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What are you doing about it?

Dec. 15, 1991, will mark the 200th anniversary of the Bill of Rights. And it's not too soon to be thinking about what individual members of the Kentucky Press Association itself can do to observe this important anniversary and to promote this ideal of freedom among Kentuckians. Some obvious ideas for the observance include:

- **Publishing of the entire text, perhaps with an interpretation of each point.
- **Sponsoring of contests among school students, senior citizens or general readers.
- **Preparing programs for schools or assisting teachers with learning aids on the Bill of Rights.
- **Running of man-on-the-street interviews about freedoms.
- **Sponsoring (or cosponsoring) community programs.

You can probably come up with dozens more and better ideas. *The Kentucky Press* wants to hear about your plans and to share them with your colleagues across the state. The better we all can promote the value of these freedoms, the safer we all are from their endangerment.

Perhaps most important, just as with open meetings/open records laws, we need to show the average citizen of our communities that these ideals are critical to our way of life, not just for the benefit of the press.

Survey supports strengths

No surprises. Newspapers continue to be the primary source of credible advertising and information, according to a statewide retail shopping habits survey, done in January.

Conducted by The Preston Group of Lexington, the survey shows that 93 of 100 Kentuckians regularly read a newspaper and most of them rely on newspapers for advertising leads.

The telephone survey of 1200 households from the Pennyridge to the

Big Sandy was commissioned by Kentucky Press Association and Kentucky Press Service. The results are similar to those of the 1989 survey.

In nearly all advertising categories mentioned by the callers, newspaper was the most relied upon medium, and in several instances it beat out all other media combined.

The greatest strength continues to be in the grocery category where 68 See Survey, page 15

Weeklies pick up new owners

The beginning of the new year was a busy time in newspaper buying circles. It saw a change of ownership at five Kentucky weeklies.

Under new management are *The LaRue County Herald-News*, *The Berea Citizen*, and the Boone, Campbell and Kenton County *Recorders*.

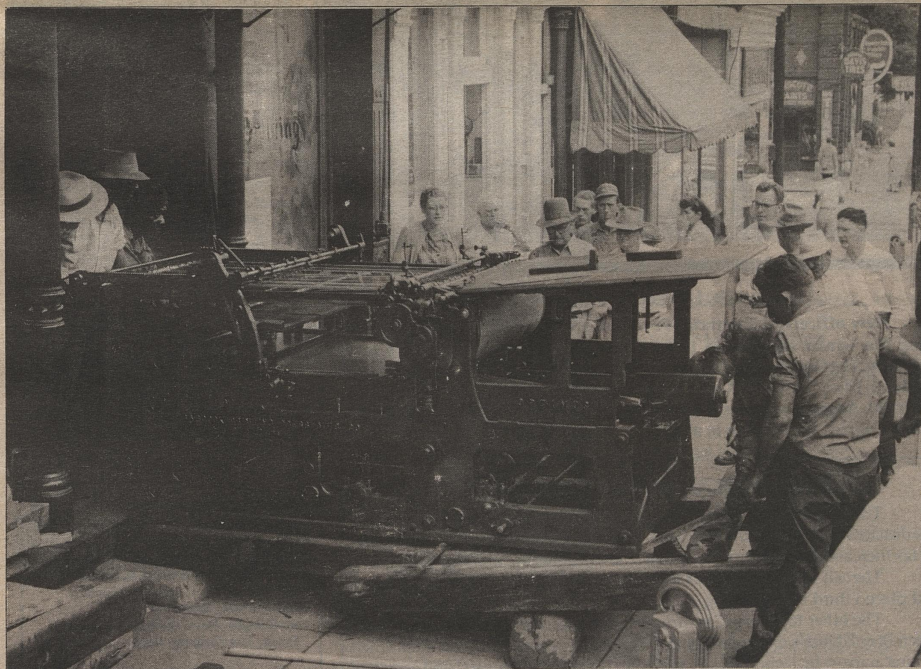
The LaRue County Herald-News, a 3,400-circulation paper in Hodgenville, became the latest acquisition of Landmark Community Newspapers Inc. in Shelbyville on Jan. 14.

Sellers were Robert and Celia McDonald who have run the paper since 1978, on the death of her father Dalph Creal. *The Herald-News* had been associated with her family since 1885, according to an LCNI release.

The new general manager is Jennifer Vincent, former advertising manager of the Spencer County *Journal-Democrat*, an LCNI holding in Rockport, Ind. She joined the company in May 1989 as advertising sales representative for Roane Newspapers in Kingston, Tenn., following her graduation from Western Kentucky University.

Mike Anders, publisher of *The News-Enterprise* in Elizabethtown, will be regional manager of the Hodgenville paper.

Dickson Media has sold *The Berea Citizen* to Christopher Ottaway, a former New Yorker who now lives in Berea. According to a release from bro- See Weeklies, page 16



Where's Schwarzenegger when you need him? Editor Bill Randolph found this photo, sure to evoke memories among old-timers, in the files of *The Harrodsburg Herald*. It was taken in 1952, Randolph said, when the newspaper moved from Main Street to Broadway in the Mercer County seat.

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from contest winners

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KPA board realigns committees

Meeting Jan. 17 in Lexington prior to the winter convention, the KPA board of directors streamlined its committee structure.

About 20 previous standing committees, several of which have been inactive, were compacted into five committees, each with responsibilities broad enough to encompass the necessary operations.

The new committees, their composition and duties are:

—**Management Committee**, chaired by Dorothy Abernathy: Jerry Lyles, John Del Santo, Jim Green, Teresa Revlett, Steve Lowery. Duties: examine fully the organization/functioning of KPA and KPS; monitor effectiveness of KPA/KPS activities and conduct necessary surveys; review and monitor aspects of fiscal operations and assist in budget preparation; review Central Office management activities.

—**Member Services Committee**, chaired by Celia McDonald: Jerlene Rose, Glenn Gray, Ken Metz, Charlie Portmann, Kelley Warnick, William Mitchell, Coleman Love. Duties: review all member service programs; work to increase understanding about workings of KPA/KPS; work with convention program and site selection; review insurance programs; review organization publications, News Bureau, Freedom of Information Hotline, Statewide Classified Program; work with contests and other programs, including NIE/Literacy and collection agency service; review each program at least once a year, suggest changes and propose new services.

—**Legislative Committee**, chaired by Mary Schurz, with three subcommittees: Newsprint Recycling Task Force, headed by Schurz; Open Meetings/Open Records, Lowery; Public Notice Advertising, Guy Hatfield. Duties: oversee all organization legislative efforts, review legislation, arrange or review testimony, establish KPA support or opposition to legislation.

—**Membership Committee**, chaired by Jerry Lyles: Stuart Simpson, Jed Dillingham, Louise Hatmaker, Gary Quinn and the KPA executive committee. Duties: work with related organizations for maximum cooperation and communication; rule on KPA By-Laws in elections and other matters; examine new member credentials; promote membership expansion; work with Associates on membership growth; strengthen relationship with publishers and other newspaper organizations.

—**Past Presidents/Long Range Planning**, chaired by David Hawpe. Duties: review scholarship program activities; establish long range goals for KPA, KPS and Kentucky Journalism Foundation.

In other business, the board

delayed discussion of renovations to the central office in Frankfort. Instead, the management committee was directed to consider other sites, either an existing building or purchase of a lot for building. A report is due at the March 29 meeting.

At the Jan. 16 meeting of the **Ad Steering Committee**, Lucy Vanhook was chosen secretary-treasurer, replacing Elaine Massa. Cheryl Wilcher moved up to vice chairperson, and Jerry Lyles was named program chairperson, assisted by George McIlveen. Doug Taylor is chairman of the committee.

The **News-Editorial Steering Committee**, chaired by Russ Powell, met in December and January to discuss projects for the newly formed group.

Following a telephone survey of all KPA districts but two, the committee proposed regional training programs with sessions on legal issues this spring and sessions on basic editorial skills in the fall. (The survey showed legal issues and writing to be the most critical training needs of editorial staffs, followed by computer training, reporting and editing.)

Anne Chaney was chosen to chair planning for training programs, with Tim Ballard in charge of Freedom of Information planning. Other issues and their chairpersons are: collegiate relations, Ben Sheroan; open meetings/open records campaign, Steve Lowery; redesign of shield law wallet cards, Russ Powell; and Bill of Rights bicentennial, Ron Bridgeman.



1991 Executive Board

New officers of Kentucky Press Association for 1991 were installed during the winter convention in Lexington. They are, from left, Dorothy Abernathy, *The Oldham Era*, treasurer; David Hawpe, *The Courier-Journal*, past president; Mary Schurz, *Advocate-Messenger*, president elect; and Celia McDonald, *Advocate-Messenger*, president. Vice president Jerry Lyles, *Benton Tribune-Courier*, was unable to attend.

Education was top story in '90

The annual Associated Press survey of Kentucky newspapers and broadcasters reveals that the education reform legislation and its accompanying tax increase were the top one and two news events in the state during 1990.

The call-up of at least 20,000 Kentucky soldiers for action in the Persian Gulf placed third in the polling.

The other top stories, in order, were the earthquake hysteria in early December; Toyota's expansion plan for its Georgetown plant; US Rep. Chris Perkins' narrow reelection victory in the 7th District; the drug-related arrests of six law enforcement officers; the state's solid waste crisis; the selection of Charles Wethington as president of the University of Kentucky, and former FBI agent Mark Putnam's admission of guilt in the death of his pregnant lover.

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Legalese

● Watch those classified housing ads—they could mean legal trouble for your paper. Several states report that discrimination suits are being brought against not only renter/seller/realtor, but also against newspapers publishing ads that can be construed as discriminatory. Classified salespersons might be advised to look for phrases that can be interpreted as discriminating against certain groups. Phrases to be wary of include "Perfect for singles,"

"Ideal for couples," "Christian woman," "Perfect for senior citizen," "Prefer working man," etc. Perhaps advertisers should be advised to stick with a simple description of the property.

● Arrest records and police incident reports of domestic violence cases are open records, according to a January attorney general's opinion requested by *The Courier-Journal* in Louisville. The opinion came on the heels of a ruling by Kentucky Chief Justice Robert Stephens

that ordered the courts to make public civil protective orders in such cases.

● In December, the state Court of Appeals ruled that documents compiled by the University of Kentucky relating to the NCAA investigation of its basketball program are public records. The university is protesting.

● The US Supreme Court in January refused to hear an appeal from *The Lexington Herald-Leader* that would have blocked a retrial of a libel suit by former Pitt assistant basketball coach Reggie Warford. The state Supreme Court last year reversed a dismissal of charges—relating to the "public figure" issue—against the paper. The retrial is set for

May 6 in Fayette Circuit Court.

● A state attorney general opinion in January gave *The Courier-Journal* the right to inspect records of the Pulaski County Solid Waste Board, which had denied access to records prior to 1990.

● *Pulaski Week* received a bill for \$187.50 from the Somerset Sewer Department, following a request for records and correspondence concerning violations and fines. The department's bill assessed the newspaper for two hours of labor by one manager at \$17.50 an hour, two hours by another at \$15 an hour, five hours by another at \$12.50 an hour, plus \$60 for one item and copying charges at the rate of 50 cents per page. Publisher John Nelson paid \$10 for copying fees and cited a section of the Open Records Act which says the cost of copies should not exceed reasonable cost and should not include staff time.

Recent possible violations of Open Meetings/Open Records Laws:

—Pulaski County Solid Waste Board, alleged special meeting without proper public notice.
—Tribunal hearing disciplinary cases for teachers in Laurel County (and statewide). Since issue is no longer under auspices of local school boards, no one is certain how OM/OR affects it.

—Ashland and Salyersville city commissions, alleged special meetings without proper notice.

—Knott County School Board, to have met for four hours of a six-and-a-half hour meeting in closed session, allegedly discussing matters that should have been open.

—Garrard County Fiscal Court, alleged to have discussed matters considered "open" during closed session.

—Estill County Board of Education, alleged to have discussed "general personnel matters" in closed session.

AG rules on school councils

On a positive note, the Campbellsville and Lincoln County Boards of Education have approved policies that site-based management committees are subject to the Open Meetings Law. And that appears to be the correct course in light of an opinion from the state Attorney General's office.

In a Feb. 6 letter responding to a request by KPA executive director David Thompson, assistant AG Anne B. Keating said that school-based decision making councils are subject to the Open Meetings law in much the same way as school boards. The statute giving these councils life also gives them the responsibility of running a school, from budgeting to personnel decisions; hence, they appear to be, in essence, a public agency.

Keating, in fact, cited a provision from the reform legislation that states: "The meetings of the school council shall be open to the public and all interested persons may attend."

There is, however, a "however." And it is in line with current law. The councils may have closed sessions to discuss "pending litigation against or on behalf of the public agency" and to have "discussions or hearings which might lead to the appointment, discipline or dismissal of an individual employee, member or student."

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Pick ups

Citing rising costs, several Kentucky newspapers have announced increases in subscription rates. *The Glasgow Daily Times* raised its monthly rate for home delivery from \$4 to \$5 on Feb. 1. Effective Jan. 2, *The Richmond Register's* home delivery rates went from \$6.10 per month to \$7.10; in-county mail subscriptions rose to \$88.10 from \$65, and out-of-county to \$90 from \$69. *The Elliott County News* in Sandy Hook and *Wolfe County News* in Campton have both upped in-county subscriptions to \$11 per year and out-of-county rates to \$12. Single copy prices also for both papers went up to 40 cents. At *The Licking Valley Courier* in West Liberty, where the single-copy rate also rose to 40 cents, mail subscriptions increased to \$11.50 per year for in-county, \$14 for out-of-county, and \$16 for out of state.

The Courier-Journal also recently increased its single-copy price for the Sunday paper to \$1.50 and announced it will discontinue the Sunday magazine in April. On the plus side, the

Louisville paper is purchasing three additional five-color Flexographic printing units, to be operational next year. They will allow the paper to publish full-color photographs, illustrations and other graphics daily.

The Daily News in Bowling Green recently installed a Muller-Martin Model 227 collator, the first of its kind to be purchased by a newspaper in the US, according to circulation manager Charlie Theis. The new collator doubles the paper's capacity for inserting materials, he said.

The Franklin Favorite added a quadra color unit to go with its Mark 25 Web press in January. The new purchase gives the press the capacity to print 32 broadsheets with four color or process color on the front and back or 64 tabloid pages with color on front and back and two center pages.

With the \$25,000 Selden Ring Award for the series "Cheating Our Children," the 10 winning reporters at

the *Lexington Herald-Leader* have established a college scholarship fund to help low-income students from the state's 5th and 7th districts. The fund is operated by the Herald-Leader Scholars Program. The series has won a host of honors, including Sigma Delta Chi public service award, best story award from Investigative Reporters and Editors, Green Eyeshade Excellence in Journalism Award from the Atlanta chapter of SPJ. It was also a finalist in Pulitzer Prize competition. The reporters are John Winn Miller, Kit Wagar, Bill Estep, Jack Brammer, Lee Mueller, Jamie Lucke, Mary Ann Roser, Valarie Honeycutt, Bob Geiger and Scott Stroud.

The Whitley Republican recently noted the death of a man who bore the newspaper's name. The paper reran a 1986 article relating that Mary Elisabeth Wilson loved the paper so much she named her son Whitley Republican Wilson. The man had kept his full name a secret until he entered the military in 1940 and a sergeant brought the name to the attention of then publisher Harold Browning. The publisher sent Wilson a newspaper every week during the soldier's five years of service. Wilson died Dec. 5.

Staff members at *The News-Enterprise* in Elizabethtown donated and delivered Christmas items to three needy local families. Spearheading the in-house drive for food, toys, food and other gifts were Judy Martin, Julie Puckett, Carmen Avila, David Greer and Linda Joslin.

The Sentinel-News in Shelbyville cosponsored with the Shelby County Library and board of education a book collection project, "Reading Reindeer," before the Christmas holidays. Circulation manager Belinda Stiglets headed the project which gave new books to 310 children.

The Sentinel-News, along with Landmark Web Press and Landmark Community Newspapers Inc., is assisting in Shelby County's Clean Community program by donating a trailer for the collection of newspapers for recycling. A Springfield company, All-Weather Insulation, then turns the papers into insulation and pays the project \$15 per ton. The trailer holds between 20 and 25 tons.

Two staff members of *The News-Democrat* in Carrollton — Eden Schoonmaker and Deana Owen — recently helped raise more than \$700 for Carroll County's annual Clothe-A-Kid project and \$340 for Kentucky Easter Seals.

We want First Amendment rights to be interpreted liberally for everyone. That's good public relations, and it's good law.

—Attorney Henry R. Kaufman, co-founder of the Libel Defense Resource Center, quoted in *presstime*.

Milestones

The Woodford Sun

The Woodford Sun in Versailles marked the beginning of its 123rd year of publication in January. Begun in 1869 as *The Woodford Weekly*, it later merged with the *Midway Sun* to take on the present name. It was in the Bowmar family from 1882 until 1942 when it was sold to A.B. Chandler.

The staff of the paper has also endured past what is becoming standard in the newspaper business. This is the 49th year that the *Sun* has been published by the Chandler family, with Ben Chandler in his 34th year as editor and publisher. Advertising manager Haywood Alves has also worked at the paper for 34 years, and managing editor Moss Vance has seen to its day-to-day editorial operation for three decades.

The Commonwealth-Journal

The Commonwealth-Journal in Somerset celebrated its 25th anniversary as a daily newspaper with a special 16-page historical section in January. Besides looking back at events covered by the paper's staff during the quarter century, the special edition carried an unusual twist — letters from school children about why they read the paper.

The daily traces its colorful history to two weeklies, *The Somerset Journal* and *The Commonwealth*, each with differing political philosophies but sharing the same office building. The two merged into the daily on Jan. 1, 1966. The paper was in the Joplin family from 1916 (as the *Commonwealth*) until it was sold to the Park newspaper group in 1988. Former

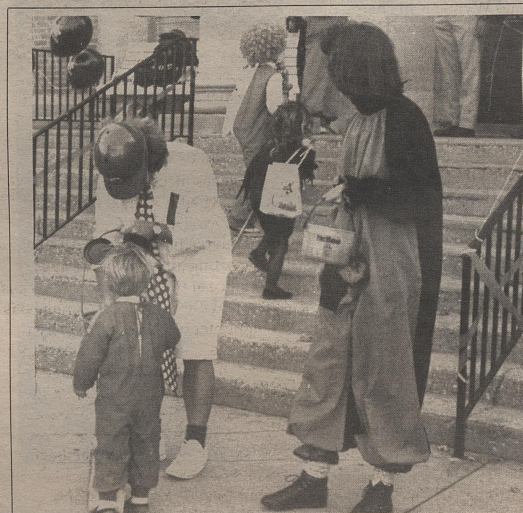
publisher George Joplin III, who died last year, was named KPA's Most Valuable Member in 1966 and winner of the Edwards M. Templin Memorial Award in 1985. He and his father, George Joplin Jr., each served terms as KPA president, he in 1964, and his father in 1934. His mother, the late Barthenia Joplin, who succeeded her husband and preceded her son as publisher, merited the Templin designation in 1975.

The Harrodsburg Herald

In tribute to publisher/editor Jane Bird Hutton, *The Harrodsburg Herald* ran an article on the history of the paper, complete with vintage photos, in January. Miss Hutton, who died in December, had served as editor since the death of her father, Daniel Mac-Hir Hutton, in 1951. She and her sister, present publisher Mary Elizabeth Pyles, inherited the newspaper in 1967 on the death of their mother, Grace Stephenson Linney Hutton.

Daniel Hutton, who bought *The Herald* (then called *Sayings and Doings*) in 1902 after having worked for it since his teen years, was KPA president in 1918. He is also credited with writing the association's code of ethics. His daughter Jane was a former recipient of the Templin award.

The Herald article also highlighted a long-time staff. June Wiley has been with the paper for 47 years, June "Sally" Dearing for 46, Roland Arnold for 27 and Joe White for 21. Now a part-time employee, Leon Keeling was with the paper for nearly 35 years before his semi-retirement in 1984.



Treated to fun... Children from all around the area showed up for the Grant County News' first Outdoor Children's Halloween Party last fall. Staff members at the Williamstown paper, along with city, county and school officials, distributed candy to the wee trick-or-treaters. Members of the sheriff's department passed out DARE balloons. "We felt this was a safe alternative for children," said editor Jamie Baker-Nantz.

Naming names

TIMOTHY M. KELLY moves up to editor of the *Lexington Herald-Leader*, following the appointment of **JOHN S. CARROLL** as editor of The Sun and The Evening Sun in Baltimore. Carroll was named editor of the Lexington Herald in 1979, headed its merger with the Lexington Leader in 1983 and led the paper to become Kentucky's second largest and the winner of numerous awards, including a Pulitzer Prize. Kelly joined the Lexington staff in 1989 as executive editor following terms as editor of The Daily News in Los Angeles and managing editor of The Orange County Register in California. He has also done stints with *The Daily Independent* in Ashland, *The Courier-Journal* in Louisville, *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, *Dallas Times Herald* and *The Denver Post*.

SUZANNE DICKERSON, formerly with the Stanly News and Press in Albemarle, NC, is the new publisher of *The Wayne County Outlook*. An Indiana native, she has also worked with The Linton (Ind.) Daily Citizen. She replaces Chuck Harper.

DICK BARRY, former president of Landmark Community Newspapers Inc., has been promoted to vice chairman of Landmark Communications Inc. in Shelbyville. **DUBBY WYNNE**, former chief of the organization's Newspapers and Broadcasting Group, has moved up to Barry's previous post. Barry is now responsible for developing growth and acquisition strategy for the company, and Wynne is in charge of LCN's three metro newspaper divisions, community newspaper division and broadcasting and cable programming operations.

Recently named sports editor of *The McLean County News* was **JOE IMEL**. He replaces David Hall, who left to continue his education at WKU.

JACKIE CARAWAY has resigned as editor of *The Hickman County Gazette*.

A recent addition to the editorial staff of *The Harlan Daily Enterprise* is University of Kentucky graduate **DAVID L. BAKER**. He is a former reporter for *The Commonwealth-Journal* and the *Lexington Herald-Leader*.

Tennessean **TIM STRATTON** has succeeded Mark Conrad as general manager and editor of *The Commonwealth-Journal* in Somerset, as well as general manager of *The McCreary County Record* in Whitley City. He is a former circulation director of the Jackson (Tenn.) Sun and spent last year at the Ithaca, NY, headquarters of Park Communications.

Former reporter **RAYMOND SHORT** has been promoted to news editor at *The Middlesboro Daily News*. The Union College graduate has been with the paper since 1985 and is a past winner of the Chairman's Award, presented by The New York Times for a series on illiteracy.

BETTINA POLAND recently joined the staff of *The Henry County Local* as news editor. She is former editor and general manager of the Monroe County Citizen in Tompkinsville and former assistant editor of *The Tompkinsville News*. She is an alumnus of Western Kentucky University.

STEVEN RUSH has joined *The New Voice* in Louisville as a staff writer. He earned a journalism degree at the University of Kentucky and is former editor of the now-defunct sports weekly, *Metro Sports*. Joining the paper staff as account executive is **JOSEPHINE Y. RUNNELS**, an Auburn University merchandising graduate. She previously worked with Ewald Associates in Louisville and Service Merchandise in Nashville.



JOSEPHINE RUNNELS
New at *The New Voice*

Seasoned newspaper veteran **CAROL RENEE BOND** is the new editor of *The Trail Blazer*, Morehead State University student paper. She has reporting and photography experience at the *Georgetown News and Times* and *The Carlisle Mercury*. She is the daughter of Hank and Marilyn Bond, who operate the Carlisle paper.

AUDREY EDLIN has retired after 16 years with the staff of *The News-Enterprise* in Elizabethtown.

Chosen as Kiwanian of the Year for 1990 by the Campbellsville Kiwanis Club was **STAN MCKINNEY**, news editor of *The Central Kentucky News-Journal*.

The Bowling Green Daily News' outdoor columnist **TOM PEARCE** has been elected president of the Kentucky Outdoor Press Association for the second time.

Recently named publisher and editor of the Stone County Enterprise in Wiggins, Miss., was **MARTY BACKUS JR.**, formerly of the *Appalachian News-Express* in Pikeville, where over 10 years, his duties ranged from proofreading to circulation. His wife **VICKI BACKUS**, former *News-Express* sales representative, is advertising manager for the Mississippi paper. His father is publisher of the *News-Express*.

Reporter/photographer/columnist **JOHN BUTWELL** has been appointed interim managing editor of *The Sentinel-Echo* in London. The Indiana University graduate and former managing editor of the *Jackson County Sun* joined the London paper staff in 1989.

Former publisher of the LaRue County Herald News, **CELIA MCDONALD**, 1991 KPA president, is the new special projects editor for *The Advocate-Messenger* in Danville.

The Green River Republican has added three new staff members, all seniors at WKU. Iowa native **DENI DONELSON** is the paper's new sales representative. New to the sports desk is **MARK BLACK**, who is also sports director at WLBO-AM radio station. Serving as staff photographer is **CATHERINE CALOVICH**, formerly a photographer for the *Bowling Green Daily News* and for the Idaho Travel and Tourism Department.

SCOTT CUMMINGS has been named acting director of public and sports information at Union College, a KPA Associate member. Former editor of *The Union Express*, Cummings has participated in Reader's Digest Foundation Journalism Travel/Research Grants and has been an intern with the college office. He replaces John Holbrook, who has become general manager of WOBS Radio in New Albany, Ind.

It's not unusual for newspaper staff members to dream of trading jobs with their colleagues. At *The Crittenden Press*, two recently did just that. Former sports editor **SHAWN RUMSEY** is now a news writer, and former news writer **JON GARRETT** is sports editor. The changes came in the wake of staff writer **DONNA DIETZ**'s resigning to take a job with *The Daily News* in Bowling Green.

ELAINE MASSA has been promoted to retail advertising manager at *The Messenger-Inquirer* in Owensboro. She is the paper's former national co-op manager.

The new staff writer at *The Journal-Enterprise* in Providence is **AUDREY NORVELL**, a recent graduate of Webster County High School.

Longtime newspaperman and former KPA president **AL SMITH** began hosting an hour-long, daily, call-in radio talk show geared toward older Kentuckians on Jan. 2. The statewide show is called "A-OK PrimeLine," reflecting the involvement of the Association of Older Kentuckians, the umbrella organization for the various agencies on aging. The former publisher and editor is also host of Kentucky Educational Television's "Comment on Kentucky," which — surely by no coincidence — frequently features Kentucky press people as guests. In a special year-end wrap up show in December, Smith spotlighted **JUDITH CLABES**, editor of *The Kentucky Post* in Covington; **JOHN CARROLL**, editor of the *Lexington Herald-Leader*; **DAVID HAWPE**, editor of *The Courier-Journal* in Louisville, and **MARK CHELLGREN**, Associated Press' Frankfort chief.

CLABES and **HAWPE** also took part in "Expanding Horizons," a workshop sponsored by the Legislative Research Commission to explore long-term policy development for the state on Dec. 6-7 in Frankfort. Hawpe was the keynote speaker for the gathering of public and private agency personnel and legislators, and Clabes moderated sessions on one of the policy models presented.

Young reporters may qualify for German trip

Germany will be the base for 10 young reporters selected for Arthur F. Burns Fellowships, offered by the Center for Foreign Journalists.

Journalists between 21 and 31 years old may apply for the eight-week exchange trip in August and September. The program is limited to reporters on daily papers, news magazines, television or radio stations and news agencies.

Proficiency in the German language will be "regarded favorably" by the selection committee, according to a CFJ announcement.

Each of the 10 chosen will receive a \$4,000 stipend to cover basic travel and living costs. Ten German journalists will visit this country under the program.

Potential applicants must request a set of guidelines by contacting Burns Fellowship, Center for Foreign Journalists, 11690-A Sunrise Valley Dr., Reston, Va. 22091; telephone, 703/620-5984; fax, 703/620-6790.

Application deadline is March 15.

Items

Corporate filing due

The Kentucky Secretary of State's office reminds that small corporations are required to file a corporate annual verification report by June 30. Annual verification report forms have been sent to more than 75,000 corporations, but if your paper did not receive one, contact Director of Corporations John W. Crimmins, 502/564-2848. Failure to file this report will result in the "administrative dissolution of the corporation," Crimmins said. The filing fee is \$15.

Why invest in people

Gannett executive Madelyn Jennings recently gave some compelling reasons for publishers to invest in better training for current staff members. (1) The workforce is growing very slowly, now that the baby boom generation is already in it. There will continue to be fewer potential employees to choose from. (2) Failures in school systems — something we know about in Kentucky — mean that new workers have poorer basic skills. (3) As the employee pool gets smaller, the competition for the best people gets tougher. (4) Increased business competition and greater customer expectations demand higher levels of quality and service. Giving current employees the chance for better training is a way to develop, recognize and keep good people, Jennings says.

Recapturing women readers

When many newspapers ceased running a women's section a couple of decades ago, the reasoning appeared sound. The women's movement was in full force, and women were joining the work force in dramatic numbers.

However, hindsight indicates that it may have been a case of throwing "the baby out with the bath water," according to Nancy Woodhull of the American Society of Newspaper Editors' Future of Newspapers Committee.

Woodhull, who chaired the committee's task force to create a prototype for women's pages, said women's magazines have apparently taken up the slack as female frequent readership of newspapers declined by 26 percent during the 1980s.

"Womenews," the committee's prototype, is a 14-page section that includes reporting on women in the news; a page devoted to classified ads for services such as babysitting, car care, fitness and children's parties; and features such as women's events calendar, columns on parenting, jobs and relationships.

The task force also indicated that women's sections would likely appeal to many advertisers.

Hold off on 'notebooks'

If you're planning on purchasing "notebook-size" computers for reporters, hold off for a few more months — that's the advice from Macnewspaper News, a University of Wisconsin computer newsletter. Reason: "the market is about to turn fiercely competitive in pricing." About 40 companies have either introduced or announced plans to introduce the laptops, the newsletter said in its December issue. The editor advised waiting from four to six months (from last December).

Training programs set

Workshops for editorial and design staff members have been scheduled by American Press Institute and Society of Newspaper Design.

API regional programs for copy editors will be May 19-22 in Pittsburgh and June 22-26 in San Jose, Cal. Two regional workshops for reporters will be on Aug. 25-28, one in Pomona, Cal., and the other in Columbus, Ohio. For information, call API at 703/620-3611.

SND's "Quick Course '91" has the following schedule: April 11, Akron; April 13, Atlanta; April 15, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; April 18, Colorado Springs; April 20, Portland, Ore.

The design group is also sponsoring a new program, "SND Summer Camp," a three-day workshop that, this year, will focus on managing color. It is set for July 12-14 at Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill. For information, call Ray Chattman, SND executive director, at 703/620-1083.

Job listing service

Free access to its National Job Hotline service is being offered to employers nationwide by Women in Communications Inc. Employers may list available positions with WICI, and the organization's members can call a toll-free number to find out what positions are open and where. If the members hear of something they're interested in, they call WICI national headquarters to learn specifics and the name of the person to contact directly. The list is updated weekly. To post a job opening on the hotline, call Margaret Jenkins at 703/528-4200.

Good news for weeklies

Investment bankers Veronis, Suhler and Associates are forecasting a 7.9 percent annual increase in advertising and circulation revenues for weekly papers over the next five years, according to an article in Florida Press Association Bulletin. The firm predicts an 8.2 percent increase in ad revenue and a 4.5 percent increase in circulation revenue for weeklies. For dailies, the forecasters see ad revenues going up 6.7 percent and circulation revenues rising 5.9 percent, for a 6.6 percent compound annual rate.

News-ed pay compared

News-editorial starting pay went up in 1990 over comparative figures for 1986, but barely enough to keep up with inflation, according to the Southern Newspaper Publishers Association survey. The average hourly wage for new hires on news staffs was \$7.41 last year, the survey shows. For comparison, here's the average annual salary for news/editorial employees and their colleagues in other communication fields: News/Editorial, \$15,415; Broadcast, \$13,950; Advertising, \$16,262, and Public Relations, \$16,262. The average for business administration entry level workers, by the way, was \$22,330.

ANPA employee survey

The number of women and minorities on daily newspaper staffs increased by two percent between 1988 and 1990, according to the American Newspaper Publishers Association.

Women make up 39 percent of the workforce in the newspaper industry, compared to 49 percent of the total civilian workforce; minority women account for seven percent of newspaper

employees. Women constitute 28 percent of the executives and managers in daily newspapers, nine percent below their representation in the total civilian administrative workforce; only three percent of the newspaper chiefs are minority women. The lowest representation of minority employees (10 percent) continues to be in the news/editorial department.

Attracting ad readers

A Gallup Applied Science study of eye-movement in advertising reading reveals data that can be used in designing effective ads.

In the study, readers looked at the product, headline and coupon, in that order, and did not read any small type. They usually read from top to bottom, seeming to prefer the offer at the top, product in the middle and coupon at the bottom of the ad. Naturally, the word "Free" appealed to them, even when it was in smaller type. A picture on a coupon kept them focused on the coupon longer, the study also showed.

Databank

Retail ad book

The National Advertising Bureau has issued its 1991 *Retail Advertising Planbook*, which ad representatives can share with their retail clients. Copies for NAB members are: hardcover, \$6.05 each for 1-49 copies; \$5.65 each for 50-99 and \$5.45 each for 100 or more; and softcover, \$4.95 each for any quantity. Prices are higher for non-members. Contact Susan Herlick, NAB creative services supervisor, 1180 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10036; 212/704-4614.

Call-in ad program

A new hardware/software package for IBM Compatible PCs that takes classified ads 24-hours a day is available from The Computer Group in Madison, Wisc. "Ads-On Call" also can allow for set up of advertiser-paid information lines and talking ads, as well as call in editorial comments and messages. The price is \$1,495. For details, call 1-800-356-9021, or for a demonstration, call 608/273-4910.

Classified help

Five dollars will get you AdMinder 2.0, a program for managing classified ads, developed by Phil Brum of the Oklahoma Press Association. With the program disc, you type in specs — column width, rate, discounts, classified categories, etc. — and AdMinder creates an insertion order. When you type in the text, the program reportedly does the count, computes the rate and then runs out the text to your specifications and for the week needed by classifications. It also produces account and order ledgers, monthly billing statements, payment receipts, accounts receivable and payable reports. For more information, contact Brum at OPA, 3601 N. Lincoln, Oklahoma City, OK 73105; 405/524-4421.

Stylebook updated

The AP Stylebook is out in a revised edition that includes a Freedom of Information Act section. Cost to AP members is \$7.75, plus postage. Order from AP Newsfeatures, 50 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, NY 10020.

Data, data, data

Enough information to augment just about any kind of story is beginning to be available from the Bureau of the Census on computer tape, discs and paper. All kinds of population statistics, county maps, information on manufactures, retail trade, exports/imports, etc., are accessible. The *Census Catalog and Guide: 1990* can be ordered from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402-9325. Call 202/783-3238 to check price. For information on locations and dates of census data user conferences, call 301/763-1510.

New editions on journalism

Iowa State University Press has announced the following new editions relating to print journalism: Editing in the Electronic Age (3rd Ed.), Martin L. Gibson; Publication Editing with Exercises, Don Ranly; Inside the Beltway: A Guide to Washington Reporting, Don Campbell; Modern Newspaper Editing (4th Ed.), Gene Gilmore; Mass Media Law and Regulation (5th Ed.), William E. Francois; Investigative Reporting (2nd Ed.), Peter Benjaminson/David Anderson; Interpreting Public Issues, Robert J. Griffin, et al.; The Astonishing Mr. Scripps: The Turbulent Life of America's Penny Press Lord, Vance H. Trimble. For information, call 515/292-0140; FAX 515/292-3348.

Postal sales tax exemption will help

Last July's state sales tax increase to six percent and February's increase in postage rates gives Kentucky newspapers all the more reason to consider using the sales tax on postage exemption allowed by the Kentucky Revenue Cabinet.

First discovered in late 1986 by KPA, the exemption allows state newspapers to deduct the mailing costs to in-state subscribers before figuring the amount of sales tax owed the state.

Kentucky Administrative Regulation (KAR) 103KAR27:130 states:

"Section 3. The tax does not apply to additional charges for postage or for addressing, enclosing, sealing, preparing for mailing, or mailing letters or other printed matters provided such charges are stated separately on the invoices in the accounting records."

State revenue officials agreed in 1987 that the postage costs involved in a subscription are not subject to the sales tax. Prior to this, newspapers were paying the state sales tax on the full subscription cost.

"Before we found this KAR, newspapers applied the sales tax rate (then 5 percent) to total income for sub-

scriptions," said KPA executive director David T. Thompson. "By using the exemption allowed, we can deduct the postage costs from the subscription income and pay sales tax only on the difference."

To explain the exemption and the advantage of using it, consider:

Weekly newspaper — Not Using Postage Exemption	
In-State Mailed Subscriptions.....	3,500
One-year Subscription Rate.....	\$15
Total Subscription Income.....	\$52,500
6% Sales Tax on \$52,500.....	\$3,150

In this example, the newspaper would owe the state \$3,150 in state sales tax.

Weekly newspaper — Using Postage Exemption	
In-State Mailed Subscriptions.....	3,500
One-Year Subscription Rate.....	\$15
Total Subscription Income.....	\$52,500
Total Postage Costs (In-State).....	\$25,480*
Difference, income & postage.....	\$27,020
6% Sales Tax on \$27,020.....	\$1,621.20
Sales Tax Savings w/ Exemption.....	\$1,528.80

*using average mailing cost of 14 cents per copy

"In this example, the newspaper not using the postage exemption paid \$3,150 in sales tax to the state," said Thompson. "In the example of the same

newspaper (circulation and income) but using the postage exemption, the newspaper paid \$1,621.20 in sales tax. The exemption saved the newspaper \$1,528.80.

"With last year's increase in the sales tax rate and this year's increase in postage costs for our member newspapers, those not using the postage exemption should take a second look."

Qualifying to use the exemption has only two Revenue Cabinet requirements:

*on an invoice or statement, the newspaper must state the average postage cost for one year for mailing a subscription in state. The newspaper gets that estimated cost by dividing the total postage costs for 1990 by the number of subscribers.

*an extra copy of the weekly or monthly postal statement must be kept in the files for Revenue officials to examine.

"As our industry looks more and more toward cutting expenses, this could be the easiest of all to implement," Thompson added.

If you have questions, call KPA at 1-800-866-1431.

Error revealed on 3rd class form

By Max Heath

A mistake on new Form 3602-R for third class bulk mailings came to my attention Feb. 19. Please call this to the attention of anyone who fills out third class forms as soon as possible.

In Section D, lower right hand corner of the back page, DDU entry rate, Carrier Route piece-charge line (second from bottom), the rate should read .018 x ____ pcs., NOT .028.

Anyone who has paid postage at the .028 rate during the weeks since the Feb. 3 change should ask that the form be recomputed and the difference of one cent per piece refunded to their deposit account.

You should have received two memos by now from KPA that are designed to clarify the postal rate increase. There will, no doubt, be more to say as more problems, errors and confusion come to light. Stay tuned for further developments.

Effective Classifieds

The classified committee of the Iowa Press Association recently completed a study of classified ads and shares these tips for encouraging readership.

1. **Position.** Helping readers to find classifieds must be a priority. Give them a section of their own or put them either in the front or back of a section; dropping them into the middle of another section makes them hard to find and appear unimportant.

2. **Headline.** A good banner that matches other section heads gives classifieds a serious look.

3. **Index.** Use an index with classification headers and subclasses if applicable. Box it, shade it, color it, whatever makes it stand out. In the index should also be the paper's telephone number for classifieds (easy to remember, catchy and prominent), basic rate information, office hours, deadlines, cancellation and adjustment policy.

4. **Classification headers.** These are the road signs that make the reader's trek through the section an easier one. Make them prominent and attractive, with borders, all caps, extra leading, symbols, etc.

5. **Typography.** Use a typeface that is readable with clearly defined shapes, a large x-height and good numerals (generally a sans serif face with fairly even contrasts).

6. **Order of classification.** Put high readership categories first to draw people into the section.

7. **Key word sorting.** Use logical order. Examples: in automotive, organize alphabetically by manufacturer; in real estate, organize alphabetically by town, neighborhood, subdivision; in employment, separate part-time from full-time, then organize by type and position.

8. **Special information.** Other factors that increase readership and revenues: A Service Directory, a bannered section for names of local businesses; A Realtor and/or Automobile Dealer Directory; Real Estate Locator Maps; Bannered Pages, i.e., Auto Repair, Bridal Showcase, etc.; Seasonal Directory, i.e. lawn and garden, Christmas gifts, etc.

With input from newsmen

Legislators consider long range planning plans

"The very instability of government and politics is what makes strategic planning essential," David Hawpe, KPA past president, told a group of politicians, state officials and businesspersons meeting in Frankfort, Dec. 6-7, to discuss development of a planning policy for Kentucky.

Hawpe, editor of *The Courier-Journal*, was guest speaker at the banquet which opened the seminar on "Expanding Horizons: Long-Term Policy Development for Kentucky."

Sponsored by the Legislative Research Commission, the working session involved examinations and discussions on three proposals for instituting a system of long range planning for the state.

Warning that the process would not be easy, Hawpe advised the group that they would need to choose goals and set priorities. "In a world of finite resources, choices have to be made," he said.

Stating that most states now have planning offices, the editor told the legislators, in particular, "Governors can't be the only ones in the state who are looking around and looking ahead. (Your role) is helping state government to position itself so it can meet more effectively the future that's coming at us."

Legislators "need to take shadows of trends and pay attention to them.

Politics as usual won't get the job done," he said.

Friday's session featured a look at the three proposals suggested by the LRC Committee on Long-Term Policy Development, which has been working on the project since November 1989. In small groups, participants spent an hour discussing each proposal.

Judith Clabes, editor of *The Kentucky Post* in Covington, moderated discussions on the North Carolina Model, the 13-year-old program of the North Carolina Center for Public Policy Research.

Introduced by Dr. Keon Chin, senior policy analyst for the Council of State Governments and Georgetown College faculty member, the model is set up as a private, independent, non-profit organization. The staff, which relies on corporate and individual contributions, selects for study eight issues of statewide interest with long-term impact and timeliness. Their reports are then presented to the state legislature for action.

A second model, the Cubine Proposal, is the brainchild of John Cubine, deputy secretary of the Governor's Executive Cabinet. It calls for a core staff of planners who may "borrow" additional staff from the legislative and executive branches and from universities.

A governing board for the non-

profit organization would represent the three branches of state government, as well as the private sector. This board would choose topics to be studied. The model, said Cubine, would "integrate" the planning process into other state agencies by using agency personnel.

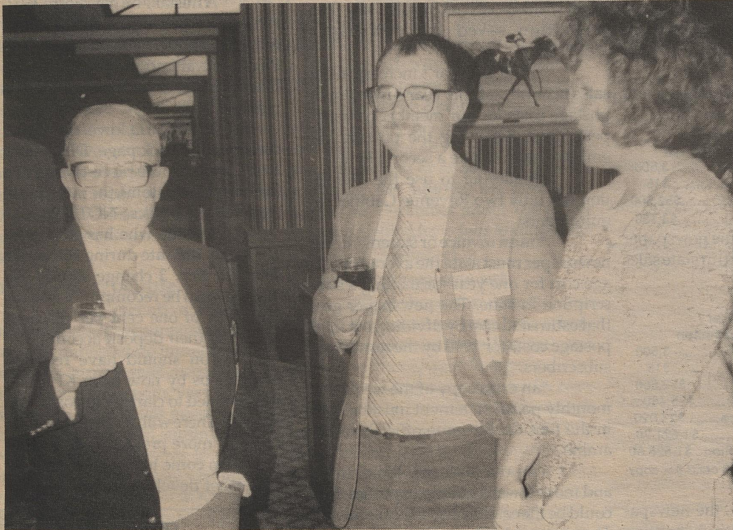
The third model, introduced by Gordon Garner, executive director of Louisville and Jefferson County Metro Sewer District, adapts Tennessee Senator Albert Gore's proposal for a federal planning process.

The proposal locates a state-funded Critical Trends Assessment Office in the executive branch. Office personnel would prepare an executive branch report, analyzing policies and options, with 20-year projections every four years.

Recommendations arising from the discussion groups are to be processed and honed by LRC and considered by the committee for presentation to the 1992 General Assembly.

Members of the Long-Term Policy Development Committee are Sen. Tim Shaughnessy, co-chair; Rep. Ernesto Scorsone, co-chair; Senators Bill Clouse and Landon Sexton; Representatives Rocky Adkins and Ken Harper; Clabes; Cubine; Ron Carson, deputy director, Governor's Office for Policy and Management; Phyllis Liebman, state external programs manager, IBM; businessman Reid Rippetoe; Dr. Donald Swain, University of Louisville president; Dr. Charles Wethington, University of Kentucky president, and LRC director Vic Hellard Jr.

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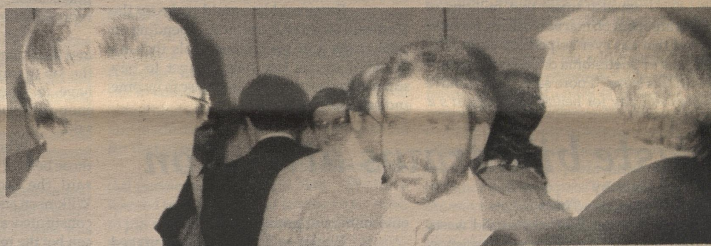
From the far east...



From the far west...



More shop talk



In the middle of things



Coming or going?



And more shop talk

Gubernatorial candidates make promises

By Ken Metz
Bath County News-Outlook

Promises . . . promises . . . on everything from legalizing marijuana to government ethics to succession to cutting taxes were made by six gubernatorial candidates speaking to KPA members during the winter conference.

The candidates were Lt. Gov. Breton Jones, First Lady Martha Wilkinson, Larry Forgy, Dr. Floyd Poore, Gatewood Galbraith and Scotty Baesler.

At the forum, Republican candidate Forgy lamented the "vast pool of corruption" created by contributions from PACs and well-heeled followers and vowed he would accept no contribution larger than \$300. He also said he would cut back on the high taxes put on the people by Gov. Wallace Wilkinson and the General Assembly.

Democratic Lt. Gov. Jones promised to institute a code of ethics to take state contracts away from politics, called for limits on campaign contributions and suggested an end to patronage appointments to state jobs.

Jones also said, "University trustees should not be given to the people who raised the most money in a campaign or delivered the most votes in a precinct, but to people most committed to education."

Dr. Floyd Poore (D) wants to establish a health care program for the poor. He said one of his first acts would be to roll back the taxes not going to education.

"I am also upset that millions of dollars are spent on marble edifices, because none of that has ever helped one child with leukemia or pneumonia or any other ill persons in this state," Poore said. "No wonder people can't pay for health coverage. It's a disgrace."

Waste bill draws attention

By James Mulcahy
Editor, The Bourbon Times

Managing Kentucky's solid waste is 95 percent politics and five percent science, a lawyer told a group of Kentucky journalists Jan. 18.

In a spirited debate during KPA's winter convention in Lexington, opposing sides used the podium as a battleground to give their versions as to why proposed legislation would or would not work.

Among panelists were Tom FitzGerald, an attorney representing the Kentucky Resources Council; Judy Peterson, an aerospace engineer who represents Kentuckians for the Commonwealth; Frankfort attorney Jean Box, representing several entities in the waste industry; Bill Eddins, the state's environmental protection commissioner; and Dr. Lynn Peters, a University of Kentucky scientist given the task of researching the solid waste issue.

Peters, who was assigned to the study by Gov. Wallace Wilkinson, said his group of about 20 faculty members and researchers laid out four general guidelines: what is technologically achievable, economically feasible, legally possible and socially acceptable.

Among the group's findings were what Peters called several "workable solutions," including increased recycling efforts, 20-year capacity planning and plans to stop illegal dumping.

FitzGerald said the state "get(s) by with as little as possible," when it comes to

All major candidates, except Rep. Larry Hopkins, were present. The forum must have caused some ears burning because Gov. Wilkinson was criticized for "forked-tongue commercials" and million dollar campaigns.

In response to a question, all candidates promised to find money to meet an expected \$27.5 million deficit in the state's share of Medicaid funding.

Lexington Mayor Baesler, a Democrat, said long-term financing would come from several sources, including private industry, government and public health departments.

"A bigger problem," Baesler said, "is the need to provide health services to 400,000 Kentuckians who are not eligible for Medicaid but are too poor to afford adequate medical care."

Galbraith, a Democrat best known for advocating the legalization of marijuana, called for higher spending on health care for the needy and for an alternate source of fuel, such as methane, to relieve dependence on Middle East oil.

"People die younger in Kentucky than any of the other states, and this is obscene," Galbraith said. "New sources of tax revenue, including the taxation of marijuana, must be found to pay for higher spending," he said.

Forgy said he would make up the Medicaid shortfall by reducing spending on state parks and swimming pools that are included in the last state budget to buy support for last year's tax increase in income and sales taxes.

environmental protection.

Eddins said, "I'm very encouraged that we will have a piece of legislation . . . that will keep Kentucky on top of the rest of the (nation)."

Peterson said she hopes so. "Kentucky has a very fragile environment," she said. "The (legislative) special session presents us with a real opportunity to go ahead in (managing solid waste)."

But, she added, the proposed requirements give local government much more responsibility without authority. "Kentuckians for the Commonwealth and the environmental community see that as a critical issue," she said.

Box, whose clients include waste collectors, said the bottom line has no easy answers. "Everyone wants their garbage picked up, but nobody wants to put it down," she said.

"At first, the issue was out-of-state waste," Box said, "but that isn't really the bottom line. It's becoming less and less of an issue." She said that Kentucky exports much more solid waste to surrounding states than was at first thought.

FitzGerald argued that waste reduction should be the real issue. "Perpetual containment of waste is an engineer's fiction," he said. "It behooves us to minimize the waste we have. Even the new generation of state-of-the-art landfills will ultimately fail."

Martha Wilkinson, a Democrat, said she urged her husband to fund the Medicaid shortfall. She said she would appoint a group to study the problem and find a long-term solution to Medicaid funding. Her speech to the newspeople was the shortest of the candidates present.

Education leader explains goals

By Dave McBride
Ohio County Times

Kentucky high school students are last in the nation in math and next to the last in science and they perceive to be something they are not.

That was one of the messages put forth by Dr. Thomas Boysen to members of KPA in Lexington.

Boysen, the newly appointed commissioner of education, was explaining the direction of the state's new education reform system.

Paraphrasing former President John F. Kennedy on his timetable for placing a man in space, Boysen said it is the goal of his department to have a majority of successful students in five years.

"We're living in a world of plastic cards and instant gratification. What we need is economic prosperity and political sophistication," Boysen told the newspaper representatives.

The speaker said better textbooks and more parental involvement will not get the job of improving education done. "We have to have a population sophisticated enough to make education reform work," he said.

While some have been critical of those behind the reform movement, Boysen said the work done by Gov. Wallace Wilkinson and the state's General Assembly constituted a "great accomplishment. You can bet the rest of the country will be trying to figure out how it was done."

He said the department's goal is to close the obvious gap between graduates in Kentucky and graduates in other parts of the world.

Circulation building is program topic

By Anne Chaney
The Paintsville Herald

Consultant Kevin Pappert's circulation building program was among several topics presented at the KPA convention.

In his presentation, Pappert debunked several myths, including "quick fixes" to circulation problems and subscriber loss due to rate increases.

"Most circulation problems are long term in the making and are long term to correct," Pappert said. He added that circulation rate increases, if planned well in advance and handled correctly, need not cause a loss of subscribers.

Pappert provided several formulas to determine rates based on circulation, but said in no instance should any newspaper's annual rate be below \$15. He also said the cost of out-of-state subscriptions should be at least equal to the amount of revenue generated by a year's worth of newspaper purchases from a rack.

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"Our goal is to do better . . . not just a little better but much better. Our graduates are far behind graduates in Europe and we have to close that gap," he said.

Boysen said improved writing by students is one of the important keys to improved education. "Writing will be all-important in getting young minds to develop. Our English teachers have not been taught to teach writing, literature, yes, but not writing," he said.

The commissioner said all students can learn at a significantly higher level than most think they can.

"Restructuring is another key — putting responsibility right at the school. There is a big difference in what we know will work and what is actually happening," he said.

On a humorous note, Boysen told about the Martian who visited an American school and was explaining his visit to others.

"It (a school) is a place where young people go to watch older people work," he quoted the Martian as saying.

Boysen said educators know a lot about what needs to be done. It's now, he said, a case of doing it.

Boysen said "rejoicing" will be a vital part of the overall program. "Competition will liven up the process and we will celebrate the victories," he said.

Boysen cited the importance of early childhood education, especially the new program involving four-year-olds. "Early childhood education is exciting and it's amazing what can be accomplished in this program," he said.

"Never go beyond two years for renewal or purchases in a subscription drive," Pappert said. "The postal service has rate increases about every two years."

A good circulation campaign, he said, has four major goals: building paid circulation, advertising the newspaper's name, promoting goodwill in the community and collecting market data.

Another key, he said, is focusing on reader retention first and new reader acquisition second.

"Give some thought to how to resell the product after the initial sale," said Pappert. "Newspapers are still a people-oriented business."

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The President's inaugural address

Text of Celia McDonald's acceptance speech as 1991 KPA President

How would you like to follow a couple of acts like David Hawpe and Larry Craig? Heck, I don't even have a beard.

What I do have is a lifelong love for the Kentucky Press Association, its people and the things it stands for, because I'm a third generation newspaper person. In my younger days when I applied for a job at one newspaper, they looked at each other and winked and said, "She thinks she wants to write. She has ink in her blood" — and never considered the fact that I really might.

That ink does get into your blood sometimes; ask Max Heath, ask Don Towles, ask Ken Metz, or Kelley Warnick, Mary Schurz, Walt Gorin or David Thompson. If you could, you might ask some of those no longer with us — the Munfords, the Joplins, the Wathens, the Crawfords, the Bingham. Ask the Stones, the Hagers, the Gaineses — the list goes on and on.

There are nine or 10 names which appear in two generations on the list of KPA presidents.

But genetics isn't the only way the love of newspapering is transmitted. Once it gets hold of you, it gets into your heart and your mind. It makes you think that while other fields of work might offer a bigger pot of gold at the end of the rainbow, you can have a part in building that rainbow through the work you do every day — a little blue here, a little sunny yellow sometimes is needed, a little rose hue there when appropriate.

Let me talk to you a little about three people. You know only two of them, but I consider them all dear friends.

Military impact stressed at session

By Terry Spears
Editor, *Appalachian News-Express*

US military operations have a tremendous economic impact in Kentucky each year, and further cutbacks could severely affect the state's economy, according to military personnel who spoke to KPA members at a convention session.

Ft. Knox alone expends \$673 million per year, with a civilian workforce of 7,700 people. Kentucky ranks 14th in the nation in military presence, and the Army payroll in Kentucky is the 10th highest of the 50 states, the officials said.

Brig. Gen. Michael Davidson said that "no part of society wants peace as much as the soldiers want peace," but he termed the mobilization for Operation Desert Storm a "success for Kentucky." Davidson said that 1,100 Kentucky troops had been mobilized, and more would probably be mobilized before the war is over.

"These are soldiers, my soldiers. Most of them are there because I told them it is important," said Davidson, who is in charge of the state's Army reservists.

"Half of the power of the US military is in the reserve power. And it is working very well," said Davidson.

Also heard from were representatives of the Army Corps of Engineers, the Lexington-Bluegrass Army Depot and Ft. Knox, who spelled out the economic impact of their respective operations in the state.

Look at Floe Bowles, who started out as a printer's devil and became president of KPA; look at Betty Berryman, whose love for and understanding of journalism extends far beyond the business side; look at Boonie Carrico, who worked for three generations of my family, and with a fourth besides.

Boonie started as a printer's devil and remained a man of versatility. He never wrote a story; he never took a photograph. But to the people of the community, he was Mr. Herald News for nearly 45 years — while my grandfather, father and I relied on him and he on us.

Boonie's name remained on our masthead until he died, even though he had been fighting cancer for more than a year. But I think it was something that kept him alive. If we had taken his name away from the paper, he would already have been dead, in his mind.

If we are lucky, every one of us has known a Boonie at one time or another or you have one or two around right now. That's one of the great things about this business — the impact of every one of those involved in putting a paper out. The pride, the personal investment. Without that, we have nothing of real value to offer to our readers, be the paper weekly or daily, large or small.

The Kentucky Press Association has for 150 years given us a chance to meet our peers and to reinforce those feelings, to test ourselves against the achievements of others, to exercise an occasional penchant for politics without tainting our objectivity in the real world, to help each other out with shared experiences and support.

It has educated us, united us and allowed us to make some of our best friends.

A few years ago, Don Towles was speaking to this group about what KPA meant to him, and a young reporter turned to me and said, "Is he for REAL? This is just a club."

I assured him that not only was Don very much for real, but also that he was verbalizing what a lot of us felt. "Give it a few years," I said. "And I hope you'll understand."

I've been attending KPA meetings since I was a very small child. And the very word was always spoken with reverence. I never once heard a criticism of the organization. Perhaps that's because my father also was heavily involved, serving as a board member.

If you were in newspapering, you were in KPA, and KPA was in you. It was as simple as that.

The number of family-owned newspapers is dwindling, but for many years the question was not would it be a family endeavor, but rather what would each member of the family do? In my family, it was a little different: Grandfather Ed Creal went off to Congress and left my father in charge, so the transition began pretty early.

It was an almost unique situation. From the capitol, Grandad's weekly letters home told our readers not only what was going on in the world, but of the struggle and changing attitudes of the members of Congress toward the coming of war. Does all of this sound like current events?

Eventually, he came around to the

point of view that war was inevitable. Then, one of his sons went off to Europe, to be wounded in the Battle of the Bulge. But, as true newspaper family, Uncle Jim soon wrote home an account of his wounding and being carried through German lines that left your sides aching with laughter, and your mind spinning from feeling like you were there.

That letter appeared on the front page of The Herald News, just like other letters from our soldiers at the front.

My father, Dalph Creal, left the newspaper office occasionally to serve in the state senate and then as county judge, but the newspaper was always his anchor, his voice and his home.

Today I come to you with all the baggage of three-plus generations of newspapering, decades of KPA participation and gratitude for having the opportunity to represent Kentucky's newspapers. It was something I never expected, but Daddy wouldn't have been surprised at all.

I have been privileged to have all three of my children work with me at one time or another, and all three proved they can handle people, a camera and the English language. In allowing just a little bit of that ink to contaminate them, they have shared something special with their father and me and made us proud and I am so very grateful for that experience, however brief.

Since 1978, I have had a very special partner at The Herald News. We have learned to share a lot and to give a lot — and to put up with a lot — probably more on his part than mine. Listen, if you haven't shared an 8x8 office with two desks and one phone with your mate, you're in for a real treat! Shared ethics and values were the key to making the arrangement work — almost all the time.

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newspapering, decades of KPA participation and gratitude for having the opportunity to represent Kentucky's newspapers. It was something I never expected, but Daddy wouldn't have been surprised at all.

With the nation and the world tiptoeing ahead day by day, step by step, breath by breath, what happens in this room today may seem unimportant, but I can promise you that your Kentucky Press Association's dedicated leadership and its unsurpassed staff will attempt to find more ways to provide new and better member services and to watch over your interests in every possible way.

We have some plans which you'll hear more about as they evolve. The first thing may be to find larger, drier quarters for our staff, with a conference room where committees can meet and members can be welcomed in comfort. One where hearing "Rain Drops Are Falling on My Head" won't send David Thompson into a panic.

Did I say I have a hard act to follow? KPA's leadership has always been outstanding, and the changes brought about in the last decade have produced what I believe to be an absolutely top-notch organization, something Kentucky has to be proud of that it doesn't even know about. Not that I can see KPA appearing on the governor's brag sheet, anyway.

In spite of the achievements of the past, there will be plenty of challenges ahead for us. In a world which is changing faster every day, newspapers will continue to play a vital role not only in letting people know what's going on, but thereby in affecting its outcome. And our press association's importance will keep pace by helping us in all the ways we have learned to expect over the years, but most of all in serving as the network through which we can stay in touch and help each other do the best job that we can.

A hard act to follow. Big shoes to fill. And no beard. But with your help and support, we will make 1991 another outstanding year for the Kentucky Press Association.



The Commander

Already taking charge, KPA president Celia McDonald dressed the part in her spoof of another famous commander during a roast of 1989 president Larry Craig, left, on Friday of the convention. David Hawpe, 1990 president, is in the middle of the fray.

Kentucky views

Editorials from across
the commonwealth

Open up

The State Journal

Once again, legislators are wrestling with the issue of how much the public should be allowed to know about what public agencies are up to.

Core changes in the existing open meetings and open records laws, proposed by the Kentucky Press Association, of which *The State Journal* is a member, are aimed at closing two gaping loopholes in the laws. One change would forbid meetings of less than a quorum of a public board or committee. Another would extend the requirement of open meetings to a corporation "which is controlled by a public agency or uses public funds to carry out a traditional governmental function."

It is no surprise that both changes are being opposed by interests that don't serve the taxpayer public.

The Kentucky League of Cities doesn't want to forbid meetings of less than a quorum, claiming the wording of the proposed legislation is too broad. Two city commissioners, the argument goes, couldn't have a social lunch together.

Rubbish. They can meet, eat and talk about anything they want to talk about — except public business. When they talk public business over lunch, golf or a drink, the public has an interest in knowing what they think, what they say and, most important, what they decide.

These informal get-togethers by fewer than a quorum of a public board or committee have been used for years to avoid public scrutiny of what goes on. A mayor, for example, meets with one commissioner at a time on a controversial issue, plans are discussed and decisions made, and finally the full commission sits down and votes. No one is the wiser of the reasons why a decision is made; no one knows if alternatives were considered. The public, which foots the bill, is excluded deliberately from the debate.

The private US Corrections Corp., which contracts with the state to own and operate two minimum security prisons and a jail, is opposing the change that would open its meetings and records to the public. The company's competitors would gain knowledge about US Corrections Corp. that would be harmful to the company.

That's just too bad. US Corrections Corp., its competitors and any other private business with the singular purpose of performing publicly-financed, traditional government services must accept the fact that they cannot have it both ways — the public's money without the public knowing how and why decisions are made about that money. A county fiscal court can't legally decide a jail budget in secret. No private company performing the same service with public money should be permitted that secrecy.

Hospital directors take step in right direction

Crittenden Press

Directors of Crittenden County Hospital Inc. have taken a major step toward boosting public acceptance and accountability of that institution.

Friday afternoon, the directors voted unanimously to comply with the state's open meetings and open records laws, Chapter 61 of the Kentucky Revised Statutes.

The board of directors went even a step further, voting to amend the corporation's by-laws to provide that members who violate the "sunshine" laws would be ineligible for service.

The directors are to be commended for doing "the right thing."

Compliance with those laws needed to be done and should have been

done long ago but which, all the same, didn't have to be done under Kentucky law.

State law regards Crittenden County Hospital Inc. as a private company. That's despite the facts that the building and grounds . . . are publicly owned, that it operates a public ambulance service providing a basic government service, that all ad valorem taxpayers of Crittenden County are "stockholders" in the corporation, that directors are appointed by Fiscal Court and that when it incurs debt it ultimately becomes the responsibility of the taxpayers of the county.

It works like this: Crittenden Fiscal Court controls the real estate, which it leases to Crittenden County Hospital Inc. for management.

Until Friday, when the hospital's directors voted to go public, John Q. Citizen, even though he technically owned the property and had ultimate responsibility for its bills, had no access to information to determine whether the company was well managed or any assurance that his voice would be heard when he had a concern.

Representatives of this newspaper and the local radio station have been allowed to attend the monthly meetings of the hospital's board of directors for some years now.

We have never felt comfortable there, though, because we were always guests and never given access to information as we might get from a fiscal court, a school board or a city council.

Yet, we attended because we felt half a loaf was better than none when it came to being able to provide information to the public.

Management of the local radio station and this newspaper have for years worked to get private corporations providing public services under the umbrella of the open meetings-open records laws.

We think the key word is "public." When an organization agrees to administer a piece of publicly owned property or accepts tax contributions in the form of dollars or equipment, we feel it should accept the public scrutiny.

We shall continue to attempt to get that concept written into Kentucky law, but, in the meantime, we are pleased to note that at least at Crittenden County Hospital, we didn't have to wait for a law change.

Law protects citizen's right to know

Bettina Poland

The Henry County Local

. . . In the past most, if not all, of the city and county governing bodies of Henry County conducted public business behind closed doors on occasion, a violation of the Kentucky Open Meetings Law and a violation of the public right to know.

As a newspaper editor and reporter, it is my obligation to present the news of interest and meaning to the citizens of Henry County as fairly and completely as possible. This cannot be done if access to public information is not granted as it should be.

The newspaper's primary purpose is to act as public servant, as is that of any local governing body. The newspaper serves the public by providing information for the private citizen concerning, among other things, the actions of the governing bodies which act on their behalf. Because these agencies act on their behalf, according to (KPA) Freedom of Information Hotline attorney Kim Greene, secrecy becomes the exception rather than the rule for meetings of a quorum of the public agency or a duly appointed committee of the agency.

Perhaps the local violations of the Open Meetings Law have not been intentional, but are a result of lack of knowledge of the law and a reporter's inherent rights under the law.

Under the law, a public agency may not go into closed session without a majority vote on a proper motion to do so, made during open session.

If the member making the motion does not state the purpose for the closed session, a reporter may be asked to be recognized and inquire as to the purpose of the closed session. Specific details are not necessary, but general information may be given as to the subject, whether an individual employee or group of employees is involved, whether the matter concerns the appointment, discipline or dismissal of that person or group or whether policy matters will be discussed.

Public agencies may only go into closed session for the following reasons: deliberations on the acquisition or sale of real property; collective bargaining negotiations; or discussions which might lead to the appointment, discipline or dismissal of an individual employee, member or student.

Even when proper procedure has been followed for going into closed session,

the agency may only deliberate and discuss the matter for which the body went into closed session. Any vote or final action must be taken in open session. Furthermore, the agency must return to open session to discuss any other topics.

Greene also states that the "burden is always on the public agency to show that there is a good reason under the law that certain information should not be made available."

Public officials are exactly that — public, not private, officials. As public servants, these agencies and the newspaper should work together to inform and enlighten the citizens of Henry County when action is taken on their behalf. Better public relations for local governing bodies and a local government which is able to better benefit all of Henry County will most definitely be the result.

Public meeting woes

Citizen-Voice & Times

Has the Estill County Board of Education been breaking the state's Open Meetings Law?

From some comments made at last Monday night's board meeting, it would appear that way.

If the letter of the law has not been violated, then certainly the spirit of the law has been.

During Monday's meeting, one member said he had been led to believe from comments made in an executive, or closed, session that board members would be kept advised on who has applied for the local superintendent's job.

While some people might believe such a discussion of "personnel" might come under the listed exceptions, this is clearly not the case.

Kentucky Revised Statute 61.810 (6) states that the "personnel" exception is actually limited to "discussions or hearings which might lead to the appointment, discipline or dismissal of an individual employee, member or student without restricting that employee's, member's or student's right to a public hearing if requested, provided that this exception is designed to protect the reputation of individual persons and shall not be interpreted to permit discussion of general personnel matters in secret."

It seems obvious that the establishment of procedures for the superintendent search is indeed a "general personnel matter" and thus is not an eligible subject for private discussion.

Why has the school board been discussing this in secret? What is there to hide to the extent the board won't even talk openly about how it wants to find William Alexander's successor?

Later in the same meeting, after the conclusion of a closed session which had been called for the purpose of suspending a student, the same member who "blew the whistle" on the other closed sessions said the board had been talking "downstairs" about implementing a needs analysis.

There is no legal basis which could possibly be stretched far enough to include this in a list of exceptions to matters that must be discussed openly.

The exceptions to open meetings outlined in state law are there for a purpose. There are legitimate concerns contained in those exceptions and they are few in number for a good reason.

Simply put, public business should be and is required to be discussed in public. We expect our elected and appointed public officials to obey the law, both in letter and spirit.

Writer gives annual lecture on open meetings laws

Scott Perry, *The Floyd County Times*

January in Kentucky. It's a time when streams overflow, the thermometer bottoms out and snowflakes keep school children home.

January is also the month when many elected officials officially assume their offices and, yes, the time for our annual lecture on . . . you guessed it . . . open meetings and open records.

Since many people are becoming public servants for the first time this month, we offer this summary of Kentucky Open Meetings and Open Records laws as an educational service. For those who continue in office, it's a reminder. And, for those "public" officials who choose to ignore the law, this is a notice that we find such attitudes abhorrent and open to attack.

So, without further ado, let us begin . . .

OPEN MEETINGS: Basically, this law states that all meetings of public agencies be open to the public at places and times convenient to the public. Executive sessions, or closed meetings, may be held, but only under specific circumstances. Exceptions to open meetings include:

—Deliberations by the Kentucky Parole Board.

—Deliberations on the future acquisition or sale of real property, but only when publicity would likely affect the value of a specific piece of property to be acquired for public use or sold by a public agency.

—Discussions of proposed or pending litigation against or on behalf of the public agency.

—Grand and petit jury sessions.

—Discussion or hearings which might lead to the appointment, discipline, or dismissal of an individual employee, without restricting that employee's right to a public hearing if requested.

—Meetings between public agencies and industrial prospects.

—State cabinet meetings and executive cabinet meetings.

—Committees of the General Assembly other than standing committees.

—Meetings which federal or state law states specifically are required to be conducted in privacy.

—Meetings which the Constitution provides shall be held in secret.

OPEN RECORDS: Public records are defined as "all books, papers, maps, photographs, cards, tapes, discs,

recordings or other documentary materials . . . which are prepared, owned, used in the possession of or retained by a public agency."

The public (you) and the press (us) have the right to inspect and copy any and all documents pertaining to this definition.

Any public official who violates the provisions of either the open meetings or open records laws is subject to fines.

Okay, that's the nickel tour.

Now, we'll add our two cents worth.

Too many times, in too many places, public officials feel that their elections are tickets to operate their offices in any manner they see fit. Too often, in just as many places, the public accepts this practice without complaint.

We don't intend to accept infringements upon the public's right to know, and we do intend to complain . . . loudly and often, when public officials attempt to restrict our access to public records or attempt to conduct public business in private. You should complain, too.

That's the lecture for this year, class. We hope no refresher courses are necessary.

If racism isn't stewing,

Media need not stir pot

Merlene Davis

Lexington Herald-Leader

I was watching news on TV last Thursday when a report came on about the suspension of Kentucky State University Police Chief George Baker.

Baker has been accused of pointing an empty weapon at campus patrolman Dennis Pastor during a meeting and pulling the trigger. Pastor made the allegation to university officials and to the Kentucky State Police.

I have no idea what motivated the alleged confrontation and, outside of those doing the investigating, neither does anyone else. Especially the TV reporter.

The reporter asked Pastor what the motive was, and Pastor said he couldn't or wouldn't comment. The reporter, not satisfied with that, said that off-camera Pastor had repeated his no-comment stance but had added that he didn't think the incident was racially motivated.

My problem is why the reporter even repeated that question on camera. Why, when there is a disagreement between a black person and a white person, does race surface as a motive from the beginning?

True enough, there was a disturbance in Frankfort last year that most of the news media were quick to call a riot even though it didn't remotely resemble the riots I witnessed in the '60s.

So, in this latest incident, the reporter, being in the same city and faced with a black man versus a white man, probably added two and two and got the wrong impression.

TV is by no means the only culprit here. The print media — this newspaper included — do the very same thing. Ordinary people do it, too, and we blacks are some of the worst offenders.

I know some white folks who simply drive me up a wall. They are insensitive, obstinate, arrogant, self-centered and just all-around nasty. There are some black folks like that, too, whom I will go out of my way to avoid if I see them first.

I tell my daughter all the time to

go through at least 10 reasons that a white teacher or fellow student treats her questionably, and to make race number 11. Nine times out of 10, I tell her, she won't get to 11.

Not too long ago the news media were bending over backward and hiding behind buildings trying to avoid saying that any type of racial unrest existed. Now the pendulum swingeth too far in the opposite direction.

It's sort of like looking for Easter eggs in January.

A good reporter is going to ask whether race was a factor in any disagreement between blacks and whites. Unfortunately, the answer in many cases will be yes.

But if the answer is no and if all available evidence supports that, then a better reporter will let it lie.

Yes, racism exists. Yes, it should be pointed out. But I cannot support the idea of stirring up a pot of stew if the stew isn't there.

A better way, I think, would be to explore the backgrounds of the principles involved in a dispute and their relationship, looking for reasons that such things could happen. Maybe both are hard to get along with. Maybe both are jackasses.

Otherwise, just report the facts.

Leave the backhanded innuendoes and suggestions of racism to those who make a living at it: the Ku Klux Klan and the Rev. Al Sharpton, to name a couple.

Journalists, with the power they wield with the printed or spoken word, should be held to a higher standard.

If it quacks. . .

Don't pussyfoot around when calling a closed meeting just what it is, General Counsel Don Hudson has told members of the Georgia Press Association. Hudson says "executive session" is a euphemism that doesn't adequately communicate that the public is being excluded. He advises using the terms "closed meeting" or "secret meeting" when reporting.

Openness requires stronger laws

The Jessamine Journal

Government by secrecy is too common in Jessamine County, and in Kentucky.

. . . The Nicholasville City Commission last week held two closed meetings to deal with a "personnel matter." Officials decline to talk about the issue, but a Nicholasville police officer and a local attorney are embroiled in serious criminal charges.

The officer . . . has accused the attorney . . . of intimidation — a felony charge. It's an unusual situation.

And the public, those who pay the bill for the court system and the police department, know little about it.

The charge will be heard by a grand jury, which is closed to the public and is a one-sided procedure. Grand juries hear the prosecution side of the case, although in this instance, (the attorney) may testify.

The state law allows city commission to discuss this issue under the guise of "personnel" or perhaps potential litigation (a cloudy term under the best of circumstances).

Presumably then, the commission could be discussing (the officer's) performance, whether he acted within proper procedure. Or it could be planning possible legal strategy — but this is a criminal, not civil, matter and no action against the city has been made.

Unfortunately, *The Journal* and Nicholasville residents are left to speculation, or private explanations with a particular slant from those directly involved.

Lack of public discussion leads to gossip and innuendo.

Judge deserves credit

Paducah Sun

Supreme Court Chief Justice Robert Stephens deserves the applause of all Kentuckians who value free flow of public information for his unsolicited action in ordering the opening of domestic violence court records.

One or more highly publicized cases, notably the slaying of a Kentucky woman by her estranged husband, led to the revelation that an administrative manual for court clerks had described some court records as confidential.

Justice Stephens stepped in on his own initiative to reverse that high-handed rule, which apparently had been dreamed up by some bureaucrat.

The judge instructed that domestic violence petitions and emergency protective orders be open to public inspection.

The involvement of the state in violent disputes between adults is not a private matter. There needs to be accountability to the public about the manner in which the courts handle these problems and that can't happen behind the desk of secrecy.

Government data is meeting topic

Government information policy, including access to electronic data, is the subject of a March 7-8 conference, sponsored by Kentucky Information Systems Commission.

Technology, payment for records, state laws and freedom of information are among topics to be covered at the conference, set for the Radisson Hotel East in Louisville.

Two KPA members have roles in the conference. David Dick, director of the University of Kentucky School of Journalism, will moderate the sessions, and attorney Jon Fleischaker will be a panelist on the topic "General Issues Affecting Access." FOI Hotline attorney William H. Hollander is a member of the commission.

Although registration deadline was to be Feb. 26, if you want to check on openings, call Mark O. Board at 502/564-7777 or Charles Robb, 502/875-7000.

OM/OR bill subject of more discussion by special task force

Members of the legislative Task Force on Open Meetings and Open Records managed to squeeze a working session in between the activities of the General Assembly's special session in February.

For more than two hours on Feb. 7, the task force looked at some new definitions for the proposed legislation that is being spearheaded by KPA. The definitions were suggested by Scott Varland of the Legislative Research Commission, who said the legislation needs to be more specific.

The discussion centered on definitions of "public agency" and "traditional government function," with no formal action taken, although the task force members appeared to favor expanding the legislation's range much farther than KPA's proposal dares to go. Varland suggested broadening the public agency phrase to include those groups appointed by a governing body or to persons acting on behalf of a governing body. Sen. Walter Baker of Glasgow, for one, seemed to support the inclusion of university foundations.

Attaching a percentage of public funds used to the "function" issue, such as the 25 percent rule in open records law, prompted frustrated discussion. While the concept appears to be accepted by the task force, the problems are obvious. Legislators pointed out that for a large corporation, millions of dollars from a state contract might amount to a very small percentage of its total operating budget. For a small organization, on the other hand, a relatively minor state grant might equal 50 percent of its budget. In such cases, the small corporation would be affected by open meetings/open records laws, but not the corporation with access to much greater public funds.

Rep. Raymond Overstreet of Liberty expressed concern over interstate solid waste companies, for instance, that might do the bulk of their business with other states. In the large corporate budget, a Kentucky operation might be quite small, but the dollar amount of Kentucky business might be significant.

Sen. Baker, however, said he had a problem with a private company's

"having to reveal its innards" because it does some public business.

Task force member Stan Macdonald of *The Courier-Journal* assured that the media are primarily interested in how well such a company is performing its function for the public, rather than in revealing its overall financial situation.

Discussion also ensued over the percentage rule as it applies to profit versus non-profit organizations. Overstreet pointed out that "many times non-profit is not what it appears to be."

In response to a statement that the percentage rule is primarily needed for open records, Overstreet quickly asserted what might be a classic editorial comeback: "Open meetings is the prevention aspect, and open records is the cure."

Ann Sheadel of the state attorney general's office cautioned that some credit needs to be given to the state's accepted role as "a watchdog over its own funds."

"But with a big bureaucracy, there's often no overseer until the pub-

lic wants to know," added Rep. Bill Donnemeyer of Bellevue, task force chairman.

Baker said he also has a problem with the section of the legislation that limits discussion of public issues to a quorum meeting. "I don't want to neuter public servants to the point where they don't think (about issues) until the lights come on, tape recorders go on and cameras roll," he said.

No consensus was reached on any of the points, other than the fact that much work remains before the revised bill meets its August deadline.

Members of the task force are expected to attend the Conference on Current Issues in Information Policy, March 7-8 in Louisville. The next regular meeting will be March 14 at 10 a.m. at the Capitol annex.

If you were a member of Jesse James' band and people asked you what you were, you wouldn't say, "Well, I'm a desperado." You'd say something like, "I work in banks," or "I've done some railroad work." It took me a long time to say "I'm a writer." It's really embarrassing.
—Roy Blount Jr.

On tap . . .

- March 3-9: API Seminar on Management and Costs (over 75,000 circulation); 703/620-3611.
- March 10-15: API, Circulation Sales & Marketing Strategies.
- March 10-13: ANPA/ASNE/APME Leadership in Newsroom; 703/648-1319.
- March 13-15: National Newspaper Association's Government Affairs Conference, Washington, DC; Gen. Colin Powell, chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, and Dep. Sec. of State Lawrence S. Eagleburger. 202/466-7200.
- March 14: KPA Judges Mississippi Press Assoc. in Elizabethtown.
- March 14-17: ANPA, Leadership in Operations/Production; 703/648-1319.
- March 15: Deadline for KPA's 1991 Better Newspaper Contest.
- March 17-20: ANPA, Total Newspaper Conference.
- March 17-22: API, Changing Role of Investigative Reporter.
- March 18-22: ANPA, Newspaper Quality Control.
- March 22: KPA Judges Georgia Press Assoc. in Lexington.
- March 29: KPA board, TBA.
- April 1-5: ANPA, Web Offset Newspaper Press Operation.
- April 5-7: Mid-America Press Institute, Improving Opinion Pages; 618/453-3281.
- April 6-10: ANPA/ICMA/NPRA Leadership in Circulation Department; 703/648-1319.
- April 14-17: ANPA, Sr. Management.
- April 14-20: API, Sports Editors.
- April 15-19: ANPA, Desktop Newspaper Publishing.
- April 18-19: KPA Advertising Seminar, Galt House East, Louisville.
- April 21-24: ANPA, Compensation and Benefits.
- April 21-26: API, Exec. Development Program (under 75,000).
- April 28-May 3: API, Management of the Weekly.
- April 28-May 3: API/Ad Execs, 75,000+.
- April 29-May 3: ANPA, Management Intro to Newspaper Technology.

Behold my magic. I can cast a thought a thousand miles, through storm and stone, even beyond time. Long after my flesh has withered and my bones have crumbled to dust, the very best of me — my ideas, my dreams — can live, can burn with undiminished fire and passion. All because I have a gift, a power, and I am not alone. You share my miracle: You cannot touch me, but I am here; you cannot see me, but I am real. At this very moment, I am alive in your mind. We call this miracle language.

—Walter Anderson in *Read With Me: The Power of Reading and How It Transforms Our Lives*

Groups offer awards, scholarships

****Editors and reporters, get out any stories you've done lately on people with a developmental disability or other type of handicap. You may have a prize winner. The Kentucky Developmental Disabilities Planning Council is sponsoring its annual DeDe Award for the "most favorable, informative or interesting story" on the subject.**

If you haven't already written something, there's still time to plan. Deadline for the competition is May 31, with the award to be presented during KPA's annual summer convention in June. If you haven't already received one, you can get an entry blank from Barbara Wright, program coordinator. Call her at 502/564-7842, or write to her at Department for Mental Health and Mental Retardation Services, 275 E. Main St., Frankfort 40621.

****The National Newspaper Association is seeking nominations for the Amos and McKinney awards for community newspaperpersons.**

The Amos Award recognizes a newspaperman "closely associated with a non-metropolitan newspaper for his distinguished service and substantial contributions to his community, the press of the United States and the programs of the National Newspaper Association," according to an NNA release.

The McKinney Award goes to a working newspaperwoman "closely associated with a non-metropolitan newspaper in recognition of distinguished service or contributions to her community and profession."

Nominations are to be made by letter, with supporting data: a summary of accomplishments, biography and a glossy photo of the nominee. Deadline is June 1. Send materials to NNA Awards Committee, Suite 400, 1627 K St. NW, Washington, DC 20006. Awards will be presented at the NNA annual convention in Little Rock, Ark., in September.

****June 11 is the deadline for applications for the National Newspaper Foundation's Ted and Peg Serrill Scholarships, ranging from \$250 to \$1,000.**

The five scholarships for study in print media go to college juniors enrolled full time in a major area of newspaper journalism. For applications, contact the Foundation, Suite 400, 1627 K St. NW, Washington, DC 20006.

****NNA is also accepting applications for the Robert Work International Fellowship, which funds a young journalist on a two-week study mission in China and Tibet in October. The fellowship is open to journalists who are not yet 40; who have at least three years experience in community journalism, and who intend to continue a journalism career. Preference may be given to applicants who have never traveled to a foreign country. Application deadline is May 20. For information, call 202/466-7200 or FAX 202/331-1403.**

****The Society of Newspaper Design is offering travel grants and fee waivers to help students and journalism educators attend any of its five Quick Course '91 workshops or the annual design workshop. For information, contact Ray Chattman at 703/620-1083.**

Survey, from page 1

percent of those surveyed said they relied on newspapers as their main source of advertising information. No other medium came close.

Newspapers, likewise, led as the main advertising source in purchases of clothing, household goods, hardware supplies, jewelry, vehicles, furniture, home appliances, home improvement contractors, drug store and cosmetics items, electronic equipment, repair services and restaurants.

Close to three-fourths (73 percent) of the shoppers interviewed said they read a daily newspaper, while 44 percent said they read a weekly paper. The survey shows that 87 percent of the readers scan or read specific newspaper advertisements, with 12 percent ignoring them.

As to the attention they give to reading, 74 percent of the daily readers said they spend between 16 minutes and one hour with the paper. Among readers of weekly papers, 67 percent said they devote that much time to the paper, and 78 percent said they keep the paper around the house for three or more days.

Nearly half (48 percent) of the respondents said they have purchased a product as a direct result of newspaper advertising within the past month. The number is more than double the answer for television advertising (23 percent) and four times the answer for radio (12 percent).

Following a finding of national surveys, Kentuckians said they are more likely to throw away direct mail circulars without reading them than circulars inserted in newspapers.

Color also plays an increasingly important role in gaining readers' attention. Of those surveyed, 63 percent said they are more likely to read advertising circulars that are in full color, and 71 percent said they would be more likely to read an ad that uses color.

Coupon use is also high. Fifty-seven percent of persons in the survey said they regularly clip coupons and another 16 percent answered "sometimes." Seventy-three percent said they have recently bought something with a coupon clipped from a newspaper or newspaper insert.

The television audience for local advertising continues to be more fragmented. More than three-fourths (76 percent) of shoppers surveyed said they have cable, a satellite dish or both, up six percent from 1989. Of these, 67 percent said they spend half or more of their viewing time watching cable or satellite stations, rather than local stations.

Further, 55 percent of the viewers said they do something else when commercials are on the television screen.

VCRs also cut significantly into local programming, with 77 percent of the surveyed now owning them. In 44 percent of those households, the VCR is used primarily for viewing rented movies.

In political campaigns, newspapers remain the most credible advertising source, although the survey reveals some conflict on the part of respondents. While 45 percent of the surveyed shoppers said they rely most on television for advertising information on political candidates, as opposed to 31 per-

Using the survey results to advertising advantage

>The **credibility** factor of newspaper advertising in political campaigns obviously needs to be stressed as television's strength grows in that area. Nearly half of those polled (46 percent) put more faith in newspaper advertising than in any other medium — 14 percent higher than television. Add to this the fact that 81 percent say newspaper is the better medium for politicians to discuss the issues; 80 percent say they prefer to read political ads in newspapers, and 78 percent are tired of watching political commercials on television.

>The **attention** factor is also important. Newspapers command the reader's full attention. Not so with the broadcast media, where 53 percent of television viewers say they do something else when commercials are on.

>The use of **color** in ads is increasingly attractive to readers, with 71 percent claiming they are more likely to read an ad with color.

>Advertising **circulars** are more likely to be read if they come to the shopper in the newspaper rather than through direct mail.

>**Coupons** are growing in popularity, particularly as the economy lags. More than half of those surveyed have used a newspaper coupon within the last month.

>The **staying power** of newspapers is noteworthy. The vast majority of readers of weeklies keep their papers for three days or more, meaning they can go back and review what they have seen. The spoken word obviously does not have the same impact.

>The **fragmented audience of television** will continue to erode the advertising effectiveness of local stations. Cable and satellite stations from around the world are seizing a bigger chunk of viewership and, by their nature, are diluting the television market. The increase in VCR use for rental movie viewing also steals the local audience.

>**Newspapers remain the primary source** of advertising information for purchases of groceries, clothing, household goods, drug store and cosmetic goods, hardware, vehicles, financial services, home improvement contractors, public issues, furniture, home appliances, jewelry, electronic equipment, repair services and restaurants.

cent for newspapers, the figures were almost reversed on the question of believability (46 percent for newspapers and 32 percent for television).

In answer to the question, "Where do you turn for information on statewide races?", 46 percent said newspapers, and 42 percent said television.

Half said they turn to newspapers for information on campaign issues, as opposed to 36 percent for television. Sixty-four percent said they read advertisements for

political candidates and campaign issues all or most of the time, while 49 percent said they watch political commercials on television seldom or never.

Eighty-one percent agreed that newspaper advertising gives political candidates a better chance to discuss issues, and 80 percent said they would rather look at political ads in newspapers than on television. In fact, 78 percent agreed they were tired of watching television political commercials.

Idea exchange

Grabbing the youngsters

The Gainesville (Fla.) Sun has started a year-round project to attract young readers. Each day a story is written specifically for youngsters and labeled with the logo "HEY KIDS: READ THIS!" which also appears on the front page to steer them to the correct page. The stories stress variety and range from educational topics to entertainment. Parents of children too young to read are encouraged to read the articles to their children. Some teachers are also promoting the activity.

Readers as writers

For its progress edition, The Bristol (Tenn.) Herald Courier asked readers to submit stories about their or a family member's roles in the making of 20th Century history. The edition was to be appropriately titled "Our Past: A Present to Our Future."

Personal newspapers

The Wausau (Wisc.) Daily Herald had no trouble promoting its own competitors when a local eighth grade English teacher had each of her students create his or her own newspaper from masthead to classifieds. Stories were about the student's family, friends, experiences and dreams. The teacher's aim, besides encouraging writing, was to get students to read newspapers and become interested in current events.

Noticing legals

The News-Register in Carlton, Ore.,

practices what it preaches when it says legal notices are important. The paper carries a boxed synopsis of each of the day's legal notices on page 2. Titled "Legal News Today," the piece notes where the full text of the notices appears. For efficiency and updating, the paper's computer classified form is used. When the summary began, it was promoted in an editorial and a column.

Special sections

From Gene Johnson, a Minnesota publisher, come these ideas for special sections: (1) Neighbors — readers are asked to nominate someone they consider a good neighbor with top entries printed in a special section. (2) Women in Business — candidates fill out a questionnaire which is then written as news, but sponsored by an advertiser. (3) Resident guide — including information such as where to vote, governmental officials, schools, etc.

From Gary Gengozian of the Times-Journal in Ft. Wayne, Ind., are these special section ideas: religious heritage, featuring church histories; funeral services; drinking and driving; Say No To Drugs (recently done by KPA's own *Paintsville Herald*); Mental Health, Physical Fitness, Yesteryear, with readers supplying photos; Honor Roll of Business; Here's My Card, with business cards sold for a fixed price; Christmas Songbook; Dieter's Delight; Senior Lifestyle; Write An Ad (for kids).

Increasing circulation

These ideas for increasing newspaper circulation come from a group of Wisconsin publishers: Offer a discount to new subscribers; give premiums to new subscribers, for example, trading out with a movie rental store; offer a two for one on all new subscriptions at Christmas time; present newlyweds with a one-year subscription; be involved with local Welcome Wagon efforts; call all potential stops before halting the subscription; call all stopped subscribers for input on why they discontinued and what the paper can do to get them back.

Advertising innovations

At a recent Oklahoma Press Association Ad Conference, Edmund Arnold advised innovation in sales presentations. Among his tips: ***Present campaigns of at least four and preferably six ads. ***Always leave something in the advertiser's hand, such as a card with just one demographic statistic promoting your paper's coverage. (Example: "Every week the Tribune goes into XXX farm households that gross more than XXX dollars annually.") ***Design a new sig cut for an advertiser, if the old one is bland and ordinary. ***Suggest the advertiser emphasize a quality other than price. ***Explore increased opportunities for co-op ads. ***Look for new markets. ***Cash in on the nostalgia trend. ***Send birthday cards and remember anniversaries of clients; clip stories about the retailer's business, hobby

or his/her family and send them in a folder.

Waving the flag

The Davis Enterprise and Sacramento Union in California have run full page renderings of the US flag which residents and businesspeople can cut out and post in their windows. Both papers enlisted sponsorship for the page from local advertisers. The idea is not only good public relations for the papers, but it also answers the shortage of flags among merchandisers. (A few Kentucky papers have already tried this one.)

Training the public

The Newport News (Va.) Daily Press/Times Herald last fall sponsored a series of "Painless Publicity" seminars for club presidents and publicity chairpersons. Held in schools and libraries throughout the circulation area, the 90-minute seminars included comments from department editors, followed by question and answer sessions. A handbook with information on the newspaper, deadlines for each section, tips on writing and submitting a press release, and photography, along with biographies and phone numbers of key newsroom personnel, was distributed. The seminars were promoted in a series of house ads. For specifics, contact Melissa T. Hespenhede, The Daily Press, 7505 Warwick Blvd., Newport News, Va 23606; 804/247-4918.

Luhr heads Associates division

Gary Luhr of Louisville was elected chairman of the KPA Associates Division during the annual winter convention. Luhr is vice president for communications and member relations for the Kentucky Association of Electric Cooperatives.

Other officers of the division for 1991 are: Brad Hughes of Frankfort, Kentucky Cabinet for Human Resources, vice chairman; Fred Troutman of Frankfort, Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development, treasurer, and Keith Elkins of Lexington, Transylvania University, secretary.

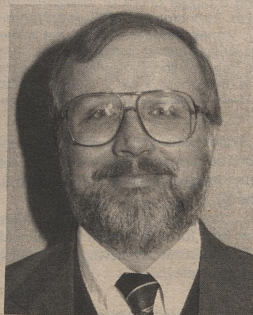
Elected as directors of the group

were Susan Rosenberg of Jack Guthrie and Associates in Louisville; Ed Van Hook, Kentucky Utilities Company, Lexington, and Ralph Derickson, University of Kentucky, Lexington. Rosenberg was chosen for a two-year term. Van Hook and Derickson, past president of the division, will serve for one year.

KPA's Associates Division is made up primarily of persons in the communication field who are not on the staff of a daily or weekly newspaper with second class mailing privileges. The division has about 75 corporate and individual members.



Gary Luhr



Brad Hughes



Fred Troutman



Keith Elkins



George M. Wilson

Former KPA director George M. Wilson, 82, of Irvington died Jan. 16 after a short illness.

Editor/publisher emeritus of the *Breckinridge County Herald-News*, Wilson headed KPA from 1970-75, was president of the organization in 1969 and was twice voted Most Valuable Member, 1968 and 1970.

In his almost five years as "temporary" secretary-manager of KPA/KPS, he started the successful clipping service and presided over tremendous growth in membership and member services.

He began his newspaper career as co-owner, with his wife, the former Elizabeth Willis, of the *Irvington Herald* in 1945. They bought the *Breckinridge News* in 1954 and merged the papers two years later. He sold the paper in 1969, following the death of his wife.

He came out of retirement to head KPA and remained an active supporter of the association after his second retirement. He contributed an editorial column, "From This Corner," for the *Herald-News* until last October. He was also a prominent civic leader at the local and state levels.

Recycling update

Sixteen newsprint recycling facilities in Canada and the US are scheduled to be in operation by the end of next year, according to an item in PNPA Report, published by the Pennsylvania Newspaper Publishers Association.

This would double the number of mills using old newsprint and boost the recycling effort. The American Newspaper Publishers Association predicts that the US newsprint market in 1992 will be 14.3 million tons.

Weeklies, from page 1

ker Lee Dirks and Associates, Ottaway's grandfather founded Ottaway Newspapers, a community newspaper group sold to Dow Jones and Co. in 1970.

The new owner/publisher of the 3,700-circulation paper has worked for newspapers in California, New York and North Carolina. The new editor is Lucienda Denson, a Texan who formerly lived in Lexington.

Ottaway also purchased two companion publications, *The County Exchange*, a 21,000-circulation shopper, and *Berea Magazine*.

Gene Clabes, head of SteppingStone Publications Inc., is the purchaser of the Recorder Newspapers in Northern Kentucky, which also includes *The Kenton County Connection*. The chain had been owned by the *Gleaner Journal Publishing Co.* in Henderson.

Clabes is editor and publisher of *The News Enterprise* in Ludlow, which he said will merge with *The Kenton County Recorder*. The Recorder papers, formerly published by Bryan Dear, have a reported combined circulation of about 33,000.

Clabes, a University of Kentucky graduate, has experience with *The Gleaner*, *The Evansville (Ind.) Courier* and *The Evansville Press*.

They fill their newspapers with falsehoods, calumnies and audacities. I shall protect them in their right of lying and calumniating. —Thomas Jefferson

1990 Another banner year

Total net advertising placed through KPS
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Murray hosts scholastic session

Murray State University is hosting its 18th annual workshop in journalism and broadcasting for high school students and teachers from Kentucky, Indiana and Tennessee on March 11.

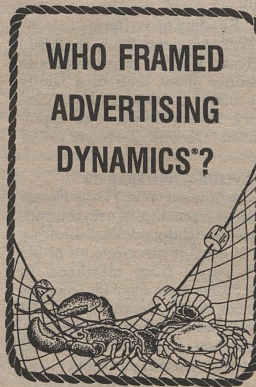
Morning sessions will offer students the option of picking from among 29 topics, with writing and advertising layout competitions in the afternoon, according to Dr. Bob McGaughey, chairman of the MSU department of journalism and radio-television.

University faculty participating in the workshop are Dr. L.J. Hortin, Dwain McIntosh, Dr. Gary Drum, John Dillon, Joe Hedges, Dr. Ann Landini, Orville Herndon and Barry Johnson.

Also participating will be professionals from Jostens American Yearbook, Taylor Publishing, Medical Claims Services of American, along with Chris Evans, sports writer for *The Paducah Sun*, and Willie Thomassee, advertising production staff member at the *Murray Ledger & Times*.

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Best editorial

Council must face future

Mark Bell
The Harlan Daily Enterprise

There are times when city officials' responsibilities extend beyond the boundaries established by city limits.

And the current situation in Evarts is one of those times.

The refusal by the majority of city councilmembers to approve a grant agreement with the state Department of Local Government Monday night is an inexcusable act.

Waiting until the week of the filing deadline to decide they cannot politically stomach a development project because it will mean a moderate water rate increase shows the utter contempt members of the panel have for the citizens of Clover Fork, including the ones they supposedly were elected to represent in Evarts.

This project was discussed to death for months before council approved an application last June seeking public funds to build a new \$2 million project, including a treatment plant and miles of water lines.

Just because there was an election in the interim does not excuse the action of the present council, particularly when two of the members opposing the rate increase were reelected.

And the eleventh hour appeal by Councilman Wallace Napier to seek funds from other sources so the city would not have to increase its rate was an attempt to create a political smokescreen.

There are no "other" sources for funding. The city has already received approval for all the funds there are to get.

The double tragedy in this case is the city officials are allowing not only a major crisis to develop for its own citizens, they are creating continued and unnecessary hardship on the people who live in Kildav, Redbud Black Mountain, Kenvir and Dizney.

While these people do not live in the city and pay taxes to the city, they do trade there, providing the lifeblood for what business there is in Evarts. They send their children to school in Evarts.

Without a new treatment plant, the city will be without public water within two years.

By refusing to accept an agreement which would put the city on course for a new plant, the council has shown its inability to see the curve in the road that is directly ahead. Perhaps the people of Evarts are as Councilman Clark Cusick said, more concerned about their monthly water bill than about their future.

But if this project falls through, the city will have no choice but to beg around for more money in two years when a new treatment plant must be built in order for the city to survive.

Consolidation is best step

Rita Mitchell
The Fulton Leader

The concept of a merger of Fulton Independent, Fulton County and Hickman County school districts is one of the most progressive ideas ever considered by the local boards. And, the timing could not be better.

Who on the state or federal level will listen? And who can blame them when they don't?

The reality of the situation is the city of Evarts now has one of the lowest base water rates of any city in the county at \$8 per month. Even with the increase to \$9.25 it will remain far below the monthly bill customers of the Black Mountain Utility District, or Lynch, or Green Hills pay.

One dollar and twenty-five cents is indeed a small price to pay for a new system that will not only benefit the city but residents of the entire central Clover Fork area.

If a majority of the council persists in their refusal to accept the reality of the rate increase, then there will be no more grant money in their future.

And if they can get a loan to pay for the new treatment plant, which is inevitable, the cost to city customers will be a great deal more than what is to be under the plan they have seemingly rejected.

It is time Evarts faced its future. It is time the elected officials of Evarts lived up to their responsibility to do what is right rather than what is politically expedient.

Charity begins at home

Barbara Justice
Appalachian News-Express

The business and occupational tax proposed by county officials can be an opportunity for Pike Countians to take a first small step in solving our own problems.

No one likes to pay taxes. Any new tax on the general public should be carefully considered before being approved.

But the truth remains — for Pike County to grow and secure a better future for its children and grandchildren — someone will have to pay the price. Better we help ourselves than to wait at an empty trough for the scraps of state and federal government. Scraps that usually come with political strings attached.

A community that is taking measures to cope with its problems is a far more attractive prospect for new industry than one that is languishing for lack of direction.

New business and industry cannot be expected to locate in areas with less than adequate fire protection, water supplies, highway systems or littered communities.

Implementation of this tax needs to be monitored so that taxpayers are paying their fair share and all those liable are paying.

See Charity, page 2

Special section

In sporting contests, you're face to face with the competition. You can size up his style and analyze his strategies as the action takes place. These days you can even go back after the meet is over and review tapes for a closer, more precise examination.

Not so in most non-athletic events -- such as KPA's annual newspaper contest. Most of us get our certificates or, more commonly, no news, which in this case generally means bad news. We don't get a chance to see the competition's work and compare it with our own best. Nor do we get the chance to examine why the winner's efforts may have been better than ours and to use that knowledge to improve our offerings.

This special section of *The Kentucky Press* provides at least a glance -- in some cases, a full rendering -- of the first place entries in the 1990 Fall Newspaper Contest. Editorials and columns are presented in full or in excerpt form. The other winners are run straight from the newspaper page so that at least the lead of the article is shown. We would like to have run the full story but were limited by the usual. (Editors know that story.) Maybe next time.

... not for burning

Staff
The Bourbon Times

Whether it is constitutionally all right to burn the flag is quite beside the point. It may be constitutionally proper to chisel a chunk out of the Statue of Liberty. It may be constitutionally acceptable to defecate on the White House lawn. It may be constitutionally admissible to shout an obscenity during the singing of the Star Spangled Banner. Grotesque misbehavior in the name of revolutionary zeal can and may be defended by stretching constitutional law to the outer limits.

The fact is: nobody needs or should burn a flag in order to make a political statement in the United States of America. There's a wonderful alternative -- write something. Write a book. Write an article. Write an editorial. Write a pamphlet. Write a poster. Write a letter. Climb on a soapbox on any street corner and give a speech. Nobody should burn anybody's idea, nobody should clamp a hand over somebody's utterance, no matter how revolutionary, when it is expressed in words, written or spoken. The First Amendment to the Constitution provides both freedom of speech and freedom of the press.

If somebody wants to burn a flag, let them earn an honest day's pay burning old flags in the acceptable and prescribed manner. But anybody who goes out at high noon and desecrates Old Glory by burning it because they're either too lazy or too dumb to exercise free speech, defiles the memory of all those who gave their lives because they believed the flag was the symbol of everybody's right to be free to speak or write anything they choose. Those who burn a flag may be all right constitutionally, but they sure lack one hell of a lot of plain, simple decency.

Rose strikes out

Herb Brock
The Advocate-Messenger

Long before Pete Rose began his belly slide into a Cincinnati courtroom, A. Bartlett Giamatti already was waving his thumb and yelling, "You're outta here!"

Rose could have filed legal protests from homeplate to the centerfield wall at Riverfront stadium, but there has been little doubt about the outcome of this case. A judge could have allowed the matter to drag on in the courts, but the real umpire in the case — Giamatti — was not going to be litigated, castigated or shoved by Rose from the ump's position that one of baseball's greatest players violated one of baseball's biggest rules and should be banned for life.

From all the evidence that has been accumulated and made public in the case — including an exhaustive and well-documented investigation by Giamatti's office — everything pointed to Rose's betting on baseball games, including his own Reds.

In addition, Rose knew or certainly should have known that gambling by anyone involved in baseball is against the rules and punishable by being declared "permanently ineligible" — as posters in every locker room in every major league baseball park have warned for decades. The ban on gambling has been the cornerstone of baseball rules — yes, the very foundation of the baseball commissioner's power — since the 1919 "Black Sox" scandal. Nevertheless, we are troubled by certain aspects of the way the 1919 "Rose scandal" has turned out.

First, it would have been best for all concerned if the truth had come out in court, no matter how long that would have taken. The so-called "agreement" reached this week between Giamatti and Rose may have settled Rose's fate, at least for the next year or so, but it left unanswered the question at the heart of the whole controversy: Did Rose bet on baseball and on the Reds? The answer may come out in a possible trial over allegations concerning Rose's taxpaying practices — or, if he did bet on baseball and the Reds, in a public confession by Rose. Otherwise, we may never know the proof-positive, court-tested truth.

Secondly, there are two different standards involved in finding the truth — baseball standards and courtroom standards. It's much like the situation involving the NCAA investigation of the UK basketball program. The NCAA had all the evidence it needed to come up with a decision; whether that evidence, no matter how weighty, would have been accepted, or even admissible, in a court of law is debatable.

Thirdly, the question of whether the punishment fits the apparent crime also is debatable. Given the preceding questions we've raised over the outcome of the case, it is our opinion that it does not.

We understand the roots of baseball's great fear of gambling and we believe penalties for that activity should be meted out. However, the harsh attitude, rules and penalties seem antiquated in a sports world beset by other perhaps even more fearful problems. Such an attitude is particularly inconsistent given baseball's comparative leniency toward drug addicts.

If Giamatti believes that the evidence strongly suggests that Rose gambled, he should also conclude from that same evidence that Rose has an addiction to gambling. His message, though, is: go lightly and counsel the drug addict but ban the gambling addict.



Serious charges are made without proof

John Bramel
The Lebanon Enterprise

Marion County School Board member Delane Pinkston opened quite a can of worms last week.

And The Lebanon Enterprise is going to hold his nose to the accountability grindstone — just as he should hold superintendent Happy Osborne's in the same fashion.

Pinkston came out of a board session that was closed to the public because personnel matters, including Osborne's contract, were being discussed. Then — surprise, surprise — Pinkston opted to tell Osborne, in public, things Osborne "must do if you're going to be a better superintendent and at least try to get some support in some areas of the county."

In addition to indulging in a bad case of public grandstanding — since most of Pinkston's "concerns" could have been shared with Osborne in the preceding closed session — there were two other major problems with his charges: They were not carefully researched and, even more important, not documented.

Any good business manager knows that, if you're going to issue charges against an employee, you'd better have those charges documented... or you're in deep doo doo.

In fact, some of Pinkston's charges were so off-base they were laughable — except this isn't a laughing matter.

For instance, Pinkston told Osborne to stop intimidating school employees, and "I think a good starting place would be to remove the sign in your office that says: 'I don't get mad, I get even.'"

How sharp are Pinkston's observations?

He had just spent a half-hour in Osborne's office and didn't notice a sign wasn't there.

In fact, it turns out that the "sign" was actually a coffee cup/gift that Osborne carried from home but had been broken and gone months before.

Pinkston told Osborne that "you need to delegate less authority to employees and become more involved yourself in the actual work..." But a well known — although apparently not to Pinkston — rule of good management is to trust in your ability to surround yourself with good employees, then delegate, delegate, delegate.

Pinkston attempted to lock Osborne in his office from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. each workday to "improve availability to employees and the public." But he didn't document his charge with one actual incident of a parent or school employee who found Osborne totally unavailable.

Many of Pinkston's charges raise serious questions about the credibility of the school system, the superintendent, and even Pinkston himself.

"I think you need to be in the office more to dispel the idea that you're on the golf course more than you're in the office," Pinkston said.

If Osborne is on the golf course when he's supposed to be in the office, then Pinkston had better document that and fire Osborne. That's the job Marion County taxpayers expect Delane Pinkston to do.

"I've heard complaints that administrators are out of the county too much..."

Pinkston has heard?

If Pinkston and the other board members are routinely approving salaries of administrators who are "out of the county too much," then the voting public should put those board members out of their seats.

And if Pinkston is wrong, then he's needlessly slurred administrators — who have all been indicted because Pinkston's charges were unspecific.

"Must adhere to the statutes regarding regular (board) meetings."

Osborne is breaking the law? When? Where? How? These are all serious charges.

The Enterprise believes that if Pinkston has documentation that Osborne has broken the law — or documentation for any of the other charges he so carefully orchestrated for maximum media exposure — he should produce that proof. If such a situation does, indeed, exist, then appropriate action should be taken at once.

But if Pinkston is unable to document his serious charges, then he's a board member who needs to do more than just brush up his management skills.

Charity, from page 1

Collections need to be timely and enforcement needs to be evenhanded.

The last thing Pike County needs is one more tax only the law-abiding citizens pay while the rest slide through the cracks of a lax collection system.

It is never popular to support any new tax, but if strict enforcement and collection can be accomplished, we will support the occupational tax recognizing that we must build a better community for all of us.

No one else will do it for us.



This photo of former President Jimmy Carter was part of the award-winning picture essay from *The Times-Tribune* in Corbin. Rodney Margison was the photographer.

Standards, choices

Judy Clabes
The Kentucky Post

Last week, Kenton County prosecutors finally got their first obscenity conviction against a video store for the rental of sexually explicit videotapes.

Emphasize finally.

The conviction came after the second trial of Video Village Inc. for renting "Deviations" and "Rambone the Destroyer" at its Crescent Springs store. The first trial, a year ago, ended with a deadlocked jury. In December 1988, J & N Video Inc. was found not guilty of distributing obscene matter for renting adult tapes at its Erlanger store, though a Campbell County jury convicted J & N Video in August 1988 for renting adult movies in Cold Springs. Another charge — against Video Store Inc. of Erlanger — was dismissed in April 1988 because prosecutors filed the charges improperly.

Such is the Northern Kentucky saga of politically attuned prosecutors chasing down big bad movies that are rented only to adults and that those adults watch in the privacy of their own homes.

Beware: Big brother may be peeking through window blinds these days.

That it took two juries to finally get a conviction tells us something about the tricky work involved in applying the 1973 Supreme Court's "community standards" test to movies rented voluntarily for personal use in the privacy of one's own home. That video store owners must spend thousands of dollars for legal expenses in defending constitutional principles for the rest of us speaks to the chilling effect of prosecutorial zealotry.

Don't prosecutors have better things to do? Or are we a community free of such evils as drug trafficking, curbside prostitution, car thefts, arson, burglaries, break-ins, robberies, assaults, abuse, neglect, murder, kidnapping, corruption, embezzlement and child-support scofflaws? To name a few.

We ourselves are frequenters of video stores, searching out weekend fare for the home VCR. Admittedly, our tastes run more to old westerns, classic drama or family-related comedy. But like most video-rental buffs, we study the shelves of the neighborhood store.

We have never been within reach of "Deviations" or "Rambone the Destroyer." They have never been suggested to us or foisted upon us. In fact, we have never viewed these films (unlike the jury which was a well-chosen captive audience) because it was not our choice to do so.

Emphasize choice.

Best column (one subject)

Caution, common sense

Ilona Burdette
The Lebanon Enterprise

A quick look at the front page of The Enterprise once in a while is enough to make even the casual reader aware of the devastating impact of motor vehicle accidents.

Fatalities and crippling injuries were once regarded as shocking and tragic. Now, sadly, they are often regarded as routine and tragic — so much so, that at certain times of the year the community holds its collective breath and wonders whether everyone who sets out on the road will make it home in one piece at the other end.

The stories are too often the same: A loved one, a neighbor, a parent, a child is suddenly gone, snatched away, and without warning a gaping hole is left in the lives of those who remain.

Whether death comes to one in the prime or the twilight of life matters little. Such a hasty exit from the joys and woes of this world seems wasteful and senseless.

But what do we the living do to discourage further tragedies, to prevent similar hardships from befalling our loved ones?

Where is the ounce of prevention we so desperately need, which may keep us one day from having to say, "If only..."?

Many partial solutions leap to mind.

"Don't drink and drive!"

"Stay alert!"

"Fifty-five saves lives," or in the words of a Marion County youth gravely injured last year in a near-fatal wreck, "Drive slow!"

One other measure exists, which at the moment of impact, regardless of what combination of factors conspired to bring about the moment, could easily make the difference between life and death: wearing a seatbelt.

The statistics speak volumes.

In Marion County last year, four lives were lost in 538 accidents. This year, three deaths have thus far been added to the toll. Of the seven dead, none was wearing a seatbelt.

Statewide, fatal accidents claimed 671 lives last year. Among the dead, 83 were wearing seatbelts; 576 were not.

In the same wrecks, 334 of 388 motorists who suffered incapacitating injuries were not wearing restraints.

Judging from these numbers, one could conclude that in fatal wrecks, seatbelt wearers have about even odds of being killed or walking away, whereas seatbelt non-wearers don't stand much of a chance: three-to-one, they'll be killed.

Though objective, statistics can't tell the whole story, for they don't record how many lives were saved by seatbelt use.

Instead, perhaps we should heed the subjective experience of a career Kentucky State Police officer.

Having responded to countless highway wrecks in his years on the force, he recently made this memorable observation: "In 29 years, I've never unbuckled a dead body."

Seatbelts aren't the total solution, but caution and common sense can mean the difference between life and death.

If you won't wear a seatbelt for your own sake, wear one for the ones who love you.

Bus brings memories

Lora Anne Wimsatt
Messenger-Inquirer

I was following one of our city buses as I was going to work yesterday. The buses are big and loud and their back windows are grimy. They go fast when they move but they stop often, so it's hard on your car to follow one.

A young woman got off the bus by the grocery store. She was wearing a cashier's smock.

Another woman got off across the street from the business college. She wore jeans and a sweater and was holding some notebooks.

The bus turned a corner and I went straight, so I could drive as I pleased and had time to think.

I thought about the two women. I wondered where they lived and whether they had to transfer from one bus to another to get where they were going. I wondered how early they had to get up to get dressed and ready and be at the bus stop on time. I wondered if they had children, and if so, who took care of them during the day while their mothers worked or went to school.

Thinking about them, I thought about myself, and I remembered when I used to get up early and get dressed, and get my children up early and get them dressed, and we would go stand on a corner and wait for our bus.

Sometimes, we stood in the dawn's early light, watching paperboys glide down the street on their bicycles, bobbing into certain yards like butterflies flitting from flower to flower.

Sometimes we stood in the rain, my older son pressed against my leg and my baby tucked under my chin, making ourselves small under our umbrella, and looked for oily rainbows on the slick asphalt.

Sometimes we stood in the snow, and if the bus was late, as they often were on snowy

days, we jumped up and down to keep our feet from freezing, and we laughed, but lightly because the air was cold in our throats.

We could see the bus coming a long way off because of its orange lights. The interior lights were always on. It made me feel the way one feels when he has reached home after being away for a long time, and the porch light is on and it's yellow and warm and says come on in and sit down, except with a bus you're standing still and your heart looks up and smiles because you're tired or cold and here comes home.

When you get on the bus and drop your money or tokens (they're cheaper) in the glass jar and sit down, all you have to do is look out the window and watch for your stop. Sometimes that's all you want to do.

Years ago, I would ride the bus to the stop nearest my kids' nursery. I would grab my son's hand and hold the baby tight and we ran as fast as we could to the nursery, where I barely had time to check them in and kiss them good-bye before running back to the bus stop on the other side of the street, where I could catch the bus again as it headed back downtown.

I got off the bus about a block away from work and walked from there. Sometimes my hair would be wet and wouldn't dry until lunchtime. Sometimes my feet were cold and never really got warm again until it was 4 p.m. and time to go catch another bus and do it all over again, only backward, and go home.

I knew it was a good thing I didn't have any choice.

The months went by, one bus stop at a time. More slowly than the seasons, my life changed and one day I got off the bus for the last time.

I pulled into the parking lot at work and got out of my car. I hoped those women would keep going. The stop they've been waiting for is just up the road.

On a dark winter's day

Constance Alexander
The Murray Ledger & Times

The other day, I spent the entire afternoon on the couch. I made a fire, wrapped myself in a quilt, and put a full box of tissues on the table next to me. Then I snuggled down amidst the pillows for a day of weeping in front of the television.

I only do this sort of thing at Christmas time, when every tearjerker seems to find its way onto the airwaves. My favorite is "A Christmas Carol." Not the 1938 version with Reginald Owen, but a later rendition, starring Alastair Sim as Scrooge.

The best scene — the one that gets me teary-eyed — is at the end, when Scrooge awakens after his night among the spirits.

When he realizes he has survived the terrors of past and future, the old man, frivolous in his night cap and shirt, dances around the bedchamber babbling, "I am as light as a feather, I am as happy as an angel, I am as merry as a schoolboy, I am as giddy as a drunken man!"

The squeezing, wrenching, grasping, scraping, clutching, covetous, old sinner who was hard and sharp as flint before his midnight flight with the Christmas phantoms is transformed. His pointed nose, shriveled cheek and stiffened gait are gone. His harsh features are softened by joy; he is jaunty as a schoolboy.

When he realizes that he doesn't know how much time has elapsed during the spectral visits, he runs to the window and pokes his head out.

The look that passes over his face is one of sheer joy, as if he's seeing golden sunlight and sharp, blue sky for the first time. And when Scrooge, the new Scrooge, lets out a

splendid guffaw, you know it's the first in a long line of brilliant belly laughs.

"What's today?" Scrooge cries down to a young boy loitering in the street below.

"Why, it's Christmas," the little ruffian replies.

And that's my favorite part — the part that makes me cry.

"It's Christmas Day," Scrooge says to himself. "I haven't missed it. The Spirits have done it all in one night. It's still Christmas," he repeats. And you can see his delight.

I have to admit I can relate to Scrooge, his workaholicism and his curmudgeonly manner. I can empathize with his determination to mend his ways, and sympathize with the challenges that offers.

I like to think about Scrooge a few days after Christmas, around the 28th, when Bob Cratchit comes into work and throws an extra log on the fire. Or when his exuberant nephew hits up Uncle Scrooge for a loan for a downpayment on a house. Can't you just see old Ebenezer's face? The milk of human kindness curdling as his expression sours.

The concept of change is a pretty little pill until you try to swallow it.

Nevertheless, the image of Scrooge on Christmas morning gives me hope that anything is possible.

These last cold days of the decade are a time of reflection on things past and present. A time to balance the books and weigh against shadow. Winter brings the promise of light in the midst of darkness. It is Scrooge's faith the morning after that he can still save Christmas. And himself.

Jail preacher finds good in all

Judy Jenkins
The Henderson Gleaner

Don Lemon knows he's going to get an argument when he says it, but he says it anyway because he firmly believes it.

"There are no totally bad people," says this slender fellow with the 1,000-watt smile.

"There are just people who are hurtin' inside," he says. The hurt may be there for a hundred different reasons, he says, but it's as real as the brick on his Holloway Street home and has to be healed if the individual is to be a whole person.

It's that philosophy and deep faith in God that have taken the 43-year-old Lemon to the county jail several times a week virtually every week for the last 10 years.

He's a jail minister, and yes, he's heard all the jokes about the captive congregation. Though he's a good sport and laughs at that teasing, he'll have you know he doesn't force his message on anyone, and he doesn't go into the jail waving his arms and calling the inmates sinners.

"Some people think of God as someone who's waitin' with a ball bat to pop 'em when they slip," he says. He subscribes to the notion of a more loving heavenly father who'd rather lift up the fallen.

He maintains that the vast majority of prisoners are at least 90 percent good.

"A lot were run down all the time when they were kids," he says. "They were told they'd never be any good, never amount to anything. They've never had any confidence in themselves."

Most, Lemon says, have attempted to lose themselves in drugs and alcohol and have only compounded their problems. Many have come to the end of the road, he says, and feel there is no future for them.

While Lemon strives to see the best in them, he nevertheless says we all have to take the responsibility for what we've created in life.

"I'm there to share the love of Christ and let 'em know everyone hasn't given up on 'em," says the man who is accepted by the majority of inmates. One reason for that acceptance, he believes, is the fact that his own life has paralleled theirs.

"I've experienced everything I preach," he says. "I used to stay down all the time. I lost my wife and my home because of drinkin'."

It was, he says, through "a praying mom and dad (Bill and Dorothy Lemon) that the Lord got me out of it."

Though he's not a wealthy man, he regularly takes stationery, envelopes and stamps to the jail so inmates can write to their families, and he distributes Bibles and Bible study materials.

Those who support his work help him out, but much of the cost comes from his pocket.

There are high points to his jail ministry, he'll tell you. One came a week ago, when he baptized 23 inmates. His dad was there playing hymns on the guitar for that occasion. "I'm his trusty sidekick," smiles his father.

Jailer Jackie Combest says there are several church representatives who come to the jail, and he thinks they all make a difference.

"I don't know how much this will help them when they get out, but it sure can't hurt them."

These are state's dark days

Steve Lowery

The Kentucky Standard

For years I've lived by the adage that it's always darkest before it turns pitch black.

For Kenny Rapier, our own state representative and the House Majority Whip, the skies are dark over Frankfort and for good reason.

The General Assembly is about to go into session. Gov. Wallace Wilkinson has done all but promise that the entire session will resemble "Saturday Night's Main Event," big-time wrestling at its worst.

Anyone who can read — and Lord knows there are still too many Kentucky residents who cannot — is well aware that Wilkinson has the diplomacy of a pit bull. Compromise is not his strong suit.

The man says he wants the state's educational system to improve — something the state Supreme Court says the Governor and legislature must do — yet he throws roadblocks in the way of legislators committed to raising funds to improve the system.

He chides legislators at every opportunity, most recently characterizing the

leaders of our state as whiskey-swilling loafers. Even if he truly believes that to be the case, saying it publicly is no way to develop a friendly rapport with the people he must work with.

Rapier and most members of the House and Senate desperately want to improve the state's educational system. They did all they could to send those signals to University of Kentucky President David Roselle, who last week resigned his post and accepted the presidency of the University of Delaware.

Roselle tried his best to get Wilkinson to commit himself to increasing the University of Kentucky's budget, which would allow the school to be more competitive and hire better faculty members.

Wilkinson absolutely refused to make a commitment and, worse yet, basically told Roselle not to let the door smack him in the backside should he decide to leave UK.

This is not exactly what the doctor ordered for Kentucky.

Yet Wilkinson was extremely

disappointed when CBS broadcast a "48 Hours" segment last week that portrayed Eastern Kentucky as an impoverished area that was filled with uneducated people and their problems.

Those problems include a disrespect for the law, high teenage pregnancy rates, spouse abuse and health problems.

Facts are facts. Teenage pregnancy is a major problem not only in Eastern Kentucky but throughout the state. It's a problem right here at home.

Marijuana may be the state's leading cash crop, lending credibility to the argument that many people in the state don't want interference from police or the law.

Health problems — many caused by poor medical facilities — are a reality in many counties in Eastern, Central and Western Kentucky.

But the Governor chooses to look the other way.

Let him look at his home county of Casey. CBS could have studied the Governor's

home county and found the same problems that exist in Eastern Kentucky.

These are dark days in Kentucky. Wilkinson desperately needs to work with the state's legislators to begin correcting the problems that plague our state.

Instead he worries over whether he can get the legislature to approve a succession amendment. He's bothered by the image the state has throughout the nation.

The skies continue to grow darker over Frankfort. It's nearly as black as pitch.

20 years ago?

Pamela Stearns

The Edmonton Herald-News

Starting this week, every person over the age of 25 will start telling you what they were doing the exact moment that man first stepped onto the moon.

Now, this is only natural. Considering the moon landing, and the first step — both on Sunday, July 20, 1969 — will be remembered as the quintessence of the greatest adventure of this century.

NASA started from virtually nothing and managed to figure out a way to send men to the moon and then actually did it.

So on Thursday this 20th anniversary, millions of Americans will recall precisely where they were as Neal Armstrong placed his foot on the lunar surface.

The stories will be filled with drama and adoration: An American walked on the moon and this is where I was.

Well, I'm not waiting until July 20, I'm going to tell you right now where I was when Armstrong took that historic step.

I was sitting in the living room of my parents' home.

Being avid fans of "Lost in Space" and "Star Trek," my brother, sister and I were glued to our black and white set anxiously awaiting this adventure into space.

My mother was relaxing on the sofa totally engrossed in the novel by her latest favorite author. Mom never really got into the space exploration thing. It was "just progress."

The room was filled with positive attitudes about this glorious event, except for Dad. He already had preconceived notions about all of this malarkey. All of this was taking place on some movie set in Hollywood. These guys weren't really on the moon and he'd never believe they were. My Dad, the dedicated skeptic.

It was all over too soon for me. I mean walking on the moon, visiting a distant place and not encountering an alien. Just give me repeats of "Star Trek."

So there it is — my dramatic personal story on the moon landing.

As you know, the 20th anniversary of Woodstock is coming up later this summer. You'll be hearing hundreds of stories from people who say they were there.

I'll save you the excruciating suspense. I wasn't there. I was very, very young and I couldn't get Dad to take me to watch those hippy communists.

In a dusty library, upstairs . . .

David Dick

The Bourbon Times

Had a call from a nice lady, who said, "I've had two notices that my subscription to The Bourbon Times is running out, and I've about decided not to renew, because I'm recovering from eye surgery." Now the publisher of a small town newspaper does not take lightly either a problem with a neighbor's eyes, or the cancellation of a subscription.

I reached for the telephone.

"Hello, Mrs. Shannon?"

"Yes?"

"I was thinking about your eye problem, and your conclusion that you might be cancelling your subscription, so how about you not worrying about it, and let me come over there and read the newspaper to you?"

"Nobody's ever offered to do anything like that."

"Be glad to do it."

I shut down the word processor in my office at the University of Kentucky, went straight to my car and headed for Paris. A reporter for The Bourbon Times said it sounded like an important story to him, so he came along to take a picture of a newspaper publisher reading his own newspaper to a lady recovering from cornea transplant.

"Here on the front page — we have a story about a sale on the courthouse steps; Pumpkin Day plans a little uncertain; North Middletown going to have its first community fest; Horseshoe Drive residents hope for better luck curbing drainage; County Judge comes up with plan to decrease drainage woes."

"I'd like to hear about the Horseshoe Drive residents."

"Many people living along this peaceful, horseshoe-shaped neighborhood have dealt with a persistent water and sewer drainage problem for years."

We moved on to the editorial page and read an angry letter concerning the coverage of a fatal head-on car wreck, followed by the editor's response. The lady nodded but reserved judgment.

"Understand you enjoy the column, Our Kentucky."

"Yes, I do, especially when you write about education. I think you ought to write more about education."

The reporter who had quietly been taking pictures packed up his camera and left to make another deadline, leaving the publisher and the lady to savor the end of another day. Her interest in education was becoming clearer. Her late husband for 20 years had taught political science at the University of Kentucky. Jasper Shannon had been Malcolm Jewell's predecessor as head of the department.

Dr. Shannon had moved on to the University of Nebraska where he had spent another 15 years.

"We always knew one day we'd come home."

"To Paris?"

"Yes."

We stopped reading the day's

newspaper and began strolling through a past that had included a visiting professorship at Western Kentucky.

"He didn't think much of retirement," said the lady with the soft eyes and the sweet face. She began to talk about the library upstairs.

"Do you suppose I might see the library before I leave?"

"If you promise not to look at the cobwebs."

"Promise."

As we turned for the stairs, I saw the late Dr. Shannon's picture on top of the piano. I recognized him, robust, eager, inspired. I'd not had a class with him where now I was a professor myself, but I wish I had.

I preceded the lady up the winding staircase. At the top was the library. Books lined the walls from the floor to the ceiling. They were double-spaced on the shelves. The mustiness of the room was more pleasant by far than a university library more lacking in imagination.

Volume after volume on the administrations of Eisenhower, Nixon and Johnson and before, the world wars, the Nazi era, the founding of nations, the birth of a state and the growth of a commonwealth, and more were all there.

"On this side of the room is the desk where he worked when he was an academic, and on the other side of the room is the desk where he worked when he was a farmer."

I began to see myself. I began to see the time when others would visit my library after I was gone. I began to see my young wife having a problem with her eyesight. I began hoping that if she called the newspaper that she enjoyed reading, and said she was thinking of cancelling her subscription — the publisher would drop everything he was doing and come at once to go over the front page news with her, read the editorial page to her, both the favorable and the critical. Most of all, I hoped that the publisher would come prepared to talk about education.

If the kind lady will permit it, I'm going to visit her again, and maybe dare to sit in the old professor's chair, both as an academic and as a farmer. After I'm gone, I would want no less for any other publisher, or friend.

Upcoming contest deadlines

March 15 -- KPA Better Newspaper Contest
Sept. 3 -- KPA Fall Newspaper Contest

Reform funds should come from 'Wall-et'

Herb Brock
The Advocate-Messenger

For the last two years, Kentucky's executive and legislative branches have squabbled over how to pay for the education reforms that this state so badly needs and the Supreme Court so rightly has ordered.

There has been a proposal for conforming to the federal tax code.

There has been a proposal for raising the sales tax.

There even has been a proposal to raise the income tax.

But lo and behold, the solution to the financial question recently was found right under our noses — rather, right under the governor's nose.

It was disclosed a few days ago that Gov. Wallace G. Wilkinson — bet you thought I'd call him Wally, didn't you — either has not paid taxes or has not paid his fair share of taxes on some of his privately-owned businesses and properties. His fancy hotel in Frankfort, the Capitol Plaza, was not taxed in 1984 or 1985. And his fancy home in Lexington has been underassessed.

With the taxes he hasn't paid, we could probably bring that teacher-pupil ratio right down to where it belongs, build a couple of school libraries, and even finance another brigade in "Martha's Army."

It troubles more than a few people that a public servant can keep raking in the dough in private ventures and properties while in office. But that apparently is legal. What may not be so kosher is for that public servant not to pay the correct amount of taxes on his private holdings.

Wilkinson could rightfully claim he is the 'education governor' if more money for education were to come from the old "Wall-et."

Elvis is not in Junction City... Despite what you may have read in this newspaper's "Sound Off" column, Elvis Presley is not in Junction City.

... I'm not going to tell you right out where Elvis is; first, I'll give you a few clues:

It was common for Elvis to spend months on the road, but he always loved to come home to Graceland and stroll out back.

No performer was more popular the world over, and that includes places as far away as the Land Down Under.

Always a man who wanted things instantly instead of waiting for them to come to him, one of Elvis' favorite sayings was, "A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush."

Go, go, go was Elvis' lifestyle. He was harder to tie down than a kangaroo.

Rarely did Elvis go out in public when there weren't fans trying everything to get a look at him. Some of them would shinny up trees like koalas to get a peek.

A television set had a short life in Elvis' home, but he doesn't have to shoot at them anymore because the TV reception is poor where he is.

Variety in girlfriends apparently was the spice of Elvis' life. Rumor has it that he is now in love with a gal named Matilda.

Elvis was known to get RIP-ped a lot, but he's been as dry as an Australian desert for over 12 years.

So you guessed Australia? Wrong. I'll give you one more clue: it's a place of rest where he's very close to his parents and far away from the National Inquirer — and his so-called fans.

Coffee



Break

by Scott Perry

Scott Perry
The Paintsville Herald

Political potpourri...

Let's see, the race for US Senate is drawing some flies, er eyes, now that a primary contest is developing on the Democrat side.

Here's the line-up, so far:

First in the race is perennial loser Harvey Sloane, Jefferson County's judge-executive who really wants to be governor but decided to run for the senate this time because (a) Kentucky voters won't elect him governor and (b) John Y. Brown is sick.

Next, we have state Superintendent of Public Instruction John Brock tossing his birth certificate into the ring, claiming he is the only "native" Kentuckian seeking the Senate post. Brock's in the race because they won't let him play on the state educational reform committee and because only a home-grown Kentuckian has the necessary qualifications to straighten out the mess in Panama.

These two, of course, are challenging Republican incumbent Tailgunner Mitch McConnell, whose plan to blast airborne drug smugglers out of the sky was shot down last week by a former outer space flyboy named John Glenn, now an Ohio senator, and the rest of the US Senate who feared the shoot-first-ask-questions-later plan might interfere with regularly scheduled flights to speaking engagements and fact-finding missions to White Sulphur Springs.

So, while the plot thickens in the race for the senate, don't be surprised if some or all of these candidates actually show up in Eastern Kentucky to promise things like (1) if elected I'll see that Eastern Kentucky gets its share of foreign aid, or (b) vote for me and I'll have Manuel Noriega wearing a coonskin cap and working the toll booth on the Panama Canal.

All of this is, of course, subject to change should Governor Wallace Wilkinson change his mind and jump into the senatorial race where he will, naturally, promote a national lottery to wipe out the federal deficit.

John Harper, Bullitt County's soft-spoken Republican representative, announced last week his plans for back-to-back defeats in Kentucky's gubernatorial contest, which is still almost two years away.

Harper would probably make a good governor, a liability his campaign staff will have to overcome if he's to have a chance, which he doesn't because most of Kentucky's Republicans are registered to vote as Democrats.

In fourteen hundred ninety-two,
Columbus sailed the ocean blue.
In nineteen hundred eighty-nine,
college seniors can't tell time.

Okay, maybe that's stretching it a little, but the results of a recent survey conducted by the National Endowment for the Humanities make you wonder...

With these historical basics missing, it's safe to assume that today's youngsters are unaware of one more, very important maxim... Those who don't respect history are doomed to relieve it.

Ready for some more depressing news? Look at the Florida rape trial where the attacker was set free because the jury determined the victim was "dressed for a good time" and "advertising for sex."

Another case of the victim of a crime being found guilty and the accused being found innocent by reason of ignorance... ignorance on the part of the jury.

And in their ignorance, this jury has sent a message that, at least in Florida, you are what you wear.

It's a shame you can't prosecute stupidity.

Excerpts

Best column (variety of subjects)

My dream of being a hoss trader...

Russ Metz
Bath County News Outlook

They don't make dreams like they used to. And dreams are what little boys are made of.

Every lad with a grain of ambition and the spirit of adventure is fired with visions of growing up to become a part of some exciting explorations into the world's frontiers. It is only by some quirk of fate that so many end up as common everyday shopkeepers, lawyers, executives, engineers, teachers, farmers and newspapermen.

At an early age, my lifetime ambition was to be a horse trader. This great decision was prompted by environments, I'm sure, and an uncle who wore sporty clothes.

This uncle was a hoss trader and, after listening to the tales he told, I decided that was for me. Traveling footloose around the country swapping hosses, living out of doors, sampling the nectar of the wine cellars and stealing a kiss here and there seemed like the most exciting way of life in the world. This was the kind of living a little boy could appreciate.

Uncle was the smartest man in the country, I was sure. He was up on all the tricks of slick trading. He knew how to doctor up an old bag of bones to make him dance around like a two-year-old, or blow up a skinny nag with an air pump to make him look fat, to shake a pocket watch so it would run long enough to be traded off, or shine up an old shotgun to cover up the rust spots.



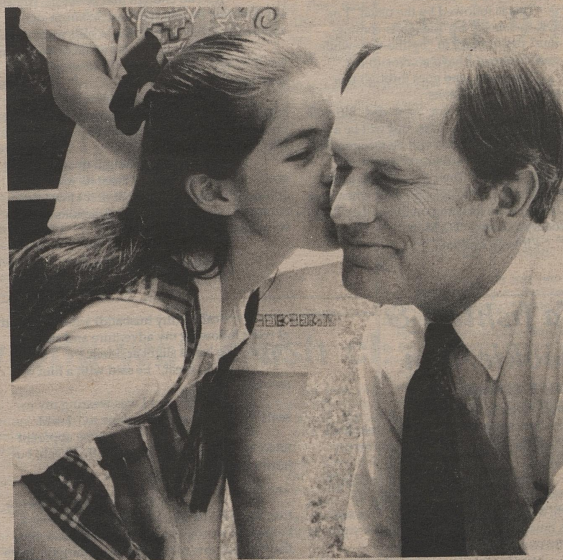
The gourmets of Hong Kong are eating 100,000 snakes a year, according to a clipping from a paper over there. The clipping called them "gourmets" which is still pretty close considering the Asiatic accent.

That is a mess of snake meat, but it would be interesting to know whether a few hundred "gourmets" make a hog of themselves during the fall, when snakes are fat and succulent, or does this mean that a half million or so people took a bite or two of snake steaks in order to qualify as a gourmet?

The reason I'd like to know is because I once chewed along a rattlesnake's ribs in San Antonio just to find out what it tasted like. One thing for sure. It's a lot better than letting a rattler chew on you.

The Hong Kong aficionados have a special sour wine to go with the snake. And the contents of the snake's gall bladder are mixed with wine to form an appetizer. This is supposed to be very good for leprosy or rheumatism. Or maybe seeing snakes.

I don't think I want any lunch.



Theresa Sapp's photo of Lt. Gov. Brereton Jones on the campaign trail earned a first place award in the category of Best General News Picture for the Cumberland County News.

Courthouse conversation of justice turns ugly

Mark Bell

The Harlan Daily Enterprise

"Judge Cornelius sure got one on me this time, I'll tell you."

What do you mean, T.W.?

"I mean what happened last Friday, man. Letting those women loose, like they'd done nothin' at all and paid too much for it already."

Just what is this world coming to, right?

"Exactly. Here you have a perfect example of why it's so hard to get people to have any trust in their government. We're always getting let down, and usually it's for all the wrong reasons."

Yeah, I suppose you're right. But what's that got to do with shock probation?

"Everything! What, have you suddenly gone soft in the head or something? I'm talking about rights, about justice and about honesty — none of which were dealt with squarely in this thing."

Well, let's see if I got it right. Two women, whether by themselves or prompted by others, chose to dispose of publicly entrusted funds by putting it in their pockets.

"Simplified, but you're on the right beam."

They get caught. The state spends all the money to investigate, brings them before a grand jury, has trials, houses them in the local pokey and in only a couple of months they're out. Free as the proverbial bird with nothing more than a side of the mouth promise to pay everything back.

"Our grandchildren will die of old age before that money gets returned."

Doesn't make sense, does it?

"No. And I don't like it one bit. How are the police and prosecutors supposed to do their job if it is to come to nothing."

Well, friend, you do the best you can.

"That's right. But it sure is disheartening when it seems you're alone in the effort. I really think it comes down to just honesty. All of us out here have the right to expect our justice system to uphold a basic principle like that."

"I mean, defendant's rights are one thing, but a slap on the wrist for the confessed guilty! What are you supposed to think?"

I don't know. But I do know that argument about the women needing jobs to pay the money back was about as full of holes as anything I ever heard...

What job are they going to get now where they can expect to earn anywhere near the kind of money they took?

"Sugar daddies, man. Sugar daddies."

I guess because this was the white collar variety of crime that it's not all that serious, the guilty weren't considered dangerous to society and therefore it was just as well to let them out since you need the prison space for all the really bad characters put there.

"I can't argue with that point. But I still don't like it."

It makes me so mad, though. I can't enjoy my food."

You want your fish?

"No. Besides the air conditioner is on so high, it's cold already."

Tell Ramona to turn it off for awhile.

"But it just doesn't seem fair to the rest of us. Is it unreasonable to expect somebody should have to serve at least some time after having stolen so many thousands of dollars?"

About \$150,000 if you put them both together, and

that's just what they know was taken.

"Isn't the word felony supposed to mean something? Just what is the threshold of justice today anyway?"

I would say it's whatever you can get away with and who you know when you can't.

"A nation run by lawyers, or overrun with them. They write the laws, pass them, enforce them, and interpret them. No wonder so many think they are above them. It's this own little world of theirs, created beyond the reach of the rest of us so that we have no other recourse but to submit to it."

Getting a little carried away, aren't we?

"Maybe. But not as far as I'd like to carry some of them. They are everywhere you look. Inside everything you do."

Did you stop off for a big healthy swig at the paranoia fountain before you stopped in to eat?

"I'm just mad. Like everybody else I want to know what is going on and why we keep getting the raw end of it all the time."

We're going to pay for it in the end, I'm afraid.

"You're right. We're just putting down a small amount on the interest right now. One day we're going to have to face up to that heavy principle we've got piled up. Where do you think all the lawyers will be then?"

Wandering off in a different pasture, buddy. Eating at a different trough. They know where to find those loopholes.

"More like they slip through the noose just in time for the rest of us to be caught in it."

"You know, I used to think this was the greatest country and I was so full of hope about it. It is still the best in many ways, but I'm not as hopeful as I used to be."

Don't think it's age doing that, do you?

"Nope. Experience."

A happy 'Hi, Mom' ...

Pat Brockenborough
The Paducah Sun

I was watching a college basketball game last weekend and heard the sports commentator say that one of the players always calls his mother before every game.

How nice. That sweet young man checks in with the most important person in his life on a regular basis.

What does she say to him?

"Watch the other team's zone defense."

"Don't let 'em pressure you into making mistakes."

"Run that ball straight down to the hoop."

"Be sure to floss before you go to bed tonight."

During the Joe Montana Show (otherwise known as Super Bowl XXIV) Sunday evening, I noticed players talking to their moms during the game.

No kiddin'. You saw it, didn't you? The television cameras spotted players on the bench, talking on what appeared to be cellular phones. You think they were talking to coaches? No way. The 49ers' moms were telling their little boys to "hit 'em hard." "Bury 'em." "Go for the three-peat."

Then there are the players who save the price of a long distance call. They stick their faces in front of the camera and lip sync "Hi, Mom!"

Television cameras always zoom in on the place kickers, for a dramatic shot of the intense concentration reflected in their faces as they try for the field goal. I could swear I saw Mike Cofer grin into the camera, "Hi, Mom!" Maybe not.

The mother-son bonding goes back to their Little League days. The moms take the little fellows to practice, work in the refreshment stands, bake cakes to help raise money for equipment, and never miss a game. They're in the bleachers, shouting words of encouragement.

I remember the first year our son played Khoury League baseball. His team's pitcher took a dive for a grounder and scraped a knuckle out on the mound. The game stopped as he wrung his hand in pain. Then his mom leapt out of the bleachers, put a Band-Aid on the wound, and play resumed. He pitched a

winning game, but we all know who saved the day.

Too bad my sons didn't turn out to be professional athletes. If they had, I might hear from them more often. Bubba doesn't check home for advice before he makes a sales call and Biff doesn't phone for reassurance before a test. When they do call, the motivation is thinly disguised.

"Hi, Mom. We haven't talked for a while."

Yeah, like for a month.

"Just thought I'd call to see how you're doin'."

A lot you care, you bum.

This is followed by the usual "I'm-doing-OK-in-school" or "the-job-is-coming-along-fine" preliminary to "by-the-way-while-we're-on-the-phone-I-have-a-favor-to-ask."

Any mom who goes through this routine can fill in the blanks.

I have this dream. Some day, Biff will be a famous nuclear physicist, and will be a Nobel Prize winner. Bubba will be recognized from coast to coast as Advanced Products Salesman of the Year. Their accomplishments will be publicized on television. And when they notice the cameras focusing on them, they'll grin broadly and say, "Hi, Mom."

I'll be in heaven.

...a fishtail & a cookie, hon

Michelle B. Howard
Campbell County Recorder

This just hasn't been my week. It all started last Tuesday morning as I was on my way to work.

I was zipping along on Interstate 75 on my way to our Boone County office to complete the paper before deadline. This was the first time I had been on I-75 since they put up the barrels for paving purposes...

My car came to a rest on the right side of the road but only after plowing into a broken-down car. What are the odds? Broken-down cars are scattered along the roadsides and one just so happened to be exactly where my car wanted to be...

Run that by me again

Tim Ballard

The Kentucky Standard

Kentucky, unfortunately, is blessed with too many people who are either uneducated or undereducated.

Kentucky, fortunately, is blessed with a government that tries to provide jobs for all the citizens of this great commonwealth.

The Department of Highways certainly does its part to provide jobs for the uneducated and undereducated.

It puts them to work painting road signs...

There is something wrong here.

It's bad enough that Bernheim comes out Bernheim on one sign and Bernheim on another less than a quarter of a mile away.

It's something else when there are no less than four signs that spell Lawrenceburg as Lawrenceburg...

Now I understand that it's easy to misspell a word. I do it all the time. But I don't put mine in big letters on road signs giving visitors directions.

Kentucky has enough image problems without having the state itself going around putting up signs that don't have the names of towns and tourist attractions spelled correctly.

"What's that in your ear?"

"It's a hearing aid."

I called (my husband) when I arrived at work following my adventure and said, "Bryan, I've had a slight accident."

"Oh, great," he said with a hint of sarcasm.

"I'm OK and I was wearing my seatbelt like you always tell me to," I said.

With this reply it became apparent what he was most concerned with: "Yeah, but how's the car?"

... Jamie, our advertising representative, and I frequently visit the Cutting Board because of its convenience and fine food. But there is only one reason for our afternoon visits to the establishment — Heath Bar cookies.

Those cookies are huge. For 79 cents you can have one of the best cookies you ever sank your teeth into.

After a depressing day last week, I decided it was the perfect time for a Heath

"What's it for?"

"It keeps the lion in my ear from escaping."

And so it goes.

Actually, being hard of hearing does have its advantages. Take a recent Sunday night, for instance.

Not having my hearing aid in while I played meant I couldn't hear all those snide remarks Bill Stivers made about how Tommy Byrnes and I walked instead of the ran end of and down the court while playing basketball at Bloomfield.

You also have a built-in excuse for not taking out the garbage or doing the little odds and ends around the house you've been ordered — er, asked — to do.

Kenny Simpson, who teaches junior English at Nelson County High School, was explaining to his fifth period class the other day how he spent three hours one night reading William Faulkner's *The Sound and the Fury* for a class at Centre College and never could understand what it was about.

When he went to class the next day, his professor explained why: It was written from the point of view of an idiot.

"You shouldn't have had any trouble understanding it then," student Trista Coy piped up.

cookie. I called the Cutting Board to have them set one aside for me and the lady told me they were out. When I asked what time they would have a fresh batch, she told me never.

"I don't think we'll be making those any more," she said...

Please, Connie and Ellie, bring back the Heath cookies. With the way this week has gone, I'm going to need a dozen.

... Aaarrgggh! I'm 22 years old and while I may not deserve to be called "ma'am" yet, I'm sure I don't like being called "hon."

Well, maybe I do, but only by my husband. And until I see him in a Wendy's uniform, asking for my order, I would prefer that no other fast-food cashiers call me pet names.

2 dead in apparent murder-suicide

Kenneth Hart

Ashland Daily Independent

MOREHEAD — A Morehead State University administrator and his wife are dead in what authorities are calling an apparent murder-suicide.

Dr. Larry W. Jones, 49, dean of Morehead's College of Professional Studies, and his wife, Dr. Ellen B. Barker, 43, an assistant psychology professor at Bloomsburg University in Bloomsburg, Pa., were found dead at Jones' university-owned

home about 5 p.m. Monday, Rowan County Coroner Jim Barker said this morning.

Authorities believe Jones shot his wife once in the head with a .38-caliber handgun, then turned the weapon on himself. Jones also died of a single gunshot wound to the head, Barker said.

The incident sent shockwaves throughout the Morehead State campus.

"The university community is deeply shocked and saddened by

this tragic turn of events," university spokesman Keith Kappes said this morning. "We extend our heartfelt condolences to the families involved."

The couple's bodies were found lying on a bed clad in nightclothes. Jones was holding the weapon allegedly used in the shootings.

Barker said both Jones and his wife had been dead for several hours when police arrived at the home, located at 524 McClure Circle in a neighborhood just west

of campus.

The shots that killed the couple were both fired from point-blank range. Barker said he believed that both died instantly.

Police have yet to establish a motive for the shootings, but Barker said evidence was found in the home to indicate that Jones had been planning his actions for some time.

"He left notes all over the place, apparently to help his family," the coroner said. "It appears to me

that he went to some lengths in planning this."

One of the notes was a request that the couple be buried without funeral services, Barker said, while another was request that authorities not open a briefcase containing some of Jones' personal belongings until members of his family could be present.

Jones also sent an apparent suicide note to Morehead State President C. Nelson Grote through Turn to 2 DEAD, Page 10

Spot news story

Stanford fire hits Main St. businesses

Annabel Girard

Danville Advocate-Messenger

STANFORD — A grease fire in the L & N restaurant that started shortly before noon Saturday destroyed one of downtown's oldest buildings.

Firefighters fought blazes that leaped as high as 50 feet in the air when the fire broke through the roof of the two-story historic building that

See more photos on Page B8.

once held the town's theater. At times, the heat from the flames could be felt as far away as the portico of the courthouse across the street.

Destroyed in the blaze were the restaurant, and dentist, attorney, real estate and counseling offices. "We are going to have to dig in and fight back," said Bob Noe, owner of a third of the first floor of the building.

Roberta Phillips, cook and waitress at L & N, said the grease used for deep-fat frying caught fire about 11:15 a.m. "The fat got too hot. I turned it off. It kept smoking. Then it caught fire."

After warning the customers, Phillips ran down the street the couple of blocks to

Blaze touches entire town

By Annabel Girard Staff Writer

STANFORD — While firefighters from 10 departments battled flames destroying a historic downtown building, James Woods Adams found himself kept busy in a different way.

As manager of the Stanford water system, his concern was seeing that water supplies to fight the fire were adequate. As a consequence, people in outlying districts found their water cut off to maintain pressure downtown. An estimated 300,000 gallons of water were poured on the fire.

"We could see a pressure drop on our gauges in town," Adams said. "A year from now, we'll be

Saturday fire in Pleas results in total loss of

Andy Ivers

Henry County Local

John Shuck had just been to LaGrange to eat pizza, and on his way home at approximately 8:30 p.m. Saturday, he stopped by his grocery store in Pleasureville to pick up some blank checks to pay his tobacco workers.

One hour later, a passerby spotted flames at John and Cheryl's Market and reported it to Pleasureville Police Chief W. I. Nichols, who promptly notified the Pleasureville Fire Department.

With flames shooting from a vent in the roof of the building, the Pleasureville and Eminence Fire Departments managed to confine the fire to one building of the city block; a craft shop next door suffered only smoke damage.

By 2:30 a.m., the fire was extinguished and the scene was cleared, but not before smoke, heat and flames caused a total loss.

Investigators have reportedly ruled out arson as a cause of the blaze, but more specific details will be available following a report scheduled to be filed next week.

The most severe damage caused by the flames was in the extreme left-hand corner of the

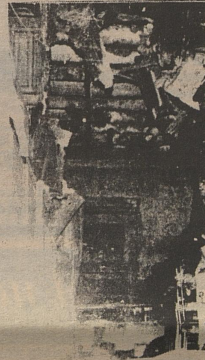
damage, the smoke and heat perhaps dealt the most severe blow. Because of health concerns, all of the merchandise in the store was lost because of smoke and heat damage.

The searing heat of the blaze shattered the glass doors in the freezer units and melted an entire rack of two-liter soft drink bottles in the front window.

"I feel like a part of me is gone," Shuck said, as he walked through the blackened interior of his store on Monday.

Shuck said the store could have been on fire when he returned on Saturday evening, but he did not notice anything unusual.

Shuck, who has operated the store since March 1980, said



17-year-old student surre after 9-hour standoff at s

Mike Marsee

Corbin Times-Tribune

McKEE — What began as a typical Monday morning at Jackson County High School turned into a daylong saga of fear when a 17-year-old senior stormed into a classroom and took 11 students hostage while he demanded to see his father.

Dustin Pierce stormed into Brenda Clark's world history class at about 9:20 a.m. Monday and took his classmates hostage as police negotiated with him for almost nine hours.

Pierce released his last two hostages at about 6:15 p.m., and he surrendered to Kentucky State Police two minutes later.

Pierce was taken to the Clay County Detention Center in Manchester after he laid down three firearms and surrendered.

Pierce's father, Donald Pierce of Delray Beach, Fla., had been contacted and was apparently en route to Kentucky when the boy surrendered. However, broadcast reports said the elder Pierce did not arrive in Kentucky and his whereabouts were unknown.

School officials, acting on the advice of psychologists on the scene, decided to resume classes today. A team of counselors was scheduled to come to the school to meet with students.

An official with the Jackson County Rescue Squad said several students were taken to local doctors for treatment of stress.



BETTY BOND Jackson Co. High School principal

CRAIG

But while the events of Monday may have seemed like something out of a movie to many Jackson Countians, it more closely paralleled something out of a book.

State police Det. Bob Stephens said a book, Stephen King's thriller "Rage," was found in Pierce's room at his grandparents' house and was helpful in leading negotiators. Stephens said the book and some personal writings gave some clues to what Pierce had planned.

In the book, a teen-ager enraged at

his father take and ultimately ends up in a

"After reading suicide was w with at the er Like the ch Pierce was ups asked to see l Police also references in P at 9 o'clock w (Continu

High-speed, wrong-way crash c

By PAULA VANN Reg. Paula Vann McCreary County Record

Izetta Wilson didn't live long enough last Wednesday to explain why she was driving at high speed in the wrong lane of U.S. 27, although she has left a lot of people wondering.

According to McCreary County Coroner Milford Creekmore, she died immediately when her southbound car — reportedly driven at high speed in the northbound

lane near U.S. 27's intersection with KY 92 at Pine Knot — rammed head-on into a second vehicle driven by a former McCreary Countian. The high-speed crash demolished both cars.

Wilson never even hit the brakes.

Dead at the scene of the 6:40 p.m., Feb. 7, wreck were Wilson, 51, of Helenwood, Tenn., and Billie W. Vanover, a 54-year-old female resident of Oneida, formerly of Whitley City.

Preliminary reports indicated

that at the last mile may have attempted car to avoid the v which was careen vehicle as she slowed

Coroner Creekmore told The Record results are still pending yet know if a contributing factor, cans were found vehicle.

Wilson was south 27 after allegedly be a hit and run incl

Simpsonville area gets hit by 'twister'

DuAnne Puckett
Shelbyville Sentinel-News

Three barns, a garage, and about a mile of fence were destroyed Wednesday afternoon when an unconfirmed tornado passed through the Simpsonville area.

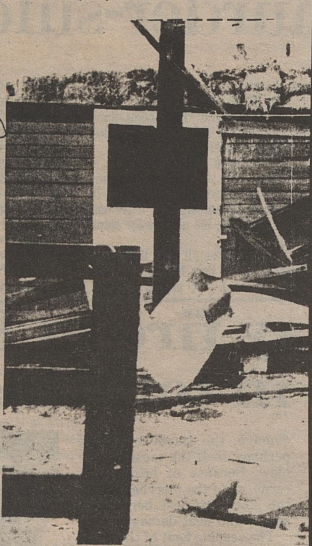
Twisted trees littered with bent pieces of metal roofing and domino-effect destruction of fencing on Brunerstown Road left little doubt in some minds that a funnel cloud had passed.

Margie Fields says she saw it. "I was in the front bedroom taking down curtains 'cause a painter was coming today (Wednesday) when I looked out my window and there it was," she said, with an excited lift to her voice.

"I froze," she said. A repairman remodeling her basement came up the stairs and pulled her down stairs until the brunt of the storm passed. "When I came back up, I saw it," she said, referring to the devastation in her yard.

As the rains subsided Wednesday afternoon from a steady downpour to a peppering

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What's left of the barn on Robble Simms' farm unconfirmed tornado had in the Brunerstown Road area and other debris. he said, "That dumpster," pointing to a

Phone tap, two hour stand-off, end Salem bomb threat incident

Wade Daffron
Russell County News

A tension-filled week of bomb and shooting threats against students at the Salem Elementary School ended Thursday after police tapped a suspect's phone, and arrested him on seven counts of terroristic threatening.

The man, Darrell Richardson, of Russell Springs, is the same man set to face trial next month for a July 1989 fire which killed over 20 horses near Russell Springs, authorities said.

Almost four days of telephone threats at random locations through Russell County came to a halt when Richardson was arrested Thursday, after an almost two-hour standoff with police at his home.

Kentucky State Police Detective Jimmy Antle and Russell County Sheriff Larry Bennett obtained search warrants and arrest warrants for Richardson

appeared at the door with a gun held to his head.

"He stated that he would kill himself," Antle said.

"He said he wasn't going to come out of the house and he wasn't going back to jail," he said.

Richardson had recently been incarcerated for the July 1989 arson at the Bill Bailey Stables.

Horse barn arson suspect arrested for making bomb threats

Several state and local law officers surrounded Richardson's McClendon Ridge home, and after two hours of telephone negotiations by Antle, State Police Sergeant Mike Sapp and Richardson's attorney, Robert Wilson, Richardson walked from the house and was taken to the

The surveillance device detected three calls made that day, the detective said.

*one phone call at 10:06 a.m., to the Lake Cumberland Area Development District, where an employee was told their child would be "blown up" at Salem.

*a call at 10:20 a.m., at an undisclosed residence, with a threat to shoot a child at Salem.

*a third and final call to Fruit of the Loom, Jamestown, where a threat was made against an employee's child.

Antle said there were at least four other telephone threats made from Monday to Wednesday;

*a telephone threat to Salem Elementary, saying a bomb was in the school — forcing the school to be evacuated.

*a threat claiming there was a bomb on a bus at Salem Elementary called in to The Russell

General news story

Murder charges dropped

Wade Daffron
Russell Springs Times Journal

After being incarcerated over a year for the murder-rape of a 15-year-old Russell Springs girl, two Russell County men were freed before their scheduled trial began Tuesday.

Charges were dropped against Jack H. Shaffer, 28, and his half-brother Paul Popplewell, 20, who were charged last September with murder, rape, sodomy and kidnapping in the death of Tina Roberts, a runaway found shot to death last August at Goose Creek, near Russell Springs.

Police had charged Roberts was abducted by four men, raped, sodomized, and taken to the creek where Popplewell allegedly held Roberts as Shaffer shot her six times in the side of the head.

A third suspect, Mark A. Smith, of Russell Springs, entered a guilty plea to sodomy Friday, and was sentenced to ten years of probation by Judge Morgan.

None of the four men arrested for Roberts' murder have been tried.

Minutes before the murder trial's start, Special Prosecutor in the case, Greg Price, from the state attorney general's office, told Russell Circuit Judge Philip Morgan there was a lack of evidence against the two men and the attorney general's office suggested charges be dropped.

Judge Morgan accepted the prosecutor's motion and before noon Tuesday, Jack Shaffer and Paul Popplewell were free men.

SHOCK

After several examples of the slow, grinding wheels of justice, including plea days, pre-trial motions and various legal maneuvers, one of the most anticipated trials in Russell County history was about to begin Tuesday.

People filled the courtroom to see the brutal killers of a 15-year-old brought to justice.

While a jury for the trial was



Paul Popplewell, left

"We came up new evidence indeed tend show the two people were not guilty"

Film on Corbin racism draws sharp criticism

Deborah Campbell
Corbin Times-Tribune

Corbin has been unfairly represented by a documentary focusing on the racial attitudes of the city through the years, a long-time resident said.

But the filmmaker says don't shoot the messenger who brings bad news.

The film focuses on the 1919 deportation of a group of black L&N Railroad transit workers and their white bosses from Corbin. It was released in March.

"Trouble Behind: A Film About History and Forgetting" was filmed three years ago by Danville native Robble Henson. Residents who lived here in 1919 were interviewed for portions of the film.

The film is showing primarily at film festivals, winning awards across the country, according to the Associated Press.

According to Henson, the documentary will be available for black study programs across the country next fall through California Newsreel.

"Corbin is being damaged and the state is being damaged because this is being called a race riot," said Allen Dizney, a 63-year-old Corbin historian.

According to Dizney, the incident did not happen because of the

ness, raising Cain ... so they ran them out," said Dizney.

However, their white bosses were loaded up on the train as well, he said.

"Black people living in Corbin were told to get some food and go into their houses and wait till it was over — 'cause they weren't mad at them," said Dizney.

According to Dizney, nine black families lived in Corbin during the 1920s and 1930s.

"Corbin never was that racist," he said. "There's white people I wouldn't want living next to me."

Dizney provided a copy of the Nov. 1, 1919 Louisville Courier-Journal which contained an article on the deportation.

According to the article, headlined "Mob drives 200 negroes out of City of Corbin," although 500 shots were fired, no deaths resulted.

The incident began because "an L & N watchman had been attacked by a band of negro laborers and his throat cut," according to the article.

The article also described the deportation: "Large numbers of negroes were assembled in the passenger station last night and guarded until trains arrived when they were compelled to leave."

According to Dizney, the number of deported workers was closer to 50 because Corbin did not have

Times-Tribune, Henson said he chose Corbin for his film because he found "the situation that happened in Corbin unique and dramatic."

And his choice of Corbin was not made as a specific dig at the town, but as a chance to look "at a place with a legacy of racism problems. It could have focused on any town ... I thought it was a good story."

According to Henson, viewers of the film at the New York Film Festival called it "unique and (yet) very much like any place in America."

Making the film was an opportunity to air a legacy with which everyone must deal, he said.

"It doesn't do much good to shoot the messenger and not pay attention to the message," said Henson.

According to Mayor Tom Thurston, who was interviewed for the film, "Henson had promised to let us see it before it was shown anywhere."

But few Corbinites have viewed the hour-long, \$80,000 production.

"I think at some point it might not be out of the question to come to Corbin and show it," Henson said.

His decision to do this would be based on "if there's interest there, (and if) other advocate groups

Wheatley cleared

Kelley Warnick
Gallatin County News
Information supplied by staff writer
Shon Wylie

Roy Wheatley went home with his parents on Monday afternoon to spend his first night out of jail since his Aug. 17 arrest on two charges of arson.

Wheatley, 21, Warsaw, was free after a not guilty verdict was returned in one of the most sensational trials in the last ten years in Gallatin County.

He was accused of setting fires in Warsaw at the Cat's Paw Restaurant on July 4 and at a storage building of Wilson Lumber and Hardware on July 5. They were the first two of seven cases of arson which have plagued the town in the last half of 1989.

During the trial, which lasted two and half days, Commonwealth Attorney Willie Mathis relied primarily on a confession Wheatley made after his arrest as the main focus of the prosecution.

Wheatley gave the confession to federal agents of the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms on Aug. 29, while being held in the Gallatin County Jail. In the statement, the defendant said he was responsible for both fires. In his confession Wheatley said he started the fires at the encouragement of his friends, former city councilman Johnny Wilson and Wilson's wife, Karen.

However, shortly after making the confession Wheatley publicly recanted his statements. He said he only admitted setting the fires because

also called Donnie Lionberger, who said he saw a suspicious car driving away from the fire at the storage building at about the time the fire was started. The car's headlights were off and it ran a stoplight as it left that part of town.

Wright tried to discredit the confession by pointing out that Wheatley had been in jail for 32 days without having a lawyer when he gave his statements to the federal agents. He said Wheatley had been interrogated over and over again by federal, state, local authorities and threatened with long periods in confinement. Wright said Wheatley agreed to the confession simply because he thought by doing so he could get out of jail.

Besides the confession, Commonwealth Attorney Mathis put a friend of Wheatley's, Raymond Tippet, Aurora, Ind., on the witness stand. Tippet testified he talked with Wheatley at Riverfest about the Cat's Paw fire and that Wheatley admitted setting the fires with Johnny Wilson.

Apparently, the jury believed the defense attorney. They took less than an hour to return not guilty charges on both accounts.

After the trial, Wright said he was convinced of the client's innocence from the beginning and that he was impressed with the quality of jury.

He said that while he thought the police did a good job in their investigation, he said it seemed to him all the different law enforcement agencies were not cooperating with each other during their investigations. Wright also pointed out that he

'A good lawman'

Friends can't envision former chief as robber competency hearing sought

Karen Herzog
The State Journal

LEXINGTON — When former Woodford County Police Chief Charles "Randy" Redmon shuffled into a federal courtroom Wednesday afternoon wearing leg shackles and handcuffs, stunned family members blinked back tears.

Charged with robbing the main branch of State National Bank in Frankfort at gunpoint March 22, Redmon forced a quick smile as he passed his family.

U.S. marshals removed the handcuffs, but not the leg shackles.

The handsome, neatly-dressed former police officer then sat at a table next to his court-appointed attorney, as U.S. Magistrate James Cook explained Redmon's rights during his first court appearance since FBI agents arrested him Tuesday.

Earlier Wednesday, friends in Woodford County said they didn't believe Redmon was capable of robbing a bank.

"He made a good lawman," said James Hartley, a former neighbor. "He's just a darn good boy in my book."

Assistant U.S. Attorney John Compton, who will prosecute the case, and Redmon's attorney, James Alexander of Lexington, said they expect to request Redmon be evaluated by a psychiatrist to determine if he is competent to stand trial on the federal charge.

Alexander would not comment on Redmon's state of mind.

But Compton said today: "Obviously, it's out of character for someone with his background to do these kinds of things."

Compton said he expects to take the bank robbery charge before a federal grand jury sometime next month for possible indictment.

If the grand jury indicts Redmon, the case will be

prepared for trial. If Redmon is not indicted, a preliminary hearing will be held by the magistrate to determine if probable cause exists to support the bank robbery charge.

Compton has asked Cook not to release Redmon on bond.

A hearing tentatively is set for 2:30 p.m. Friday to determine whether Redmon is a danger to the community, and whether he can be trusted not to flee if released on bond from the Fayette County Detention Center pending trial.

Compton said if the motion for a psychological evaluation is filed today, the hearing may not be held tomorrow.

Alexander said Wednesday he thinks Redmon should be released on bond because he has strong ties to the area, with family in Woodford County.

Redmon, 36, lived on the same farm where he grew up in south Woodford County until he and his wife, Charlene, separated in November 1987, according to friends and court records. Redmon moved to an apartment in Lexington and the couple divorced last year.

Farmers give mixed on comprehensive plan

Victoria Schreiner
Shelbyville Sentinel-News

Farmers sent a mixed signal to Fiscal Court at a public meeting Wednesday night on the county's comprehensive plan's goals and objectives.

Many farmers voiced their opinion that they did not like the plan's proposed goals and objectives which would create agriculture estate zones, saying that would kill the county's agriculture industry.

However, some farmers said that they should have the right to do what they want with their farm land, including selling it for the best possible price even if that meant selling it to developers.

Fiscal Court had called the special meeting to find out how people felt about the plan before voting on it at its meeting Tuesday morning.

Consultant Steve Mooney, who has helped the Triple S Planning and Zoning Commission devise the comprehensive plan, explained to the nearly 90 people in attendance Wednesday night that the goals and objectives have to be approved before the detailed maps and restrictions can be worked out.

Even though there were realtors, developers and farmers

in attendance, most of the questions and debate centered on agriculture estates and prime agriculture land.

Agriculture estates would allow residences on five-acre tracts within agricultural areas without farm activities. Prime agriculture land is identified as

'Once this document leaves Fiscal Court, we've lost control. . .'

10 acres or more without residences. These areas would be identified in ordinances after the comprehensive plan's goals and objectives are adopted.

Mooney said that prime agriculture areas could be identified in an ordinance to protect the property from being subdivided into five-acre lots.

Peggy Perry, who farms with her husband in Shelby County, told court members and planning and zoning members attending the meeting, "Agriculture and residential development can't co-exist in the same area."

She referred to farmers who spread liquid manure or who

Some residents dispose of refuse ranging from mattresses to motor sinkholes that dot the area. Sinkholes empty into underground streams.

There also is the region's economy.

"You can look at it on the very high, philosophical, very noble and glorious side by saying, 'What a horrible thing it would be if the world's longest cave were polluted and closed to the public,'" he said.

"Or you can look at it in terms of crass dollar bills. What's \$38 million a year in terms of local tourism?"

Others put the effect on local tourism at \$44 million annually. Using a formula for how

much a typical tourist spends, the Cabinet estimates the statewide economy of Mammoth Cave at \$79 million a year.

When talking about polluted cave tourism, people in this part of Kentucky to the town of Horse Cave.

Sitting beside Horse Cave's main site large hole that opens onto Hidden River. Early in this century, Hidden River was a tourist attraction that rivaled Mammoth Cave.

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SCC names Mar

Former governor to lead St. Catharine's charge

Ninie Glasscock
Springfield Sun

St. Catharine College reached out and grabbed the gold ring last Friday, issuing a stunning announcement that former Kentucky Gov. Martha Layne Collins would become its new president.

Collins, who has been in contention for the presidencies of both the University of Kentucky and Western Kentucky University in the years since she left office in 1983, will replace Sr. Dolores Enderle, O.P. on July 1.

Sr. Enderle announced last month that she would be resigning to become vice president of the Dominican order in Racine, Wis.

The surprise announcement of the Collins' appointment came during a hastily-arranged news conference, convened after the St. Catharine board of trustees met and offered the position to Collins. According to Norma Rapiet, who serves as the chairperson of both the board of trustees and the search committee appointed to seek a new president, the Collins announcement was not supposed to have been made until yesterday.

The search committee members had been keeping secret since May 22 that Collins had "tentatively accepted" the position, she said.

A quickly-called news conference became necessary Friday, however, when news leaked out that Collins was on campus for interviews with administrators, faculty and the board of trustees. The board met to vote on Collins at 7 p.m. and Collins was standing before television cameras answering questions a half hour later.

Collins, who was one of 21 applicants for the position, will become the college's eighth president when she takes over her duties on July 1. She will also become St. Catharine's first non-Catholic president, its first lay president and its first former Kentucky governor president. She said during Friday's news conference that she felt "honored that this institution would seek me out."

State Sen. Ed O'Daniel from Springfield, who serves as vice chairman of the college's board of trustees and was a member of the search committee, called Collins last month

Pollution from sewage is threatening Mammoth Cave, the world's longest cave and a world-famous tourist attraction. Unless money troubles stalling a new sewer system are overcome, the park might be forced to close.

Andy Mead
Lexington Herald-Leader

MAMMOTH CAVE — As the crow flies, it's about six miles from Park City to the rivers that flow through the world's longest cave.

As the toilet flushes, it's about 12 hours. Scientists say that's how long it takes untreated sewage to make its way through the Swiss cheese rock that lies under this region.

They know this because they have flushed dye into Park City septic tanks, then watched the underground rivers change color.

They also know that parts of the cave sometimes smell like sewage, and that what is called FFM, or floating fecal material, has been seen on the rivers.

Officials at Mammoth Cave National Park warn that if something isn't done, the world-famous attraction eventually might have to close.

Park Superintendent David A. Mihalic said environmental disaster wasn't the only risk.

MAMM

Feature story

During his wife's illness and for a time after her death, Alan Mickel kept hidden a painful, scary fact. Now, with courage and compassion, he has spoken out and is able to help others suffering as she did.

Kevin Nance
Lexington Herald-Leader

Once, Alan Mickel had a secret. When his wife's memory began to slip, when it got harder and harder to find the right word when she was right on top at an alarming rate, their friends started asking the question: "What's the matter with Kate?"

He'd put them off with a shrug. Later, when she died in Lexington at the age of 86, the question resurfaced, more to the point: "What did she die of?"

"Pneumonia," he'd say, and it would be true.

But only partly true. For Mickel, the next two years were a journey toward the whole truth, the truth that mattered.

Along the way, he sat in small rooms with women and children who were dying. When the end came, he sat with those who were left and understood their desperate need to keep everything absolutely secret.

"That family in Florida got their house burned down," they whispered to one another in support groups. "That boy in Indiana, they ran him out of town."

But with every new diagnosis, every death, every family torn apart, Mickel's secret seemed less like protection and more like a lie. A hurtful, cowardly lie, the kind that contributes to a problem rather than avoids it.

Staff Writer
Susan Phelps
Corbin Times-Tribune

hol volume in my body. Janet was to consume 48 ounces of beer and register .07; Tammy, eight ounces of whiskey and blow a .10; and Betty, 48 ounces of beer and register a .05 on the test. Peggy was our "swisher," which meant she was to only take whiskey into her mouth and "slosh it around and spit it out" before going before our trainee officers.

The amounts of alcohol consumed was determined by our body weights. Our special trainee instructor, Dennis Mills, monitored our test. At noon, he gave us a breathalyzer test on the Kentucky State Police Intoxilyzer-Alcohol analyzer. All of us registered .00.

So at 1 p.m., cold sober, we began. Settling down in a circle at the training site, the Corbin Vocational School, we began drinking and eating pretzels. Through the next hour, I gained new friends and downed nearly five beers.

This was fun. We talked about families, children, country music and drunk driving.

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Judy Jenkins
Henderson Gleaner

For all the able-bodied people who whine "I can't," Julia Ellen Pfingston is a quiet rebel.

The young woman with a bashful smile and eyes the color of a Union County summer sky would no more consider preaching to others than she'd attempt to fly off the windy hill that's home for her high school.

But she doesn't have to give lectures on the power of a positive attitude. She's been living that message most every day of her 20 years.

Though the cards were stacked against her before birth, with Down's Syndrome and cerebral palsy robbing her of some of her mental and physical abilities, Julie has refused to lie down and let fate walk on her.

And that's why the Union County High School senior has been chosen as one of only about 35 special people in the United States and Canada to receive this year's "Yes, I Can!" awards from the Foundation for Exceptional Children.

In late April, she and her parents, Jane and Eddie Pfingston,

"Let me win. But if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt."

- Julia Pfingston

will journey to Toronto, Canada, where Julie will be awarded a "Youth Victorious" statue for her unique accomplishments.

She not only marches to the beat of a different drum — she

Three Christmas ca

Theresa Hockenberry
Cumberland County News

Christmas 1989 was a very special one for 85-year-old Joe Neal "Baker" Anderson of Hominy Creek.

This Christmas, Anderson was able to sign and address his own Christmas cards for the first time in his life.

At the age of 85, Anderson is learning to read.

"Anybody can learn to read and write, if they will just work at it," Anderson said.

Anderson has lived on Hominy Creek, near Marrowbone most of his life.

According to Anderson, he always wanted to learn to read.

"There wasn't anyone around to teach me, and you need help," Anderson said.

"I went to school, but I didn't go all the time," he said. "I would just go a few days each year."

"It was different back then.

just didn't go to school."

Last November, Anderson heard a radio announcement about the adult reading program.

"The lady on the radio said you could learn to read the Bible," said Anderson.

His niece, Grace Anderson, had recently moved into the house across the field from him. A few days later he asked Grace Anderson if she would teach him to read.

Three days a week Baker Anderson walks across the field to her house for his reading lesson.

He carries his reading books and homework papers in a feed sack.

The covers of the books are worn from use.

"We always start off by reading passages from the Bible," Grace Anderson said. "He has already covered Proverbs, Romans and John I. We are working on John

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Fight fires

Mackville chief steps down

Ninie Glasscock
Springfield Sun

Resting comfortably on the man's head is a blue cap, emblazoned with the image of a red Mackville fire truck.

He pushes the cap back on his head sometimes, for emphasis when he speaks. But mostly the caps' just there, a part of the man, part of what he's about.

The Mackville Fire Department. And R.C. Hendren. The two go together.

"We started the fire department back in 1968 after the store burned down," says Hendren, leaning back in the chair in his office at the Mackville Ashland station. And his mind crawls back over 22 years. "It was right here, on this spot. Had a restaurant and living quarters and about 10 o'clock of an evening it caught on fire."

The fire burned bright, Hendren remembers. And the people of Mackville could do little but stand by and watch it burn.

plan their own fire department--Hendren, and his neighbors. Before long their number totaled more than a dozen. There was Joe Harmon, Bruce Burkhead, Earl Hendren, Bill Minor, Reid Milton, Pete Bottoms, Freddie Lake, Forest Graves, Winfield Gabhart, Marty Hardin, Carlton Shewmaker, Don Graham, Lucian Milton and Hansford Shewmaker.

Hendren was the first fire chief. In fact, he remains the only one of the original firemen still on the department.

Until last month, Hendren was also the only fire chief. When he stepped down, handing the department over to Bobby Lee Russell in February, it was the end of an era--of sorts.

Of course things won't change much with Bobby Lee running the department, Hendren explains. It was just time to step aside and let a younger man take over. Time to look ahead.

Looking back, Hendren remembers that there was a lot to building the department. It took some doing.

Three hours later and four and half beers, I'm jail bound.

After nearly a half-dozen testings by regional law enforcement officers, I have realized I'm not safe to behind the wheel of a vehicle on a highway much less writing a first-hand story behind the terminal of this computer.

I was among five volunteers who took part in the driving under the influence and sobriety testing for our area police Tuesday.

Seventeen officers from city and county law enforcement agencies are participating in the week-long in-service training hosted by the police.

Gift of life

New computer system "talks" for Donna Walls

Ninie Glasscock
Lebanon Enterprise

She is a strikingly pretty young woman, with large hazel eyes set deep inside a ring of thick black lashes. Her dark hair hangs in curls on shoulders tanned a golden bronze.

She sits like a beautiful porcelain doll in a high-backed chair in the living room of her parents' home in Loretto. She sits ab-

past nine years, methodically robbing the 30-year-old Loretto native of voluntary control over all the other muscles in her body.

The disease is progressive. And terminal. But last month--for the first time in nine years--Donna won something back from her disease. Last month, Donna was presented "a miracle" in a box marked IBM. The computer inside the box gave

ily. It's home.

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When the Rev. Jim Graf came to pastor St. Monica Catholic Church in 1982, many parishioners were excited. To get a young priest, to start making changes -- for some, this meant making real a dream.

He was a white priest in a largely black parish, like the elderly priest before him. But there was work to be done, committees to be formed.

"You have to give him credit," said Mildred Cambron, a church member for 23 years, and the coordinator of religious education. "When he first came here, he let you do the things that allowed you to grow."

The honeymoon, however, was not to last.

See CHURCH
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Amy Taylor
The Kentucky Standard

A church is crumbling. The walls still stand, but the spirit fades.

Money is gone. Parishioners are worn. They've battled in an undeclared war.

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One Sunday at Mass at St. Monica Catholic Church, a mentally retarded woman suddenly joined the choir.

She rose from the front pew, reserved for the handicapped, and stood with the singers, moving to the gospel music.

Choir members made room for her.

When the time for the Sign of Peace came in the service, black people and white people shook hands, or hugged, and looked into each other's eyes.

Because for most people, black, white, red, Christian, Jew, St. Monica feels like fam-

torn by war with priest

Kowan lumber mill operator new use for sawdust, thriving

Jim Robinson
Ashland Daily Independent

MOREHEAD — What do you get when you mix cow and horse manure, straw, sawdust and bark?

If it's done right, a Rowan County lumber mill gets an organic plant mulch that nurseries and farmers are scrambling for and a solution to one of the most pressing problems facing Kentucky lumber mills — how to get rid of sawdust.

The year-old experiment at J.C. Wells & Sons, a Morehead lumber company, appears to be thriving.

Within weeks, the mill's owners plan to buy a second grinder to mix their top-secret mulch recipe — called Mulch-Plus. They hope to double production to near 600 cubic yards a day.

Wells got into the mulch business reluctantly after Kentucky environmental regulators outlawed teepee burners, in which mill operators had burned sawdust, said vice president Jim Wells.

J.C. Wells shut down the burner after a 15-year battle with state regulators and the threat of a \$150,000 fine. The fine was reduced to \$5,000, according to Wells.

"We'd still rather be blowing it into the burner," Wells said.

Egging It On: Lo

Pam Shingler
Floyd County Times

Appearing almost as fragile as the eggs they built into one of the largest locally owned businesses in the Big Sandy Valley, George and Mary Jane Brown are, nevertheless, as hardy and fresh as the product they hawked in Floyd County for more than four decades.

From a "peddler's route" on the Beaver Creeks, the Browns developed Brown's Food Service in Prestonsburg in the early 1940s. The original business had two employees besides the couple, operated with one truck and sold primarily chickens and eggs, bought from local farmers and marketed to families in the mining camps that flourished in the area.

Today, the business, relocated to Louisa in 1984, employs more than 100 persons and sells all kinds of food and related products. Customers served by the company, with 20 trucks today, have expanded from Floyd County miners to commercial food operations throughout Eastern Kentucky and southern Ohio.

Brown, who turned 90 on July 5, and his wife gave management of the company to their three sons when the business moved to Lawrence County, but the two still serve as consultants.

business built up faster than any business in Floyd County," Mrs. Brown says proudly.

Most of the eggs being sold when the Browns came on the scene were "cold storage eggs." By selling eggs and chickens gathered fresh on local farms, the couple quickly snared the market.

"The big coal company stores all switched to Brown's chicken and eggs," says Brown, a slightly built sharp-witted man. "We sold a powerful lot of eggs. Word soon gets around."

In addition to initiative, innovation was a key word in the Browns' business vocabulary. The business had the first automatic chicken plucker in the area. With what looked like a big rubber finger, the machine could remove feathers from three chickens in a minute.

"You should see the number of people who used to come in just to see it," says Mrs. Brown, with a warm, infectious laugh that punctuates much of her conversation.

After about three years in business, the Browns began handling canned goods and frozen foods. They invested in the largest freezer in the area and took advantage of a new trend. "Frozen foods were just beginning," says Mrs. Brown, "and

Burley farmers good crop, good

Steve Whitaker
Pulaski Week

For the moment Bert Rogers is taking it easy.

Leaning back in an iron chair on the porch of his western Pulaski County farmhouse, the veteran tobacco producer said that now, right after June and July's cultivation of burley, is a slow time. Time for a short break from the demands of raising Kentucky's top cash crop.

"It's been said that it's a fourteen-month-a-year job," he said. "It overlaps."

"If you fix your tobacco beds in the fall, it overlaps," he added.

Rogers has raised tobacco for well over thirty years at his farm. Currently he has about 14 acres under production.

"But I've worked around tobacco all my life," he said while stroking a dog sitting next to his chair.

Traffic is steady on West Highway 80, which separates Rogers' home from part of his fields.

"I've grown 35 or 36 crops," he said. "Probably more than that."

The first stage to burley production is preparing the tobacco bed, according to Rogers.

"Then you prepare the land for ploughing, for disk'ing your crop," he said. The land is disked and the tobacco plants are usually transplanted in May or June.

"There's been some transplant in July this year, but that's a little late," said Rogers. "The first of April is too early."

After the crop is transplanted, it's cultivated.

"When it gets up to where it's four to a third bloomed out, well, you top it," he said.

The burley is then sprayed with insecticides to control various pests.

"And then you let it stand for about three to five weeks and then the plants were trays and were house."

The partner

Opening your own business? Learn to be a manager

Herb Brock
Danville Advocate-Messenger

Bill and Joan Smith (not their real names) couldn't wait until the "grand opening" of their crafts boutique. It was going to represent the fulfillment of a dream.

Bill had been a school teacher for 20 years and Joan had worked the last 10 as a part-time store clerk and full-time homemaker. What they really enjoyed, though, was their hobbies. In their spare time, Bill worked in the wood-working shop in the back of the house, making everything from stools to small hutches. Joan used her off-hours doing all sorts of needlepoint.

"We had a good income and a comfortable life, but Jane and I really thought it would be so much better if we could make a career out of doing something we really loved and doing it together. I was burned out and ready to pursue a new career, anyway," said Bill, who, along with Joan, agreed to be interviewed providing

It's tough to make one succeed

by other craftsmen, cash registers and some office equipment.

Then, they both quit their jobs — and a combined income of \$48,000 a year — and prepared for their new careers as small-businessmen owners.

"It was a little scary, particularly when Bill quit a good job he'd had for over two decades," said Joan. "We had sunk most of our savings, except for our kids' college fund, into starting the business."

"But we felt good about it, real optimistic," interjected Bill. "We'd be making most of the merchandise ourselves at home, and we'd let two part-time people do all the sales, bookkeeping, janitorial and everything else. So overhead would be real low for us."

Business/agribusiness

Help Wanted

When Tom Hensley wants to talk about forming an agricultural cooperative he has amassed a tremendous amount of information to support his case.

But now, Hensley says he needs some important help and a heaping amount of input from farmers.

For over a year, Hensley, a Nicholas County farmer, feels an eight county area along the Licking River is an excellent area to build the cooperative.

Nicholas, Robertson, Montgomery, Bath, Fleming, Harrison, Bracken and Pendleton counties have been picked out to be part of the cooperative building effort.

Chuck Henley a marketing specialist in the Agricultural Cooperative Service of the United States Department of Agriculture is spending two weeks in the eight county area to gain input.

"I am here to do a feasibility

Growing tobacco plants could be farmers' wa

Kim Saylor
Bourbon Times

Waterbeds may be the wave of the future for tobacco growing in Kentucky and two area farmers hope to ride that crest to success.

Bush Hudson and Berkley Mark, owners of Gateway Plant Bed and Greenhouse Products Co. in Montgomery County, are first-year distributors for Speedling Inc. of Kentucky. They are one of four dealers in Central Kentucky.

Speedling's float system eliminates transplanting seedlings from a plant bed to the field, because they are grown in foam trays that ride on water instead of being planted in soil. The plants are started in Florida using a tobacco seed that is coated to make planting easier.

The plants are usually grown in Florida greenhouses. However, Mr. Hudson and Mr. Berkley are building two greenhouses and receive the transplants from Florida. The partners will receive the trays in mid-April, divide the seedlings into larger trays, grow them for about four weeks and then plant them in fields in May.

Mr. Hudson, who has been in the tobacco industry for 50 years, said the advantage to using the

distributors who helped construct the greenhouse, Raym Jessup, is also part owner of three tobacco warehouses in Sterling including Grow where Mr. Hudson is manager. Mr. Jessup said he and his partner, James Wilson, put up greenhouses last year. Over last year the number of greenhouses built increased from 22, he said. They grow flured tobacco rather than burley.

Mr. Hudson said farmers can't order the plants directly from

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That seems to be the case with most of the die-hard pottery bulls who descend on Bybee Pottery each Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning, armed with their cameras. The excitement on the part of the pottery bulls is evident as they crowd the line outside the building and Mark is stationed on the door. On the other side of the door, Mark explained with a laugh, "We are excited about the light from the crowd press up against the door. They're planning a strategy. We were told to go

Bybee Pottery attracts long lines

Ruthie Maslin
Richmond Register

BYBEE — It's 7:30 on a Monday morning. The sun is beginning to brighten the eastern sky. Most people are just staggering out of bed. But outside a pottery business, several dozen people have already been standing in line for at least 15 or 20 minutes. They're not waiting to get concert or basketball tickets. Bybee pottery is packed down here," said Cincinnati resident Karen Linser, who came with her husband Mark. Karen bought her first piece of pottery at a Cracker Barrel store. "I teach art and pottery in the way they dig their own clay here, and that fits a family-run business," she explained. This morning, Karen is standing in line on one side of the building and Mark is stationed on the other. On the other side of the door, Mark explained with a laugh, "We are excited about the light from the crowd press up against the door. They're planning a strategy. We were told to go



How politicians win and Investigative/analytical story

Staff
Lexington Herald-Leader

For the children of Kentucky, this is a time of hope.

Kentucky's public school system, historically one of the nation's weakest, has been declared unconstitutional by the state Supreme Court. The governor and the legislature are considering bold changes, including more spending.

But while leaders in Frankfort speak of more money for education, people across the state are asking a blunt question:

Will the new money really help the children? Or will it — like so much money in the past — be siphoned off to serve the needs of politicians?

Although leaders in Frankfort command the spotlight, the politicians who really control Kentucky's schools are scattered in 177 districts across the state.

They are school board members, superintendents, tax assessors, sheriffs, prosecutors and various courthouse allies. These are the people who make Kentucky schools what they are.

assess — the property that is taxed to make good schools possible.

They collect — and often fail to collect — those taxes from property owners.

They hire political friends as bus drivers, mechanics, janitors and cooks. They hire their relatives, turning away more qualified applicants.

They harass and drive away teachers who speak out on school issues, then hire docile replacements.

They immobilize school boards with feuds over jobs and money.

And all the while, the real needs of the schools and the children go unaddressed.

These practices are found most often in poor areas, but they also exist in some of the state's wealthiest school districts. Wherever they occur, they harm all Kentuckians who pay their taxes and want a better future for their state.

Since the Supreme Court issued its ruling in June, Herald-Leader reporters have visited scores of small towns and cities, asking questions and examining documents to determine how the schools are controlled.

In cases after cases, the reporters

a brand of local politics adults and cheats chil

Fatalities from DUIs real when hit home

DuAnne Puckett
Shelbyville Sentinel-News

Editor's note: This is the first in a series about the Kentucky General Assembly. People who want to let legislators know how they stand on issues can call the message line 1-800-372-7181.

Steve Cloninger has never tolerated people who drink and drive but he usually didn't make a public issue of it.

Now the pastor of Grace Assembly of God Church has taken his opinion to Frankfort.

Cloninger is supporting a report by the Attorney General's Task Force on Drunken Driving that seeks stiffer penalties for people charged with drunk driving.

The legislation, now in the form of a senate bill, is co-sponsored by Cloninger's brother-in-law, Sen. Pearson (D-Radcliff). Cloninger and Pearson lost relatives in the Carrollton bus crash in 1988 when a drunken driver crossed the center and ran his truck into a church coming home from King's.

The driver of the truck, Mahoney, was originally charged with murder but was acquitted.

Cloninger said he had never before taken a public stand on an issue but he felt the need to do so now.

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by Scott Perry
Paintsville Herald

It's part of the American Dream and it once was a prerequisite for having the right to vote, to have a say in the selection of government.

Property ownership—a piece of ground, a house, a farm. While the lack of it today precludes no one from participating in the workings of democracy, possession of real estate remains a vital key in our country, our state and our county's government.

Much of the service our governments provide is financed through property ownership or, more specifically, property taxes. Revenues from real estate taxation are divided up to help underwrite our schools, our fire departments, our libraries, our police departments and a host of other government services.

The process by which these taxes are collected (or not collected) has been an issue of close scrutiny in recent times. Though it sometimes appears complex, that process is basically a simple one.

In Kentucky, there are six key players in the property tax game. There's the local Property Valuation Administrator, who sets the value of the property to be taxed; there's the state Revenue Cabinet, which supervises the assessment and collection process; there's the County Court Clerk, which handles the printing of tax bills and files liens against delinquent taxes; there's the county Sheriff, whose chief function is collecting property taxes; there's the County Attorney, who places and enforces liens against delinquencies and, last but not least, there's the property tax payer.

There are eight basic steps in the property taxing process which begins, and ends, with the taxpayer. Here's how it works:

Step one: The county Property Valuation Adminis-

collect taxes. His basic duty is per roll which, when completed, is for Revenue Cabinet in Frankfort.

Step two: The state Revenue Cabinet rolls are certified, local taxing age boards, fiscal courts and city council individual property tax rates.

Step three: After state certification of local tax rates, the property tax responsibility of the County Court the tax bills printed.

Step four: The printed tax bills county Sheriff, who mails the bills whose primary duty it is to collect

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Step five: Upon receipt of their usually have a prescribed amount after which they face penalties. Pay the sheriff.

Step seven: In Kentucky, the state requires that the Sheriff collect a taxes due, usually 90 percent, before start all over again for the next tax

Bird claims police

Mary Branham
Corbin Times-Tribune

Questions have arisen as to whether a taped telephone conversation is the result of a regularly monitored police dispatch or that of an alleged illegal wire tap.

Deputy Police Chief Nolan Bird claims Chief Carson Mullins instructed that an illegal tap be placed on his office phone. He says that's how the tap in question was made.

Mullins, however, says the conversation was taped at the dispatch center, which monitors all calls to the police department. He said every employee in the department was aware of the taping machine at the dispatch phones and that it is

standard practice. The machine has been inoperable for some time, he said.

But Bird said he's basing his claims on information from a fellow police officer as well as an admission from the man that allegedly tapped his line.

It was reported to me by another police officer back in March that my telephone lines had been tapped," Bird told the Times-Tribune. "The officer that tapped them also advised me he had tapped my tele-



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Mid-level employee

By TED SLOAN
and AMY CARMAN
State Journal Staff Writers

An assistant director in the Transportation Cabinet earned more money at her state job than Wallace G. Wilkinson did as governor of Kentucky last year.

Rita G. Young, assistant director of the cabinet's personnel office, made a total of \$70,479.70 in 1989, state records show. Wilkinson's 1989 salary as governor was \$69,730.92. Milo D. Bryant, Mrs. Young's boss, made \$62,552 as Transportation secretary.

Mrs. Young's pay included her salary of \$51,836.40 plus \$18,643.30 in payment for compensatory time.

Cabinet officials said Mrs. Young's workload increased when several people left her section.

"That section got to be from one of a lot of experience to one with no experience, and the only one to pick up the slack was Rita," Deputy Transportation Secretary Jerome L. Lentz said. Mrs. Young was training new people during the day and doing her regular work at night, he said.

The Transportation Cabinet has reduced its workforce by 881 people since Milo D. Bryant became secretary, Lentz said. The retirement incentive "window" — a three-month span in 1988 during which employees who retired were given additional service credit — cost the cabinet \$76 people

Comp time is money

Compensatory time gives state employees a way to off in exchange for time worked in excess of a normal week. But they also may be paid for the extra time.

eligible employees accumulate more than compensatory time, they may request pay hours at their normal rate of pay. The state employees for compensatory time after 200 hours.

That can be a big money-maker for some. A three-month examination of the State Journal. At least three Transportation employees have made thousands of dollars in compensatory time. It provided one, an income that made her one of the highest state government in 1989. Another, a divorcee, was not entitled to the money, gave it to a newspaper began its investigation.

State Journal reporters Ted Sloan and Amy Carman began a four-part series on compensatory time government, beginning today.

probably was hurt more by the 'window' than any other cabinet because it lost so many professional and technical employees," Personnel Commissioner Thomas C.

She leaves 'em laughing on and holding bag after music

Ken Metz

Bath County News-Outlook

In a community where business agreements are often verbal and clinched with a handshake, most people seldom worry about the possibility of bad debts by those they know, least of all by those who are well-known and respected.

Unfortunately, there are always exceptions to the rule.

People in the community of Bath and Montgomery counties learned a hard lesson, when "Haw" star Roni Stoneman and her husband Larry Coryia came to the community with some high hopes for some big dreams and left

learned that Stoneman and her husband had filed chapter 7 in a Nashville, Tennessee, bankruptcy court on December 27, 1989. According to bankruptcy notice sent to creditors, the debtor schedule indicates no assets exist.

Generally speaking, according to Donald "Champ" Maze, county attorney, persons who file chapter 7 bankruptcy, have no intention of repaying their debts and only secured creditors such as banks stand a chance of recouping their losses.

But the group of people involved in Stoneman's event, feel like they have been deceived. Promises were made, but unfortunately very little ever followed through.

while in Nashville. He told the laid-back, friendly community and country store that in his hometown of 1 Stoneman visited here in 1 was taken by the area he so he decided to change his plans and make Pre-riate for the big event.

The wedding covered newspaper and television drew thousands and included entertainment by local Nashville bands, food and other events.

Months later, the couple up in Bath County telling plans to hold the Inter-Fiddling Contest and Gr-

he says were improper

Celia McDonald

LaRue County Herald News

Mayor R.K. Keith said he will fire, has fired, will not fire Hodgenville Police Officer Mike Helm. He said he is not suspending Helm, he is "just not going to work him." He said that as a part-time officer Helm has no rights to enforce laws the same as full time officers and no powers when off-duty. He said Helm has written tickets unlawfully and that's why the mayor has taken it upon himself to get rid of the tickets.

He has a right to, said Keith. "That's my prerogative."

The problem with disappearing tickets has surfaced in a number of

ways, but the mayor has a pretty quick explanation for it. "I can do that as acting police chief," he said.

County Attorney Danny Rock disagrees. Circuit Court Judge Larry Raikes questions some city police practices and policies. Some local police officers give conflicting answers about questions basic to their jobs and cite a lack of consistent direction from City Hall.

An investigation of several claims made by the mayor indicate he is wrong on almost all counts, although in some cases apparently because of having based his information on old laws or non-existent ordinances.

It also reveals that the citations

which were thrown out were often, if not always, on friends or associates of the mayor. "It's old-time politics of the way you know is how you're treated," said Rock.

"I never look into a ticket unless somebody asks me," said Keith. He said he had not taken such action as this "until Helm got involved and started writing unlawful tickets."

He also implied that the only problem was that Rock wants more cases "So that he can get an assistant county attorney. So then, thataway you get tickets written that's false," said the mayor.

These things are certain: The mayor did, by his own admission,

A story of Christmas Still waiting on

As you can see by looking at this page, there isn't much sports action to report unless you count the games people were playing to try to win a parking space at the shopping malls last week.

The most popular game was to locate a shopper leaving a store and follow that person through the parking lot with your bumper at their thigh in hopes of securing the shopper's very valuable parking spot.

What a frightening sight: people loaded with shopping bags, racing for their lives across the treacherous pavement as two or three cars nipped at their heels, the drivers shouting "Mine, mine, I saw him first."

I followed one confused woman for 30 minutes as she crisscrossed one large lot in search of her misplaced car, only to watch her dump her loot in the trunk and head back for more. Not fair.

Anyway, since there is not much to report, I have plenty of time to reflect on this week's action, the Montgomery County boys basketball Christmas tournament.

As I sit here, warmed by the cozy light dancing from my computer

Sidelines

Kenn Johnson
Sports editor



Mt. Sterling Advocate

A snowfall, much like this recent one, had decimated our ranks for practice one day, leaving only 11 players available for the workout.

Due to this situation, I was upgraded to the second string and was assigned to guard Harold Sergeant, an aloof senior who only rarely acknowledged sophomores by the gratuitous flick of a wet towel. (Sarge would later break most of Morehead State University's scoring records.)

Sarge whispered to me early in practice that I would find red hot analgesic balm in my jockstrap every day for the rest of the year if I made any attempt to play REAL defense on that day. In what was one of his kinder moments, he agreed not to make me look bad when I got the

Some of my friends have been asking me lately, "What ever happened to that story that you were going to write about your trip to Charlotte when you got to see the Hornets play?" Well, I'll tell you. You see, I have been waiting for about six weeks for a certain individual to call. I will not tell you who it is, but his initials are Rex Chapman.

That's right. It seems as though our "home boy" has forgotten to check his messages for several days.

In case you're wondering how this all came about, go to the refrigerator, get a nice cold pop, sit back in your favorite recliner and read on.

Last month I knew in advance that I would be in the Charlotte area on business, so what better way to break up the monotony but to take in a Hornets game. I called the sports information director and requested a press pass and to my surprise, he said "Just send me a letter and it's yours." Simple enough. I then threw together a letter of request in record time and mailed it out the next morning. Four days later the Charlotte office



usual, and ran into the press area in search of someone who could point me in the right direction. Luckily, I ran into some very nice members of the press and they shoved me towards the Hornets locker room. Well, as luck would have it, I missed the opportunity to get my interview by two minutes. You see, they close the dressing room to the press 45 minutes prior to game-time and so goes the story.

All was not lost though because I did have in my possession a press pass that enabled me to sit directly under the goal on either end of the court—Oh, woe is me. After being advised by some other members of the press on where to get the best shots, I finally got myself situated. I made it through the team introductions and had only snapped one roll of film...just a little trigger happy, I guess.



Darrell Bird

Sports editor

Elizabethtown News-Enterprise

Wildest dream is sweet reality for UK's heroes

Each into Kentucky's bag of tricks this morning, and you might emerge with a little lint under your fingernail. But nothing more.

The rest has been spent, crumpled in an exhausted heap in pursuit of the unthinkable dream. A hope and fantasy that did come true as Kentucky, a team dismantled and left for dead by NCAA sanctions, stunned the national college basketball world by beating No. 9-ranked LSU 100-95 Thursday night in Lexington.

"This is the greatest feeling in the world," freshman Jeff Brassow said. "With where we've come from in the beginning. All that hard work has been worth it just for tonight."

Coach Rick Pitino's team needed a miracle to beat the mighty Tigers and used every weapon—on and off the court—to achieve it.

As important as any jump shot were the fans—a Rupp Arena record of 24,301.

■They were dancing in the stands to the '50s hit "Shout!" being blasted over the PA system.

■Signs draped from every corner of Rupp Arena, ranging from a bedspread-sized "We're gonna kick your butt, dude!" featuring Bart Simpson of animation fame to the tasteless assault on LSU Coach Dale Brown: "If it's Brown, flush it down." That gem was a giant computer print out...high-tech crudeness.

■By no coincidence, UK's ritual of recognizing former players featured Mr. Wildcat Dan Issel, who was scoring his way to the top of the UK record book while most of today's Wildcats were being born. The legend came to life, and he was at Rupp to see how today's group measures up.



MARK C. MATHIS
Sports writer

Owensboro Messenger-Inquirer

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ex Chapman was on a roll.

And it wasn't on the basketball floor.

Certainly, Chapman showed flashes of brilliance Tuesday night, when he scored a team-high 16 points in Charlotte's 88-82 exhibition loss to Minnesota in Lexington.

But he was most impressive afterward, when he answered questions for nearly 20 minutes in Rupp Arena about the University of Kentucky, what it was like being the object of adoration for an entire state, life after UK, life in the NBA.

For the quiet former Apollo High School star, the session was quite a change. A surprising, thoughtful change.

Chapman, who was so young but seemed so old when he last played in Lexington as a 20-year-old sophomore at UK, returned to play again at Rupp as a man.

A colleague said it seemed kind of sad to see the wonder kid grown up. But as time passes it happens,

Spending a rainy Thursday in the Caribbean

The Old Testament rains fell this past Thursday and I happened to be right in the middle of the day long downpour.

Photographing an accident on the road to Sacramento, I swore to myself that I'd never forget my umbrella again. Soaked from head to toe, I was a prime candidate for the flu.

Driving back to Calhoun, my eyes deceived me as I passed animals traveling in two and the framework for a great ark being constructed near Rumsey.

As I slogged my way up the steps to the NEWS office, I looked forward to the comfort of a warm bath and a hot glass of cocoa.

But the loud clatter of the police scanner ruined such good thoughts as the sheriff's office spewed out reports of flooded



In This Corner...
by Mike Banks
McLean County News

flopped into my chair and deposited the two or three gallons of water squishing in between my toes onto the floor.

As I went to hang my drenched coat up to dry, my eyes glanced across my desk, and the wet coat hit the floor, short of its intended destination.

As if by some miracle, the soaked socks and water trickling down my neck became a distant memory.

Flipping through the pages of the Sports Illustrated swimsuit issue, I was transported to the Windward Islands, a Caribbean chain about 100 miles northeast

sun, sand and serenity; qualities which I was in dire need of.

With Elle, Rachel, Kathy, Judith and a host of other beautiful hosts, the downpour still raging outside the office doors was easily forgotten.

One moment, I was snorkeling in the clear waters off St. Lucia, then resting on the sands of P. Island, and finally diving off rocks of St. Vincent.

My half-hour trip into paradise came to an end way too soon.

My heart-felt thanks go to Sports Illustrated for making a saturated Thursday a little more bearable and jeers to those who condemn magazine's annual swimsuit issue.

Appropriately enough,

Some at Somerset carried their grief a step too far

This column should have been written after the Somerset-Laurel County game in the finals of the 48th District Tournament, but I didn't want to look like a cheerleader for the Laurel County program.

I felt it was impossible as a graduate of Laurel County High School to look upon last Saturday's game with complete objectivity. But I continue to see the game discussed and written about everywhere I turn.

I was proud to be from Laurel County after the Cardinals' 91-73 loss to Somerset. I felt Laurel County had handled a very difficult situation with class.

I'm sure everyone with an interest in the game has heard by now that an emotional Somerset team outplayed Laurel County. The Briar Jumpers had dedicated the game to Jonathon Perdue, a popular Somerset student killed in an automobile accident the night before.

The prayer before the game mingled with the sound of students crying was enough to touch everyone. Dedicated the game to Perdue and pouring every ounce of energy into the game was a noble gesture. But for many, the



Corbin Times-Tribune

Mitch Howard
Sports writer

noble gesture turned into nothing more than exploitation. Using a tragic event as an excuse for bad behavior is prostitution of the worst kind.

Please don't use emotion as an excuse for what happened to the student who carried the Laurel County flag.

A student with a new red-and-white, satin Laurel County flag circled behind the Somerset bench during a time out late in the second half. He was swarmed by Somerset fans, who took away the flag. Somerset players even crawled into the stands to join the fracas.

Sure, the Cardinal fan slunked Common Sense 101 for going near the Somerset stands, but was he asking to be assaulted?

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Athletes will endure associated with success

Shepherdsville Pioneer News

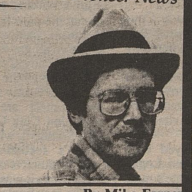
As North Bullitt head coach Gerry Jarvis said Monday night after his team lost to Shelby County in the Eighth Region semifinals, "only athletes feel this kind of pain."

We all feel pain at sometime in our life. It affects some of us differently than others, but the pain that comes to an athlete at that one moment in time seems to take its toll on them in the same way.

There is no greater anguish for an athlete than to have your dreams taken away from you in less time than it takes to snap your fingers. Strong men cry at that moment. Women hardened to the realities still break down.

It is like someone has just reached inside of you and taken away everything you have worked a lifetime to accomplish. For that one moment, the athlete feels empty and alone in a big world.

For many athletes, there will be another chance and another dream. Still, for the high school athlete, this void is baffling them



By Mike Farnet
Sports Editor

for the first time. Like your first love, it is something you never completely get over.

Twice in three days this week Bullitt County teams went through the gut-wrenching emotion that comes from being so close to a dream that you can seemingly touch it with the end of your finger and yet so far away when it is realized that the ambition will never be attained.

First, it was the Bullitt East Lady Chargers losing to Oldham

Sports column

Once A Big Man On Campus, He's

Ledger & Times Asst. Sports Editor

"Our effort was there, I am proud of our kids," Cain said. "We just couldn't stop the big boy."

At 6'7" and 431 pounds, Brian Meadows had a right to the claim of being a "big man on campus." Meadows played football for two years at Prestonsburg High School (during the '85-'86 and '86-'87 seasons). Meadows

gained most of my weight in the past two years. My dad had a heart attack and while he was in Lexington, I stayed around the hospital and was inactive and ate a lot and just began to

"My dad had to go to Paintsville to see Dr. Corazon Chaua because of his illness. While in the doctor's office I

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As with any diet
was the toughest.
"At first it was unreal," he said.
"You have an addiction to food, and
you feel you can't live without it. But
you can live without it to an extent."
Meadows says that losing weight

Nicholas gir.

In a season where the Lady Jackets won their first district tournament game . . . their first district title, Nicholas County's Lady Jackets have claimed the school's first girls' regional tournament game win.

"And after tonight, I'm certain Jenny Randall is one of the best . . . if not the best . . .

So says Madisonville-North Hopkins High School principal

M-N principal James L. Stevens

James L. Stevens, whose school-like many others in Kentucky and elsewhere - must face the reality of budget cuts within the athletic department

Team play

Jim Turner
Russellville News-Democrat

Lady Cougars to meet Ohio Count

The Lady Cougars and the Lady Eagles met again in November on Butler County's floor in a pre-

in Louisville, she may be surprised. Logan has abandoned the running game in favor of a more controlled

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Feast brings football team closer

The teenagers on the 1989 Washington County football team may have never heard of the song, now a decade old, but in listening to them talk it could very easily be adopted as their theme song for their football season.

Ever since 1975, when the Sidebottoms' first son Jeff was a freshman, Tom and Linda have fed the Washington County football team with a lavish layout of delicacies. "We had a couple of years there (between

And if the meal isn't enough, the Sidebottoms have added some door prizes to spice up the night. "We draw numbers out for wrist bands and things," Tom and Linda said. "The kids enjoy it and we do too. They are really a good group of kids."

Powerful move pushes winner past favorite

Then Nafzger turned and kissed the lady. "You won the Kentucky Derby. Oh, Mrs. Genter, I love you."

Mister Frisky and Summer Squall dashed the hopes of many in the crowd of 128,257 who had made them heavy favorites. But Unbridled's powerful move that won the

Through the years, the Sidetons have seen tons of food consumed at their home on Kelly Shop Lane, much of it by her own three sons and three other brothers, Larry, Jeff and Eric Smith. "I'd have to say that my boys and the Smith boys probably had the best appetites of all the players," Linda said. "Of course, Big

Sports feature

Gray finishes Little League career with 50 hill victories

Bobby Brockman

Central Kentucky News-Journal

Records are set to be broken, but are they?

As Darian Gray completed his fabulous Little League career Monday night when the Campbellsville 11-12-year-old Blue All-Stars won the Campbellsville

ditional, he set some marks that could be very tough to eclipse.

His win in the second game of the night over Marion County gave him 50 career pitching victories.

Gray started off his career with a modest 1-0 record during the regular season of his nine-year-

old year for Robert Kearney's Twins. But, his dominance was evident for the All-Stars that summer as he posted a 2-2 mark on a team which fell to its 10-year-old counterparts in the Campbellsville Invitational finals.

As a 10-year-old, Gray won eight of 10 decisions in regular-season play before he dropped a playoff encounter to the Twins. But, after that he won six of seven All-Star games, which ended with the championship win over Marion County in the Campbellsville Invitational.

As an 11-year-old he defied the skeptics by making the top All-Star squad after posting a

Nantzes, Dailys love the action at Owensboro Raceway Park

By BRAD SCHNEIDER
Sports editor

On an average Saturday evening in the summertime, Hendersonian Shirley Nantz piles her kids into her big '73 Chrysler Newport, drops them off at a friend's house, takes care of any grocery shopping that needs to be done, fills up with gas at the nearest service station and then heads on over to Owensboro to drag race.

That's right, drag race. Only minutes after visiting the market, Nantz is hurtling down the eighth-of-a-mile strip at Owensboro Raceway Park in that same Chrysler, her purse slung over her shoulder and the gas pedal pressed all the way to the floor.

And she wins. Nantz is the 1989 Firestone points champion in the Heavy Stock division at ORP and has qualified for the Firestone Division III National Championships at Indianapolis Raceway Park next weekend.

The points title was especially sweet for Nantz this year, because last year she was just edged out for the No. 1 spot ... by her husband, Doug. In fact, Shirley's sister Esther placed third overall in the Heavy division in 1988. But that's OK, because Esther's husband, David Daily, clinched the 1989 Super Pro division points title last Saturday.

Confused? Maybe, but it's clear that the Nantzes and the Dailys have become the first family of drag racing in Henderson, even though the dynasty started on a whim.



David Daily of Owensboro Raceway, in the foreground, and his wife Shirley Nantz.

Cars racing Super Pro division points title last Saturday.

For Don Gullett, the game is over, but the legend lives

By Robert Kaiser
Herald-Leader staff writer

SOUTH SHORE — Don Gullett leans forward, staring at the framed photograph on the wall as if it were a mirror and he were a man just noticing his first gray hair.

It is his image in the glass, but this is crueler than what happens when a man first sees himself as he will be. Time has reversed the prank. Don Gullett is seeing himself as he was.

In a McKell High School football uniform, steaming down the sideline toward the goal line. In a Reds baseball uniform, catching a pitch from his toddler son at Riverfront Stadium in Cincinnati. In the clubhouse, shaking hands with then-President Gerald Ford during the 1975 World Series.

In the bullpen, raring back to throw a fastball under the scrutiny of Manager Sparky Anderson.

Behind Gullett in the basement of his sprawling, Tudor-style home in Greenup County is a pool table. Ahead of him is

Elmo Baker: A fan with fe

Kelley Warnick

Gallatin County News

an organized basketball game went on anywhere in Gallatin County over the last 62 years, chances are good that Elmo Baker either played in it, watched it or heard about it.

Baker of Warsaw has seen a lot of changes in the county over the years. He was brought into this world in 1912 by a midwife because the local doctor traveled by horse and could not make the event. He remembers the wild times prohibition brought to his hometown of Sparta. He recalls the day a Gallatin County coach refused to eat in an Eminence restaurant because a black member of his team was refused service.

However, through all these changes one thing has remained constant for Baker, his love of basketball.

Anyone, who has ever attended a Gallatin County basketball game, has probably seen him or heard his deep voice complain about a referee's call or cheer for a particularly good play. His wife, Marjorie, says he has missed only a handful of games in the last 60 years.

Baker, who was born in 1912 outside of Sparta

remembers, "We just wanted to play ball and we would have done anything to do so."

After he graduated from high school, Baker continued his basketball career by playing for a semi-pro team centered in Glencoe. "We went all over the place playing basketball," said Baker, "and we loved every minute of it."

Baker, who has stayed fit over the years by swimming, playing golf and bowling, has had plenty of success off the basketball court, too. He built Baker and Sons into one of the top fuel

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Jeff Kerr
Winchester Sun

Poor Jerry Hutton Jr.

Only 17 years old, he's already achieved what most bowlers spend a lifetime trying to accomplish.

Twice.

In three months.

On adjacent lanes at Forest Park Lanes.

Now all he has to look forward to in bowling is getting better, getting older, turning pro and making a million dollars or so.

Twice in the past three months Hutton has rolled a perfect 300 game in league play at Forest Park Lanes. Perfect Game No. 1 came on Nov. 30 on lanes 15 and 16. Perfect Game No. 2 came Feb. 22 on lanes 13 and 14. He's the only kegler to roll two perfect games at the local alley and he's not even out of high school yet.

They might as well name that end of Forest Park Lanes "Hutton's Corner" and put a plaque up. You can watch Hutton bowl any day now at Forest Park but if his dreams come true you'll have to wait until Saturday afternoons to watch him on the pro bowling tour.

"That's always been my dream," he said in a recent interview at

"I came close before," Hutton said, "but I always got stopped in the ninth frame. I always got too nervous."

He got over that hump for the first time Nov. 30.

"I didn't do too good in practice," he said, "but I felt like I was ready to play. I started off throwing the ball well and it was carrying well."

After the eighth frame and his eighth straight strike, he told a

buddy, "Here I am, I'm a ninth, my hands are dead in the p

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Tom Bystrek
Springfield Sun

Tony Clements had all the tools necessary to be successful as he embarked on his professional baseball career in 1955. The young lefthander from Springfield at 6'0" tall, 210 pounds, had a blazing fastball, a sharp curve, and an inherent knowledge of the game.

But Clements lacked just one thing. He didn't have the desire to continue a career that kept him so far from home.

And so it was, in January of 1956 when the New York Giants mailed Clements his bus tickets to spring training that he mailed them back. Thus ending his brief stint in an occupation about which most young men can only dream.

Yes, he said thanks but no thanks to the offer to continue his baseball career that had consisted of three months the previous summer with the Sanderville Giants, a class D affiliate located in Georgia.

For those of us who have fantasized about an opportunity such as Clements had, we'd think the decision to drop the sport must have been a tough

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How 'bout them Tigers?!...

by Scott Perry
Paintsville Herald Editor

TEE-EYE-GEE, EEE-ARE-ESS, TIGERS, TIGERS ARE THE BEST!

No doubt about it this time.

The fans knew it, hundreds of them chanting as Tucker Howard crossed the plate after blasting a sixth-inning home run over the right-centerfield fence at Shively Stadium Saturday that sealed Paintsville's 10-4 state championship win over Tates Creek in high school baseball.

Howard's homer wasn't the deciding factor in the game.

It was an exclamation point at the end of a long

sentence. A long sentence of close calls and "wait-'til-next-years."

This homer was for the fans...the faithful, who, despite seasons of "almosts," never abandoned their team.

This homer was for the coach, Charlie Adkins, who some team members and fans thought might be coaching his last game for PHS. Howard's blast sailed over the right-center fence and an advertisement that touted O'Charley's, a Lexington Restaurant.

What a coincidence.

If the Tigers were the heroes in this game—and there is no question that they were—then the fans were the support troops. They filled the stands at Shively Stadium a good ninety minutes before Saturday's championship showdown, cheering the

Tigers as riotously during the team calisthenics as they did when Paintsville's Billy Phelps and Howard belted home runs to ice the championship win.

Make no mistake about it, there were two battles to be fought Saturday—one on the field and another in the stands. Paintsville won them both...

On, On, PHS

Before Saturday's game, Lexington papers had devoted considerable space to a rowdy group of Paintsville fans who had boosted the Lexington school through the season and the tournament playoffs. They were there Saturday, in force, taunt-

See Tigers, page five

Garbage disposal:

Editor's Note: This is the first in a six-part series on problems of solid-waste management.

By Annabel Girard
Staff Writer

Garbage — Out of sight, out of mind.

Our job was to see it got to the curb or dumpster. After that, through magic or a miracle, garbage disappeared. We didn't have to worry about how. All we had to do was haul the empty cans back from the curb and fill them for next week's pickup.

Now, the governor, environmentalists, legislators and fellow Kentuckians are telling us we haven't been worrying enough. They're saying we must have an "integrated solid-waste management plan." In other words, we need to devote a lot more thought — and money — to how we dispose of our garbage.

The time-honored ways Kentuckians get rid of trash — burying it in landfills or dumping it over the nearest steep bank — aren't good enough to protect our environment. Seepage from landfills and open dumps pollute our streams. The volume of

County task force formed to study prison feasibility

At last Thursday's monthly Fiscal Court meeting Judge/Executive Clarence Davis said there was a good chance Gallatin County would be the site for a 300 bed, \$3 million private prison.

"Steve (County Attorney Steve Huddleston) and I have met with men from the U.S. Correction Corp. and they would like to build a jail here like the one they opened in Morgan County," Davis explained. "I definitely think it is worth careful consideration."

The Judge said the facility would house mostly minimum security felons but that it would also take all of the county's prisoners (male, female and juveniles) at no charge. He said the prison would hire about 90 employees with at least 65 of them making over \$12,000 a year.

If the prison is built, the county's jail would stay open as a booking and detention center.

Kelley Warnick
Gallatin County News

Editor's note: What follows is the first in a series of stories about Washington County's industries—what they produce, how they operate and what impact they have on the county's economy.

By NINIE GLASSCOCK
Springfield Sun

Home from work. Worn out. Supper's gotta be quick and simple.

Sandwiches on buttered bread. Cheese crackers. Instant au-gratin potatoes and frozen buttered corn. No-bake cheese-cake for dessert.

A meal for a busy lifestyle. And whether the people eating the meal live in Seattle or Miami, Pookiespie or San Diego, they share one common thread: they all owe their quick-and-easy meal to the Armour plant in Springfield. That's because an essential ingredient in every item on the menu was manufactured in Washington County.

Healing the incest wound everyday struggle for victim

Whitley Republican

by TERESA J. HILL

(This story is based on an interview with a survivor of sexual abuse. Her name has been changed.)

For the past year, Susan's life has been the inside of her home. The 26-year-old mother suffers from agoraphobia and severe panic attacks which leave her numb and helpless, unable to function normally.

After months of sitting in an armchair, unable to walk 15 feet from the front door to the mailbox, Susan sought counseling. She found she shared a background with many of the people she met in group therapy.

Like Susan, most were child abuse victims; adults who were only now facing the trauma of sexual abuse from adults who were usually their own relatives or close friends of the families.

Today, Susan sits in her chair, smoking a cigarette. She has agreed to answer any questions put to her, yet she doesn't offer any openings.

By Valarie Honeycutt
Herald-Leader staff writer
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It was twilight, Saturday, Jan. 16, 1982, in Charlotte Harbor, Fla. At 571 Melbourne Street, the evening news was on television.

Trudi Berry, 43, sat on the living room couch, her legs on the coffee table, studying for her night college courses.

The weather had turned cool, and she had wrapped herself in a blanket. Her husband, Gene, had pulled on a khaki sweatshirt. He had spent the day working in the yard and was still wearing paint-spattered work pants.

Gene Berry was the assistant state attorney for Charlotte County, Fla., with a reputation for being tough — some would say merciless — on dealers of illegal drugs.

On this night Gene didn't feel well. He settled into a chair and put his bare feet up. His flip-flops were on the floor nearby. Brandi, their Chihuahua, was in his lap.

The doorbell rang.

Gene took Brandi with him to the front door. Trudi heard Gene say, "Hi, how are you?"

She knew from the tone of his voice that the visitor was a woman. She could also tell Gene didn't know her very well. He sounded surprised.

Trudi listened for the woman's reply.

Impact Of Private Schools

Editor's Note: Private church-related schools are becoming more popular than ever with parents when selecting a school for their children. Today The Enterprise begins a five part series looking at the growth of private schools in Harlan County and across the state.

By MARK BELL
Harlan Daily Enterprise

One of the more important recent developments in education in Kentucky is the growth of private church-related schools throughout the state. This has been particularly true in Harlan County.

In 1988-89, there were 450 non-public schools registered in the Commonwealth of Kentucky involving 65,100 students, according to state sources, meaning private schools accommodate approximately 11 percent of all the school-age students in Kentucky.

With funding for schools based upon the average daily attendance within a district, the proliferation of private schools in Harlan County has been a source of concern for the leaders of the two public systems.

Growing old means making adjustments

The Kentucky Standard

(Editor's Note: This is the first story in a series on aging.)

By AMY TAYLOR
Assistant Editor

Robert Hobbs wakes up at 5 a.m. with pain in his hip.

In the coolness of morning, he shuffles around his aging farmhouse, working that leg, moving that leg, trying to get the ache to quiet down.

With his 79-year-old body, Hobbs says, "there's nothing to build to. Just like an old house or an old horse. You're worn out; you're gone."

Robert Hobbs is getting old. This morning the retired farmer pulls open a drawer with his big hands, pulls out

a white book, and puts his reading glasses on.

He squints at a letter his wife wrote to him just before she died of cancer.

"I love you very, very much," she wrote. "If you find someone, don't live alone. I wouldn't want you to be alone."

Eight years later, Hobbs is growing old alone on his unworked farm in Chaplin — although there've been some good women along the way.

He wears the navy blue suspenders with parachutes floating down them that one

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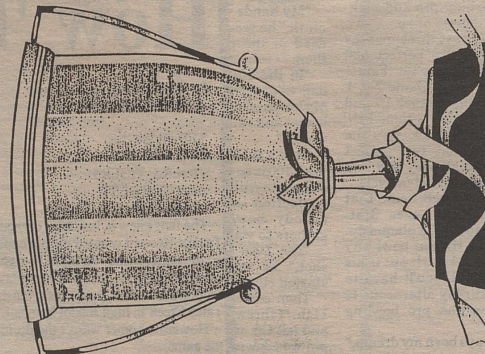
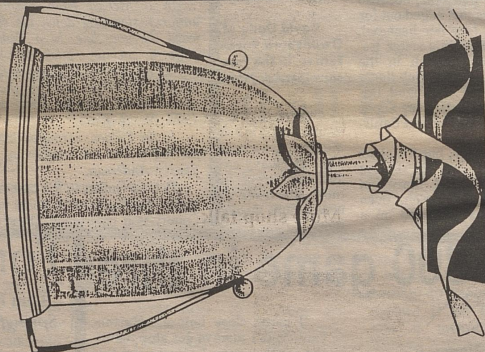
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