney, Gerald Derossett, questioned the trooper about his relationship with the defendant. Hansford said he has known Hall for about 25 years and they had gone to grade school together.

Derossett also asked the trooper about the burglary subject, Frank Conn, who provided the statement, and the process of obtaining the search warrant from trial commissioner Jack Hyden.

Hansford testified that he submitted Conn's statement and Hall's past record in an affidavit to the trial commissioner, but did not discuss the matter with him.

Floyd District Judge James R. Allen found probable cause to refer

Hall's felony charge to a grand jury.

In another preliminary hearing Wednesday, trooper Johnny Slone testified that he arrested Clyde Isaac, of Bypro, after he allegedly shot at the home of a neighbor over a property dispute.

Isaacs was arrested and charged with four counts of first degree wanton endangerment for shooting at the residence of Patty Ann Perry.

The trooper testified that Isaac shot at the residence, where Perry

and her three children were located. He also said a .22 caliber rifle was confiscated from Isaac's residence and the bullet holes in Perry's residence "were of a small diameter."

Slone said he has not obtained the "slugs" from the residence.

Derossett, who represented Isaac in the matter, requested that an order be prepared to "secure the slugs from the residence."

Judge Allen referred Isaac's felony charges to the grand jury.

Three adults, one juvenile arrested in city burglary

by Chris McDavid
Staff Writer

Three Prestonsburg residents charged with burglary can be sure of at least one thing next Wednesday — it won't be an April Fool's joke if a judge decides the grand jury will review the charges.

The defendants — James O. Prince, 31; Erica C. Prince, 24; and Kimberly Crider, 18 — were arrested Wednesday, within minutes after they allegedly burglarized a residence in Goble Roberts.

The accused are scheduled for a preliminary hearing on April 1 to determine if there is probable cause to refer their felony charges to the grand jury.

A 16-year-old juvenile was also taken into custody and charged with the alleged offense. Details of the youth's arrest are not available.

In addition to the burglary

charge, two of the adults have also been charged with an alcohol-related offense.

Erica Prince is also charged with driving under the influence and James Prince has an additional charge of alcohol intoxication.

According to court records, the three allegedly kicked in the front door of the residence and stole two televisions, a phone and a lamp.

A complaint of a suspicious vehicle at the Mays Avenue residence apparently prompted the arrest of four accused.

"(Officer Frasure) observed a vehicle fitting the description traveling towards Jenny Wiley State Park..." a media release from the Prestonsburg Police Department says. "A traffic stop was done on the vehicle in question at the boat docks."

An investigation into the alleged stolen items, located in the vehicle,

landed the three adult suspects and the juvenile in custody.

The adults were arraigned on the charges Wednesday in Floyd District Court. Judge James R. Allen entered not-guilty pleas to the defendants' charges.

The defendants are being held at the Floyd County Adult Detention Center of lieu of \$10,000 partially-secured bonds.

International banquet to be held April 4

Students, faculty, staff and friends from all over the world will join together to feast on dishes from other lands at Morehead State University's International Banquet on Saturday, April 4.

The Cosmopolitan Club will host the banquet in the Crager Room of the Adron Doran University Center, beginning at 5:30 p.m. Members of the MSU family and the community are invited to attend.

"The banquet meal will feature a variety of international foods," said Clement Liew, International Student Services coordinator. "The program will include an awards presentation, international fashion show and performances by MSU students," he said.

"Some students will perform dances or songs from their native country during the banquet," Liew said. "Other student organizations, faculty and staff members will want to attend to enjoy the dishes as all the food will be prepared by international representatives or students in the community."

Spring clean-up week gets underway March 28

In cooperation between USA Waste, Floyd County Fiscal Court, Floyd County Solid Waste Inc. and PRIDE, the County's Spring Clean-up will take place March 28 through April 11.

On Monday, March 30, Rep. Rogers will be in Floyd County at 10:00 a.m. to announce funding for three new PRIDE projects for Floyd County, at the Mountain Arts Center, Prestonsburg.

Then, at 11:00 a.m., Rogers is scheduled to announce funding for new PRIDE project, at the McDowell Senior Citizens Center, McDowell.

During this entire two-week period there will be no fee to Floyd County residents at the Floyd County Transfer Station near Garth.

The Floyd County Transfer Station is located about 1/4 mile off of Rt. 122 between Martin and Printer. Its hours of operation are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays, and 8 a.m. to noon on Saturdays.

Large items, white goods and

other refuse (not household trash) are acceptable. Metal goods will be separated and will be taken to a separate area.

Also during March 27 to April 4, the County and USA Waste will provide disposal boxes at all of the following sites:

- Auxier Volunteer Fire Department
- Garrett—At the ramp from Rt. 80 to Rt. 7.
- Harold—Across from Hale's Hardware Store.
- Wheelwright Junction at Williams' BP Station.

Signs will indicate which box is for metal and which box is for other refuse.

Not acceptable are tires, batteries, lead-based paints, propane or fuel tanks and any other hazardous waste.

For more information, call 606-886-8060.

Fires

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Martin said Wednesday morning that he had always heard "fires come in threes," but added that he wasn't expecting them in the same night.

At 9:57 p.m. Tuesday, 13 fire department volunteers responded to a structure fire on Turner Branch. The residence, owned by Madge Prater, was fully engulfed when the fire department arrived on the scene.

Approximately one hour after leaving the scene of the first fire, the volunteers returned to the Turner Branch area to extinguish a vehicle fire.

The vehicle was owned by James

Prater, who was not home at the time of the fire.

The fire department left that scene around 3:30 a.m. Wednesday and, less than two hours later, responded to the third fire.

"We were worn out from the first two fires," Martin said, noting that the turnout of volunteers was not as good at the third fire as it was at the first.

The assistant chief said the Martin Volunteer Fire Department provided mutual aid with the third fire because of the low turnout.

The three fires are under investigation by state police officials.

Local student wins in state high school speech tournament

A student from Prestonsburg High School has won honors at the 78th annual Kentucky High School Speech League State Championships, held at Western Kentucky University, March 12-14.

The competition included more than 800 students from 67 Kentucky high schools.

Leslie Fugate placed sixth in broadcasting.

Road to the Final Four

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- (1) Kansas (24-3)
- (16) Pe. View (24-3)
- (9) Rhode Is. (22-4)
- (8) Murray St. (29-3)
- (2) TCU (27-6)
- (12) Fla. St. (17-13)
- (4) Miss. (22-5)
- (13) Wakeforest (21-5)
- (5) Clemson (18-13)
- (11) W. Mich. (20-7)
- (14) St. John's (22-4)
- (10) Detroit (24-4)
- (7) Purdue (25-7)
- (15) Delaware (25-5)

SOUTH

- (1) Duke (29-3)
- (18) Radford (20-5)
- (6) Okla. State (21-4)
- (3) G. Wash. (24-8)
- (17) Syracuse (24-6)
- (12) Iowa (27-5)
- (4) New Mexico (23-7)
- (13) Butler (22-10)
- (5) UCLA (22-4)
- (11) Miami Fla. (18-6)
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- (1) North Carolina (30-3)
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- (14) Richmond (22-7)
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- (15) Connecticut (29-4)
- (7) PDU (23-6)

WEST

- (1) Arizona (27-4)
- (18) Nicholls St. (19-9)
- (9) Illinois State (24-6)
- (3) Illinois (22-8)
- (12) S. Alabama (21-4)
- (17) Maryland (19-10)
- (4) Utah State (25-7)
- (13) Arkansas (23-11)
- (11) North Dakota (20-11)
- (14) Utah (25-3)
- (7) Temple (21-4)
- (10) W. Virginia (22-4)
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Viewpoint

Quote of the week...

"We can't reach old age by another man's road."

—Mark Twain

Editorial

Democracy in peril

by Scott Perry

Of the three elements necessary to ensure democratic government, one is noticeably absent in Floyd County.

We have government of the people.

We have government by the people.

What we don't have and, from our observations over a good many years aren't likely to have any time soon, is government for the people.

Oh sure, there's a lot of "for the people" talk going on right now and there are a lot of gravels being spread for just the right people, but democracy has to be consistent to work right. That means a little "for the people" would be nice when there isn't an election on the horizon, and it means that a little "for the people" should be spread around to everyone, not just those who can herd the most people to the polls.

For Christ's sake, it's almost the year 2000 and there are still people in Floyd County who don't have a decent road to and from their homes, they don't have drinkable water pouring from their taps, and they don't have a decent job with which to support their families.

What we do have is a bunch of vote-for-me-and-I'll-set-you-free promises that will, no doubt, sucker enough

people into thinking that good times are on the way.

Where is the vision, the guarantee that good times, if they do come, will be enjoyed by everyone, not just those who line up like lemmings waiting for the order to jump off the cliff?

Where is the "for the people" in our educational system, now under state control but still mired in the muck presented by a financial crisis?

Okay, we've got no money. Are we going to spend all our time trying to find some, or will we realize that we can't resolve the deficit without sacrificing education and that is not acceptable?

Surely state officials know that we can't properly educate our children as long as we think of nothing but red ink and, if we are required to pay it all back at once, only our children will suffer.

Where is the "for the people" in the people themselves?

Have we lost all sense of responsibility for our own fates? Do we care for anything beyond the ends of our own noses?

Government of the people, by the people is in peril here. Government for the people has perished...if it ever existed at all...and we have allowed it to happen.



Letters to the Editor

Floyd County School System should identify source of wrong-doing

Editor's note: The following letter was sent to Terry Dotson, Floyd County School Board chairman.

As you know I have represented several individuals against the Floyd County School Board. I represented these individuals, not to hurt the Floyd County School System but to try to change it and to help individuals who were victim of a corrupt, out-of-control school system. I read your statements in the Friday, March 20th, edition of the Floyd County Times.

It is hard for victims to understand your plea to forgive wrongs in the past and to get off this litigation kick. I have talked to so many people that are not people who want litigation. Many of them consulted their pastor before consulting their lawyer. These people have turned to litigation only as a last resort.

Why does the Floyd County School System never put the blame where it should be? Who are the people that made these mistakes that lead to financial losses to the school system? Why are the victims being blamed? From the very beginning, in every case I filed against the Floyd County School System, I wrote letters or phoned personally asking for them to just talk to us. In each case, I urged them to do the right thing. Before filing suit, we made every effort to try to compromise and work things out. The individuals that I have represented received a deaf ear from the Floyd County School System and even after paying large judgments, I have never yet seen the Floyd County Board or anybody in the Floyd County School System place blame where it lies. I have never seen a call for an investigation of who was responsible. I have never seen a lawsuit filed for malfeasance. I have never seen the Floyd County School System punish one single individual for their mistakes, even though over the last 12 years, the system has been found guilty in many cases.

With these substantial losses, if this were your business, you would investigate and find who was responsible, and make sure those individuals' conduct was addressed. But these problems have been ignored, Floyd County. How can you turn this ship around with the people who brought us here to begin with?

Just this week, I wrote the Floyd County School system concerning an individual making \$7.00/hour. I specifically said in the letter, we didn't want to litigate, we just wanted a meeting to talk about things, to see if there had been some misunderstanding. Instead, I received a response, not from anybody in the

school system but from an out-of-town law firm, who obviously makes more money from the Floyd County School System if this maker goes to litigation. The tone of the letter was clear, STICK IT! Of course this same law firm will charge thousands of dollars if litigation is filed and the Floyd County School system will again blame the victim.

There is an audit done by the State that lists numerous problems in the Floyd County School System. I have never seen charges brought against any individual in any department based upon the clear findings of the State audit.

The Floyd County School System has never reprimanded a single individual for the financial loss caused by the performance of their duties. I have never seen the Floyd County School System address the litigation problem by identifying who was responsible. With all the itemized deficiencies of the State audit, not a single individual has been warned. First there was a huge payment from the Energy Management Contract, but will we ever be told who contributed to the problem. There are numerous problems mentioned in Special Education but who is responsible?

The case I am just finishing had to go all the way to the Supreme Court of Kentucky, because the previous Floyd County School Board decided to spend thousands and thousands of dollars on lawyers rather than do the right thing. The law was clear, the Supreme Court didn't have a problem understanding the law, but rather than put people back to work and thereby having no loss to the Floyd County School System, my clients were made to suffer for five years.

I have been contacted by numerous individuals who wish to bring litigation against the Floyd County School System. Each of these individuals, I have told, "Let's wait and see. Maybe state management will bring a change. Maybe something good will happen. Let's give them a chance. I have been told they will talk to us." Well, the first letter I sent, concerning Katrina Staggs, I got a quick and clear response denying all responsibility and practically asking to be sued. How can you issue a pleas to stop the litigation when this is the only choice you leave people? When you won't even sit down and talk to them.

I am surprised that the new interim superintendent would not personally address this matter. I am surprised we could not have a telephone conversation and talk about it. I am surprised we couldn't have a meeting, just with my client, the interim superintendent and the principal of the school, to see if, in fact, there had been some kind of mistake. I was not surprised when they retaliated and fired her

(See Letters, page five)

Letters to the editor policy

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

In accordance with our editorial page policy, all letters must include the signature, address and telephone number of the author.

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HATE-CRIME LAW IS NO ANSWER

"Crimes of hatred should not be tolerated in Kentucky. When a crime is committed because the criminal doesn't like the color of the victim's skin, or place of birth, something worse than a crime has been committed" said Governor Patton to the Senate Judiciary Committee last week.

Urging the committee to accept the proposal which would enhance penalties for hate-crimes, the Governor went on to say, "We need to send the message that crime committed in the name of bigotry and intolerance strikes at the fiber of our society and will be punished to the maximum extent possible."

The question that the committee members should have been waiting for the governor to answer is, how? How is a judge, jury, or prosecutor supposed to determine whether a crime was committed "in the name of bigotry and intolerance?"

The passage of time brings changes in political climates, and these changes often result in impractical laws.

In the 1990s, the public's endless search for "bigotry and intolerance" in people or government has often been taken advantage of by ambitious politicians who have tried to create a whole new system of laws—a system where certain defendants are found guilty or held liable, not because of what they have done, but because the laws are unfairly stacked against them.

If the new Kentucky hate-crime legislation is passed, then the first defendant in the state charged with an interracial crime is already neck-deep, perhaps facing far more trouble than he actually deserves under a (supposedly) impartial system of justice.

Regardless of the facts of the case (and, actually, all that follow), the governor has already sent his message that, "crime committed in the name of bigotry...will be punished to the maximum extent possible."

Once the media catches wind of, and starts reporting, the interracial crime and the civil rights protesters begin demanding "justice"—neither of whom having looked beyond the racial aspects of the crime—the prosecutor who (right or wrong) refuses to charge the defendant under the hate-crime statute will be raked over the coals. Such a strong-willed prosecutor will be hard to find.

Then the case will go to a jury. Committing a hate crime against a person means committing that crime because of the victim's race, religion, or so on. Not every (in fact, very few) interracial crimes are committed because of the person's race, instead of for money, for drugs, or out of just plain meanness.

How will a jury determine beyond a reasonable doubt that the crime would not have been committed if the victim had been of a different race? How will the defendant, although not required to, show that he did not commit a hate crime? Often, the verdict will depend solely upon whether the jury believes the defendant is a racist—a violation of the defendant's constitutional rights—and not whether the racism was the only motivation for the crime.

Hate crimes, which truly are, "something worse than a crime," are not a new development of the last two decades. Popularity contests, waged among politicians fighting against hate crimes, are a new development—but an undesirable one.

Fighting bigotry and intolerance does not require a new set of laws which create more questions and problems, than answers and results. An effective fight against hate crimes require only vigorous enforcement of existing, certain and dependable laws. The message to hate-crimeals would be the same.

Political Party

by Dave Porter

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Beiting, Meyer honored as Lincoln award recipients

Monsignor Ralph W. Beiting, pastor of St. Jude Catholic Church in Louisa, and Daniel J. Meyer, chairman, president and chief executive officer of Cincinnati Milacron, Inc., will be honored with Northern Kentucky University's most prestigious award, the NKU Lincoln Award. NKU President James Votruba will present the awards at a dinner ceremony on Tuesday, April 21 at the Metropolitan Club, Covington.

"This award represents a commitment to service, fidelity to noble causes and a sense of turning challenges into opportunities," said Votruba. "As in the past, each of our award winners superbly represents these causes and helps make this area a much better place in which to live and work."

The Lincoln Award was established in 1992 to honor area individuals who have a tremendous and positive influence on their community and the people who live there and who exemplify the qualities of outstanding citizenship, notable achievement and distinguished service in their profession and contributions to their community.

Father Beiting and Meyer have distinguished themselves through achievement and community service throughout their careers.

Born in Newport, Fr. Beiting is currently pastor of St. Jude Church in Louisa, and St. John Neumann in Hode, and founder and chair of the board of the Christian Appalachian Project (CAP).

After graduation from the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., Fr. Beiting was ordained that same year. He came to Appalachia in 1950 and started a four-county parish. Best known for his own personal style of evangelism—street preaching—which began when he first came to the mountains, Fr. Beiting has traveled just about every road in Eastern Kentucky delivering his message about the love of God. In 1987, he even cruised the Kentucky and Ohio rivers, as he took "Appalachia on Tour."

But by far, Fr. Beiting's most notable accomplishment in his creation of CAP of which he now serves as chair of the board. Today, CAP is staffed by 285 full-time workers and 66 volunteers who live in various communities where the projects were located. Each year, literally hundreds of temporary volunteers—mostly college students—come from around the country to serve for short periods of time.

Throughout his 46-year tenure in Kentucky, Fr. Beiting has

stressed education as one of the most effective and curative methods of fighting the historical problems of Appalachia. And to this end, he has established child development centers, literacy and adult education programs and the preschool-through-eighth grade Mountain Christian Academy.

Since 1986, he has traveled the country speaking to congregations of various faiths, organizations, and giving radio and television interviews from coast-to-coast to garner support for Mountain Missions and the Christian Appalachian Project.

Meyer is chairman, president, and chief executive officer of Cincinnati Milacron, Inc., a world leader in advanced manufacturing technology and factory automation. Founded in 1884, Milacron employs 13,000 people in 30 major plants worldwide, and has annual sales of close to \$2 billion.

Meyer has been at Milacron for 27 years, beginning in 1969 and working his way up through the ranks to head the company. He was elected president and chief operating officer in 1987, chief executive officer in 1990 and chairman in 1991. In addition, he served as chief financial officer from 1977-87, first as vice president of finance and then as executive vice president of finance and administration. He was elected a director in 1985.

He is also very active in the community. Besides serving on the Cincinnati Museum Center and Greater Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce boards, he is the general chairman of the 1998 Greater Cincinnati United Way campaign. In addition, he is active in the business community, serving as a director for Star Bane Corp., the E. W. Scripps Company, and Hubell Incorporated. He is a member of the Cincinnati Business Committee and Purdue Research Foundation, as well as a former chairman of the Association for Manufacturing Technology (AMT), and a member of the Board of Trustees of the Manufacturers' Alliance for Productivity and Innovation (MAPI). He is also a member of both the Ohio Business Roundtable and the Ohio Science and Technology Council.

Meyer earned his undergraduate degree in electrical engineering from Purdue University and a master's from Indiana University. He received a Honorary Doctor of Engineering degree from Purdue University in 1992. He is married to Bonnie, and they have one son, Daniel P. Meyer, and one daughter, Jennifer Meyer Brunette, both living in Cincinnati, and two grandchildren.

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Fr. Beiting and Meyer join former Lincoln Award recipients Gary Bricking (1992), Clement Buenger (1992), Carl Lindner (1993), Ken Lucas (1993), Wm. T. (Bill) Robinson III (1994), Sr. Jean Patrice Harrington, S.C. (1994), Henry E. "Bud" Pogue (1995), John E. Pepper (1995), Judith Clabes (1996), Dr. O'Dell Owens (1996), Merwin Grayson, Jr. (1997) and William J. Keating (1997) as award winners.

The award ceremony will take place at the Metropolitan Club in Covington, Ky. Tickets are available for the event at \$50 per person (\$500 for a table of 10) and can be obtained by calling NKU's Office of University Relations and Development at (606) 572-5129. Black tie is optional.

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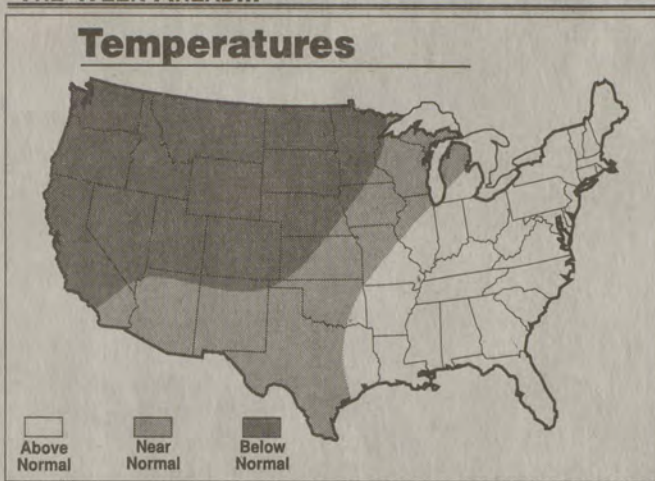
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Today	Tonight	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Partly sunny and warm. 84	Hazy and mild 55	Clouds and sun; pleasant. 74/49	Clouds and sun; pleasant. 72/51	Partly sunny and pleasant. 75/52	Clouds and sun; pleasant. 72/48	Partly sunny. 65/43	Partly sunny. 61/33

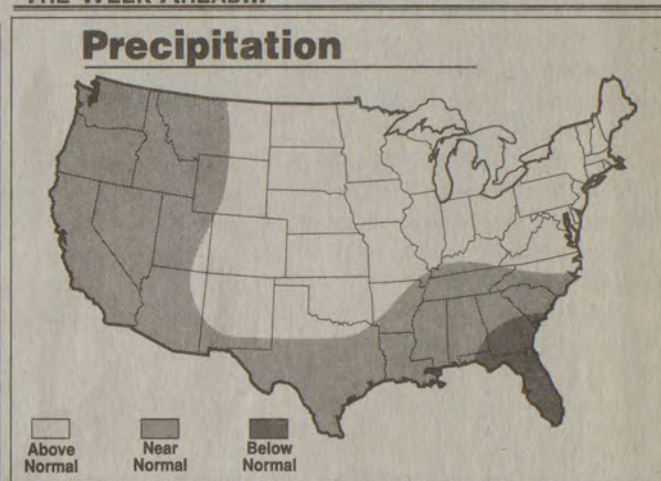
THE WEEK AHEAD...



NATIONAL SUMMARY

The eastern third of the nation will be subject to mild weather through the period. Temperatures will average 10-20 degrees above normal across the Southeast, Northeast and mid-Atlantic region. A few systems will advance across the country and bring rain to the Rockies, Plains and the Northeast. Cool air will move into the northern Plains, the Rockies and the West.

THE WEEK AHEAD...



U.S. TRAVELER'S CITIES

City	Today	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Atlanta	80 55 s	82 55 pc	77 57 pc	78 57 pc	75 53 pc
Boston	66 53 c	72 46 pc	59 41 pc	62 46 pc	62 44 pc
Chicago	70 51 c	66 42 pc	64 48 pc	68 48 pc	60 39 sh
Cleveland	74 57 pc	67 43 c	62 45 pc	67 49 pc	66 44 sh
Denver	60 34 pc	56 37 pc	59 28 sh	47 27 pc	53 29 pc
Des Moines	65 44 t	60 45 pc	68 49 pc	63 39 sh	55 36 pc
Detroit	70 50 pc	66 41 pc	62 45 pc	66 49 pc	64 42 sh
Houston	78 58 t	78 61 pc	78 62 pc	79 60 pc	76 57 pc
Indianapolis	71 53 pc	70 46 pc	67 49 pc	71 50 pc	63 42 sh
Kansas City	68 47 sh	64 48 pc	68 52 pc	66 40 sh	57 38 pc
Los Angeles	62 45 c	56 40 r	60 39 pc	65 44 pc	69 44 pc
Miami	82 72 pc	82 71 pc	84 72 pc	85 72 pc	85 72 pc
Minn.-St. Paul	57 42 r	54 41 pc	61 45 pc	58 39 sh	50 31 sh
New Orleans	79 59 pc	75 63 pc	78 63 pc	80 64 pc	78 61 pc
New York City	71 57 pc	72 48 pc	63 46 pc	63 50 pc	66 48 pc
Omaha	62 42 sh	62 44 pc	69 45 pc	63 35 sh	57 33 pc
Phoenix	72 53 pc	70 49 sh	64 43 pc	65 44 pc	74 51 pc
San Francisco	56 43 r	54 39 sh	52 42 pc	57 44 pc	59 45 pc
Seattle	49 36 sh	49 33 sh	51 38 pc	53 37 pc	49 35 pc
Washington	81 58 s	80 51 pc	71 49 pc	72 52 pc	71 51 pc

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Buenos Aires	65 53 sh	72 51 pc	70 50 pc	69 49 pc	72 52 s
Cairo	72 46 s	73 46 s	64 41 pc	68 49 pc	74 54 pc
Jerusalem	64 42 pc	64 36 s	54 33 pc	52 36 pc	59 44 pc
Johannesburg	79 58 pc	82 61 pc	85 64 pc	85 63 pc	84 63 pc
London	62 56 sh	64 56 sh	65 52 c	68 51 sh	62 49 sh
Madrid	74 48 s	62 54 r	71 42 sh	61 40 pc	64 42 s
Mexico City	85 52 s	78 53 c	81 54 pc	82 53 pc	81 53 pc
Moscow	34 23 c	35 24 c	43 36 s	48 30 s	42 34 s
Paris	58 54 r	69 56 c	69 53 pc	67 49 sh	62 48 pc
Rio de Janeiro	76 66 pc	79 73 pc	86 75 pc	85 74 pc	84 72 pc
Rome	55 40 s	62 49 pc	74 57 pc	73 53 pc	67 49 pc
San Juan	83 75 pc	82 73 sh	86 74 pc	85 73 pc	84 73 pc
Seoul	62 41 pc	64 43 s	63 47 pc	67 43 s	53 28 c
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Volunteers are cleaning up

More than 80 volunteers from seven colleges and universities have been at The David School in March to help with projects at the school and to carry out a community clean-up.

During the week of March 8-13, the volunteers picked up close to 300 bags of garbage on KY 404 from the community of David to the top of David Hill at the division line between Floyd and Magoffin counties.

In addition, they pulled appliances, sofas, mattresses, toys and car parts up to the road where the illegally-dumped items could be picked up through an arrangement with County Judge-Executive Ben Hale.

Also, as part of their community work, the volunteers cleaned up three mini-parks, picking up trash and cutting back vines and weeds.

At the school, the volunteers tutored high school students, helped prepare meals, did maintenance on school facilities, and did landscaping work on the campus. They also counseled David students on academics and college life.

The volunteers during the week of March 8 were from St. Ambrose University in Iowa, Virginia Tech, Viterbo and Edgewood colleges in Wisconsin, and Notre Dame and Purdue Universities in Indiana.

Students from Loyola University in Chicago were at the school the previous week.

The students generally come to the area during their spring break. Some are part of formal service learning programs, and others are carrying on a tradition of service trips to David by college students.

Letters

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this week. That's what they always do.

I am surprised that in the letter I received from the board's attorney, it seemed like my client was being blamed, because there were only four children in the program. Why did they talk her into leaving a good job, to accept the position as director of the daycare center of South Floyd if they didn't have funding and they didn't have enough children? They didn't tell her there would be only four children. Obviously somebody at South Floyd needs to be held responsible for starting a daycare center, hiring people, making promises and commitments to them, when apparently there weren't enough children or money to justify the program. Doesn't anybody have to be held accountable for making these decisions that affect people's lives without proper planning, without proper approval, without proper funding? Who is supposed to be making these decisions and why is nobody ever asked to pay the price except the little people?

There are many problems in the Floyd County School System that need to be addressed, and I wish they could be addressed in a positive way. I wish people would listen, and I wish there was an atmosphere of openness and fairness. It does not appear to exist. Now my client has been fired. Please explain to her why the people making fifty thousand dollars a year go on building their lifetime retirement, but an individual making \$7.00/hour is asked to get off the litigation kick.

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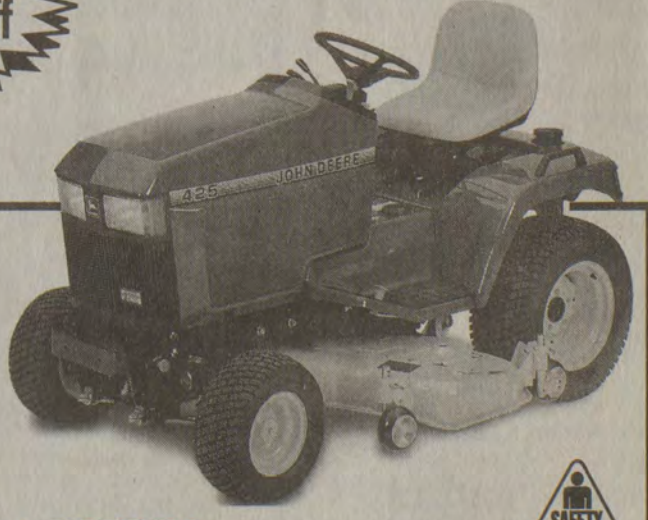
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Free women's clinic day

Dr. Chandra Varia of Martin, with her staff and ladies who participated in the first Free Women's Health Clinic. Since December 1997, Dr. Chandra has sponsored a free clinic one day each month to women with no health insurance. She sees only 20 women on that day so that she will be able to spend quality time with each patient. The Community Health Education Department of Our Lady of the Way Hospital works in cooperation with Dr. Chandra's Clinic and provides education on nutrition, diet and preventative health information.

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**Student receives
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This is the ninth year that the Tandy Technology Scholars program has made awards to teachers and graduating seniors at American high schools. Currently 16,822 public and private secondary schools have been certified to participate in the awards program. That is almost 82 percent of all secondary schools in the United States.

The Floyd student nominated is Allison Conley of Eastern, who attends Allen Central High School. She is a certificate-only nominee in the outstanding math/science/computer science category.

The academic top two percent of graduating seniors are eligible to receive certificates recognizing their academic achievements. There are no cash awards in this category. This year the Tandy Technology Scholars program will honor 29,249 meritorious seniors. States with the largest percentage of schools participating are California, Florida, Idaho, New York and Texas. Those with the greatest percentage increase since 1997 in schools nominating their academic top two percent, are Washington DC, Maine, Montana, Utah and Washington.

Each school may nominate a senior who is outstanding in mathematics, science or computer science. These students receive a certificate recognizing them as a Tandy Technology Scholar. In addition, they are eligible to compete for the one hundred \$1000 scholarships awarded annually. This year more than one-half of all schools in the country participated in this area of the program.



Nathan K. Bevins

Bevins graduates

Air Force Airman Nathan K. Bevins has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six-weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and customs and received special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Bevins is the son of Garnet A. Bevins of Kermit, and Rickie I. Bevins of Harold.

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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.

Friends of May House to exhibit

The Friends of the Samuel May House will host an open house and exhibit, "Seed Plantin' Time," on Saturday and Sunday, April 18 and 19. Citizens in Floyd and surrounding counties are asked to loan the old farm tools, pictures and related items. Call David Hereford at 886-3057.

Public forum

The Department for the Blind is conducting public forums to provide consumers and other individuals with the opportunity to comment on any aspects of the department's programs, services and activities. In the Big Sandy region, the forums will be held at the agency office on April 2, at 7 p.m. The office is located at 2565 S. Lake Drive, Prestonsburg. Contact Carlone Conley at 1-800-334-6940 for additional information.

Stroke Support Group to meet

The Stroke Support Group meets the second Monday of each month. This group is a support system for stroke patients and their families. Family members and patients welcome. Call 377-2347 for more information.

Scholarships

Applications for the 1998 Floyd County Farm Bureau Scholarships must be received by Arnold Lowe, chairman of the scholarship committee or the Farm Bureau Office on South Lake Drive no later than April 1. Forms are available at the office, school guidance counselors and senior sponsors.

Newsome reunion

The descendants of Daniel Newsome of Teaberry will meet for their annual reunion May 24 at the Army Corps of Engineers Dewey Dam Spillway, Shelter No. 4. Family members are asked to bring a covered dish, deserts, drinks, etc.

MDA group to meet

The Muscular Dystrophy Support Group will meet at the Floyd County Extension Service Office on Friday, March 27, at 7 p.m. The meeting is open to the public. For more information, contact Chuck Stamper at 886-2668 or drop by the office on South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg.

McDowell Family Resource Youth Service Center

- Avoid the summer rush. Schedule your child's physical. Call 377-2678.
- Talent show at the center on April 9, at 6:30 p.m. Anyone can

register. Cover charge at the door is \$2 for adults and \$1 for students. Proceeds benefit the school activities.

- After-school childcare from 1-5 p.m. for headstart-sixth grade. Registration is \$15 per child and \$1 per hour.

Computer class

There will be a free computer class on the internet sponsored by the Allen Central Youth Service Center on March 31, from 6-8 p.m. at the school. You must call 358-3048 to pre-register, space is limited.

Entrance tests

The Piarist School will hold an entrance test for students entering ninth and tenth grades on April 4, at 9 a.m., at the school. The School is located at Rt. 80, in Martin. To register or for more information, call 285-3950.

Book signing

Joe Bonsall, a member of the Oak Ridge Boys who is also an author, will be on hand April 3, from noon-1:30 p.m. at the Readmore Bookstore in Glyn View Plaza to sign copies of his children's books.

Retired teachers to meet

The Floyd County Retired Teachers' Association will meet Thursday, April 2, at May Lodge of Jenny Wiley State Resort Park. Registration will begin at 10:00 a.m., with the meeting getting underway at 10:30. Sheriff Paul Hunt Thompson will be the guest speaker and Ron Vanover will deliver the Easter program. All

Floyd County retired teachers are urged to attend.

Trout release

A Trout release is scheduled for April 9 at 4:15 p.m. 2,700 trout will be released in the Fishtrap Lake tailwater. For daily lake information, i.e. lake levels, outflow conditions, trout releases and upcoming special events, please call the Fishtrap Lake Information Line at (606) 437-9426.

Revival

There will be a revival held at the Trinity Chapel Pentecostal Holiness Church in Martin, on March 23-28, 7:00 p.m. nightly, with Rev. Eric Hubbard. Everyone is welcome. The pastor is Ellis J. Stevens.

Spring meeting

The spring meeting of the Prestonsburg District United Methodist Women will be held Saturday, April 18, at the Prestonsburg First United Methodist Church, Prestonsburg. Registration is at 9 a.m. The meeting begins at 10 a.m. Sandra Savage is guest speaker. Rebecca Hayward will provide the special music.

Special meeting

Prestonsburg Elementary will hold a special meeting Monday, March 30, beginning at 3:30 p.m. to discuss teacher allocations for the 1998-99 year.

SBDM meeting

The Prestonsburg Elementary Site Base Meeting will be held April 6 at 6 p.m.



Catherine Hall, OWEF worker of Martin Middle School Youth Service Center visited with resident, Rufus Stephens, at Riverview Manor Nursing Home. She presented him with a computer-made card by students from Martin Middle School.

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REGIONAL OBITUARIES

Pike County

Marcus Bishop, 83, of Phyllis, died March 21. He was retired from the University of Michigan. Funeral services were March 24, at the Lucas & Hall Funeral Home Chapel.

Leslie Caroline Whetsel, 33, of Regina, died March 22. She was disabled. She is survived by her father, William E. Whetsel and step-mother, Barbara Whetsel of Marrowbone. She was the adoptive daughter of Alma Nadine Whetsel of Regina. Funeral services were March 25, at the Morris Chapel of Justice Funeral Services.

Jay Edward Brown, 75, of Pikeville, died March 21. He was a retired World War II Army sergeant first class. He was employed by Bell South Telephone. He is survived by his wife, Rose Damron Brown. Funeral services were March 25, at the Hooper Funeral Home in Florida.

Terry Roger "Snake" Owens, 44, of Pikeville, died March 20. He was a truck driver. He is survived by his wife, Edith Owens. Funeral services

were March 23, at the Morris Chapel of Justice Funeral Services.

Juanita McGuire Reed, 68, of Turkey Creek, died March 20. She was preceded in death by her husband, Johnny Reed. Funeral services were March 23, at the Rogers Funeral Home Chapel.

Linda Carol Garrett Coleman, 49, of Pikeville, died March 20. She was a department manager at Wal-Mart. She is survived by her mother, Ruby Senters Garrett, and her husband, Gene Coleman. Funeral services were March 23, at the Lucas & Hall Funeral Home Chapel.

Vernon Ray Bevins, 66, of Pikeville, died March 20. He was a retired heavy equipment operator. He is survived by his wife, Dianne Bevins Stanley. Funeral services were March 23, at the Bent Ridge Old Regular Baptist Church, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Magoffin County

Rena Burton, 83, of Salyersville, died March 11. She was preceded in

death by her husband, Elmer Burton. Funeral services were March 13, at the Samaria Primitive Baptist Church, under the direction of Salyersville Funeral Home.

Frank Proffitt, 73, of Salyersville, died March 9. He is survived by his wife, Zelma Smith Proffitt. He was a self-employed businessman and an Army veteran. Funeral services were March 14, at the Dunn-Kelly/Prater & Dunn Funeral Home Chapel.

Ivory Gamble, 76, of Salyersville, died March 12. She was preceded in death by her husband, Ray Gamble. Funeral services were March 15, at the Dunn-Kelly/Prater & Dunn Funeral Home Chapel.

Betty Jordan Sizemore, 54, of Salyersville, died March 14. She is survived by her husband, Johnny Sizemore. Funeral services were March 17, at the Salyersville Funeral Home Chapel.

Johnson County

Elsie Staniford Castle, 64, of Boons Camp, died March 17. She is

survived by her father, Grant Staniford. She was preceded in death by her husband, Elbert Castle. Funeral services were March 20, at the Preston Funeral Home Chapel.

James Otto Collins, 65, of Van Lear, died March 19. He was a coal miner and a veteran. Funeral services were March 22, at the Jones-Preston Funeral Home Chapel.

Carl William Skaggs, 81, of Martha, died March 20. He is survived by his wife, Lillian V. Skaggs. He was a disabled veteran. Funeral services were March 23, at the Young Funeral Home Chapel.

Manda Harris, 91, of Flat Gap, died March 8. She was preceded in death by her husband, Trimble Harris. Funeral services were March 10, at the Preston Funeral Home Chapel.

Roy Elmer Lemaster, 82, of Flat Gap, died March 19. He was retired from General Motors in Detroit, Michigan. Funeral services were March 22, at the Preston Funeral Home Chapel.

Martin County

Jessie Lee Moore, 90, of Inez, died March 16. He is survived by his mother, Ella Endicott Moore. Funeral services were March 20, at the New Friendship United Baptist Church, under the direction of Phelps & Son Funeral Home.

Edith Blevins Cabelka, 77, of Warfield, died March 19. Funeral services were March 22, at the Warfield Methodist Church, under the direction of Phelps & Son Funeral Home.

Fred Chamberlin, 55, of Pilgrim, died March 20. He is survived by his wife, Faye Jorden Chamberlin. Funeral services were March 24, at the Warfield Funeral Home Chapel.

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I believe he is the second soul at the right hand of God, second to Jesus, standing side-by-side, because I've never seen a more dedicated Christian or one with more faith.

I know we should be happy for him, for he has stepped through those pearly gates on to the streets of gold that he preached so much about, but we miss him so.

I believe a part of him grows in each of us every day. You might ask, who is this Great man? My Papaw!

We miss you and love you very much Papaw

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There will never be anyone that can ever come close to being as special as you. You could always light any room you were in.

As days go by, you're still thought of and sadly missed, as if it was the first day you left us.

Your girls,
Joanna and Victoria

END-TIME CHRONICLES

The identity of the 24 elders mentioned in the early chapters of Revelation has traditionally been a favorite area of discussion among Christians interested in Biblical prophecy. Some believe these elders to be a literal group of 24 exalted individuals, representing the greatest of God's people throughout the ages. Some "study" Bibles suggest there may be a special group of the angelic order.

The most common interpretation is that these 24 elders represent an extremely large group of all believers throughout the ages. In other words, the number 24 is symbolic, derived from adding the 12 tribes of Israel and the 12 apostles (collectively, the foundation of Christianity). This belief is further supported by Revelation 21:12-14, where in the city of New Jerusalem is described as having 12 gates with the names of the 12 apostles written on them. Since it is commonly believed that New Jerusalem will contain the righteous of all ages, this suggests that all "saved" individuals foundationalized their faith through the collective influence of the 12 tribes of Israel and the 12 apostles. Therefore, they can be said to reside within a group of 24 "foundationalists" (i.e. the 12 tribes of Israel and the 12 apostles).

While the previous interpretation is a valid one, and may be the correct viewpoint, there is another interpretation which seems to fit all of the scriptural details a little more

"The mystery of the 24 elders"

(Revelation 4:4)

accurately.

In 1 Peter 2:9, Peter described the church as "a royal priesthood, a holy nation." (Also see 1 Peter 2:5) This title was originally given to Israel in Exodus 19:6, but Israel had rejected their Messiah and fallen into apostasy. It is apparent that God had taken the "priesthood" away from Israel, not only from Peter's writings, but also from the fact that about 10 years from the writing of 1 Peter, the temple in Jerusalem was destroyed and sacrificial worship by the Aaronic priesthood came to an abrupt end.

The Jewish Aaronic priesthood was established through Aaron and his descendants. Aaron had four sons, two of which were killed by God for unauthorized worship practices. Aaron's remaining two sons, Eleazar and Ithamar, were the fathers of the entire Jewish priesthood until the time of Jesus' crucifixion. During the early part of King David's reign, he divided the descendants of Eleazar and Ithamar into 24 divisions for their appointed order of ministering (1 Chronicles 24:1-19). This system of 24 priestly divisions continued until Jesus' earthly ministry. Luke 1:5 states that Zechariah (John the Baptist's father) was of the priestly division

of Abijah (see 1 Chronicles 24:10).

Since the entire Jewish priesthood was represented by 24 divisions from the time of David until the time of Jesus, and since Peter makes it clear that the priesthood had been received from Israel and given to the church, it would be reasonable to see the church "priesthood" symbolically represented in heaven by 24 elders. However, there is much more Biblical support for this viewpoint.

The 24 elders are described as sitting on thrones (Revelation 4:4). This denotes rulership authority. Jesus promised rulership authority to the church (Revelation 2:26-27), but this authority was never promised to Israel. This also tends to support the concept of the 24 elders representing 24 "groups" rather than individuals, since there will be a large number from the church and the first resurrection receiving such authority (see Revelation 2:26-27 and 20:4).

The 24 elders are also described as wearing crowns. From the Biblical perspective, crowns represent both rulership authority and victory (as in the type of crown, or "wreath," which was awarded victorious participants in the ancient Greek Olympics). Literal crowns

were not promised to the righteous of Israel, but there are many New Testament scriptures promising crowns to the church (see 1 Corinthians 9:25, for example).

Both context and content suggest that the new song the 24 elders sing in Revelation 5:8-10 is regarding themselves. Since this song describes them as "men" purchased from all nations (gentile peoples), and "priests," and states that they will "reign on the earth," it becomes obvious that the 24 elders could not be exalted angels, but rather gentle humans who were purchased by the blood of Jesus (verse 9) to be a priesthood and reign on the earth. This is a perfect description of the Church, but it is totally non-applicable to Israel.

Another rather obvious fact is that the 24 elders are in heaven. We of the church dispensation often forget that a heavenly resurrection was an EXCLUSIVE promise to the church; Israel was never promised a heavenly resurrection. According to the clear and literal promises made to Israel, she will receive an earthly kingdom and an earthly resurrection, but the heavenly resurrection is one of the clear distinguishing differences between the church and Israel.

While many may consider the identity of the 24 elders a technical matter of little concern, it must be remembered that the 24 elders are in heaven at the "beginning" of the tribulation period (Revelation chapters 4 through 19 describe the tribulation period). If we come to an understanding that the 24 elders do, in fact, represent the church, then we have firmly established a "pre-tribulation" rapture of the church.

Of course, there is an abundance of other scriptural support for a pre-tribulation rapture which does not relate to the 24 elders. However, I find it interesting that the evidence afforded by the 24 elders is seldom mentioned.

We appreciate your comments: Send questions or comments to

OBITUARIES

John K. Back II

John K. Back II, 42, of Henderson, formerly of Morehead, died Tuesday, March 24, 1998 in Jasper, Indiana, following a sudden illness.

He was born March 6, 1956 in Fayette County, Kentucky, and was the son of John K. Back of Morehead and the late Joan Kegley Back. He was a graduate of University Breckinridge High School and Georgetown College, where he was awarded a four-year basketball scholarship. He played basketball under Coach Jim Reid.

He also was a 1981 graduate of Mid-America College of Funeral Services, where he was a salutatorian. He was a licensed funeral director and embalmer in Kentucky, Tennessee, Florida, South Carolina, and North Carolina.

He was a former manager of his father's funeral homes, The Layne-Stuckey-Back Funeral Home in Morehead and the Globe Funeral Home of Olive Hill.

In addition to his father, he is survived by his grandmother, Ruth Whitaker Back of London; one son, Andrew John Back of Erwin, Tennessee; one sister, Martha Jackson of Danville; two brothers, Stephen W. Back of the United States Air Force; and Joe Back of Prestonsburg.

Burial will be made in the Brown Cemetery in Morehead under the direction of the Northcutt & Son Funeral Home in Morehead.

Leslie Moore

Leslie Moore, 83, of Hi Hat, died Tuesday, March 24, 1998, at his residence, following an extended illness.

Born February 27, 1915 at Wayland, he was the son of the late Racheal Mullins and raised by the late Harry Lee Moore.

He was a retired coal miner and a member of the Church of God of Prophecy at Hi Hat.

He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II.

Survivors include his wife, Ecie Moore; two sons, James Monroe Moore of Hi Hat, and Jonathan Moore of Colorado Springs, Colorado; eight daughters, Mereda Hampton of Charleston, West Virginia, Debbie Amburgey of Prestonsburg, Connie Tackett of Wadsworth, Ohio, Doris Vitae of Decatur, Indiana, Karen Rice of Prestonsburg, Sheryl Tackett of Ivel, Glenda Tackett of Prestonsburg, and Judy Hurst of McDowell; two brothers, Carmel Mullins of Arkansas and Bill Mullins of Michigan; 23 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Friday, March 27, at 10 a.m., at the Church of God of Prophecy at Hi Hat, with Don Fraley Jr. officiating.

Burial will be in the Little Cemetery at Price, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

Margie Mae Spears

Margie Mae Spears, 73, of Prestonsburg, died Thursday, March 26, 1998, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg, following a long illness.

Born December 22, 1924 at Endicott, she was the daughter of the late Gordie and Mellie Justice Blackburn. She was a member of the Endicott Freewill Baptist Church. She was preceded in death by her husband, Grover D. Spears.

Survivors include two sons, Donald Ray Spears of Endicott and John Edmond Spears of Ironton, Ohio; three daughters, Phyllis Fay Carey of Ocala, Florida, Dottie Lou Large of Cole Grove, Ohio, and Evelyn Marie Scherer of South Point, Ohio; three brothers, Tom Ed Blackburn and Trevert Blackburn, both of Endicott, and Delmar Blackburn of Oceana, West Virginia; three sisters, Farinda Miller of Jackson, Ohio, and Gertie Garrett and Bonnie Scalf, both of Endicott; 19 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be after 6 p.m. Friday (today). Funeral services will be Saturday, March 28, at 2 p.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, with Jim Smith officiating.

Burial will be in the James Cemetery at McCombs, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home, Martin.

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Riverview residents give to clinic

Riverview Nursing Home residents donated a check for \$200 to the Memory Disorders Clinic at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

The funds were raised from a "Hug Campaign" contest Riverview residents conducted over the Valentine holiday. Residents gave hugs in turn for pledges and donations.

The donation will be used for patient needs in the Memory Disorders Clinic which deals primarily with Alzheimer's disease, a disease affecting many Riverview residents.

JoAnn Marsillett, activities director at Riverview, said the residents really enjoyed the contest and some of them even gave a few hugs for free.

Landowners' interests shortchanged; Senate leaves out basic protections in Forestry Bill; backers hope to strengthen legislation in house

The interests of landowners and the environment were left out of a forestry bill that narrowly passed the Senate on March 2, several citizen and landowner groups claim.

"This bill is basically a joke right now," said Jane Harrod of Kentuckians For The Commonwealth (KFTC). "It does almost nothing to protect the forests and the property owners in Floyd County."

Senate Bill 2145 has some "glaring problems," added Tom FitzGerald of the Kentucky Resources Council. "(It) substantially weakens existing enforcement authority for water quality violations."

At issue is the Forest Conservation Act, SB 214. The measure is designed to require loggers to receive some training and to operate in a way that does not harm the environment or pollute streams.

The bill was "a compromise" from the beginning, according to Governor Paul Patton, who is backing the bill. Citizen and conservation groups wanted the bill strengthened with more landowner protections and stronger enforcement. However, a Senate committee weakened the bill even further by taking out enforcement authority for the Division of Forestry.

The weakened version of the compromise bill passed the Senate 19-15 on Monday. The House will also consider the bill, possibly as early as next week.

Groups as diverse as KFTC, the Kentucky Conservation Committee and the Kentucky Woodland Owner's Association want to see a simple "notice of intent" added to the bill.

"This provision would require commercial loggers to report who they are, where they intend to log, when the logging will take place and, most importantly, include the signature and permission of the landowner," explained KFTC's Malvery Begley, a Laurel County landowner. "Adding this bill would make it easier for state foresters to know where logging is taking place and safeguard landowners."

A notice of intent "would bring logger and landowner together," said Don Girton of the woodland owner's group during senate testimony. By signing the notice, the landowner

would grant permission to the Division of Forestry to "enter on their land to provide technical assistance and enforcement."

The growing problem of timber theft would also be addressed through a Notice of Intent, according to Will Collins, Letcher County Commonwealth's Attorney.

"From a strictly law enforcement point of view, the Notice of Intent would be a wonderful aid to know who cut the timber, when was it cut and if they had knowledge of the property line," said Collins, a KFTC member. "A Notice of Intent would protect the people with no other means to protect themselves."

Greater enforcement is also essential if the bill is to provide any protections to landowners.

"Presently, landowners are responsible for environmental damages caused by commercial loggers. SB 214 would change that, by making loggers accountable for the damages they do," said Wendy Hansen of KFTC.

The use of best management practices would be mandated. This involves building roads so they don't wash out, controlling questions, staying out of streams and a minimal reclamation. Loggers—not landowners—would be responsible for correcting damage to the land.

"All of these requirements clearly are in the interest of the landowner—and the larger community

whose economy benefits from the timber industry," said Hansen.

The proposed logging requirements pertain to commercial loggers only. The Act recognizes the rights of private landowners to cut trees for non-commercial use without regulation.

Floyd County's Representative Herbie Deskins sits on the House Natural Resources and Environment Committee, which will consider these changes.

Other groups agree that a good logging bill is in everyone's best interest.

"It is a small and incremental step forward," said Liz Natter of the Kentucky Conservation Committee. "It doesn't interfere with anyone's rights to cut trees."

"This legislation gives the average logger a chance to correct water quality problems," Bob Bauer of the Kentucky Forest Industries Association, who testified on February 18. "We feel this bill will have little effect on the small logger trying to do a good job. This bill will not put the small logger out of business."

"Every landowner and every concerned citizen should contact their representative and urge them to pass a strong Forest Conservation Act, with these added protections for landowners," urged Harrod.

The toll-free Legislative Message Line is 800-372-7181.

Gas prices continue plunge, lowest level since Spring '94

Just when you thought they wouldn't get any lower, gasoline prices across the country dropped another four and a half cents in this past month, reaching the lowest level since the Spring of 1994, according to AAA.

AAA's monthly Fuel Gauge Report shows that the national average for a gallon of self-serve regular unleaded gas is a \$1.11 per gallon, 17.3 cents less than a year ago at this time. In the last five months, the price has dropped 17.4 cents to reach the lowest level since May 1994, when the price was \$1.05 per gallon.

"The price of crude oil has remained low," said Dan Dickson, Public Relations Manager for AAA Blue Grass/Kentucky. "That means

lower prices and happy drivers, especially those who put a lot of miles on their vehicles every week," Dickson added. The threat of military action against Iraq remains, but prices for crude oil continue to drop. The price on February 13 was \$16.03 a barrel, compared to \$22.43 per barrel one year ago.

In Kentucky, the downward trend also continued. The average price for a gallon of self-serve regular unleaded gas was \$1.02 a gallon, down four cents from a month ago.

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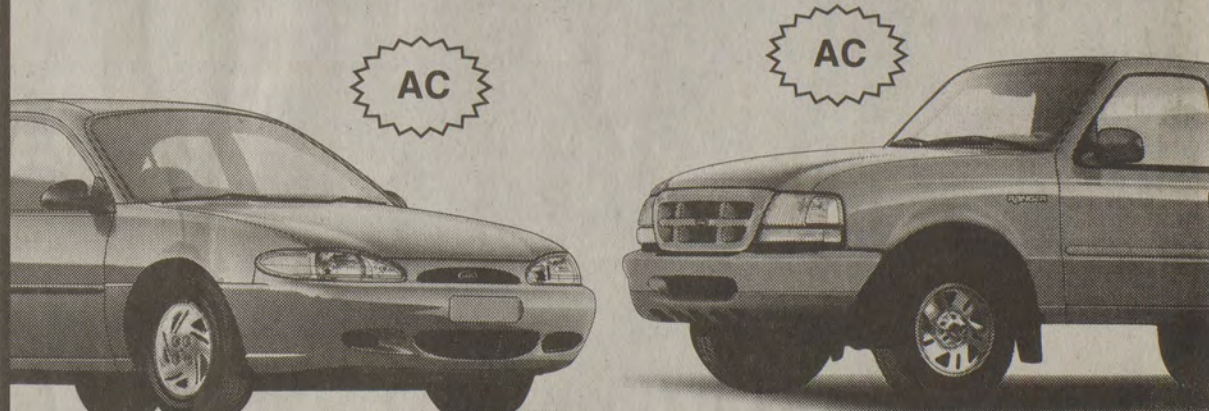
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The staff of Mayo Regional Technology Center is a team. Together we provide a well-rounded education designed to produce a work-ready graduate who will take his/her place in the workplace. Two members of that team are Opal and Dorsey Blanton. This husband and wife team provides much of the behind the scenes service here on campus. Dorsey has been with us since 1986. He came to Mayo after retiring from the Army, to serve as a maintenance technician. Opal joined our staff in 1987 as a janitor. They are an integral part of the functions of this campus.

Opal and Dorsey live at Oil Springs. They have three children, Dolores A. Burchett, Michelle Spriggs, and Gregory D. Blanton. Their two grandchildren are named Tarah and Tanner Spriggs. Opal attended school in Salyersville, graduating in 1961. Dorsey is a product of the old Oil Springs School.

The Blantons are examples of a strong work ethic that was a defining factor identified with Eastern Kentucky in years past. They are assets to our community, campus and region.

I want to remind you that now is the time to file your financial aid papers for next year. It is much easier to get approval for grants, loans, work-studies, or whatever type of aid you need, if you apply in plenty of time. This is also a good time for you to call us if you need your GED, reading or math classes, or counseling before starting school. If you plan to come to school in the Fall, you need to apply now also. Don't wait until classes to fill up. Come in soon to take the entrance test and complete your application. Call us at 789-5321 if we can be of assistance to you.

Mayo Regional Technology Center will become Mayo Technical College on July 1, 1998. We will join the Kentucky Community and Technical College System

WEDDINGS ENGAGEMENTS



Lafferty-Lewis exchange vows

Robyn L. Lafferty and Willis Lewis Jr. were united in marriage on March 7 at the Mayo Memorial United Methodist Church with Rev. Eroll Archerson officiating. She is the daughter of Geraldine and Thomas Lafferty of Prestonsburg and he is the son of Bertha O'Neill of Allen. The matron of honor was Jennifer O'Neill and best man was Chris McDavid. The reception followed the wedding ceremony in the church's fellowship hall. The couple is now residing in Prestonsburg.



Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Lafferty

Akers, Lafferty wed in December at Auxier Church

Alison Akers and Jerry Lafferty were united in marriage on December 13, at the Auxier Freewill Baptist Church. Rev. Paul Grainger performed the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Lois Akers of Prestonsburg and the late Charles B. 'Chuck' Akers. She is now a home student of The American School of Lansing, Illinois.

The groom is the son of Betsy and Greg Kretzer of Auxier. He is now an employee of CSX transportation at Shelbyana.

Ms. Cathy LeMaster coordinated both the ceremony and the reception. The bride's hand in marriage was given by her uncle, Stanley Burchett, and her mother. Serving as bridesmaids were Ms. LaDara Neeley Rose, matron of honor, and Karra Beth Lafferty. Larry Kilgore was the best man, and Jason Mitchell served as groomsmen. The couple's flower girl was Ashlin Taylor Robinette.

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Local photographer is guest speaker at Indiana convention

Steven G. Porter M. Photog., CPP, ASP, of Porter Studio, was guest speaker and one of five print judges at the annual convention of Michiana Professional Photographers Inc. held on January 24, 25 and 26. This annual convention and print competition was held in Michigan City, Indiana, but takes in not only Northern Indiana, but Southern Michigan and Chicago, Illinois.



Steven Porter is shown with Royce S. Chenore, president of the Michiana Professional Photographers Inc. Chenore is presenting Porter with merits from PPA (Professional Photographers of America) for his presentation and judging.

Professional Photographers of America (PPA) for his participation in the annual convention.

These merits were the last ones needed by Porter to fulfill the requirements for his professional photographers of America Craftsman degree. He has been lecturing to fellow professional photographers throughout the county

since the fall of 1996.

Porter will receive his Craftsman degree at the PPA National Convention, which will be held in New Orleans, Louisiana, in August.

Porter, along with his wife, Angela, owns and operates Porter Studio and Associates in Prestonsburg.

Porter was selected to represent the Eastern section of the United States as one of five judges at this convention. These judges viewed and judged approximately 150 photographic images. The images which were accepted will be sent on to the Regional Convention in Columbus, Ohio, and then on to the national Convention in New Orleans, Louisiana. Porter is currently working toward becoming an international certified judge.

The program Porter presented was titled, "The Artistic Side of Portraiture and Environmentals." The program depicted the use of "Artistic" ideas in today's ever-changing and demanding challenges involved in photographic portraiture. These "Artistic" ideas being used in today's portraiture offer a new and fresh touch to the photographic industry.

The Prestonsburg photographer received merits from the

Rogers to be in Floyd for PRIDE clean up week

U.S. Rep. Harold "Hal" Rogers (KY-5) will be in Floyd County on Monday, March 30, to announce four new PRIDE projects of the county. At 10 a.m. he will be at the Mountain Arts Center to announce three new projects, and at 11 a.m. he will be at the McDowell Senior Citizens Center to announce the fourth project.

The announcements are part of the region-wide PRIDE—Personal Responsibility in a Desirable Environment—Spring Clean Up Week scheduled for March 27 through April 4. Rogers will be accompanied by Kentucky Secretary of Natural Resources, Jim Bickford.

Last year, Rogers and Bickford

announced the PRIDE Clean Up initiative in hopes of coordinating federal-state and local resources in a comprehensive effort to clean up the region's rivers and streams of sewage and garbage, end illegal trash dumps, promote environmental awareness, and recall the pride we all have in Southern and Eastern Kentucky.

As part of the initiative, Rogers has appointed local PRIDE coordinators to oversee PRIDE efforts in each of the 40 counties participating in the clean up initiative.

"PRIDE is about cleaning the roads and rivers of our region, improving people's lives, protecting Kentucky's families and forging a

better future for our people," Rogers said. "The PRIDE Spring Clean Up is just one small part of a massive effort to make our region a better place to live, and everyone needs to take personal responsibility for the critical task of cleaning up our communities."

Rogers' and Bickford's visit to Floyd County is just one of 16 stops they will make over a three-day period during PRIDE week.

For more information about local PRIDE activities during the clean up week, contact Lon May, the PRIDE coordinator for Floyd County, at 886-9193, or Seldon Horne, the PRIDE coordinator for the City of Prestonsburg, at 886-6871.

New breast biopsy technique available at Ashland hospital

OLBH is the first facility in Ashland to begin using the ABBI system—a new outpatient breast biopsy procedure that is simpler, less painful and allows patients to resume normal activity almost immediately. This new equipment, which aids in the diagnosis of cancer, will be housed in the OLBH Radiology Department. The first patients are expected April 2.

"The ABBI system uses highly accurate x-rays technology that enables us to quickly locate suspicious areas and remove a biopsy specimen," said Terri Hannon, director of radiology. "Patients say there is virtually no discomfort, and because we just numb the area with local anesthesia, patients can leave the hospital an hour or two after the procedure."

Each year, as many as one million women in the United States

undergo breast biopsies to check for cancer. Although approximately 80 percent of these biopsies are benign (not cancerous), the American Cancer Society estimates that one of every nine women will develop breast cancer in her lifetime, making the need for accurate, early detection, more important than ever.

With ABBI, the patient is positioned on the table, and the surgeon or radiologist uses stereotactic X-ray technology to locate the lesion within one millimeter of accuracy. A marking needle is inserted to "tag" the precise location. Using the ABBI biopsy device, a cannula is inserted into the breast and the entire specimen is removed. A core of tissue up to two centimeters in diameter can be removed. The small opening is closed with a few stitches and a bandage.

The difference between the ABBI system and other stereotactic devices is that with the ABBI, a larger core of tissue can be removed. Also, this system offers greater precision—more specifically identifying the specimen.

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Tooth Fairy chases cavity creeps

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Local students named to EKU fall semester president's list

Seven Floyd Countians are among 549 students at Eastern Kentucky University named to the President's List for fall semester study.

Heather D. Newsome, Beaver, communication disorders;

Matthew B. Rose, Hi Hat, occupational therapy;

Greta Michelle Halbert, Langley, freshman, undeclared, baccalaureate;

Heather Newsome Cecil, Lexington, senior, nursing (R.N. training);

Joshua Shane Flanery, Martin, junior history;

Stephanie Nicole Word, Prestonsburg, sophomore, history

(PT); Rebekah A. Recktenwald, Richmond, sophomore pre-communication disorders.

"We're delighted that some of Floyd County's best and brightest students are studying with us at Eastern, where the top priority remains teaching," said Les Grigsby, director of EKU's Division of Admissions.

The President's List was established by the University to recognize outstanding academic achievement. It is bestowed upon full-time undergraduate students who attain a perfect 4.0 grade point average for a semester.

"All of us at EKU are committed

to academic excellence," said EKU President Hanly Funderburk, "so it is very fitting that we should lift up for special attention those students who have excelled to the point of perfection during a semester's work."

Eastern Kentucky University is a comprehensive university serving about 15,500 students on its 560-acre Richmond campus, throughout its 22-county extended service region, and beyond.

The Cabinet for Health Services will be reviewing certificate of need applications for about 75 home health services. Decisions are expected June 17.

Persons affected by the proposals may request a hearing on a project. Hearing requests must be submitted in writing to the Certificate of Need Office, 275 E. Main Street, Frankfort, Kentucky, 40621. The deadline to request a hearing is April 3.

In Floyd County, Prestonsburg's Highlands Home Patient Services wishes to expand or establish home health services to include Floyd, Martin, and Magoffin counties. Our Lady of The Way Hospital Home Health Agency of Floyd and Martin counties wish to establish a home health agency to serve Floyd County at an expenditure of \$20,000.

The Johnson County certificate

of need projects are: Central Baptist Home Health Care in Paintsville wants to expand or establish home health services to include Johnson, Magoffin, Martin and Morgan counties at \$10,000; Our Lady of The Way Hospital Home Health Agency in the county wants to establish or expand home health services to include Johnson County at \$20,000; and Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center Home

Health Agency in Paintsville wants to establish a home health agency to serve Johnson, Magoffin and Martin counties.

In Magoffin County, Our Lady of The Way Hospital Home Health Agency of the county wishes to establish or expand home health services to include the county at a \$20,000 tag.

And, in Pike County, Our Lady of The Way Hospital Home Health

Agency wants to establish or expand home health services to include the county at \$20,000, and Pikeville Methodist Hospital Home Health wants to establish a home health agency to serve the county at \$150,000.

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Floyd announces 1998 NISOD award recipients

Deborah L. Floyd, president of Prestonsburg Community College recently announced the recipients of the 1998 NISOD (National Institute for Staff and

Organizational Development) Excellence Award.

This is a prestigious honor recognizing the educational contributions, dedication and service of 12 Prestonsburg Community College educators. These individuals were recommended by their colleagues and affirmed by a unanimous vote of the President's Cabinet. They are:

- Kelly J. Adam, assistant professor of kinesiology and health promotion;
- Christopher G. Fleming, posthumous, assistant professor of kinesiology and health promotion;
- H. Kenneth Fuller, professor of chemistry;
- V. Gay Herrin, Professor of writing, chair of humanities and related technologies;
- Robert E. Looney, associate professor of communications;
- Dr. Thomas D. Matijasic, professor of history;
- Barbara W. Napier, associate professor of accounting/business and coordinator of business programs;
- Gia R. Potter, director of admissions/registrar;
- Dr. Timothy D. Skeen, assistant professor of english;
- Dwight P. Smith, associate professor of mathematics;
- Monnette N. Sturgill, professor of english;
- Dr. Thomas L. Vierheller, associate professor of biology.

The recipients will be encouraged to attend the 20th annual NISOD celebration of teaching and leadership excellence on May 24-27, in Austin, Texas.



In service

Air Force Airman 1st Class Shawn D. Salyer has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and customs and received special training in human relations. In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force. Salyer is the son of Wanda M. Salyer of Hi Hat, and brother of Mark A. Salyer of Prestonsburg. He is a 1991 graduate of McDowell High School.

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The Weekend EXTRA

Boys from Middle Creek will join April 10 lineup



"They play the way we like to hear it. A real good group of guys..."

Melvin Goins

Local talent, The Boys From Middle Creek, will join the entertainment lineup that includes Ralph Stanley and the Clinch Mountain Boys, and Larry Sparks and the Goins Brothers for a night of bluegrass at the Mountain Arts Center in April.

After a long hiatus, The Boys From Middle Creek are back on the road to success. The group first began performing together in 1979 when Don Stanley, Zyndall Adams and Denver Mullins began learning to play their instruments.

The boys — all of them were young, Denver was 22; Don, 21; and Zyndall, 18 — didn't even know how to tune their mandolin correctly; so, they improvised. Denver got pretty good tuning it with the first through fourth strings (D-G-B-E) of a guitar.

After six months of hammering down the strings on their instruments, "they got pretty good," Don Stanley says, and started looking around for a bass player. They met Johnny Handshoe, 18, of Hindman and played at their first show, which was televised on a local television station in Hazard.

After that they began receiving offers to perform in clubs around the region. They were much in demand and were booked for performances every weekend. They were on their way. By 1980, they were on the road performing at festivals and concerts.

Their schedule became grueling and put a strain on their work. They had come to a turning point. They had two choices, give up

their jobs and make music their full-time employment or put it on the back burner. Because of family commitments, they chose the safe road of their regular employment. They didn't play for 18 years.

Then, in 1996, they received a call from the Prestonsburg City Hall asking if the group would perform during a street dance in the town square. They did, with the addition of Randy Humble, who replaced Johnny Handshoe.

"While we were doing that street dance, we were really clicking. Every move we made just fell together perfectly," Don Stanley says. "We all knew deep inside, without saying a word to each other, that this is what we are supposed to be doing.

By September 1996, we were once again an organized band chasing our dream to become a success. This time around, we have made the decision to never give up. We intend to keep knocking at the door until somebody lets us in."

Although they've had several changes in bass players (Don Stanley's son Josh now plays the upright bass for the group), their

door-knocking is paying off. Their bookings this year include performances in Nashville, Tennessee, West Virginia, Renfro Valley, Ohio, and Nova Scotia, Canada.

In addition to their April 10 performance, they will perform at the Mountain Arts Center on April 16, and in Prestonsburg during the Jenny Wiley Pioneer Festival this fall.

On April 10, they'll appear at the MAC as special guests of Ralph Stanley and the Clinch Mountain Boys. Ralph Stanley is the only professional old-time country musician playing today who can maintain a fresh and lively approach while playing in a traditional style of the past. What makes his music different

from the often sick and gaudy Nashville sound is that it is based upon, and fully conscious of, hundreds of years of tradition. Old ballads were brought from England to the Southern Appalachian Mountains where, for centuries, they were transmitted from father to son. The rich heritage of these ballads, the religious music of the hill people and the fiddle and banjo used for square dance music

are all present in the music of Ralph Stanley, which is closely related to the popular Bluegrass form.

Born in rural Southwestern Virginia, Ralph learned to play banjo from his mother. It was her inspiration and a great natural talent that led Ralph and his guitar-playing brother to form the Stanley Brothers in the early 1940's. The two play on local radio stations and were soon in demand for appearances throughout the south; later the rest of the country and the world. The Stanley Brothers' appeal was that they performed the material that was close to the hearts of mountain people. Their voices had a quality that brought to mind all the things that are such a strong part of everyone's life in rural Appalachia.

On December 1, 1966, tragedy struck and Carter Stanley died, ending the career of the Stanley Brothers. When Ralph sings today in his mournful, high tenor voice, the listener doesn't even have to close their eyes to see little white churches, dirt roads, newly-plowed fields, winding mountain streams, and the mist rising out of the valley at day-break.

For ticket information to the April 10 performance at the MAC, call toll-free at 1-888-622-2787 or locally, 606-886-2623. Tickets are \$10 in advance. For information about The Boys From Middle Creek's latest CD, "Falling Star," write Don Stanley, 4860 Mountain Parkway, Prestonsburg, KY 41653.

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**Cindy Roberts
Renfro Valley Entertainment**

by Chuck Shepherd

News of the Weird

— Florida Justice: In February in Lakeland, after Justin Rezendes scuffled with teachers, the principal and the school police officer, biting and scratching them, he was arrested, booked and fingerprinted, and mug shots were taken. Justin is six years old. Two weeks earlier in Pensacola, Chaquita Doman, five, scratched and bit two officials at her school, and she, too, was arrested, booked and fingerprinted, and mug shots were taken. Master Rezendes seemed not to have been deterred by his brush with the law, declaring to a reporter minutes after he was released from custody, "I kicked their (school officials') butts."

— In February, police in Abha, Saudi Arabia, threatened new parents Abdullah Mohammed Ali, 55, and Hasna Mohammed Humair, 40, with arrest if they did not come soon to the hospital and get their septuplets, who were born January 14 and almost all of whom no longer needed hospitalization. Hasna said she took a fertility drug only to regulate her menstrual flow and had no idea this would happen. Abdullah has two other legal wives and nine other kids, but is employed as a cab driver and does not believe he can support the new ones.

— In January, DigiPen Institute of Technology opened in Redmond, Washington, offering the nation's first four-year college degree in video game development, with tuition of about \$11,000 a year. Forty students were in the first class, but already 1,000 applications for the 100 seats in the fall class have been received. The curriculum is heavy on computer languages

and graphics but also includes math, physics, business marketing and mythology.

COURTROOM ANTICS

— Michael Ng, 26, was sentenced to 10 months in jail in Hong Kong in July for contempt of court, apparently because he drew the skepticism of Magistrate James Lee as he was being sworn in on the witness stand to testify to charges that he sold obscene CDs. Before Lee would accept Ng's testimony, he asked Ng a series of Bible-related questions to determine his fitness to swear to God (e.g., How old was Jesus when he died? Where was he born?), and Ng failed.

— Just outside a Fort Lauderdale, Florida, courtroom in September, defendant Mark Gusow, age 36 and 140 pounds, told his court-appointed attorney, Laura Morrison, 52 and 150 pounds, that he was about to tell the judge he wanted a new lawyer. Morrison tried to persuade Gusow to stay outside and talk about it some more, but he broke away and started back inside, at which point Morrison clamped on a headlock and allegedly raked his face with her fingernails.

— In July, James P. Morrow, a recent resident of an Ohio penitentiary, filed a lawsuit in Dayton against Gov. George Voinovich and 300 other officials because they allegedly tried to "beam" security people down to confront Morrow every time he entered a courthouse. According to Morrow's petition, the only way he could bypass such beaming would be if the court granted him "Wallydraggle, Mummy Feg Wimple Soupcon-type relief."

— In a New Year's Eve ruling, Hillsboro, Municipal Judge James Hapner ordered chronic drunk driver Dennis Cayse (18 convictions) to move to within a half-mile of a liquor store so that he will not be tempted to drive to and from bars. Furthermore, when he travels by automobile, he must either have another person between him and the driver or must be handcuffed to the passenger-side door, so as to reduce the likelihood that he could be driving and change seats if stopped.

— Swindon, England, magistrate Ms. Josie Lewis, 45, got into a dispute with a reporter in April 1997, which was exacerbated when he began to take photographs of her. As she was walking away, she mooned him, which the man of course captured on film, and in September her boss, lord chancellor Lord Irvine of Lairg, fired her.

LEAST COMPETENT PEOPLE

— In October, Polson, Montana, sheriff's deputy Grant Holle was suspended for 14 days for violating department policy. He had come to help fellow officer Tina Schlaile, who was detaining multiple-DUI offender Rich Logan from driving away in his car. Though Logan's car was barely creeping along, Holle pulled his gun and fired a total of eight shots toward Logan's tires, from close range, and missed each time (though he did hit the fender twice). Schlaile also fired six shots at the tires and missed each time. Logan was captured when he got out of his car voluntarily a few minutes later.

— In November, George Moscatello, 46, a free-lance Bigfoot investigator and novice camper from Woodside, New York, traveled to a remote area in Canada's Northwest Territories province, alone, to research the legendary beast. At 4 a.m. on his first night in the field, after hearing what he described as "pitter-patter sounds" outside his tent, he set off an emergency beacon, summoning a rescue plane from Toronto to pick him up at a cost to taxpayers of about \$8,500 (U.S.).

— In November in Annapolis, Md., during a celebration of Gregory Johnson's 32nd birthday, his cousin Darwin Derwood Coates, 21, tucked a .22-caliber handgun into the waistband of his trousers and accidentally shot himself in the groin. As guests tried to assist Coates, Johnson relieved him of the gun and stuck it in the most convenient place he could find, which was the waistband of his own trousers. The gun fired again, striking Johnson in the buttocks. Both men were hospitalized.

SOAP UPDATES

by
Seli
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ALL MY CHILDREN: Stuart's demand to be heard at Adam and Liza's divorce proceedings caused an upheaval. Marian fainted when she realized with whom she actually slept. Brooke found photos of herself and her family in Jim's darkroom. Ryan asked Erica for more money, unaware that she's on to him. Dimitri gave Brooke a gun. **Wait To See:** Edmund fights for his life.

ANOTHER WORLD: Jake spurned Vicky, but vowed to continue to be part of Steven and Kirkland's lives. Amanda found Paulina's hiding place. Joe acted to bring in the person who really started the fire. Vicky made a deal with Lila to get her to drop her civil suit against Jake. Felicia told Matt Rachel may have doubts about Carl. **Wait To See:** Joe is ready to act, but is Paulina ready to come back?

AS THE WORLD TURNS: John was devastated when Barbara rejected his adoption of an infant for them. David pressured Carly into becoming pregnant. After winning his lawsuit against Lily, David announced he's changing his last name to Stenbeck, and then he made love to Molly. Margo and Jack pursued a drug dealer at the carnival as shots were fired. **Wait To See:** Molly faces an unsettling decision about David.

THE BOLD AND THE BEAUTIFUL: C.J. got Macy and Grant to leave so that Amber — with C.J. and Rick accompanying her — could sing for John Quincy. Later, as C.J. and Rick drag-raced, Rick crashed his car. Amber was unhurt, but Rick was seriously injured. Macy threw Thorne's phone number away. James helped Thorne see how he was trying to live up to Ridge's image by "rescuing" his brother's women. **Wait To See:** A guilt-stricken Amber makes a decision that could change Rick's fate.

DAYS OF OUR LIVES: John told Hope he'll help her search for answers to the missing pieces of her past. Mike was surprised to find Laura had a new bottle of plascidan, which she said was for an emergency. Later, Roman found an empty bottle of plascidan that could link Laura to Kristen's death. Bo told Hope he'll never give up trying to win her back. Kristen, still disguised as Susan, kissed a very sur-

prised John. Mike's old rival, Craig, arrived in Salem. The real Susan tried to persuade Maya to help her escape from the harem. Meanwhile, Edmund wondered why "Susan" hasn't been quite herself lately. **Wait To See:** Laura realizes she's a suspect in Kristen's death.

GENERAL HOSPITAL: Katherine realized Stefan was still preoccupied with thoughts of Laura. Bobbie told Luke where Lucky had been hiding out. Luke later reassured Liz she did not cause her rape. Sarah demanded Audrey tell Liz that she, too, had been a rape victim. A shocked Luke saw Lucky shake hands with Helena over a new deal. Tony promised to get Robin her medication, but instead celebrated his birthday with Bobbie and Lucas. Jason later found Robin and Michael, leading Carly and Bobbie to share an emotional moment. **Wait To See:** Helena receives a dangerous visitor.

GUIDING LIGHT: Reva realized she wasn't alone on the island. Meanwhile, in Springfield, "young" Reva asked for answers from Michael and Josh. Later, Cassie reeled in shock when Michael told her who Josh's young friend is. Blake almost told her brother, Hart, about her feelings for Ben. Beth continued to resist Harley taking

action against Carl, but Phillip took matters into his own hands. **Wait To See:** Dinah confronts a new challenge regarding Rob's intentions.

ONE LIFE TO LIVE: Rachel noticed an apparently close moment between Georgie and Bo. Mel and Renee made a date. Starr's reactions to Todd reminded him of his own troubled childhood. Blair pretended to be her cousin, Kelly, while meeting with Ian's lawyer. Max realized R.J. had lied to him: the twins are alive! **Wait To See:** Dorian and Blair make a deal.

PORT CHARLES: Grace and Bobby were injured in the shootout. Kevin asked his father, Victor, to move in with him. Scott offered to help Lucy out of her financial dilemma. Meanwhile, Victor tracked Rex's money electronically. Bennett locked Joe, Karen, and Eve out of the lab after learning they were altering their data. Chris later "ratted" to Devlin about their plans to break into the lab. Ellen was drawn into the argument between Matt and his father. **Wait To See:** Kevin tells Lucy a secret about the book, "General Homicide."

SUNSET BEACH: Ben came face-to-face with his twin, Derek, who manacled Ben to the wall before assuming his identity and

going off to see Meg. Annie learned Brock was with Gregory. "Ben" told Meg their elopement is off and they'll stay in Sunset Beach for the wedding. Gregory told Olivia her medical file (which Brock gave him) had her authorization to cremate their baby. Sean later questioned Annie about strange circumstances surrounding Olivia's loss of her baby while at the same Caitlin had her child. Ben realized Derek was the real Terror Island killer. A distraught Olivia poured sleeping pills into her champagne. **Wait To See:** Annie fears she may have caused Olivia to kill herself.

THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS: Victor told Diane he'll cut all ties with Nikki. Nick told Jack of Sharon's continuing preoccupation with Cassie. Veronica attempted to seduce Joshua, and then made a shocking admission to him. Paul asked Chris to leave their home so they could have space while they sorted out the problems in their marriage. Paul later warned Danny not to get his hopes up of reclaiming Chris' love. Phillip tried to get Ryan to reconcile with Nina. Dru considered accepting the modeling tour. **Wait To See:** The tragedy at the ranch continues to wreak havoc.

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NATASHA'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) If you're less possessive with a loved one, this person will listen to reason. Partners are on the same wave length this week. Later, a pep talk brings family members together to rally for a common cause.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Travel plans could include a visit with an old friend. Save time for reading, writing and arithmetic. You sometimes concentrate too heavily on the esoteric and ignore the basics.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Your single-minded dedication to a project this week is admirable, but it's time to welcome suggestions from others. A turning point will shortly be reached. Cooperation with co-workers is what urges this

to fruition.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) It's time to finish one project and get on to the next. You're very effective in dealings with higher-ups, so make your move. Don't be afraid to aim for the sky.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Buying and selling are favored activities. Domestic interests are highlighted as well, although you could take time out for sports later in the week. Couples enjoy going out this weekend.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Expect some stimulating talks with friends who are on your intellectual level. Getting the facts you need this week should be your main priority. Continue your research toward that end.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A monetary plan is revamped for the better. Intuition aids your career, but it's common sense that dictates your current financial moves. You are happily surprised at the solution to a pressing dilemma this weekend.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) It's a good time for self-promotion since you're able to communicate your ideas effective-

ly. Meet with advisers or start your own personal publicity campaign. This is a good week to talk to superiors about raises.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Insisting on your own way won't get you what you want. However, charm, persuasiveness and a generally reasonable approach work wonders. Remember that compromise is your watchword this weekend.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) You'll be going out and about more than usual. The accent is on romance and leisure activities. Financial interests prosper thanks to your careful planning and attention.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Job matters are highlighted this week when you should be able to get new assignments or add to your income. Accept a fun invitation to go away for the weekend. In fact, singles meet with exciting new romantic prospects.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Partners play a more important role in your life in the near future. Social life continues at a merry pace for you. A future getaway is on the agenda and plans can be made for it.

How sweet it isn't

Many scientific studies are presently being conducted on the artificial sweetener "NutraSweet." Though the evidence is inconclusive, results suggest that ingestion of this substance may cause deterioration of brain cells that affect short-term memory.

After consuming large quantities of Nutrasweet for nearly seven years, I have experienced none of the side-effects except for an occasional bout of forgetfulness that I attribute to having too much on my mind for an aging person.

I will admit that there are times when I forget where I'm going. After making a list of errands to run, I jump in the car and find I've forgotten why I got in the car in the first place.

"Did you get some milk today?" my son asks.

"I forgot."

"That's all we needed!"

"I should have made out a list," I say, as I pop the top on a diet cola.

If Nutrasweet has erased any of my brain cells, it has to do with my spelling. In the past few months, my ability to spell some words has decreased to the point that my vocabulary has dwindled to, "See Jane run."

"Mom, how do you spell 'the'?"

"T-H-E."

"What's a 'T' look like?"

"Mom, you've got a real problem."

"Oh, how silly! I've been pronouncing it wrong. Let me sound it out. Thu, thu..."

Amazingly enough, I remember things that hap-

pened years ago much more vividly (I just had trouble with that word) than you could imagine.

"J.R., do you remember when I had the chicken pox?"

"I wasn't born then."

"But I had them all over

my body."

"Ask your mother."

"She won't remember. She doesn't remember anything."

"Really? Why is that not surprising to me?"

"I think I was six years old when I had them. I remember, because that's about the same time we got the puppy. We kept it in a box in the dining room, and he cried all night. I ate a bowl of mushroom soup that same day. It was good, too."

"Sara, this is serious."

"I know because if I haven't had chicken pox, I may get it."

"No. Because you're crazy."

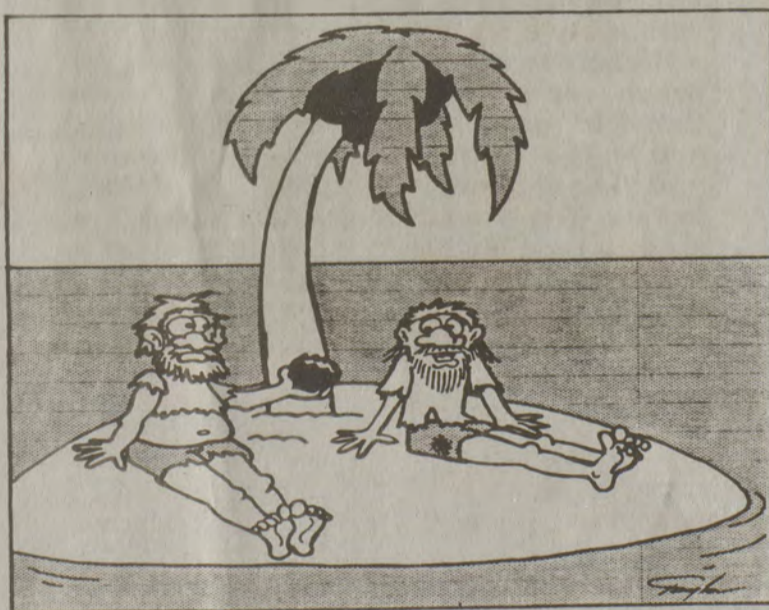
"Funny you should say that, I used to think I was losing my mind, but now I can't remember if I ever had one to lose."

Somewhere in this nation, thousands of experimental mice are scurrying around their cages asking one another, "How do we get out of this maze?" "I don't know. I'm still trying to figure out why I'm supposed to be smoking this cigarette."

"So what?" another mouse says.

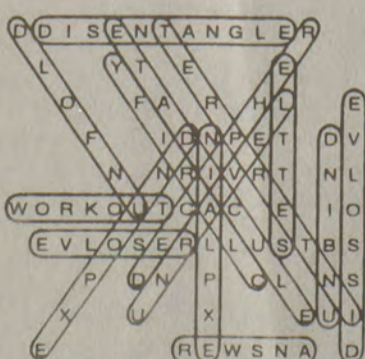
"You think you've got a problem. I forgot if I've taken my birth control pill."

If researchers don't come up with a solution soon, people may wind up thinner, but they won't remember how they got that way.



"Hey! Where did you get that?"

SOLVE



Answers to Super Crossword

PASTA	SERIF	SST	PPS
ACTOR	AROMA	AHA	ALTAS
CHARLES	SLAMB	BUGSBUNNY	
TERMED	EMERALD	HASTEN	
ENOS	DICED	ASHORE	
ETA	ADVICE	EYRE	
CHICK	COREA	DARED	TARA
HANSEL	EAT	REA	ZONED
OTTAWA	ALERTED	MEXIGO	
MOD	IAN	AUDITOR	
SPAM	BASKET	BALLS	CANE
OUTTER	LIVE	APT	
ULSTER	ALASKAN	AWARDS	
TISLET	PVT	AST	NATION
DEER	BRASS	THEEGG	ANDIT
POOL	COHERE	DOT	
ROOFER	ANAME	REBA	
UNRIPE	NUMERAL	AERATE	
DAFFYDUCK	LILLY	MUNSTER	
DIETS	SHE	ENOLA	JONES
ROY	NED	TEPEE	INONE



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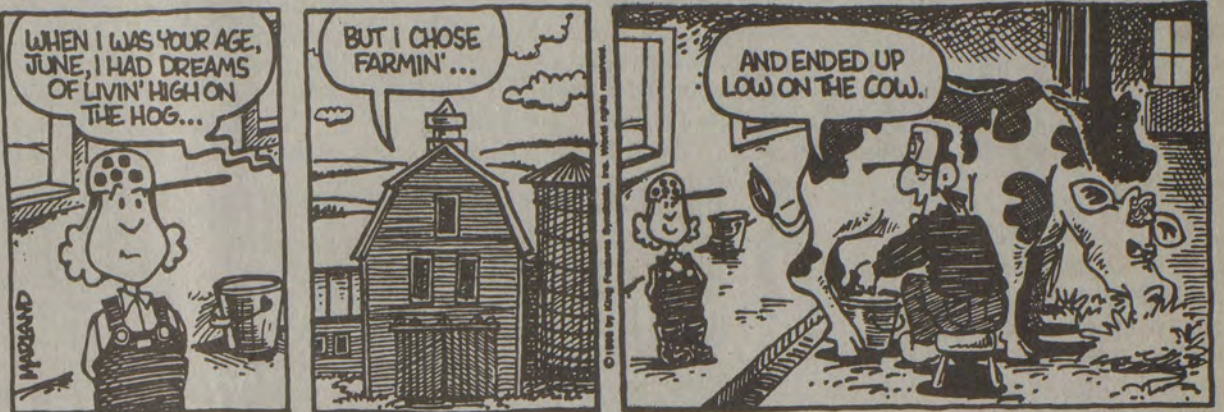
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R.F.D. by MIKE MARLAND



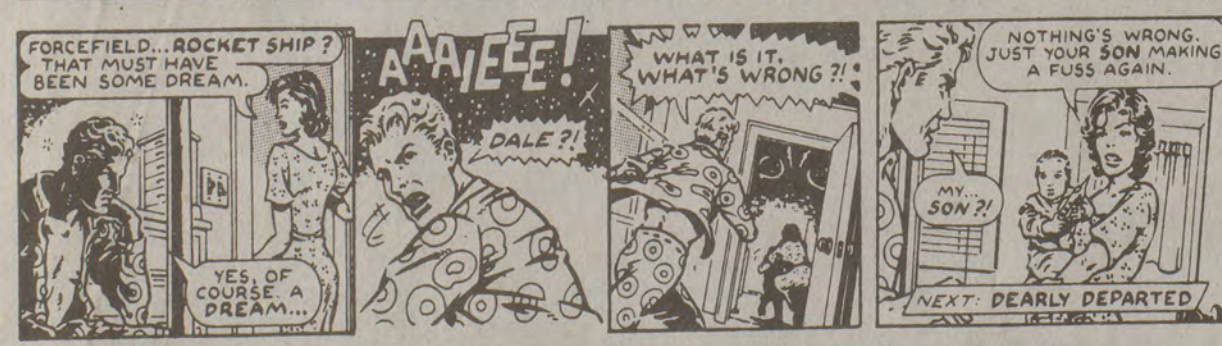
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BRINGING UP FATHER by FRANK JOHNSON



OUT ON A LIMB by GARY KOPERVAS



Super Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 It's tossed with sauce
- 6 Printer's stroke
- 11 Fast way to the UK
- 14 Letter writer's second addendum: abbr.
- 17 Cast member
- 18 Barbecue lure
- 19 "Gotcha!"
- 20 Hood's "handle"
- 22 "Tales from Shakespeare" author
- 24 Elmer Fudd's nemesis
- 26 Called
- 27 Beautiful beryl
- 29 Lose no time
- 30 Slaughter or Cabell
- 32 Cut into cubes
- 33 On the beach
- 34 Airport schedule abbr.
- 37 Guidance
- 40 Thornfield governess
- 42 Grammy-winning jazz pianist
- 46 Challenged
- 48 Mitchell homestead
- 52 Crumby kid?
- 53 Dig in
- 54 "The Crying Game" star
- 55 Divided into districts
- 56 Canada's capital
- 57 Flagged
- 60 Chihuahua's home
- 61 '80s chic
- 63 Ziering of Beverly Hills 90210"
- 64 Examiner of a sort
- 65 Luncheon loaf
- 69 Gym supply
- 73 "Bat Masterson" prop
- 74 More like a mouse
- 76 "Gotta Be Me"
- 77 Inclined
- 78 Northern Ireland
- 79 Nome native
- 82 Decorations
- 88 Spot in the sea
- 89 Sgt.'s subordinate
- 90 "live and breathe!"
- 91 Prohibition pioneer
- 92 Hart or hind
- 93 Orchestra section
- 95 Colbert/MacMurray comedy
- 97 Shooting match?
- 98 Stick together
- 100 Spack
- 101 He's got shingles
- 105 "I Got —" (73 tune)
- 107 Melodious McEntire
- 111 Green, perhaps
- 112 D or 7
- 115 Fill with fizz
- 119 Cartoon drake
- 121 Yvonne DeCarlo TV role
- 123 Cuts calories
- 124 Haggard heroine
- 125 "Gay"
- 126 Surname for Inigo or John Paul
- 127 Mr. Rogers
- 128 Beatty or Forem
- 129 Home on the range?
- 130 — fell swoop DOWN
- 1 Covenant
- 2 Exercise aftermath
- 3 Night light?
- 4 "The Velvet Fog"
- 5 "Stormy
- Weather" composer
- 6 North Eur. airline
- 7 Perry's creator
- 8 Wander
- 9 Prompt
- 10 Madras or mohair
- 11 Jet-black
- 12 Reacted to "Dracula"
- 13 Mark merchandise
- 14 Teddy-bear material
- 15 It's spotted out West
- 16 Less loopy
- 20 Humble
- 21 Year-end word
- 23 Maestro de Waart
- 25 China chip
- 28 Sailed through
- 31 — Tome
- 34 Sound effect
- 35 Demonstra-tive pronoun
- 36 — it the truth?
- 38 Expects the worst
- 39 Cutlet meat
- 41 Affirmative vote
- 43 Jefferson Davis's domain: abbr.
- 44 London's —
- Gardens
- 45 Climb clumsily
- 47 Fight site
- 48 Poisonous
- 49 Actress
- Ekberg
- 50 Scout's mission, for short
- 51 Dote upon
- 55 Last letter, in Oxford
- 58 Ceremonies
- 59 Zipper part
- 60 Wild horse
- 62 Boathouse
- 64 Yodeler's perch
- 65 Cuttlefish kin
- 66 It's taken by nurses
- 67 Bridal path?
- 68 In music, what the time signature indicates
- 70 Paisley skirts
- 71 — Marie Saint
- 72 "The Marshes of Glynn" poet
- 75 Offensive time in 1968
- 79 Landslide
- 80 Author Mansfield
- 81 75 Wimbledon winner
- 83 Cutup
- 84 — loss for words
- 85 Gouda garbage
- 86 Birdbrain
- 87 Fit of anger
- 89 Paid player
- 93 Afflicted with annui
- 94 Racket
- 96 Ending for chariot or puppet
- 97 17th-century diarist
- 99 Frittata, e.g.
- 101 Broadcast journalist
- Hughes
- 102 Studio sign
- 103 Monteverdi opera
- 104 Golden number
- 106 Used the microwave: slang
- 108 It's found in the Seine
- 109 Dog star?
- 110 Fiery crime
- 113 Crooked
- 114 Actor Wagoner
- 116 Periodic table abbr.
- 117 "Wayne's World" watcher
- 118 Celtic
- 120 Service div.
- 122 Playwright West

MAGIC MAZE

SOLVE

WCZWURPMJHECCZX
 DDISENGLERUS
 OLNLYTJEGECEAZX
 VTORPPFANRLHLCJE
 HECFAYIDNPETKDV
 WVTRNPNRIVRTNNL
 WORKOUTCACLEKIO
 IEVLOSERLLUSTBS
 GPCBDNZPXCLWNS
 USXRPUOMXLJIEUI
 GEEDBAYREWSNAXD

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

- Answer
- Clarify
- Decipher
- Disentangle
- Dissolve
- Elucidate
- Explain
- Expond
- Interpret
- Resolve
- Settle
- Unbind
- Unfold
- Unravel
- Work out



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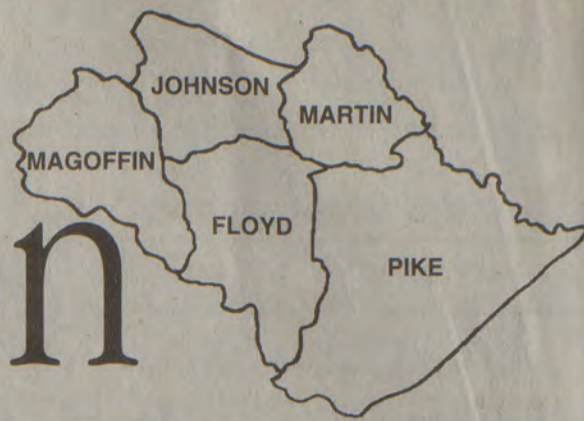


FIND AT LEAST 6 DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PANELS.

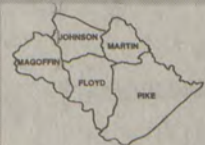
Differences: 1. Sign is different. 2. Stick is shorter. 3. Cracks in ice are added. 4. Mittens is shorter. 5. Skates are different. 6. Cracks in ice are gone. 7. Snow is shorter. 8. Snow is gone.

Answers to Crossword Puzzle and Magic Maze can be found on page B2.

Around The Region



Regional RE Events



Safety Day

In an effort to educate parents on child-safety related issues, Sim Fryson Honda will sponsor a Child Safety Day on Saturday, April 4. The four hour event will be held at 2565 Winchester Ave. in Ashland, Ky. from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Child Safety Day activities will include demonstrations on the proper use of seat belts and child-safety restraints, literature and services developed by the National Cancer for Missing and Exploited Children, and other child-related displays and services. The Ashland Little League will also hold a fund raising project to raise funds for its baseball programs and to raise awareness of child safety.

In addition to the displays, Sim Fryson Honda will provide parents with a "KidCare" booklet including a standardized photo of the child's vital information. "KidCare," developed by the Polaroid Corporation, documents the photo, name, age, and vital statistics to be used in the event that the child is missing.

Two hundred-fifty donors are needed daily

Two hundred-fifty blood donors are needed daily at Central Kentucky Blood Center to meet the needs of patients in area hospitals.

Prestonsburg Community College and Central Kentucky Blood Center encourages all healthy readers to join other Floyd Countians in the fight for life at the next community blood drive on Monday, March 30, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Johnson Building J102, on the college's campus.

The need for blood donors is on the rise. Blood is needed for accident and burn victims, cancer and leukemia patients, surgeries, hemophiliacs, and the list goes on and on.

Please join other Floyd Countians in the fight for life on March 30 at Prestonsburg Community College. For more information, contact Mickey Bowling at 606-439-2173.

Principal's hotline

Once-a-year hotline offers...

Common-sense advice from school principals and a free booklet for parents.

On April 5, 6, and 7, parents who would like information and advice on their children's education are invited to call a school principal on the National Principals' Hotline. Sometimes, it's easier to talk long-distance with an anonymous person.

That's why the nine-year-old Hotline has been such an ongoing success.

The three-day event links elementary school principals and psychologists with parents from around the nation who call in, toll-free.

What do parents call about? Everything from reading, homework, discipline, or teaching problems to testing policies, learning difficulties, school readiness, and holding students back a grade.

Call toll-free 1-800-944-1601 Sunday, April 5, Monday, April 6, and Tuesday, April 7, between the hours of 2 p.m.-8 p.m.; 8 a.m.-8 p.m.

Trout release

A Trout release is scheduled for April 9 at 4:15 p.m. 2,700 trout will be released in the Fishtrap Lake tailwater.

For daily lake information, i.e. lake levels, outflow conditions, trout releases and upcoming special events, please call the Fishtrap Lake Information Line at (606) 437-9426.

Chamberlain is shot and killed

by Lilly Adkins
The Martin County Sun

Martin Countians were stunned when local businessman, Fred Chamberlain, was shot and killed in his living room at about 10 p.m. last Friday night.

According to police, there were no signs

of forced entry at the residence on Emily Creek. Chamberlain's wife, Faye, told authorities that she came home from a baby shower and discovered her husband's body lying in the living room floor in a pool of blood. Chamberlain was pronounced dead at the scene by Martin County Assistant Coroner Maurice Mills.

Faye's brother, Lowell Jordan, told police that he had seen a vehicle at the residence earlier, and that he had seen two people walking toward the house, but because it was dark, couldn't be sure who it was, and couldn't give an accurate description of the vehicle.

"There were no signs of forced entry, nothing was knocked over, and it didn't look as if there had been any type of scuffle," said KSP Trooper Todd Wheeler.

Police searched the area for the weapon used in the murder but none has been found.

"The shooting occurred inside the house, in the living room, where his body was found with his head on the floor and his feet up on the couch, a position Chamberlain was known to use to relieve chronic knee pain," Martin County Sheriff Darriel Young said.

"The television was on and it looked like that's what he was doing when he possibly fell asleep and the killer walked in and shot him first in the right side of the head and then one right between the eyes."

The murderer apparently took an undetermined amount of cash from the store's money bag that Chamberlain, the owner of the Lovely Mini-Mart, brought home from

his store, and left everything else alone, Young said.

An assortment of jewelry including diamond rings and tennis bracelets were apparently left untouched by the killer or killers, police said.

Police questioned whether anyone had been seen at the house earlier by neighbors of passersby.

"I thought it was a truck with a camper, but mother thought it was a van. She called it a buggy. Earlier, I saw two people walking toward the house, but I didn't think anything of it," said Chamberlain's Brother-in-law Lowell Jordan who lives nearby.

Kentucky State Police Detectives Bill Meade and Steve Bowman and the Martin County Sheriff's department, are currently investigating the murder.

"We are unsure of the caliber of weapon used in the murder, pending the outcome of the autopsy, however, Chamberlain appeared to have been shot several times in the head and face with a small caliber weapon," Young said.

A suspect in the Milo Dip murder was also seen in the Wolf Creek area on the night of the Chamberlain killing, a police spokesperson said.



Nearly 250 students from 28 colleges spent their spring break repairing homes in Magoffin and Clay counties during the Christian Appalachian Project's seventh annual Spring Break Appalachian Work Fest. In Clay County, students were housed at the Oneida Baptist Institute; in Magoffin County they slept at the Magoffin County Community Center and ate meals at the nearby First Baptist Church of Salyersville.

Two children killed in mobile home fire

The Salyersville Independent

Two Magoffin County children were killed in a mobile home fire March 12, even after their mother had successfully removed one of them from the burning structure.

Norma Jean Whitt, 25, initially escaped from the fire unharmed, but went back for her five-year-old son, Harold Rayvon Whitt, Kentucky State Police said.

When she went back into the burning home to rescue her 2-year-old daughter, Telitha Whitt, her son followed her inside, Estep said.

When firefighters arrived at the residence, Whitt was severely burned and "screaming that her children were still inside," said Salyersville Fire Chief Paul Howard, who was at the site of the 10 a.m. blaze off Burning Fork Road.

Firefighters found the children's bodies inside the residence, Howard said. The boy was not far from the doorway, he added.

An autopsy by the State Medical Examiner will determine the cause of the deaths, Howard said.

Norma Jean Whitt was taken to Highlands Regional Medical Center with burns to her arms, hands, feet and face. Although she was listed in serious condition as of Friday, she was scheduled to be released Wednesday, according to Chief Howard.

The cause of the blaze has not been determined, although local officials, police and state arson investigators, who were on hand on the scene Monday, have described the fire as being "of an accidental nature."

Howard said the center portion of the mobile home was completely engulfed when SVFD and the Magoffin County Rescue Squad arrived at approximately 10:25 p.m., some eleven minutes after the blaze was reported.

Oscar "Speedy" Perkins, Norma Jean Whitt's stepfather, told the Independent that he had driven past the mobile home minutes before the fire broke through the structure.

"They probably would have all died if the little boy had not come into Norma's room," Perkins said. "She said he came into the room screaming that Talitha's bed was on fire."

Awakened from a sleep, Norma Jean reportedly ran toward her daughter's room, ordering her son to go outside immediately.

Perkins said that neighbors remembered seeing the little boy in the doorway momentarily. Then, for some unknown reason, he reentered the home.

The mother was apparently unable to reach the girl in her bedroom and exited the home, expecting her son to go outside.

Tammy Lynn Brinkley, a friend of the family, who was also in the trailer at the time the fire started, was already standing on the lawn when Whitt came outside. Whitt was on fire and Brinkley reportedly extinguished her hair and clothing.

Brinkley reportedly received minor burns and smoke inhalation.

Perkins said it appeared the fire started somewhere between the little girl's room and the living room.

"The furnace is on the other end of the trailer," Perkins said. "I don't believe it was the heating."

Graveside services have been scheduled for March 21, at the Lakeview Memorial Cemetery on the Paintsville Lake Road.

by Kim Stacy
Appalachian
News-Express

Members of the Pike County Board of Education and Kentucky Youth Academy CEO Rocky Hall testified before a federal grand jury Wednesday in Ashland regarding the closure and sale of the former Sycamore Elementary School.

The FBI, along with the Office of Education Accountability and the Attorney General's Office, began investigations earlier this year into allegations that School Superintendent Reo Johns used his position to help his son Barry Johns purchase the school at public auction and then sold it to a for-profit group known as Youth Opportunities Unlimited.

The board and Hall were issued subpoenas last week to appear Wednesday to testify about property transactions concerning Sycamore Elementary School.

Prior to his testimony, board Chairman Alvin Newsome said he was surprised by the subpoenas and the fact the issue has escalated to this point.

"To be honest, I don't even know what we're doing here," said Newsome. "There was never anything improper about the sale of the school. The closure of the

Unidentified body found on old Addington strip job

Editor's note: According to a state police media report, on March 25 Melody Mollett Bowen and Gary Haven Mills were both arrested for murder in connection with skeletal remains found in the burned vehicle Friday, March 20. Melody Bowen was arrested at 3:30 p.m. in Martin County, and Gary Mills was arrested at 7:40 p.m. in Lawrence County. The arrests were made by Kentucky State Police, the Martin County Sheriff's Department and the Lawrence County Sheriff's Department. Investigation is ongoing by both Pikeville and Ashland KSP.

by Ted Seagraves

The Martin County Sun

A Peach Orchard youth and his uncle were shocked to find the charred remains of an unidentified body that had been burned beyond recognition last Friday afternoon as they four-wheeled on an abandoned strip-mine road near their home.

Charlie Fitch, son of Jerry Lee Fitch, and his nephew, who both live near the Lawrence-Martin County lines on KY Rt. 645, reported finding what is being treated as a possible murder victim sitting inside a burned-up Ford F-150 pickup truck and started a massive investigation involving Kentucky State Police from both Pikeville and Ashland posts, Martin County Sheriff and Corner's offices and the Martin County Rescue Squad as well as the Kentucky State Medical Examiner's Office in Frankfort.

Police officials said that the burned body, which was reduced to a skeleton, seemed to have been placed in the vehicle because the upper torso was on the dri-

ver's side but the legs were on the passenger side of the truck.

The homicide investigation which started around 2 p.m. Friday also led to the recovery of a stolen 1985 Chevy Van that was found burned within a quarter-mile of the burned pickup which contained the body.

Bob Bartley, operator of KY Rt. 23 Auto Sales at Lowmansville, who had reported the vehicle as stolen to Kentucky State Police on Wednesday, was contacted by officials Friday and told that his van had possibly been located. Bartley then traveled to the scene, and identified the customized van as the one that had been stolen from his car lot. Also reported stolen were ten paper bags which have yet to be recovered. Bartley told sheriff's deputies that since the vehicle was a total loss, he would leave it at the scene until the investigation was completed.

The Ford 4X4 pickup containing the remains of the body was covered with a tarpaulin and removed from the scene on a rollback and was escorted by KSP detectives to Frankfort in an attempt to identify and determine the events that led up to the death.

At this time, no positive identification has been confirmed by the State Medical Examiner's office but the victim is suspected by officials and family members to be that of William Walker Ratliff of KY 1690 just a few miles from the crime scene, who had been reported missing since the night of the incident.

According to reports, there are no dental records available for the suspected victim which means that DNA testing will have to be done to determine positive identity.

BOE members testify before grand jury

school had been discussed for years."

Newsome was criticized late last year for calling off an in-house investigation by the board because he said it was a waste of money. The board's attorney, Neal Smith, was later terminated after he

gated.

A little over a week ago, the school board passed action to sign a contract with the academy to provide educational services to its clients and serve as a fiscal agent. The board will be reimbursed for any expenses it incurs to provide these services.

Varney and board members Shannon Justice and W. Keith Hall also testified on Wednesday, as well as Hall and other school system personnel, mainly Lloyd Fields and Don Isner, building and grounds supervisors, who testified how the decision was made to close the school and what was done in the sale of the school.

The school was closed in August 1996 and sold at auction last summer for \$180,000 to a private citizen, who in turn sold it last September to the for-profit company.

It was later learned the company was put together by Barry Johns and a local accountant. State Sen. Gen. Johnson's wife admitted to news media that she also became involved in the transactions and loaned the company \$185,000 to purchase the former school.

Barry Johns and Reo Johns both have denied any involvement or any wrongdoing in the transactions.

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—Board member John Blackburn

issued subpoenas concerning the issue.

Board member John Blackburn said he welcomed the investigation and the opportunity to testify.

"I think this is the beginning of the end," said Blackburn. "The only thing I'm looking for is the truth and answers that have not been answered. I want to know what really happened."

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Blackburn and another school board member, Bobby Varney, have opposed the school board's association with the Kentucky Youth Academy and have asked time and again that the issue be investi-

Big Sandy Briefs

The Numbers Game

Wednesday's Results	March 25, 1998
LOTTO KENTUCKY 02-11-15-20-41-42	POWERBALL 05-23-35-42-44 (29)
Next Estimated Jackpot \$3.3 million	Next Estimated Jackpot \$6.5 million

Truancy plagues local schools

Concerted efforts are being exercised to combat truancy problems plaguing Magoffin County schools.

The problem with truancy in the local school system is the basis of many of the district's concerns, not to mention the concern of many for the education of those regularly absent from classes.

As the problem continues, more strenuous tactics are being used to dissuade students from becoming chronically truant.

The "No Pass-No Drive Bill," enacted by the Kentucky Legislature in 1990, has been utilized in Magoffin County since that time.

The crux of this law is that students must meet certain criteria before they are awarded the privilege of driving.

Students who are 16 or 17 years of age, wishing to obtain and retain their driver's permit or license, must be enrolled in school, unless they acquire a GED or a high school diploma.—*The Salyersville Independent*

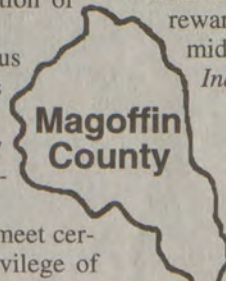
Herald Whitaker club named state's best

Herald Whitaker's Middle School Y-Club members recently attended the Kentucky United Nations Assembly in Louisville and brought home several honors and awards.

Twenty-six students attended the KUNA competition. The three-day event, held March 1-3, was described by Y-Club sponsor Bonnie Dyer as an "expe-

rience in diplomacy, providing students across the state with a greater appreciation for our global community and hands-on involvement in international solutions."

The Kentucky United Nations Assembly ranks as the oldest program of its type in the nation. It remains committed to providing a unique, challenging and rewarding international experience for teens on the middle and high school level.—*The Salyersville Independent*



BOE met last night to seek response for building plan

The Magoffin County Board of Education met recently in an effort to develop a response to a request for additional rationale in support of their plan to literally rebuild the county's school system.

The controversial proposed amended plan will close all established elementary schools and the Herald Whitaker Middle School, replacing them with three Pre-K-8 centers.

These centers would be placed strategically throughout the county. One would be established in the building now housing HWMS. A second would be located in the Royalton area. A third would be built at a point of the most populace area, either in the Millard-Hensley Elementary (Bloomington) area or around the current Prater Borders Elementary (Wheelersburg).—*The Salyersville Independent*

The Martin County Sun

Three more burned vehicles found Monday

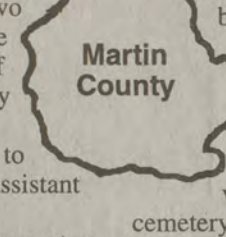
The Martin County Sheriff's department has been rather busy of late. On Monday, police found three more burned vehicles. Police don't suspect the incidents to be related.

Vondy and Cliston Jude reported their vehicle stolen Monday. It was found at the Warfield Cemetery shortly thereafter. The vehicle had been rammed into a tree at the cemetery and set on fire.

A second burned vehicle was found at Milo. "Someone called me and told me there were two vehicles at Milo," Sheriff Darriel Young said. "We only found one of them."

The third vehicle was found on Emily Creek, and it required a four-wheel drive vehicle to get to the scene.

"That vehicle had been there for a week or two," said Young. "I don't think there is a connection between any of the three we discovered and a murder we are investigating," Young said.—*The Martin County Sun*



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Robinson Creek woman pleads guilty to poisoning husband with antifreeze

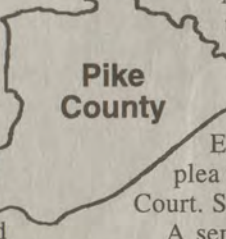
A Robinson Creek woman admitted Monday that she poisoned her husband to death last year by causing him to ingest antifreeze.

In an unscheduled court appearance, Elissa Rose Damron, 31, entered a blind guilty plea to one count of capital murder in Pike Circuit Court. She now faces 20 years to life in prison.

A sentencing hearing will be held April 30 at 3 p.m. in Pike Circuit Judge Eddy Coleman's courtroom.

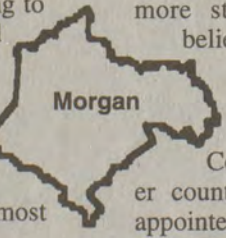
"I think the (guilty) plea was consistent with what I perceived the evidence to be and any possible defenses, looking at the case as a whole," defense attorney Steve Owens said.

Danny K. Damron, 41, died last January 12 at the University of Kentucky Medical Center in Lexington. Officials said he probably drank more than a half-cup of antifreeze during a two-week period. Digesting as little as two ounces can be fatal, experts say.—*The Appalachian News-Express*



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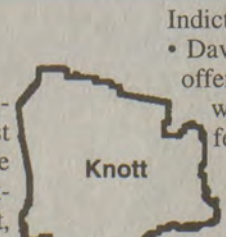
Stacy said 479 full-time students currently attend campus classes at the present Extended Campus Center on North Main Street. The expanded class offerings made possible by the new facility would attract even more students from surrounding counties, Stacy believes.—*The Licking Valley Courier*



Fannin quits

After accepting the resignation of City Councilman Roger Fannin, who moved to another county, the West Liberty City Council Monday appointed John Motley to fill out the remainder of Fannin's term.

Motley, deputy warden at Eastern Kentucky Correctional Complex, assumed his seat on the council immediately after being sworn into office by City Clerk Linda Bradley. — *Licking Valley Courier*



Knott youth use of tobacco targeted

A group of local citizens and health officials listened to Knott seventh graders last week in order to get ideas on how to reduce teen use of tobacco. The group, which is working with the Knott County Health Department, has prioritized tobacco use as the major factor causing the premature loss of life in Knott County and is preparing a campaign to address the health problem. — *Troublesome Creek Times*

Grand jury indicts 13 persons

A Knott County Grand Jury returned 13 indictments on March 9, including one for wanton murder in an alleged DUI accident and four other indictments for alleged sexual abuse.

Thomas D. Conley, 31, of Litt Carr was indicted for wanton murder for allegedly driving DUI and causing the death of Joe O. Dyer in a collision in Hindman on February 27.

Webbville fire department closes doors

The Webbville Fire Department has been forced to temporarily close its doors due to a low membership. Lawrence County Communications Coordinator Michael Woods told the fiscal court last Friday.

Woods said he had been contacted by a fire department representative on March 15, who informed him that they would be closed for at least a couple of months.

"Apparently, their membership is way down, and most of the people they have left are working out of town," Woods said.

Last week, the department placed an article in the Tri-Rivers Advertiser seeking new members.

"The Webbville Volunteer Fire Department needs assistance," the article said. "They are looking for a fire chief, president and fire fighters. The department needs the support of the community and assistance of anyone who can help."

A public meeting on the topic will be held at 7 p.m., April 7 at the Webbville Community Building.—*The Big Sandy News*

PRIDE gets head start with help from college students

At the end of a dead end gravel road in Lawrence County, a group of University of Cincinnati students are cleaning up one of the county's many dumps - after all, it is their spring break.

Instead of opting for sunny Florida, or a similar spring break hot spot, this group of students is helping

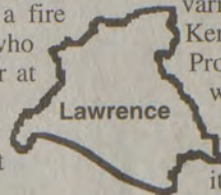
Lawrence County kick off Hal Rogers' PRIDE initiative to clean up Eastern Kentucky.

"It's fun," Joanna Rosing, one of the students said, "It's a chance to meet new people."

The students got involved in the program through a variety of sources, but were brought to Eastern Kentucky and put up by the Christian Appalachian Project. Each year, CAP uses student volunteers who want to spend their spring breaks helping others by having them do community projects.

This Saturday, the county will accept large items that residents want to dispose of. The items can be dropped off at the county garage on KY 32 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The City of Louisa is holding cleanup month during April. Any item that is too large to be picked up by the garbage collectors will be taken.—*The Big Sandy News*



County to begin collecting easements for sewer projects

Homeowners along the Point Section just outside of Louisa can expect officials from a county sewage project to come knocking on their doors soon.

Plans for the \$700,000 sewage system are complete, and the next step is to collect easements from property owners that will allow the lines to cross their property.

Lawrence County Attorney Bill Jackson said in all, the county needed 122 easements to complete the project, and is working on getting them started Monday morning.—*The Big Sandy News*

Johnson County prepares to show its PRIDE

Spring clean-up will be taken literally this year as what has become known as PRIDE to Eastern Kentuckians will make a sweep through Johnson County on March 27.

U.S. Rep. Hal Rogers is due to helicopter into the county around 3 p.m. to show his dedication to the program he introduced and what now means \$10 million in money allotted for Eastern Kentucky communities to clean up and build sewage treatment facilities in a program called PRIDE - Personal Responsibility In a Desirable Environment.

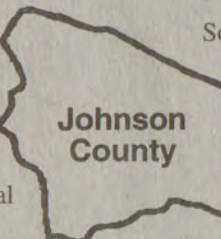
The area of concentration for Roger's visit will be illegal dump sites, sites which blemish the county's water sewage treatment service and leave a sore impression on the eyes of visitors.

One problem area in Johnson County that Rogers will visit is an area along Little Mud Lick Road.

"This is an area where we have the problem of illegal dumping," said Jean Dorton, area coordinator for the PRIDE program.

The area is off Rt. 201 and up Little Mud Lick Road about nine-tenths of a mile. Signs will be posted giving

directions for those who want to volunteer.—*The Paintsville Herald*



Board discusses final details of new school to replace Oil Springs

Some of the last details and final choices were made regarding the county's newest elementary school during the school board's monthly meeting Monday evening.

Capping off previous meetings' detailed plans of construction, bids, and payments for the site of the new Oil Springs school, the board jovially discussed whether to go with a dark or light shade of roof tiling.

Groundbreaking was scheduled for 1 p.m. yesterday (Thursday). A lunch was scheduled to be held at the middle school and bus transportation was to be provided to the new site.

The middle school academic team made a proud appearance before the board and was greeted by a handshake and word of thanks for their success.

The middle school academic team placed second in the state in recent Governor's Cup competition.—*The Paintsville Herald*

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Girls' softball season opened Tuesday

A Look At Sports

Life after UK vs Duke; local sports

For the past week Kentucky fans have been on cloud nine and I wonder if winning the NCAA tournament really matters anymore, since we knocked off the Blue Devils of Duke in a revenge game.

But life goes on, maybe not as normal, as before and many are looking toward this Saturday's match up with Stanford.

It is easy to get caught in all the Big Blue hoopla, and I am one that does. I enjoy watching the Cats play and when the season is over, it seems there is just nothing good on television anymore.

I hope to be in front of my television for tip-off, and rooting the Cats on. But if they were to fall, then life will go on.



Ed Taylor Sports Editor

On the local scene, the AAU and junior pro teams are in full swing but with the changes at the board of education, a lot of changes have affected their use of the school gyms.

I think we need to stop and think back how it used to be here in the county when the board worked together with the local basketball leagues in use of the gymnasiums.

Back in years gone by, the junior pro basketball leagues were strong and providing top players to our high schools. We used to be very competitive regional-wise, and teams like Allen Central, Betsy Layne, McDowell, Wheelwright and Prestonsburg were always able to compete against any team. But I have seen a decline in the junior pro leagues, and the AAU teams are trying to do what they can in keeping a good supply of talented players coming into our high schools.

But, getting a gym to play games in is a big problem. The cost of RENTING a place and the cost of custodial care and insurance and all that goes with it is outrageous.

Our new board needs to work more with these programs and help in any way they can. After all, it is supposed to be for the kids anyway. We have fathers and mothers out there doing what they can, not just for their own kids, but for others and they need the support of the local board.

I know all the problems we have had here in our district, but hindering our kids from using our facilities is not the answer. We want to preach education, and that is the top priority, and should be, but there needs to be development of the physical self as well as the mental.

It is a shame that some of our eighth grade players had to miss an all-star game that was voted in and planned for the end of the grade school basketball season. Now, that seems to be a forgotten deal. One coach told me he was really looking forward to having it played. Parents have called me and stopped me to ask if it was going to be held. The sad thing you have to tell them is, "it doesn't look like it."

They want to know why? Then, all you can do is point. Sad!

When I did my preview of the boys' regional basketball season for next year, I left out coach Jackie Pack's name in the article on Prestonsburg. I named the other coaches, but failed to mention his name. It was an oversight on my part. Sorry, coach!

Shelly Greathouse, Prestonsburg Lady Blackcats, had surgery on her left knee last Thursday and according to her father, Jerome, she is doing great. He told me that she will be out for about six months and will probably miss the first month of the 1998-99 basketball season. We wish her well!

I saw J.J. Johnson (Betsy Layne) at the softball game the other night and she is attending Pikeville College. Johnson made some long, long treys while at Betsy Layne.

If you are interested in entering a softball team in the Archer Park men's softball league, you need to contact Cory Vicars at 874-0444 or 874-2121. Cory is working hard to get the league rolling again.

The Cincinnati Reds open the season at home against San Diego this coming Tuesday. First pitch time, 2 p.m.

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

Hamilton hurls Lady Cats past South Floyd

BY ED TAYLOR
Sports Editor

The Betsy Layne Lady Cats scored eight times in the first inning and nine runs in the second to post a 17-0 shutout of the South Floyd Lady Raiders in a game-shortened outing. The two teams played this past Tuesday evening at the Allen Park in a conference match-up.

Heather Hamilton hurred the two-hit shutouts, and Kim Tackett collected two hits, including a first inning triple and second inning double, driving in five runs.

Minnie Tackett took the loss for South Floyd in working the first and second innings. Tackett allowed all 17 runs while giving up eight hits to the Lady Cats. Brandi Allen had a second inning single for South Floyd and Monica Hobson doubled in the third inning.

Jenny Parsons had a two-run single in the first inning for Betsy Layne, and picked up three more RBI's with a second inning double. Sheena Akers singled twice and had three runs batted in. Devon Reynolds picked up an RBI on a first inning single.

Hamilton retired South Floyd in order in the first inning as the Lady Cats were playing their first game.

The big blow for Betsy Layne in the first inning, when they sent eight runners home, came off the bat of Tackett when she tripled with the bases loaded.

Allen collected the first hit of the game for the Lady Raiders when she singled to left field in the inning, with two out in the second.

Betsy Layne pushed across nine more runs in their half of the second inning, with the mercy rule coming into effect after South Floyd failed to score in the top of the third.

Tackett walked seven batters in the third with Akers singling home two runs and Tackett doubling home two more.

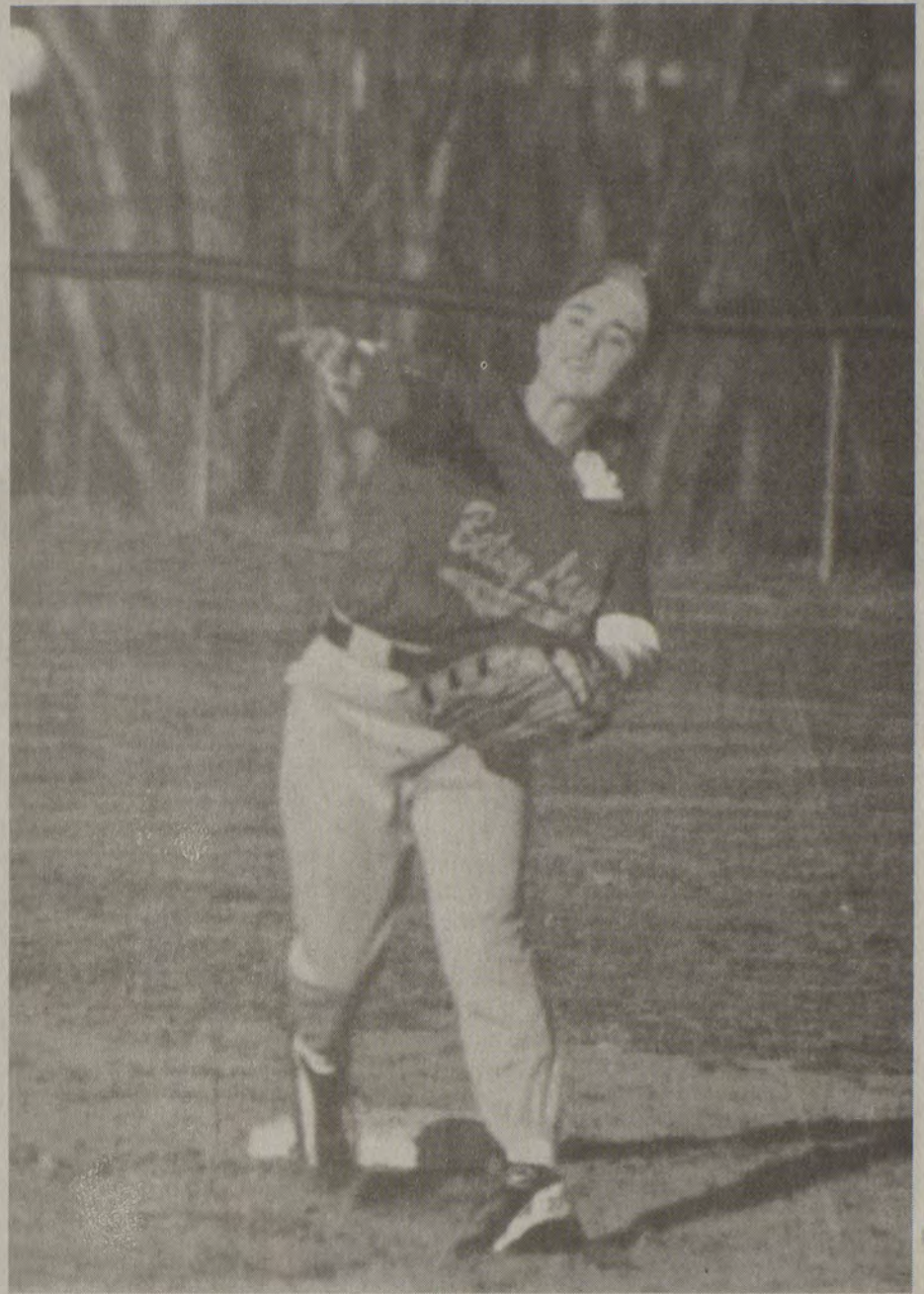
South Floyd left the bases loaded in the top of the third. Cindy Vanover walked to start the inning and Hamilton gave up a two-base hit to Hobson. Sheena Allen walked to fill the bases with no outs. Hamilton got Megan Ousley on strikes, Brook Hamilton lined hard to Reynolds on short and Kelly Griffith skied out to right fielder Bridgette Brooks for the final out.

South Floyd suffered their second loss of the yet-young season. Betsy Layne went to 1-0.

The two teams will meet again Friday at the Minnie Park in a 5:30 p.m. first-pitch time.



Megan Ousley



Relay

Betsy Layne shortstop Devon Reynolds threw to first base after touching second. Betsy Layne entertained South Floyd in girls' softball action and pulled out a 17-0 victory to go 1-0 on the year. (photo by Ed Taylor)

Thunder Ridge to thunder

BY ED TAYLOR
Sports Editor

While driving across Route 3 heading to or from Martin County, the Thunder Ridge Motor Speedway could be a noisy place with the roar of engines as the facility opens the gates for practice time for stock car drivers with the race season officially opening Saturday, April 4.

Fans and drivers alike will find some changes at the Speedway with a more solid dirt track as well as a judge's stand in the middle of the infield.

Chuckie May, who has raced in the modified class for the past several seasons, will move up a class when he vaults to the late model division. May, who finished seventh in points last year nationally, said he felt it was time to make the move from the mods to the late models.

"I can't wait," he said of the practice day this Saturday. "This is every driver's dream of one day moving up to the late

models."

May's car will have the familiar #28 on the sides as he roars around the speedway.

"It is going to be a new experience for me," he said. "But I am excited about it and I just can't wait to get on the track."

And They're OFF

Brandon Kinzer, a veteran driver, just completed his first season behind the wheel of his late model (#18) after moving up from the modifieds. May said he has been able to get up with Kinzer for some advice on the move upwards.

"He is gone so much," said May. "He is in Florida or gone somewhere all the

time."

May said adjusting to the horsepower increase and the bigger tires is going to be the biggest adjustment. He also said he has gotten help and advice from those who have been in the late models for years.

"Tony (Halbert) has helped a lot," said Mays. "He and Eddie Carrier, Jr."

Halbert is crew chief for veteran driver Paul Harris. Carrier and his father, Eddie Carrier, Sr., are known all over for their racing exploits.

"I'm looking forward to the start of the season," Mays said.

The late models will not run on April 4 or the second date of racing at Thunder Ridge which is April 11. However, late model and modified drivers will be allowed to practice after racing concludes on both dates.

Brad Martin, the new track promoter at Thunder Ridge, said that the wider car bodies will also be a big adjustment that May must make.

"It makes a difference when going around that track," said Martin. "He also will be running against veteran drivers who have been out there for the past 20 years."

This Saturday Thunder Ridge will open the gates, with practice time beginning at noon and running until 5 p.m.

"We have to get out there in time to watch Kentucky play in the NCAA," said Martin. "Everyone will be wanting to watch that."

Martin said the order of the practice runs will start with the super bombers, followed by the modifieds. The late models will practice third with the bombers and road hogs finishing the evening of practice.

Admission to the grandstand area for the practice day is free, but fans wanting to go into the pit area will be charged \$6.

"That is for insurance purposes," said Martin.

UK Notes:

Tubby and Wildcats to visit Alamadome

BY ED TAYLOR
Sports Editor

If the University of Kentucky basketball season had ended last Sunday, fans across the state of Kentucky would have confessed it was a great first year under new coach Tubby Smith. After all, only eight teams from a field of 64 played last weekend. Now the field has shrunk to a mere four, and the Wildcats are still playing roundball.

For Kentucky fans, it was a sweet, sweet victory for the UK program with a 86-84 win over, what many considered the best team in America, Duke. But the comeback against the Blue Devils may not have been as hard as it will be for loyal Kentucky fans to get tickets to the Final Four in San Antonio this weekend.

Kentucky is scheduled to tip off their game at 5:42 p.m. at the Alamadome in San Antonio against a very talented and huge Stanford team.

For the over 3,500 loyal fans that welcomed the Wildcats home last Sunday night, they would like a repeat come next Tuesday, if the Cats are able to pull out a NCAA title.

Of course, at this point, everyone is optimistic about their chances and they are pretty good. But Coach Smith and the



A big lead

Allen Central's Brian Crawford got a good lead off first base against Hazard as the Rebels opened their '98 baseball schedule this past Tuesday at the Allen Park. (photo by Ed Taylor)

(See Kentucky, page seven)

Pineville's Ward wins Tourney

Neal Ward of Pineville, took first place, \$4,024, plus 50 CITGO Challenge Points by winning the Red Man Mountain Division qualifier held Sunday on Dale Hollow Lake. Ward brought in five bass, weighing 19 pounds, 1 ounce. He topped a field of 300 anglers competing for cash prizes totaling \$15,075.

Ward slow-cranked crankbaits on Stren high impact over grass in a flat depression in 8-10 feet of water. Second place and \$2,012 went to David Walker of Cannon, for a limit of five bass weighing 16 pounds, 6 ounces. Walker fished one ounce Gambler spinnerbait on 20 pound Stren Easy Cast overlay down 20 feet deep on the Open River.

Third place paid \$1,181 to James Crabtree of Elizabethtown, for a five-bass-limit weighing 15 pounds, three ounces. Crabtree fished the grass in 10-12 feet of water in the backs of creeks with crankbaits and spinnerbaits on 14 pound Stren Easy Cast.

Fourth place and \$756 went to Rodney Chasteen of Berea, for his five bass limit weighing 15 pounds even. Chasteen caught his fish slow-crinking on 17 pound Stren in the Obee River.

Fifth place went to Rodger D. Owens of Monroe, Ohio, for four bass weighing 14 pounds, 14 ounces. Owens fished a Carolina-rigged lizard on Stren Easy Cast in a two foot ditch in the flats of the Wolf River. Fifth place paid Owens \$717.

Rounding out the top positions were: (6) Jeffery A. Lewis, East Berstadt, Kentucky, five bass, 14

pounds, 10 ounces, \$638; (7) Jerry H. Reagan, Bryrdstown, Tennessee, four bass, 13 pounds, 13 ounces, \$558; (8) Wayne Dial, Elizabethtown, five bass, 11 pounds, \$478; (9) Jay Newsome, Pikeville, four bass, 10 pounds, 12 ounces, \$398; (10) Jim Forshee, Lexington, two bass, nine pounds, 14 ounces, \$329.

Forshee also took the Abu Garcia Big Bass Award of \$1,000 for a five pound, four ounce bass.

At the completion of the six field Red Man qualifying events, the top 30 anglers, determined on a basis of pounds and points, will move onto Regional Championship competition. There, they will compete against the top 30 fishermen from three other divisions for a Dream Rig consisting of a Chevy truck and full-rigged Ranger bass boat powered by an Evinrude or Johnson outboard (only two divisions compete in the Western Regional for a fully-rigged Ranger bass boat) and a spot in the Red Man All-American in LaCrosse, Wisconsin, May 25-30, where the winner will receive \$100,000.

The rookie advancing farthest along the Red Man Trail will win the Old Milwaukee NA Rookie of

the Year Award. All Red Man tournaments are catch and release events.

Bill Lewis Lures has implemented a bonus program, whereby Bill Lewis Lures will pay a bonus to Operation Bass to be used toward

the purchase of release equipment, weigh-in tanks, etc., if Operation Bass maintains a specified live release percentage for the year. Operation Bass historically maintains a 98 percent live release rate throughout the tournament season.

Kentucky (Continued from page six)

Wildcats have been through enough that you don't look past a good team like Stanford to what many people are talking about a showdown between colleges' two winningest programs North Carolina and Utah comprise the other two Final Four teams and the Wolf Pack could find the Utes more of a problem than they want to.

Kentucky carries an eight-point favorite's role against the Cardinals, with North Carolina an eight-and one-half point favorite to win over Utah. Carolina is a 3-2 odds-on-favorite to win it all come Monday night.

CBS has to be happy over two of the Final Four teams that has survived the field of 64 teams. The ratings for the network have been the highest in several years. It has been

a tournament of upsets, close games, overtime affairs and all the excitement that makes the college game the best in basketball.

According to reports, the Kentucky/Duke game received the highest rating of any regional game since the 1994 season.

It is interesting to note that the PAC-10 has a 11-3 record in the NCAA tournament. The Atlantic Coast is second at 10-4. The Southeastern Conference has only five victories, and they have all come from the Cats. It was a poor showing for the conference that many were saying could be the best in America.

The state of Kentucky will come to a standstill this Saturday. So, stay warm, dry and enjoy the game. Go Cats!



Winging it

South Floyd hurler, Minnie Tackett, delivered a pitch toward the plate as the Lady Raiders faced Betsy Layne in conference softball play at the Allen Park Tuesday evening. Betsy Layne posted a 17-0 win. (photo by Ed Taylor)

Weekend Sports

FRIDAY, MARCH 27
Girls' Softball
Betsy Layne at South Floyd
Boys' Baseball
Betsy Layne at Pike Central

JUNIOR PRO BASKETBALL
Martin All-Stars at
Middlesboro

SATURDAY, MARCH 28
Thunder Ridge Speedway
Stock car practice, 12-5 p.m.
Riverside Raceway
Go-Kart practice, 2 p.m.

AAU BASKETBALL
12-13-year-old girls
@ Pikeville College

HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL
South Floyd at Sheldon
Clark, 1 p.m.

McKinney homers as Pikeville sweeps two from ALC Lady Eagles

BY ED TAYLOR
Sports Editor

Former Allen Central standout, Veronica McKinney, had a second-inning home run in game two of the Pikeville Lady Bears' doubleheader against Alice Lloyd College Tuesday evening as the Lady Bears swept the twin bill from the Lady Eagles.

Pikeville took game one, 12-4, and posted a 15-3 win in game two to improve their overall record to 10-13 on the season.

It was the first outing for the Lady Eagles in falling to 0-2 on the year.

Krissy Wyrick evened her personal record at 5-5 by picking up the win. Wyrick went the distance for the Lady Bears in game one in which Pikeville collected eight hits to Alice Lloyd's seven. The Lady Eagles committed nine errors in the contest.

Sunny Phillips had a double for the Lady Bears, while Charlotte Taylor played long ball with a home run. Bates and Crockett had two-baggers for Alice Lloyd.

Pikeville led 3-0 after the first inning, and added a fourth run in the second to lead 4-0. But Alice Lloyd tied the game by pushing across four runs in the top of the third.

Pikeville pushed home five runs in the bottom of the third, and added three in the fifth.

In the nightcap, Phillips continued to swing a hot bat by collecting two doubles in the game. Rebecca Howard and Jill Couch each had doubles in the game. Phillips also had a triple and McKinney homered.

Baisden picked up the win for Pikeville, her first, and Jones suffered the setback for Alice Lloyd.

Pikeville collected 17 hits in the game, while the Lady Eagles managed but three.

Pikeville scored six times in the bottom of the fourth.

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- Winston Cup, Food City 500
1 p.m. • Sunday • ESPN

POINTS STANDINGS

WINSTON CUP	BUSCH	TRUCK
1. Rusty Wallace, 835	1. Mike McLaughlin, 673	1. Ron Hornaday, 180.
2. Jeremy Mayfield, 781	2. Buckshot Jones, 670	2. Joe Ruttman, 170.
3. Dale Earnhardt, 705	3. Randy LaJoie, 664	3. Rick Carelli, 165.
4. Jeff Gordon, 688	4. Mike Kenseth, 645	4. Jack Sprague, 160.
5. Bill Elliott, 680	5. Dale Earnhardt Jr., 641	5. Greg Biffle, 155.
6. Terry Labonte, 676	6. Hermie Sadler, 639	6. Joe Nemecek, 150.
7. Mark Martin, 653	7. Dick Trickle, 624	7. Jay Sauter, 146.
8. Jeff Burton, 634	8. Jeff Burton, 617	8. Bob Keselowski, 142.
9. Bobby Labonte, 619	9. E. Sadler, 616	9. Butch Miller, 138.
10. Dale Jarrett, 615	10. Mark Martin, 581	10. Rich Bickle, 134.

FROM LAST WEEK

WINSTON CUP SERIES
Dale Jarrett defended his TranSouth Financial 400 championship successfully Sunday, but not without rubbing fenders with Jeff Gordon on the final turn of the final lap.

"Even though we hit, it was probably more me making the contact because I ran him out of racing room," said Jarrett. "I knew that he could not get a good grip coming off that corner on the low side."

"Knowing the gentleman and the class act that Jeff Gordon is, I knew he was not going to wreck me in order to win the race."

BUSCH GRAND NATIONAL
Bobby Labonte, substituting in the Pontiac normally driven by Tony Stewart, fought off fellow Winston Cup regular Jeff Burton to capture Darlington Raceway's Diamond Hill Plywood 200.

Labonte led only the final 14 laps, beating Ford driver Burton to the finish line by .066 of a second. Chevrolet drivers Dick Trickle, Matt Kenseth and Elliott Sadler finished in positions 3-5.

Thirty-nine of the 147 laps were run under caution.

TOP TEN

- Weekly rankings by NASCAR This Week writer Monte Dutton. Last week's ranking is in parentheses.
- Rusty Wallace (1)**
A win would be nice
 - Jeff Gordon (2)**
Doing the best he can
 - Jeremy Mayfield (4)**
But will it last?
 - Dale Earnhardt (3)**
Post-Daytona blues
 - Dale Jarrett (6)**
Mr. Fast is starting to last
 - Mark Martin (5)**
Dropped off pole quickly
 - Jeff Burton (8)**
Dominated until the end
 - Bobby Labonte (7)**
Just another day
 - Terry Labonte (9)**
Strong on race day
 - Bill Elliott (10)**
Slumping but still a factor

ON THE SCHEDULE

Date	Race	1997 Winner	Pole
March 29	Food City 500, Bristol, Tenn.	J. Gordon	R. Wallace
April 5	Interstate 500, Fort Worth, Texas	J. Burton	J. Jarrett
April 19	Goody's 500, Martinsville, Va.	J. Gordon	K. Wallace
April 26	DieHard 500, Talladega, Ala.	Martin	Andretti
May 3	California 500, Fontana, Calif.	J. Gordon	Nemecek
May 16	The Winston, Concord, N.C.*	J. Gordon	Elliott
May 24	Coca-Cola 600, Concord, N.C.	J. Gordon	J. Gordon
May 31	Miller 500, Dover, Del.	Rudd	B. Labonte
June 6	Pontiac 400, Richmond, Va.	R. Wallace	T. Labonte
June 14	Miller 400, Brooklyn, Mich.	Irvan	Jarrett
June 21	Pocono 500, Long Pond, Pa.	J. Gordon	Hamilton
June 28	Save Mart 300, Sonoma, Calif.	Martin	Martin
July 4	Pepsi 400, Daytona Beach, Fla.	Andretti	Skinner
July 12	Jiffy Lube 300, Loudon, N.H.	J. Burton	Schrader
July 26	Pennsylvania 500, Long Pond, Pa.	Jarrett	Nemecek
Aug. 1	Brickyard 400, Speedway, Ind.	Rudd	Irvan
Aug. 9	Bud at the Glen, Watkins Glen, N.Y.	J. Gordon	T. Bodine
Aug. 16	DeVilbiss 400, Brooklyn, Mich.	Martin	Benson
Aug. 22	Goody's 500, Bristol, Tenn.	Jarrett	K. Wallace
Aug. 30	CMT 300, Loudon, N.H.	J. Gordon	Schrader
Sept. 6	Southern 500, Darlington, S.C.	J. Gordon	B. Labonte

*All-star event

FEUD OF THE WEEK

Dale Jarrett vs. NASCAR
The winner of Sunday's TranSouth Financial 400 vigorously called for an end to rule changes designed to bring the Ford Taurus back to the rest of the field. "We built a good race car, and all they've done from the second race on is take stuff away from it, but I haven't heard one thing being said about them going to take any of our spoiler away at Talladega, where we do need some help," Jarrett declared. "There hasn't been anything said about that when we've got 20 horsepower more drag than those other cars... so until they decide they're going to fix everything, let's just go race. Everybody work on their cars and quit griping."

NASCAR This Week's writer Monte Dutton gives his opinion: "In 1995, when the Chevrolet Monte Carlo was introduced, almost everything being said right now was being said in reverse. Only the names have been changed to protect the latest, fastest race cars."

FROM THE ARCHIVES:

The rich history of NASCAR
Nicknames have been popular in NASCAR for many years. Among them were Elzie Wylie (Buck) Baker, Elzie Wylie (Buddy) Baker Jr., James Ronald (Bunkie) Blackburn, Lowell E. (Crash) Bond, Nathan (Smokey) Boutwell, Gaither Wallace (Runt) Harris, Raymond (Friday) Hassler, Thomas (Cannonball) Brown, William H. (Blackie) Pitt, Ebenezer (Slick) Smith, Lewis Grier (Buddy) Shuman, Early Harry (Bub) Strickler, Waymond Lane (Hut) Stricklin Jr., Ronald Gene (Pee Wee) Ellwanger, Gene Hampton (Stick) Elliott, Paul (Wimpy) Ervin, Cery Ezra (Jabe) Thomas, Harold P. (Frog) Fagan, Everett (Cotton) Owens and Charles Lawrence (Red) Farmer.

Injury will sideline Ricky Craven for at least three months

By Monte Dutton
NASCAR This Week
DARLINGTON, S.C. — Ricky Craven, diagnosed last week as suffering from "post-concussion syndrome," will be idle for at least three months, according to spokesmen for Chevrolet and Budweiser, the sponsor of the No. 50 Team Hendrick Monte Carlo.

Craven underwent tests at the University of North Carolina's medical center in Chapel Hill. The medical conclusion was that the 31-year-old driver is suffering aftereffects from a practice crash in April 1997, at Texas Motor Speedway. Though the incident sidelined Craven for

two races, he never suffered prolonged bouts of "balance problems" until this week.

At least for now, two-time Busch Grand National champion Randy LaJoie will substitute as driver of the No. 50.

UP FOR SALE: Three-time Winston Cup champion Darrell Waltrip, scraping the bottom in the worst season of his career, is about to sell the team he has owned for the past eight seasons.

The 27-year veteran finished 33rd in the Daytona 500, 41st at Rockingham, 35th at Las Vegas and 40th at Atlanta. His qualifying performances have been even worse, as unlikely as that may seem. He has needed an ex-

champion's provisional slot in three of the four races, qualifying a lowly 27th in the other.

The likely buyer is Tim Beverly, a 40-year-old businessman from Tyler, Texas, and a friend of Rick Hendrick.

PARK'S MAN FRIDAY: Ron Hornaday, the former champion of the Craftsman Truck Series, took over for the injured Steve Park at Darlington and will reprise the role at Bristol. Hornaday drives the Dale Earnhardt Inc. entry in the Truck Series and will drive Park's No. 1 Chevy only when there is no conflict with the trucks.

LATEST FROM DAYTONA: After studying wind-tunnel tests

for nearly a week, NASCAR decided to take a new direction in slowing down the Ford Taurus.

Rather than shaving the height of the new car's rear spoiler, the governing body decided to cut down its width.

Before the Primestar 500 at Atlanta Motor Speedway on March 9, the rear spoiler of the Taurus was cut from 5.0 to 4.75 inches. The move did not prevent Ford drivers from taking eight of the top 10 positions, so on Tuesday NASCAR announced it was keeping the spoiler height the same but narrowing the blade-like apparatus from 57 to 55 inches.

RACING ON THE WEB

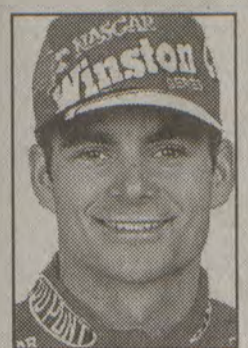
ABC Sports on America Online

Strong points: This site contains a wealth of great graphics, downloadable video clips and color photographs as well as audio clips. There is an abundance of feature material from various ABC commentators. A comprehensive site that has more than its share of motor sports coverage.

Weak points: Unfortunately the site devotes little attention to events not covered by ABC, which is a bit annoying since ESPN is an ABC property.

THE WINSTON CUP SERIES

THE WINSTON CUP SERIES
FOOD CITY 500
WHERE: Bristol (Tenn.) Motor Speedway
WHEN: Sunday, March 29.



Gordon
DEFENDING CHAMPION: Jeff Gordon
EVENT QUALIFYING RECORD: Chuck Bown, Ford, 124.946 mph, April 8, 1994.
RACE RECORD: Cale Yarborough, Chevrolet, 100.989 mph, April 17, 1977.
OTHER FORMER WINNERS: Darrell Waltrip has won 12 times at Bristol, the most of any driver. Dale Earnhardt has eight victories, Rusty Wallace six, Gordon three and Terry

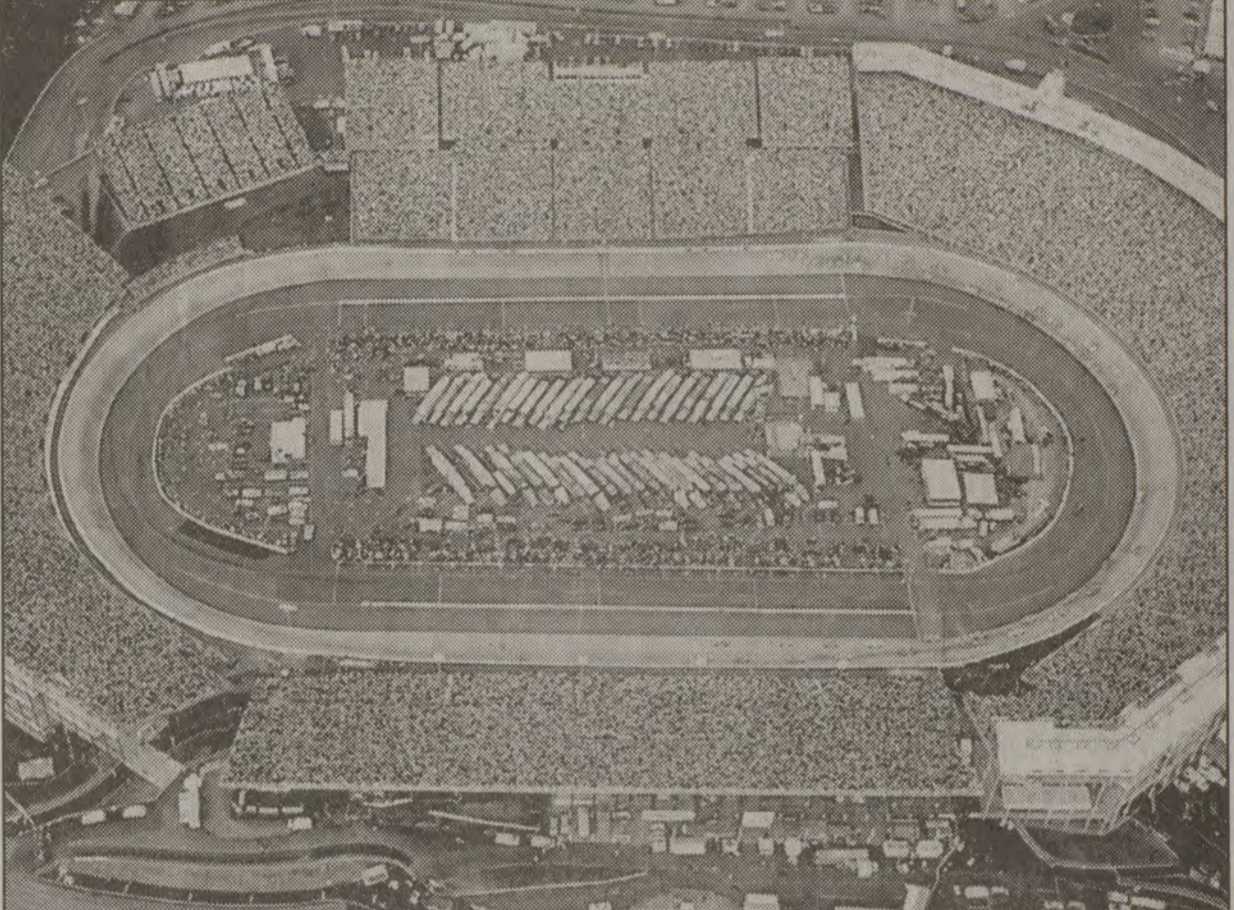
ALMOST HOME COOKING
The Tri-Cities area of east Tennessee (Bristol, Johnson City, Kingsport) abounds with quality barbecue restaurants. The preferred meat is pork, and the sauce is dominated by the rich flavor of brown sugar.

Labonte two. Active single winners include Dale Jarrett, Bill Elliott, Ernie Irvan and Mark Martin.
NOTABLE: Including the luxury suites, BMS now seats 134,000 fans, making it the largest sporting events in the state of Tennessee. ... Gordon has won three of the last six events, all three in the spring.

BUSCH GRAND NATIONAL MOORE'S SNACKS 250
WHERE: Bristol (Tenn.) Motor Speedway
WHEN: Saturday, March 28.
DEFENDING CHAMPION: Jeff Burton
TRACK QUALIFYING RECORD: Mark Martin, Ford, 123.746 mph, April 8, 1994.
RACE RECORD: Harry Gant, Buick, 92.99 mph, April 4, 1992.
OTHER FORMER WINNERS: Morgan Shepherd has won BGN races at Bristol four times, two more than any other driver. Mark Martin, Todd Bodine, Steve Grissom, Larry Pearson and Brett Bodine are all two-time winners.
NOTABLE: Phil Parsons won the first Busch Grand National race at Bristol in 1982. ... The last three races have all been won by drivers whose first name begins with a J: Jeff Fuller, Jeff Burton and Jimmy Spencer.

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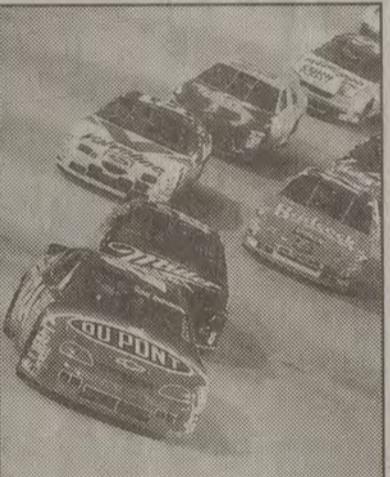
Bristol Motor Speedway



Photos courtesy of Bristol Motor Speedway

While the bird's-eye view of Bristol, above, may make the action seem slower, below, the thousands of fans packed in the stands are watching bumper-to-bumper racing action.

LOCATION: Bristol, Tenn.
SIZE AND CONFIGURATION: .533-mile oval
OPENED: 1961
ALL-TIME WINSTON CUP RACE WINNER: Darrell Waltrip with 12 victories.
ALL-TIME BUSCH GRAND NATIONAL RACE WINNER: Morgan Shepherd with 4 victories.
SCHEDULE: March 28, Moore's Snacks 250 (Busch Grand National); March 29, Food City 500 (Winston Cup); Aug. 21, Food City 250 (Busch Grand National); Aug. 22, Goody's 500 (Winston Cup)



more facelifts than Zsa Zsa Gabor. Opened in 1961 as a moderately banked half-mile, the track had its banking hiked to 36 degrees, unheard of for a short track, in 1969. In 1992, after repeated difficulties getting the asphalt to hold up under constant pounding, the track was paved in concrete. The

track began holding one of its yearly Cup races at night in 1978.

Even the name has changed, from the original Bristol International Speedway to Bristol International Raceway in 1978 and to Bristol Motor Speedway in 1996.

What's more, since this lightning-fast track was purchased by Bruton Smith, also in 1996, seating has been increased from about 80,000 to slightly more than 134,000 at present, making its two races the largest sporting events in the State of Tennessee. They continue to sell out.

A driver once compared racing here to piloting "jet planes in a gymnasium." For pure excitement, Bristol Motor Speedway has no parallel.

If you haven't been to Bristol Motor Speedway lately, you're not going to recognize the place. As a matter of fact, Bristol has gone through

Who's Hot... Who's not
WHO'S HOT? Still Rusty Wallace, with top-five finishes in every race thus far.
WHO'S NOT? Rick Mast, who has finished 19th, 34th and 43rd, in descending order, in his last three Darlington starts.

TRIVIA

- Who were the two NASCAR drivers once named rookie of the year in the Indianapolis 500?
- Who was the NASCAR star who once played fullback on a semi-pro football team?

1. Donnie Allison and Tim Richmond
2. Cale Yarborough

AROUND THE GARAGE

YOUR TURN

Letters From Our Readers

Dear NASCAR This Week,
Hooray for all of the people who agree that it is not cool to leave your sunglasses on while being interviewed. When you listen or talk to someone, you like to see their eyes. It is very rude and inconsiderate to leave them on to say more than "Hi" or "Bye."

And when the little guys and non-winners remove theirs, they are showing more class than some of the big dogs have.

Gus Miller
Heyworth, Ill.

Dear Gus,
Hmm. You don't suppose those "big dogs" are being paid by sunglasses manufacturers to keep them on, do you? Some of these guys would wear leotards in victory lane if there was money to be made.

Dear NASCAR This Week,
We watch every race we can, but watching the Las Vegas 400 really made us mad. ABC should leave the televising to ESPN or TNN. Everything that happened on the track had to be replayed. They were always showing a commercial. That's all we saw. More commercials than race time. It was disgusting...

LaRene Hammond
Salina, Kan.

Dear NASCAR Fans,
Ms. Hammond spoke for many. We received 20 letters criticizing ABC for Las Vegas coverage and not a word of support.

If you've got a question or a comment, write: NASCAR This Week Your Turn, c/o The Gaston Gazette, 2500 E. Franklin Blvd., Gastonia, N.C. 28054

CREW OF THE WEEK
In an early-1997 race at Rockingham, Dale Jarrett dominated the first 350 miles only to be passed by Jeff Gordon near the end. Calling that afternoon "a defining moment" for the team, Jarrett and crew chief Todd Parrott resolved never to rest on their laurels again. They kept adjusting Jarrett's Ford Taurus on Sunday at Darlington to hold off Gordon for the win.

Fan Tips

Morgan-McClure Racing is Bristol's only hometown team. Located on Interstate 81 about 15 miles north in Abingdon, Va., the team that fields Chevrolets for Bobby Hamilton has just opened a lavish new facility.

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Lot size: approx. 100x175± sq. ft. 4 BR, LR with fireplace, DR with vaulted ceiling, custom kitchen with appliances, 2.5 baths, large patio, deck, 18x36 in-ground pool, central heat & air. Recent improvements include: vinyl exterior siding & insulation, gutters, soffits, like-new roof, wood deck, fitted pool cover, interior paint, gas furnace, floor coverings, window treatments. Located approximately 7 miles south of Martin on Rt. 122 at Drift. **REDUCED!** Call owner for appointment: 377-7752

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Floyd County Schools is requesting bids for the following services for the 1998-99 school year. Blacktopping, Security Service, Fire Extinguisher Service and Supplies, Fencing, Carpeting, Paint, Elevator Service, Roofing Supplies, Waste Water Disposal, Electrical and Heating Supplies,

Carpentry Supplies, Glass, Plumbing Supplies, Replacement Parts for Sewage Treatment Plants, Fire Alarm Panels, Accessories and Service, Refrigeration Supplies, and Water Treatment for Heating and Cooling Systems.

Bids will be accepted until 10:00 a.m. on April 14, 1998 and bid opening will be at the Maintenance Department (Old Allen Elementary) at 11:00 a.m. on April 14, 1998.

For specifications or further information, call Gregory Adams, Director of Facilities, at 606-874-2049.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Floyd County Schools is requesting bids for Custodial Supplies for the 1998-99 school year. Bids will be accepted until 10:00 a.m. on April 14, 1998 and bid opening will be at the Maintenance Department (Old Allen Elementary) at 11:00 a.m. on April 14, 1998.

For specifications or further information, contact Jerry L. McGarey, Coordinator of Facilities Support at (606) 874-0089 or Gregory Adams, Director of Facilities at (606) 874-2049.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Mountain Manor Nursing Home and Riverview Manor Nursing Home, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, is licensed in the state of Kentucky as a nursing facility.

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Carol Collins, Adm. Mountain Manor Nursing Home Prestonsburg, KY 41653
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INVITATION FOR PROPOSALS

The Floyd County Board of Education requests "Sealed Proposals" to conduct an audit of the financial records of the Floyd County School District for school year 1997-98. Copies of detailed specifications may be obtained from Michael C. King, Interim Superintendent,

Floyd County Board of Education, 183 N. Arnold Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653; telephone 606-886-2354, ext #102. Specification proposals need to be at the Floyd County School District Administrative Office at 1:00 p.m. for documentation. Proposals will be opened at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 8, 1998.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant To Application No. 836-5343, Operator Revision

In accordance with 405 KAR 8:010, notice is hereby given that The Elk Horn Coal Corporation, 415 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653 intends to revise permit no. 836-5343 to change the operator. The operator presently approved in the permit is Resolve Mining Corporation. The new operator will be Starlight Coal Incorporated, HC 82 Box 41, Deane, KY 41812.

The operation is located 0.5 mile west of Woods in Floyd County. The operation is located just north of KY Rt. 194's junction with Twin Branch. The operation is on the Lancer U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map at 37° 38' 05" and the longitude is 82° 39' 44."

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 and objections must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. All comments or objections must be received within fifteen (15) days of today's date.

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.093 notice is hereby given that Branham & Baker Coal Company, Inc., 148 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, has applied for Phase I bond release on Permit Number 836-0179 which was last issued on 11/25/97. The application covers an area of approximately 196 acres located 1.6 mile north-

east of Hippo in Floyd County.

The permit area is approximately 2 miles southeast from Rt. 850 junction with Pitts Fork Road and located on Prater Fork of Brush Creek. The latitude is 37° 32' 48" and the longitude is 82° 50' 30."

The bond now in effect for the Increments 11 is \$ 6 0 0 , 1 0 0 . 0 0 . Approximately 60% of the original bond amount of \$600,100.00 is included in this application for release.

Reclamation work performed includes: grading and seeding.

This is the final advertisement of this application. Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601 by 4/27/98.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for 9:00 a.m., 4/28/98 at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 2705 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. The hearing will be canceled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by 4/27/98.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application No. 836-5182, Amendment #2

In accordance with KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that Buck Coal, Inc., 415 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653 has applied for an amendment to an existing underground mining and reclamation operation located two miles south of Grethel in Floyd County. The amendment will underlie an additional 165.0 acres making a total area of 330.7 acres within the amended permit boundary.

The proposed amendment area is approximately 0.5 mile northwest from KY Route 979's junction with Hamilton Branch Road and located 0.25 mile north of Hamilton Branch. The latitude is 37° 27' 52" and the longitude is 82° 39' 41."

The proposed amendment is located on the McDowell U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The amendment will underlie land owned by

The Elk Horn Coal Corporation, Silas & Lona Akers Estate, Glen Dale Spradlin, Mary Hamilton, Bonnie Sue Martin, Dennis & Shelby Jones and James Michael & Teresa Howell. The application included the room-and-pillar method of mining.

The amendment 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, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

In accordance with KRS 350.0093, notice is hereby given that FCDC Coal, Inc., 452 Town Mountain Road, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501, has applied for Phase 3 bond release on Permit No. 836-5202 Increments 1, 2, 3 & 4 which was last issued on 6/13/89. The application covers an area of approximately 7.23 acres located 1.0 mile southeast of Hite in Floyd County.

The permit area is approximately 2.0 miles southeast from State Route 122 junction with KY Route 80 and located 0.5 mile east of Left Beaver Creek. The latitude is 37° 32' 30" and the longitude is 82° 14' 22."

The bond now in effect for the permit is a surety bond in the amount of \$ 1 4 , 5 0 0 . 0 0 . Approximately 100% of the original bond amount of \$14,500.00 is included in the application for release.

Reclamation work performed on Increment No. 4 includes: backfilling, final grading, seeding and mulching completed in October 1997.

Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by May 11, 1998.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for Tuesday, May 12, 1998 at 9:00 a.m. at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 2705 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653-1410. This hearing will be canceled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by May 11, 1998.

scheduled for April 28, 1998 at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 2705 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. The hearing will be canceled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by April 27, 1998.

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Maple Ridge Mining Corporation, P.O. Box 219, Harold, Kentucky 41635, has applied for Phase I bond release on Increment No. 4 of Permit Number 836-5137 which was last issued on December 10, 1996. Increment No. 4 covers an area of approximately 5.98 acres located 0.8 miles south of Blue Moon in Floyd County.

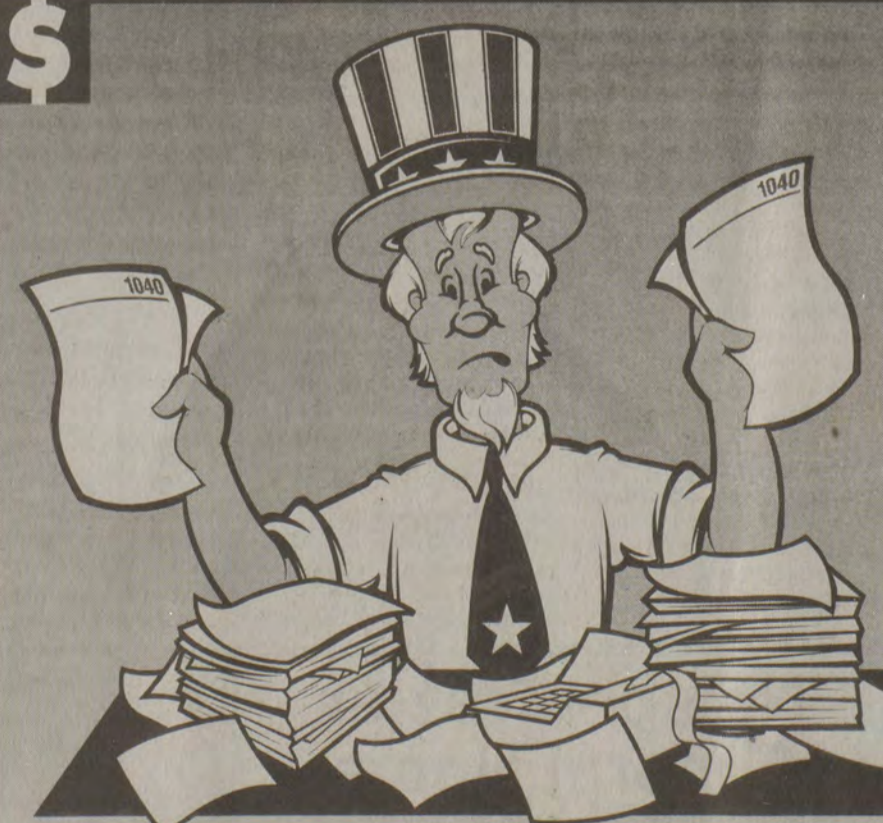
The permit area is approximately 0.6 mile southwest from Morgan Fork Road's junction with Little Mud Creek Road and located 10 feet south of Morgan Fork. The latitude is 37° 29' 33" and the longitude is 82° 42' 21."

The bonds now in effect for Increment No. 4 are a certificate of deposit and Kentucky Bond Pool bonds in the amount of thirty-one thousand seven hundred dollars (\$31,700.00). Approximately sixty percent (60%) of the original bond amount of \$31,700 is included in this application for release.

Reclamation work performed on Increment No. 4 includes: backfilling, final grading, seeding and mulching completed in October 1997.

Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by May 11, 1998.

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Horn Chapel Methodist, Auxier Rd.; Sunday Morning Services, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday School 10:30; Bible Study, Wednesday 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. David Fultz.

ABBOTT

The Father House, Big Branch, Abbott Creek; Sunday School, 10:00; Worship, 6:00 p.m.; Pastor, J.J. Wright.

ALLEN

Allen First Baptist Church, Allen; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Evening Worship at 7 p.m.; Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Arnold Turner.

Christ United Methodist, Allen, Ky.; Sunday School, 9:45; Worship, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Sunday Night, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Kenneth Lemaster.

BANNER

Prater Creek Baptist Church, Prater Creek; Sunday School, 10:00; Sunday Morning, 11:00; Sunday Evening, 7:00; Wednesday Prayer Meeting, 7:00; Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.; Kids for Christ Club meets; Sunday, 11:00 a.m., Jr. and Beginners Church meets; Independent Fundamental Baptist Church; Pastor, Gary Fish.

Daniels Creek Baptist Fellowship Church of God, Banner, Sunday School, 10:00; Sunday Service, 7:00; Tuesday Bible Study, 6:30; Everyone Welcome. Pastor, David Shepherd.

BEAVER

Elliott's Chapel Free Methodist Church, Beaver, Rt. 979; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Evening Worship, 6:00 p.m.; Pastor, Philip T. Smith.

BETSY LAYNE

Betsy Layne United Methodist Church, next to B.L. Gymnasium; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Wednesday Bible Study, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Randy Blackburn

Betsy Layne Church of God, Old U.S. 23; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Night Service, 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday Night family training hour, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Judith Caudill.

Betsy Layne Free Will Baptist Church; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Evening Worship, 6:00 p.m.; Wed. Night Prayer & Youth Services, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Tracy Patton.

Calvary Southern Baptist Church, Betsy Layne; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Evening Worship, 7 p.m.; Youth Meeting, 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday prayer meeting and Bible study, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Troy Lee Tackett

Betsy Layne Church of Christ at Betsy Layne; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Worship Service 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Night Service, 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.; Minister, Tommy J. Spears

BLUE RIVER

Middle Creek Baptist Church, Blue River; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Sunday Evening Worship, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Service, 7:00 p.m.; Independent Fundamental; Pastor, Vernon Slone.

BONANZA

Bonanza Freewill Baptist, Abbott Creek Road; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship Service, 11:00 a.m.; Wednesday Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Herb Arms.

BUFFALO

Endicott Freewill Baptist Church; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Prayer Meeting and Youth Service, Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. and the first Saturday each month at 7:00 p.m.; Sunday Service, 6:00 p.m.; Pastor, B.J. Crider

CORN FORK

Brandy Keg Freewill Baptist, Corn Fork; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday worship, 11 a.m.; Prayer Meeting and Youth, Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Roger Music.

COW CREEK

Cow Creek Freewill Baptist, Cow Creek; Sunday School, 10 a.m.-11 a.m.; Sunday Evening, 6 p.m., 7:30 p.m.; 3rd Sunday Worship Service, 11:00 a.m. to 12 noon; Prayer Meeting and Youth Group, Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.; Pastor, Nathon Lafferty.

Benedict Baptist Church, Slick Rock Branch of Cow Creek, (half mile up Cow Creek on left); Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Sunday Evening Service, 6 p.m.; Youth Service, 6 p.m. each Wednesday and Evening Service, 7 p.m. each Wednesday.

DANA

Sammy Clark Branch Freewill Baptist Church, Dana; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Church, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Night Service, 6:00 p.m.; Youth Meeting Sunday, 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting, 6:30 p.m.; Pastor, Jody Spencer; Assistance Pastor, Terry Hall.

DAVID

Goodloe Pentecostal Church, Rt. 850, David, Ky.; Sunday Night, 7 p.m.; Fourth Saturday Night, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Kilmer Lambert.

DRIFT

Drift Pentecostal Church, Drift; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Wednesday Night, 7:00 p.m.; Worship Service, Saturday and Sunday Night, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Ted Shannon.

Drift Independent Church, Drift; Thursday, 6:30; Sunday, 11:00.

Drift Freewill Baptist Church, Drift; Prayer Service, 6:30 p.m., Thursday; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday Church Service, 6:30 p.m.; Pastor, Randy Turner.

Drift Presbyterian Church, Route 1101, Drift; Sunday Services, 11:00 a.m.; Part-time minister, Mary Alice Murray.

DENVER

Liberty Baptist Church, Denver; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Evening Service, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Night Bible Study, 6 p.m.; Pastor, Merle Little.

DWALE

Dwale House of Prayer, Dwale, Ky.; service Saturday night, 7:00 p.m.; Sunday night, 6:00 p.m.; Pastor, Woodrow Crum.

EAST POINT

Free Pentecostal Church of God, East Point, Rt. 1428; Sunday School, 10:00; Sunday Service, 11:00; Sunday Night, 6:30; Thursday Night, 6:30; Pastor, Buster Hayton.

Little Paint First Church of God, East Point, 671 Little Paint Road; Sunday School, 9:45; Morning worship, 11:00; Sunday Evening, 6:00; Youth Fellowship, Sunday 6:00; Wednesday Night, 7:00; Kings Class (Children Ministry) Wednesday 7:00; Pastor, A Wayne Burch.

EMMA

Emma United Methodist, Emma, Ky.; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship, 11:00; Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.; Paul Aiken, Pastor.

ESTILL

Martin Branch Freewill Baptist, Estill; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Services, 11:15 a.m.; Sunday Night, 7:00 p.m.; Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Wayne Stevens.

GARRETT

Rock Fork Regular Baptist Church, Garrett; 4th Sunday of each month at 9:30 a.m.; Moderator, Elder Earl Slone; Assistant Moderator, Elder Jerry Manns.

Rock Fork Freewill Baptist Church, Garrett, Ky.; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday Worship, 11 a.m.; Prayer Meeting, Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Elder Brodey Amurgey.

First Baptist Church, Garrett; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Evening Worship, 7:00 p.m.; Bible Study, 7:00 p.m., Wednesday; Pastor, Randy Osborne.

Garrett Church of God, Garrett; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Worship Service, 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.; Wednesday at

7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Donald Bragg.

Garrett Community Christian Church, Route 550, Garrett, Ky.; Service Sunday evening at 6:30 p.m. and Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. Regular meeting 2nd Saturday at 6:30 p.m. and Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m. Come and bring a friend. Everyone welcome. Pastor, Donnie Hackworth.

GOBLE ROBERTS ADDITION

Landmark Church of God, Goble Roberts Addition; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:10 a.m.; Sunday Night, 7:00 p.m.; Wednesday Night, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Kenneth E. Prater, Jr.

Community Freewill Baptist, Goble Roberts; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Service, 11:00 a.m.; Wednesday Prayer Meeting, 7 p.m.; 4th Saturday Night, Regular Service & Business, 6:00 p.m.; Sunday Night Service, 6:00 p.m.; Pastor, Paul D. Coleman.

GRETHEL

Grethel Baptist Church, State Route 3379, (Branham's Creek Road), telephone 587-2043; Junior Church and Morning worship at 11:00; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Youth meeting Wednesday night 6:30 p.m.; Prayer meeting and bible study at 6:30.

HAROLD

Harold Church of Christ, at Harold. Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Worship Service 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Night Service, 7:00 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.; Minister, James H. Harmon

Lower Toler Church of Christ at Harold. Sunday School 10:00 a.m.; Worship Service 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Night Service 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study 6:30 p.m.; Minister, Doyle Meade.

HI HAT

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United Christian Church, Meade Bottom, Hi Hat, Ky.; Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.; Saturday, 7:00 p.m.; Sunday, 10:00 a.m.; 7:00 p.m. Brother, Bill Slone, Pastor

HUEYSVILLE

United Community Baptist Church, Hwy. 7, Hueysville, Ky. Service each Friday night, 7:00 p.m. and each Sunday at 2:00 p.m. Come worship with us and bring a friend. Everyone welcome. Pastor, Carlos Beverly.

Salt Lick United Baptist, Salt Lick, Hueysville, Ky. Service each Thursday at 6:30 p.m. and the 4th Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Everyone welcome. Pastor, Jacob Jarvis.

IVEL

Tom's Creek Freewill Baptist, U.S. 23, first exit (north of Layne Brothers); Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Evening Service, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Prayer Meeting, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Chuck Ferguson.

LACKEY

Lackey Freewill Baptist Church, Lackey. Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Sunday Worship Service, 11:00 a.m.; Wednesday Prayer Meeting, 7:00 p.m.; Everyone Welcome. Pastor Johnny J. Collins, of Wayland. "If we meet and you forget me you have lost nothing, but if you meet Jesus and forget him you have lost everything."

LANCER

Lancer Baptist Church, Lancer, welcomes you to the services. Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Evening Worship, 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday Evening Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Tom Biddle.

Trimble Chapel Freewill Baptist, Lancer-Water Gap Road; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Night Service, 7:00 p.m.; Wednesday Night Service, 7:00 p.m.; Youth Service Wednesday, 6:30; Pastor, Joe Coleman.

Pleasant Home Baptist Church, Lancer-Water gap Road; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning worship, 11 a.m.; Sunday night, 6 p.m.; Sunday Youth Meeting, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Evening Service, 7 p.m.; Wednesday programs available for children; Pastor, Mark Tackett.

LANGLEY

Maytown United Methodist Church, Langley; Morning Worship, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday School, 11 a.m.; Youth Sunday, 5:00 p.m.; Sunday Night, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Night, 6 p.m.; Pastor, Roy Harlow.

MARTIN

Stephens Branch Missionary Baptist Church, Stephens Branch; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Sunday Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Mid-Week Bible Study, Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.

Martin House of Worship, in Martin on Old Post Office St. Saturday and Sunday at 7 p.m.

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First Assembly of God, Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Night Service, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study, 7 p.m.; Missionettes & Royal Rangers, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Lorie Vannucci.

Trinity Chapel, Pentecostal Holiness Church, North Main Street, Martin; services: Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Sunday evening worship, 7:00 p.m.; Thursday worship, 7:00 p.m.; Second Saturday Worship, 7:00 p.m.; Youth Activity nights, 1st and 3rd Saturday, 6:00 p.m.; Womens Ministries, 2nd Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.; Men's Ministries, 2nd Friday, 7:00 p.m.; Men's Bible study Monday evenings, 6:00 p.m.; Ellis J. Stevens, Pastor.

Faith Bible Church, Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Sunday Evening, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Evening, 6 p.m.; Independent Fundamental Baptist; Pastor, Don Crisp.

Martin Freewill Baptist Church, Martin, Ky.; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Evening Service, 6 p.m.; Bible Study, Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Youth League, Tuesday, 6 p.m.; Pastor, Pastor, John L. Blair.

First Baptist Church, Martin, Ky.; Bible Study, 10:00; Worship, 11:00; Evening Worship, 6:00; Mid Week, 7:00; Pastor, Pastor; Russ Taylor.

Community Church of God, Arkansas Creek, Martin; Friday, 7 p.m.; Sunday Morning, 11 a.m.; Deacon, Bud Crum.

Martin Church of Christ, Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Evening, 7 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study, 7 p.m.; Wednesday Youth Group, 7 p.m.; Evangelist, Gary Mitchell.

Martin Methodist Church; Sunday School, 10:00; Morning Worship, 11:00; Wednesday Night Bible Study, 7:00; Pastor, Roy Harlow.

Old Time Holiness Church; 2 miles up Arkansas Creek, Brother John W. Patton. Friday Evening, 7:00; Sunday Evening, 7:00; Sunday School, 11:00; Everyone Welcome.

Full Gospel Community; Main Street, Martin, Sunday School 10:00 a.m.; Worship Service 11:00 a.m.; Wednesday 6:30 p.m. Bible Study; Pastor, Lavonne Lafferty.

MAYTOWN

Maytown First Baptist Church, Main Street; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Evening Service, 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday Evening Bible Study at 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Bob Varney.

MCDOWELL

McDowell First Baptist Church, McDowell; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Evening Worship, 7:00 p.m.; Wednesday prayer meeting, 7 p.m.; individual counseling and family counseling by appointment. Pastor, Harry Hargis.

MIDDLE CREEK

Fitzpatrick First Baptist Church, 2656 West Mt. Parkway Prestonsburg, (across from Clark Elem. School); Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Evening, 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Jennings West.

Spurlock Bible Church, Spurlock Fork of Middle Creek, Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Evening Service, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Prayer Service, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Dan Heintzelman.

MOUNTAIN PARKWAY

Free Pentecostal Deliverance Church, Ext. 46 off Mt. Parkway at Campton, Saturday and Sunday, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Patricia Crider.

Parkway First Calvary Pentecostal Church, Located at the Floyd and Magoffin County line. Sunday night, 6:30; Wednesday night, 7:00. A worship Center for everyone. Pastor, Mike D. Caldwell welcomes all.

PRESTONSBURG

Faith Revelation Ministry, 1/4 mile above WorldWide Equipment. Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Service, 11 a.m.; Sunday Night Service, 6:00; Midweek, Thursday, 7 p.m.; Pastor Randy Haggans.

Seventh-Day Adventist, 5 miles West on Mountain Parkway; Sabbath School, 9:15; Church Service, 10:30; Pastor, Mike Foraker, 886-3459.

St. Martha Church, Water Gap; Saturday

evening mass, 5 p.m.; Sunday, 11:15 a.m.; Religious Education Classes, Sunday, 9:45-10:45 a.m.; Adult Class, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.; Pastor: Father John Moriarty.

Community United Methodist Church, 141 Burke Ave., (off University Drive), Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Sunday morning worship, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday evening worship, 6 p.m.; Wednesday evening prayer service, 7 p.m.; classes for adults, youth and children; choir practice, Wednesday, 8 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Sam Knox.

The Third Avenue Freewill Baptist Church, Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10:00; Morning Worship, 11:00; Evening Worship, 6:00; Wednesday Prayer Meeting, 7:00; Pastor, Manford Fannin.

First Christian Church, 560 North Arnold Avenue, Prestonsburg. No Wednesday evening or Sunday evening services at present. Bible study, 10:00 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Minister, Kevin G. Jett.

Highland Avenue Freewill Baptist Church; Sunday School, 9:50 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Evening Worship, 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday Evening Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, David Garrett.

First Baptist Church, (Irene Cole Memorial), 54 S. Front St., Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Evening Worship, 7:00 p.m.; S.M.A.S.H. 6:45 (on Wednesday); Wednesday night, 7 p.m.; Bible Study & Prayer Meeting, 7:00 p.m.; Dr. S. Thomas Valentine, Pastor.

Praise Assembly, 1 mile South of Prestonsburg, intersection of route 80 and U.S. 23; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Praise & Worship, 11 a.m.; Sunday evening services, 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study, 6:30 p.m.; nursery provided. Pastor, J.M. Sloce.

Katy Friend Freewill Baptist Church, located two miles up Abbott; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Evening Worship, 6 p.m.; Wed. Bible Study, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Van West.

First Presbyterian, North Lake Drive, Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Pastor, Rev. George C. Love.

First United Methodist Church, 138 S. Arnold Ave., Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 9:45; Morning Worship, 10:55; Evening Worship, 7:00; Wed. Prayer Meeting, 7:00. Pastor, Reverend David Fultz.

Victory Christian Ministries Church, 1428 E., Prestonsburg; Sunday Worship, 11 a.m.; Sunday School, 11:30 a.m.; Wednesday Night, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Sherm Williams.

Parkway Baptist, Rt. 1428, Sugar Loaf, Prestonsburg; Sun. School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Evening Service, 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday Prayer Service, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor Ed Taylor.

Church of Christ, South Lake Drive; Sunday, 10 a.m.; Sunday Evening, 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday Evening, 7:00 p.m.; Evangelist, Benny Blankenship.

St. James Episcopal Church, school starts 9:45. Enquire classes to begin in January. For more information, contact the Rev. Johnnie E. Ross, 886-8046.

Faith Freewill Baptist Church, 1/4 mile above WorldWide Equipment on Rt. 1428. Buddy Jones, Pastor; Sunday School, 10:00; Worship, 11:00; Wednesday Prayer meeting, 7:00; Sunday Night Service at 6:00 p.m.

Prestonsburg Community College Baptist Student Union; meets every Wednesday, 11:30-12:30 in J102. Lunch, discussion, travel available to all students, faculty and staff. French B. Harmon, Director; Ella C. Goble, president. For more information, call: 874-9468 or 478-2978.

First Church of God, Prestonsburg; Sunday school, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10:45; Sunday Evening, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study, 7 p.m.; Kids Bible Club, 7 p.m.; Pastor Allan Hutchinsion.

Town Branch Community Baptist, Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Sunday Evening, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Evening, 6 p.m.

Tom Moore Memorial Freewill Baptist Church, Prestonsburg; Sunday School,

10; Morning Worship, 11; Wednesday Night Bible Study, 7 p.m.; Pastor Clifford Austin.

Benedict Baptist Church, Cow Creek; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Sunday evening, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Prayer Service, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Gordon Fitch.

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Our Savior Lutheran Church, Sipp Bayes Room Carriage House Motel, Paintsville; Sunday School, 11:00 a.m.; WKLW (600 a.m.) "Chapel Window", 12:05 p.m. every Sunday; Pastor Rev. Rolland Benstrup.

PRINTER

Salisbury United Methodist Church, Printer; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Worship, 11:00; Evening Service, 7:00 p.m.; Wednesday Services, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Bobby G. Lawson.

STANVILLE

Mare Creek Church of Christ, at Stanville. Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Worship Service 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Night Service, 6:00 p.m., Wednesday Bible School, 6:30 p.m., Minister, Tommy D. Bush

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Trimble Chapel Free Will Baptist, Intersection of U.S. 23 and Ky. 80, Water Gap, Ky.; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Service, 11 a.m.; Sunday Night Service, 7:00; Wednesday youth meeting, 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Pastor Joe Coleman.

WEEKSBURY

Free Pentecostal Church of God, Weeksbury; Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.; Saturday, 7:00 p.m.; Sunday, 7:00 p.m.; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Pastor, John "Jay" Patton.

Weeksbury Church of Christ; Sunday, 10 a.m.; Sunday Worship, 10:45 a.m.; Sunday Evening, 6:00 p.m.; Pastor, Mike Hall.

WHEELWRIGHT


Wheelwright United Methodist Church, Wheelwright; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Worship, 11:00; Evening Service, 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday, 7:00 services; Pastor, Bobby Isaacs.

Youth Fellowship Center; Youth Meeting, Mon.-Tues., 6:00; Thursday Night Bible study, 7:00 p.m.

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Free Pentecostal Holiness Church, Rt. 122, Upper Burton; Friday night, 7 p.m.; Sunday School, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Evening, 6 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Louis Sanlan; Rev. David Pike, assistant pastor.

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Lighten up traditional rooms

(MS) — If you love traditional decorating styles, but are looking for ways to freshen up your home to give it a more up-to-date look, here are some tips from the design experts at Waverly. Waverly offers a range of coordinated home furnishings, including fabrics, wallpapers, accessories and ready-made home fashions.

- Simplify your window treatments. Skip the heavy, draped

swags and jabots and too many layers of fabric on your window, and opt for something more understated. Choose crisp tailored shades or blinds paired with simple elegant drapery panels hung from a classic wooden pole and rings. Fabrics still can be traditional in feeling, but look newer when rich patterns are mixed with solids in interesting textures.

- Make your sofa the focal point

of the room by covering it in an opulent traditional print. Choose upholstery in clean, classic shapes, and keep the details unfussy, like crisp, tailored skirts rather than ruffled or flouncy ones, and oversized knife-edge pillows in a mix of coordinated patterns and solids.

- If you prefer richly colored and patterned fabrics, like Waverly's Prague print, keep the

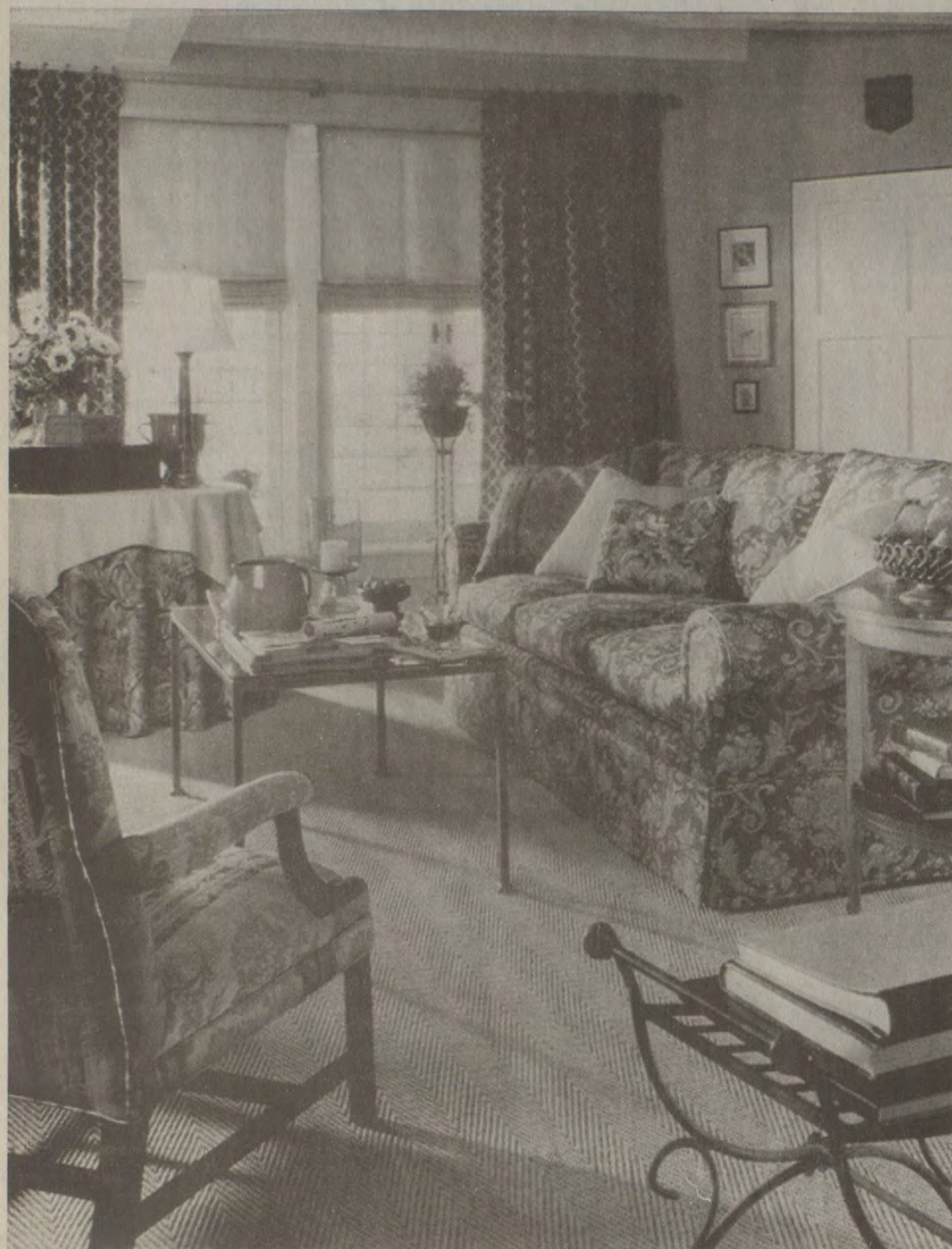
backgrounds simple. Paint or wallpaper your walls in a creamy neutral color, perhaps with a warm textured finish to provide visual interest without intrusive pattern. Instead of more pattern on the floor, eliminate the Oriental rugs in favor of an understated wool sisal in a warm neutral color with lots of texture.

- Traditional rooms sometimes look dreary when there's too much dark wooden furniture. Lighten things up with an eclectic mix of materials. Metal, wicker, bamboo or light-toned woods will create a visually appealing melange of textures and colors.

- To give traditional rooms a more modern look, use fewer pieces of furniture, but choose pieces that are somewhat larger in scale. For example, one generously proportioned sofa is more effective than two small loveseats. An oversized round table with a fabric skirt, like the one shown covered in Waverly's Pageantry fabric, will hold larger accessories and provide a more dramatic counterpoint than small, ditsy tables.

- Think big when it comes to choosing accessories as well. A few large-scaled pieces — lamps, vases and bowls, candleholders — will have a more contemporary look than lots of little accessories.

- Opt for a mix of skirted and "leggy" pieces. A few exposed legs on chairs give a room a more up-to-date look.



Traditional rooms that are starting to look stuffy can be updated easily, according to the design experts at Waverly. This elegantly understated room features a rich mix of opulent patterns and textures, but with a light, fresh look. The overstated sofa, upholstered in Waverly's Prague print, features crisp lines and tailored skirt. Window treatments pair simple drapery panels in Bremen fabric with textured linen Roman shades. A neutral background of subtly textured wallpaper and herringbone-patterned wool sisal rug sets off the melange of pattern. An armchair upholstered in Waverly's Swanhurst fabric has exposed wood legs for a more up-to-date look.

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Decorating can be child's play

(MS) — Many parents create a nursery to welcome their newborn, but over time, the crib gives way to a bed, and the room slowly fills with all the paraphernalia of childhood. Any sense of style or the child's personality is hidden beneath the chaos of a disaster area in-the-making.

The best children's rooms are successful because parents think about what furnishings and accessories are appropriate, both now and later. Short- and long-term needs, like a place to do homework, entertain friends and cuddle-up to read, all need to be addressed, in addition to the wishes of your child.

The evolution of a child's room from infancy to the teen years can be broken down into three periods. From birth to around age 2 or 3, the nursery theme can remain basically unchanged, with the exception of a bed replacing the crib. By age 4, your child can express his or her preferences — a room designed around a favorite book or television character or something the child enjoys, like cars, sports, dolls, animals or trains. This room can last into adolescence, when your child will want a more "grown-up" room. Then, the emphasis will be on furnishings that are conducive to "hanging out" — a comfortable chair or recliner for listening to music, a bed loaded with lots of pillows for lolling around while talking on the phone, a computer desk, entertainment center and more.

Where do you begin?

Decide what furnishings are needed now and down the road. Your toddler might not need a desk right now, but your eight-year-old is likely to use a computer for homework. Is the bedroom

large enough to accommodate a seating area? What is the closet space like? If you choose a twin bed, you might want to include a trundle unit for sleepovers.

Divide closet space in half by adding a rod at your child's level. You can hang seasonal or little-used clothing and outerwear on the upper rod.

Choose well-made furniture. A sturdy bed will last throughout childhood and might even follow your child into his or her first home after college. Many manufacturers offer furniture designed specifically for a child's room, with bunk, loft and trundle beds complemented by a wide range of storage and display pieces, as well as computer desks and entertainment centers. The furniture will become the foundation for the room's decor, adapting to changing themes with new accessories, bedding, wallpaper, paint treatments and fabrics.

Don't forget lighting. A cute accent lamp is fun, but your child also will need good lighting for reading, playing games, working on the computer and bedtime stories. (Try a dimmer switch on the overhead light.)

Consider safety. If you use blinds and shades, make sure you specify special split pulls or tie them up out of reach. Keep edges rounded and soft wherever possible. Use shelves and cubbies that young children can reach — you don't want them to pull an unsteady bookcase or heavy toy down upon themselves.

If you're creating a room for a teenager, do include him or her in every decision. However, you might want to use the room later as a guest room, so keep in mind how the furniture might adapt to other uses.

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Proper planning is important to any home-improvement

Before the birds begin to sing in the trees, homeowners already have their spring home-improvement projects planned. Whether it's replacing windows, reshingling the roof or installing new flooring, they're ready to take action as soon as the weather gets warm.

Whether people are doing the work themselves or hiring professionals, proper planning is an important part of any home-improvement project. When hiring a contractor, people need to know exactly what they want done, so they can

meet with professionals, explain the work and get realistic estimates. Do-it-yourselfers need to plan ahead to ensure they have set aside enough time for the project, have the right equipment and materials, and understand the work that needs to be done.

Having the proper equipment means not only having the tools specifically designed for the task at hand, but also having tools that are in good condition. It is a good idea for do-it-yourselfers to check that tools are in working order before beginning a project. All handles should be fixed firmly into the tool's working end, and jaw teeth, cutters and blades should be sharp. Any tools that are damaged should be thrown away.

If, when planning a project, do-it-yourselfers

find that they don't have a tool they need, they can buy, rent or borrow it. Renting or borrowing allows them to see if they like a particular model or brand, making the decision easier when they finally decide to buy the tool. If people want to buy the tool, many home-improvement professionals recommend going to a knowledgeable local dealer.

After getting the proper equipment, people should follow the manufacturer's instructions when using each tool. Tools should be kept clean, dry and away from excessive heat. Before using a tool near electricity, people should shut off the current. They also should use steady pressure on jaws or cutters, instead of rocking the tool.

With the proper planning and right tools and materials, people are well on their way to a successful project and a more beautiful home.

Use dramatic furniture to create instant architecture

It's easy to decorate a room replete with fascinating architectural details, but the days when columns and crown moldings were as common as carpeting are long gone. Most of us face plain "white box" rooms when we start decorating.

According to The Home Furnishings Council, professional decorators use a trick: start with one large, complex piece of furniture, thereby adding instant architecture to any room. Working from the reference point of an imposing four-poster bed or an over-scaled armoire, even a first-home beginner can create interesting space. The whole idea is to let furniture create a sense of architecture.

In the living room, one oversized settee with strong lines or intricate detailing can be an anchor piece to build around. Or, invest in a large armoire with recessed panels and molding to break up the bland expanse of wall.

In a dining room, a striking carved server, buffet or hutch makes a strong statement. And in any room, consider the addition of a decorative mantelpiece — even when there's no fireplace to frame. The mantels can surround an actual heat source (electric or gas), or simply frame a large urn or other decorative accent.

In the bedroom, focus on the bed — the bigger, the better. Oversize four-poster, canopy or sleigh beds (and all of the exciting contemporary versions of those styles now widely available) are the key to dominating and shaping otherwise ordinary space.

"Today's homes have much larger bedrooms, so the large-scale beds fit what's happening in architecture and construction," says Ron Wanek, CEO of Ashley Furniture Industries, which produces a line of oversize beds. "They lend a clean, contemporary look."

Turn your home into a spa

An Expert Shows You How

(MS) — The popularity of health clubs and day spas has helped bring amenities like saunas, steam baths and whirlpools into vogue.

Many have found the soothing warmth and therapeutic vapors of a sauna or steam bath to be the perfect antidote to the stress and hassles of everyday life. So much so, says one popular journalist and consultant to the home industry, that many homeowners now are looking for ways to get a true spa experience at home.

Jeremy Powers, a popular contributor to magazines like Better Homes & Gardens, The Family Handyman and American How-To, says it's easy to bring such spa luxuries as saunas and steam baths into the home. He offers some tips on how to make your home a haven for relaxation:

Sauna for health and wellness: Saunas, which originated in Finland, have been a staple of family life there for more than 2,000 years. They're fast growing in popularity in this country, thanks to new evidence which suggests that saunas are good for both the body



Enjoy the soothing vapors and convenience of an in-home sauna or steam bath. Easy-to-install, these havens for relaxation are the perfect antidote to the stress and hassles of everyday life.

and the mind. The heat and relative humidity of a sauna improves circulation, promotes healing of sore or injured muscles, and cleanses pores, leaving the skin refreshed and younger-looking.

According to Powers, the range of sauna choices is expanding from small and portable to deluxe designer models, with a new generation of portable units now making it easy to fit just about any space. Measuring just 45 inches by 45 inches, the new Finnleo Thera-port can be installed in less than five minutes, requiring no special plumbing or tools and using standard 120-volt household electrical connections. Yet, while this sauna may be small in size, it offers the same soothing, soft heat and true wet/dry performance as its bigger brothers.

Contemporary design elements make today's saunas a handsome addition to any exercise room or bath suite. Finnleo's Moonlight model, for example, features large windows, angled walls, light-grained interior and exterior woods, and low-voltage lighting for a contemporary look.

"When shopping for a sauna, pay special attention to the heater and to the volume of rocks used in the heater to generate steam vapors," says Powers. "You get greater surface area with more rocks which

produces a softer heat and higher humidity at optimal sauna temperatures of 150 degrees to 180 degrees."

Steamy sensation: Steam baths provide the perfect warm-up to start the day or the ideal warm-down after a tough workout. Homeowners may be surprised to learn that new acrylic steam suites can be installed easily in an existing tub or shower space. Powers says popular steam suites from manufacturers like Helo are designed to fit a tub or shower footprint without major construction.

"Modular construction makes it easy to assemble a steam suite in even a small bathroom," says Powers, "or you can create a custom steam suite using glass block, ceramic, marble or granite tile combined with a vaporproof door."

Sweat the details: Regardless of whether you go with sauna or steam, Powers urges homeowners to tend to the small details that can add an extra degree of elegance to your home-spa experience. For a personal aromatherapy regimen, try steam-bath aromatic oils that surround you in billowing steam clouds of eucalyptus, mint, herbal or pine. And, Finnish linens, including towels and robes, wick away moisture and slough off dry skin, leaving your complexion positively

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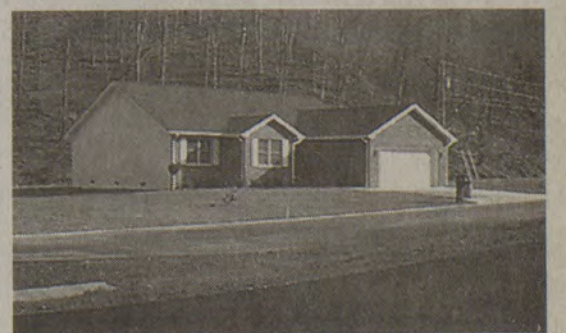
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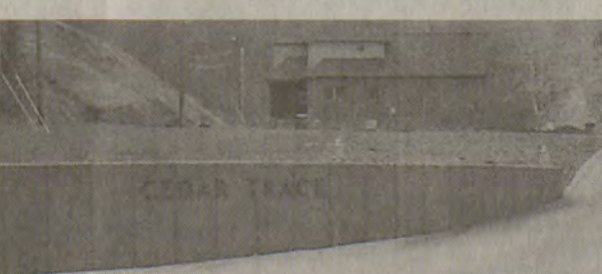


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Book unlocks decorating secrets and techniques

(MS) — Interior designer Arthur Lewis doesn't think the world needs another coffee table interior design book. So, he wrote a practical how-to book that reveals the secrets he's gathered during his thirty-year career.

"My 100 Secrets of Interior Design" is an easy-to-understand book that takes the reader by the hand and leads them through the entire decorating process — from a one bedroom apartment to an entire home. Some of the sections in this fun-to-read book cover subjects like, how to hang pictures properly, how to arrange furniture, and how to create traffic and conversation areas.

Sprinkled among the 62 chapters are secrets like these:

• When arranging three accessories of different sizes, use the "triangle approach" to balanced

asymmetry.

• A room can handle as many patterns as you like, so long as one pattern is dominant. However, only choose one floral pattern and pair it with a stripe and small geometric pattern.

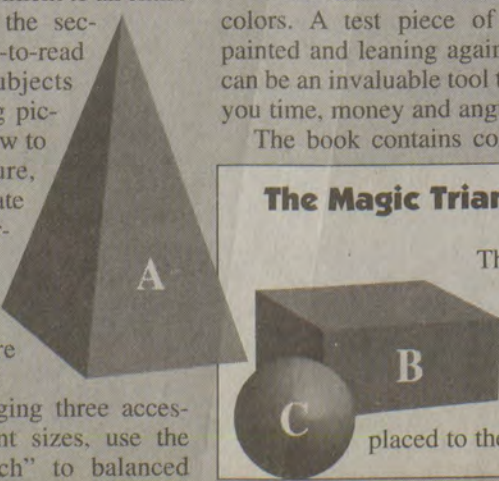
• Before choosing a fabric, invest in a yard, throw it over the sofa and live with it for a couple of weeks. See if you still like the fabric after that amount of time.

• The same holds true for wall colors. A test piece of drywall, painted and leaning against a wall can be an invaluable tool that saves you time, money and anguish.

The book contains color pages

The Magic Triangle

The magic triangle is a simple way to arrange three objects of different sizes. The largest (A) is placed in the rear. The second largest (B) is placed to the right and slightly in front. The smallest (C) is set to the left and slightly in front of (B). B and C also may be placed to the left of A.

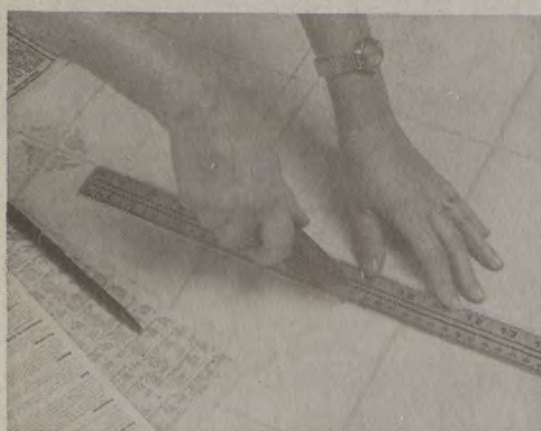


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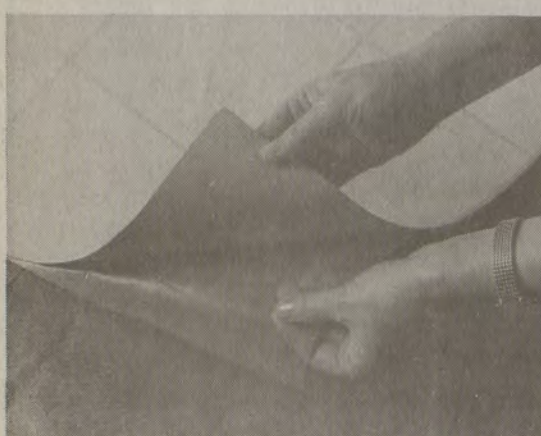
ONE

The first step in installing Colmar's new 1-2-3 Floor sheet vinyl is to make a template of the room area. The easiest way is to tape together old newspapers.



TWO

Step two is to lay the template on the flooring and trace around it with a ballpoint. Then, cut the flooring along the outline with a razor knife.



THREE

Step three is to peel the clear plastic off the backing and lay the flooring down. The flooring can be repositioned, moved or even taken back up later on, if desired, like a Post-It® note.

Three simple steps

(MS) — There's good news for do-it-yourselfers — installing vinyl flooring just got a whole lot easier.

That's because one vinyl manufacturer has just come out with a new line of flooring with the adhesive already on it.

That feature has been available in vinyl floor tiles (the small 12-inch squares) for literally decades, but never before in so-called sheet vinyl (the kind that comes in 12-foot-wide rolls).

So, even though most people have always preferred the look of sheet vinyl because of the absence of seams, do-it-yourselfers usually ended up purchasing tiles because they were so much easier to install. However, now that there's a sheet vinyl that comes with the adhesives pre-applied, do-it-yourselfers can get the best of both types of floors in one product that combines seamlessness and easy installation.

To install the new flooring, the do-it-yourselfer simply peels a thin film of clear plastic off the backing to expose the adhesive and lays the flooring down. The adhesive will hold the flooring securely in place, but like a Post-It® note, the flooring can be repositioned, moved or even taken back up later on, if desired.

Colmar Industries, the maker, has dubbed the new line 1-2-3 Floor, which represents the three steps in the installation process:

Step one — measure the room

where the flooring will be installed. Step two — cut the flooring to fit. Step three — peel off the plastic, and stick the flooring down.

There are two versions of the new flooring, both priced not to give even the most economy-minded do-it-yourselfer sticker shock. The one version, featuring a urethane top layer containing DuPont Teflon® for easy cleaning, sells for about \$12.99 a square yard.

The other version costs even less, and is available in prepackaged sizes (9 feet by 12 feet for example), as well as 12-foot rolls. This version has silicone in the wear layer and does a good job of resisting scuffing and soiling.

While an installation of conventional sheet vinyl may require the purchase of certain specialized equipment, like a notched steel trowel for spreading adhesive, a do-it-yourselfer can install 1-2-3 Floor with items likely to be found around the house, like a ballpoint pen, razor knife, masking tape and old newspapers.

The recommended installation procedure calls for making a template of the floor area by taping together newspapers, laying the template on the vinyl flooring, tracing around it with a ballpoint and, finally, cutting the flooring to size with a razor knife.

After that, the only thing left to do is peel the plastic off the backing and lay the flooring down.

When it comes to new carpet, don't overlook what goes underneath

(MS) — If you're about to invest in new carpet, you've got a lot to think about.

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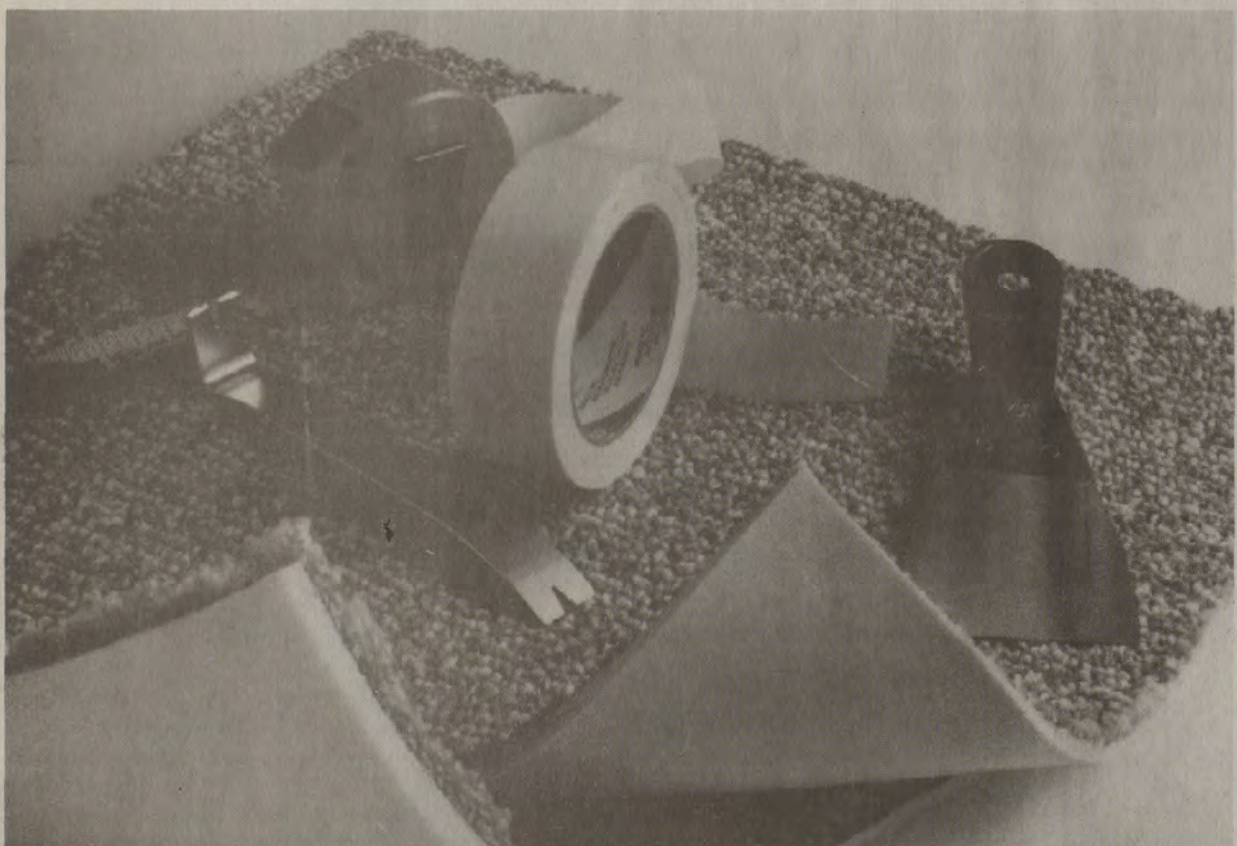
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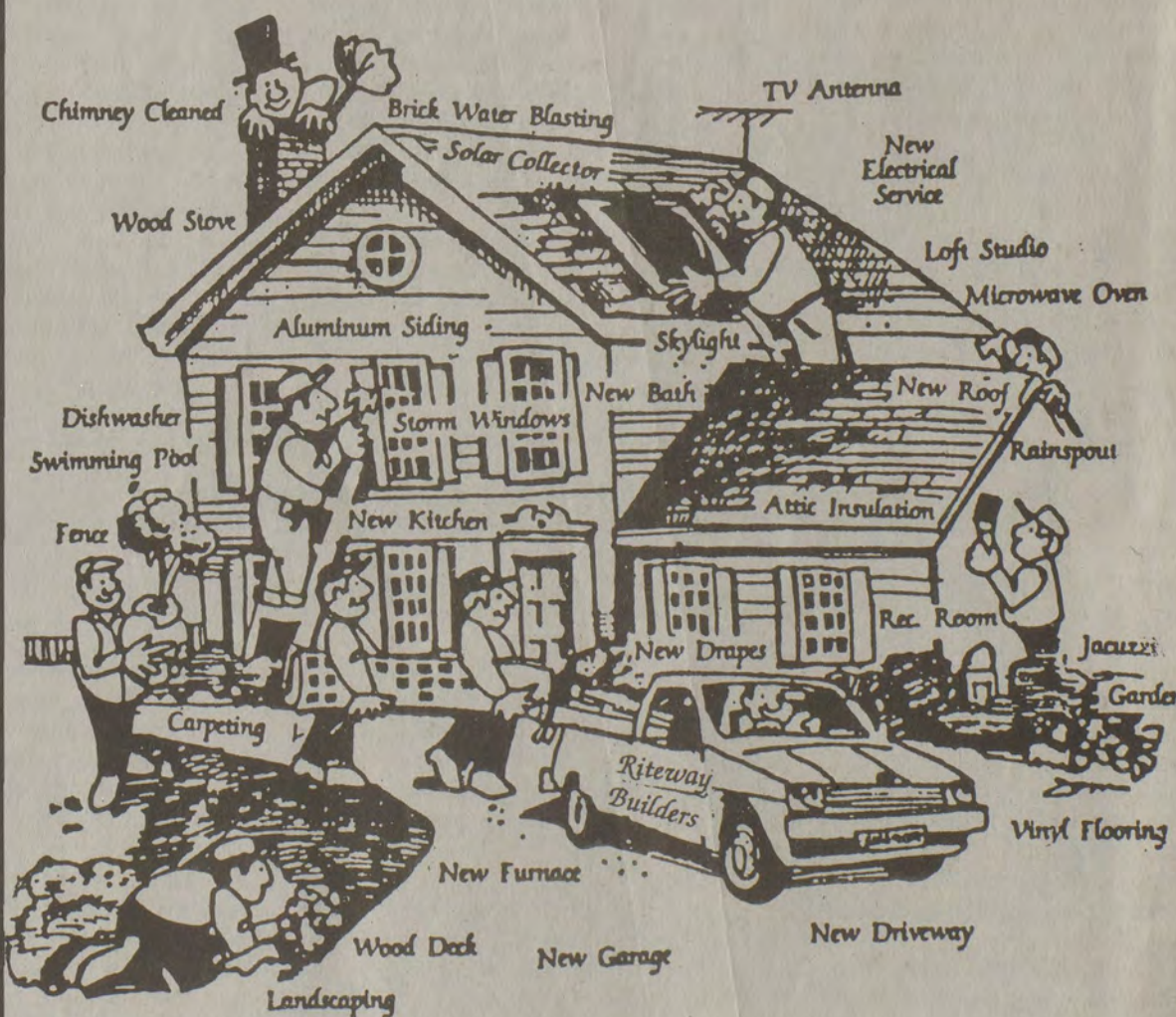
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The Right Ingredient for Kitchen Remodeling

(MS) — Hardwood floors are one of the most popular choices for kitchen remodeling. The bold graining of the prefinished oak floor, a Mojave Wheat colored Longstrip floor from Harris-Tarkett, complements the clean lines and light tones of the kitchen cabinets. The easy-care, no-wax UltraBrite™ finish is warranted for 10 years. In addition, this floor can be sanded and refinished up to three times.

Get the FAQs

Answers to the Most Frequently Asked Questions About Hardwood Floors

(MS) — If you love the look of a hardwood floor, but aren't sure it's the right choice for your remodeling needs, you are not alone. Many consumers, particularly those shopping for the first time, visit their flooring retailer armed with questions.

"It's understandable," says Bill Clossin, director of marketing for Harris-Tarkett Inc., a Tennessee-based manufacturer of hardwood flooring products. "There are more hardwood products on the market than ever before."

Clossin suggests that most consumers have four key questions: "Is hardwood flooring the right choice for my ... (insert any room here)?" "Is it easy to maintain?" "Can I refinish the floor?" and, "Can I afford a hardwood floor?"

"The short answer to each question is yes," says Clossin. He offers some general answers to the most-asked questions.

Suitability

Hardwood flooring is appropriate for any room in the home, from basement to attic, except a full bathroom, according to Clossin. "The variety of species, colors and installation options means there's a product for any interior design need," he says. "Add the environmental benefits, and wood is a great choice for the whole house."

As an all natural material, wood flooring is naturally hypoallergenic. There are no fibers or chemical residues. Thanks to precise milling technology, the planks of a hardwood floor fit tightly together. Therefore, they do not trap dust, dirt, pollen and other airborne particles that can collect in other floor coverings like wall-to-wall carpeting, for example.

In addition, there are installation techniques, like "floating" or stapling systems, that do not require nails or fullspread adhesives for a permanent installation. A "floating" hardwood floor usually can be installed over most existing floors, thus eliminating the attendant mess and potential problem of airborne particles when removing an old floor.

"There are enough materials that contribute to indoor air pollution," says Clossin. "Flooring doesn't have to be one of them."

Care and Maintenance

Most of today's prefinished hardwood floors feature several layers of UV-cured polyurethane applied at the factory. These finishes are tough and durable and because they do not require waxing, they are very easy to maintain.

How easy is easy? Clossin sums it up in two steps — vacuum and dust mop. As with any floor cover-

ing, wipe up spills and drips immediately with a damp cloth. Vacuum regularly to remove the tracked-in dust, dirt and grime that can scratch the finish. Next, clean the entire floor regularly with a recommended cleaner. Harris-Tarkett's Crystal Clear Cleaner comes in a handy spray bottle. Spray lightly over the floor and mop with a dust mop. For tougher spots like sticky food spills, rubber heel marks and other foreign substances, use the cleaner and rub with a soft cloth.

Restoring or Refinishing

"Consumers want to know whether they can refinish a prefinished floor, particularly the popular engineered floors, which feature a multilayer construction," says Clossin.

All hardwood floors, whether solid or engineered, can be refinished. However, when properly maintained, a hardwood floor will retain its finish for many, many years. Depending upon the need, there are two primary options available with hardwood that are not feasible with other types, like the laminate products.

The easiest and most cost-effective way to restore a like-new look is a method called screen and recoat. Instead of completely removing the existing finish, the flooring contractor screens or roughs-up the surface and adds a coat of polyurethane. This procedure can be done in a day.

As for refinishing, the exact number of times you can refinish your

floor depends upon the total thickness of the product, as in the case of a solid product, or the thickness of the top layer of premium hardwood, in the case of engineered product. Solid products and some engineered products can be refinished up to three times. Engineered products with thinner top layers can be refinished one or two times.

Refinishing is a multistep process that can take up to four days, depending upon the area being refinished, and is more costly than a screen and recoat. "Nevertheless, it's certainly more economical than buying a new floor," Clossin adds.

Long-lasting value

To determine the real cost-and-value equation of a flooring product, compare the initial installed cost with the life cycle of the floor, or when it will have to be replaced.

When it comes to installed cost, today's hardwood flooring products are very competitively priced when compared with other options. The savings are obvious when considered over the long term. Most floor coverings have to be replaced every seven to nine years. Hardwood flooring can last a lifetime.

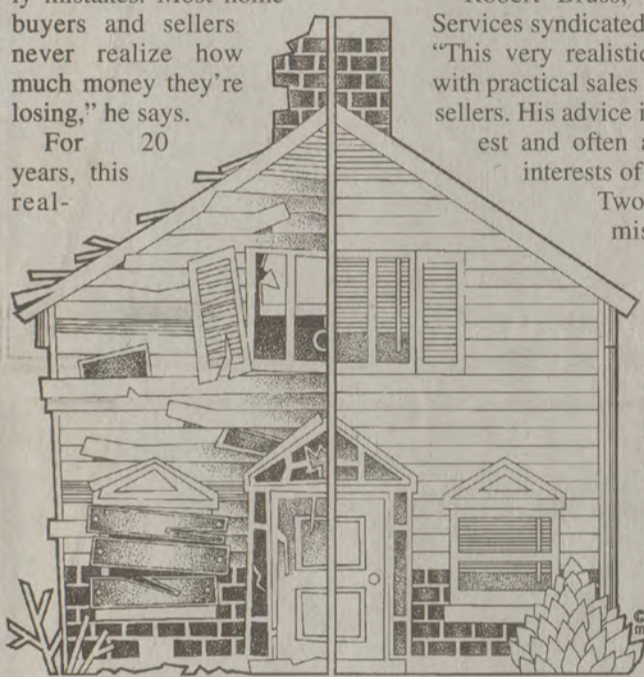
Hardwood floors increase the value of a home immediately and enhance the resale value. "Studies conducted by realtors confirm that because houses with hardwood floors always are in demand, homeowners usually can get a nice return on their hardwood flooring investment," says Clossin.

Surprising new secrets to sell or buy you home and make big money

Throwing away thousands of unnecessary dollars when you sell or buy a home is crazy, claims consumer advocate and author Bob Easter. "It's really unbelievable how easy it is to avoid making costly mistakes. Most home buyers and sellers never realize how much money they're losing," he says.

For 20 years, this real-

estate broker has been teaching consumers the inside tricks about home buying and selling. Knowing the 10 most critical items to fix before you put your home on the market can put big money in your wallet. The more attractive your home shows, the more likely it will sell quickly. Fixing certain items can bring a larger return than others, and some items really don't cost any money, just some work.



There are at least 14 costly mistakes all home sellers make when selling their home, and Easter is quick to point out those crucial errors in his book, "The 14 Home-Selling Secrets, The Mistakes

Everyone Makes" (\$14.95 from 1-800-848-5593). The No. 1 mistake is overpricing, and Easter explains with great care how to price your home to sell quickly, yet receive the highest price possible.

Robert Bruss, Tribune Media Services syndicated columnist, says "This very realistic book is filled with practical sales advice for home sellers. His advice is practical, honest and often against the best interests of his profession."

Two of the biggest mistakes owner's make is that they: 1) list their home with the agent who quotes the highest sale price. The agent knows the owner already has an emotional attachment to the property, along with a predetermined

and unrealistic price. The agent throws out a high listing price, and the owner signs.

2) sign a listing agreement without protecting their interest. Listing agreements are written to tie the owner to the real estate company without giving an accounting of the exact services.

"If you fail to demand certain actions from the broker before you sign the listing agreement, you lose all of your rights and power," says Easter.

Judy Rose, Detroit Free Press, says, "The 14 Home-Selling Secrets" is the best little straightforward house-selling book we have

seen ... It's full of gems of inside information. Easter tells you what any seller should know."

"Before you pick up the phone to call a real-estate broker to help you sell or buy a home you need to know the secrets of saving money, time and undue stress," says Easter.

There are many hidden traps of buying a home. "Paying too much for a home is one pitfall home buyers must learn to avoid," says Easter, who also wrote "Home Buying Power: Inside Tips, Tricks and Trends for Buying the Home of Your Dreams" (\$12.95). "Another major mistake is not knowing the 48 advantages and disadvantages of buying a new or resell home. A smart shopper needs to know what they are."

Mark Victor Hansen, New York Times best-selling author of "Chicken Soup for the Soul," says, "Protect your investment by learning the best advice and wisdom from a leading consumer advocate. Easter zeroes in on money-saving tips to protect home buyers now and in the future."

To receive the free checklists, "The 10 Critical Items to Fix Before You Sell," "The Top 10 Tips Before You Buy" and "The 10 Best Home Improvement Projects," send \$3 (for shipping/handling) to Bob Easter, Author, 4212 Lostridge Drive, Suite 398, Austin, TX 78731-1306. For book orders only, call 1-800-848-5593, or send a check for \$29.95 (price includes the free reports plus shipping/handling). Add \$5 shipping/handling for single orders only. All book orders are shipped same day two-day priority mail and come with a 60-day money-back guarantee when you include the name of this newspaper with your order.

Know how to protect your home

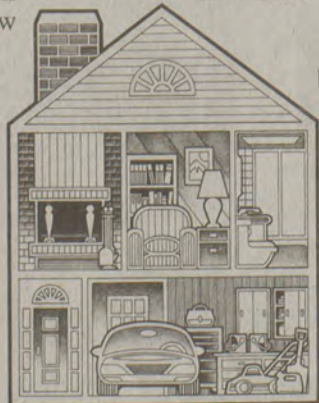
(MS) — More than 1.5 million home burglaries occur each year, yet 9 out of 10 of these crimes could have been prevented if the homeowner knew how to burglar-proof their house, according to the Insurance Information Institute (I.I.I.).

"Light, time and noise are a homeowner's greatest weapons in the fight to prevent a home burglary," says the I.I.I. "A burglar will think twice about breaking into your home if he or she has to maneuver in a well-lit yard and if you make it both time-consuming and noisy to get into your house."

To help prevent home burglaries, the I.I.I. offers the following suggestions:

- "Case" your house the way a burglar might and look for easy ways to enter your home. Look to see if valuables like expensive electronic equipment or artwork are visible from the street. If a passerby can see your belongings, so can criminals.
- Keep your home well-lit. Mount exterior lights, out of reach,

in your yard or on your house. If you are going out for the evening, remember to leave a few lights on in the house.



- Discourage a would-be burglar by making it time-consuming to break into your home. Simple security devices like grates, bars, dead-bolt windows and door locks, and other ordinary anti-theft devices can slow a burglar down. Many would-be criminals will give up if it takes more than five minutes to get in. Ask your local hardware dealer or locksmith to recommend pick-resistant devices.
- Make it noisy to break into your home. Consider investing in a burglar alarm. There are many types of systems available. The most effective ones ring at an outside service and contact the police, fire or other emergency service.
- Make sure you have strong doors. Outside doors should be made of metal or solid hardwood and be at least 1 3/4 inches thick. Frames must also be made of strong

material, and each door must fit its frame securely. The best lock will not deter a burglar if it is installed in a weak door.

When improving the security of your home, it also is important not to exchange security for personal safety. Don't make your home such a fortress that you are unable to escape in case of a fire or other emergency.

Insurance companies provide discounts for devices that make a home safer. Most companies give discounts of two percent to five percent for dead-bolt locks and smoke/fire alarms. Discounts of 15 percent to 20 percent also are available if you install a sophisticated smoke and burglar alarm system that rings at an outside service. Not all systems will qualify for a discount, so talk to your insurance agent before investing in this type of safety equipment.

For more information on how to burglar-proof your home, talk to your insurance agent or your local law enforcement agency. The I.I.I. also publishes a free brochure, "Home Security Basics." It is available by sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope to Insurance Information Institute, Attn: FB, 110 William St., New York, NY 10038. Or, visit the company's Web site at <http://www.iii.org>.

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Roofing worries?

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A: Yes. Metal roofing is a great alternative to the common problems you're experiencing with traditional roofing shingles. Metal roofing does cost more upfront than typical shingles or tile, but it's actually cheaper because it lasts many times longer, requires less maintenance, and provides a better appearance (and greater value) for your home. Metal roofing has advantages in every climate, especially in areas with threats of fires or airborne sparks, severe storms, or extreme heat or cold. Some metal roofs even can be installed directly over your existing roof, preventing the added cost and mess of a tear-off.

Q: Won't a metal roof make my house hotter in the summer?

A: It depends on the metal. Steel absorbs and transfers the heat of the sun, but not all metals do. Aluminum, for example, reflects radiant heat; that's why NASA uses aluminum to shield satellites in space, where there's no atmosphere to scatter the heat of the sun.

One metal roofing manufacturer had its aluminum roofing product, called Rustic Shingle, tested by the Florida Solar Energy Center. The center found it to reduce attic heat gain by up to 34 percent more than traditional roofing materials. This can add up to big savings on your utility bills. If you decide to use a metal roof that is not aluminum, you will need to install a radiant-heat barrier in your attic to get any energy savings.

Q: I don't like the "industrial" look of flat metal roofing with vertical lines. Are there alternatives?

A: You are describing "standing seam" roofing, so named for the vertical seams that stand up between the panels. And, yes, there are many alternatives. Most popular are the products that look like natural wood shakes, tile or slate. These offer a traditional, yet distinctive, appearance with all the benefits of metal roofing.

Q: How will I know that I'm buying a quality metal roof?

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Suspended ceiling finish basements

If you're a homeowner who's thinking about increasing your home's living space, it's time to explore the "land down under" — your basement.

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Regardless of whether you do the work yourself, hire a professional contractor or combine a little of each, make sure there's enough headroom. Most building codes require a minimum of 7 1/2 feet from floor to ceiling.

When planning the ceiling, interior designers say suspended or "drop" ceilings usually are the best choice, because they cover exposed floor joists in an attractive manner while permitting access to the pipes, ductwork and wiring above the ceiling.

The ceiling panels used in these ceilings are usually 2 feet by 2 feet or 2 feet by 4 feet in size, are installed in a metal grid system that is suspended from the floor joists, and are available in a variety of designs for any decor or budget.

Some feature a subtle, overall refined surface texture. Others have a distinctive, smooth-surfaced, raised panel pattern that is reminiscent of Old World woodwork. Still others offer a fine-textured repeating pattern with a stepped edge that helps "hide" the grid system.

One of the newest suspended ceiling panels on the market is called SuperTuff from Armstrong. This panel has five times more impact resistance and two times more scratch resistance than most other panels. It's ideal for use in "active" rooms like a family room, game room or children's playroom. In addition, the panel absorbs 55 percent of the sound that strikes it, significantly reducing noise level within the room.

To obtain additional information on SuperTuff and other ceilings used in finished basements, as well as other rooms in the house, visit <http://www.ceiling.com> on the Internet. This interactive Web site features numerous photos to help you visualize various ceilings in your own home.

Insure your home against natural disasters

If your home is destroyed by a hurricane or reduced to rubble by a powerful earthquake, would you be covered? If a bolt of lightning struck your house, is this an "Act of God?" What about man-made disasters like vandalism or theft? To help consumers understand how homeowners insurance works and what they can do to get the appropriate insurance coverage, the Insurance Information Institute has published a free brochure that answers the most commonly asked questions. They include:

Are "Acts of God" covered?

Yes. Most natural disasters like hurricanes or lightning are covered by standard homeowners insurance policies. In fact, homeowners policies contain a long list of disasters that you would be covered against. The two key exceptions are flood and earthquake, which are not covered. You can, however, buy separate policies for these disasters.

How can you get flood coverage?

Flood insurance is provided by the Federal Insurance Administration. People who live in flood-prone areas should talk to their agent about getting this additional coverage.

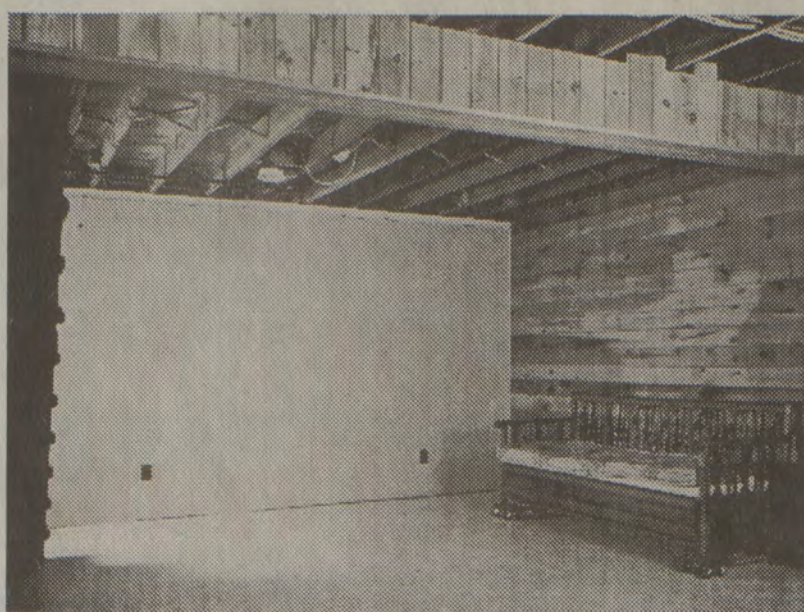
Do you have liability protection if a neighbor slips on your sidewalk?

Yes. A homeowners policy will pay for damages, if the accident is a result of your negligence. It also will pay for the legal costs of defending you against a claim. The medical payments portion of your policy also will cover medical expenses arising from an injury to a neighbor or guest.

Are burst pipes covered?

Yes. You would be covered for the accidental discharge of water from a plumbing system. You can avoid this type of disaster, however, by checking heating and plumbing systems once a year.

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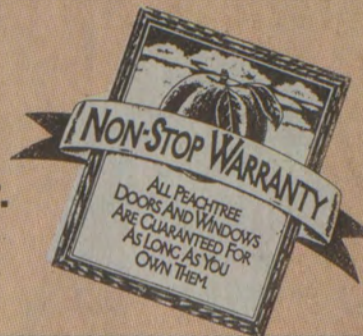
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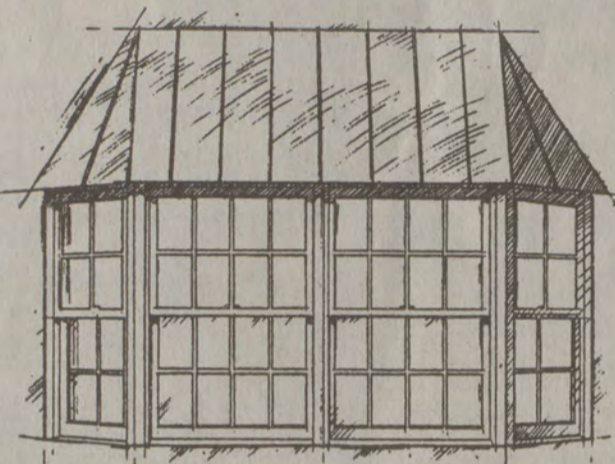
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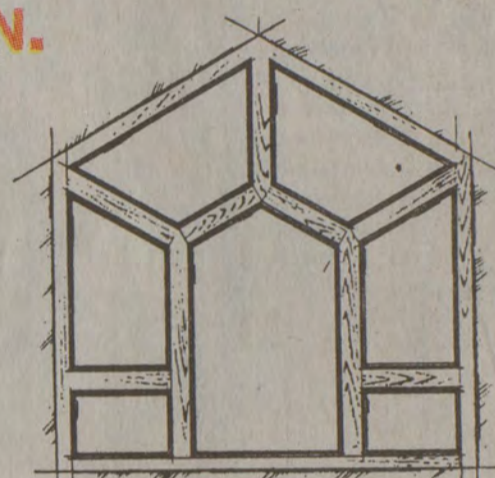
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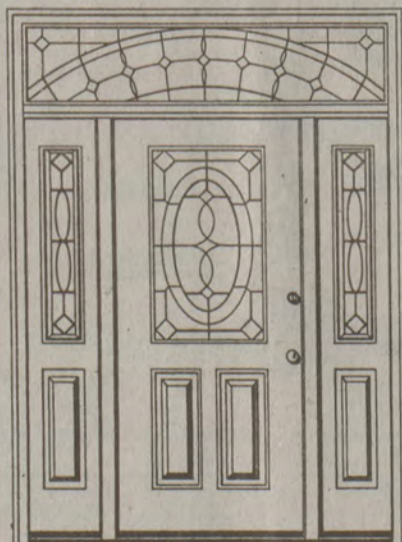
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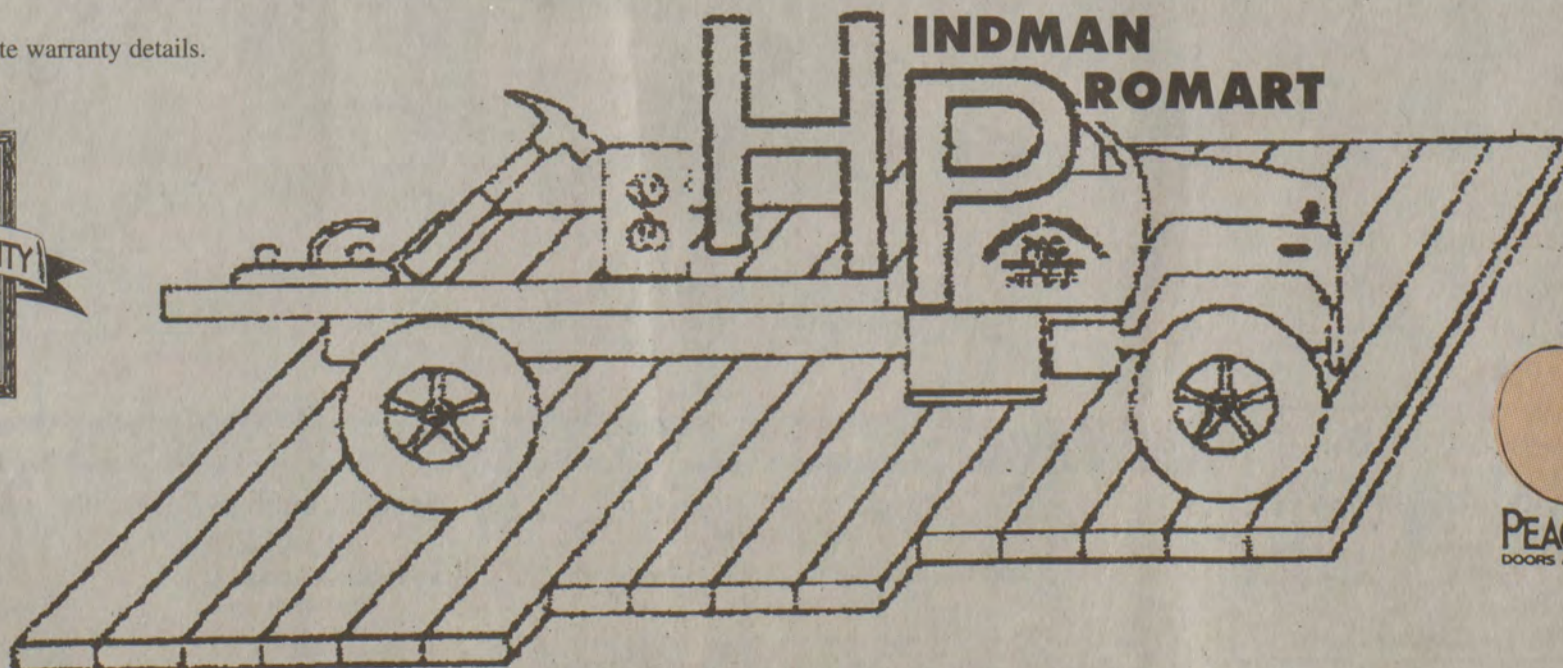


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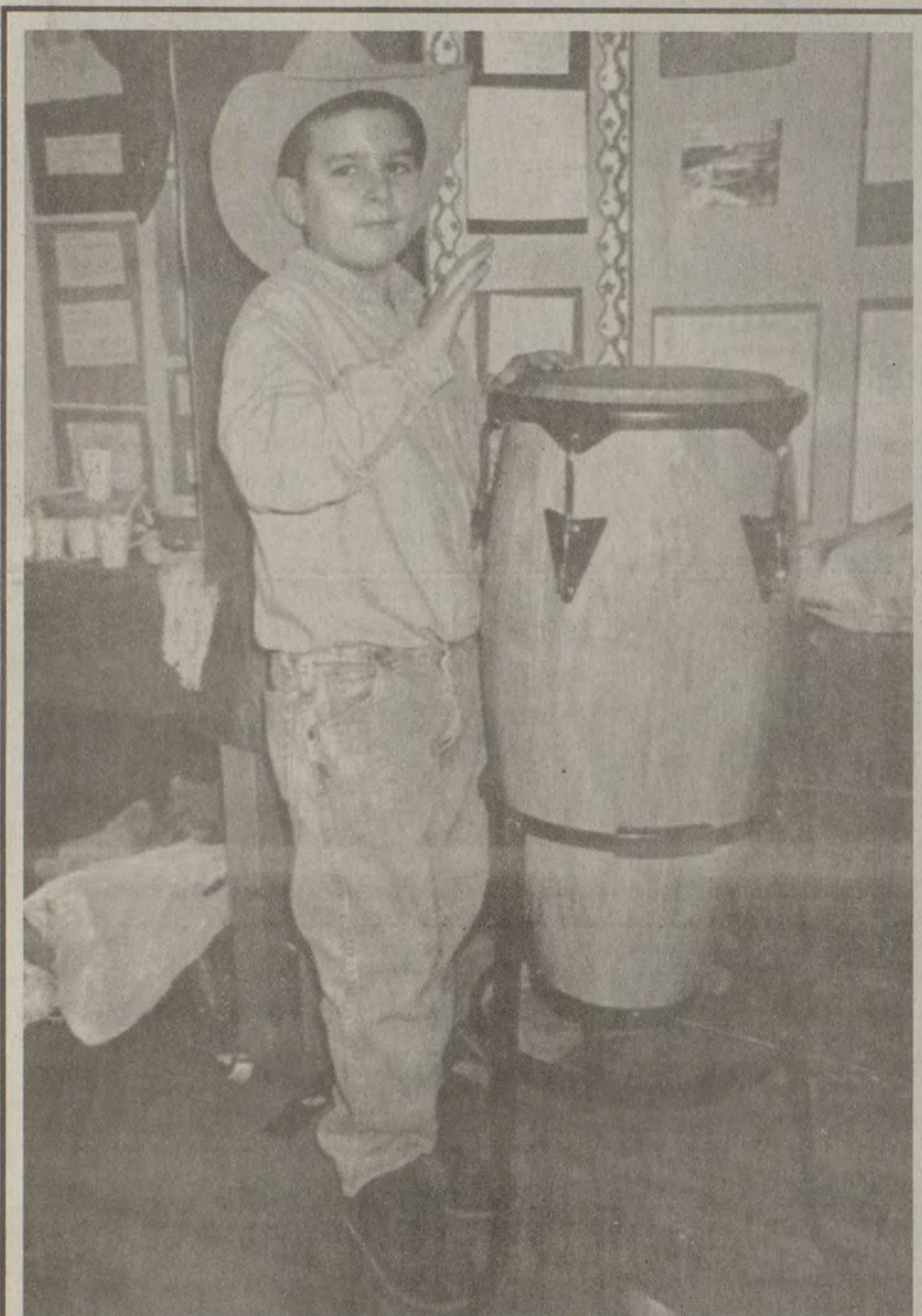
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Festival of Nations



Pictured is Arizona representative Jason Hughes. He is in the sixth grade.

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The last week of February took on an international flair for the students as well as the community near Adams Middle School.

Sixth, seventh, and eighth-grade students presented the "Festival of Nations," a "trip around the world" so to speak, for their fellow students, faculty and staff, as well as the rest of the community as parents and friends alike were allowed to travel along.

The gymnasium was filled with booth-type setups, where students were designated to dress and act out their counterparts as persons from other nations.

Each nation or booths educate the visitors about a different country, and even allow them to get a real feel for the culture by offering a "taste" of the local cuisine. You could say the visual effects and education, along with the treats, made each visitor feel as if they'd really been on a trip - without having to get a passport!

Guests from some countries were in attendance, lending their expertise and experiences to further give the fair an authentic edge.

Gwen Hammonds, instructor of eighth-grade social studies at AMS, said "The core concept of this exercise is cultural diversity. The diversity of different groups within our culture and the many ethnic and cultural groups of our nation and world are presented to our students during this unit."

Hammonds went on to say that the students "researched the countries through the media center, resources available in the classroom, and through available technology such as the Internet."

The students were grouped in cops of four per country. "They were assigned a nation and its culture to study, and give instructions and expectations for their presentations and displays. They had exactly seven class periods to complete their assignments," Hammonds said.

The students were allowed to visit other displays from their fellow students' countries, but were expected to be on hand to answer questions regarding their own countries in the time allotted.

Hammonds said that "as a follow-up activity, students were given an on-demand writing activity expressing their participation in the festival. Several wrote that the festival was one of the highlights of the school year."

Greta Ousley, AMS seventh grader and daughter of Greg and

Janie Ousley of Martin, commented on her experience with the festival.

"The festival was fun - I learned a lot about (my assigned country) Ireland, and it was fun to see the difference in environments and how different the foods were. Some of the products they grow are rice and potatoes, and their culture is much different from the United States.

"I also learned that they divide

their schooling into primary and secondary schools, which would be

like our grade and high schools. I worked for about two weeks researching the information on Ireland," she said.

Ousley also commented that "this was a great project for the students and an educational one, too."

This was the fourth year the festival was held at Adams, and took an entire six weeks to complete.



Daniel Weddington and T.C. Hatfield, both eighth graders, represented the "land down under," Australia.



Mexico's Shaun Whitt appears deep in thought, while the other representative, Brandy Justice - a sixth grader - keeps up the good work. (photo by Rita Brock)



Seventh grader Rebecca Spurlock performed the Flamenco dance as a part of her learning experience about Spain. (photo by Rita Brock)

Star Watch

Hunting for a hunk? Welcome Matt!

By IAN SPELLING
Chicago Tribune

Did you, like everyone else, bawl your brains out watching "Good Will Hunting"? Well, it could've been worse. Director Gus Van Sant wanted to kill off Chuckie (played by Ben Affleck). And at one point, co-stars/co-writers Affleck and Matt Damon even considered offing Will (Damon).



"Gus said, 'I want Chuckie to get flattened like a bug at the construction site,'" Damon recalls with a laugh. "He wanted someone to say, 'He was killed, crushed like a bug.' Ben and I went, 'No, Gus, that's a terrible idea.'"

Fortunately, Chuckie and Will lived — and the rest, as they say, is history. Damon and Affleck have a huge hit. Their movie has been nominated for and won all sorts of awards, including an Oscar nomination for Best Picture and, for Damon, a Best Actor nomination.

It has been a whirlwind ride to stardom for Damon, a good-natured, good-looking 27-year-old whose previous credits include "Geronimo," "Courage Under Fire" and "The Rainmaker."

Damon, who's single, is known for dating "Rainmaker" co-star Claire Danes and "Good Will" co-star Minnie Driver. He also is known for taking his work seriously. He lost 40 pounds for "Courage" and stuck rocks in his suit during a "Rainmaker" scene to make himself uncomfortable. But he doesn't take himself or fame too seriously.

"I like it," he says, laughing, "but I don't think the sun rises or falls with that stuff. I can really take it or leave it."

Could the actor just be the flavor of the month? Not likely. He seems to have the goods to be around for a long, long time.

"If people like your movies, you keep working," he says. "These movies are not mindless entertainment, nor do I think they're curing cancer. They're just good, solid movies, and that's the kind of work I want to keep doing."

KID NEWS

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GIVE THAT KID A BIG HAND!

This trick is so cool you can't put it down

Chicago Tribune

Want to know how to do this catchy trick? We'll give you a hand (how do you think you end up with three?) and tell you how it's done:

Grab a paper sack (a grocery sack is great, cuz it's got a squared-off bottom).

Take a pair of old gloves that you can totally do without (even a pair of latex cleaning gloves will do).

One of the gloves will go on one hand. Take the other glove, stuff it with tissue to make it look like there's a hand inside, then glue it to the bottom and front of the sack. The point is to make that glove look like it's your real hand when you hold the sack in front of you. So when you glue it on the sack, the thumb of the glove needs to point to the outside. (If you turn your palm up and hold something in your hand, your thumb is to the outside, see?)

Now, cut a hole in the back of the sack. It helps to hold the sack in front of you and figure out where your free hand (and arm) easily touches the back of the sack. Then mark that spot and cut.

Finally, hold the sack in front of you with one hand, let the glove look like your other hand, and stick your real other hand in the hole. To people in front of you, your hand and arm sticking up from inside the sack will look as if they belong to some other creature! For fun, let that hand go wild — swing it, tug at your hair, make the peace sign. Just don't go so wild that the sack tips up and people can see that the glove at the bottom of the sack isn't attached to an arm.



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Ask Anything

Why, oh, why did her friend get the guy?

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 friend knew I liked this boy, but now she's his girlfriend! It made me really mad. I had asked him lots of times, but he turned me down. What should I do?

— BOY CRAZY

DEAR BOY CRAZY: Hard as it is, try to accept that you and this guy aren't meant to be (at least not now). But it's cool that you asked him out, so you won't be plagued with a bad case of "what if?" Also, try to accept that he freely chose your friend, which is what romance is all about. I can totally understand your being mad, but if you want to keep this friendship, you'll have to get over it. After all, you don't own this guy. And if we all got dibs on a guy just cuz we liked him, a boatload of us would be dating Leonardo DiCaprio right now. If it's hard for you to be around your friend and this guy, just steer clear when they're together. And keep your eyes out for other cool guys. There are plenty of 'em to go around, and your turn will come!

DEAR WENDI: I have trouble making friends at school. The other girls avoid me and talk about me behind my back. I really want to be their friend, though. They're nice and cool. Please help!

— ALL ALONE, 11

DEAR ALL ALONE: Wow, are you sweet! You manage to see the good in kids who are being mean to you! I would take you for a friend over those back-stabbing girls anytime. When kids single out one kid to pick on, it's usually a fear tactic. They figure if everyone is busy picking on one kid, then no one will take the time to pick on them. So everyone gangs up on that poor kid. Sometimes the kid is different in some way — and sometimes it's just the unluck of the draw. Be on the lookout for a kid or two who doesn't join the crowd; that's where you're gonna find a friend. And you deserve a friend — after all, from what you've shown me, you're nice and cool too!

You Go, Guy

Drill team member breaks the routine

By DON BABWIN
Chicago Tribune

Bill Spata has some advice for any kid who wants to try something new, but who's afraid of getting laughed out of school: Go for it.

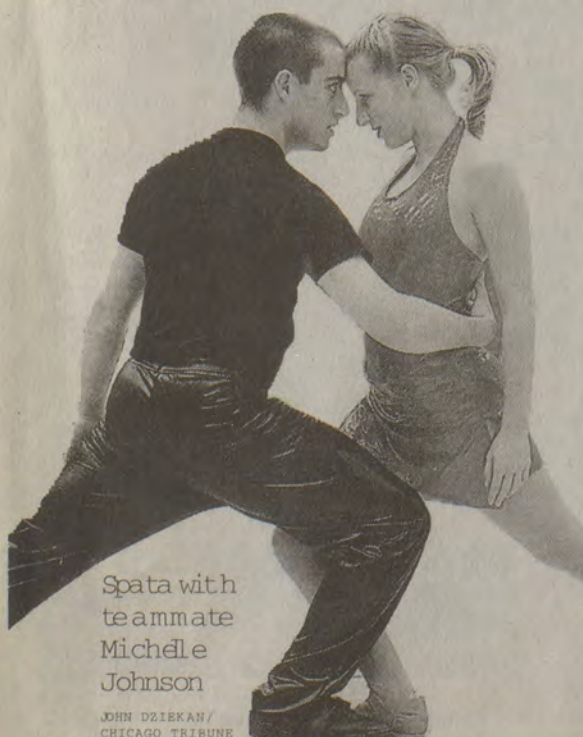
Spata's an 18-year-old senior at St. Charles High School in Chicago. And oh, yeah, look out at the 24 members of the school's drill team dancing on the football field or basketball court at halftime. He's the guy. All the rest are girls.

And get this. Not only is he out there, but IT'S NO BIG DEAL. "People at school see it as completely normal. It's exciting to see how people accept it," Spata says.

His story is simple, really. He arrived in high school wanting to compete and be part of a team. With years of training in tap, jazz dancing and ballet, he looked around and saw that about the only place he could combine it all was on the all-girl drill team.

"He came out and took a risk, and we treated him like a normal kid," says his coach, Kari Batka. "He made the team fair and square."

Spata says he hopes his example will help anyone who wants to, or wants to take any other kind of risk. "I say don't follow what everybody else does," he says. "Make your own path and let people follow you."



Spata with teammate Michelle Johnson

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CASH \$ TASH

By KELLY MILNER HALLS
Chicago Tribune

You should save your money!" How many times have you heard that phrase — especially when cash rolls in during holidays and birthdays? You probably even think it's a good idea. A big chunk of change would come in handy if, say, you wanted to buy a hot new video game. But how do you save money when you don't have much money to begin with? These six saving secrets can help you get the most for your dollar — and even make a few extra along the way.

1 Start small
How often has a nickel fallen from your pocket and you kept on walking? If you're like most people, it happens a lot. Coins don't seem like serious money, until you gather a few. "I started collecting dimes and nickels in a bottle," says 8-year-old Vanessa H. "My mom would give me all her dimes, and I kept whatever dimes I got as change." Six months and half a bottle later, Vanessa had collected 632 dimes — enough to buy a \$60 video game, with change left over to start the collection again.

2 Be thrifty
Dressing cool is easy and cheap, if you shop in the right places. "Thrift stores have a wide variety of new and older stuff, even '70's hippy clothes," 17-year-old John L. says. "I found this one velvet shirt for \$15. The same shirt was \$55 (at a regular store). Check the Yellow Pages under "Thrift Shops."

3 Invest in oldies
CDs can be expensive — about \$16 each for the latest megahits. Wanna keep the tunes blatin' without tapping out your funds? Make regular trips to the "used" CD rack and save a bundle. Most CDs in the used rack are there because the first person to plunk down full price didn't like it once he or she got it home. That person's loss can be your gain.

4 No touching!
The simple truth is, if you can't touch it, you can't spend it. So think savings account. Saving money can earn you money: Most savings accounts pay 2 to 3 percent in interest



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5 Go with garbage
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6 See cheap flicks
If you hit the flicks at least once a week, being an early bird counts. Most movie theaters offer a \$2-per-ticket discount for shows that begin before 5 p.m. And \$2 a week, 52 weeks a year saves you \$104.

Ask Anything

Take baby steps before asking for the BIG date

Chicago Tribune

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DEAR WENDI: When I see this girl I like, I turn away. She sometimes talks to me in the halls and class — but I never look her in the eyes. How do I ask her out?

— SHY BOY

DEAR SHY BOY: Whoa, not so fast! If you're not comfortable around this girl in the everyday scene, how are you gonna handle going out? Give yourself a break and take baby steps! First, work on looking at her, then talking to her — it's so cool that she's already talking to you! — then down the way you'll find a semi-smooth way to ask her out. But you don't have to go there yet! First, why not try this: The next time you see her, don't turn away. Look into her eyes and smile. It'll only take a second, and it's OK if you blush and look shy — girls love that stuff! And there's nothing as yummy as looking straight in the eyes of someone you're into. Believe me, you'll make a much better impression looking at this girl shyly than you will by turning away. By showing her your back, you might be sending the message that you're rude or not interested. And that's far from the truth!

DEAR WENDI: My friends have started to ignore me. If I sound jealous, I am. But I'm also lonely. Should I say anything? I don't want to lose my friends.

— SCARED

DEAR SCARED: Hard as it is, you NEED to say something. Your friends might be caught up in some project or melodrama and not even realize they're ignoring you. Or maybe there has been a misunderstanding and they're mad about something you're totally unaware of. The only way you're gonna find out what's up is by talking to them. Don't get all mad and accusing — just find the nicest, most easygoing kid in the bunch and tell him or her you're feeling left out and are wondering what's up. I know you're worried about losing your friends — but part of friendship is that you get to say how you feel and what you need.

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TV TALK

ONE HAPPY CAMPER

Are you thinking about going away to camp this summer?

Stephanie Etkin can give you the scoop on what sleepaway camp is really like. Stephanie stars in "Bug Juice," a documentary series on summer camp airing on the Disney Channel at 5 p.m. EST on Sundays.

"Bug Juice" was filmed at beautiful, woodsy Camp Wazyatah, in Waterford, Maine, last summer.

Stephanie is a camp veteran. At 15, she has spent half her summer vacations at camp. She got her first taste of Bug Juice (that's what campers call the Kool-Aid-like punch served at camps) when she was just 7.

How did Stephanie's camp experience land her on TV?



Stephanie Etkin shares her camp experience on Disney's "Bug Juice" series.

The Disney folks wanted to give kids a fun, real-life look at camp. They researched camps across the United States and picked Camp Wazyatah, then started contacting Wazi campers for the series, which debuted this month. The Disney folks picked kids to fill two cabins — one of boys and one of girls — and followed them for eight weeks of camp life: food fights, first crushes and making and leaving new

friends.

As a camp veteran, Stephanie's got good advice:

■ Younger kids might want to go to camp with a friend. But don't be afraid to go somewhere new. Stephanie met her best friend, Alison, five years ago at another camp in Maine.

■ Pick a camp where they do activities you want to do — not what your parents or friends want to do.

■ Stephanie picks the camps she wants to visit by looking at guide books and sending away for brochures.

Stephanie can't wait to get back to Camp Wazi. But for now, she's got the ultimate souvenirs: great friends, lots of pictures and "Bug Juice" on Sunday nights.

— Janis Campbell, Knight Ridder Newspapers

BOOK NOOK

"THE DOOR IN THE WALL" STILL OPENS TO ADVENTURE

Old books are still some of the best books. Take "The Door in the Wall," a novel written and illustrated by Marguerite de Angeli in 1949.

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Not only is de Angeli a great storyteller, her drawings are both beautiful and transporting. (That means they carry you away to another time and place.)

The time is the 14th century; the place is England. The story is about a boy named Robin, 10, who lives in a castle. His father, a great lord, is off fighting a war. His mother has just been asked to be the queen's lady-in-waiting.

Robin's mother wants to get him out of London, where the plague is raging. He's on his way to northern England to be a page to one of the king's knights, the first step toward someday becoming a knight himself. He's all excited. But the next morning, he wakes up and can't move his legs. How can he become a page — let alone a knight — if he can't walk?

The rest of the story is about Robin's struggle to become a hero, despite his disability. We won't tell you the ending, of course. But as Brother Luke, one of Robin's friends, says: "It is better to have crooked legs than a crooked spirit."

That's a great message for any age — 1950 or 1998!

You can find "Door in the Wall" at most libraries or you can buy it at a bookstore.

— Patricia Chargot, Knight Ridder Newspapers



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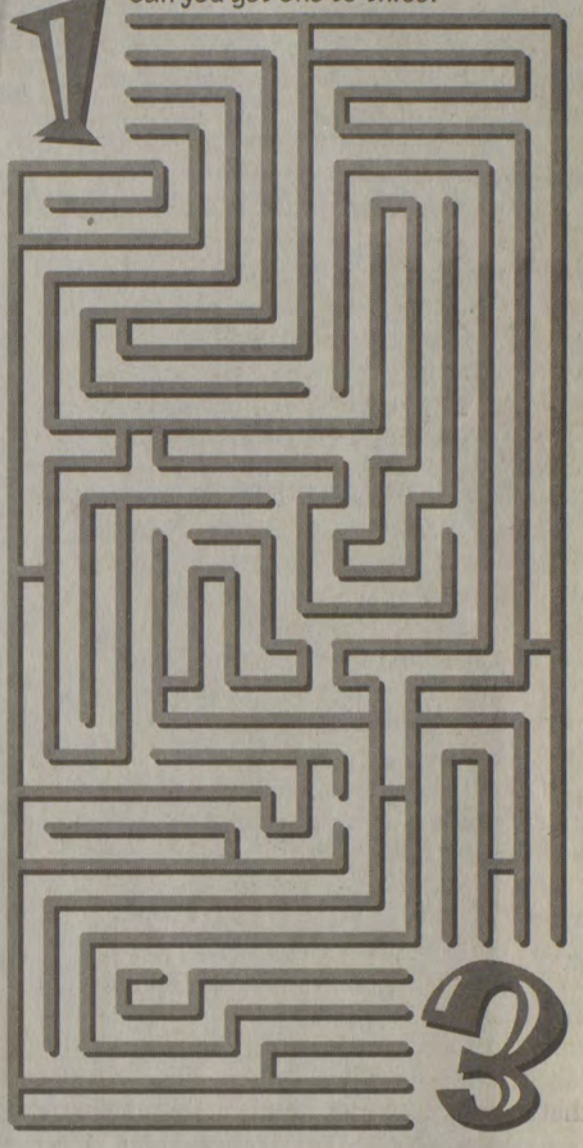
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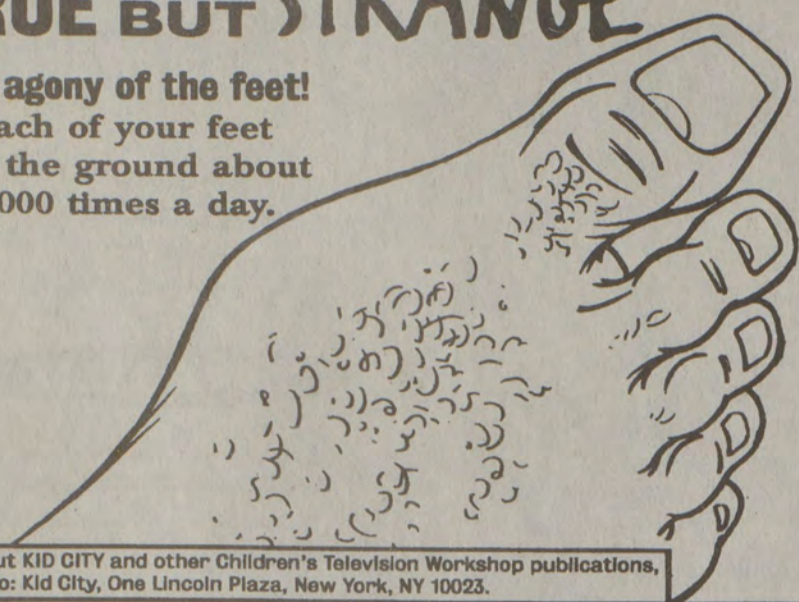
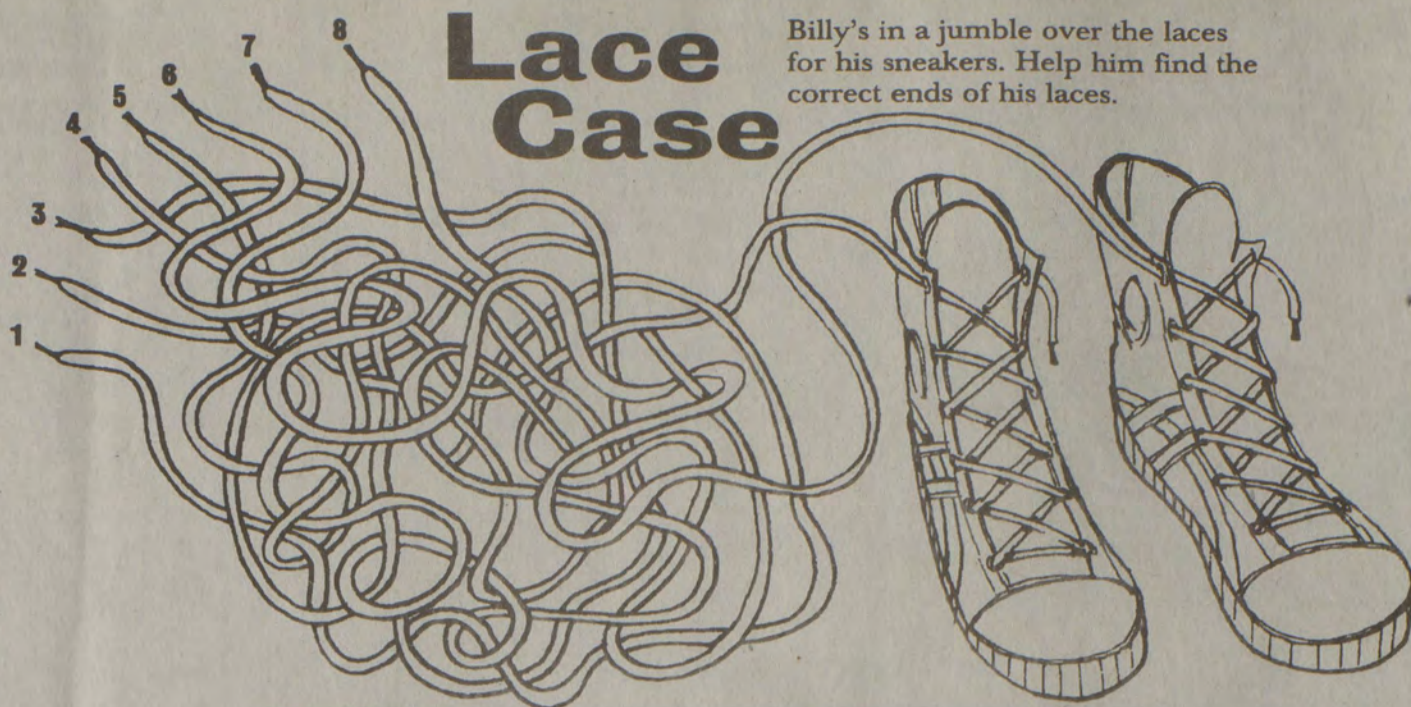


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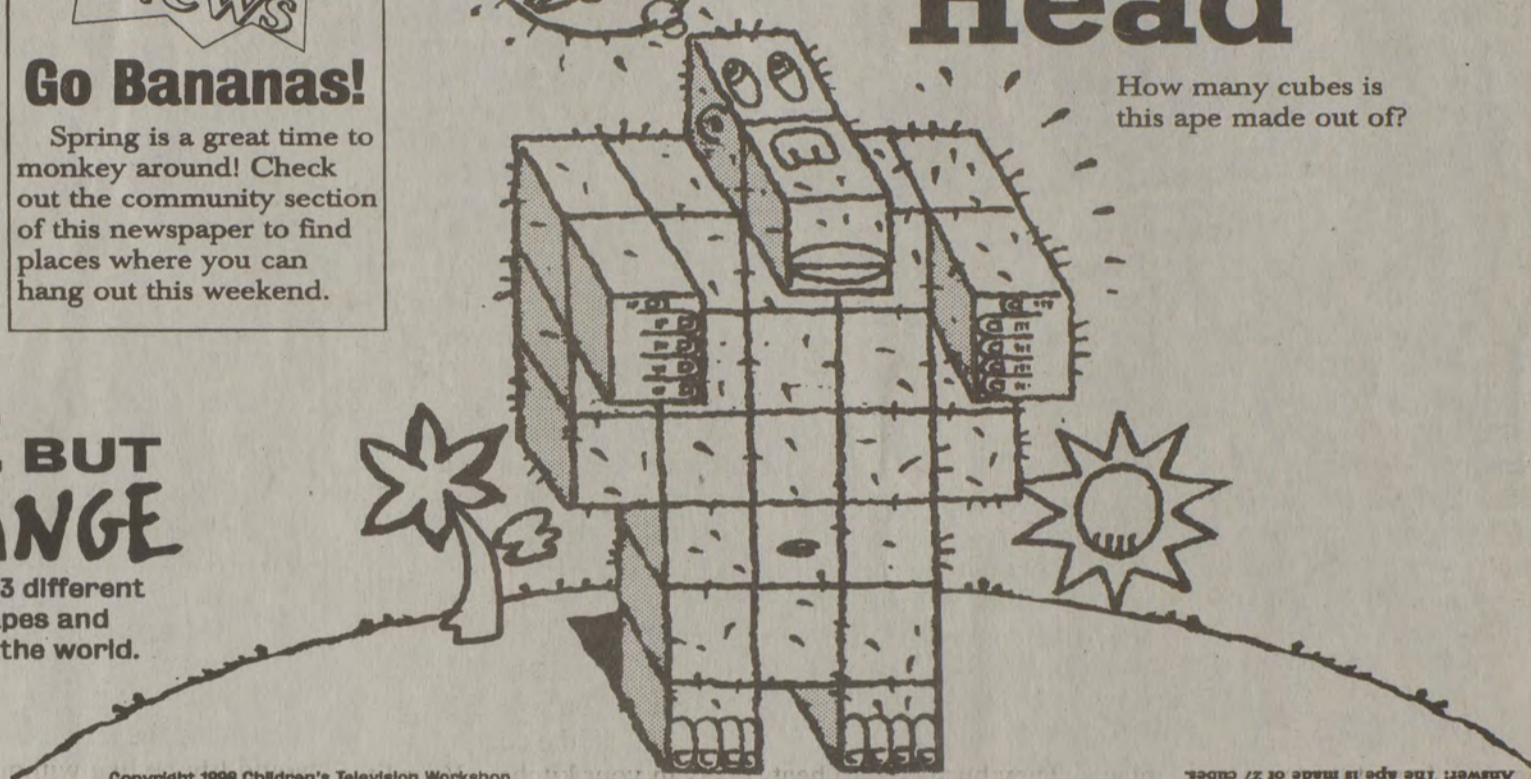
Go Bananas!

Spring is a great time to monkey around! Check out the community section of this newspaper to find places where you can hang out this weekend.



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How many cubes is this ape made out of?



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Answer: The ape is made of 27 cubes.

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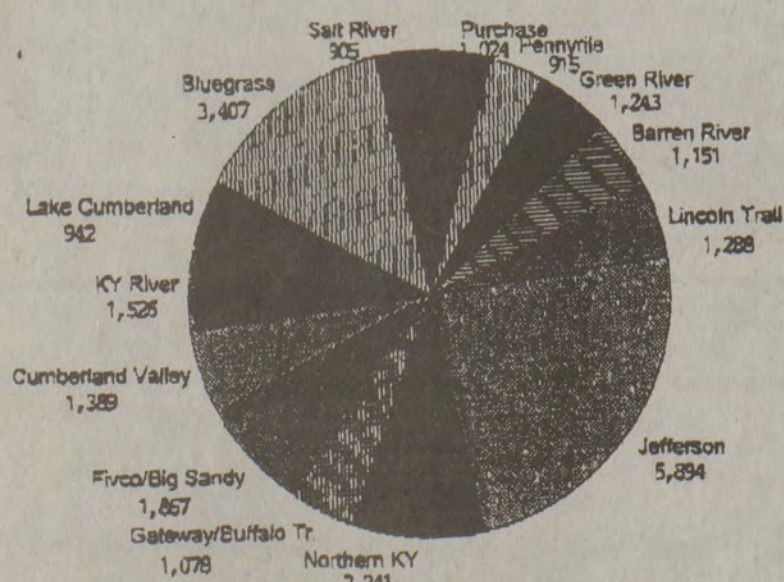
April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

In 1996, 60,896 children were reported for child abuse and neglect to the Department for Social Services (DSS) in Kentucky. Of the number of children for which reports were made, 24,870 of the children were substantiated as having been abused or neglected.

Number of Incidents Substantiated by Type

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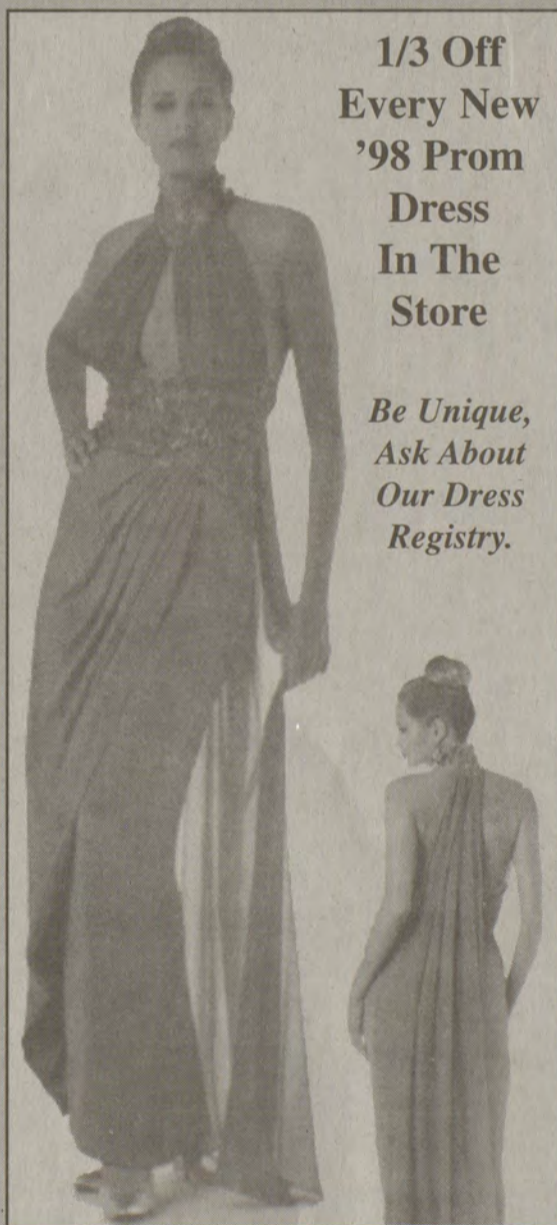
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Short Stories

Just Think



by Amanda Crisp

This morning you probably woke up to the buzzing of the alarm clock or maybe that loud radio with Dale McKinney saying, "It's time to get those kiddies up and ready for school." You crawled out of bed, and switched on the light, before you wandered into the bathroom to brush your teeth and take a hot shower. Then you used a blow dryer to dry your hair. Maybe, you even used your electric curling iron or curlers to fix it.

Next, you wandered into the kitchen to the fresh smell of coffee perking and bacon frying. You sat down with a fresh squeezed glass of juice and a piece of crispy brown toast. While you ate, your little brother had his eyes glued to the TV watching The Lion King. You hoped that you

would have time to listen to your favorite CD before going to school.

Now just think! Where did that energy come from that allowed you to do those things that most of us take for granted? Well the energy came from electricity. You actually have a full-time servant. But, most of us just take it for granted. For example, we watch TV, play our video games, use the computer, cook our food on the stove or in the microwave, listen to our favorite stereo music, and keep cool or warm in our snug homes because we have this wonderful thing called electricity.

But where does electricity come from? Well hear this, more than half of the electricity that we use in the United States comes from coal that's burned at electric utility plants. They burn coal to heat

water which in turn creates steam that drives a huge turbine that makes electricity. This electricity is then transmitted into our homes, schools, factories, and businesses.

Now think again. Let's go back to that bathroom. Did you wash or shower with soap? Did you brush your teeth or shampoo your hair? Maybe you used make-up. Did you put on eye-shadow and blush? Maybe you even polished your nails and sprayed some perfume. If you did, you used a coal by-product. Perhaps you even took an aspirin before you left. This is another by-product of coal.

Now let's revisit that kitchen. Take a look on the shelf at all those coal by-products. You would be surprised at all the coal by-products in your kitchen. Your lit-

tle brother would certainly be surprised that he was using a coal by-product to sweeten his cereal. How about that coke you just drank?

Listen real close. Is that your mom singing along with the radio? If she's in the basement doing the weekly laundry, she is using coal by-products: bleach and washing powder. How about that stain remover and the linoleum on the basement floor? These again are coal by-products.

Finally, it's time for school and you yell at your little brother to hurry up because the headstart bus is coming to take him on a field trip today.

Then you lean down and yell at your mom to hurry or you will be late for school.

In your family car, you drive carefully to school and enjoy a few more things because of this wonderful thing called coal. The tires on your car and the pavement you drive on are coal by-products. And do you realize the steel the car is made of comes from coal?

Now you're ready for your day at school. You enter a well lit building with the cool air from the air conditioner hitting you as you walk down the hall to your homeroom. Your instructor calls the roll and the bell rings, it's your signal that says your first class is about to begin. Again, you walk down the hall, this time to your computer class. A luxury that we owe to the coal industry.

Now imagine your life without all these things. It would be like turning on the computer to look at a black screen. Our lives would be completely different.

We have grown to think that when we switch on the light, everything will light up. Thanks to the mining of coal this will happen. But, what would life be like without

this black diamond or buried sunshine that we call coal?

Think of all the coal by-products that you used this morning before you came to school. What would you do without them?

Think of all the things that you enjoy doing. Without coal you wouldn't be able to listen to your favorite song on the radio or watch your favorite T.V. show. Traveling to see relatives and friends would take longer and you wouldn't be able to pick up the phone and call them. I hope that you are beginning to see how important coal is to our world.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Amanda Crisp's book, "Just Think," was a county-wide winner in the Young Author's competition held by the Floyd County Board of Education.

Her book won in the computer graphics division. When she wrote her book, Amanda was a student in Charlotte B. Case's class.

Amanda is the daughter of Ralph and Rose Crisp of Martin.

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Because the Earth is round and because it spins, the sun's heat will never be even. So the wind will keep on blowing.

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experiment #1 WARM-UP/COLD-DOWN

WHAT YOU NEED: Candle - a grown-up - food coloring - water - ice cube tray

WHAT TO DO: Fill the ice cube tray with water and add 4 drops of red or green color to two cubes. When they're frozen solid, gently place 1 cube into a clear glass of water. Let the water get calm first. Look quickly and closely. It helps to have a light on behind the glass. The second cube is a spare. Have your grown-up light the candle. You blow it out. Watch where the smoke goes.

WHAT IS GOING ON:

The smoke rose up into the air because it's warmer than the rest of the air. As it rose, it also cooled. When the temperatures were balanced, the smoke stopped going up and just spread out.

The colored ice cube gave off swirls of color like the drawing, and they sank to the bottom of the glass. The colored water was colder than the clear water, so it flowed down. Hot and cold air behave the same - hot air goes up, cold air goes down.

experiment #2

WHAT YOU NEED: Flashlight
dark room

WHAT TO DO: Hold the light straight toward the wall and turn it on. Now tilt the light so that it's shining on the wall near the ceiling. Notice how the light spreads out.

At the equator the light and heat are focused tightly and are stronger.

WHAT IS GOING ON: You just made a model of the Earth and sun. Because the world is ball-shaped - or spherical (SFIR-i-kei) - the light spreads out at the North and South Poles. It's stronger at the middle, which is called the equator. This is why it's hot at the equator and cold at the North and South Poles.

SO WHAT:

Air rising and falling is much bigger and more powerful than your experiment, and it's what drives all the wind.

Hot air at the equator lifts up from the ground like your smoke. When it does, something has to take the place of the air that just went up. Cold air from the North and South Poles is sucked down toward the equator. This causes enormous winds.

It all has to do with uneven heating by the sun. That means that all wind and power from windmills started with the energy in the sun.

Trouble with Trouble

(a tale from the American South)

adapted by Amy Friedman and illustrated by Jillian Gilliland

Once upon a time there was this fellow whose name was Trouble. Well, that wasn't exactly his name, but that's what folks called him because he always brought trouble to the town. No matter what happened, Trouble had to tell folks all about it. He could never keep a secret.

The minute he heard that Mary burned her pumpkin pies, he told all the folks he could find, and when Bobby lost his brother's fly rod, Trouble ran to town and told the fellows in the barbershop, and soon everyone knew. When Joseph kicked his cow, Trouble passed the news. The trouble was, Trouble never told a lie. No, Trouble always told the truth, and that's why folks called him Trouble because no matter what story he passed along, no one could pretend it wasn't true. Trouble's stories caused a whole lot of trouble in town.

Sometimes the boys played marbles for pennies, but when Trouble saw them, he told their parents, and all the boys had trouble after that. "Trouble brings trouble," folks said. He told the congregation about Jimmy kissing Susie, and he told the teachers about Sally doing Martha's homework. He told everyone everyone else's

business, and things got so bad, no one wanted to do anything for fear that everyone else in town would know before too long.

Well, one wintry day Trouble was walking down the road, and he came upon a skunk who happened to be peacefully napping on a tree stump. When that skunk saw Trouble coming, he sat right up on his haunches, and he said, "Hey there, Trouble. You know what? You talk too much."

Trouble jumped right off the ground when he heard that. He looked to his right. He looked to his left. His mouth was hanging wide open, so wide his pipe fell into the snow. He turned and looked behind him, and up in the bare old branches of the apple trees. "My ears are playing tricks on me," he said. "Everyone knows skunks can't talk."

Trouble started walking down the road again, but just then that old skunk winked at poor old Trouble. "Hey, Trouble, didn't you hear me? I said you talk too much."

Well, you can imagine what Trouble did. His hair stood on end, and he turned and ran the whole mile back to town.

When he arrived in the

town square, he saw the boys tossing their marbles, and Mary carrying pies into the church, and Joseph with his cow, and Sally and Martha walking to school. He saw everyone, and he began to talk so fast, no one could understand a word he said.

"Slow down, John" — for that was Trouble's real name. "Slow down and tell us calmly what the trouble is this time."

"The skunk!" he cried. "The skunk down the road can talk, and he just talked to me and told me that I talk too much!"

"That's the truth," somebody whispered, and everyone laughed. "Now here's a story for you. Everyone knows skunks can't talk."

"It's the truth!" he cried. "Come on, I'll show you," so everyone followed him down the road. When they got to the place where the apple trees grew, John stopped and said, "There he is."

Sure enough that old skunk was sitting right where John had left him just a little while before. He looked like any ordinary skunk. Everyone leaned in real close and stared hard, but they couldn't see anything special about this skunk.

"Go on," John said to the



Tell Me A Story

creature. "Tell them what you told me."

That old skunk just sat and stared and didn't say a word, and pretty soon the people became angry. It was cold, and they had walked a long way, and now they felt like fools standing there, waiting for an ordinary skunk to talk.

"Trouble with you," the barber said to John, "is you ran out of true stories," and everyone nodded and began to laugh. The more they laughed, the more John blushed and stamped his feet, and swore up and down he was telling the truth.

Everyone turned away and walked back to town, but John just stood there staring at that skunk, wondering what was wrong with him.

When the others were out of sight, that old skunk sat up, and once again he winked, and said, "Didn't I tell you, son? You talk too much."

Now some people say that the trouble with Trouble was he let his imagination run

wild. Others say he might have been telling the truth. But no matter what the truth of that tale is, that story fixed poor John. After that day, whenever he told a story, no one believed him. COPYRIGHT 1998 UNIVERSAL PRESS SYND.

MSU to hold open house and dedication

Morehead State University will observe "First Light" of its radio telescope with an open house and dedication of its Astrophysical Laboratory on Friday, March 27.

The radio telescope, funded in part by the National Science Foundation, is the only such instrument in the state. There are fewer than 100 radio telescopes of this type in the world.

"First Light" is traditionally observed when new telescopes become fully operational, according to Dr. Benjamin Malphrus, MSU associate professor of science who is project director. "We

Local students selected for Merit Scholarships at Centre College

Les Fugate, Wes Fugate and Lesley Stout, all of Prestonsburg, have been chosen by Centre College, Danville, to receive merit scholarships designated for prospective freshman students. Each has been selected to become a Faculty Scholar at Centre on the basis of their outstanding high school academic records and scores on college entrance examinations.

The Fugates are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall R. Fugate of Prestonsburg and are 1998 graduates of Prestonsburg High School.

Stout is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Stout of Prestonsburg and is a 1998 graduate of Prestonsburg High School.

Centre is ranked by U.S. News & World Report as one of the 40 best liberal arts colleges in the nation. Eighty-two percent of current Centre freshmen ranked in the top quarter of their high school class. Centre maintains a low faculty-student ratio (1-11) and a high quality faculty (96 percent of full-time professors hold the Ph.D. or equivalent degrees). Current studies represent 39 states and seven foreign countries.

are pleased that our special event coincides with the University's celebration of its 75th anniversary as a public institution of higher learning," he said.

Open house at the Astrophysical Laboratory, located near the west end of campus on Fifth Street, and the radio telescope will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tours of the facility will be available.

The celebration will then move to 213 Lappin Hall where a formed dedication ceremony will be conducted at 3 p.m. with several speakers who played roles in the telescope's design and fabrication. Dr. Malphrus will present an overview of the instrument and the project's history. A slide presentation also is planned.

Other speakers include a representative of Kruth-Microwave Electronics Corporation, Washington, D.C., and Dan Puckett of Puckett Engineering, Mt. Sterling.

Earlier in the week, internationally-renowned radio astronomer Dr. Gerri L. Verschuur was on campus to present a public lecture, "Impact! The Threat of Comets and Asteroids" under the auspices of the Harlow Shapley Visiting Lectureships in Astronomy, sponsored by the American Astronomical Society.

Construction of the telescope was an interdisciplinary effort, cutting across several academic programs. Students in the Department of Industrial Education and Technology designed and installed the circuitry. Students and faculty in manufacturing, electronics, information (computer) science, physics and pre-engineering were involved.

The radio telescope is designed to detect radio frequency radiation emitted from "highly energetic objects" in space, such as galaxies. After this radiation is concentrated and focused, it is converted to electrical signals and sent to a computer which displays the data. The computer also can generate a visual picture.

The telescope will function as a research instrument in astronomy and astrophysics, an active laboratory in astronomy, physics, electrical engineering, and computer science, and as a research instrument and lab for science teacher education programs.

Assisting Dr. Malphrus with the

Mobile science and math lab visits PCC

Some 800 Floyd County Middle School Students participated in programs and interactive exhibits throughout the area by the Mobile Discovery Center, an outreach effort jointly sponsored by the National Science Center and the United States Army Recruiting Support Battalion.

The Mobile Discovery Center visited the Prestonsburg Community College campus during the week of March 2-6, 1998. This multi-purpose 18-wheeler travels the United States presenting programs aimed at showing young people that studying science and math is both fun and essential to their futures.

Designed and staffed by the National Science Center and the United States Army Recruiting Support Battalion, the center's mobile theater shows programs about math, science, electronics, and computers. The 50-minute presentation combines computerized multi-image shows and science demonstrations. The mobile facility also houses a classroom providing training for students and teachers, and a walk-through exhibit hall showcasing displays and small interactive stations.

Approximately ten schools—comprising some eight hundred middle school students within the Floyd County School System—participated in the week-long visit. Dr. Thomas Vierheller, an associate

professor of biology who assisted in coordinating the Mobile Discovery Center's visit to the campus, said, "The response of the teachers and students within the area made the van's visit to our campus a total success."

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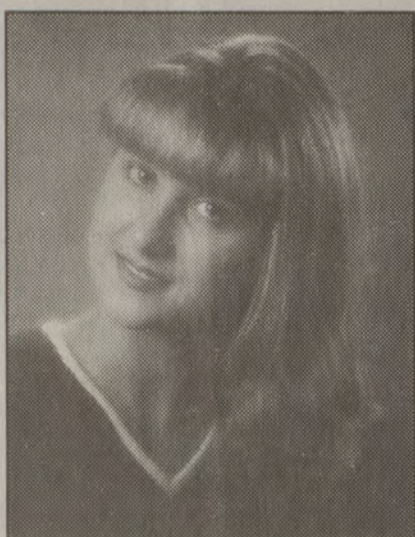
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Student Spotlight

Allen Central High School

The Allen Central Student Achiever is senior, Chasity Gunnell. Chasity is the eighteen-year-old daughter of Connie and Bobby Slone of Wayland, and Steve Gunnell of Garrett. She was captain of the boys varsity cheerleading squad, and a PSI Teen



Chasity Gunnell

Leader. She is a member of the Pep Club, the Talented and Gifted program, and Champions Against Drugs. Chasity was a member of the Basketball Homecoming Court. She has also been recognized as a National English Merit Scholar and Who's Who Among American High School Students. Congratulations Chasity Gunnell!

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

Misty Stevens is the 18-year-old daughter of Leonard and Glenda Stevens of Harold. She is a senior at Betsy Layne High School.

Misty is a member of the National Honor Society, 3 yrs, president; Student Government, 3 yrs, Junior/Senior President; Fellowship of Christian Athletes, 4 yrs, President; Academic Team, 6 yrs, captain; IMPACT Bible Club, 1 yr; Student Council, 3 yrs; Beta Club, 3 yrs.

Her honors and awards include: various academic team awards, various classroom awards, voted most likely to succeed, outstanding leadership award.

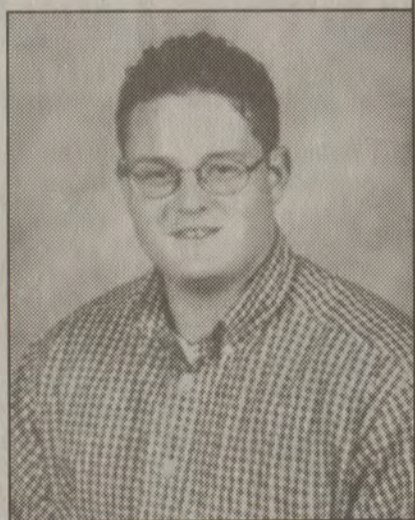
Her future plans are to attend college at Asbury College or Georgetown college to be a child psychologist.



Misty Stevens

Prestonsburg High School

Justin Gregory Campbell is the 16-year-old son of Greg and Cathy Campbell from Dwale. He is a member of the Christ United Methodist Church in Allen.



Justin Campbell

Justin is currently a Junior at Prestonsburg High School. He is a member of National Honor Society and prom committee. He maintains a weighted 4.034 and unweighted GPA.

His hobbies include weight lifting, coaching grade school football, and spending time with family.

He plans to attend Eastern Kentucky University, where he plans to major in athletic training.

The Piarist School

Mary Bowman is a freshman at the Piarist school who has maintained a perfect 4.0 grade point average. She ran cross country and played on the girls basketball team. She is an active member of the French Club and the drama club in addition to being on the yearbook staff and being a member of the prom committee. Mary enjoys running and playing soccer. She also plays the trumpet, and she plans to one day be a teacher. She recently authored the Piarist School bill at the Kentucky United Nations Assembly. She is also a National English Merit Scholar. Mary is the daughter of Craig Bower and Deborah Anne Schmedemann of Martin.



Mary Bowmann

South Floyd High School

Launa Carol Rose is the daughter of Gary and Yulanda Rose of Hi Hat. She has a cumulative GPA of 4.30.

Her academic honors and awards include: Junior Honor Guard, Beta Club, 3 yrs.; National Honor Society, 2 yrs.; English II & III awards, French II award, Anatomy and Physiology award, Who's Who Among American High School Students, Homecoming Attendant, 2 yrs.; Vice-President of Senior class.

Extracurricular Activities or clubs: Cheerleader, 2 years; Golf team, 2 years; track & field, 3 yrs.; state finalist in track, 1 year; cross-country, 1 year; Future Business Leaders, 1 year; Fellowship Christian Athletes, 4 years; Secretary, 2 years; Raiders Against Drugs, Secretary, 1 year; Co-Ed, 1 year; Student Technology Leadership program, 2 years. Community Service: Donated toys to Santa's Workshop, participated in food drive, 1 year.

She plans to attend Eastern Kentucky University for the '98-'99 school year.



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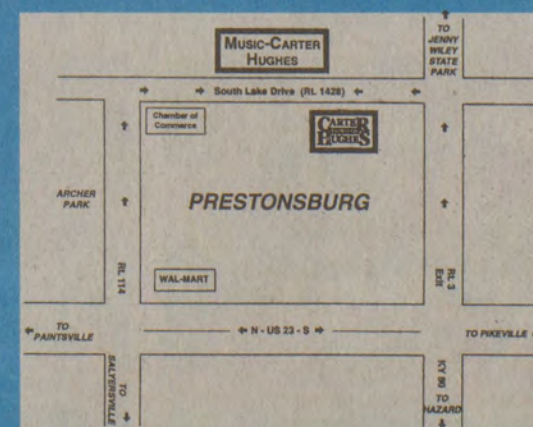
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