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An editorial
A measured response?

Reaction by school Superintendent Frederick Hays and the Kentucky State Police to a school dress code vote are worthy of note.

The dress code, which would have had widespread public and school support, would have had a mixed reception in the school community. It is a measure that, if it had been passed, would have had a mixed reception in the school community.

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Fall

DOLLARS AND SENSE
Minimum wage on the upswing
Money, money, money: The House of Representatives and White House compromise, wages to go up \$1 by 2002

College students making minimum wage will have a little extra money to put in their bank accounts by 2002.

The House of Representatives, in agreement with the White House, made a compromise in August to raise minimum wage to \$5.15 by 2002. The raise would provide \$70 million in tax cuts at the same time.

Mark Berger, professor of economics and labor and employment expert, said the increase will take effect soon.

"It's going to happen because the republicans said 'yes, we will go along with it,'" he said. "They have been the ones to drag their heels, but since it's election time..."

Berger said an increase in minimum wage will not cut down on the number of hours scheduled for workers or result in lost jobs in Lexington.

"It's not that much of a burden in Lexington because the economy is so strong here and unemployment rates are so low," Berger said.

Berger said that even though some situations can expect a raise, most already make above the minimum wage of \$5.15 an hour.

"Even at the entry level people are making above minimum wage," he said. The new minimum wage will only have a direct effect on those who don't already make above \$5.15, he said.

Berger said the \$1 increase might affect workers in some areas of Kentucky.

"The only effect will be for college students who work at home in rural areas. But here in Lexington I don't see much of an effect," he said.

Berger said if the wage increased to as much as \$6, problems in our community would arise.

"That would cost a lot of jobs for a lot of people," he said. "But the ones getting below minimum wage would be alright."

David Parrott, an undecided freshman, works for minimum wage as a stock boy at Terry's Five and Dime in Versailles. He is hopeful about the wage increase because he said it would help students support themselves more efficiently.

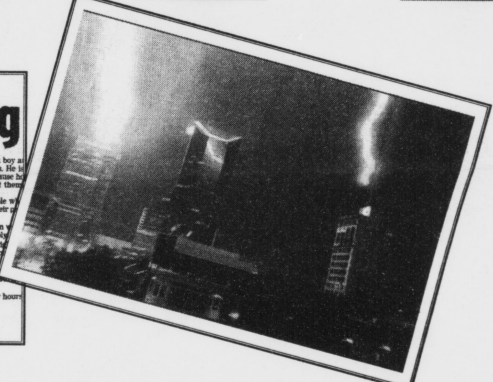
"It would be a big help for people who have to pay for everything without their own support," he said.

Parrott believes the \$1 increase will allow him to live more comfortably enough to get by on.

"The increase would be about right for my income," he said. "It would be enough to get by on."

Parrott said the increase will give him more money, but also will allow him to work more hours.

"It would be more money for my hours, so I would work more," he said.



Newspaper

LIFE AFTER THE DEAD

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Making the grade
 Comparing cumulative CTBS test scores

	1997	1998	1999	2000
Third-Graders				
Hepkiss County	▲	▲	▲	▲
State	●	●	▲	▲
Region	●	●	▲	▲
Sixth-Graders				
Hepkiss County	▲	▲	▲	▲
State	●	●	▲	▲
Region	●	●	▲	▲
Ninth-Graders				
Hepkiss County	▲	▲	▲	▲
State	●	●	▲	▲
Region	●	●	▲	▲

Contest

Weekly Class 1

Category 1 - Best Editorial

First Place - John O'Neal Jones, Hickman Courier

What an editorial should be. You picked out great subject and made good points about how routine should have been handled. Well-written! Great for your readers!

Second Place - Rita Mitchell, Fulton Leader

Great editorial for the community. Watch out for passive sentences and breaking up clauses with other clauses. Loved your conclusion. Third Place - Clay Warnick, Gallatin County News

Well-written. Points are clear. Editorial is a little too short. Writer could have explained why club is bad for tourism, economy and future. Editorial really strikes for a witch hunt against Lawrence.

Honorable Mention - Kelley Warnick, Gallatin County News
Could have been great editorial but if I had not been following the news, I'd be lost. Explain better (and more briefly) the history up to this point.

Category 2 - Best Spot News Story

First Place - Tracy Combs, Spencer Magnet

Excellent spot news. Story read as if reporter personally was on the scene from the beginning, not just taking notes from a police reporter. Writer also threw in safety tips. It was a pleasure reading such a tragic story. Second Place - Danetta Barker, Flemingsburg Gazette

Awesome news story. Terrific lead!!! Lead is make-or-break for these types of news stories. I did wonder what the kids were fighting about, though. Story was not just another way to write a police report.

Third Place - Kelley Warnick, Gallatin County News

Touching story that blends news with feature. Writer made teachers sound like heavenly angels.

Honorable Mention - Carolyn Schwartz, Flemingsburg Gazette
Good spot news. Could have been better if you explained "how" Follmer's truck left the road. A quote could have jazzed up the story.

Honorable Mention - John O'Neal Jones, Hickman Courier
Good story. More of an after-thought feature than spot news. Writer provides lots of information.

Category 3 - Best General News Story

First Place - Scott Powell, Berea Citizen

It's just a road opening, but the quotes and details help capture its importance for the community. Good job.

Second Place - John O'Neal Jones, Hickman Courier

A good lead makes a construction project come alive for the reader.

Third Place - John O'Neal Jones, Hickman Courier

Excellent writing that tells something about an area's changing envi-

ronment. A grabber lead!!

Honorable Mention - Kelley Warnick, Gallatin County News

Good job of capturing the controversy sparked by news of a strip club. Honorable Mention - Tracy Combs, Spencer Magnet

Nice, comprehensive report on a matter of great concern to the community. Would have benefited from moving some quote much higher.

Category 4 - Best Feature Story

First Place - John O'Neal Jones, Hickman Courier

What an excellent perception of a man most people probably don't think about. Reporter draws out great human interest. I only wish I could have met Jon Robinson personally. I thoroughly enjoyed it.

Second Place - Kelley Warnick, Gallatin County News

Wow!! Nice feature. Writer had so much great info on history, etc., of family members.

Third Place - Richard Deavers, Central City Times Argus

Awesome lead! Way to draw in your readers. But was there any opposition to campaign? Probably so. Try to bring out both or all sides. Very objective writing on Cunningham's project. Well written.

Honorable Mention - Janey Tyner, Fulton Leader

Wonderful human interest about bringing together old war buddies. Very powerful and moving. Great use of "hot" quotes.

Honorable Mention - Clay Scott, Edmonton Herald News

Unusual story. I like that. Pierpoint is very unique. Not "baah-ah-ad!!"

Category 5 - Best Column

First Place - Kelley Warnick, Gallatin County News

Very humorous. Gives outsiders a taste of what the town is like. Well-written. Watch grammar and punctuation.

Second Place - Carolyn Schwartz, Flemingsburg Gazette

Very nostalgic and warm. I especially enjoyed the Charles Schultz column. Good conclusion. Watch basic AP style rules.

Third Place - Mike Villanova, Spencer Magnet

Serves a good purpose in the community. Well-written. Watch punctuation.

Category 6 - Best Sports Column

First Place - Jason Billingsley, Fulton Leader

Writer opines to local as well as national sports scene. Pretty clean. Second Place - Scott Rich, Fulton Leader

Category 7 - Best Sports Story

First Place - Barry Danowski, Fulton Leader

Writer does nice job of getting up and helping reader visualize game.

Second Place - William Mitchell, Fulton Leader

Third Place - Kelley Warnick, Gallatin County News

Category 8 - Best Sports Feature

First Place - Jason Billingsley, Fulton Leader

Good story, but kind of hard to read.

Needs some editing and a better lead.

Second Place - Richard Deavers, Central City Times Argus

I believe from what I read this Mickey Strader contributed something to his area. I wonder why we only get one comment from him.

Third Place - Richard Deavers, Central City Times Argus

Too long and confusing for an outsider to follow, but a good story anyway.

Category 9 - Best Enterprise or Analytical Story

First Place - Tracy Combs, Spencer Magnet

Thorough job of following up on release of test scores. A good explainer.

Second Place - Jennifer Waldrige, Spencer Magnet

Good background on change in alcohol law. Always a touchy issue.

Third Place - Tracy Combs, Spencer Magnet

Calm treatment of hot topic — school waiting lines.

Category 10 - Best Investigative Story

First Place - Tracy Combs, Spencer Magnet

Very fine, thorough job on this subject. One of the most important community services. Points out the failure to coordinate fire and EMS...and why.

Second Place - Tracy Combs, Spencer Magnet

Good job of tracing the history of a long-standing problem.

Third Place - Carolyn Schwartz, Flemingsburg Gazette

Interesting community history, reporter's initiative shows through.

Category 11 - Best On-Going/Extended Coverage Story

First Place - Kelley Warnick, Gallatin County News

Good job of covering impact of large development of community. Descriptions of traffic jams made me glad I wasn't there.

Second Place - Tracy Combs, Spencer Magnet

Zoning protests can be tough to cover in a balanced way. These stories do it well.

Third Place - Janey Tyner, Fulton Leader

Good, straight-forward coverage of a sad case.

Category 12 - Best Spot News Package

Certificate of Merit - Clay Scott, Edmonton Herald News

Category 13 - Best Business/Agribusiness Story

First Place - Tracy Combs, Spencer Magnet

Good lead. Well-written. Definitely community interest but watch word-use errors. (Example: altogether/ altogether).

Second Place - Kelley Warnick, Gallatin County News

Great lead. Story really shows the important of tobacco in the community. Watch comma errors.

Third Place - Kelley Warnick, Gallatin County News

Good community news. Good lead. Very effective react story.

Category 14 - Best Headline

First Place - Mark Stone, Central City Times Argus

Prime heads on feature effective.

Second Place - Danetta Barker, Flemingsburg Gazette

Third Place - Carolyn Schwartz, Flemingsburg Gazette

Head play on duck hunters a little too obvious.

Category 15 - Best Use of Graphics/Photo Illustrations

Certificate of Merit - Scott Powell, Berea Citizen

Category 16 - Best General News Picture

Certificate of Merit - Kelley Warnick, Gallatin County News

Category 17 - Best Spot News Picture

First Place - William Mitchell, Fulton Leader

Second Place - Traci Oliver, Fulton Leader

Third Place - Traci Oliver, Fulton Leader

Category 18 - Best News Picture Essay

First Place - Doreen Dennis/Paul G. Moore, Central City Times Argus

Awesome blend of entertainment photos. Great balance. Thumbs up photo is exciting.

Second Place - Scott Powell, Berea Citizen

Great color photos. Wide variety of festival events.

Third Place - Mallory Bowman, Spencer Magnet

Great kidding pix. This is what sells the paper. Next time, think about a dominant photo, a second lead photo, etc., and arrange them from big to small. Good work!

Category 19 - Best Feature Picture

First Place - Kelley Warnick, Gallatin County News

Really caught the moment. At first I didn't think this was the best photo but it did catch my eye. Then the more I looked at it, the more it made me smile and feel warm inside. How rare it is to see a happy, cheerful group. Even the dog is smiling.

Second Place - Kelley Warnick, Gallatin County News

Great way to catch a child in mourning. The girl covers her face, leaving us to look at her eyes. She's staring straight at you. Very daring photo.

Third Place - Brian Hitch, Flemingsburg Gazette

Unique photo. I like how you centered in on one small section of the car, even picking up yellow truck in hubcap. Hitch didn't take easy route by shooting entire car. He really pays attention to detail.

Honorable Mention - Danetta Barker, Flemingsburg Gazette

It's not easy to get a small child to look at you and smile. Awesome color photo. Great human interest photo. Very attractive.

Honorable Mention - Scott Powell,



Top: In the Weekly Class 1 competition, Kelley Warnick of the Gallatin County News received a Certificate of Merit for this entry in the General News Picture category. Right: John O'Neal Jones' editorial in The Hickman Courier garnered a first place in that category. The editorial criticized local officials' reaction to a bomb threat at an area school. Below: Mark Stone of The Times-Argus in Central City captured the Best Headline category with this entry.

An editorial

A measured response?

Reaction by school Superintendent Fredericka Hargis and the Kentucky State Police to a school threat two weeks ago leaves us worried.

Like Hickman's police chief, we believe grave mistakes were made, mistakes that, if a bomb had been planted in the school and exploded, would have led to widespread panic and injured students, some perhaps fatally.

The threat, scrawled on a small piece of stationery and put in Hargis' mailbox at her home, promised to "make the school go boom" the next day. Because a suspect is now in custody who allegedly has confessed to making this threat and another to a high school teacher, arguing the semantic fine points of exactly what the writer meant by the word "boom" is now an exercise in useless rhetoric. We believe the writer wanted the superintendent to think a bomb was set to go off on the school grounds.

The superintendent's decision to conduct school knowing that experts in bomb detection had not set foot in the school was reckless. And then to deny that a threat, bomb or otherwise, existed to parents and the media the day the threat manifested itself displayed a serious lack of judgment.

If, as Hargis has said, she was following a plan of action devised by her and members of the Kentucky State Police, then the agency needs to reflect on how it arrived at such a strategy.

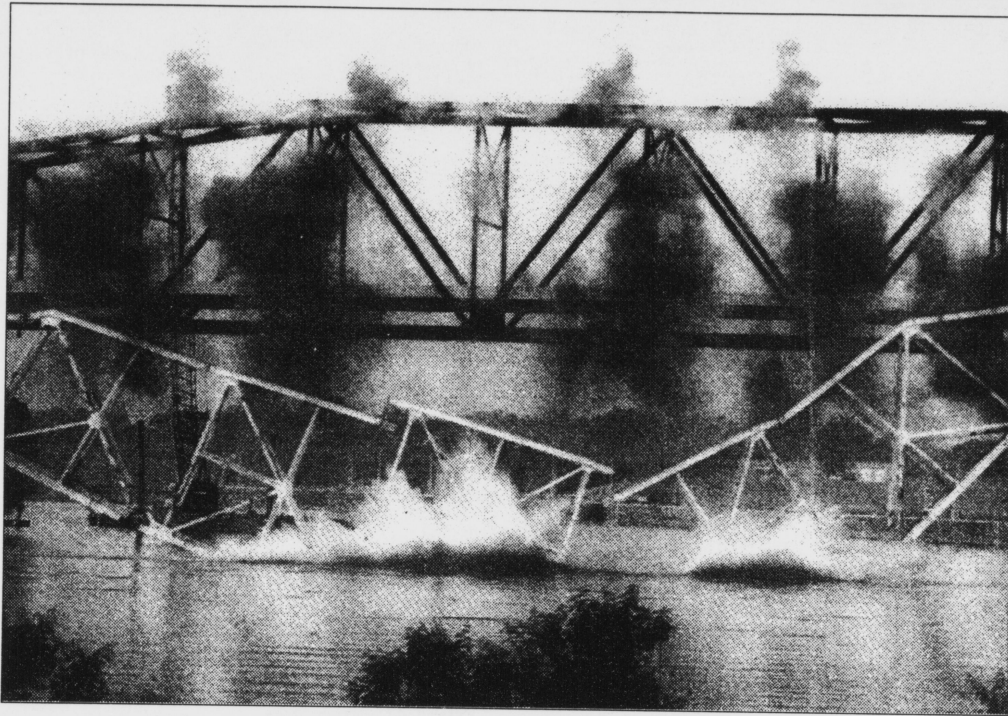
The state police should have insisted on conducting an exhaustive search for an explosive device using all the technology at its disposal and not have left the job to school custodians.

A hate-filled student with only rudimentary knowledge in chemistry and electronics could build a bomb, hide it without anyone's knowledge, and time it to go off during school hours.

The phoned-in bomb pranks that once allowed students a little more free time between classes now wear a different face, one whose brows bristle with the real threat of death and destruction.

Thank God, nothing happened this time.

BACK-TO-BACK-TO-BACK TO RUPP FOR STARS!



The judges wrote that Teresa Revlett, general manager of The McLean County News, was "in the right spot at the right time" for this winning entry (above) in the General News Picture category for Weekly 2 papers. Right: Jeff Moreland, news editor at the Citizen Voice & Times in Irvine won a first place in Spot News Story category. Below: The judges couldn't resist this shot from Debbie Throgmorton of The Journal Enterprise in Providence. The picture won top honors in the Feature Picture category.



Shooting spree injures woman

Estill man enters home, opens fire

By Jeff Moreland
News Editor

An Estill County man is behind bars after bursting into an apartment at Hickory Hills early Wednesday morning and opening fire on the resident.

Billy G. Stepp, 24, 3665 Crooked Creek Road, kicked open the door of apartment 107 at Hickory Hills shortly after 4:30 a.m. and fired 14 rounds from a 9mm pistol, according to Irvine Police Officer Larry Wilson. Stepp emptied two seven round magazines, then attempted to fire shots from the AR-15 assault rifle he was carrying.

Sherry Caudill, the resident of the apartment, is reportedly an ex-girlfriend of Stepp. According to police, Caudill ran when Stepp entered the apartment, but was shot once in the leg before finding safety in an upstairs room.

When Stepp attempted to fire shots from the assault rifle, the weapon jammed and would not fire, according to

assist Caudill and attacked Stepp, taking the assault rifle from him as police arrived.

Anthony Jones, a neighbor of Caudill, said he heard the car Stepp was driving pull into the parking lot.

"The car had squeaky brakes, and I heard it stop next door. Then I heard shots, and there was a pause, then more shots. I knew he was reloading. I called 911 for help, and after they got the gun away from him, another neighbor took the girl into her apartment until the ambulance got here," Jones said Wednesday morning.

Caudill was taken to the University of Kentucky Medical Center where she is listed in fair condition.

Stepp, whom police say was intoxicated at the time of the incident, is lodged in the Estill County Jail and charged with attempted murder, first degree burglary and two counts of first degree wanton endangerment.

Officer Wilson and Captain Chris Cox are conducting an

DUI charges filed 10 days after officer releases suspects

Vorbroker admits mistake, denies mayor played a role

By Donna Carman
Editor

Two people who were stopped on April 1 for operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of intoxicants were arrested and then released by a Liberty city policeman.

Ten days later, one of the two was charged with his second DUI offense, while the

other offender was cited on Thursday.

Liberty Police Sgt. Grant Vorbroker sought warrants from County Attorney Tom Weddle's office on April 10, charging Gregory R. Rodgers, 18, of 4829 West KY 70, and Brian Watson, 24, of Liberty with DUI. Rodgers was also charged with possession of alcoholic beverages by a minor.

The warrant on Rodgers was served at 3:54 p.m. April 11 in the sheriff's office. It was his second DUI offense as Vorbroker had also arrested him in October 1999.

Watson was served at 12:15 p.m. Thursday, also in the sheriff's office.

Both are scheduled to appear in Casey District Court April 28 for arraignment.

Rodgers' DUI offense from October, which is still pending, is also set for a pre-trial conference on that date.

The arrest, and then release, of the two men has generated much controversy, including allegations that Mayor Steve Sweeney intervened in their release because Rodgers is the son of City Clerk Sharleen Rodgers.

However, Sweeney denies that he told Vorbroker to release Rodgers that evening. Vorbroker also said the decision was his and not the mayor's, and that he released the two despite orders to the contrary from Police Chief Larry Bowmer.

According to the Casey dis-

■ See DUI/3

In the Weekly Class 3 Division, The Casey County News' Donna Carman took first place honors in the Investigative Story or Series category (top) with this entry. Right: Don White, publisher of The Anderson News, scored one of his first place wins with this package in the News Picture Essay category. Below: The judges liked this entry from the Corbin News-Journal, written by Mitch Howard. It won first place in the Best Headline category.



Puckett Road home leveled

A fire that apparently began around 2 p.m. Monday rapidly raged out of control and destroyed the home of Tom and Kathy Mullins on Puckett Road. Cause of the blaze had not been determined Tuesday afternoon, but it's believed the fire started in the basement, according to Ernie Hunt, county fire chief. Units responded from Alton and Stringtown, and the city had some men on the scene, Hunt said. The former residence of John and Vivian Herndon was built by them about 15-18 years ago, according to a next door neighbor, Kathy Gee. Tom and Kathy Mullins had lived there for just less than a year, Gee estimated. Tom is a guard for the state police and his wife also works for the state. Neither of them were home when the fire broke out. Several firemen, including the one at right being dragged away from the fire scene by paramedics, were overcome by heat and smoke.

Photos by Don White



First quarter takes wind out of DeSales

Multi-Weekly

Category 1 - Best Editorial

First Place - Willie Sawyers, London Sentinel Echo

"When acting like clowns..." A well-written and effective indictment of some politicians who appear to have their priorities backwards.

Second Place - Stan McKinney, Central Kentucky News Journal

"Rescue Rescue" makes its case solidly, though I had to read several grafs before I was sure where this editorial was going!

Third Place - David Gross, Appalachian News Express, Pikeville
"No Show" Johnson a classic job of watchdog journalism. I would like more specifics about what opportunities were missed by lack of representation. Voting isn't the only thing legislators do.

Category 2 - Best Spot News Story

First Place - Michael Cornett, Appalachian News Express, Pikeville
"Teen drowns" is a good job of reporting about the incident as well as providing readers a larger context.

Second Place - Nita Johnson/Dale Morton, London Sentinel Echo
"House Fire" is a good job of finding sources when official sources are hard to get to.

Third Place - John Friedlein, Shelbyville Sentinel News
Reporter interviewed a lot of people, told their stories and balanced his report very well.

Category 3 - Best General News Story

First Place - Kelly Menser, Shelbyville Sentinel News
Very concise and organized reporting on a complicated case of tremendous local interest.

Second Place - Jason Dooley, Georgetown News Graphic
Well-written account of a minor controversy at local schools. Good flow, good organization.

Third Place - Michael Cornett, Appalachian News Express, Pikeville
Detailed account of decision to stay an execution five days before the scheduled date. I would suggest a slightly less-wordy lead, however.

Category 4 - Best Feature Story

First Place - Bruce Justice, Appalachian News Express, Pikeville
Using a play on the old McGuffey Reader gives the lead of this story an interesting twist and it succeeds in drawing the reader in the story is engagingly written and full of detail. An excellent job.

Second Place - Russ Cassady, Appalachian News Express, Pikeville
This is an interesting story and the writer does a nice job tracing the saga of the cemetery's rediscovery.

Third Place - James Roberts, Central Kentucky News Journal
The writer does a good job with this story. The lead is a little different from usual spin given, and the writing flows easily from beginning to end.

Category 5 - Best Column

First Place - Heather Harris, London

Sentinel Echo

Consistently witty writing, readable from beginning to end. The best in a category that contained many, many worthy entries.

Second Place - Walt Reichert, Shelbyville Sentinel News

Arguments well organized and effective. Thought provoking.

Third Place - Lisa Hornung, The Kentucky Standard, Bardstown
Great sense of humor and clever satire.

Category 6 - Best Sports Column

First Place - Brad Lockard, Appalachian News Express, Pikeville
Well-written. Writer pushes pregame prayer stance and helps readers see the other side.

Second Place - Willie Sawyers, London Sentinel Echo

Third Place - T.J. Johnson, Appalachian News Express, Pikeville

Category 7 - Best Sports Story

First Place - Denis House, London Sentinel Echo
Good in depth article, very informative.

Second Place - Josh Underwood, Georgetown News Graphic
Good use of lead to pique interest in the story.

Third Place - Denis House, London Sentinel Echo
Battle Royal.

Category 8 - Best Sports Feature

First Place - Brad Lockard, Appalachian News Express, Pikeville
A fine piece of inspirational feature-writing. Informs us as well as tells the story. Good work!

Second Place - Ron Greenwell, Bardstown Kentucky Standard
Nice job on what could have been simply a routine update. This feature draws the reader in! I was, however, slightly confused in the lead by the reference to the "boys' cheerleading squad," but I know what you mean.

Third Place - Denis House, London Sentinel Echo

Thank you for recognizing the people behind the scenes. This feature is well-written and is loaded with quotes. I do think you could have chopped it a bit without hurting it.

Category 9 - Best Enterprise or Analytical Story

First Place - Monica Tate, Shelbyville Sentinel News
Straight news tells what happens while enterprise stories can explain what still needs to happen — without turning into an editorial. This explanation of existing deficiencies is clear, complete and to the point.

Second Place - Monica Tate, Shelbyville Sentinel News

When "Nothing" happens, a good reporter can enlighten readers by presenting the facts. This story is documenting lack of accountability rather than assigning blame. The reporter let the facts speak for themselves.

Third Place - Bruce Justice, Appalachian News Express, Pikeville
The reporter looked at this issue from every angle, which elevates the story from routine reporting to an enterprise story. It's well written, but hampered by the fact that one can only say so much about a project in the plan-

ning stages.

Category 10 - Best Investigative Story or Series

First Place - Michael Cornett, Appalachian News Express, Pikeville
"Coal Industry" - Good topic, well handled, revealing important implications of financial developments. Without this story, most residents wouldn't appreciate the possible impact of coal insurance on their own lives.

Second Place - Michael Cornett, Appalachian News Express, Pikeville
Good story. It raises questions: What penalties have been imposed in similar cases? Do the fines cover the state's costs for the investigation? What does your state legislator say about the adequacy of these environmental laws?

Third Place - Shawn Hopkins, Georgetown News Graphic
This story did not explain why the newspaper did not report on the issue in 1990. Was it in the minutes? How was money for the soil excavation, etc. appropriated? Was it in the budget? Was there a cover-up or not?

Category 11 - Best On-Going/Extended Coverage Story

First Place - Monica Tate, Shelbyville Sentinel News
Interesting reading! Good job of keeping up with coverage of such an important issue with so much impact for the community.

Second Place - Michael Cornett, Appalachian News Express, Pikeville
Undoubtedly, your paper serves as a watchdog for the community, much like Gibson. Good job.

Third Place - Melissa Cornett/Russ Cassady/Michael Cornett, Appalachian News Express, Pikeville
Gripping story, only third place because it was obviously harder to follow the Gibson issue. But the stories are equally deserving of the honor.

Category 12 - Best Spot News Package

First Place - Michael Cornett, Appalachian News Express, Pikeville
This category was tough but I leaned toward this one because of the depth of reporting that explained the significance of this collision to the Pike County area.

Second Place - Jason Dooley/Kevin Hall, Georgetown News Graphic
Good mix of stories but evidence of local reporting not immediately evident, as is the case in the First Place story.

Third Place - Staff, Appalachian News-Express, Pikeville
While some may argue that an election is not spot news because they seldom slip up on you, I leaned to this one because the reporters did a lot of reporting and writing on the spot.

Honorable Mention - Michael Cornett/Melissa Cornett, Appalachian News-Express, Pikeville
Good but predictable package; not exactly spot news because these things are planned ahead. I question how reporter knows Anderson Adkins was calm when he was fried on March 15, 1946.

Category 13 - Best Business/Agribusiness Story

First Place - Michael Cornett,

Appalachian News Express, Pikeville
This is a well-written, thorough look at a new hospital project and the health and economic benefits the community expects from it. The writer does an excellent job covering numerous angles.

Second Place - Walt Reichert, Shelbyville Sentinel News
The writer does a nice job explaining the current state of the local beef cattle market and all the factors that affect it. It's well-written and flows easily from beginning to end.

Third Place - Stacey Manning, The Kentucky Standard, Bardstown
Although this is not a new story, the writer still manages to provide an interesting inside look at one of the state's oldest businesses — tobacco farming. Her story is full of texture and rich detail.

Category 14 - Best Headline

First Place - Monica Tate, Shelbyville Sentinel News

Second Place - Lisa Tolliver/Stacey Manning, The Kentucky Standard, Bardstown

Third Place - Stacey Manning, The Kentucky Standard, Bardstown
Honorable Mention - Walt Reichert, Shelbyville Sentinel News

Category 15 - Best Use of Graphics/Photo Illustrations

First Place - Todd Griffin, Princeton Times Leader

Well coordinated use of graphics, photos, etc. to preview softball and baseball season. Excellent effort.

Second Place - Denis House, London Sentinel Echo

Photo and head worked well together to draw reader into story.

Third Place - Russ Cassady, Appalachian News Express, Pikeville
Good use of photo and lead styles along with placement of these elements to make a good strong package.

Category 16 - Best General News Picture

First Place - Michael Cornett, Appalachian News Express, Pikeville
Planning a photo can be difficult. This was definitely a success. It shows the poor road conditions and the people it affects.

Second Place - Rebecca Dial, Central Kentucky News Journal
Great way of taking simple image and giving it meaning.

Third Place - Carol Mills, London Sentinel Echo

Cute photo with a lot of expression.
Honorable Mention - Rebecca Dial, Central Kentucky News Journal
Good action.

Honorable Mention - Dale Morton, London Sentinel Echo
Planned or not, it shows action and delivers a message.

Category 17 - Best Spot News Picture

First Place - Jennifer Hacker, Georgetown News Graphic

Second Place - Anita Baker, Princeton Times Leader

Third Place - Stan McKinney, Central Kentucky News Journal

Honorable Mention - Willie Sawyers, London Sentinel Echo

Honorable Mention - John Friedlein,

See MULTI-WEEKLY, page 18

New facility will vastly improve area health care

By MICHAEL CORNETT
NEWS EDITOR

Every time Walter May sees an ambulance from Pike County speed past him on the Mountain Parkway on its way to Lexington with a patient, two things immediately cruise through his mind with it.

First and foremost, May, the president and CEO of Pikeville Methodist Hospital, said he thinks of the safety and health of the person being transported.

But he also can't help but think about the millions of dollars Pikeville and Pike County are missing out on because of the thousands of people who are taken each year to

over 1,000 patients a year out of here to Lexington for those kinds of services," May said.

That's all about to change.

Later this year — October at the earliest — construction of Pikeville Methodist Hospital's new \$50 million patient tower, in progress since mid-1997, is expected to be complete, allowing all the facility's future health-care operations from that point to take place in the 11-story structure.

Most importantly, May said that move is the only thing holding the hospital back from starting up its own programs for open-heart surgery and neurosurgery, both of which have been extensively planned for and already on their way to becoming reality.

Those services and others, he said, will usher in an era of health care unique to Pikeville and never before seen in Eastern Kentucky that will be the foundation of an economic surge in the region's medical community expected to boost its earnings beyond those of the coal industry in as little as five years.

Left: In the Multi-Weekly competition, the Appalachian News-Express was the big winner in the General Excellence competition with several first place finishes like this entry (left) from News Editor Michael Cornett. This story won first place in the Business/Agribusiness category. (Center) Jennifer Hacker of the Georgetown News-Graphic won first place with this entry in the Spot News Picture category. Bottom: This headline in the Shelbyville Sentinel-News caught the judges' eyes. It won first place in that category.



SSS goes WWW

Zoning commission puts regs,
meeting agendas, info online

Daily 1

Category 1 - Best Editorial

First Place - Bob Hendrickson, Maysville Ledger Independent

Well written editorial that takes on a state legislator who apparently uses his position for self-enrichment. Reasoned and full of facts to support the conclusion.

Second Place - Joel Wilson, Glasgow Daily Times

A serious tug on the public conscience fairly well written after beginning with a pronoun sans antecedent. Repetition of the \$25 fee is very effective.

Third Place - Ray Short, Middlesboro Daily News

Attacking the Klan doesn't take the bravery it once did, but this well written social message explains how even the curious or the opposition help empower the otherwise powerless hate groups.

Honorable Mention - Tom Clinton, Madisonville Messenger

Lightly written approach to a serious topic, overlooking the obvious parallels jokesters would draw to what they say newspapers are already full of. I smiled but got the point.

Category 2 - Best Spot News Story

First Place - Garth Gamblin/Samantha Carver, Madisonville Messenger

Second Place - Lisa Dunbar, Maysville Ledger Independent

Third Place - David Blackburn, Murray Ledger and Times

Honorable Mention - Debbie Caldwell, Harlan Daily Enterprise

Honorable Mention - Fred Petke, Corbin Times Tribune

Category 3 - Best General News Story

First Place - Kindra Willis, Somerset Commonwealth Journal

Second Place - Jeff Kerr, Winchester Sun

Third Place - Sharon Dobson, Somerset Commonwealth Journal
Honorable Mention - Joy Compton, Middlesboro Daily News

Honorable Mention - Rita Dukes, Madisonville Messenger

Category 4 - Best Feature Story

First Place - Cathy Gilkey, Winchester Sun

Second Place - Rita Dukes, Madisonville Messenger

Third Place - Melissa Elkins, Winchester Sun

Honorable Mention - Laura Rains, Maysville Ledger Independent
Honorable Mention - Tricia Bray, Somerset Commonwealth Journal

Category 5 - Best Column

First Place - Tom Clinton, Madisonville Messenger

Very well-written...Excellent view of the other side of the story.

Second Place - Bill Blakeman, Winchester Sun

Columns are very easy to relate to. Well-written.

Third Place - Rita Dukes, Madisonville Messenger

Category 6 - Best Sports Column

First Place - Keith Taylor, Richmond Register

Second Place - Mike Ohstrom, Murray Ledger & Times

Third Place - Chuck Truesdell, Maysville Ledger Independent

Category 7 - Best Sports Story

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Second Place - Tim Brooks, Maysville Ledger Independent

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First Place - Rob Herbst, Winchester Sun

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Third Place - Morgan McKinley, Madisonville Messenger

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Category 9 - Best Enterprise or Analytical Story

First Place - Mary Branham, Frankfort State Journal

Second Place - John Butwell, Corbin Times Tribune

Third Place - Ronnie Ellis, Glasgow Daily Times

Category 10 - Best Investigative Story or Series

First Place - Jeanna Cornett, Middlesboro Daily News

Second Place - Betty Coutant/T.J. Tucker/Lisa Dunbar, Maysville Ledger Independent

Third Place - Morgan McKinley, Madisonville Messenger

Category 11 - Best On-Going/Extended Coverage Story

First Place - Staff, Middlesboro Daily News

Reporter did job of following story from a shooting to providing history of KKK to trial and ultimate acquittal of suspect. I would have liked to have heard from the suspect.

Second Place - Cathy Gilkey, Winchester Sun

Third Place - Karla Dooley, Richmond Register

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Category 12 - Best Spot News Package

First Place - Staff, Somerset Commonwealth Journal

Good comprehensive coverage.

Second Place - Ronnie Ellis, Glasgow Daily Times

Not a lot to criticize on car crash coverage. Lead could have been a little stronger for a spot news story.

Third Place - Fred Petke, Corbin Times Tribune

Honorable Mention - Nikki Lockhart/Jay Compton/Richard Evans, Middlesboro Daily News

Category 13 - Best Business/Agribusiness Story

First Place - Jay Compton, Middlesboro Daily News

Second Place - Mary Branham,

Frankfort State Journal

Third Place - Garth Gamblin, Madisonville Messenger

Category 14 - Best Headline

First Place - Keith Taylor, Richmond Register

Second Place - Melissa Elkins, Winchester Sun

Third Place - Chuck Truesdell, Maysville Ledger Independent

Honorable Mention - David Stone, Winchester Sun

Honorable Mention - John Whitlock, Corbin Times Tribune

Category 15 - Best Use of Graphics/Photo Illustrations

First Place - LeMar Bryan, Madisonville Messenger

Chart does a great job of conveying the information presented and is eye-catching and easy to understand.

Second Place - Trevor Frey, Somerset Commonwealth Journal

Graphic definitely gets the reader's attention and makes clear the connection between football and money.

Makes you want to read the article.

Third Place - Don Lawson, Richmond Register

Good job of illustrating the problem and explaining why it is a problem.

Easy to understand.

Honorable Mention - Don Lawson, Richmond Register

Graphic clearly conveys the message about the growth of the Internet.

Good job of capturing expression.

Third Place - Jim Pearson, Madisonville Messenger

Good picture. Like a flashback for readers. Good composition.

Great picture. Shows the anticipation of the bride.

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Kids with animals are always good. Good job of covering event. Maybe you should have used one less photo and one bigger photo. Nice feeling of fun had at the event.

Third Place - Susan Riddell, Frankfort State Journal

Nice job of showing all activities from the fair. Again maybe fewer pictures and larger pictures. What is the dominant photo?

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Accident shots showed good composition with good middle ground, foreground and background, showing people being treated by emergency staff.

Category 18 - Best News Picture Essay

First Place - James Mann, Winchester Sun

Best job of using the pictures to tell a story. They were interesting and drew you to the article.

Second Place - Lowell Mendyk, Madisonville Messenger

Good series of photos on the destruction of the bridge. Definitely gave an idea of the events.

Third Place - James Branaman, Richmond Register

Photos show the first, but also the impact on the family affected by the fire.

Honorable Mention - Fred Petke, Corbin Times Tribune

Nice photos help you to understand the plight of the horse.

Category 19 - Best Feature Picture

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Two Corbin All Star teams fall

BY NORM HANEY
SPORTS EDITOR

The sun was out and the humidity was finally bearable. It was a picture perfect weekend for Little League baseball, unless you were playing for Corbin.

The outcome was nothing short of dark and rainy as the regional competition rained defeat on two of the three Corbin teams parade, eliminating them from the tournament.

Minor League (9-10 Year Olds)

Corbin 3 was the only team to stay alive this weekend as they handed Harlan a 10-5 defeat Sunday at Science Hill Fields in Pulaski County.

Josh Smith's and Luke Schaelein's combined pitching effort led the way for Corbin. Smith started the game and ran into some trouble in the first inning giving up four runs, but regained his composure to pitch two more strong innings.

The Corbin offense fired back

with four runs of their own in the top half of the inning (4-4). Smith settled in during the second and third innings, giving up just one more run. Smith left the game at the end of the third inning, striking out three batters and going 2-3 at the plate and scoring a run.

Schaelein finished the last three innings collecting four strikeouts, allowing just two hits and no runs. Schaelein was 2-4 at the plate with a run scored, helping himself secure the save.

Corbin took the lead for good in the third inning with a three run effort (7-5) and never looked back. Corey Sewell came up with a big two run RBI single to highlight the inning.

John Baneb was 2-3 with a double and three runs scored. Brandon Shinkic was also 2-3, scoring two runs and collecting two RBIs.

Britt Brittan finished the scoring for Corbin with a two run single in the sixth, sealing the 10-5 victory.

Corbin will now face Pulaski

County today at 6 p.m. at Science Hill Fields.

Little League (11-12 Year Olds)

Corbin advanced to the regionals in Barbourville by beating North London 6-2 Saturday afternoon.

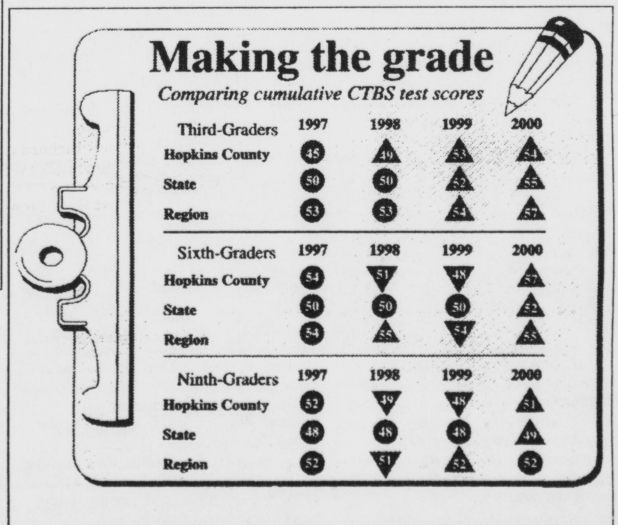
Lucas Henson picked up his second win of the district tourney, allowing just three hits and striking out 11 of 23 batters. North London picked up their only two runs in the first inning and then hit the wall after Henson settled in.

D.J. Marcum led Corbin at the plate, going 1-2 with two walks and a run scored. Eric Blackwood also went 1-2 and scored a run.

Chris Eggen accounted for three Corbin runs in a 1-2 effort, drawing two walks and collecting a single. Corbin picked up four of their six runs in the last two innings.

(See ALL-STARs, page 7)

Above: In the Daily Class 1 competition, this unique shot from Suzanne Feliciano of The State Journal in Frankfort took first place in the Feature Picture category. Left: Norm Haney of The Times-Tribune in Corbin captured the top spot in the Sports Story category. Below: This graphic from LeMar Bryan of The Messenger in Madisonville won first place honors in the Best Use of Graphics/Photo Illustrations' category.



Daily 2

Category 1 - Best Editorial
 First Place - John Cannon, Ashland Daily Independent
 A clever, informative look at how public officials manipulate a tax vote, and how the issue could be avoided.
 Second Place - Ann Harney, Danville Advocate Messenger
 Bold stand on the antics of the mayor. Outlines the problem then says she should resign.
 Third Place - David Bauer, Bowling Green Daily News
 Humanizes the tragedy and establishes its premise for something as ordinary as highway barriers. Makes its point quickly but unmistakably.
 Honorable Mention - Cathie Shaffer, Ashland Daily Independent
 An appeal to our better selves on a topic not often considered important.
 Honorable Mention - David Riley, Kentucky New Era, Hopkinsville
 A little self-serving but illustrates to the public how officials delay and obfuscate issues of public records.

Category 2 - Best Spot News Story
 First Place - Margo Rivers/Natalie Rich, Bowling Green Daily News
 Good hustle and detail on a fast-breaking story.
 Second Place - Justin Willis, Bowling Green Daily News
 Excellent explanation of a topic most readers don't understand.
 Third Place - Chuck Stinnett, Henderson Gleaner
 The best of a series of Samaritan stories.
 Honorable Mention - Cindy Long/Risa Brim, Elizabethtown News Enterprise

Category 3 - Best General News Story
 First Place - Kenneth Hart, Ashland Daily Independent
 Wonderful detail. Great lead. Fascinating story, well done.
 Second Place - Melinda Overstreet, Bowling Green Daily News
 These are the types of stories developed by reporters who build relationships with sources. Good read!
 Third Place - Jake Burgess, Kentucky New Era
 Good job in court reporting.

Category 4 - Best Feature Story
 First Place - Michele Carlton, Kentucky New Era
 Thoughtful, considerate and complete writing. Vivid word pictures and nuggets of solid information. Great use of quotes and diary entries. Not your run-of-the-mill "disease of the week" story.
 Second Place - Roger Alford, Ashland Daily Independent
 Good word play. Interesting topic. Good sourcing.
 Third Place - Karen Setze, Elizabethtown News Enterprise
 Any homeowner could relate to this story. Good, balanced treatment with all the bases covered.

Category 5 - Best Column
 First Place - Ryan Craig, Kentucky New Era, Hopkinsville
 Second Place - Deedra Lawhead,

Elizabethtown News Enterprise
 Third Place - John Cannon, Ashland Daily Enterprise

Category 6 - Best Sports Column
 First Place - Rick Greene, Ashland Daily Independent
 Columns go beyond sports, relate them to larger issues. Well-written.
 Second Place - Mitch Stinson, Henderson Gleaner
 Easy reading, good use of humor without coming across as a wiseguy.
 Third Place - Bill Gamblin, Jr., Bowling Green Daily News
 Good writer, not afraid to tackle the tough issues.

Category 7 - Best Sports Story
 First Place - Jeff D'Alessio, Elizabethtown News Enterprise
 Second Place - Larry Vaught, Danville Advocate Messenger
 Third Place - Kevin Patton, Henderson Gleaner

Category 8 - Best Sports Feature
 First Place - Larry Vaught, Danville Advocate Messenger
 Second Place - Mark Maynard, Ashland Daily Independent
 Third Place - Jason Riley, Bowling Green Daily News

Category 9 - Best Enterprise or Analytical Story
 First Place - Libby Keeling, Henderson Gleaner
 Second Place - Kevin Eigelbach, Ashland Daily Independent
 Third Place - E.L. Gold, Kentucky New Era

Category 10 - Best Investigative Story
 First Place - Annabel Girard, Danville Advocate Messenger
 Second Place - Frank Boyette, Henderson Gleaner
 Third Place - Herb Brock, Danville Advocate Messenger

Category 11 - Best On-Going/ Extended Coverage Story
 First Place - Staff, Bowling Green Daily News
 Paper jumped into action. Good job. Daily News not only reported spot, but went beneath surface to ask why I-65 is so dangerous.
 Second Place - Staff, Danville Advocate Messenger
 Very thorough, informative.
 Third Place - Karen Setze, Elizabethtown News Enterprise
 Setze went extra step beyond regular coverage.

Category 12 - Best Spot News Package
 First Place - Jamie Neal/Judy Jenkins, Henderson Gleaner
 The excellent result of some hard reporting work. Details, facts and color everywhere. The clear first-place winner. Sterling headlines.
 Second Place - Staff, Elizabethtown News Enterprise
 Package entry is a contender because of the strength of the lead piece. Lots of voices in this story, giving readers lots of first-hand details.
 Third Place - Jason Dooley/Margo Rivers, Bowling Green Daily News
 Lead stays on top of the news cycle, rather than recounting the previous

day's events. Straightforward writing throughout. Good heads.

Category 13 - Best Business/ Agribusiness Story
 First Place - Risa Brim, Elizabethtown News Enterprise
 Off-beat topic with high potential interest. Strong 3-graf lead. Layman's explanation of the process. Good quotes, and they're used judiciously.
 Second Place - Risa Brim, Elizabethtown News Enterprise
 Great real-life stories told with a crisp, simple writing style. Pertinent statistics woven in neatly. Exceptional structuring of the story. Reading just the first 10-grafs gives the reader all the major points of the issues, plus human interest.
 Third Place - Julie Clay, Danville Advocate Messenger
 Lots of detail. Shows reporter's observation skills and willingness to ask detailed questions. The piece "puts the reader there" and the reader learns along the way.

Category 14 - Best Headline
 First Place - Jerry Pennington, Ashland Daily Independent
 Good play on the obvious in the dead-ends. Also good play on the dot.com job that Amazon is bringing to Huntington. Often obvious play on words in headlines and stories is contrived and fall flat, but here all the plays were good and worked to draw readers into the story.
 Second Place - Angela Bauer, Bowling Green Daily News
 Excellent play on words. Again, takes the obvious beyond the common place.
 Third Place - Todd Garvin, Elizabethtown News Enterprise
 Honorable Mention - Mark Maynard, Ashland Daily Independent
 Good sports head on Fat or Phat story about Jared Lorenzen.

Category 15 - Best Use of Graphics/ Photo Illustrations
 First Place - Emily Toadvine, Danville Advocate Messenger
 Creative!!
 Second Place - Shea Stanley, Henderson Gleaner
 Just a glance lets little ones know it's much better to be nice!
 Third Place - Jerry Pennington/John Flavell, Ashland Daily Independent
 Honorable Mention - Todd Garvin, Elizabethtown News Enterprise
 Honorable Mention - Danny Vowell, Kentucky New Era, Hopkinsville

Category 16 - Best General News Picture
 First Place - Neal Cardin, Elizabethtown News Enterprise
 Excellent composition of photo allows it to be "worth one thousand words."
 Second Place - Joe Imel, Bowling Green Daily News
 You gave a "normal" photo creative twist. Excellent photographic eye.
 Third Place - Darrin Phegley, Henderson Gleaner
 Excellent job of capturing of fun photo.
 Honorable Mention - Lee Ann Seymour, Elizabethtown News Enterprise
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Category 17 - Best Spot News Picture
 First Place - Darrin Phegley, Henderson Gleaner
 Good photos are often the result of being at the right place at the right time. Your photos reflect your ability to find the perfect photo and present it. Excellent work.
 Second Place - Danny Vowell, Kentucky New Era, Hopkinsville
 Great photo. Tell the story without taking it too far by showing the child. Hard-hitting.
 Third Place - Darrin Phegley, Henderson Gleaner
 Excellent! Ditto previous comments.
 Honorable Mention - Paul Conrad, Bowling Green Daily News
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Category 18 - Best News Picture Essay
 First Place - Darrin Phegley, Henderson Gleaner
 Once again, emotion was captured due to awesome eye of photographer.
 Second Place - Darrin Phegley, Henderson Gleaner
 Third Place - Paul Conrad/Jennifer Seiger/Joe Imel, Bowling Green Daily News

Category 19 - Best Feature Picture
 First Place - Neal Cardin, Elizabethtown News Enterprise
 One great photo!!
 Second Place - Joe Imel, Bowling Green Daily News
 Third Place - Paul Conrad, Bowling Green Daily News
 Honorable Mention - Kent Brown, Danville Advocate Messenger
 Interesting eye-catching photo
 Honorable Mention - Peter Wright, Kentucky News Era, Hopkinsville

Category 20 - Best Feature Picture Essay
 First Place - Neal Cardin, Elizabethtown News Enterprise
 Second Place - Peter Wright, Kentucky New Era, Hopkinsville
 Third Place - Kevin Goldy, Ashland Daily Independent
 Honorable Mention - Mike Lawrence, Henderson Gleaner
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Category 21 - Best Sports Picture
 First Place - Mike Lawrence, Henderson Gleaner
 Second Place - Kent Brown, Danville Advocate Messenger
 Third Place - Danny Vowell, Kentucky New Era

Category 22 - Best Sports Picture Essay
 First Place - Darrin Phegley, Henderson Gleaner
 Second Place - Joe Imel, Bowling Green Daily News
 Third Place - Kent Brown, Danville Advocate Messenger

Danville pays big for 'human resources'

Contracts with consultant were never approved by commission

By ANNABEL GIRARD
Staff Writer

The city of Danville has paid nearly \$20,000 this fiscal year to a Florence, Ky., human resources consultant whose contract has never been presented to the City Commission and whose fee is calculated at a rate of \$50 per hour.

There are three contracts between Paul Combs and the city. One dated in January 1999 and signed by Mayor Alex Stevens is for Combs to work on the city's compensation plan. The estimated cost was \$2,192.

One was dated in May 1999 and has no signatures. That contract calls for Combs to work on personnel policies and

procedures at an estimated cost of \$2,192.

Both contracts say that if the amount goes over the estimate, Combs will document the increases and ask that the agreement be revised to reflect the higher cost. No revisions were provided when contracts with Combs were requested.

The retainer agreement is for a minimum of \$125 per month, based on three hours of work. Anything over that amount is billed at \$50 an hour for Combs' work and \$35 an hour for para-

professional work. In addition, he receives mileage.

Under the retainer agreement, effective Oct. 1, 1999, the city has paid Combs \$14,669.67.

The newspaper requested bills paid between October and May 19, since Combs' contract started in October.

Two of the bills paid in October were from August and September. They totaled \$4,862, giving Combs \$19,534.67 so far this fiscal year from the city.

A majority of the commis-

sioners say they don't remember discussing any contract for Combs.

Thursday, city attorney Edward D. Hays said there should have been a mention in the minutes about Combs' contracts with the city. Hays said he plans to recommend the commission pass a motion ratifying Combs' relationship with the city, probably at its June 13 meeting. Hays said he has talked with Combs about per-

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Accidental hero



Rob Lawson works on a front end Wednesday at the Porter Tires shop in Globe.

By JOHN FLAVELL OF THE DAILY INDEPENDENT

'Dumb luck' puts man in position to save life

By KENNETH HART
OF THE DAILY INDEPENDENT

GLOBE — Rob Lawson said it was "dumb luck" that he happened to pull into the parking lot of the Globe Funeral Chapel when he did.

But it's because of the 33-year-old mechanic's so-called dumb luck — combined with his quick thinking — that William Waddell is still alive today.

It was Saturday morning and Lawson, an employee of Porter Tire & Auto Service Center, had just finished a brake job on a customer's 1989 Oldsmobile.

He took the car out for a quick test drive and stopped at the funeral home to turn around, as he had done

hundreds of times before.

Just as Lawson turned into the parking lot, Waddell, the owner of the mortuary, burst out the side door of the building, dazed, bleeding profusely from his left arm and yelling for help.

Lawson didn't think twice about he had to do.

He whisked Waddell into the car and asked him what had happened.

"He said, 'I've been shot,'" Lawson said.

Believing that the shooter might still be inside the funeral home and seeing that Waddell was in urgent need of medical attention, Lawson tore out of the parking lot at breakneck speed.

"I was more worried about getting shot myself than anything, to tell you the truth," he said.

He said the speedometer needle in



Lawson was turning a car around in the Globe Funeral Chapel parking lot when a dazed, bleeding William Waddell yelled for help.

the Olds reached 100 mph as he drove Waddell to Porter Tire, which is located on U.S. 60 about a mile west of the funeral home.

From there, he called an ambulance, which took Waddell to St. Claire Medical Center in Morehead.

A helicopter then flew Waddell to the University of Kentucky's Chandler Medical Center.

Waddell, 37, was released from the Lexington hospital Wednesday, spokeswoman Mary Margaret Collier said.

As he was being driven home from the hospital, Waddell came by Porter Tire to thank Lawson for what he did.

"He gave me a big hug," he said. "It made me feel real cozy."

Lawson said he had no way of knowing whether Waddell would have died had he not shown up. But the way Waddell was bleeding, he probably couldn't have held out much longer, he said.

Kentucky State Police Detective Rob Garraway, the lead investigator in the case, said there was no doubt that Lawson saved Waddell's life.

"Mr. Waddell's injuries were pretty substantial," he said.

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LIFE AFTER THE DEAD

Daily 3

Category 1 - Best Editorial

First Place - Audrey Lee, Lexington Herald-Leader

Excellent work. Gives valuable insight into complicated issue. Exposes hypocrisy and failed attempt at "spin" by developers.

Second Place - Kerry Duke, Kentucky Post, Covington

Extremely important topic (open records) that is well-presented and explained. Excellent public records editorial.

Third Place - Larry Dale Keeling, Lexington Herald-Leader

Clear, highly readable examination of political correctness (and political cowardice) run amuck.

Category 2 - Best Spot News Story

First Place - Ty Tagami/Peter Baniak, Lexington Herald-Leader

Excellent work. Writers painted a very good picture of tragedy. Compelling read.

Second Place - Tom Lassiter, Lexington Herald-Leader

Good story-telling. Clear, well-presented work.

Third Place - Mary Meehan, Lexington Herald-Leader

Good work, kept numbers clear, concise. Nice read.

Honorable Mention - Jim Hannah, Kentucky Enquirer

Good work on "other side" of lottery winner.

Category 3 - Best General News Story

First Place - Kristina Goetz, Kentucky Enquirer

Great job of putting a human face on a thoroughly reported, fact-filled story.

Second Place - Patrick Crowley, Kentucky Enquirer

Nice written, even-handed, great content.

Third Place - Mary Meehan, Lexington Herald-Leader

Good explanation why the drama is more instead outside the courtroom.

Honorable Mention - Wayne Partridge, Lexington Herald-Leader

Interest read on why the issue is so personal to so many.

Honorable Mention - Keith Lawrence, Owensboro Messenger Inquirer

Nice read. Touching story.

Category 4 - Best Feature Story

First Place - LeDatta Grimes, Lexington Herald Leader

Best lead I've read in a long time. Great detail throughout. Grimes inspects Sasha's life closely, then steps back and gives national statistics and different perspectives.

Grimes hold the tension in balance well.

Second Place - Patricia Lynch Kimbro, Lexington Herald Leader

Again, another great lead. Kimbro's description of Melissa's mother is exquisite.

Third Place - Steve Vied, Owensboro Messenger Inquirer

I'm usually not one for first-person, but this is the exception. Powerfully

written with no melodrama. Great description of detail.

Category 5 - Best Column

First Place - Lora Wimsatt, Owensboro Messenger Inquirer

Clear, punchy, entertaining, especially liked you love the dogs better than the column.

Second Place - Dan Heckel, Owensboro Messenger Inquirer

How many times have Lora Wimsatt and Dan Heckel edged the other out for first place in columns?

Third Place - TIE - Keith Lawrence, Owensboro Messenger Inquirer

Third Place - TIE - Merlene Davis, Lexington Herald Leader

Category 6 - Best Sports Column

First Place - Mark Story, Lexington Herald Leader

Outstanding writing. Thoroughly engaging and informative. Impossible to stop reading.

Second Place - Jim Pickens, Owensboro Messenger Inquirer

Excellent work. Well thought out and constructed columns.

Third Place - Mark Mathis, Owensboro Messenger Inquirer

Insightful, easy to read.

Category 7 - Best Sports Story

First Place - Mark Story, Lexington Herald-Leader

Topic + execution = First Place.

Second Place - Steve Vied, Owensboro Messenger Inquirer

Steve's story made me care that the Red Devils lost.

Third Place - John Jennings, Owensboro Messenger Inquirer

A story about basketball referees. I hate basketball. I liked John's story.

Honorable Mention - Janet Patton, Lexington Herald Leader

Hat's off to the versatile Ms. Patton, Herald-Leader staff writer and business writer. Nice writing.

Category 8 - Best Sports Feature

First Place - Mark Story, Lexington Herald-Leader

I never heard of Roni but I read every word. Compelling story of squandered opportunity. Classic struggle of good and evil - right next door.

Second Place - Mark Story, Lexington Herald-Leader

Writing a bad story about Oscar would be difficult but this story was a great tale of triumph over adversity.

Who said good news isn't interesting?

Third Place - Lonnie Wheeler, Kentucky Post

Well-told tale of a grand opening gone awry. As an aside, the headline dampened the interesting story.

Category 9 - Best Enterprise or Analytical Story

First Place - Jim Warren/Lee Mueller/Linda Johnson, Lexington Herald Leader

A great package, well-conceived, executed flawlessly and with the best writing in the category. If there is a sweepstakes award or story of the year, this would have to be one of the prime contenders.

Second Place - John Cheves/Linda Johnson, Lexington Herald Leader

This entry deserves to be listed as 1A. The top two places were by far the cream of the category. Well

researched. This is the type of series that makes any journalist and newspaper proud.

Third Place - Staff, Lexington Herald Leader

A series that makes trash pickup interesting. Enough said.

Category 10 - Best Investigative Story or Series

First Place - Staff, Lexington Herald Leader

12-part series — Wow. Housing code enforcer resigns in midst of series. Can't get much better than that.

Second Place - Mary Meehan, Lexington Herald Leader

Excellent series with unbelievable discoveries. Great investigation of hospital activities.

Third Place - Michael Lindenberger/Laura Skillman, Owensboro Messenger Inquirer

Very thorough two-month investigation.

Category 11 - Best On-Going/Extended Coverage Story

First Place - Staff, Owensboro Messenger Inquirer

This is as good as it gets. Staff covered story from every angle with outstanding stories, photos and graphics.

All the information readers need presented in an easy-to-use format. Staff put aside personal losses and went all-out to get story. Follow-up on family's rebuilding effort is inspiring.

Outstanding!!

Second Place - Ty Tagami, Lexington Herald-Leader

Compelling, well-written stories cover all the players in this drama, even humanizing and putting a face on the killer and other suspects. Depth and detail makes this more than the typical crime coverage.

Third Place - Staff, Lexington Herald-Leader

What started out as a legislature story is expertly crafted into an in-depth inspection of illegal dumping and other little issues. Bill fails but readers are treated to an education on environmental issues. This kind of coverage makes a difference.

Honorable Mention - Courtney Kinney/Peggy Kreimer/Debra Vance, Kentucky Post

Good job sticking with the story to uncover why this disaster of a pool still existed. Pool eventually filled and newspaper can feel good that its coverage played a part in the decision.

Category 12 - Best Spot News Package

First Place - Staff, Lexington Herald-Leader

Good writing that explores the event itself and its various effects on motorists, fans and residents. Even a non-race fan could feel the mud.

Second Place - Andy Mead/Bill Estep/Greg Kocher, Lexington Herald-Leader

I admit to being influenced by good art and the tragedy of losing a million gallons of great bourbon, but the writing was good and the stories complete, including the one putting the event in perspective.

Third Place - Andrea Tortora/Kristina Goetz, Kentucky Enquirer

Very thorough coverage of an appar-

ently frequent occurrence puts this flood in perspective.

Honorable Mention - Staff, Owensboro Messenger Inquirer

Perhaps over-covered makes the newspaper seem parochial. But it's well-written.

Honorable Mention - Mary Meehan/Linda Johnson/David Stephenson, Lexington Herald-Leader

Great coverage of a small airplane crash. Good bullet boxes added to the information. Stories seem to cover it all.

Category 13 - Best Business/Agribusiness Story

First Place - Janet Patton, Lexington Herald Leader

In-depth but interesting examination of major rivals in an industry that makes Kentucky famous. Sketch stories on the CEO complete the package.

Second Place - Monica Dias, Kentucky Post

Informative, albeit pedestrian, look at changing fortunes in agriculture. Backed up with lots of facts.

Third Place - John Stamper, Lexington Herald Leader

Well-written story that goes beyond the business disagreement to show how high-level fights hurt the little guy, who wants only an honest day's pay for an honest day's work.

Category 14 - Best Headline

First Place - Amy Drewler, Lexington Herald-Leader

Simple, effective headlines have a feel of poetry about them. And they match the mood and facts of the stories -- a major plus. Nice work.

Second Place - Scott Shive, Lexington Herald-Leader

"All A-Bored" head is hilarious highlight of solid entry.

Third Place - Will Scott, Lexington Herald-Leader

Takes a creative mind to think of "Double Yed" for the opening of a YMCA facility. Interesting and accurate heads.

Category 15 - Best Use of Graphics/Photo Illustrations

First Place - David Stephenson, Owensboro Messenger Inquirer

The razor and shaving foam effect is just plain clever.

Second Place - Craig O'Bryan, Owensboro Messenger Inquirer

Graphic may not be easiest to read but provides great information on where the tornado hit.

Third Place - Mike Nyerges, Kentucky Post, Covington

Category 16 - Best General News Picture

First Place - John Lok, Owensboro Messenger Inquirer

Second Place - John Dunham, Owensboro Messenger Inquirer

Third Place - Mark Cornelison, Lexington Herald-Leader

Category 17 - Best Spot News Picture

First Place - Joseph Rey Au, Lexington Herald-Leader

Second Place - Gary Emord-Netzley, Owensboro Messenger Inquirer

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Racetrack blues: 'The diehards are dying.'



Photo by Patrick Pineda/The Cincinnati Enquirer
The higher result of the Kentucky Derby and the other of Roseatech are part of a dying breed - horse-racing fans. B. Track look at Kentucky Park in the morning. Younger fans with more contemporary tastes.

Casinos give tracks run for the money

Big races like today's Spiral no longer enough

BY KRISTINA GOETZ

FLORENCE He knows the horses, the jockeys, the trainers. He knows which races to bet and where to keep his money in his pocket.



In Sports: The \$400,000 Spiral Stakes highlights today's schedule at Sycamore Park. Post time for the Spiral Stakes.

Mr. Weber, who is a retired insurance agent, comes to the races every day.

In many ways, the 69-year-old Indian Township man epitomizes racing's best fan. He is typical of the one group the industry has been able to hang onto - retirees and other older bettors.

"Did you ever go to church during Lent during the 60s. That's all gone, now."



Simulcast races from around the country offer Turfway bettors more chances to win - and lose. Kentucky Derby, smaller race tracks have been forced



Top left: In the Daily Class 3 competition, Kristina Goetz, of The Kentucky Enquirer, won first place in the General News Story category with this entry. Top right: Who could resist this? Obviously not the judges. The shot won a first place for Gary Emord-Netzley at The Messenger Inquirer in Owensboro. Below: This picture from Joseph Ray Au of the Lexington Herald-Leader won top honors in the Spot News Picture category.



Associate Newspapers

Category 1 - Best Editorial

First Place - Jim Gaines, College Heights Herald

Newspapers, particularly campus papers, should take every opportunity to speak out on this issue. Well done. Second Place - Melody Kinser/Audrey Carter, Williamson Daily News

Important issue. Well-written. Third Place - Jason Yates, Murray State News

Particularly like the "Our View" that makes both points in an even-handed manner.

Honorable Mention - Staff, Kentucky Kernel

Well documented. Good facts. Issue that applies to all of the SEC schools. Honorable Mention - Staff, Kentucky Kernel

Local argument to reach the conclusion.

Category 2 - Best Spot News Story

First Place - Audrey Carter, Williamson Daily News

Second Place - Tracy Kershaw, Kentucky Kernel

Third Place - Joe Christofield, Florence Recorder

Category 3 - Best General News Story

First Place - Ashley York, Kentucky Kernel

Excellent localization of national story.

Second Place - James Gaines, College Heights Herald

Good detailed report on what must be an "unusual event" for your generation. I was in DC at the time and your reportage seems fair.

Third Place - Sterling Rouse, Kentucky Kernel

Good story on a unveiling.

Category 4 - Best Feature Story

First Place - Shannon Back, College Heights Herald

This was far and away the best entry in the feature story category. From the very first sentence, the reader is drawn into the story. The writer succeeds wonderfully in conveying Corey Nett's difficult life, without becoming maudlin. It's a poignant story, one all can relate to.

Second Place - Shelley Street, Murray State News

This is a well-written, nicely detailed story that packs a great deal of information into a relatively small space. Good job.

Third Place - Diane Fossitt, Kenton Community Recorder

The writing in this story set it apart. Although the topic is not a new one, the writer's ability to let her subjects tell their story and her eye for detail make it an interesting read.

Category 5 - Best Column

First Place - Karen Meiman, Florence Recorder

Ms. Meiman's columns deftly capture the essence of the people who make up her community. They're well-written and make for interesting reading.

Second Place - Audrey Carter, Williamson Daily News

Despite the limited space, Ms. Carter's columns are well-reasoned, well-thought out and well-written. Her points are always clear and attuned to the local community.

Third Place - Chaz Martin, Kentucky Kernel

Whether it's politics or a commentary on the McMalling of America, Mr. Martin uses a discerning eye and a well thought out argument to make his case to readers.

Category 6 - Best Sports Column

First Place - Jerry Brewer, College Heights Herald

Mr. Brewer's columns are powerfully written and thought-provoking. He's not afraid to take a position and his arguments are consistently well-reasoned. These columns were a delight to read.

Second Place - Travis Mayo, College Heights Herald

Well-written from beginning to end. These columns offer the reader a look at the bigger sports picture, the one beyond the game story. A good job!

Third Place - Jason Billingsley, Murray State News

Mr. Billingsley's writing is consistently well-done, allowing the reader to move easily through his columns. His topics are interesting and well-focused. Nice work!

Category 7 - Best Sports Story

First Place - Jerry Brewer, College Heights Herald

Second Place - Travis Hubbard, Kentucky Kernel

Third Place - John Dobson, Kentucky Kernel

Category 8 - Best Sports Feature

First Place - Will Messer, Kentucky Kernel

Well-written. Good information drawn by good interviewing.

Second Place - John Dobson, Kentucky Kernel

Good lead that drags reader into story.

Third Place - John Dobson, Kentucky Kernel

Bright story that carries the reader along. Conciseness counts!!

Category 9 - Best Enterprise or Analytical Story

First Place - Jerry Brewer, College Heights Herald

Solid, frank reporting and writing on a sensitive issue.

Second Place - Shelley Street, Murray State News

Thorough, even-handed treatment of a controversial issue.

Third Place - Travis Mayo, College Heights Herald

Good job of explaining the budget problem and clearly outlining the potential fallout.

Category 10 - Best Investigative Story or Series

First Place - Lisa Wheat, Murray State News

Fascinating story. Good reporting.

Second Place - Mattisa Karen, College Heights Herald

Good reporting on a subject the board obviously didn't want discussed. Third Place - Juli Hale, Erlanger Recorder

Interesting look at a complex subject.

Category 11 - Best On-Going/ Extended Coverage Story

First Place - Staff, Erlanger Recorder

Polarizing issue. Good coverage of event.

Second Place - Chris Markus/Tracy Kershaw, Kentucky Kernel

Good package.

Third Place - Juli Hale/Andy Foltz/Tom Embrey, Kenton Community Recorder

Good series recognizing those who contribute to community.

Category 12 - Best Spot News Package

Certificate of Merit, Staff, College Heights Herald

Category 13 - Best Business/ Agribusiness Story

First Place - Alyson McNutt, Murray State News

This is a good story. It takes a look at an angle of the migrant labor issue that often escapes notice. The writing flows well from beginning to end and the story is full of nice detail. Good job.

Second Place - Joe Christofield, Florence Recorder

An interesting look at the ingenuity of a local businessman.

Third Place - Neva Martin, Community Recorder

It's not often that a business can change and adapt and last 100 years. It's an interesting story and the writer does a good job in capturing its evolution over a century.

These headlines were clever and eye-catching without being cliched. Nice job.

Second Place - Jerry Brewer, College Heights Herald

An imaginative headline for a sports story.

Category 14 - Best Headline

First Place - Juli Hale, Erlanger Recorder

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Second Place - Jerry Brewer, College Heights Herald

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Category 15 - Best Use of Graphics/ Photo Illustrations

First Place - H. Rick Mach, College Heights Herald

This is a terrific photo illustration that deftly blends past and present and succeeds in capturing the reader's attention. An excellent job!

Second Place - Chris Rosenthal, Kentucky Kernel

This is a striking graphic and immediately conveys the essence of the story. Well done!

Third Place - Tom Embrey/Jason Kidwell, Erlanger Recorder

A good job on the tried and true college graphic. It successfully portrays the action, intensity and ultimate celebration experienced by the winning basketball team.

Category 16 - Best General News Picture

First Place - Lisa Wheat, Murray State News

Second Place - Nick Tomecet, Kentucky Kernel

Third Place - Amy Crawford, Kentucky Kernel

Category 17 - Best Spot News Picture

First Place - Laura Deaton, Murray State News

Second Place - Jeremy Lyverse, College Heights Herald

Third Place - Jonathan Kirshner, College Heights Herald

Category 18 - Best News Picture Essay (Spot or General News)

First Place - Cara Van Leuven/Jim Gaines, College Heights Herald

Second Place - Andrew Otto, College Heights Herald

Third Place - H. Rick Mach, College Heights Herald

Category 19 - Best Feature Picture

First Place - H. Rick Mach, College Heights Herald, Western Kentucky University

Nice action other than obvious volleyball action. Good composition. Photo has good feeling.

Second Place - Cara Van Leuven, College Heights Herald

Funny picture. Good job on photographer by being at the right place at the right time.

Third Place - Nick Tomecet, Kentucky Kernel

Good job of making an interesting picture out of an event that is not that interesting.

Honorable Mention - Juli Hale, Erlanger Recorder

Good job of feature hunting. Picture might have been stronger by making a deep vertical. Take a look.

Honorable Mention - Wendi Thompson, College Heights Herald

Nice action and good composition with good face.

Category 20 - Best Feature Picture Essay

First Place - Jonathan Kirshner, College Heights Herald

Second Place - Krystal Kinnunen, College Heights Herald

Third Place - Joe Christofield, Florence Recorder

Category 21 - Best Sports Picture

First Place - Andrew Otto, College Heights Herald

Light, shadow and the fluidity of water all combine to give this photo its distinctive look. It's an immediate attention-grabber and the photographer is to be congratulated for seeing the possibilities in what is normally considered a secondary sport. An excellent job!!

Second Place - Wendi Thompson, College Heights Herald

This is just a terrific action photo, especially because it focuses on a sport that is generally given short shrift in medic coverage. In one moment, the photographer has succeeded in capturing the drama of a soccer match.

Third Place - Jeremy Lyverse, College Heights Herald

The fierce struggle for possession of the basketball is deftly captured in this photo. With its sharp focus on the two players, the photo emphasizes clearly the competitive nature of the contest.

Category 22 - Best Sports Picture Essay

First Place - Jeremy Lyverse, College Heights Herald

This is a well put together photo essay about a swim meet, showing the progression from teammates encouraging each other to a swimmer competing to victory. The dominant

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DOLLARS AND SENSE

Minimum wage on the upswing

Money, money, money: The House of Representatives and White House compromise, wages to go up \$1 by 2002

By Ashley York
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

College students making minimum wage will have a little extra money to put in their bank accounts by 2002.

The House of Representatives, in agreement with the White House, made a compromise in August to raise minimum wage \$1 by Jan. 1, 2002. The raise would provide \$76 billion in tax cuts at the same time.

Mark Berger, professor of economics and labor and employment expert, said the increase will take effect soon.

"It's going to happen because the republicans said 'yes, we will go along with it,'" he said. "They have been the ones to drag their heels, but since it's election time..."

Berger said an increase in minimum wage will not cut down on the number of hours scheduled for workers, or result in lost jobs in Lexington.

"It's not that much of a factor in Lexington because the economy is so strong here and unemployment rates are so low," Berger said.

Berger said that even though some students can expect a raise, most already make

above the minimum wage of \$5.15 an hour. "Even at the entry level people are making above minimum wage," he said. The new minimum wage will only have a direct effect on those who don't already make above \$6.15, he said.

Berger said the \$1 increase might affect workers in some areas of Kentucky.

"The only effect will be for college students who work at home in rural areas. But here in Lexington I don't see much of an effect," he said.

Berger said if the wage increased to as much as \$10, problems in our community would arise.

"That would cost a lot of jobs for a lot of people," he said. "But the ones earning below minimum wage would be alright."

David Parrott, an undeclared freshman,

works for minimum wage as a stock boy at Terry's Five and Dime in Versailles. He is hopeful about the wage increase because he said it would help students support themselves more efficiently.

"It would be a big help for people who have to pay for everything without their parents' support," he said.

Parrott believes the \$1 increase in wages will allow him to live more comfortably.

"The increase would be about right to pay for car insurance," he said. "It would be enough to get by on."

Parrott said the increase will not only give him more money, but also encourage him to work more hours.

"It would be more money for my hours — so I would work more," he said.

Police need to disclose all crimes

Campus police need to study the law before they try to enforce it. In the last year they've failed to openly report a fire alarm, an armed robbery and a bomb ... that we know of. What else has gone unreported?

When Chief Robert Deane was hired last spring, he made much of how open, friendly and accessible he wanted Western's notoriously secretive police department to become. On Feb. 14, Deane's policy had its first test.

It failed. That day, former officer Anthony Purcell filed an information report on an explosion outside Poland Hall and sent it to Deane. Information reports aren't automatically available; incident reports are.

Deane let the information report stand, and not only that: he told the Herald on Sept. 6 that if he'd noticed that Purcell — a certified explo-



Top: Ashley York of *The Kentucky Kernel*, University of Kentucky, won first place in the General News Story category with this entry. Above: In the Associates Division, Jim Gaines of *College Heights Herald*, Western Kentucky University, was the first place winner in the Editorial category. Top right: Lisa Wheat of the *Murray State News* had the winning entry in the General News Picture category. Right: *The Florence Recorder's* Karen Meiman captured first place in the Best Column category.

Bessler building: Calling on memories to preserve past

An old building falls, memories fade.

Alice Conrad knows that. It makes her sad.

She sits inside her apartment in the Florence Christian Care Center recounting the days she worked inside the hub of a bustling Main Street. Inside the old building at the corner of Shelby and Main, a large black switchboard greeted Conrad each day. Tangled wires at her fingertips, she was the connection to Florence residents.

Conrad was a switchboard operator for the Consolidated Telephone Co.

"It was different back then," Conrad says, of her post she held through the '40s and into the '50s.

"There were party lines. There were six to seven households on the same line."

As she speaks, a stone's throw way, workers scrape at the charred remains of the building that housed those memories.

The Oct. 9 fire raced through the building nearly



three weeks ago. It was a blow to the Bessler family, owners of Economy Markets and Garten House Restaurant, which occupied most of the building. It was a blow to Jim Peck and the owners of a computer business, also located there. It was also a blow

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Second Place - Charles Pearl, Oldham Era
 Good photos along with good placement make for a visually appealing page. Nicely done.
 Third Place - Marilynn Brittain, Mountain Advocate, Barbourville
 Good photos convey the mood of the gathering at the courthouse.

Category 19 - Best Feature Picture
 First Place - Teresa Rice, Lebanon Enterprise
 Can't miss with a little girl and a puppy.
 Second Place - Beth Foster, Lebanon Enterprise
 Great picture of the anticipation of the principal getting his head shaved.
 Third Place - David Wheeler, Jessamine Journal
 What can you say — another little girl with a puppy. What better way to catch the readers' interest.

Category 20 - Best Feature Picture Essay
 First Place - Teresa Rice, Lebanon Enterprise

Weekly 2

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Good composition.
 Second Place - Charlie Hust, Providence Journal Enterprise
 Great action.
 Third Place - Les Dixon, Laurel News Journal
 Honorable Mention - Charlie Hust, Providence Journal Enterprise

Weekly 1

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Berea Citizen
 Beautiful nature photos. Cutline really reflects essence of picture. Sharp, clear, colorful. Way to catch that interaction.

Category 20 - Best Feature Picture Essay
 First Place - Kelley Warnick, Gallatin County News
 Beautiful. Beautiful. Beautiful!! Each pic is beautiful. It's a different approach to your overage festival pictures. Nicely paginated. Tim Harrower would be PROUD! Next time, don't use screen box...it takes away from the photos.
 Second Place - Kelley Warnick, Gallatin County News
 Great tribute page. Dominant photo is a plus. Work on better "action" shots instead of grip-n-grins. Graduate photo could have been cropped better. Great photo work.
 Third Place - John O'Neal Jones, Hickman Courier
 Nice photos. Great way to catch boys laughing in mischief.
 Honorable Mention - Scott Powell, Berea Citizen
 Nice color photos. Very sharp. More action would be better next time.

How it's done! Impact, technique, composition, quality -- this spread has it all.
 Second Place - Charles Pearl, Oldham Era
 I love it when the photographer takes the time to search for just the right shot. Nice!
 Third Place - Debbie Jenkins Cook, Harrodsburg Herald
 Being from the Gulf South, I'm a sucker for snow photos...and these are great! Is your name Bob Timberlake?

Category 21 - Best Sports Picture
 First place - John Wright, Benton Tribune Courier
 Second Place - Trent Knuckles, Corbin News Journal
 Third Place - Don White, Anderson News
 Honorable Mention - Mark White, Corbin News Journal
 Honorable Mention - John Wright, Benton Tribune Courier

Category 22 - Best Sports Picture Essay
 First Place - Donna Carman/Clark Durham, Casey County News
 Second Place - Shandon Cundiff, Anderson News
 Third Place - Amy Biggs, Franklin Favorite

Category 22 - Best Sports Picture Essay
 First Place - John Shindlebower, Laurel News Journal
 Good variety, action, closeups. All the elements to tell the story and it didn't even run in the sports section.
 Second Place - Les Dixon, Laurel News Journal
 Good mix of pix.
 Third Place - Charlie Hust, Providence Journal Enterprise
 Top pix carries the load.

Honorable Mention - John O'Neal Jones, Hickman Courier
 Fine blend of activities. I especially like the way you caught the prissy little girl singing. Page gives a small hometown feel. Way to go!

Category 21 - Best Sports Feature
 First Place - Kelley Warnick, Gallatin County News
 Easily the best of the bunch. Captures the spirit of high school sports.
 Second Place - Mark Stone, Central City Times Argus
 Show emotion. Could have been cropped a little tighter.
 Third Place - Doug Rapp, Berea Citizen
 Good action.

Category 22 - Best Sports Picture Essay
 First Place - Kelley Warnick, Gallatin County News
 Good mix of pix illustrates the excitement of the tourney.
 Second Place - Kelley Warnick, Gallatin County News
 Auto racing is kind of a sport, isn't it?
 Third Place - Paul G. Moore/Mark Stone, Central City Times Argus
 Picked a theme and stuck with it.

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Kentucky Standard, Bardstown

Category 18 - Best News Picture Essay (Spot or General News)
 First Place - Steve Traynor, Georgetown News Graphic
 Second Place - Amy Crawford, London Sentinel Echo
 Third Place - Lisa Tolliver, Bardstown Kentucky Standard

Category 19 - Best Feature Picture
 First Place - Jennifer Hacker, Georgetown News Graphic
 Second Place - Anita Baker, Princeton Times Leader
 Third Place - Dale Morton, London Sentinel Echo
 Honorable Mention - Steve Traynor, Georgetown News Graphic
 Honorable Mention - Carol Mills, London Sentinel Echo

Category 20 - Best Feature Picture Essay
 First Place - Richard RoBards,

Central Kentucky New Journal
 Second Place - Jennifer Hacker, Georgetown News Graphic
 Third Place - Stacey Manning, Kentucky Standard, Bardstown

Category 21 - Best Sports Picture
 First Place - Steve Traynor, Georgetown News Graphic
 Great photo! Clear! Really shows player's determination.
 Second Place - Steve Traynor, Georgetown News Graphic
 Very clear, great catch!
 Third Place - Josh Underwood, Georgetown News Graphic
 Really captures determination of players.

Category 22 - Best Sports Picture Essay
 First Place - Jim McAlister, London Sentinel Echo
 All four photos are good but top one makes the essay. What is it?
 Second Place - Brad Lockard, Appalachian News Express
 Photographer captured "a day at the races."
 Third Place - Steve Traynor, Georgetown News Graphic
 Captured the event!

Daily 1

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story within story. Picture has nice composition.

Category 22 - Best Sports Picture Essay
 First Place - Jim Pearson,

Madisonville Messenger
 Second Place - Jim Pearson, Madisonville Messenger
 Third Place - John Whitlock, Corbin Times Tribune
 Honorable Mention - Bob Warner, Maysville Ledger Independent
 Honorable Mention - Sid Shelton, Corbin Times Tribune

Associates

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shot immediately captures the reader's attention, while the others fill out the story. A very nice job.
 Second Place - Andrew Otto, College Heights Herald
 This is a nice collection of shots cov-

ering two very important basketball games. The variety of photos is balanced and the quality is excellent. Good job.
 Third Place - Laura Deaton, Murray State News
 The main photo of the Murray State men's rowing team gives this photo essay its punch. With the addition of a close-up of one of the rowers and/or spectators, the package would be even more enhanced.

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Third Place - David Stephenson, Lexington Herald-Leader

Category 18 - Best News Picture Essay
 First Place - John Dunham, Owensboro Messenger Inquirer
 Second Place - Jahi Chikwendiu, Lexington Herald-Leader
 Third Place - Gary Emord-Netzley, Owensboro Messenger Inquirer

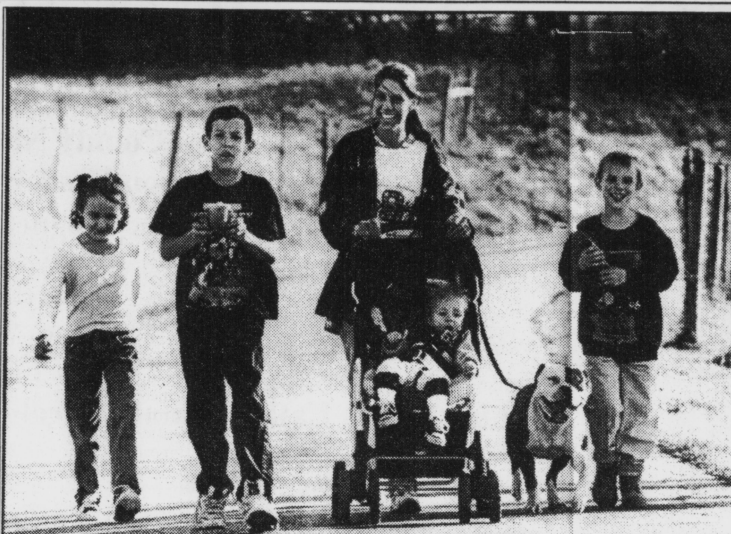
Category 19 - Best Feature Picture
 First Place - Gary Emord-Netzley, Owensboro Messenger Inquirer
 Second Place - Joe Munson, Kentucky Post
 Third Place - Jahi Chikwendiu, Lexington Herald-Leader

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 Second Place - Jahi Chikwendiu, Lexington Herald-Leader
 Third Place - Gary Emord-Netzley, Owensboro Messenger Inquirer

Category 22 - Best Sports Picture Essay
 First Place - Jim Osborn, Kentucky Post
 Second Place - Bryan Leazenby, Owensboro Messenger Inquirer
 Third Place - Jahi Chikwendiu, Lexington Herald-Leader

Right: This shot from Kelley Warnick of the Gallatin County News won Best Feature Picture for Weekly 1 papers. Below: This headline from Keith Taylor at the Richmond Register won that category for Daily 1 papers.



District champs (four) sure



Sheriff insists he's alive, contrary to reports

By SUSAN REED LAMBERT
Editor

Mark Twain was more modest as saying the reports of his death were greatly exaggerated.

On Monday, that quote would have been attributed to LaRue County Sheriff Merle Edlin.

Some local residents who were watching WHAS Channel 11 from Louisville early Monday morning were shocked at a program for the station's news program that they understood to say a murder trial would be beginning for the suspect accused of

"When Merle came in, I asked him, 'You haven't been shot, have you? And he said, 'No, I just drank some apple juice and nothing ran out.'"

— Russell Herkie, Clerk LaRue Co. Sheriff's Dept.

murdering the LaRue County Sheriff.

Edlin, who has not yet left the land of the living, said the phones began ringing loudly.

"The first person who called was my daughter, before I left the house, saying she'd heard it," Edlin said. "I got two or three calls real quick. They'd heard it on T.V. I called the office and they confirmed they were getting a lot of calls."

"I appreciate the interest, anyway," the sheriff joked.

Maria Boston, news director for WHAS, said the promo mistakenly named LaRue County instead of Mercer County.

"Our assignment editor had a complete brain fade apparently and named the

wrong county. Sometimes mistakes happen, and we hate it when that happens," she said. "Obviously, your sheriff is still alive."

Edlin said the news of his untimely demise caused quite a stir at the courthouse.

"The parking lot was full out front," he said. "I was coming on the front sidewalk, and people walked up and commented that they didn't think they'd see me."

Boston said the promo never named the sheriff by name. In fact, she said the promo reported the sheriff's deputy from LaRue County as the officer who was killed.

"We never named your sheriff. We don't even know who your sheriff is, number one. And secondly, we never named anybody by name."

Edlin said "Thirdly, it was never in a broadcast. It was a promo, and fourthly, the only thing they said was the name of your county."

"Bottom line, the only thing about your county that was even named was your county," she said.

But Rep. Max Edlin said he was up early and heard the promo himself. He said the promo reported that someone

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Above: This unusual story from Susan Reed Lambert of the LaRue County Herald won the top spot in the General News Story category for Weekly 2 papers.

Left: The judges loves the expression of the player in this shot from the Georgetown News-Graphic's Steve Traynor.



Above: This graphic shot from Darrin Phegley with the Henderson Gleaner won Best Spot News Picture for Daily 2 papers.

EDITORIAL

Press and politics are often at odds

By Chris Markus

"He's a major-league (insert vulgar term)," said George Bush, Republican Presidential candidate of a New York Times political reporter.

Bush didn't intend for the world to hear this statement. It occurred before he gave a speech in a limo of Republican supporters. He made the remark to his vice presidential nominee, Dick Cheney. Unfortunately, for him, Bush didn't know that the microphone was on.

Although Bush's insult geared at the New York Times reporter may have seemed like little more than a folly brought on by a personal grudge, as a reporter, I see a little more to it than that.

For as many years as this country is old there has been an uneasy and suspicious relationship between the media and the government.

In American society, the press functions as a watchdog of the government. But the government, and the people who represent it, don't want the media to know everything about what it does. This is reasonable. The day to day goings on of the government sometimes involve issues of national security that are not meant to be known by everyone.

However, not all of these day to day goings on should be kept out of plain view of the American people.

The media and the press, no matter how much they despise each other, need each other. Without the media, knowledge of the government would be limited and skewed. Candidates for public office would have a hard time communicating their ideas with their constituents. The press, without government, would not be able to sell papers. Think about the number of papers you have read, think about the number of times stories on the front page deal with the government or with politics.

Above: Chris Markus of the Anderson News won top honors in the Weekly 3 Division for Best Editorial.

General Excellence Winners

WEEKLY CLASS 1

First Place - Gallatin County News

Second Place - Fulton Leader

Third Place - Spencer Magnet

WEEKLY CLASS 2

First Place - Laurel News Journal

Second Place - Henry County Local

Third Place - LaRue County Herald News

WEEKLY CLASS 3

First Place - Anderson News

Second Place - Lebanon Enterprise

Third Place - Jessamine Journal

MULTI-WEEKLY

First Place - Appalachian News-Express

Second Place - Georgetown News-Graphic

Third Place - London Sentinel-Echo

DAILY CLASS 1

First Place - Madisonville Messenger

Second Place - Winchester Sun

Third Place - State Journal

DAILY CLASS 2

First Place - Henderson Gleaner

Second Place (TIE)- Elizabethtown News-Enterprise

Second Place (TIE) - Bowling Green Daily News

Third Place - Ashland Daily Independent

DAILY 3

First Place - Lexington Herald Leader

Second Place - Owensboro Messenger Inquirer

Third Place - Kentucky Post

ASSOCIATE NEWSPAPERS

First Place - College Heights Herald

Second Place - Kentucky Kernel

Third Place - Murray State News