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**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

**Editor:**  
Thank you for the coverage we received in The Carlisle Mercury for our St. Jude Bike Rally. I would like to add thanks to Wal-Mart for a donation on prizes.  
Merilyn Sams, Coordinator  
St. Jude Bike - A-Thon

**Editor:**  
Every Friday, we have bingo games for the senior citizens at their center on Main Street.  
We miss Eddie's Family Restaurant as they provided six to seven prizes every Friday. I would like to thank him.  
Merilyn Sams, President  
Senior Citizens Advisory Board

**POLICE LOG**

**Kentucky State Police**  
Kentucky State Police reports are provided by the Public Affairs Office. Trooper James Daniels, 36 miles east of Paducah, charged Gary Suddard 36, of Carlisle, Kentucky with driving under the influence. The arrest occurred at 1:15 p.m. on June 11, 1991 in the limits of Carlisle, Kentucky on KY 36. He was turned over to the Nicholas County Transportation Officer.  
Trooper Kenneth Jones has charged Bobby G. McDonald 32, of Moorefield, Kentucky with driving under the influence, attempting to elude and speeding. Jones also charged William Archer Jr., 35, of Carlisle, Kentucky with Alcohol Intoxication and disorderly conduct, and Eddie D. Craycraft 36 miles east of Carlisle, Kentucky with Alcohol Intoxication and no insurance. The arrests occurred at 12:25 a.m. on June 12, 1991, four miles east of Carlisle on Lake road. They were turned over to the Nicholas County Transportation Officer.  
Trooper Kenneth Jones has charged Kevin A. Kerns 22, of Cynthiana, Kentucky with driving under the influence. The arrest occurred at 10:45 p.m. on June 11, two tenths of a mile west of Carlisle on KY 36. He was turned over to the Nicholas County Transportation Officer.

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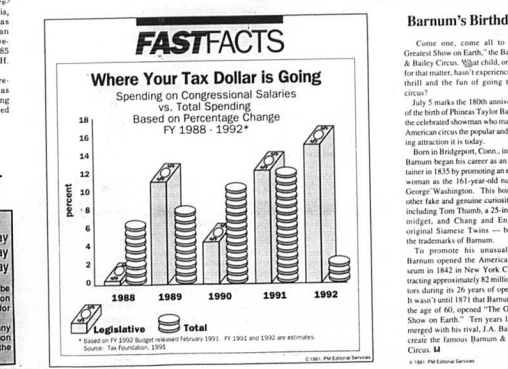
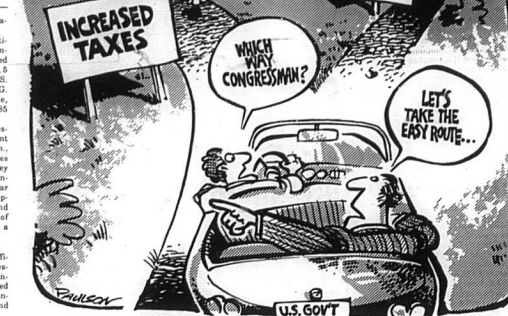
**5 Years Ago**  
Thursday, June 19, 1986  
A letter to gain final approval on Nicholas County's Solid Waste Management 20-year plan has been sent to the Division of Waste Management by Judge/Executive Reese Smoot.  
Mr. and Mrs. John Brewster of Carlisle, were welcomed into the Pioneer Tree Farm Program recently.  
Captain Damon K. Booth (USAF) was promoted to his present grade on June 2 at Little Rock Air Force Base in Jacksonville, AR.  
BORN: Mark Austin Withrow, May 11, 1986; Benjamin Michael Mattox, June 14, 1986.  
MARRIED: Miss Michelle Ashbury to Steve Morris, June 7, 1986.

DIED: Mrs. Luc Ellen Capps, June 3, 1986; William A. Dorcy, June 15, 1986; Mrs. Ethel C. Flora, June 9, 1986; Mrs. Rowena Nofflinger, June 14, 1986; Mrs. Janet Walker Tidwell, June 11, 1986.  
**10 Years Ago**  
Thursday, June 18, 1981  
The Nicholas County Fiscal Court awarded the contract for repairing the bell tower at the Courthouse to Keytizon

**20 Years Ago**  
Thursday, June 17, 1971  
Ballots for voting in the June referendum on extending the wool and lamb market promotion program are being mailed to all known wool producers in Nicholas County, announced Harvey Wagor.  
David Lynn Moore will be ordained to the gospel ministry on June 29 by the Carlisle Baptist Church.  
William Dumper, 32, was

appointed by the Nicholas County Board at a called meeting last Wednesday night. Lee Dudley was third runner-up to be new Miss Kentucky National Teenager at Georgetown College Saturday, June 13.  
The Lexington Technical Institute at the University of Kentucky has named Paul Douglas Tiddler to its Dean's List for the spring semester 1981.  
BORN: Amanda Katherine Zachary, May 17, 1981.  
MARRIED: Laura L. Salinger to Dr. Stephen W. Bailey, June 6, 1981.  
DIED: Olla Frank Farris, June 14, 1981; Mrs. Lillian Micheltore Madley, June 13, 1981; William F. Shields, June 14, 1981.

BORN: Cecil Allen Sears, Thursday; Harold Lee Pruitt, May 23, To Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Nichols, a son, June 12; Barbara Joan Browning, June 15, 1941; Rebecca Barlow, June 17, 1941.  
MARRIED: Miss Marie Ward to Claude Finch, May 11, 1941; Mrs. Paul Darnell to Rev. D. Brandenburg, June 14, 1941.  
DIED: Denny Conway, Thursday; Mrs. Ella J. Smart, Wednesday.



**Although closed since 1978  
Maxey Flats gains attention**

By Allen G. Breed  
FLEMINGBURGH — Herbert Jolly lives only five miles from the Maxey Flats nuclear waste dump. So he and others raised concerns about water being pumped from the trenches and down the surrounding hillsides, they had to do something about it.

July, a founding member of the Maxey Flats Radiation Protection group, was one of those responsible for getting the Fleming County dump closed in 1978. Now, he and other group members are entering a plan to finally stabilize the site.

About 90 area residents attended a public hearing Thursday by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to outline proposals for dealing with Maxey Flats. EPA officials spent much of the three-hour session explaining their "preferred remedy."

Maxey Flats was used from 1962 to 1977 as a dumping ground for low-level radioactive materials. Radioactive tritium, cobalt and other substances were found in water and soil samples taken from the site.

The state closed the 27-acre site, which is about 17 miles southeast of Flemingburg, when contaminated water was found leaking from the 46 trenches. The dump was put on the federal Superfund list of the nation's most hazardous sites in 1980.

David Kluesner, the EPA project manager for Maxey Flats, said the EPA wanted to use a process known as natural stabilization.

The method involves removing the estimated 3 million gallons of contaminated water from the trenches and beneath the site during a two-year period. Then a 60-acre plastic liner would be placed over the entire area.

After between 25 and 100 years, the trenches would be covered with a permanent cap. That would contain 11 layers of materials — including plastic liners, clay, crushed rock and soil — that would be deposited on top of the materials.

Kluesner said the total cost would be about \$35.6 million. The other plans discussed — which include compacting the waste or pumping it out, solidifying it and putting it back into the trenches — would cost between \$43 million and \$68.9 million. More of the others would take more than four years to complete.

Whatever remedy is selected, Kluesner said, it would be evaluated every five years to make sure it is still the best available option.

Members of the citizens group, which has since changed its name to Maxey Flats Concerned Citizens, said the EPA plan seemed to be the best, at least for now. "We can't be sure that this will work, but there is a provision of opening it back up if it doesn't work or new technology comes around," said Ed Story, the group's president.

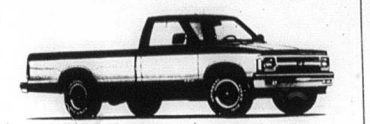
"I feel pretty good about it," said Story, who teaches in nearby Flemingburg. "It has taken longer than we expected, but we seem to be making progress."

Ruth Hiltbrand, an original group member who lives about a mile from the site, said she was pleased that the EPA was working to get a buffer zone around the dump. That zone could consist of up to 400 acres.

Marvin Resnikoff, a technical advisor for the citizens group, proposed several amendments to the EPA plan. Resnikoff suggested that the dump be covered with a more substantial temporary cover for the age group with the breakdown before the first 25 years are up.

He also suggested the state should be responsible for getting the Fleming County dump closed in 1978. Now, he and other group members are entering a plan to finally stabilize the site.

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**Barnum's Birthday**  
Come one, come all to "The Greatest Show on Earth," the Barnum & Bailey Circus. "Big" child or adult for the mother, have experienced the thrill and the fun of going to the circus.  
July 5 marks the 180th anniversary of the birth of Pheasant Taylor Barnum, the celebrated showman who made the American circus the popular and thrilling attraction it is today.  
Born in Bridgeport, Conn., in 1810, Barnum began his career as an entrepreneur in 1835 by promoting an elderly woman as the 161-year-old nurse of George Washington. This hoax and other fake and genuine con games — including Tom Thumb, a 25-inch-tall original Siamese Twins — became the trademarks of Barnum.  
To promote his unusual acts, Barnum opened the American Museum in 1842 in New York City, attracting approximately 82 million visitors during its 26 years of operation. He died in 1881, but Barnum, past the age of 60, opened "The Greatest Show on Earth." Ten years later he moved back to his real life. A. Bailey, as created the famous Barnum & Bailey Circus. M  
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