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## Armed robber strikes Shell

Early morning hold-up nets \$253

**By Josh Shephard**  
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CARLISLE — A male suspect in ski mask and gloves apparently hold up Shell Food Mart on KY 32, Monday, with what witnesses say looked like a semi-automatic weapon.

According to a Kentucky State Police report, witnesses said an armed suspect entered the food store at approximately 12:25 a.m., wearing a black ski mask, white tee-shirt and black jacket.

Upon entering, the report said the gunman aimed a weapon on night shift employee Lesma Garrett and ordered her to open the cash registers, the report said.

Garrett, who said she was standing in the middle of the mart near the registers when the gunman entered, was told to open both registers and place all cash in the drawer of the gunman's bag.

Witnesses, four employees and one customer, said the gunman was of small build. Garrett added that she noticed what appeared to be grease paint around the gunman's eyes beneath the ski mask, apparently to disguise the criminal's skin color.

The gunman took all paper money from both registers which totalled an estimated \$253, according to Kentucky State Trooper Tim Layne, who filed the report.

Garrett described the gunman's weapon as looking like a semi-automatic, however, state police have not been able to positively identify the gun as being such, Layne said.

There is a make of B.B. gun that looks like a semi-automatic weapon, Layne explained.

Norma Feasback, also on duty at the time of the robbery, contacted her husband who transferred the message on to police. No other money was taken from the store when the gunman escaped on foot and was seen heading east along the railroad tracks running behind the store, but police suspect the perpetrator may have had an automobile stationed elsewhere for the getaway, Layne said.

No arrests have been made but police have said the investigation has turned up some suspects, Layne said.

## City - county iron out details of dispatching

**By Josh Shephard**  
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CARLISLE — Carlisle Mayor Frankie Hughes came before Nicholas Fiscal Court to determine if the court would enter into an agreement to share the cost of a 24-hour dispatching service.

In a joint meeting of the fiscal court and Carlisle City Council late last month the agreement was discussed. However, to agree to the council's proposal, the court expressed a wish that the council aid in funding the county detentions.

At the court meeting, Hughes said the council agreed to aid funding of the dig warden in return for court cooperation with the dispatcher.

Several applications were already been completed at the city office, Hughes said, but he expressed some concerns about recommending a woman for the night shift of the dispatch service because of possible behavior of prisoners arrested.

Hughes said he would not make the final decision, but "I just don't see a woman wanting to be around all that. The drunks they bring in grabbing and pinching them, language enough to peel paint off the wall is had enough. But there are times when prisoners can get violent or even try to escape. I don't feel the women who've applied want to put up with that," Hughes said.

Hughes also said he certainly wouldn't discriminate. After debate over the hourly pay the dispatchers will receive, the court went ahead with the agreement.

## Arnold reclaims seat, loses Nicholas county

**Staff Report**  
**The Carlisle Mercury**

Incumbent Kentucky State representative Adnan Arnold successfully edged the democratic nomination over challenger Tom Hogge, 418-3645, despite strong support from voters in Nicholas County and a close race in neighboring Bath County.

Results from Montgomery County pulled Arnold over the top. He took the county by a full 124 votes, 272-148.

Hogge took three Montgomery County precincts, Levee, Jeffersonville, and Old Salem, in his bid to topple Arnold's home county control. But even defeating

Arnold by as much as 81 votes in Levee, he could not sway enough voters in the county gain ground.

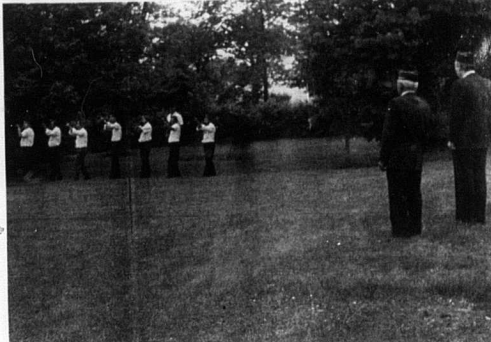
Bath County returns had Arnold trailing Hogge by 44 votes until a final vote surge brought Arnold the county by slim 20.

However, Arnold met defeat in one county, Nicholas.

Hogge defeated Arnold in nearby Nicholas County precinct by a 2-1 margin with the exception of the East Union District which recorded a one vote Arnold loss.

Arnold took the majority of the voting in the city of Carlisle but in nearly every

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REMEMBERING — Members of the Nicholas County American Legion and VFW honored America's war dead with a 21 gun salute, while other members stood at attention. The ceremony was held at Carlisle Cemetery, Sunday, May 27.

## Court says no to Mainstreet; approves \$8000 for authority

**By Josh Shephard**  
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CARLISLE — Nicholas County Fiscal Court members agreed to an \$8000 donation to the Carlisle - Nicholas County Industrial Authority, but gave no money to Carlisle Mainstreet for 1990.

The court heard requests for donations from both organizations during the May 22 meeting.

Mainstreet Manager Jo Lynn Garrett said the first year of the project has been successful, in offering a summary of the program's efforts.

The program has made some impressive groundwork establishing itself in the city and have already made strides for general improvement, she explained.

A new Mainstreet Board has been established with representatives from both Carlisle banks and other leaders of the business community.

Goals for the coming year have become far more ambitious, she said, and to meet these goals the program requested a \$10,000 donation to their cause.

"State and national Mainstreet representatives are evaluating the progress our program has made in its first year and the outlook so far has been quite good. We sponsored the entire Christmas parade last year, a costly but successful endeavor, the Farmer's Market we have established is beginning to cash some ground and we have many other ideas we would like to implement for the next year," Garrett said.

Garrett also said the program had success getting some business owners to be painting improvements on their buildings and the program is able to reimburse them 5 percent, not a huge sum, Garrett said, but the program stands behind anyone making building

improvements.

Mark Mattox, representing the Industrial Authority, gave his support the efforts of the Mainstreet program.

The program, he said, is beneficial to the efforts of the Authority in attracting business prospects because the program makes strides to make Carlisle attractive, a strong selling point to potential business interests.

"I have not failed to notice the changes Mainstreet has made to this town. It's a good program and one that would be good to support," Mattox said.

The program has a three to five year start-up period, Garrett said, in order for the program to develop financial solvency.

With no other questions offered from the court, Garrett excused herself from the meeting to attend a Mainstreet Program meeting in progress.

Mattox took the floor following Garrett's presentation with a donation request from the Industrial Authority.

Mattox, accompanied by Industrial Authority representative Spud Marshall and Curtmill Lester, requested a \$12,000 donation from the court.

Mattox said the authority has been donated office space by Deposit Bank of Carlisle President Jim Brown.

In addition, the authority has hired a full-time secretary, Kathy Howard and part-time Executive Director, Spud Marshall.

Mattox said the authority received a conference table and chairs from the First National Bank, but other equipment is needed for the office to be functional.

"If we are to become an effective unit capable of attracting business to this community, we need a central location for interested parties to come. Businesses usually like a place where they can

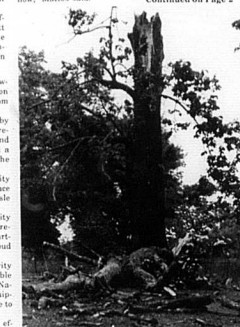
Financial support is also coming from three Nicholas County industries, Jockey International, Carlisle Manufacturing, and Magic International, and Mattox gave the court a full breakdown of their estimated start-up costs.

Sewer and water system moratoriums created a measure of difficulty in attracting business, she said, because they could not offer immediate utility services to companies who may have been interested in locating in Nicholas County.

But with completion of improvements of both facilities, the moratoriums no longer present a problem, he said.

"We feel the time to act is now," Mattox said.

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Mother nature and old age destroyed a large tree in Carlisle Cemetery this past week. During the month of May, the county received more than seven inches of rainfall, several heavy storms, and high winds.