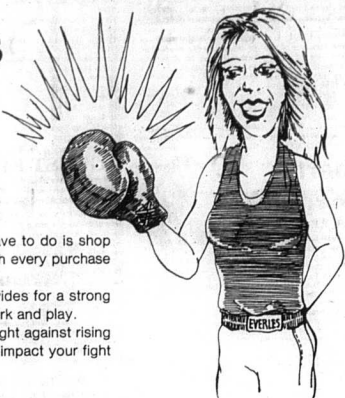


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GENERAL NEWS

Kentucky Clippings

From The Associated Press

Complaints filed against companies

FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) - The attorney general's office has filed complaints against two companies for allegedly violating Kentucky's consumer protection act.

A suit was filed Tuesday in Franklin Circuit Court against Talcom Inc., an Atlanta firm.

Attorney General Fred Cowan said the complaint alleges that Talcom has sent misleading materials to customers. The materials appear to be a bill or invoice when they are actually solicitations to purchase advertising in a directory.

The other suit was filed in Fayette Circuit Court against three individual doing business as "Young At Heart." The complaint alleges the Lexington store has been conducting a "going out of business sale" without a proper permit.

The suits seek civil penalties and injunctions against the allegedly improper practices.

Educational grant changes life

FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) - One year after receiving a \$1,000 educational grant, Lisa Miracle stood in front of a podium to explain how it had changed her life.

She was the featured speaker Wednesday at a ceremony where Robert C. Byrd Scholarships were presented to 78 Kentuckians.

Congress started the federally funded program in 1983, and Mrs. Miracle, a Lincoln County wife and mother, was one of the winners when the scholarships were first handed out in 1987.

She had dropped out of high school after sophomore year. Later, she earned a General Educational Development certificate, enrolled in Somerset Community College and qualified as an X-ray technician and dental assistant.

But she wanted more. So she and her husband, Greg, a United Parcel Service driver in Charville, started saving for her to attend college.

Since last fall, she has spent 2 1/2 hours every day commuting to and from the University of Kentucky, where she is biology major in a premedical program. To keep herself company on the road, she listens to tapes that she records in her car.

The Byrd Scholarship made it possible for her to enroll at UK, but the honor meant more than that, she said.

"Just to know that other people thought I had potential and value gave me confidence and courage to attempt to go to college."

Farmer charged with cruelty pleads innocent

FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) - A man charged with cruelty to animals after he was named Outstanding Young Farmer by the Frankfort Jaycee has pleaded innocent to the charge.

Thomas P. Paynter was accused of killing to give his cattle adequate food and health care. He entered the plea Tuesday in Franklin District Court and remained free of \$200 bond. He will date his next court appearance March 24.

Franklin County Sheriff Ted Collins said about 30 dead cows and calves were found on Paynter's 450-acre farm when Paynter was arrested March 24.

Paynter had received the Jaycee's annual farm award at the recommendation of the Franklin County Farm Bureau, said Jaycee member Tommy Smith.

April Doe finds real home

FORT KNOC, Ky. (AP) - April Doe, the infant found last week on the steps of a Radcliff church, left United Army Community Hospital last week for a foster home.

Police said they have few clues to the 5-day-old girl's identity. The hospital reported that she "continues to progress well."

A fund has been established to handle money and gifts being donated to the baby.

Maj. John Eagles, public information officer at Fort Knox, said April is eating well and that her body temperature is normal. He said the baby had been receiving intravenous antibiotics to ward off infections, but those drugs were discontinued Tuesday.

The infant, who is being called April Doe because she was found April 1, was released from the hospital this week, Eagles said.

Frank Hughes, a spokesman for the state Cabinet for Human Resources, said the baby will live at a foster home in the Elizabethtown area.

Authorities believe April was less than 12 hours old when she was found wrapped in a blanket in a paper bag at Stithson Baptist Church, off U.S. 31W in Radcliff.

Church secretary Delta Camell found the baby as she arrived for work about 8 a.m. and notified authorities.

Kentucky's general fund shows increase

FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) - Kentucky's General Fund took in \$196.4 million last month, a 6.5 percent gain from March 1987, the Finance Cabinet said Friday.

Collections for the first nine months of fiscal 1988 were \$2,292,518,277, which was a growth rate of 8.1 percent from the same period in fiscal 1987, the cabinet said in a news release.

Growth of 5.2 percent in the final quarter would be needed to reach the targeted growth rate for the year, which also was 5.2 percent, Finance Secretary L. Rogers Walker said in the release.

Major sources of growth last month were in collections of individual income tax, property tax and sales and use taxes. The largest decline in coal-governance and corporation-income taxes, among others, the release said.

Road Fund receipts for March were down 6.4 percent from a year ago at \$54,028,558. For the fiscal year to date, Road Fund receipts have risen 6.65, 71.6, 90, and decline of 6.7 percent, the release said.

BUSINESS IN BRIEF

From The Associated Press for The Carlisle Mercury

Mount Sterling bank sold
MOUNT STERLING, Ky. (AP) - The Exchange Bank of Kentucky, one of the state's oldest, is being sold to the Pikeville National Corp., subject to the approval of shareholders and state and federal regulators.

Exchange President H.C. Reed said depreciation was partly responsible for the decision, which will mean new services for customers.

Pikeville National, based in Pikeville, controls Pikeville National Bank and Trust Co., First Security Bank and Trust in Pikeville and Commercial Bank in West Liberty. Pikeville National had assets last year of \$525 million.

The Exchange Bank of Kentucky's 1987 assets were 545 million. It was chartered in 1856.

Herald - Leader names GM

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP) - Scott McGehee, a Knight-Ridder newspaper executive and former managing editor of the Detroit Free Press, has been named general manager of the Lexington Herald-Leader, publisher Lewis Owens announced Wednesday.



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