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Linda Grasch, Editor

BARDSTOWN ROAD AGLOW!

Presented by the Highland Commerce Guild By Lynne Lyndrup

It's that time of year again! On **Saturday, December 1, from dusk 'til 10 p.m.** Bardstown Road will be Aglow. For the 16th year, area businesses along the Bardstown Road/Baxter Avenue corridor will extend their business hours and invite their residential friends and neighbors in for a start on the holiday season. Businesses from the 500 block of Baxter all the way past the Douglass Loop will be participating in this annual event.

Many of the merchants offering be light refreshments as well as friendly service. If you don't bring your cash or credit cards, at least bring your pad and pencil. These shops have fabulous finds - for you and for those on your holiday shopping list (you don't want to forget where you saw that perfect gift for Granny!). If you already patronize the shops along wonderful, exciting

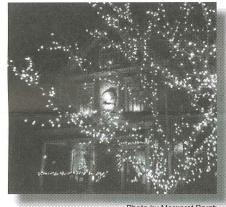


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this wonderful, exciting Glowing Bardstown Road. corridor you know what I mean. If you are new to the area or think "mall" when you usually shop, come out and try a new experience. You'll have

fun and be glad you did. Bring family and friends with you and have a ball! Kelli Milligan, president of the Highland Commerce Guild, notes that 125 businesses participated in Aglow last year. She expects up to 150 businesses to participate this year.

A wide variety of businesses always share in the excitement of Aglow. For example, Renaissance Interior Designs, 500 block of Baxter, will be open and will have a bagpiper for your listening pleasure. Check out Raindog's Salon, 1300 block of Bardstown Road, and its virtual rainbow of hair colorings for that special "holiday look."

There are boutiques such as Fung Shway, located in the same block of Bardstown Road. Owner Theresa Ray plans to have live acoustic music, appetizers, and liquid refreshments again this year, as well as discounts on all purchases made that evening.

Other shops to be sure to visit are Shaw Accessories and Apparel in the 1400 block of Bardstown Road, Kente International Imports in the 1600 block, and Leatherhead at the corner of Bardstown and Bonnycastle. A relative newcomer to the 1500 block is Sitori, whose merchandise from Nepal was stalled in customs during last year's Aglow. We are delighted to report that they have lots of inventory just waiting for you this year! Restaurants and coffee shops up and down the street will be open, as well as bookstores and galleries.

There will be three trolleys running Saturday night, from the Baxter/Lexington Road intersection to a turn-around point at Kaelin Avenue, just past the Bardstown/Taylorsville/Trevillian Way intersection. They will run until about 11 p.m. Not only will you be able to ride free of charge, but also you may get on or off at any regular bus stops along the way. Free candy canes will be offered to the children riding the trolleys with their parents. The Highland Commerce Guild is commissioning the Louisville Pipe Band to play that evening, as well. Santa sometimes strolls the corridor, offering candy canes and "ho, ho, ho's." This year promises to be another highly entertaining, fun-filled Aglow experience. Be there!

Help Make Bardstown Rd. Glow!

By Lynne Lyndrup

Volunteers Needed!

Long-time resident and cleanup man **Tony Lindauer** is planning the annual "Neighborhood Clean Sweep" project. As usual, it is held

the annual "Neighborhood Clean Sweep" the morning of the Bardstown Road Aglow event. This is a great way for you early risers to get a jump on the day and make the Bardstown Road/Baxter Avenue corridor shine. It all starts on Saturday, December 1, at 8 a.m. at the Bristol Bar and Grill for pancakes and coffee, courtesy of that generous commercial establishment again this year. Around 9 a.m., Tony will divide the group of volunteers into teams and assign a block or two to each team. With a good number



of people and not too much window-shopping, the corridor should be swept and clean by 10:30.

Trash bags are provided, but it would be wise for you to **bring your own work gloves and broom or rake.** A pad and pencil might be helpful, too: If you window shop while you work, you may want to jot down the name of that shop where you saw a great gift for your sister. Those of you who want to help out this year can **call Tony at 456-6139** for more information. The more people, the merrier, and the more quickly Bardstown Road will glow!



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Halloween Fun in the Triangle.



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CTA Membership Reminder!

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Also, do help spread the word regarding membership with your neighbors and friends.

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Wistful for Wirelessness

As a Cherokee Triangle resident since 1982, I have seen our neighborhood undergo a fantastic and near-total restoration. The loving hands that care for virtually every house, along with thoughtful Landmarks guidelines for improvement, have left our neighborhood a unique jewel, with greatly enhanced property values.

We're *not* finished. The one remaining issue that mandates our attention is that of aboveground utilities. The skies of our preservation district are filled with decidedly nonhistoric utility wires. Not to mention the (albeit necessary) carnage that has been inflicted on hundreds of our old growth trees. My sensitivity to this issue became heightened when Insight installed its large-diameter fiber, which all but blocked our view of Rob and Kathy Emrich's beautiful house at 1200 Everett Avenue.

"Imagine our neighborhood with the skies free of wires."

Now I find that wires mar the views of most of our neighborhood's most distinctive buildings. I've taken so many pictures of this problem over the last few years that there are simply too many to include with this letter. And now I hear that there are plans to license two additional cable companies, each of which will install its own redundant wiring systems.

Imagine our neighborhood with the skies free of wires. With trees that have been allowed to heal. With period lighting, and period street signs. Not to mention an improvement in service, as buried utilities are impervious to interruption by lightning, wind, trees and ice.

Perhaps such a dream for the Cherokee Triangle is impractical. Let's find out. Many special neighborhoods like ours have successfully negotiated partnerships and long-term paybacks with their utility companies. I think it's our turn. Anyone with the experience or passion to help advance such a cause is invited to contact me at 459-1317. (before 8:30 p.m., please – that's bedtime for our kids).

Gray Smith 1145 Everett Avenue

Alderman Allison Ably Assists

Two weeks after Taco Bell reopened and I saw the nightmare they had created, [See Fast Food, Page 3] I called Public Works to get some Speed Limit, No Parking and Fire Lane signs installed in the alley. I also asked for speed bumps. I was told that they don't install such signs in alleys and that speed bumps are not allowed in the city. A very negative response, to put it mildly. Bill Robinson did say he would study the traffic flow and get back to me.

I decided to call Alderman Allison because I felt Public Works was not going to be much help. Bill Allison has been unbelievably helpful and responsive to the problems. He has given me direction as to what to do first, whom to contact and how to proceed. Whenever I call him with questions, he returns my calls! I have really been impressed by his attitude and work ethic. Plus, he understands the clash between the historic and commercial interests in the Triangle — Bill should run for mayor.

Alderman Allison set up a meeting between Tricon representatives, Sandy Phillips, Tom Conder, Bill and myself. We had a very productive meeting at City Hall and are waiting for Tricon to get back to Bill with solutions to the problems outlined.

Jean Henderson 1054 Cherokee Road

Cherokee Triangle Association Newsletter

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Santa, Kids and Pets at Willow Park

Come celebrate the spirit of the holidays and share with those in need.

The Cherokee Triangle Neighborhood will sponsor again this year Santa, Kids and Pets at the gazebo in Willow Park

on Sunday, December 9th, from

2 until 4 p.m. Santa Claus
will accept gifts from
children to benefit the
Highland Community
Ministries Christmas program for
needy families while Mrs. Claus (Jackie

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Gifts for children should be marked for the appropriate age on their packaging. Animal gifts should consist of such things as dog or cat treats, durable toys, new or used blankets

Gulbe of Pet Project) will take gifts for the

and towels.

Highland Middle School will provide a repertoire of Christmas, Hanukah, and Kwanzaa songs.

Polaroid photos

of Santa and Mrs. Claus with pets or kids will be available for a nominal fee with profits going to the beneficiaries of the event. Cider and cookies will be served.

For more information
Tony Lindauer 456-6139

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Hoon Was Here

Cherokee Triangle residents who watch the BBC news on Public Television at 11 p.m. may have seen United Kingdom Minister of Defence Geoffrey Hoon speaking about the Afghanistan war. During the Fall 1979 and Spring 1980 semesters at the University of Louisville, Mr. Hoon was a Triangle resident. He lived in the garage apartment on Ray Street that is a part of 2437 Longest Avenue. At that time Mr. Hoon was a visiting professor of law at U of L.

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GUEST EDITORIAL

Fast Food Restaurant Given Order to Carry Out; Asked to Deliver

By Jean Henderson 1054 Cherokee Road

The recent changes made to the Taco Bell fast-food restaurant at 1069 Bardstown Road have created an intolerable situation for the neighbors who share the alley with this business. Taco Bell has not been a desirable neighbor, with the visual pollution, noise, lights and chronic litter problem. Now, with recent changes, they have become the neighbors from hell.

Taco Bell has done *nothing* to protect us, the adjoining residential properties, from the visual pollution of its building, lights, noise, drivethrough and parking lot. Rather, with total disregard for our privacy, peace and quiet and safety, they have aggressively annexed our properties into their business.

All of the changes were made without any notification of residential neighbors, either by Taco Bell or the City of Louisville Public Works Department. We neighbors were not allowed to view the proposed changes, object to them and alter them. We, whose living conditions have been seriously affected by these changes, *were never included* in the planning/approval process.

The following are the specific changes made and the resulting problems created:

The Entrance/ Exit From the Alley

Taco Bell widened this entrance from one lane to two super-wide lanes. In fact, this entrance is wider than the main entrance to Taco Bell on Bardstown Road. (It is also wider than the main entrance to the Mid-City Mall!) This in an alley that was originally built for horse and carriage. At this alley entrance Taco Bell has also installed a large, lighted "ENTER" sign. The increase in traffic is horrendous and unsafe.

"Fire lane? What fire lane? ... This alley is out of control."

In addition to the widened entrance/exit, the restaurant has realigned its curbing away from the normal curbing of the rest of the alley, creating another lane the width of the property. Together, these two alterations have created a "mini-interstate." Cars and trucks have been given *more room to speed*. They zoom in and out of the entrance, use Taco Bell as a cut-through or loop, run each other into our properties (at high speeds) and curse us when we dare try to back out of our garages, slowing them down. The extra lane has become an unloading dock for behemoth semi-trucks that are too large for the alley and certainly

too large for this newly created lane. They end up parked in the alleyway, pushing the speeders and others onto our properties, sideswiping our walls and garages and running over garbage cans and anything else in their way.

There are no traffic control signs or protective barriers installed. Most of the property owners enter their homes from the alley, rather than Cherokee Road, and have to deal with this stressful situation several times a day.

Fire lane? What fire lane? Trucks and customers park wherever they want in the alley. They park in front of our garages, on both sides of the alley, while they go in to eat. They also park in front of our garages, bring the food out to their vehicles to eat, then dump the leftovers and trash on our properties when they leave.

This alley is out of control!

"The neighbors were not included in this decision that has so affected our properties and our peace and quiet."

Visual and Noise Pollution

One of the most damaging alterations by Taco Bell was the removal of a huge, mature, 50-foot tree located on the alley at the back of their property. Not only did this tree screen out the visual pollution that this fast-food restaurant inflicts on residential neighbors, it also helped screen out the 24-hour noise and intrusive lighting. With this tree gone, the visual and noise pollution have increased to an intolerable level.

Without any screening barriers, those who live adjacent to the rear of the restaurant are left unprotected from the visual chaos, noise and ugliness. High-intensity lights shine into our yards, through our windows and into our bedrooms from 6 p.m. until 6 a.m. Traffic sounds from Bardstown Road that were once muffled are now at full decibel.

Taco Bell was given permission to remove the tree by the City forester — who also told them to replace it. Taco Bell's "replacement" was the planting of two, 5-foot-tall stick-trees. Unacceptable! Again, the neighbors were not included in this decision that has so affected our properties and our peace and quiet.

In summary, the Taco Bell alterations have created a very stressful living situation for the adjoining property owners, and all of these changes were made without any notification to us. Taco Bell has failed to protect us from the chaos

their business creates. The Public Works Department has also failed miserably. We ask that the City of Louisville and Tricon Corporation, owner of Taco Bell, work to resolve these problems immediately.

Adjustments demanded of Tricon Corporation by property owners of the 1000 Block of Cherokee Road to comply with development code:

- Remove lighted "ENTER" sign at alley entrance. Do not replace. Do not install store signage in the alley.
- Install 10-foot-tall fence (get variance)
 along Arby's side of property from
 Bardstown Road sidewalk, back to alley,
 then running across the back of property
 parallel with the alley to surround
 Dumpster enclosure on the northwest
 side of the property.
- Landscape abundantly along fence. Plant large evergreens (pines and hemlocks) that will screen through all seasons.
- Decrease the width of the entrance/exit from the alley to *one lane* and make it *one way* out. Increase width of the green island area at the southeast corner of property to narrow entrance/exit lanes to one lane. Extend the curbing of center island back to natural alignment of the alley and widen in order to narrow entrance/exit lanes to one lane. Extend the curbing of the northern-most island back to natural alignment of the alley.
- Install protective steel pylons on adjoining properties endangered by delivery trucks and increased traffic.
- Install screening panels on all pole lights to force light down and away from residences.
- Prune immediately and maintain the Bradford Pear tree on the property so that it is not lost to damage or disease.

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NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS



Not Quite Spaghetti Junction, But No Piece of Lake for Pedestrians By Dick Rivers

To get the full flavor of one of Louisville's messiest traffic situations, stand at the corner of Cherokee Parkway and Willow Avenue during the evening rush hour. I suggest standing at point A at the top of the accompanying map; it is safer for a pedestrian than any other location around the intersection.

Cars will be hurrying up the parkway from Grinstead Drive, few slowing as they turn left onto Willow. This city intersection is a turn on a federal highway — U.S. 60 — and drivers making that turn aren't inhibited by any STOP or SLOW signs. From the opposite direction, one often sees a car stalling traffic at B, waiting for a break that will allow a quick acceleration across the parkway and up Willow Hill. A second lane C has been engineered into the intersection, allowing cars to sneak around the cars standing at B.

"The tone of the replies was that Kentucky drivers pay little attention to signs or speed limits ... or pedestrians."

A driver stopped at D has the same problem as B, if she is trying to head down the parkway to Grinstead. Let's suppose D makes a dash across Willow at the same moment as B nudges forward. A squeal of brakes, and fortunately, no crash; after some indecision, D crosses, and B backs up, to wait for a longer break in U.S. 60 traffic.

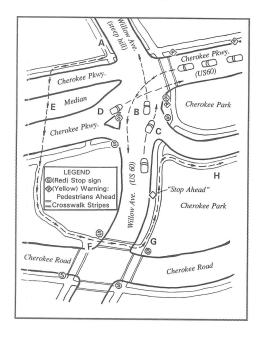
A dad pushing a stroller at point E, hoping to enter the park to go to Baringer Hill, decides that the safe thing to do is to walk to F, then to G and H and into the park! The Willow/Cherokee Road intersection is at least equipped with 4-way STOP signs, and driver decision-making there is a rational process.

In early summer, Alderman Bill Allison responded to Triangle residents' complaints by asking the Louisville Traffic Engineering Department and the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KTC) to find a better way to control this intersection. The agencies considered the problem and reported their findings at an open meeting at Mid-City Mall on June 4.

The core of this meeting was a video/computer simulation of traffic flow at this intersection. Such simulations let engineers estimate the effects of stoplights versus 2-, 3-, and 4-way stop signs. The

simulations are based on academic studies of traffic behavior, including drivers' habits, vehicle acceleration after a stop, the distances between vehicles at various speeds, etc. The computer simulation must be provided with the numbers of vehicles crossing the intersection, or making turns from each entering lane. The KTC study sent personnel to make these counts at the Willow intersection during a morning and an evening peak traffic time.

Dawn Jones, the engineer at KTC



responsible for the study, explained the simulation and its results. The simulation predicted that a stoplight would produce 7.2 vehicle-hours of traffic holdup, versus 1.4 vehicle-hours for the existing 3-way stop signage, and 2.4 vehicle-hours if the intersection were converted to 4-way stop signage. Jones, KTC District 5 Chief Traffic Engineer Bill Monhollon and Dan Curtis, City Traffic Engineer, all felt that the holdup resulting from a traffic light would be unacceptable; they were reluctant to accept the increase predicted for conversion to a 4way stop. They explained that an increased traffic delay has three major negative effects: driver frustration, fuel waste, and air pollution. No estimates of these factors were presented.

A question period followed the computer simulation video. Triangle attendees made suggestions ranging from additions of SLow signs and painting of zebra-stripe crosswalks to construction of bridges or underpasses. The answers by the highway-design

professionals were quite frank, but — in the view of this attendee — somewhat disturbing.

"The answers ... were quite frank, but ... somewhat disturbing."

The tone of the replies was that Kentucky drivers pay little attention to signs or speed limits ... or pedestrians. "Pedestrians get bumped into at traffic lights all the time," was one statement. Zebra stripes are not used because government does not want the liability of putting something in place that promises security but can't deliver it. Besides, there isn't money available for additional striping. The recommended path for entering the park was to get to the Willow/Cherokee Road 4-way stop, as was done by our hypothetical stroller-pushing dad above.

CTA attendees noted that the simulation was for a simple intersection with four entrances, though the real intersection has six entrances and other confusing aspects. These probably narrow the delay spread between the three controls. Considerable additional study, including on-site vehicle counts, would be needed to determine whether the KTC simulation is meaningful. And considerable more pedestrian attendance at meetings with highway engineers will be needed if pedestrians expect some parity with drivers.

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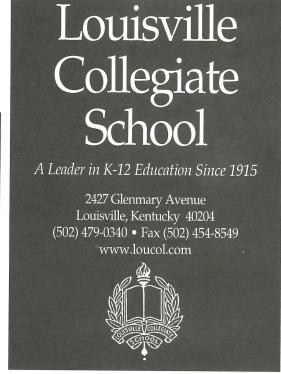
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Economic Hardship Exemption Gets Hard Examination

by Linda Grasch

Following the recent demolition of two structures on Ray Avenue through the use of the Economic Hardship Exemption, the CTA board of trustees, after discussion and study, has concluded the following:

- · Currently, the Economic Hardship Exemption fails to preserve, protect, and perpetuate historic landmarks and neighborhoods.
- The City of Louisville Board of Aldermen should make modifications or amendments to the ordinance to protect against irrevocable losses of historic structures within preservation districts that provide visible reminders of the history and heritage of our city.
- · The Cherokee Triangle's ad-hoc committee on the Landmarks Ordinance is vested with the authority to speak on behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Cherokee Triangle in advocating and seeking these changes in the city's Landmarks Ordinance and other changes that further the goal of historic preservation and which may assist in ensuring the continued existence of preservation districts in the merged governments of the City of Louisville and Jefferson County after January 1, 2003.

Recognizing the detrimental impact of demolition in a preservation district, on Saturday, Nov. 3, Alderman Bill Allison and Alderwoman Tina Ward Pugh met with residents of the Cherokee Triangle including CTA board of trustees members to hear and respond to concerns regarding the Economic Hardship Exemption. Among those invited guests were Charles Raith, M.A. Allgeier, and Doug Stern, all members of the Landmarks Commission. Some attendees' questions and concerns follow.



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Sandy Phillips, president, CTA board of trustees commented that, "... a Landmarks designation has a positive ripple effect on adjacent properties and businesses, increasing their value. However, homeowners who choose to buy in a historic preservation area must invest more to rehabilitate and/or maintain their properties than if they were buying new construction in outlying areas. Therefore, there should be a residential realtor or a resident on the panel studying the request for the hardship exemption."

"...as the city, with five preservation districts, is soon to merge with a county with none, city residents need to consider the proper use of the Economic Hardship Exemption."

Mary Kay Flege of the Glenmary Association says she believes that as a homeowner she is held to a higher standard than that set for businesses, schools and churches. She advocates a lengthier review process for the hardship exemption — or that it be banned entirely.

David Kaplan pointed out that the lawyers panel of the CTA board of trustees has analyzed the present ordinance and has concluded that it should be strengthened and that the standards for its application should be clarified. Among the possible modifications the committee has discussed are making the decision of the hardship reviewable by the whole commission and providing that the specific criteria for granting an exemption be better defined within the ordinance itself.

William Warner would modify the so-called "sunset provision" in the existing statute in a way that would assure the survival of the Louisville historic zoning ordinance virtually intact — beyond the effective date of merger in January 2003.

Recent events in the Cherokee Triangle reinforce that as the city, with five preservation districts, is soon to merge with a county with none, city residents need to consider the proper use of the Economic Hardship Exemption as well as assure the protection and continuation of designated historic districts merger once accomplished.



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Vinyl Windows and Warm Reflections

By Mary Jane Glauber

It was a dinner meeting, and I found myself seated at a table with people I had never met.

After we introduced ourselves, we began to search for our common interests. The question of where we lived came up and I said that I lived in the Cherokee Triangle.

Before I was even able to explain that it is an historic preservation district, a gentleman at the table said, "Oh, so you are one of those people who can't use vinyl replacement

I had never before thought of myself in that light as a definition of who I am.

"There may be a million personal reasons for why we like to visit these historic areas."

Immediately, an image of replacement windows popped into my head. I remembered seeing some vintage buildings where the old window openings had been refitted with modern windows that would never have fit into the original space. The modern window distracted from the character of the old building, and the total overall effect was not a pretty sight.

I simply answered, "Yes, that's right." I quickly realized that his comment really had shed some light for me, at least in part, as to who I am.

I share this thought with you because it is highly likely that you who are reading this also live in the Cherokee Triangle, and that you, too, would be one of those people who may be defined as not being able to use vinyl replacement windows. It is not because of any written guidelines, although we are very thankful that they are there, but because we realize at a very profound level that we like the comforting look of pristine historic preservation districts.

As I left the meeting with this image of vinyl replacement windows still fresh in my mind, the cold winter wind rushed at me in the

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dark and chilled me to the core. I wanted to get out from the cold winter wind, and images of warm summer vacations popped into my

I thought back over past summer vacation spots and contemplated future warm ones as I waited for the heater to warm up the car. Then I smiled to myself with the realization that not only did I live in an historic preservation district, but, on vacation I tended to seek out other historic preservation districts to visit, as well.

By the way, the vacation spots didn't have vinyl replacement windows either. The more pristinely historic they were, the more

I find something comforting in learning about people who came before me and in immersing myself in their stories and their spaces — without needing to peer through vinyl windows!

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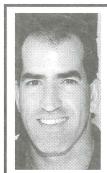
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Ages 4 and up.

Winterfest

Tuesday, December 18, 7 p.m. for ages 3 and up. Wednesday, December 19, 10:15 a.m. for toddlers, and 11 a.m. for preschoolers. Come gather around the storytime fire as we share wintertime stories and activities.

January



It's a '50s Sock Hop!

Tuesday, January 15, 7 p.m.

Dress in your favorite '50s attire and join us for music, games

and refreshments.

From City Hall

Ages 4 and up.

Polar Parade Frolic

Tuesday, January 22, 7 p.m., ages 3-9, Wednesday, January 23, 10:15 a.m. for toddlers, 11a.m. for preschoolers
Stories and songs about animals from the arctic.



Winnie-the Pooh

Saturday, January 26, 2 p.m. **Puppeteer Nancy Rollins** presents three fun-filled Pooh adventures.

Ages 3 and up.

FEBRUARY

Puppet Show Double Feature Saturday, February 15, 2:00 PM



Nancy Rollins will present the Asian stories "Two of Everything" and "The Funny Little Woman." Ages 4 and up.

Adult Events

During the winter, call the branch at 574-1672 to learn the times and dates of adult program events.

Adult Book Discussion Group
First Monday of each month,
7 p.m.
Call Katie Utschig,
459-5487, for title.

Great Christmas Gift Wrapping Techniques

Monday, December 10, 10:30 AM: **Kathy Lintner** of Watermark Gallery and Gifts.

Program for January 2002Call 574-1672 for information.

"The Ohio Valley: Heartland of the

CITY AND COUNTY

Third Ward Alderman Bill Allison reports:

Many residents have asked for my stance on using City tax dollars for a new arena. The only way I would consider voting for an arena is if the University of Louisville believed that Freedom Hall is outdated and they needed a new basketball arena. Then, the argument goes, they could share a state-of-the-art arena with an NBA team. Apparently U of L now no longer wants to consider such an arrangement. Studies I have read show pro sports teams generate minimal if any additional revenue in a community.

Most of the jobs that are generated are minimum wage concession jobs except, of course, for the team owner and his players. All of the citizens carry the financial burden of paying off multi-year bonds, yet it costs an arm and a leg to take the family to see a game. In many cities the team owner constantly demands a newer arena and threatens to take his team away from the city if he doesn't get it. As an elected official I have to consider the community needs as a

whole.

A couple of important needs our community is not presently meeting are a more important priority to me than an NBA team and its arena. Our public library system needs approximately \$120 million to bring the system up to meet Kentucky state standards. We need approximately \$100 million to low-income homes in winterize community. Last winter we had a crisis in paying energy bills, and we have done nothing to address this for the coming winter. The first line of our proposed light rail system will cost \$550 million. How will we pay for it? It is crucial that we address our transportation needs, or we will face gridlock like Atlanta and many other cities do.

These are concrete needs of our city going into merger and as our country is facing the prospects of a recession and a war versus paying for a status symbol, a luxury that really doesn't bring concrete benefits to all our citizens.

Underground Railroad"

Monday, February 25, 2002, at 7 pm:
Presentation in observance of Black History
Month by historian and lecturer **Diane**Perrine Coon. The region between
Louisville and Cincinnati was used
intensively in the escape of fugitive slaves.
New discoveries about the sites and the
people who were involved are being made
every week. Hear one of America's leading
scholars in this very active field of historical
research.

"Feminist Messages? Changing Ideologies in Contemporary Romance Novels."

Thursday, March 21, 2002, at 7 pm: In observance of Women's History Month, **Professor Dawn Heinecken** of the University of Louisville is the speaker.

Property Valuation Administration Database

Learn to use this valuable resource. Call 574-1672 for times and dates.

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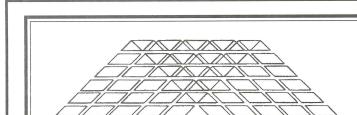


WINTER ZOOT



Inside: An invitation to a preview by Dr. Samuel W. Thomas of his forthcoming book, The Cherokee Triangle: Heart of the Highlands.

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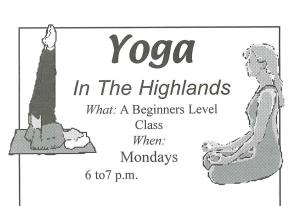
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