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### County's legal umbrella has holes

by Chris McDavid  
Staff Writer

County officials may have been dreaming of adequate protection when it came to the county's liability insurance, but they learned Thursday that the policy is more like a nightmare.

During a special meeting Thursday, fiscal court members discovered that the insurance policy may not provide coverage for all county employees and it may not even protect the county from being financially liable in some instances.

"We've got a nightmare of a liability insurance situation," Floyd County Attorney Keith Bartley said Thursday after court members began discussing the county's 1998-99 fiscal year budget.

The county attorney said the court should consider reviewing the insurance policy, which could affect the budget.

Bartley explained that the insurance policy only provides coverage for employees of the fiscal court, sheriff's department and Floyd County Adult Detention Center.

"Nobody else is covered," Bartley said, citing employees who work in various other county departments such as the PVA's, county attorney's, and the court clerk's offices.

"You've been led to believe...that all county employees are covered by this, but they're not," the county attorney said.

However, Floyd Judge-Executive Ben Hale and county treasurer David Allen agree that many of the cited workers are state employees.

Bartley contends that the county is "on the hook. They're all county employees as far as I'm concerned."

The county attorney said that if any of the employees who are not included in the coverage commit an act of negligence, the county could be liable.

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### Seniors to vie for medals in Big Sandy Games

Senior citizens from 16 centers around the region will put their muscles to work today, Friday, May 15, to vie for medals during the Big Sandy Senior Games at the Dewey Dam Recreation area.

Winners at Friday's games are eligible at the district level, then the state level and, finally, the national level.

Events include spin casting, walking, horseshoes, lawn bowling, softball toss, basketball and football throws.

The event is conducted by the Big Sandy Area Development District.

In a separate event, representatives of the seven centers in Floyd County will meet at the Mountain Arts Center on May 20 for a motorcade through Prestonsburg and a tour of the Justice Center.

### Where is everybody?



Empty House

There was no one signed up to speak Wednesday at a community input session hosted by Floyd County School Board members. The forum, held at Prestonsburg High School, was the third session throughout the county hosted by the board to hear concerns from the community. (photo by Susan Allen)

### County is in the middle of state's literacy skills level

Floyd County falls somewhere in the middle when it comes to state averages for literacy skills.

A Kentucky Adult Literacy Survey follow-up report, released earlier this week, shows that 51.3 percent of Floyd Countians have a high degree of functional literacy skills. According to the survey, 56-59 percent of working-age Kentuckians fall in that category.

Forty-nine percent of Floyd Countians have modest, minimal or no functional literacy skills. Findings from the survey revealed that 40 to 44 percent of Kentucky's working-age population have minimal to no functional literacy skills.

The literacy survey, which was released in February of 1997, and

the follow-up report, which breaks down levels per county, were conducted by the University of Kentucky Martin School of Public Policy and Administration for the Department for Adult Education and



Literacy, an agency within the Cabinet for Workforce Development.

The county-by-county analysis furnishes estimates of the percentage of working age adults, ages 16-64, who perform at different levels

of literacy proficiency. The report is based on data obtained through the literacy survey, in which 1,500 people were interviewed, and county-level demographic information acquired through the 1990 census.

The report is based on a mixture of tasks that vary in complexity and fall into three areas of literacy:

- Prose, or the knowledge and skills needed to understand and use information from texts;
- Document, which is the knowledge and skills required to locate and use information contained in material that includes job applications, schedules, maps and tables;
- Quantitative, or the knowledge and skills required to apply arithmetic operations and use numbers

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### Board okays budget, but changes likely

by Susan Allen  
Staff Writer

After hearing virtually the same "gloom and doom" financial forecast from state officials Wednesday as they did on Monday, Floyd County's Board of Education dejectedly approved the 1998-99 tentative working budget.

News of the potential financial collapse of the school system and the bleak outlook for the coming years could have been responsible for the lack of any interest at the board's community input session following the budget adoption.

The special meeting, which included the board's third session for hearing comments from the community, was held at Prestonsburg High School.

Board chairman Terry Dotson appeared to be appalled at the lack of public interest.

"I can't believe no one is interested in this school system," Dotson said.

At the two prior sessions set by the board to gain insight and suggestions from the public, attendance by residents was sparse, Dotson said.

At a work session Monday, board members were told by state financial specialist Kenya Koch that the outlook for the school system was "as ugly as it gets."

At Wednesday's meeting, Koch repeated the projected forecast and said, "I don't think you can call it anything but gloom and doom."

"You'll be able to open the doors, turn on the lights and pay teachers," Koch said.

Board member Johnnie Ross indicated the district may also need some divine intervention.

"And we hope and pray we can pay the bills," Ross said.

"Yes," Koch said.

Koch also reiterated that the figures in the tentative budget were based on the system having a "zero balance" at the end of the current school year. At Monday's session,

Koch said those figures are changing "from minute to minute."

She also explained that the finances may appear to be "just fine" during one school year, but that low-average daily attendance figures would not have a monetary impact until the following year.

There was also discussion about the district's inability to purchase a newly-approved and mandatory science curriculum.

Ross asked Koch if students would be expected to know the academic concepts of the course even though they would not have access to the materials.

"Yes," Koch said emphatically.

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### Martin man jailed in Pike assault case

by Chris McDavid  
Staff Writer

A Floyd County man was jailed last Friday after he allegedly attacked an area resident at a Pike County hotel with a glass pitcher.

James Williamson, 34, of Martin, was arrested by the Pikeville Police Department after authorities received a disturbance complaint at Pinson Hotel, in Pikeville, and the caller requested an ambulance.

When officers arrived at the hotel room, they found that 42-year-old Gary Adkins, of Shelbyville, was suffering from injuries he received during an attack.

"Williamson allegedly struck Adkins several times in the face with a glass pitcher, causing laceration and fractures," a Pikeville Police Department press release says.

The alleged incident reportedly occurred shortly after 5 p.m. Friday.

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### City's bicycle cop puts a new spoke in department's wheel

by Cindy Yates  
Editorial Assistant

After completing a grueling 40-hour training program, Prestonsburg Police officer Ron Diddle has become the first officer in the city to be certified to patrol on bicycle.

For five days, Diddle averaged riding a bike 20-plus miles a day, training to be able to provide residents with a different look to policing Prestonsburg.

Mayor Jerry Fannin said the city decided to put a policeman on a bike because "we wanted to get someone the kids could identify with out there closer to the public. This will enable us to communicate better with our citizens, and Diddle is young enough to be able to relate with our youth, and provide them

with a positive role model as well," Fannin said.

It may sound easy, but patrolling on a bike is not. "We had to learn how to jump our bikes over curbs, and even up and down steps," Diddle said. "Riding up steps - that was a challenge," he said.

Do not think that getting away from a policeman on a bicycle will be simple to do. "We learned how to use our bike as a weapon," Diddle said. "We were told never to abandon the bicycle while in pursuit. We even learned how to take down a subject using the bike," he said. "Never give up the mechanical advantage, they told us."

Diddle said that at first it was difficult to get used to not just taking off on foot to pursue someone. By the end of the week's training,

however, it became "a natural instinct to just ride," Diddle said.

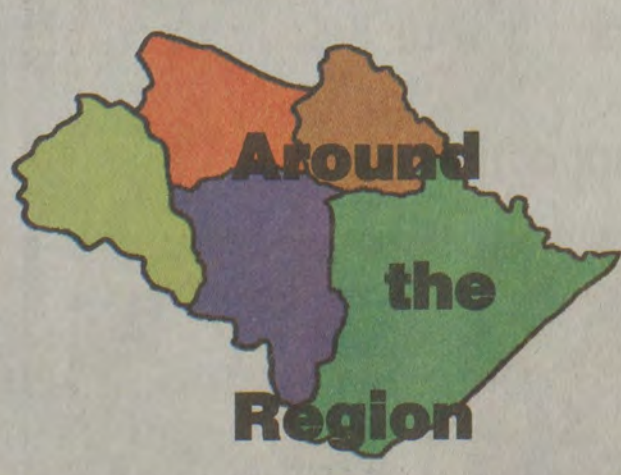
As part of the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) program, the bicycle patrol will be used during parades, holidays, and during daily patrols in the city of Prestonsburg.

For those who "hang out" in local parking lots with friends, it is easy to spot a police car coming up the road. This is no longer a luxury for those who are on the lookout for the police, as someone on a bicycle can easily sneak up and be right beside them without them knowing it.

So far, Prestonsburg and Pikeville are the only two cities in the area with a bicycle patrol.

Diddle also has distinguished

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### Weather Watch

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# County

County officials could not say if those employees have ever been covered by the county's liability insurance policy.

St. Paul Insurance Company currently provides the county's liability insurance coverage, which was obtained through Hatton-Allen Insurance Agency.

Denzil Allen, with Hatton-Allen, was out of town Thursday and could not be contacted for comment in reference to the county attorney's complaints about the insurance coverage.

Turner E. Cambell, the county's administrative assistant, said Thursday that the former liability insurance policy was provided by KACO (Kentucky Association of Counties).

Bartley also said that the county's former and present insurance policies operate on a claims-made basis and that unless a claim is filed during the year in which the insurance company provides coverage or within one year of terminating the policy, then the county itself could be liable.

Bartley noted that statutes of limitation vary for different situations. He said vehicle accidents have a two-year limit and, claims involving contract disputes can be filed for a period of up to seven years.

By using a ballpark figure, Bartley said an additional \$20,000 could provide a policy which would cover all employees and protect the

county by not using a claims-made basis.

"One case could easily cost (the county) much more than that," the county attorney said.

Bartley later said that several pending lawsuits against various county agencies are not covered by the former liability insurance policy.

"There's just several of them out there," he said. "They're hanging out there ready to bite us."

For instance, Bartley said the county may be liable for a suit against the court clerk's office in which it is alleged that the office failed to file a lien. That suit is seeking more than \$40,000, he said.

Bartley said the county court clerk purchased liability insurance after discovering the office was not covered under the county's policy.

Floyd Court Clerk Carla Boyd did not return any calls to comment about the situation.

Bartley also noted that other suits have been filed against the sheriff's office and jail and that the county's former liability insurance policy does not provide protection because the complaints were not filed until after the policy agreement expired.

"(The court) was probably not well informed on the policies," he said, noting that the issue was not revealed until he began contacting the former insurance company about the civil suits.

Hale and fiscal court members agreed that Bartley and other county officials needed to review the current policy. Campbell said Thursday afternoon that he was waiting for an explanation from the county's current insurance company about the situation.

The court approved the first reading of the fiscal year budget.

In other action Thursday during the special meeting, the fiscal court hired Turner E. Campbell, administrative assistant, to assume the duties of deputy judge-executive.

Former deputy judge-executive Chris Waugh resigned the position on May 1.

According to court documents, Campbell will remain responsible for all administrative phases of Floyd County government as well as take on the duties of the deputy judge-executive.

Campbell will be paid \$1,475 on a bi-weekly basis for the combined responsibilities. Hale said Campbell's salary for both positions will save the county approximately \$20,000 a year.

Hale said Thursday that the special meeting was called so he could attend the senior citizens' games Friday morning (today) and because he had to be in Frankfort on county business the same day.

Friday's regular meeting has been canceled because the county's business was conducted during Thursday's special meeting.

Following the special meeting, the judge-executive announced that another special meeting will be held

at 9 a.m. Monday to discuss paying election workers and an increase in the rates for poll sites.

All fiscal court members were present at Thursday's special meeting.

## Cop

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himself while he was in training, as he earned third place in the Lexington's Division of Police Cyclist's Course Competition, an award that Central Kentucky policemen had bragged to him was "always won by the Lexington guys."

The bicycle cop hopes to be able to have a bicycle safety course for the young people later on in the year.

Diddle, 29, is the husband of veterinarian Connie Diddle. They have one son, Andrew, who is four. He is the son of Waid and Betty Diddle of Auxier.



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## Budget

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As for the technology program, Koch said the system is two years behind, financially, in matching state funds allocated for the department.

Dotson asked if those funds could be accessed if enough sufficient private donations could be secured. Over half a million dollars would have to be raised to match the state's two-year allocation.

Koch also said the district should apply for more state and federal educational grants in an effort to find funding for some of the dis-

trict's programs.

"You do not have a strong grant writing program in this district," she said. "That is certainly an avenue worth pursuing."

Koch also pointed out that over \$500,000 in "maintenance concerns," a majority of which deal with safety issues, need to be addressed but, there are no funds to do so.

"You have unmet maintenance needs that will not go away," Koch said. "...You will have to do them sometime."

## Literacy

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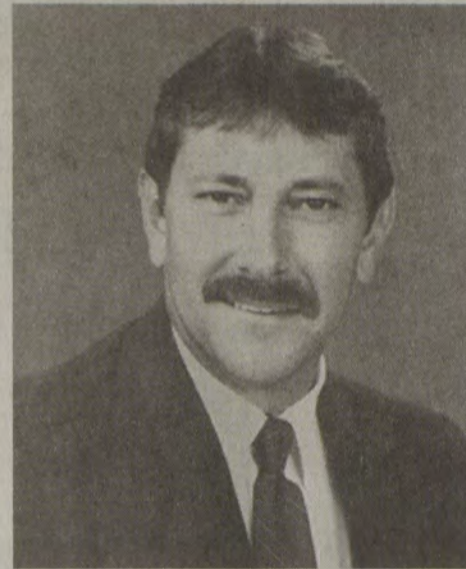
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Cheryl King, acting secretary for the Cabinet for Workforce Development, said the survey results underscore the need to address the state's literacy situation.

"This is a critical issue, and we are working hard to raise Kentucky's literacy levels," King said.

In surrounding counties, 52 percent of Johnson county's residents are at levels 3, 4, and 5, which reflect a higher degree of functional literacy skills, and 49.1 percent are at levels 1 or 2, which reflect modest, minimal or no functional literacy skills; Martin County, 51.9 in level 1 and 2 and 50.0 in levels 3, 4, and 5; Magoffin County, 53.2 at levels 1 and 2 and 46.8 at levels 3, 4, and 5.

Pike County has 51.3 percent of its population falling into levels 3, 4, and 5, and 50.0 percent in level 1 and 2.



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## Assault

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Adkins was transported to Pikeville Methodist Hospital, where he was admitted and later released.

Williamson, who apparently fled the scene, was arrested shortly after the altercation by officer Sue Hayes. He was initially charged with disorderly conduct and alcohol intoxication.

While lodged in the Pike County Detention Center, Williamson was also charged with a felony offense

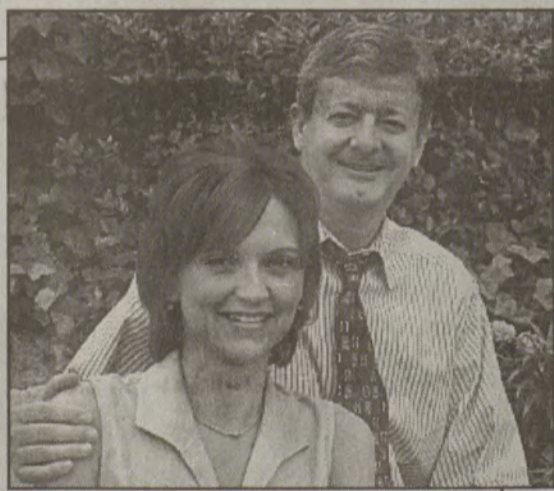
after officer Bruce Anderson began investigating the assault incident.

Williamson was arraigned on the felony assault charge Monday in Pike County District Court. He is being held at the Pike County jail in lieu of a \$5,000 cash bond.

A preliminary hearing is scheduled for Friday (today) to determine if there is probable cause to refer Williamson's charges to a grand jury.

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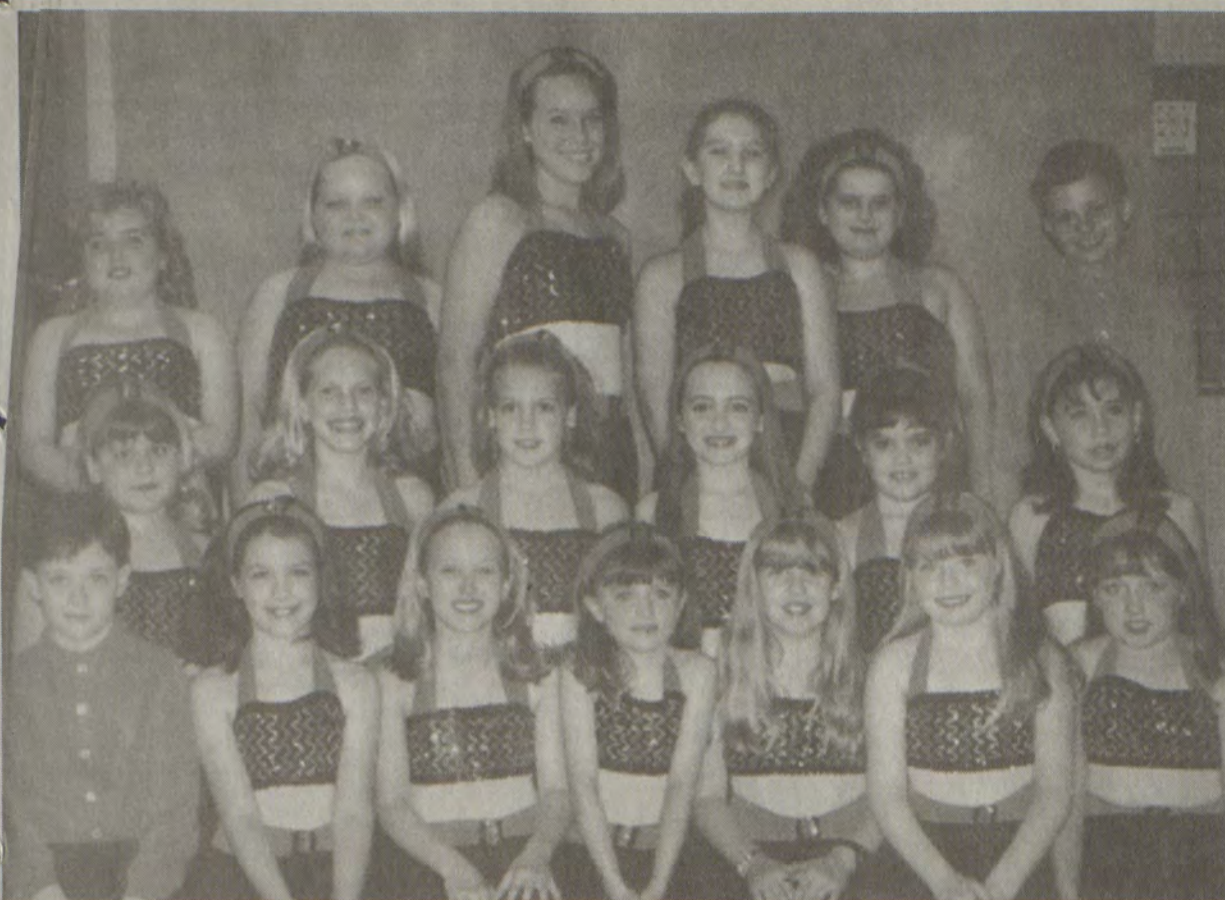
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## Dance recital will offer 'something for everyone'

Dance Etc. Studio of Dance will present its fourth annual dance recital, Sunday, May 17, at 2 p.m., at the Mountain Arts Center. Over 200 students ages 3 to 18 will perform in the production.

This year's show, which is entitled "Dancing Through The Years," will include ballet, tap, jazz and gymnastic routines, performed to music from the 20s to the 90s. The

show should have something for everyone. The music includes everything from swing music to Shirley Temple to Sock Hop Music to Jimi Hendrix and the Doors to the Beatles to disco to Michael Jackson and to Men In Black and music from the new movie, "Titanic."

The show will also feature special performances by the PHS

Dance Cats and Dance Etc. Junior Elite. Both teams were named A.S.C. National Dance Champs in St. Louis in January, and are under the direction of Jody Shepherd, owner of Dance Etc.

Tickets for the show are available at the Mountain Arts Center ticket office, and are \$4 for adults, and \$2 for children 12 and under.

## Tuesday is deadline for absentee voting

Floyd County Court Clerk Carla Boyd announced that residents who will not be able to cast their votes at the polls on election day must have their absentee applications submitted by Tuesday, May 19.

Voters use absentee ballots for a number of reasons and Boyd said Thursday that even more residents may take advantage of absentee

voting with recent changes in the law.

Disabled residents, college students and voters who anticipate being out of town on election day can utilize the absentee voting methods if their applications are approved.

The court clerk also said that residents who work in other counties

can now qualify for absentee vot-

## Correction

A story in Wednesday's edition of The Times incorrectly stated that the state manager of the Floyd County school system, Woodrow Carter, would not be in the district on a daily basis after the end of the school year. The story should have said that finance officer Matt Wireman would not be in the district on a daily basis.



Ashley Martin and Cheyenne Bailey used an igloo as a reading center. Prestonsburg Elementary teacher Phyllis Allison said students were inspired to read more because the igloo was a different learning environment. (photo by Rita Brock)



## Coal mining kid

Coty Crum explained the procedures of coal mining to his K-1 class at Prestonsburg Elementary. He is the son of Glenda and Randy Crum of Abbott. He is a student of Phyllis Allison and the class was studying coal as part of a CEDAR unit. (photo by Rita Brock)



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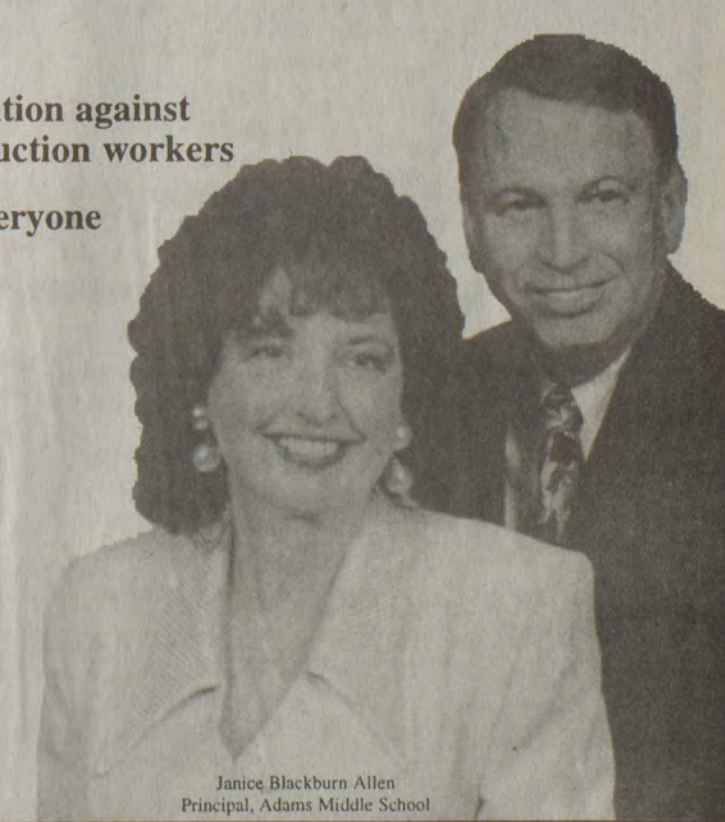
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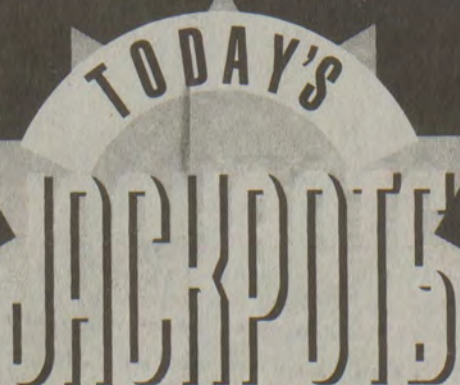
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# Viewpoint

## Quote of the week...

"We believe that if men have the talent to invent new machines that put men out of work, they have the talent to put those men back to work."

—John F. Kennedy

## Editorial

### Civic responsibility doesn't stop at the ballot box

by Scott Perry

We've never been in the habit of making endorsements in local political races, and we don't intend to start now, with just under two weeks to go to the May Primary.

We firmly believe the voters know the local candidates well enough to make up their own minds without our advice.

But, since offering advice is part of our stock in trade, we will make these suggestions.

First, go to the polls and vote. It is important that you participate in the democratic process if that process is to remain democratic.

Next, put some thought into your vote.

Imagine that Floyd County is the perfect world, or can be, and consider what roles your government can and should play to realize that goal.

Finally, cast your votes for the candidates who have the qualifications, the desires and the abilities to match their public service to your ideals.

Simple?

No. You have to have faith and trust (and pixie dust, if you've got some), and

a good deal of patience.

Don't give up on government if your choices don't win every race.

This business of democracy has no room for harboring grudges; nothing productive comes from constant bickering; and we'll go nowhere, fast, if us-against-them attitudes persist.

Floyd County needs to advance, it needs to progress.

Those elected to leadership roles will be responsible for taking us into the next century and we need to see to it, whether we like them or not, that they do a good job of it.

So, make your voice heard at the polls and then keep talking, prodding and advising your public servants of your concerns and desires.

Realistically, we'll never all think alike all the time. It would certainly be a boring existence if we did. But, we can all agree on one thing...

Government of, by and for the people needs...people.

That's you.

Stay involved one way or another beyond the ballot box.



## Other Voices

### Remember Old Glory Show your colors, America!

by Maj. Gen. Patrick Brady

Flag Day was once a day when America honored the inspirational, unifying and patriotic effects of our flag—not as a piece of cloth but as the vault for the values of America, the symbol of our soul, our honor, our dignity and our unity. It has been the tissue for the tears of widows as they wept over the coffins of loved ones, the armor and the inspiration of soldiers in combat. It is the shield of justice for soldiers of peace, men like Martin Luther King. And it is the greatest training aid we have to teach our children patriotism, citizenship and respect. But today, because of the Supreme Court, the flag is just another piece of cloth to be burned and soiled with impunity.

One week after Flag Day 1989, the U.S. Supreme Court took away the right of the American people to protect their flag, a right we held since our birth. This was a right defended by James Madison and Thomas Jefferson. A right supported by a vast majority of the U.S. House of Representatives and eighty percent of the American people.

Later this year, the U.S. Senate will debate and vote on a constitutional amendment which will return to the American people the right to protect their flag. This amendment does not change the Constitution, it simply restores it to where it was for 200 years, and reclaims it for its rightful owners. We, the people, understand the value of free speech and we would die for it. What we do not understand is how desecrating a flag is speech.

Edward F. Hutton, in a beautiful vignette on what the flag means, wrote: "When you see our flag in front of a home, it says for all the world to read, 'Here lives a family that is American in spirit as well as in name.' We are very close to victory in the U.S. Senate but it is a battle that will not be won without your help. The Citizens Flag Alliance recently launched a campaign called Show Your Colors, America! As part of this effort, I ask that you fly your flag not only at home but at work, in your schools and on the street corners of your communities to show your American spirit and how important our flag is to that spirit."

The Senate will join the House in passing a flag-protection amendment if they see strong support by the people. We are asking you to show your support, and also to show

you care by showing your colors. But most important, it will be a symbolic step in recapturing the virtues and the spirit so vital to our children and our future. Our children learn so much when they see our flag and if enough Senators see enough flags they will join the people and allow us to recapture Old Glory.

Supreme Court Justice John Harlan once said, "Love both of the common country and the state will diminish in proportion as respect for the flag is weakened. Therefore, a state will be wanting in care for the well being of its people of it ignores the fact that they regard the flag as a symbol of their country's power and prestige, and will be impatient if any disrespect is shown toward it." We should approach the battle in the Senate with these words in mind.

The concept of patriotism is not a hollow idea. It is a complex and powerful thing. It is the glue that holds us all together. With one flag, one pledge and one national anthem, we are bound together as Americans.

This Flag Day I hope you will join me and show your colors in thanks to those whose sacrifices brought us that bounty that is America, and as a sign of your dedication to recapture Old Glory in the future.

Maj. Gen. Patrick Brady, USA (Ret.) was awarded the Medal of Honor for his service in the Vietnam War during which he rescued over 5,000 casualties of war. He is currently the Chairman of the Board of Directors of The Citizens Flag Alliance Inc. (CFA).

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## EDITORIAL DEADLINES

### WEDNESDAY EDITION:

Lifestyles, Business, all pictures ..... 2 p.m. Friday  
Obituaries, Calendar items ..... 10 a.m. Tuesday

Calendar items, reviews, meetings, special classes, will appear in the Wednesday and Friday editions only prior to the event.

### FRIDAY EDITION:

News copy, all pictures ..... 5 p.m. Wednesday  
Obituaries, Calendar items ..... 10 a.m. Thursday

Note: News articles of events more than three months old will not be published. All copy will be edited for clarity and length.

### A legislative message about guns?

This is a two-part article on gun law trends in Kentucky

Somewhere up my family tree, the McCoy clan, of the famous Hatfield-McCoy feuds, is occupying a few branches. And for some reason I can't explain, anytime the news reports some controversy over guns, I remember an old, faded picture of one of those McCoys, him standing there with a droopy mustache brushing the cigar clenched between his teeth and a

rifle cradled in his arms, and I wonder what that fella would have said about that controversy. I can

only make a pretty good guess at the answer, but I know for sure that a wise man would never have tried to take his guns away.

The latest controversy in Kentucky is over the common police practice of destroying confiscated guns. Recognizing that destruction is waste, the state lawmakers recently passed a law requiring those guns to be sold at auction to gun dealers, with the profits being used to buy life-saving, improved-quality body armor and other much needed police equipment that scarce funds have not been able to provide (Kentucky has traditionally been fairly stingy with what it uses to pay and equip its police forces).

The new law seems to be built upon a practical foundation—money for better police protective equipment—but, very often in politics, what is practical collides with what is emotional, and the thought of "guns on the street" stirs some very strong emotions, especially after the rash of monstrous school shootings in several states, including Kentucky. Most anti-gun activities believe that guns only equal violence, and if police sell guns, they are adding to the violence.

The number of guns that police in Kentucky will be putting back into circulation is, obviously, a small fraction of all guns that will be sold. But the decision by the legislature to have confiscated guns sold, instead of destroyed, perhaps represents principles greater than mere economics and added protection for police. Together with the 1996 law which now allows Kentuckians to carry concealed weapons, this most recent gun law could be the legislature's way of silently but firmly denying the politically correct belief that guns only equal violence. Even the Hatfields and McCoys used guns for personal protection.

In the ongoing debate over guns in America, a simple fact is often overlooked—our government is supposed to protect everyone, as a whole, but has no duty to protect individuals, from crime. If there was a recognized duty to protect individuals then, under our legal system, a crime victim could sue the government for failing to do its duty. Such a duty would have been placed upon the government by the Constitution in 1789. And in words from the U.S. Supreme Court, the Constitution's "purpose was to protect the people from the State, not to ensure that the State protected them from each other."

Of course, stopping all crime and completely protecting each individual is not possible, because the police can only react to crime after it has happened. In spite of this, those who don't believe in guns, do believe that there should be restrictive laws against carrying weapons, or a series of restrictive laws that leaves law abiding citizens afraid to carry guns for fear of being arrested.

Since the government has no duty to protect, such laws leave individuals with really no way to protect his or her own life from a violent attacker. Using an interesting comparison, any law that prohibits an abortion that would protect the life or health of the mother is (sensibly) considered to be unconstitutional. (While it's true that anti-gun activists are trying to protect innocent lives, I would think twice before trying to tell an anti-abortion activist that they are not.)

See next week for part two of this article.

## Political Party

by David Porter

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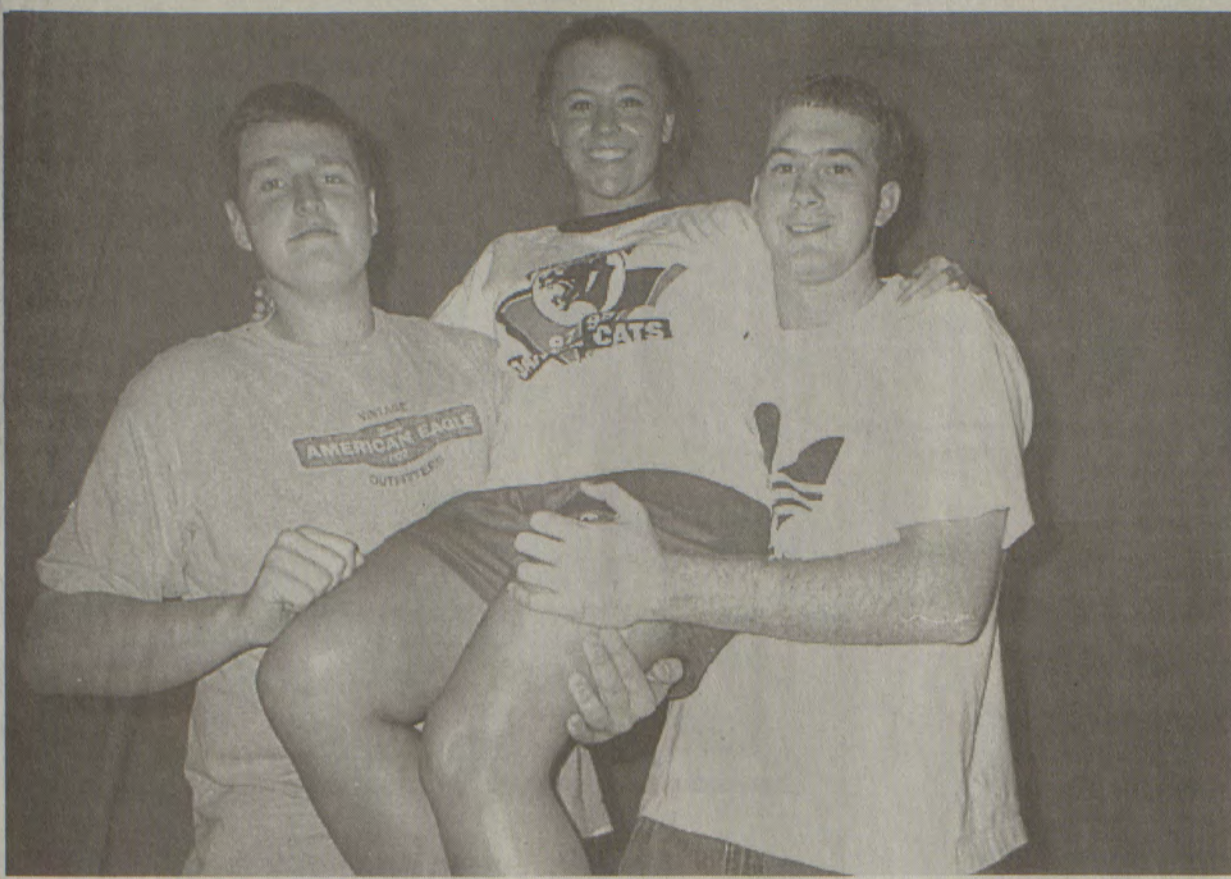
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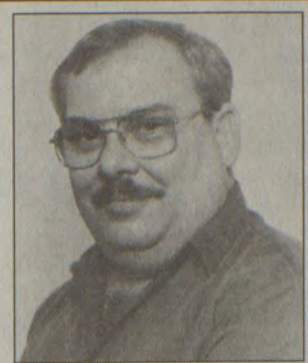
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A 'Material Girl' performance

Adam Bailey, Ashleigh Frasure, and Andy Jarvis will perform in a segment called, "Material Girl," during the Prestonsburg High School Honor Choir Spring Concert this weekend at the Mountain Arts Center. (photo by Rita Brock)

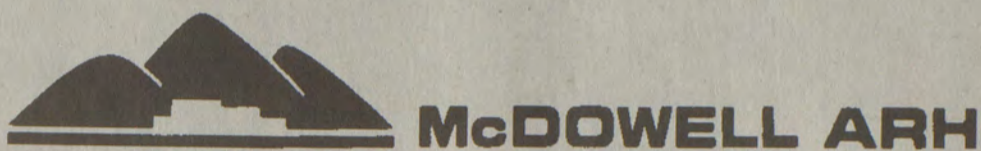
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Census Bureau to gather vital data

Data on characteristics of the nation's labor force, including people employed full or part-time hours worked and earnings and people unemployed or retired, will be collected during the week of May 17, when representatives of the Commerce Department's Census Bureau visit the area to conduct the Current Population Survey (CPS).

respondents and their households strictly confidential.

"Findings from the CPS are invaluable because they help local, state and national policy-makers make informed decisions affecting all of us," said Susan Hardy, director of the Census Bureau's Charlotte regional office.

On June 5, the U.S. Department of Labor will release labor force statistics for the United States based on the data provided by households

across the country in the May CPS.

Local households selected for the survey receive a letter from the Census Bureau, informing them of the survey. Census Bureau interviewers carry an official identification card bearing their photograph and signature.

Forecast for Floyd County, KY

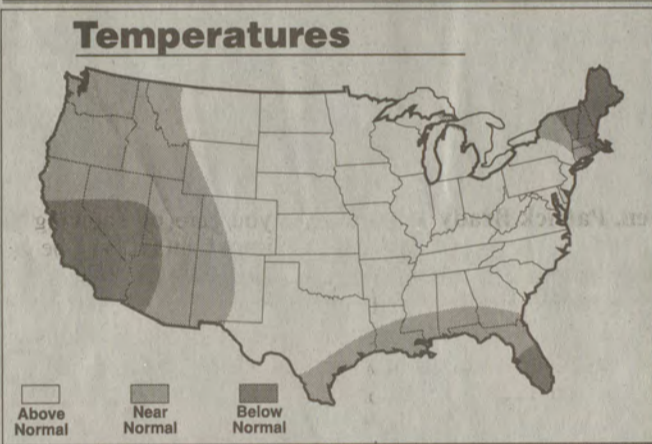
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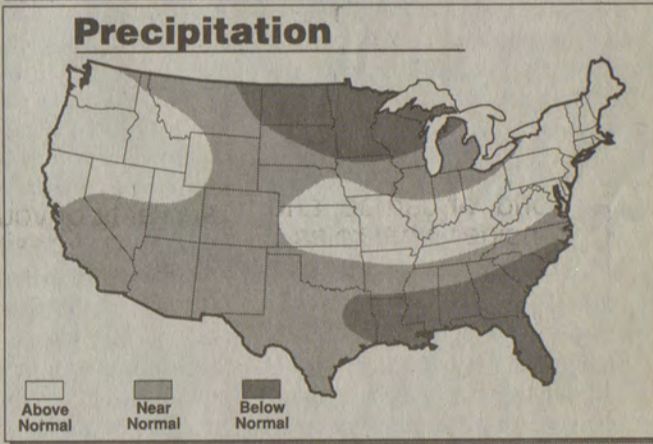
THE WEEK AHEAD...



NATIONAL SUMMARY

Warm air will dominate much of the nation during the time period. Temperatures are expected to average well above normal across parts of the Mississippi Valley, southern Plains and Tennessee Valley. Meanwhile, a couple of storm systems will bring rain to the Ohio Valley and the Northeast. A strong jet stream will bring rainy weather to the Pacific Northwest.

THE WEEK AHEAD...



The Voices of Appalachia perform for Alice Lloyd College alums from Floyd, Knott, Letcher, Perry, and Pike counties at the "Fulfilling Dreams" Campaign kick-off dinner.

Alice Lloyd College kicks off "fulfilling dreams" campaign

Alice Lloyd College officially kicked off its \$17 million "Fulfilling Dreams" Campaign with an alumni dinner and reception for southeast Kentucky alums. Over 2,000 alumni from Floyd, Knott, Letcher, Perry, and Pike Counties were invited to the ALC campus in Pippa Passes to see how they could help Alice Lloyd College continue to offer a quality, affordable education to Appalachian young people.

After dinner, alums were treated to a screening of the new Alice Lloyd College video, also entitled "Fulfilling Dreams," and a performance of the "Voices of Appalachia," the college choir. The "Fulfilling Dreams" campaign will raise funds for more scholarships, operating funds, and construction and renovation of campus buildings. Alumni were excited to hear that the college already had a number of pledges and gifts from their trustees, faculty and staff, and other friends.

"I feel that we, as alums, need to keep this school going," said Mike Sloane of Mallie in Knott County, president of the Alice Lloyd College Alumni Association. He reminded alums of their own fond memories of attending Alice Lloyd College. "I know we would all like to give something back for all this place has done for us," he said.

Alumni were able to pick up packets outlining the campaign's goals and how they could help their alma mater. Anyone who is interested in learning more about the "Fulfilling Dreams" campaign should call Bill Melton or Don DeBorde in the Office of Institutional Amendment, 606-368-2101, ext. 4705.

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WORLD TRAVELER'S CITIES

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Stumbo is named award winner

The United States Achievement Academy has announced that Iris Dené Stumbo of Prestonsburg has been named a United States Award winner in English and student council.

These awards are prestigious honors very few students can ever hope to attain. In fact, the academy recognizes fewer than 10 percent of all American high school students.

Stumbo, who attends the Piarist School, was nominated for the English award by Darnella Bradley, an English teacher at the school. Piarist counselor/teacher, the Rev. David Powers, nominated her for the student council award.

Stumbo will appear in the United State Achievement Academy Official Yearbook, which is published nationally.

The academy selects USAA winners upon the exclusive recommendation of teachers, coaches, counselors, and other qualified sponsors and upon the Standards of Selection set forth by the academy. The criteria for selection are a student's academic performance, interest, aptitude,



Iris Dené Stumbo

leadership qualities, responsibility, enthusiasm, motivation to learn and improve, citizenship, attitude and cooperative spirit, dependability, and recommendations from a teacher or director.

Stumbo is the daughter of Johnny and Glessie Stumbo of Prestonsburg. Her grandparents are Loueasie Bartley of McDowell and the late Manuel Bartley and the late Verdie and Kitt Stumbo.

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# Shepherd is finalist in July pageant

Miss Courtney Shepherd, daughter of Paul and Jessica Shepherd of Abbott Creek, has been accepted as a state finalist in the Miss Kentucky American Princess Pageant to be held July 2-3, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Lexington.

The winner of the Miss Kentucky American Princess Pageant in each division will receive a cash award of \$500, official crown, banner, and \$300 in travel expenses to compete in the National Miss American Princess Pageant in Orlando, Florida, where thousands of dollars in cash awards,

scholarships, and prizes will be awarded. Each state winner will also receive admission and transportation for two to Disneyworld in Orlando, Florida.

The Miss Kentucky American Princess Pageant is for tomorrow's leaders. It is open to girls in six divisions between the ages of 3-20 years, with goals and dreams based on inner beauty, poise, appearance, scholastic achievements, an all-American spirit for school, and her performance on stage. The pageant seeks to recognize the accomplishments of each girl who enters and

helps her set goals for the future.

Last year over \$1 million in scholarships, cash, and awards were presented to deserving young women nationwide. Cash awards and trophies will also be presented in several separate optional contests such as talent, speech, and photographic.

Courtney Shepherd's hobbies include chasing her brother Jeremy, watching Barney and participating in pageants.

Her parents and her brother support her in her efforts to win pageant titles, saying, "We will be there for her with anything she may want to do."



Courtney Shepherd

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by Linda Lyon  
Mayo Marketing Director

The Month of May has for many years been a month of wrapping up, assessing, and closing out the school year. Mayo, like all the other schools, has followed this pattern as it neared the closing of a school year. This year will be somewhat different.

Mayo does not just approach the end of a school year. We approach the end of an era. The Mayo that you have always known will still be here, doing the same things we always did, just in a slightly different way. Mayo Regional Technical School will become Mayo Technical College in less than two months. On July 1, 1998 we will open the doors on a new era as we enter the collegiate world.

Mayo, the first vocational school in Kentucky, has survived many changes over the years. We began in the days of the great depression, created to serve the needs of people who were hungry and in need of gainful employment. We have grown from a small training institution to the multi-campus institution we now call Mayo. We have responded when there was a need to train workers to replace soldiers going off to war. We have expanded when the flood of post-war veterans came home needing retraining in a changed workplace. We have adapted, regrouped and provided needed training when factories closed, mines shut down, and modernization created a need for retraining of an

evolving workforce. Whatever the need, Mayo has always responded.

Some concern has been expressed that we will not provide the same training we always have. This is not the case! I want to assure you again, you will still be able to get the same level of education you were always used to at Mayo and to take advantage of our liaison with other community and technical colleges throughout Kentucky. The best of both worlds will be available to you in the near future as we develop and implement the new curriculum while preserving the old.

As we enter this new era, Mayo invites you to come along with us. Most of the people in this five-county area have been touched one way or the other by Mayo. I get letters and phone calls from all over the USA, written by people who read these hometown newspapers and write to say, "I went to Mayo" or "My Dad or Mother went to Mayo." I hear the stories of how they began productive careers here in the heart of the highlands. I would like to invite you to keep a close watch in the coming weeks. We want you to be a part of the new era of Mayo Technical College. You the people are what Mayo is all about.

If you are considering coming to Mayo Technical College this fall, call us this week to apply for admittance. It is not too early to file both school and financial aid applications. In fact it may soon be too late for some classes. Call us today. 789-5321.

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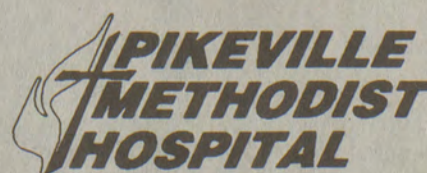
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# PERSPECTIVES ON FAITH

Not long ago I realized that I'm not married to the same woman with whom I walked down the aisle in 1978.

No, we haven't gotten a divorce. But my wife, Renee, simply is a different person than she was 20 years ago. I'm glad of it.

I'm not the same, either. She's glad, too.

Now that I'm middle-aged, portly and graying, it would be difficult for anyone to imagine this, but (to steal a line from Johnny Cash and June Carter) Renee and I got married in a fever hotter than a pepper sprout.

I was 22 going on 15. She was 18. I don't think either of us stopped to consider whether we had anything in common besides hormones.

As it turned out, we didn't.

I was opinionated, blunt and marginally ambitious — even though I was a pauper. I liked to take college courses just for fun and enlightenment. I gobbled up exotic ethnic foods, the spicier the better. I enjoyed fiery arguments as much as fiery foods.

A news junky, I read newspapers front to back. I knew the names and artists of most hit songs from the 1950s on, and who won the Oscar for best actor in 1968.

And despite being such a chowderhead, I truly had given my heart to the Lord.

Renee had grown up in the same Kentucky as I, but a world apart.

She'd hardly been allowed to attend a movie or even to watch much TV, other than "I Love Lucy" and Billy Graham crusades. She wouldn't read anything unless forced at gunpoint. Canned ravioli was her idea of an exotic ethnic

food.

That left us little to talk about. Like me, Renee's parents and grandmother were religious, but she paid almost no attention to church or God; she'd rather go shopping any day than hear a sermon.

Worst of all, she was so timid. In public, she hardly spoke. She was scared to assume responsibilities at her job, where she worked as a bank bookkeeper making minimum wages. The mere thought of a promotion terrified her.

I'm not exaggerating — at home she was afraid to make out a grocery list, because she couldn't decide what foods to buy. I found it useless to argue with her, because she wouldn't argue back.

She'd only cry and sulk.

We might well have split up forever, on any of a hundred occasions.

Instead, we stuck it out. We had some good times. But we had a lot of bad times.

Then, on Christmas Eve, 1992, we were supposed to meet at my parents' house for a holiday meal. I'd already arrived. Renee was late.

At last her car pulled into the driveway. A moment later she came through the house's front door bawling. I thought she'd had a wreck. "What's the matter?" I said.

"God is real," she said, sobbing. "He's really real."

In the few miles' drive from her bank to my folks' place, God had somehow revealed His mighty presence to her, for the first time

in her life, really.

Neither of us has ever been the same since. What I hadn't accomplished in 14 years of nagging, cajoling and praying, God accomplished in five minutes.

I've seen my wife — and our marriage — transformed before my eyes, a complete metamorphosis.

At work, for example, Renee recently received two promotions within months. She's a bank officer and, among other duties, runs a branch bank.

She became so enthralled with matters of the spirit that she passed me by. She studied the Bible for hours at a stretch. She attended weeklong teaching seminars.

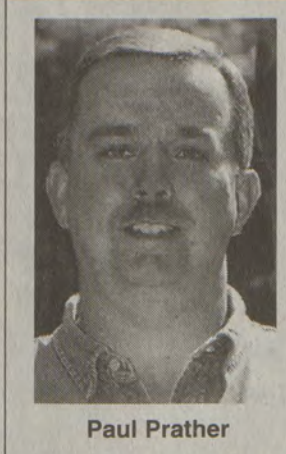
She began leading the musicians at our church — this woman who'd never wanted to lead anything. The music program blossomed into the church's most vibrant ministry. People flocked to hear her group; the congregation doubled in size.

Not long ago, Renee stood in the pulpit and preached her first sermon. I sat in the audience with my jaw agape. I understood what Jesus meant when He said, "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

And I realized something else. Those lonely years when I was begging God to change her, when He appeared to be doing nothing, He really was working all along.

He was changing me — wearing down my rough edges, teaching me patience, making me more tolerant, preparing me to accept the work He would perform in her.

So don't give up on your mate, on your marriage or on yourself. With God, it's never too late.



Paul Prather

**God really can change people**

## Middle Creek group will conduct living history at May House May 17

The Battle of Middle Creek, which was held annually in June until last year, will be held this year in August and will be a small encampment.

Owen Wright, a captain with the 5th Kentucky re-enactment unit which hosts the battle, said the next large-scale re-enactment for Middle Creek will be in the year 2,000. Last year, Middle

Creek became part of a state-wide effort to focus promotions on one major re-enactment per year in Kentucky.

This year's large-scale re-enactment will be at the Battle of Mill Springs this fall, Wright said. Thousands of participants have signed up for that event, he added.

A living history demonstration, and possibly a small skirmish, will


be held at Middle Creek August 21-23, according to Wright. The re-enactment unit will also conduct a living history exhibit at the May House on Sunday, May 17, from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. to celebrate Floyd County Confederate Heritage Day.

Wright said the group will hold firing demonstrations, drilling, and "a little bit of everything."

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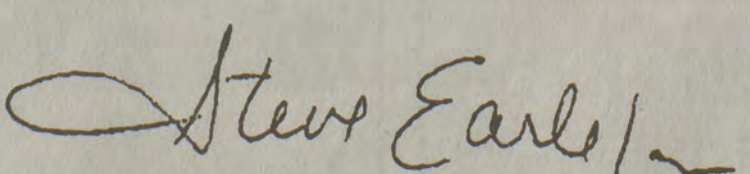
Mr. Roger Nelson

Dear Mr. Nelson:

It is my pleasure to notify you that the United Mine Workers of America's Kentucky Coal Miners' Political Action Committee (COMPAC) has endorsed your candidacy for Floyd County Coroner. This endorsement was based upon carefully considered criteria and your record on issues important to the UMWA and organized labor.

You may be certain Kentucky's UMWA members are prepared, willing and able to carry out a decisive grass-roots-based program of member education, information and efforts to get out the vote toward our shared goal of victory in the upcoming May primary election.

Sincerely,



Steve Earle, UMWA  
COMPAC Coordinator

Paid for by Sandra Nelson, Treasurer, P.O. Box 147, Dwole, KY 41621

Elect

# Gerald DeRossett

Democrat for Commissioner  
District #1  
#2 on the ballot

Hello, I'm Gerald DeRossett, the son of the late Alex DeRossett. My mother is Loma Warrix DeRossett who resides in Bull Creek. My brothers are the late John Alex DeRossett and the late Bryant DeRossett. Bryant was married to Cleo Montgomery DeRossett who still resides in Prestonsburg, and they had two children, Caroline and Tammy. My sister Lucille resides with her husband, Douglas Garrett at Bull Creek. I am married to Katie Burton DeRossett my children are Gerald Douglas, John Bryant, Leslie and James Alex. John is married to Linda Marie Whitten, daughter of Charles and Clara Whitten of Mays Branch. John and Linda have two children, Alexis, age 5 and Allyson, age 2.

Leslie is married to Rodney Ousley, son of Delano and Juanita Ousley of Printer. Rodney and Leslie have two children, Zachary, age 9 and Madelyn, age 4 months.

**My family and I would like to ask for your support in electing me as your commissioner on May 26.**

Paid by Katie DeRossett, Treasure, 334, Rt. Fork Bull Creek, Prestonsburg.





# 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.

### Blackcat Golf Scramble

The Prestonsburg Blackcat Golf Scramble will be held Saturday, May 23, at Beaver Valley Golf Course at Allen. There will be two age divisions, up to high school seniors and high school grads and up. Cash prizes. To register or for information, call 886-9143 or 874-9094, or after 5 p.m. 886-1860.

### Akers family reunion

The fourth annual Akers family reunion will be held May 23, beginning at 11 a.m., at the Betsy Layne Senior Citizens Center. RSVP Hazel Cole, P.O. Box 160, Betsy Layne, Ky. 41605, or call (606) 478-2235. Bring a covered dish.

### Historical society meet

The Floyd County Genealogical and Historical Society will hold their monthly meeting May 18, at the Floyd County Library conference room, at 7 p.m. Mike Mullins, director of the Hindman Settlement, School will be the guest speaker.

### AARP dinner meeting

The monthly dinner meeting of Jenny Wiley Chapter No. 3528, American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) will be held at the new office complex of Highlands Regional Medical Center, on May 15, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

### Williams/Moore reunion

The Williams/Moore reunion will be held May 23, at the Spillway, Shelter No. 3. If musically inclined, bring your instruments. Lots of food, games and trophies. Bring a covered dish.

### Diabetes support group

A Pikeville Methodist Hospital's diabetes support group will meet May 18, at 6 p.m. in the Lifestyles Center in the Collins and Love building. Call 437-3513 for more information.

### Panda Program

The Panda Program, a presentation to address nicotine dependence in adults class will be conducted at 6 p.m., on May 21, at the Lifestyles Center in the Collins and Love building. Call 437-3563 to register. The class is free.

### Auction

An auction will be held May 16, at 4 p.m., at the Mud Creek Senior Citizens Center at Grethel. Lots of items donated by local businesses. For more information, or to donate items, call 587-2507.

### Albert Dotson reunion

The Albert Dotson reunion will be held Sunday, May 24, at the Allen Volunteer Fire Department Community Center, beginning at 11 a.m. Bring a covered dish. Call 874-2462, 874-1793 or 874-9117 for more information.

### Old Fashioned Sunday

An old-fashioned Sunday will be held May 17, at the First Christian Church of Prestonsburg. Various activities, such as homemade ice cream and special singing. Dinner will follow morning worship.

### Clark Elementary School activities

- May 15: Fifth grade class visits Adams Middle School.
- May 15: Kindergarten registration and kindergarten/preschool screenings from 9-12.
- May 20: Nutrition presentation by Tonya Hall.
- May 20: Parent workshop entitled "Is My Child Ready for Fourth Grade" at 6 p.m.
- May 20: Heart Health presentation.

### Newsome reunion

There will be a Newsome family reunion for relatives of Elias G. Newsome, Sarah Jane Akers Newsome and Rhoda Newsome. Contact Raymond Newsome, 12651 Bruce Hunt Rd., Clermont, Florida 34711-9056. Phone: (352) 394-1684

### 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.

### DeLong-Hyden reunion

The eleventh annual DeLong-Hyden reunion will be held May 24, beginning at 11 a.m. in the Pines building on Jenny Wiley State Park. For more information, call Amma Hyden Vaughn at 886-3944, or Donald Hyden at 789-5024.

### Newsome-Newsom reunion

There will be a Newsome-Newsom reunion Saturday, May 23 at the G.F. Johnson Elementary School beginning around 9:30 a.m. Please bring a covered dish. This is for all Newsomes and Newsoms.

### South Floyd Youth Services Center Activities

—Adult Learning Center (ALC) is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8 a.m. until noon. ALC is sponsored by the David school. This service is free and open to the public.  
—Clothing Bank open by appointment on Wednesdays and Fridays.  
—Student Activity held from 3-4 p.m. on school days.  
—South Floyd Youth Services Center is open 8 a.m. til 4 p.m. Mondays thru Fridays. The center is located in Suite 232 at South Floyd

High School. For more information contact Keith Smallwood or Mable C. Hall 452-9600, Ext. 158 and Ext. 145. Fax 452-9303.

### Aids Update

Dr. Mary Fox will present current information about Aids on May 29 and June 26, from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. in the Pikeville Methodist Hospital Education Center located in the Wallen and Cornett Building. Call 437-3525 to register. The class is free.

### PALs class

Pediatric Advanced Life Support Class (Pals) certification can be obtained by health-care professionals who attend a PALs class June 6 and 7, from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. in Pikeville Methodist Hospital's Education Center. For more information call 437-3535.

### Rainbow of songs

Reno's Roadhouse and the PHS Honor Choir will present a Rainbow of Songs, Saturday, May 16, at 7 p.m., at the Mountain Arts Center. Rainbow of Songs is an educational, musical adventure into the world of music with the Prestonsburg High School Honor Choir.

### Soupean dinner

A soupean dinner with all the fixin's will be held at the Prater Elementary cafeteria May 16, from noon-4 p.m. Cost is \$4 per dinner. Call 478-9919 for orders. Sponsored by the Prater Little League.

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Miss Courtney Shepherd, daughter of Paul and Jessica Shepherd of Abbott Creek, has been accepted as a State Finalist in the Miss Kentucky American Princess Pageant to be held July 2-3, 1998, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Lexington, Kentucky.

Courtney is the granddaughter of Delmer and Dearl Faye Holbrook of Prestonsburg and the late Ralph W. Shepherd. She is the great-granddaughter of Osie Holbrook of Prestonsburg and the late Willie Holbrook, Elizabeth Shepherd of David and the late Rev. Ashland Shepherd; also the late Shirley and Oakley Morrison.

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# Transportation subsidy program simplified for the Big Sandy area

Big changes are in store for welfare and Medicaid clients who use subsidized transportation to get to and from appointments in the Big Sandy area of Eastern Kentucky.

The state Cabinets for Transportation, Health Services and Families and Children and Workforce Development will launch a pilot project in the five-county area on June 1. Approximately 3,600 welfare recipients and 38,000 Medicaid participants will be among those affected by the change in the Big Sandy District, one of 16 districts statewide. Many customers of the Department for the Blind and the Department of Vocational Rehabilitation in the area will also be affected.

Other districts are expected to begin a similar program by this fall, and the entire state should be under the new system by early 1999.

Beginning June 1, transportation will be provided by Sandy Valley Transportation Services for participants in the Kentucky Works Program (the work aspect of welfare) and Medicaid recipients in Floyd, Johnson, Magoffin, Martin and Pike counties.

Under the current system, Kentucky Works participants pay transportation providers for trips they take and each month are reimbursed by check; Medicaid beneficiaries receive vouchers to obtain services from participating transportation providers. Under the new system, riders will have to certify that they used the service each month, but paper work involved in approving and issuing thousands of checks and vouchers will be eliminated, as will the potential for fraud and abuse.

One agency will be under contract with the state to provide transportation for each region, although it may use other providers as sub-contractors. Sandy Valley, the only bidder for the contract in the pilot-project area, will be paid a flat rate per participant.

Kentucky Works participants' trips to activities such as employment, education and job-training programs are covered by the system, as are Medicaid participants' trips to doctors' offices and other non-emergency medical services.

In addition, welfare recipients who own their own cars may be eligible for reimbursement for mileage to and from Kentucky Works activities.

Anyone accustomed to receiving a check or voucher for transportation, and who needs a ride to and

users of transportation subsidies should call the same number as soon as they know what their activ-

ities will be. Sandy Valley will answer calls between 6 a.m. and 8 p.m., Monday through Friday, and from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., on Saturday. Callers must give their Social Security Number to arrange rides. Sandy Valley will work with callers to accommodate child-care arrangements and special needs such as a child safety seat or a wheelchair lift. Riders who have complaints they cannot resolve with Sandy Valley are asked to call the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet at 1-888-941-7433.

Phone calls to both this number and the number for Sandy Valley are toll-free.

**Riders need to call after May 18, but before June 1, to arrange for June rides.**

from activities during the month of June, should call Sandy Valley at 1-800-444-7433. Riders need to call after May 18, but before June 1, to arrange for June rides. First-time

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## KENTUCKY CAMPMEETING '98

Kentucky Campmeeting '98 will begin Monday, May 18th, and go through May 22nd. The Campmeeting will be held at the Mountain Arts Center in Prestonsburg. Pastor William Perkins will preach Monday, Pastor Kenneth Prater Jr. will preach Tuesday, Wednesday will be Pastor Steve Rose, Thursday will be Pastor Terry Lykins, and Friday Pastor Jerry L. Castle will be preaching.

There will be special singing each evening, along with a 100 voice Praise Choir. The services will begin each evening at 7:30 p.m. All churches and people are welcome. Admission is free. For more information you may call 606-789-5598, 606-349-3055 or you may also call 606-886-0264.

Re-Elect

# DEMOCRAT BEN HALE

*Leading Floyd County into the future:*

I'm Ben Hale, Democratic candidate for County Judge-Executive. To restate who I am and my family background: I am the son of the late Henry C. Hale and Penny Osborne Hale of Blue River, Kentucky. I am married to Keane Gregory Hale—a speech & hearing pathologist in the Floyd County schools. I am the father of four children, Nick, age 19; Benjamin and Brian, ages 15; and Charlotte, age 7. I have four brothers, and one sister: James—retired Lt. Col. U.S.A.F; Tommy—coal hauler; George—maintenance supervisor at Otter Creek Correctional Center; Jon—foreman at Consolidated Coal; and Kay—who works at Church Housing.



I have worked hard throughout this campaign to meet as many of you as possible, while still fulfilling my duties as Floyd County Judge-Executive. But there's many of you I won't be able to meet before the election. Ultimately, I have to trust each of you to fairly consider me, my words, and my goals.

I believe that a majority of Floyd Countians want continued progress, openness, and honesty. I am the candidate who has clearly promised to lead us in that direction. Please stand with me now, by your vote and support, and I will not fail you, myself or my family.

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Floyd County Judge-Executive

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**Floyd County Babe Ruth Results**

(See stories inside)

**Games This Week**

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# SPORTS

## A Look At Sports

### Sports from my notepad

In just jotting some things down while I was on vacation last week, there have been some interesting things happening. I know I missed a lot by not being here, but I needed the break from it all. I am glad to be back behind the old desk and having my computer up and running.

I appreciate all the kind words from those who said they missed me and was glad I had not passed away.

• What has happen to the UK basketball program? Well, not the program itself, but the ones who make it up. For instance: Wayne

Turner appears to be in big time trouble with the law after a hit-and-run case as well as other violations. Myron Anthony was in court for a hit-and-run charge, and then Ryan Hogan is in front of the judge for a DUI.

Seems that Tubby comes in and has some juveniles on his hand. Anymore skeletons in the closet?

• Nazr Mohammed going pro? There have been a lot of pros and cons on this. Most of those feel he are not ready to go and some, why I don't know, is glad he is leaving. Their reasoning? More playing time for Michael Bradley.



Ed Taylor Sports Editor

A lot of UK fans feel that Bradley is the better of the two. Am I hearing right? Bradley! Well, Michael is going to be a great player but he hasn't arrived yet.

But everyone close to the UK program, his family, and

NBA scouts are telling the 6-11 giant the same thing: stay in school. Your are not ready!

Who is he listening to? Not Tubby. Not his father. Not the pro scouts. But Antoine Walker, who I feel is a rebel.

Of course, with Nazr leaving, that opens up another scholarship for the Cats to use.

• Former Allen Central standout, former Wisconsin Badger standout, and former St. Catherine's standout, Jeremy Hall recently signed with the Southeastern Louisiana team. Hall will be on the court this fall. We will have more on this later.

• The district baseball tournaments around the region get underway Monday afternoon. Here in the 58th, South Floyd faces Betsy Layne Monday, and Allen Central does battle with Prestonsburg Tuesday. Wednesday will be the finals.

Can Kevin Spurlock and his Rebels do it again by surprising the rest of the field? The Rebels are the defending champions. The tournament will be held at Archer Park this year.

The girls' softball district also gets started this Monday, also at Archer Park. The girls will use the big softball field at the city park.

• While everyone is wondering who will be the new head coach at Prestonsburg High School this coming basketball season, word is that may not be determined until July. With the appeals process, it could linger on and on and on.

Bobby Hackworth, assistant to Coach Jackie Pack last year, I understand, could be the one who will take the team to camp this summer. While names have been mentioned for the job, Bobby would make a good coach. He coached the junior varsity and did a very good job. Why not?

But some are saying, depending on the appeals hearing, that Pack could replace himself. Could that happen? Could he beat the system and return? We will all have to wait and see.

• So far we have heard these names linked to the job: Harold Tackett, Henry Webb, Danny Adams, Jackie Day Crisp,

(See Sports, page two)

In spite of rain,

## Kids Day In The Park successful

by Ed Taylor  
Sports Editor

The turnout was down some, but the excitement wasn't as the fifth annual Kids Day in the Park went off a week late at Prestonsburg's Archer Park.

It was a day just for the nine-and-under age group, as they took in seven different events, competing in age categories. The event was co-sponsored by Food City and WMDJ radio.

The mud of the day may have been the biggest attraction.

tion.

"The kids loved the mud," said Mona Dingus, the

dance, but we still had a good turnout."

"It sprinkled the rain a little bit that day, and that affected our turnout," she added "We didn't have the usual 5,000 that comes out. But, still, it went well."

Over 2,000 people turned out for last Saturday's event with kids receiving free snacks, drinks and prizes.

**"The kids loved the mud," said Mona Dingus, the games' director. "The parents were good sports. Everything went great. We were down some in attendance, but we still had a good turnout."**

—Mona Dingus

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**FOOTBALL TOSS**

Prestonsburg's Anthony Collins won the football toss

(See Kids, page two)

## Combs sets record in state AAU tournament

by Ed Taylor  
Sports Editor

The saying, "records were meant to be broken," held true when the Allen Central 13-and-under AAU basketball team took part in the recent state tournament in Lexington. The record was the scoring record established in 1993 by an Everts player of 37 points.

Beth Combs, who starred for the Duff Lady Bulldogs and was instrumental in leading her team to a county championship this past season, tossed in a game high 41 points to break the old record.

"Beth played very good that game," said her coach, Wes Case. "She was hitting everything she put up. She hit two three-points the rest were just shots from the outside."

Combs scored 12 points the first quarter and had 19 by halftime. Coach Case said he knew the record was in sight and decided to let Combs play despite having a big lead.

"I left her in with some of my other players so she could break the record," said Case. "With four or five minutes to play in the game, she was handing the ball off to the other players so they could score. I had to call time out and remind her to shoot the ball."

Combs scored 11 points in the final period to become the state's leading scorer in a single game in AAU basketball.

The accomplishment came against Logan County in the first game of the state tournament, a game Allen Central won 64-27. Johnna Ison and Amber Scott scored six points apiece with Jessica Isaac tossing in five points. Jaclyn Martin added four, and Megan Hyden had two.

Allen Central met Pendleton County in the second round and posted a 45-23 victory to move on. Combs led the way with 14 points while Martin added 10.

"The coach for Pendleton County knew what Beth did the first game and he double teamed her in the second game," explained Case. "I told Beth to just go to the corner and just stand there. The other girls can be their three. She played well, though."

Case said Combs was underrated in her ball han-

(See Combs, page two)



**Sets new record**

Dull Elementary guard, Beth Combs, set a new state AAU scoring record when she scored 41 points against Logan County in the state tournament recently. Combs broke the old record of 37 points. (photo by Ed Taylor)

## Weather doesn't hinder Riverside Kart Racing

Ed Taylor  
Sports Editor

In spite of the weather, 42 karts appeared at the Riverside Kart Raceway this past Saturday for a big day of go-kart racing that has become one of the fastest growing sports.

Henry Setser, track manager, said parking had become a problem but has been addressed and corrected.

"We are trying to rearrange things," he said. "We need more parking so we are opening a section down on the riverside. We are trying to get some blacktop laid. We also are graveling down around the bleacher area and going to open that up for more parking."

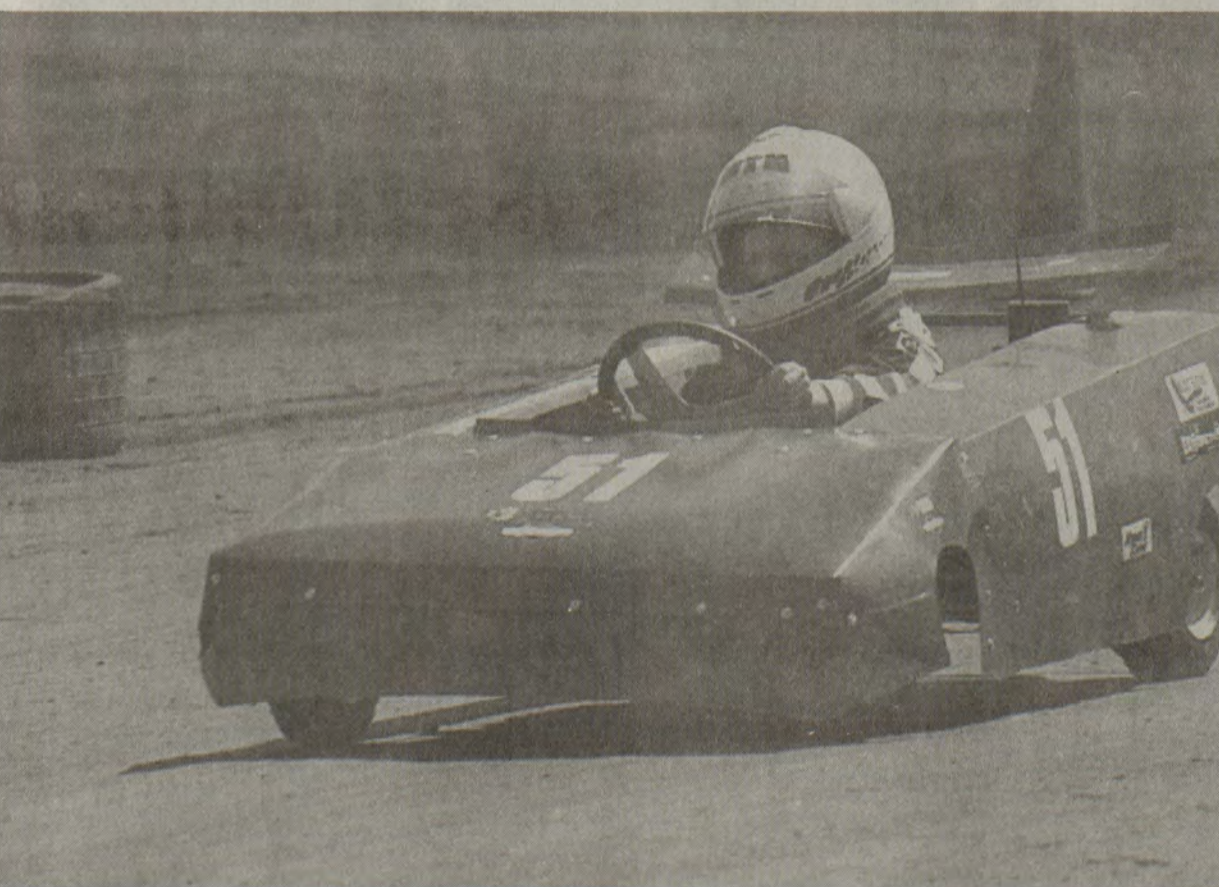
Setser said he was pleased with the turnout of Saturday. "It was a big turnout for it being so wet."

Eight classes ran this past weekend in a race that was sponsored by Bucky Collins, candidate for Justice of the Peace.

In the Briggs Junior class, Jason Setser drove his #44 kart to victory lane in taking the checkered flag. Second place went to Patrick Porter and Brandon Hall placed third in his number 11 kart.

It was a battle of Setser's in the Kid's Single Pull. Michael Setser took the checkered in winning the feature in his #51 kart. Donald Setser, in kart #01, placed second and Daniel Prater took third place in kart #29.

McDowell's Josh Stumbo continued to dominate in the Rookie's class. Stumbo placed first in his #28 kart, winning for the third time at the Riverside Raceway. Chris Baker finished second in kart #23 and Seth



**Single pull winner**

Michael Setser drove his #51 kart to the victor's circle last Saturday after winning the Single Pull kid's event at Riverside Raceway. Racing continues this Saturday at the Dwale track. (photo by Ed Taylor)

(See Riverside, page two)



# Cardinals collect 11 hits in 12-2 win over Braves

by Ed Taylor  
Sports Editor

Casey Brown hurled four strong innings, and Bobo Hamilton went two as the Allen/Betsy Layne Cardinals posted a 12-2 win over the Beaver Creek Braves in the Floyd County 13-year-old league at the Allen Park.

Brown did not allow a hit or run in his four-inning stint. Hamilton did not allow a hit but gave up two runs in his two innings.

Neil Allen took the loss for the

Braves in just one inning. Jonathan Hall went the last five and was tagged for 11 runs on nine hits.

The Braves scored their two runs in the sixth inning against Hamilton. Both runs were unearned.

Michael Rogers collected three hits for the Cardinals, who had 11 for the game.

Lance Collins had two safeties. Rogers and Collins opened the game with singles and both scored in the first inning. Jason Laferty scored in the top of the second for

the Cardinals after getting a lead-off walk.

The Cardinals added two runs in the third and fourth innings and pushed across one in the fourth. They had four runs in the sixth inning.

Alex Patton had the only hit for the Braves. Paul David Francis and Jonathan Hall scored runs for the Braves in the sixth.

Brown, Hamilton, Jonathan King, Thomas Nelson, Brett Preston and Brian Johnson had safeties for the Cardinals.

# Willis, Shepherd lead White Sox

by Ed Taylor  
Sports Editor

Joey Willis and Jacob Shepherd collected two hits apiece to lead the Prestonsburg White Sox Floyd County 13-year-old Babe Ruth team to a 7-3 win over the Allen/Betsy Layne Cardinals last week.

Prestonsburg scored four runs in the third inning to snap a 3-3 tie and plate another run in the fourth.

Matt Setser led off the game with a single and scored on Willis'

base hit. Willis came around on a stolen base, passed ball and wild pitch.

The Cardinals made it 2-1 when Casey Brown singled and scored on Bobo Hamilton's RBI single.

Prestonsburg got a run in the second inning for a 3-1 game. Adam Dixon walked and scored on Kenny Smiley's safety. The Cardinals pushed home two runs in their half of the second inning for a 3-3 game.

Thomas Nelson and Brett Preston drew back-to-back walks

and both scored for the Cardinals.

Prestonsburg exploded for the four runs in the third. Bobo Hamilton walked three straight batters to load the bases. With one out, Dixon lined a base hit to center, scoring Willis and Dustin Hammonds. Zach Bradshaw scored on a passed ball.

Shepherd scored for the White Sox in the sixth inning after drawing a lead-off walk.

Hamilton took the loss for the Cardinals. Wesley Jenkins picked up the win for the White Sox.

# Hamilton's three hits lead Cardinals past Braves

by Ed Taylor  
Sports Editor

Bobo Hamilton collected three hits, while Lance Collins and Casey Brown had two apiece, as the Allen/Betsy Layne Cardinals mercied the Beaver Creek Braves 11-1 in the Floyd County 13-year-old Babe Ruth League at the Allen Park.

Dustin Stumbo had the lone Braves' hit and scored their only run in the first inning.

Michael Rogers, Jonathan King, Chris Crider and Tommy Nelson had singles for the Cardinals.

The Cards pushed home eight runs in their half of the third inning. Rogers started the rally with a lead-off single, and Collins followed with a base hit. With one out, Hamilton, King, Casey Tackett and Crider drew walks that forced home two runs. Nelson lined a two-run single. Brett Preston and Rogers walked to force two more runs.



Points racing

The Riverside Raceway drew a large number of karts this past Saturday, despite the wet grounds. This Saturday race date will be the first of six -point races at the local track. (photo by Ed Taylor)

# Betsy Layne wraps up conference title in win over Rebels

by Ed Taylor  
Sports Editor

It seems Betsy Layne's Brad Reynolds likes to get his hits early, and he continued to do so against Allen Central when he blasted a three-run home run to help send the Bobcats to a 6-1 win over the Allen Central Rebels last week at the Allen Park.

Craig Johnson went the distance in securing the win that gave the Bobcats the conference championship and a number-one seed in the upcoming district tournament Monday. Gary Hunter suffered the setback for Allen Central.

Johnson fanned 14 batters in picking up the victory. He scattered three Allen Central hits. He had a shutout going until the Rebel fifth when Eric Casebolt scored on Ryan Owens' RBI single.

Reynolds' three-run shot came in the first inning with Matt Kidd and Craig Johnson on board to give Betsy Layne a 3-0 lead. Kidd had singled and Johnson walked ahead of Reynolds.

Betsy Layne added two runs in the fourth inning on a Justin Bartley base hit, an error and Kidd's RBI single. Kidd stole second and later scored to give the Bobcats a 5-0 lead. Betsy Layne pushed home their final run in the sixth inning on a Kidd base hit.

Nick Samons, Hunter, and Owens collected hits for the Rebels.

Kidd finished with three singles for Betsy Layne. Jake Carroll had two safeties and Dwayne Hughes singled twice.

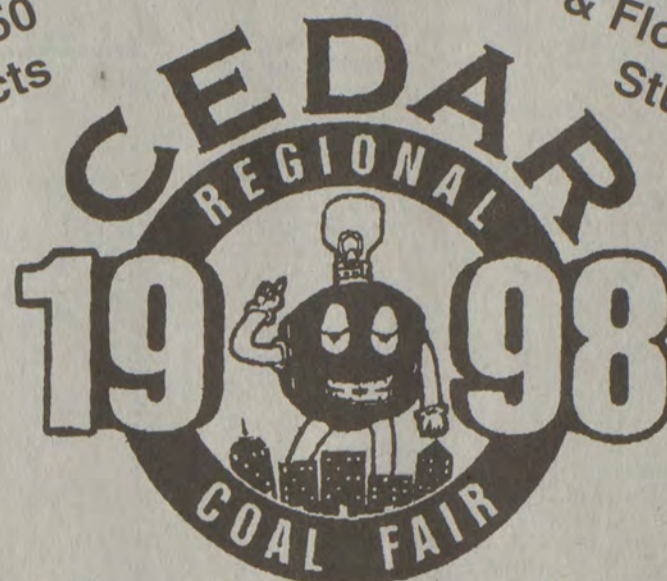
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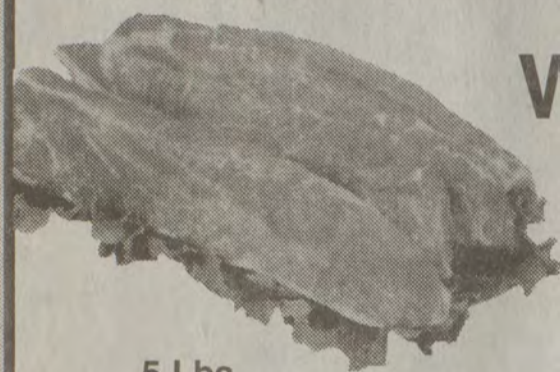


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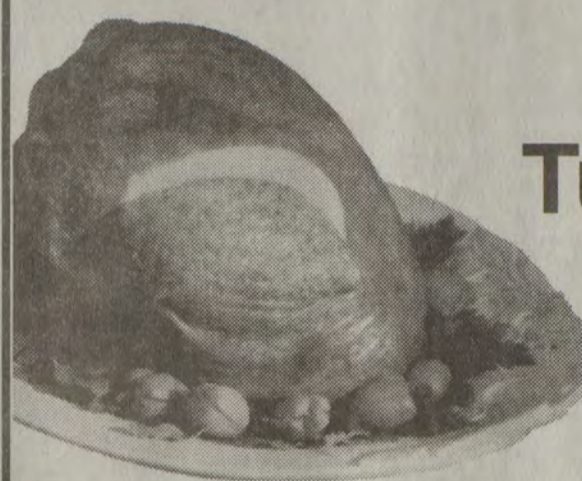
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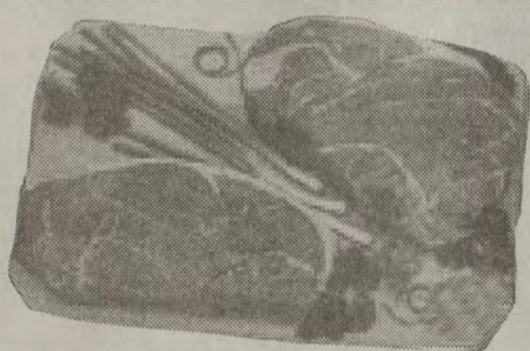
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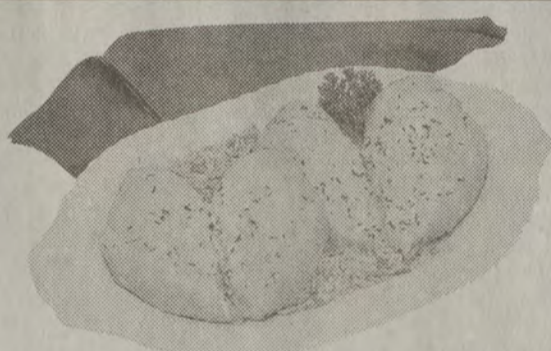
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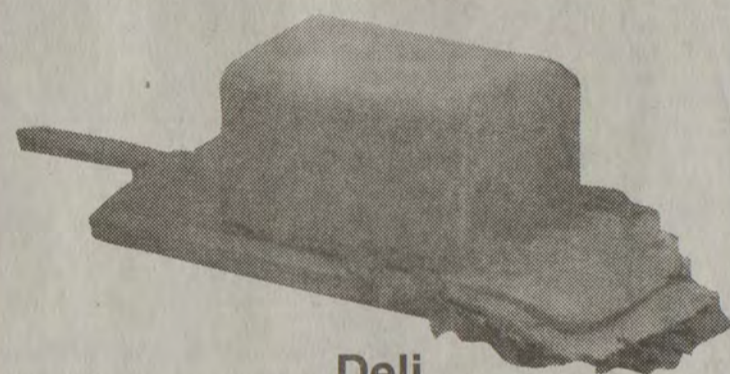
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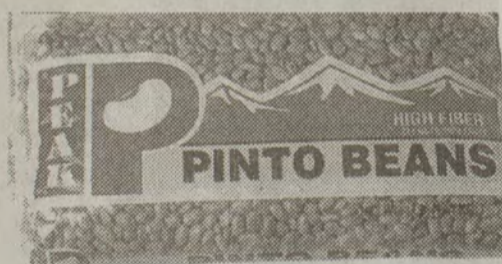
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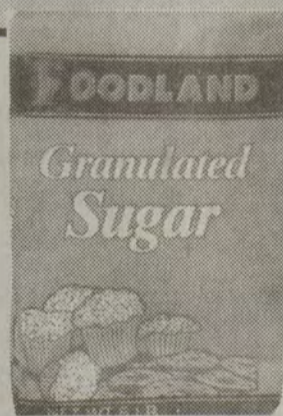
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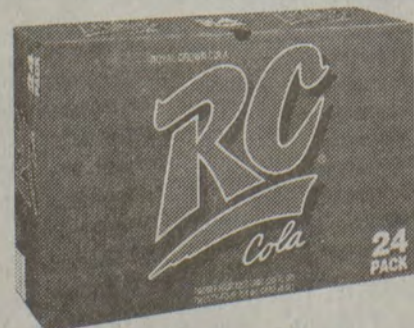
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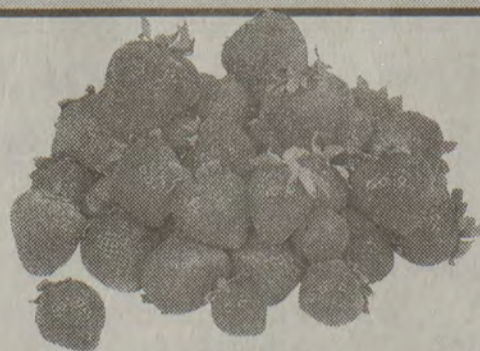
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# THE WEEKEND EXTRA



**Smile Awhile**

Sara Hopson

## California, here we come

PART 4

Tony Bennett may have left his heart in San Francisco, but I left more tangible items such as: a manicure set, my shoulder pads and Anna.

At 4 a.m., I slipped out of the hotel room to board a flight to San Diego via Los Angeles. Fearless flier that I am not, it was a scary prospect winging it, but Anna was reassuring.

"Is that lightning?" she asked as I closed my suitcase. "Ooh! That thunder is deafening! Have a good trip and tell everyone I said hello. Maybe the storm will die down before you leave."

"Don't say die to me," I begged. "Oh, Sara," Anna chided. "You'll be in San Diego before lunch!"

At noon, I was sitting in the Los Angeles airport waiting for my third delayed flight to San Diego.

"The plane's still not here from Bakersfield," the attendant told me after I'd asked for the 20th time. "Bad weather, I think."

I did not ask for a weather critique. In fact, the little science I had retained from sixth grade relating to cumulus and cirrus clouds and how lightening reacts to metal was something I was remembering quite well. I didn't need a satellite account of what dark clouds and rain meant in regards to aviation.

"Why are you going to San Diego?" a woman seated next to me asked.

"To attend a wedding," I replied. "How nice. It's a shame you don't have better weather," she stated.

"I thought it never rained in Southern California," I laughed.

"El Nino," she replied. "Buenos Nochez," I said.

"No, El Nino," she repeated. "That's the problem. Our weather is usually beautiful."

At that moment, it was announced that the plane from Bakersfield was landing. As I looked out on the tarmac, I noticed that the plane still had wings, and was slightly larger than a bread box.

"Is that our plane?" I asked nervously. "Sure is," a man in front of me said.

"They want me to ride shotgun this trip to see what's wrong with it."

I kissed the ground and followed the rest of the whipped pups into the plane. It was obvious that there was not going to be a snack or an in-flight movie this trip. A few minutes later after we had ascended, my life passed before my eyes; it was an ugly sight. Then the plane started to dip and the intercom static began, "We are making our

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*The Ruppes*

## Mother/daughter trio appearing in free concert in Prestonsburg

The Ruppes, the dynamic mother/daughters gospel recording group from Inman, South Carolina, have been representing the gospel with beautiful family harmony since the group's inception in 1974. Mom, Brenda, and daughter Kim, sang in church with Brenda's mother in the beginning. They added another daughter, Heather, to the group a short time later.

The girls made their first recording with James Segro Productions, in 1975 when Kim and Heather were 10 and 9 years of age respectively. Their second release was on Herald Records, produced by Erv Lewis. However, it was on their third recording in 1985, with Copperfield Records, that they gained national attention as "The Truth Remains" climbed the charts to No. 27. The Ruppes continued to reach the Top 40 on the Copperfield label with such songs as "He's On The Throne," "Put That On My Account," and "Just For Me."

In 1989, Heather married singer/songwriter, Greg Day. They began their own gospel ministry, The Days, and are still

singing together today. The Ruppes added Valerie, age 11, to fill her older sister's shoes. In 1991, The Ruppes signed with Horizon Music and reached the Top 40 charts again with songs like "Thorns Crowned The Rose," "The Answer," and

Singing News for the Horizon Award; in 1996, by the Singing News for the Horizon Award (group) and Kim, for the Horizon Award (individually). Also, in 1996, they were nominated by the Gospel Voice for Album of the Year, Song of the Year, Group of the Year and Single of the Year.

Much more than any of the achievements the group has received, The Ruppes are noted for the anointed spirit they impart to their audience. They minister to broken and hurting

hearts with their message-filled songs and humble testimonies. Those who attend their concerts will be inspired by their rich, blended voices and their ability to relate to those in need.

The Ruppes will appear in concert Sunday, June 21, 6 p.m. at the Community United Methodist Church in Prestonsburg.

The concert is free. The Ruppes will also be at the Jenny Wiley Pioneer Festival in October.

Other gospel concerts at the church include, Apple City Boys, August 3, and Perfect Heart on November 8.

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"Up There Somewhere."

In 1995, when this mother/daughters combination signed with Makkedah Music, their ministry grew to new heights. Their first single release, "He's Not Here," topped the charts at No. 6 in the Singing News. Their present single release, "Under His Wings," currently takes the No. 4 position and climbing. This song, particularly in its live version, has touched many lives throughout the country.

The Ruppes have received nominations in 1987, by the Gospel Music Association for Album of the Year; 1994 by the

by Chuck Shepherd

## News of the Weird

— On the day before Good Friday, reported the Los Angeles Times, Dr. Ernesto A. Moshe Montgomery consecrated the Shrine of the Weeping Shirley MacLaine in a room in the Beta Israel Temple in Los Angeles. Inspired by a vision he said he had while riding in the actress's private jet, Montgomery also said a large photograph of him with MacLaine was "observed shedding tears," which had inspired prayers and testimony of miraculous healings.

— Tape recordings played in March at the Detroit trial of an organized crime gang exposed two alleged soldiers as somewhat less than "wise" guys. FBI bugs planted in their cars and homes revealed, among other comical exchanges, that they got lost trying to find an expressway after shooting out a rival's windows, were not sure whether they needed to fill out federal forms to buy ammunition, expressed frustration that they couldn't conduct a shooting at 11 p.m. on a Sunday night because of heavy pedestrian traffic ("They're telling me Detroit's not safe? They got two old ladies walking."), and wondered about their wives ("I think she kind of knows. I think she knows we're gangsters.")

— In December, according to an exchange of letters excerpted in The Wall Street Journal, the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, acting on the complaint of a neighbor, scolded a Montcalm County landowner for "construction and maintenance of two wood debris dams across the outlet stream of Spring Pond," reminding him that a permit is required for such "inherently dangerous" construction and threatening him against any further "unauthorized activity." Subsequent investigation by the department revealed the dams to have been built by beavers.

### An Environmental Issue for Steve Forbes

In March, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service began a campaign of support for an international crackdown on the illegal poaching of sturgeon, which has severely constricted the world's supply of caviar.

### Got Cold Water?

At 10 p.m. on April 1 in downtown Belleville, Ill., police blocked a lane of traffic so that dogs Zeus and Chelsea could continue their brief mating interlude, before a Humane Society employee arrived to carry them away. Five days earlier, in a small holding area adjacent to a courtroom in Reading, Pa., a male and female prisoner had sex in front of two male inmates while Judge Stephen B. Lieberman conducted business about 10 feet away.

### Things That Won't Happen

In March the town council of Tangier Island, Md., the proposed site for shooting the Warner Bros. movie "Message in a Bottle" starring Paul Newman and Kevin Costner, informed the producers that they were looking forward to the filming but that the script would have to be changed to eliminate all cursing, sex and alcoholic beverages. And Joe Paul of Sun City, Ariz., has been keeping score at Arizona Diamondbacks games this year, not of runs and hits but of instances of baseball players spitting, which Paul says violates state law, enforcement of which he has demanded in letters to health authorities.

### According to Prison Etiquette, Those Figures Are About Right

In April, a jury in Helena, Mont., ruled that prison officials had overreacted during a 1991 riot and ordered them to pay money damages to 13 inmates. Five men who were hog-tied for several hours after the riot were awarded \$1,000 each; eight men who were subjected to rectal searches were awarded \$9 each.

### People With Too Much Money

An April Associated Press report disclosed that since 1961, Americans have sent the U.S. Treasury more than \$56 million in voluntary contributions toward reducing the national debt. Gifts are mostly checks for \$15 or so, but one Minneapolis woman gives \$3,000 a year, and in 1994, an anonymous patron sent in \$20 million.

### Crises in the Workplace

— Abby Kislung filed a wrongful-firing lawsuit in February in Des Moines, Iowa, against the telecommunications firm USA Global Link Inc., claiming she was terminated because she doesn't believe in transcendental meditation. Almost all of the firm's employees meditate on company time, and many are graduates of the nearby Maharishi University of Management.

— Charles Cornell, 31, won his lawsuit at the High Court in London, England, in March and was awarded about \$100,000 in damages. Cornell's insurance businesses failed when sales plummeted following his automobile accident. In the crash, he received a head injury that his doctors said left him with a gentler, more amiable personality that Cornell said is unsuited for the insurance business.

— Russian naval captain Alexander Buzinov told a Moscow TV interviewer in December that he is employed as an astrologer for the military, examining "planetary rhythms' effects on the Earth's surface." He said such rhythms led him to successfully predict three personnel firings last year, along with terrorist acts in Caucasus, a Siberian transport plane crash, and several of Boris Yeltsen's medical events.

— In April, The New York Times profiled the third generation of the Ayala family to perform hair hangs for the Ringling Brothers Barnum & Bailey circus. Andrea, 24, and Michelle, 28, like their mother and grandmother, hang and spin by their hair, twirling rings and juggling fire batons, up to three shows a day, enduring a level of pain Andrea describes as "Twenty!" on a 10-scale. But then, says mother Marguerite, "You see the

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**RICK WILSON'S**

# NEW YORK, NEW YORK

Tobacco has long been the backbone of Kentucky's farm economy, but for many, the word "tobacco" is synonymous with cancer, emphysema, and the Surgeon General's warnings. In the heated debate between anti-smoking crusaders and powerful tobacco-industry lobbyists, one voice remains unheard — that of the small tobacco farmer. Threatened with regulation by health officials and financially squeezed by multinational tobacco manufacturers, these family farmers are caught at a crossroads where they must struggle to preserve their livelihoods. TOBACCO BLUES, a film by Cafe Sisters productions (Christine Fugate and Eren McGinnis), follows the lives of four Kentucky family farmers, and puts a human face on the men and women who make their living raising the state's most profitable legal crop.

P.O.V., public television's annual award-winning showcase for independent non-fiction films will broadcast TOBACCO BLUES nationally on Tuesday, June 9, 1998 at 10 p.m. (ET) on PBS (check your local listings).

As tobacco companies continue to increase their overseas produc-

tion, over 125,000 tobacco farmers are projected to lose a significant portion of their income over the next five years. Either they must get out of tobacco and risk losing the family farm or gamble on the future of the crop in decline. The four Kentucky families in TOBACCO

BLUES are really troubles facing farmers all over America." She continues, "Small farmers are gone in other states — the reason they still exist in Kentucky is because of tobacco. My hope is that people who see the film will begin to look

children by farming tobacco, but are divided on the morality of growing what has been called a killer crop. Sixty-nine-year-old Ed, who has been smoking since he was 14 and now suffers from emphysema, says raising tobacco is the only thing he knows. Nevertheless, Janet asserts, "It's against my conscience ... we love the person but hate the wrong they're doing."

Tom Greathouse of Midway, Kentucky wants people to "differentiate farmers from cigarette companies," while his son Joseph, who has a deep love of farming vows, "We will always grow tobacco."

TOBACCO BLUES is narrated by actor Harry Dean Stanton, the son of a Kentucky tobacco farmer. Christine Fugate and Eren McGinnis met in 1987 at a Lexington, Kentucky coffee shop. TOBACCO BLUES is the third in their series of award-winning Kentucky-based documentaries for PBS. Cafe Sisters' first PBS production, THE SOUTHERN SEX (1992), explored the reality behind the myths and stereotypes of the Southern Belle and won the Director's Choice award at the Atlanta Film Festival. MOTHER LOVE (1996), which examined the relationships of four pairs of mothers and daughters in the Appalachian Mountains, was broadcast on Mother's Day and won a Chris Award at the Columbus Film Festival.

I highly recommend this intelligent and insightful masterpiece!

## TOBACCO BLUES Kentucky farmers caught at the crossroads

BLUES are each dealing with these pressures in their own way.

For filmmakers Christine Fugate and Eren McGinnis, making TOBACCO BLUES was an eye-opening experience. "Growing up in Kentucky, tobacco was a part of our lives. It was in the newspaper, our friends worked on farms, we drove past fields all the time," says Fugate, who was born and raised in Kentucky.

McGinnis, a Kentucky resident adds, "When I moved away from Kentucky, the health hazards of smoking started to come out, and I started to question, 'Can a good person grow tobacco?' The troubles

at small farmers in general as the valuable resources they are."

**FEATURED ARE:** Steve Smith of Bedford, Kentucky took over his family's farm and, conflicted over America's abuse of tobacco, now divides his acreage between tobacco and organic vegetables.

Mattie and Bill Mack of Brandenburg, Kentucky believe "tobacco's been good for America" and are distraught by the government's prosecution of small farmers. Mattie becomes an activist on behalf of tobacco farmers and passionately testifies before Congress.

Ed and Janet Jenkins of Georgetown, Kentucky raised nine

## HOME TIPS

**KEEP IT CLEAN** — I save those envelopes that come in the mail that have a large clear-plastic window in them.

When I'm cooking, I take the recipe that I'm using, insert it in the envelope and place the envelope just inside my cupboard.

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**CUPCAKES** — Whenever I decorate frosted cupcakes with candy sprinkles, I place the cupcakes in a 13-by-9-inch baking pan and then sprinkle the candies on. When the sprinkles fall off the cupcakes, they fall into the pan and can be collected and used again. No more sprinkles all over my counter or floor, and cleanup is a breeze! Yolanda M., Minneapolis, Minn.

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"Your cat has been depositing dead mice and birds on our doorstep all week, so I've made you a lovely casserole."

**CREATIVE CHEESECAKE** — I always keep a box of no-bake cheesecake mix on hand. You can find it in the gelatin and pudding mix section of your grocery store. The store's house brand works just fine.

Whenever I find myself with soon-to-be-outdated sour cream, cream cheese or cottage cheese, I mix it into the filling mix. This addition improves the flavor and my family loves it. I've even added leftover cream cheese frosting with

success. Deanna K., Colorado Springs, Colo.

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**BUGGIN' OUT** — Living in an apartment, I sometimes see roaches. To keep them out of my food, I put everything in glass jars or resealable plastic freezer bags. I cut the label off the package and enclose it in the jar before storing in the pantry. I also cut off any special preparation instructions and enclose that panel as well. Linda P., New York, N.Y.

## TRIVIA TEST

1. What were the most famous comedy team of Abbott and Costello's first names?
2. Name actress Kirstie Alley's first major motion picture in 1982.
3. Can you name the two motion pictures for which Eddie Albert (best known for his role on "Green Acres") was nominated for an

4. What was the cartoon strip and television show title character from the 1960s "Felix The Cat" best known for?
5. In what city is Cypress Gardens theme park located in Florida?
6. Name the largest city in the state of Texas.
7. Can you name the most common place name to live in the United States?
8. What country has the most public libraries?

**Trivia Test Answers**  
1. Bud Abbott and Lou Costello; 2. "Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan"; 3. In 1953 he was nominated for "Roman Holiday" and in 1972 for "Heartbreak Kid"; 4. His "Magic Bag Of Tricks"; 5. Winter Haven; 6. Houston with over 1,690,000 residents; 7. Midway with 207 with over 200,000 occurrences; 8. The former USSR

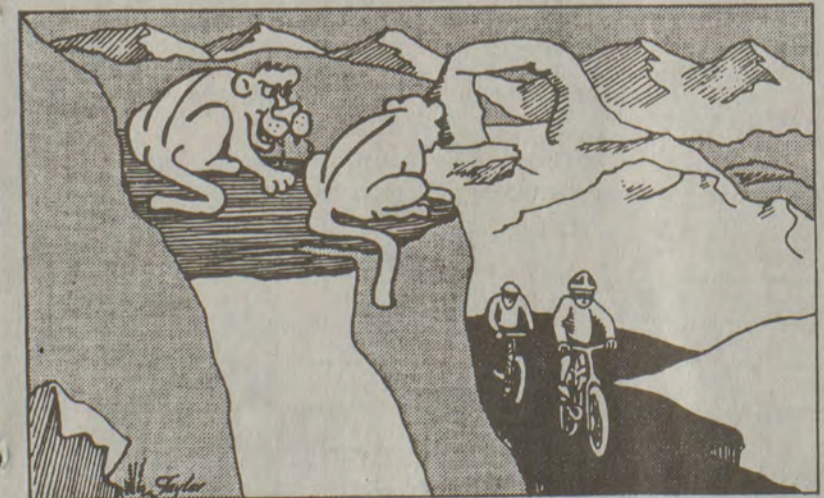


### Prestonsburg Masonic Lodge announces PCC scholarship

Graduation time is fast approaching, and Zebulon Lodge No. 273, F&AM, Prestonsburg's Masonic Lodge, announces that it will award, for the third consecutive year, a \$500 scholarship to a graduating senior from Prestonsburg High School who will be attending Prestonsburg Community College.

The scholarship will be awarded based on criteria of a combination of academic excellence and financial need.

The student does not need to have any Masonic connection, and those interested are encouraged to obtain an application from the high school and submit it to the lodge's committee for consideration.



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### JAMES D. ADAMS MIDDLE SCHOOL ELECTION OF PARENT MEMBERS TO THE SBDM COUNCIL

will be held on Monday, May 18, 1998, at 6:00 p.m., in the school library.

Nominations must be submitted in writing to the principal by 3:00 p.m., on Monday, May 18, 1998. Parents may nominate themselves or another parent. A parent council member shall be a parent, stepparent, or legal guardian of a student to be enrolled in the school for the 1998-1999 school year. Parent representatives may now be an employee assigned to another school in the district or the relative of an employee assigned to another school in the district. They are still prohibited from being an employee, or the relative of an employee, assigned to the district central office. They also continue to be prohibited from being a local board member or the board member's spouse. Any parent of a child enrolled at Adams Middle School or a parent of an incoming student may vote to elect the parent council members.

### Betsy Layne Elementary FY 1997-98 School Council Election for Parents and Teachers

Nominations for two parent members and three teacher members, one year term, of the Betsy Layne Elementary School's School Council will be accepted from May 14-22, 1998, 8:00 a.m. through 3:00 p.m. Nominations shall be submitted in writing to Karen Allen, principal, Betsy Layne Elementary School. To be eligible to serve on the school council as parent member, an individual must have a child enrolled at Betsy Layne Elementary for the FY 1997-1998 school year and cannot work for or have a close relative working for Betsy Layne Elementary. An eligible parent may nominate themselves and/or another eligible parent. The BLE School Council parent election will be held on Wednesday, May 27, 1998, at 6:30 p.m., in the BLE library. To be eligible to vote, a parent must have a child enrolled in BLE during the current (FY 1997-1998) school year. The BLE School Council teacher election will be held on Wednesday, May 27, 1998 at 2:00 p.m., in the BLE library.



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### School-Based Decision Making Council Election

An election to elect two (2) parent representatives to the John M. Stumbo Elementary School-Based Decision Making Council will be held Thursday, May 28, 1998, at 6:00 p.m., in the school gym. A parent or legal guardian of a child who will be enrolled at John M. Stumbo Elementary during the 1998-1999 school year may run. The parent may nominate him/her self or be nominated by others. The term of office shall be for one year running from July 1, 1998, to June 30, 1999. Parents elected must take training in School-Based Decision Making.

A parent who is a Floyd County Board of Education employee assigned at John M. Stumbo Elementary or Central Office or who has a relative employed by the Floyd County Board of Education assigned at John M. Stumbo Elementary or Central Office is not eligible to run. Also, local board members or board member's spouse are not eligible to run. Relative is defined as: father, mother, brother, sister, husband, wife, son, daughter, aunt, uncle, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, niece, nephew, father-in-law, mother-in-law.

Nominations must be made in writing and submitted to the Principal on or before the close of the school day, May 21, 1998. Nomination forms are available for your use in the office. Balloting will continue until two (2) parents receive a majority of the voting parents at the meeting. For additional information, contact Roy Johnson at (606) 587-2212.

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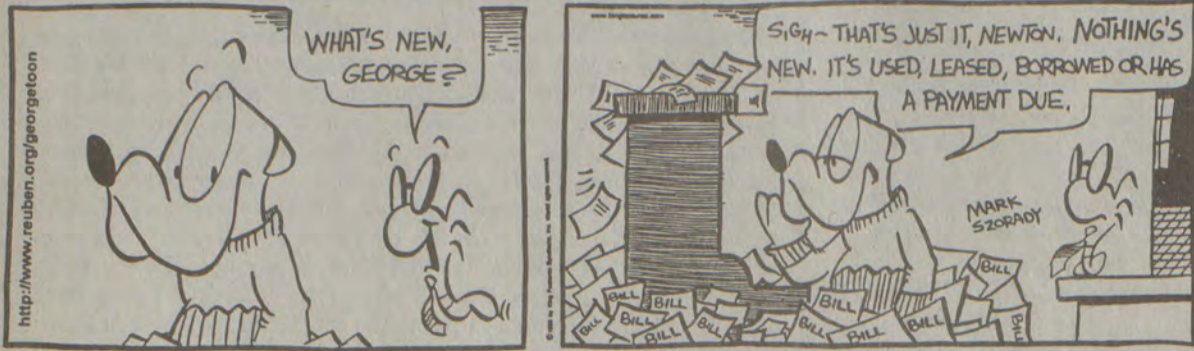
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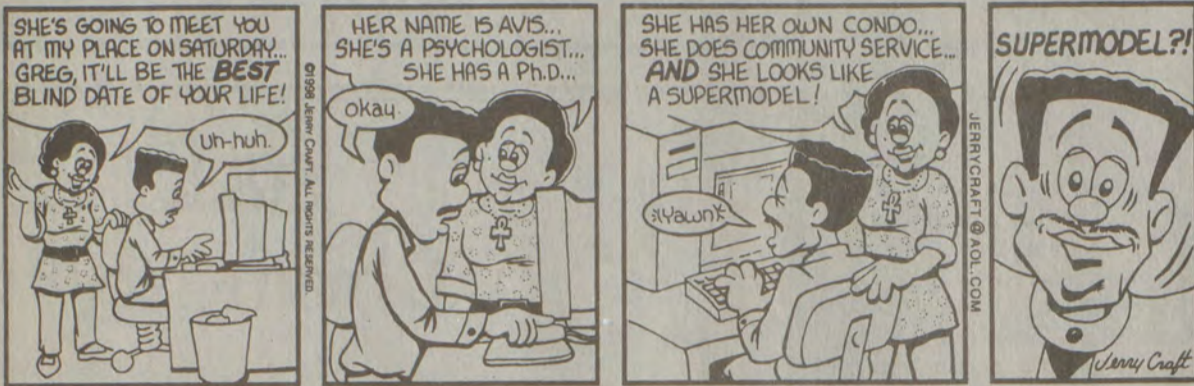
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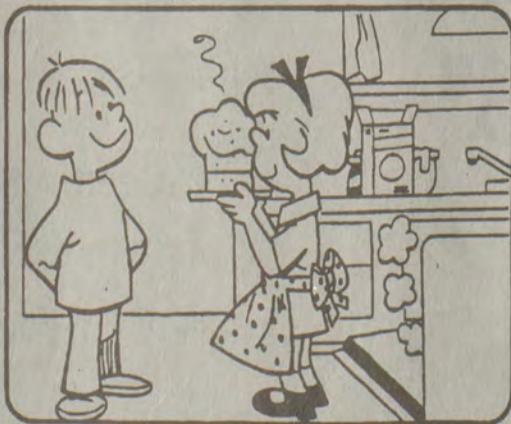
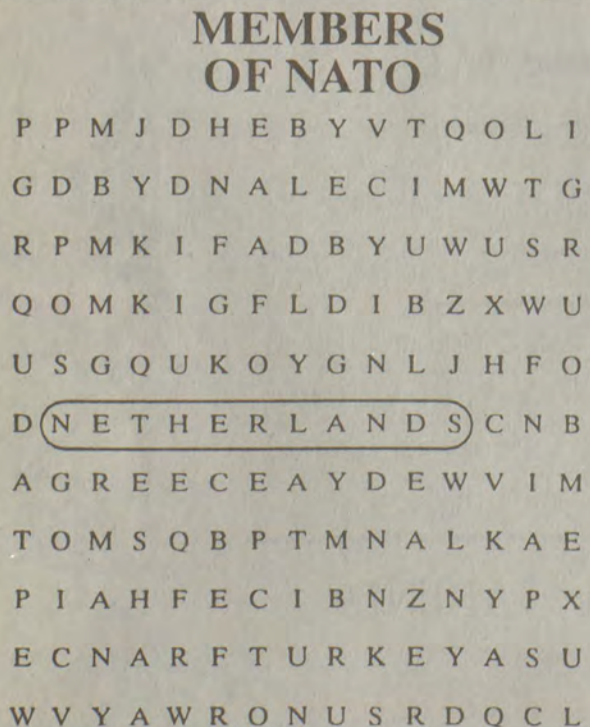
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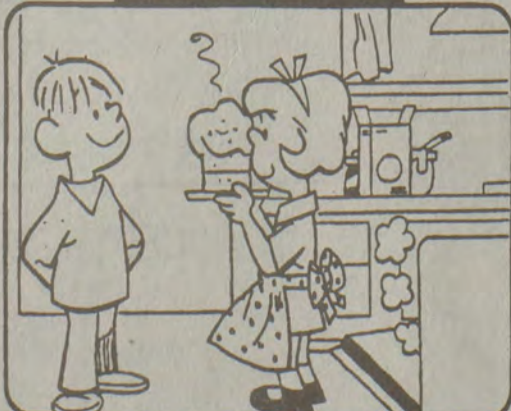
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| <b>ACROSS</b><br>1 Sir, in India<br>6 Paragon of redness<br>10 Tiny particle<br>14 Exposes<br>19 Greek shopping center?<br>20 Singer Guthrie<br>21 — avis<br>22 Idolize<br>23 Biblical name<br>24 Color for a wolf or a whale<br>25 Jal —<br>26 Silly one<br>27 " — evil"<br>28 Earned the Blue Ribbon<br>29 As clear as —<br>30 Wiser?<br>31 Furnished<br>34 Refuse bluntly<br>36 Turkish officer<br>39 Many are civil<br>40 Political org.<br>42 Box or bush starter<br>43 Sibling<br>46 Authentic<br>48 A thick liqueur<br>50 Knight of the Round Table<br>52 Diesel or fire follower<br>53 Small | suitcase<br>55 The same for all<br>56 Angered<br>57 Sand hill, in England<br>58 Gabor, et al.<br>60 Artificial waterway<br>61 Dutch South African<br>62 Wearing<br>63 Casual observation<br>65 Sight or sore starter<br>66 Belgian violinist<br>68 Have being<br>70 Cleo's executioner<br>73 Sharp mountain ridges<br>76 Wooden shoe<br>78 Horse or course starter<br>82 Gourd fruit<br>84 Central point<br>85 Isles off Ireland<br>86 Faux pas<br>87 Oscars, et al.<br>89 Levee protector<br>91 Philippine seaport<br>92 Began again<br>94 They invaded Spain<br>95 Summaries<br>96 Singer Garfunkel | 97 Set of nested boxes<br>99 Wish undone<br>100 Platform in a synagogue<br>101 Opposite<br>102 Gas-pump number<br>104 One of an Ethiopic people<br>107 Bird sanctuary, often<br>110 Vigorous<br>112 Stone or Iron<br>113 English composer<br>117 "...out like —"<br>118 Oil-yielding tree<br>119 Soprano<br>120 Climbing vine<br>121 Yemen's capital<br>122 Completely engrossed<br>123 FBI agent<br>124 Sweater size<br>125 Employing<br>126 NCOs<br>127 Food cans, in London<br>128 Ancient chariot<br>DOWN<br>1 Weakens gradually<br>2 U.S. author/critic<br>3 Golf course unit<br>4 Ireland | personified<br>5 Blowhard<br>6 Moth larva<br>7 Baseball boo-boos<br>8 Oxlike antelope<br>9 Dog of a small breed<br>10 Beduin<br>11 Former German coin<br>12 Papal vestments<br>13 Postal pouch<br>14 Magician's stock in trade?<br>15 Nazi Fuhrer<br>16 Cross<br>17 Gaelic tongue<br>18 Crystal gazer?<br>29 Stated further<br>32 Tax charge<br>33 Merited<br>35 Rubber trees<br>36 Harsh in temper<br>37 Start for meter or metry<br>38 Special point of view<br>41 Winsor's "Forever —"<br>43 Hollywood's Hasso<br>44 Dental filling<br>45 Stone pillar<br>47 Ardent<br>48 Chaplin prop<br>49 Overhanging | roof edge<br>51 Collection of anecdotes<br>53 Words in legal documents<br>54 Quantity of fish caught<br>57 Dean of a group<br>59 One of an ancient Germanic people<br>62 Local tavern<br>64 Slowing gradually, in mus.<br>67 Lunchbox item<br>69 Old standard of weight, in Scotland<br>70 Genus of ground beetles<br>71 Where Ed Norton toiled<br>72 Fix in the mind<br>74 Yellow cheese<br>75 Mister, in Madrid<br>76 Heavy cavalry swords<br>77 Brazilian macaws<br>79 Plant of the parsley family<br>80 Prehistoric | chisels<br>81 Expunge<br>83 Mine find<br>86 Trifle<br>88 Dispatched<br>90 Version of the Bible<br>91 Puccini heroine<br>93 Dealers in cloth and dry goods<br>95 Lowers in status<br>98 Amount of wool for the master?<br>100 Racketeers' go-between<br>102 Founder of the Ottoman Empire<br>103 Eleusinian initiate<br>105 Highly-seasoned game dish<br>106 inventor Howe<br>107 Japanese salmon<br>108 Word of regret<br>109 Hindu queen<br>111 Dogs and cats<br>114 Pike-like fishes<br>115 French angel<br>116 Donna or Robert<br>119 Dep. |
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Answers to Crossword Puzzle and Magic Maze can be found on page C2.









**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 III bond release on Permit Number 836-0069 which was last issued on 2/1/94. The application covers an area of approximately

290 acres located 0.75 miles North of Hippo in Floyd County.

The permit area is approximately 1 mile South from Rt. 850 junction with Pitts Fork Road and located 0.5 miles

South of Pitts Fork. The latitude is 37° 31' 30" and the longitude is 87° 51' 06."

The bond now in effect for the Increments 1-6 and 8 is \$120,700.00. Balance of the original

bond amount of \$900,900.00 is included in this application for release.

Reclamation work performed includes: grading and seeding and tree planting.

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 6/22/98.

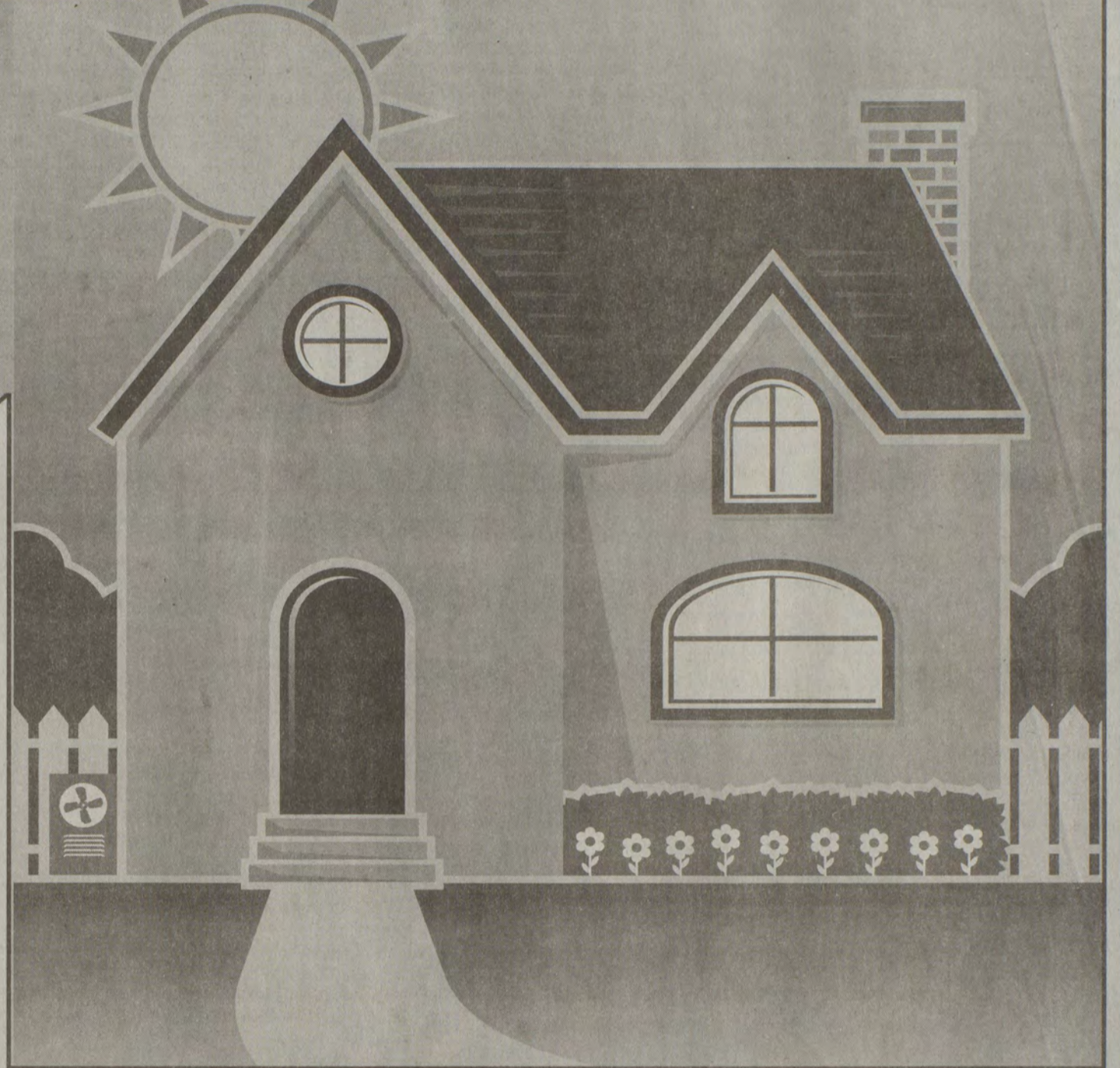
A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for 9:00 a.m., 6/23/98 at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's

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 6/22/98.

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