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Add attending the 2003 Winter Convention to your list of things to do

There's just a few more days left in the year 2002. While many of you are using those last days to make last minute holiday plans and deciding on New Year's resolutions, the Kentucky Press Association is hard at work putting the finishing touches on the 2003 Winter Convention.

This year's convention will be held Jan. 23-24 at the Hurstbourne Hotel and Conference Center in Louisville during which time the Excellence in Kentucky Newspapers awards will be presented.

This will be the first awards ceremony under the contest's new name with categories from the former Better Newspaper Contest and Fall Newspaper contest combined into one larger contest focusing on writing, photography and design. The awards ceremony, the highlight of the convention, will be held from 7-9 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 24.

The agenda for the convention is nearly complete with a host of speakers and presenters that are sure to be worth you and your staff's effort and cost to attend.

Some of the highlights for the event include a forum of the gubernatorial candidates, the annual trade show and a panel discussion with legislative leaders.

There are some new names as well as some familiar ones

EXCELLENCE IN KENTUCKY NEWSPAPERS

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America since 1993 and is chairman of the board. He also serves on the Associated Press board of directors.

Paula Butterfield will give a presentation on "motivating younger employees." Dr. Butterfield is a business coach, speaker and psychologist who helps people develop the capacity to get the results they want.

Rick Horowitz will be speaking on how to improve your editorial content. He is a syndicated columnist and writer

on the list of presenters at the 2003 Convention.

The keynote speaker for the luncheon on Friday, Jan. 24 will be Dean Singleton. Singleton is vice-chairman and CEO of MediaNews Group, publisher of 50 daily newspapers and 94 non-daily publications in 13 states. He is also chairman of the board and Publisher of The Denver Post, the company's largest newspaper, and Chairman of the Board for the Denver Newspaper Agency and the publisher of the Rocky Mountain News.

Singleton began his newspaper career at the age of 15 as a part-time reporter in his hometown of Graham, Texas, and bought his first newspaper at 21. He has been a member of the board of the Newspaper Association of

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KPA Business meeting set for Jan. 24

Under the Kentucky Press Association Bylaws provisions, notice is hereby given that the Annual Business Meeting of KPA, is scheduled for Friday, Jan. 24, 8 a.m. (Eastern Time) at the Hurstbourne Hotel and Conference Center.

This notice is required because the KPA Board of Directors is recommending an Amendment to the Bylaws.

Specifically, Article 1 Meetings Section 1 of the Kentucky Press Association Bylaws states: "Section 1. The annual meeting of the members

shall be held in the month of January each year and the semi-annual meeting shall be held in the month of June each year at such place either in or outside the Commonwealth of Kentucky as the Board of Directors may designate, the date, place and hour to be designated by the Board of Directors, notice of which shall be sent to all members as (hereinafter) provided."

Since the Kentucky Press Association no longer has a Summer Convention, it is the recommendation of the KPA Board of Directors that

some language in Section 1 be deleted. The specific language recommended to be deleted is: "and the semi-annual meeting shall be held in the month of June each year"

If approved by the membership at the Annual Business Meeting, Article 1 Meetings Section 1 would then read:

"Section 1. The annual meeting of the members shall be held in the month of January each year at such place either in or outside the Commonwealth of Kentucky as the

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December News & Notes

24 newspapers to receive 2003 summer intern

Twenty-four newspapers participating in the KPS Statewide Classified Program have been selected to receive a summer intern for 2003.

The KPA Past Presidents selected the 24 newspapers at a meeting Oct. 31. The internship program, operated through the Kentucky Journalism Foundation, has typically awarded 20 internships each summer but the Past Presidents elected to increase that number to 24 for the 2003 program.

The Kentucky Journalism Foundation, a subsidiary of the Kentucky Press Association, established the internship program in 1994. KJF pays the newspapers the \$3,000 salary for each intern for the 10-program. The Host Newspapers are responsible for the intern's income taxes and business travel expenses.

The program was designed to give college students a real-world experience in newspapers in hopes they would choose a newspaper career following graduation. The program has resulted in about 88 percent of the interns going into the industry following graduation.

The 24 newspapers selected for a 2003 intern are Ashland Daily Independent; Kentucky Standard, Bardstown; Carrollton News Democrat; Central Kentucky News Journal, Campbellsville; Corbin Times Tribune; Danville Advocate Messenger; Fulton Leader; Georgetown News Graphic; Henderson Gleaner; Citizen Voice & Times, Irvine; Oldham Era, LaGrange; Lexington Herald-Leader; Union County Advocate,

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Kentucky people, papers in the news

Eastern Progress places at national convention

The Eastern Progress brought home the third place prize in the Best of Show category at the annual National College Media Convention held Oct. 31-Nov. 2 in Orlando, Fla.

The paper was judged in the four-year weekly broadsheet category by the Associated Collegiate Press. The

Progress received third place for its Oct. 3 "Roy Retires" issue.

Eun-Young You, Progress graphics editor, also received second place honors at the convention for an editorial illustration published Dec. 6, 2001, in conjunction with a story titled "House of Cards." The story was written by former Progress editor Dena Tackett and examined the sale of credit cards on campus.

WKU student newspaper wins Pacemaker, three students honored

Western Kentucky University's student newspaper and three staff writers were honored in October by the Associated Collegiate Press.

The College Heights Herald won its ninth national Pacemaker award in the competition co-sponsored by the Associated Collegiate Press and the Newspaper Association of America Foundation. Editors for the fall 2001 and spring 2002 semesters were Ryan Clark and Brian Moore, both Louisville seniors.

Mai Hoang, a junior journalism major from Louisville, won first place in the business and economics competition. Hoang's story looked at the brain drain facing the state as a result of top graduates leaving Kentucky to pursue higher paying jobs.

Lyndsay Sutton, a May journalism graduate who is a copy editor at the Ocala (Fla.) Star-Banner, placed second in the Los Angeles Times sports story of the year competition. Her story explored women's basketball at Western.

Taylor Loyal, a May journalism graduate who covers education for the Daily News in Bowling Green, placed third in the Los Angeles Times diversity story of year. Loyal's story focused on the use of the "N" word.

The Herald won national Pacemakers in 1981, '82, '84, '88, '92, '98, '99 and 2000.

Bulletin for 23 years, most recently serving as production manager.

Greene left the position to work full time towards an engineering degree in computer science at the University of Kentucky in Lexington.

New editors named at Community Recorder

Two new editors have been named for the Community Recorder and two other editors have been named in the West office of the Community Press.

Patrick Ary has been promoted to editor of four Community Recorder newspapers - Campbell County Recorder, Campbell Community Recorder, Fort Thomas Recorder and the Kenton Community Recorder. Ary will be responsible for the day-to-day editing of the four newspapers. He has worked for Community Press/Community Recorder since June 1999, and moved to a reporter's position covering Campbell County in April.

James Weber, former sports editor of the Community Press West office, is now the community sports editor for Community Recorder, the newspapers serving Northern Kentucky. Weber joined the company in March 2001. He has been covering sports in Northern Kentucky since April.

Times Tribune hires five, promotes one

The Times-Tribune in Corbin added five employees to its staff and promoted one to sports editor in October.

Hired to the sports department was Matt Mulcahey, who will serve as a sports writer. Mulcahey joins Mike Moore in the department. Moore, of McKee, was promoted to sports editor. Moore spent nearly a year in the

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Mt. Sterling Advocate welcomes new publisher

Thomas Matthew "Matt" Hall has been named publisher of the Mt. Sterling Advocate replacing Glen Greene, who resigned to go back to college.

Hall, 38, comes from Virginia where he worked for the Martinsville

Greenville for over a decade.

Former Manchester Enterprise employee dies

Tim Palmer, 30, former employee at The Manchester Enterprise, died Aug. 10 in Booneville.

He was a graphic artist in the composition department at the newspaper for a year in 1999-2000.

Deaths

Leader-News society editor dies

Deborah Diane Loney, the society editor at the Leader-News, died Nov. 4 in Greenville.

A native of Muhlenberg County, Loney provided society news to the newspaper from both Central City and

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Basketball being a season gave reason to get out of the Army early

Each November, state, regional and national press association executives gather in Washington for a Legislative Conference. It helps us with our lobbying efforts and alerts us as to trends in state legislatures on what issues are being discussed.

Our "gift" this year from the Newspaper Association Managers, was a T-shirt. Printed on the back were the "Top Ten Political Quotes Every Newspaper Lobbyist Should Know," in David Letterman style.

10 - "Being in politics is like coaching football. You have to be smart enough to understand the game and dumb enough to think it's important." - Eugene J. McCarthy

9 - "Those are my principles. If you don't like them, I have others." - Groucho Marx

8 - "We are not retreating — we are advancing in another direction" - General Douglas MacArthur

7 - "If stupidity got us into this mess, then why can't it get us out?" - Will Rogers

6 - "If you are going through hell, keep going" - Sir Winston Churchill

5 - "Forgive your enemies, but never forget their names" - John F. Kennedy

4 - "First they ignore you, then they laugh at you, then they fight you, then you win" - Mahatma Gandhi

3 - "I have not failed. I've just found 10,000 ways that won't work" - Thomas Alva Edison

2 - "I don't make jokes. I just watch the government and report the facts" - Will Rogers

And (drum roll) the Number One Political Quote Every Newspaper Lobbyist Should Know:

1 - "No man's life, liberty or fortune is safe...while our legislature is in session" - Benjamin Franklin.

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The mystery is finally solved. It only took 32 years.

On Second Thought

By David T. Thompson
KPA Executive Director



Seeing politicians not remember exactly the truth about their military experience during some recent races made me think back to my own military time. Had to make sure my story was straight if case I ever decide to run for governor, or state representative, or city council or Scott County jailer.

I never did have to go to Vietnam. My name kept me from going.

Sometime in the fall of 1969, a call came into the 502nd Headquarters Company and Band company at Fort Hood, Texas. The staff sergeant was told to find David Thompson and Paul Bischoff (a friend from Wisconsin) and have them report to the 502 Admin Office. That office had just received orders for both to report to Vietnam.

That was the longest walk of my life, each step getting me closer to Vietnam. Paul and I walked together and tried to console each other, reassure each other we'd be fine. I remember thinking how I would tell mom and dad their son had orders for Vietnam.

I didn't pay much attention when I got the orders in my hand. I just headed back to the company. I showed them to the staff sergeant who then called his counterpart at the admin company. "These orders are for David K. Thompson and we have no David K. Thompson in this battalion."

I hadn't paid any attention but the orders were for David K. Thompson. Everything else on the orders was correct. The company I was assigned to, my date of birth, and my U.S. Army number (US 519 470 51. I'll never forget that number. We had to recite it at the tops of our lungs while inside gas

chambers in basic and infantry training. And you stayed in the gas chamber until you could give your name, rank and serial number.)

So the staff sergeant told me I wouldn't be going to Vietnam. The Admin Company would simply contact the Pentagon and tell them there was no David K. Thompson stationed at Fort Hood, Texas.

I always wondered where that "K." came from. Why didn't the orders read "David T. Thompson?" That was my name, though at that time of life, I wasn't using the T. as I do now.

It took 32 years to solve the mystery of the "K." used for my middle name. Last year, as my sister and I were sorting out mom's estate, I came across the directory of soldiers who went through basic training at Fort Knox between February 28, 1968, and Kentucky Derby Day of that year.

Wanting to show my daughters what their dad looked like in his "dress greens" uniform, I searched through the alphabetical listings and found my picture.

Right below the picture was my name. David K. Thompson. Someone at Fort Knox had mistakenly typed the middle initial and it stayed with me through my Army career.

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I was recently e-mailing back and forth with an advertiser about some language for an advertising campaign and seeking some ideas for ads.

I don't remember what I had suggested but the advertiser e-mailed me back and said, "You're quite creative." How I got out of the Army shows part of that creativity.

Since I was a draftee, I was supposed to spend two years in the Army. That's a year less than those "Regular Army" guys who volunteer to serve. I began February 28, 1968, and should have gotten out on February 27, 1970.

The Army had a program called

"early out." Any soldier within three months of his discharge date, could apply to get out of the Army early if it was to return to a seasonal job.

Now most of the guys from Kentucky would use this if it was about tobacco season, time to cut it, house it or strip it. Agriculture work was the most-used reason people applied for an "early out."

In the fall of 1969, I was starting to count the days until I'd be discharged. Then an idea struck me about the "early out" program.

Basketball is a season. Before I went in the Army I was a sports writer for The Lexington Herald. If basketball is a season, then I could get out an "early out" of the Army for "seasonal employment." At least that was my thought.

So I took the chance and filled out the application to get an early out. I had to have proof I had the job before I went in the Army and I had to prove I could go back to the same job. John McGill Sr. was the sports editor of The Herald, before I went in, and was still there in the fall of 1969.

I asked John to send me a letter, verifying I was employed by The Lexington Herald before I went into the Army and that I would get that job back when I was discharged. I asked John to also include an explanation that sports writing was seasonal employment because I would be covering high school basketball.

I submitted the application and the letter to the U.S. Army...and they bought my reasoning. I could have pushed my luck and gotten out in late November, 1969. But I thought that might jeopardize my chances. So I dated the request for December 1 because that was about when high school basketball started back in the dark ages.

The request was approved and that gave a new definition to "seasonal employment."

What's happening at your newspaper?

We want to let others know about it by publishing your news in the Kentucky Press. E-mail your stories about your newspaper's employees, awards or community service to: Dana Ehlschide at dehlschide@kypress.com.

Kids Voting Kentucky gets new home

The Kentucky Press Association, Kentucky Press Service and the Kentucky High School Journalism

Oh, By The Way

By David Greer
KPA Member Services Director



state organizations comprised of 4.5 million students, 200,000

Association are all headquartered at 101 Consumer Lane in Frankfort. Beginning in late November, KPA, KPS and KHSJA were joined by KVK - Kids Voting Kentucky.

KPA and the KVK board of directors have entered into a management agreement where KPA will provide administrative support and staffing for KVK, a nonprofit organization dedicated to increasing voter turnout and civic participation by encouraging students to vote in mock elections.

Until recently, KVK was headquartered in Owensboro but its files and office equipment have been relocated to our Frankfort office. I have assumed the formerly vacant position of KVK executive director. These new duties will be in addition to my responsibilities as KPA member services director and KHSJA administrator. But I won't be alone. KPA staff member Sue Cammack will be KVK administrative assistant and I know she will be a tremendous asset in shouldering these new responsibilities.

Now is a good time to explain the history behind KVK's parent organization, Kids Voting USA, and how KPA and KVK fit together.

In 1988, three Arizona businessmen were on a fishing trip to Costa Rica. While there, they were impressed with the Central American nation's 80 percent voter turnout rate - accomplished, in part, because children there accompany their parents to the polls. The adults vote in the real election while Costa Rican children vote in mock elections but, more importantly, children form the voting habit at an early age. Many Costa Rican adults are motivated to vote because their children study the issues in school and inspire their moms and dads to do their civic duty and vote.

The Americans returned home and founded Kids Voting USA. Today, KVUSA, headquartered in Tempe, Ariz., has a fast growing network of

teachers, 6,000 schools, 80,000 volunteers and 20,000 voter precincts. As happens in Costa Rica, KVUSA generates interest among adult voters by getting their children involved in the process first. Children are often exposed to KVK through Civics Alive, a school curriculum designed to stimulate students' interest in elections and the issues surrounding them.

KVUSA and KVK share a goal with many newspaper editors - to increase civic involvement in their communities. Let's face it. How many of us have written those "get-out-and-vote-because-it's-your-civic-duty" editorials year after year? Most of us, I think. Do they work? That's hard to say. In comparison, KVK has shown it helps raise voter turnout among adults by about 5 percent in communities where it operates.

Now, Kentucky editors and editorial writers will have something more substantial to write about than merely encouraging readers to vote. Thanks to KVK, Kentucky papers will now have a specific program they can write about, advocate, support and promote on their editorial pages. Some of you might even want to help organize local KVK boards in your communities. The local boards recruit volunteers and work with the schools to introduce KVK and Civics Alive.

At the same time, KHSJA, which has more than 90 member high schools in the state, already has an excellent working relationship with those educators. That could be a positive factor in getting Civics Alive introduced in more schools.

Some research suggests that students who study journalism in high



David Greer, Sue Cammack and KVK's Sissy Mills listen as ideas for KPA's involvement with Kids Voting Kentucky were discussed at a meeting last month. KPA will provide administrative support and staffing for KVK. KVK's purpose is to increase voter turnout and civic participation by encouraging students to vote in mock elections.

school are more likely to vote regularly as adults and to show greater interest in current events and civic involvement.

It appears Kentucky's newspapers and KVK share common ideals and could have a mutually beneficial relationship. At present, KVK is active in seven Kentucky counties. Among our top goals are increased participation

and fundraising.

The Kansas Press Association took over management of Kids Voting Kansas earlier this year for many of the same reasons "our" KPA and KVK have entered into their agreement.

I'll share more information about KVK with you in the weeks to come as we get better organized.

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Star Employee Angela Wilson

Wilson's works of art span over 25 year career

Note: This is the second article on Kentucky newspapers' star employees. General Manager Jowanna Buchanan and Editor Rita Dukas nominated Angela Wilson as one of the "stars" at the Leader-News.

By DANA EHLSCHIDE
News Bureau Director

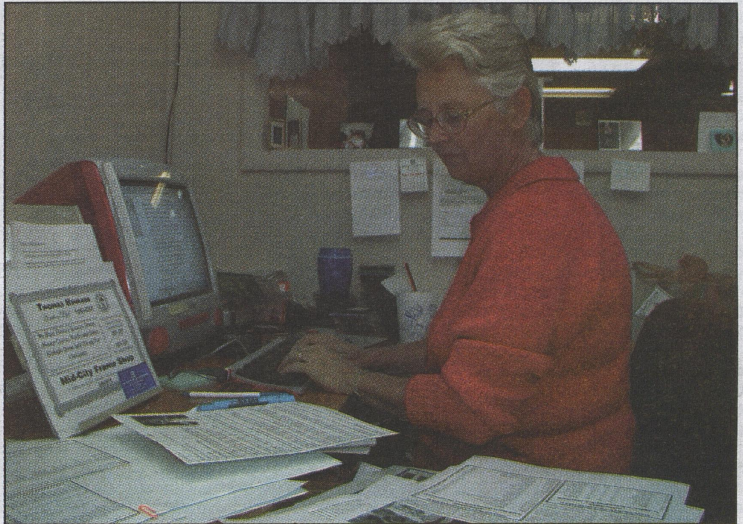
You could call her an artist, but she doesn't use paint or clay. She uses fonts and graphics to create her works of art which can be seen on display every week in the Leader-News in Greenville.

People have grown accustomed to seeing Angela Wilson in the advertising department of the Muhlenberg County paper. "I'm part of the furniture," Wilson joked about her 26 years of service.

While Wilson is at home in the advertising department, she didn't start out there. She was hired as a secretary in the front office, but was moved three months later to the ad department where Jowanna Buchanan, who is now the general manager of the newspaper, trained her. A quarter of a century ago, there were not computer programs to learn and CDs of graphics to use; instead everything was cut and pasted.

"Each little individual piece had to be attached," Wilson said. "It was a lot different and much more time consuming than it is now."

Wilson had no experience on a computer when she was first introduced to them at work. She said it was a little overwhelming at first, but she found it challenging. "It was totally different than anything I'd ever done," she said. "I've always been able to catch on pretty easy though."



Angela Wilson, of the Leader-News, works on some of the ads for the newspaper's upcoming edition. She has been a star employee at the Muhlenberg County Newspaper for 26 years.

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who'll be bringing his "Getting Your Words' Worth" writing workshop to our Louisville convention on Friday morning, Jan. 24. You have plenty of stories to tell; what you need is a way to get those stories onto your pages with power, purpose — and even a little pizzazz. Horowitz can show you how.

Dr. Thomas Clark, Kentucky's State Historian for Life, will be on hand to speak on "Kentucky...Where we've been and where we're going." A Kentuckian by choice, Dr. Clark was born in Louisville, Miss., in 1903. At a century old, he continues to study and share his knowledge and further the quest for a better tomorrow for Kentuckians.

Gayle Knapp will discuss the Newspapers in Education program. Knapp has been an NIE professional with the Press-Telegram in Long Beach, Calif. since 1979. She was proud to help create a new NIE program at The Star newspaper in

Malaysia. She has been teaching graduate NIE courses at California State University, Long Beach for over 20 years.

Carol Richer will offer those in the classified advertising department at your newspaper something to listen to. She will present, "Improving your private party classified revenue."

Ed Henninger will be in attendance to speak to those responsible for paginating your newspaper as he discusses newspaper design.

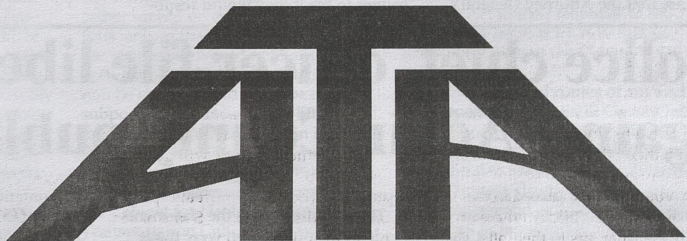
Joe Imel will represent the Kentucky Newspaper Photographers Association and will once again discuss and answer questions on newspaper photography.

Kevin Slimp returns to the KPA convention. Slimp, a technology guru, will discuss the newest happenings in technology and also give a second session on the latest version of Photoshop.

Check your mail for registration materials and a complete schedule of events. For more information call the KPA office at 1-800-264-5721.

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Carefully following the requirements of telemarketing laws is important

By KIM GREENE
KPA General Counsel
Dinsmore & Shohl



By now everyone is aware of the "teeth" written into Kentucky's telemarketing law.

• A company, telemarketing company, telemarketer or caller is guilty of a Class D felony if that person knowingly and willfully violates the law three times in one calendar year by making (or causing to be made) an unsolicited telephone solicitation call to a telephone number contained on the zero call list.

• It is a Class A misdemeanor for a company, telemarketing company, telemarketer or caller to use the zero call list for any purpose other than complying with this law.

• There is a civil penalty of up to \$5,000 for each offense, which can be assessed against any company, telemarketing company, telemarketer or caller. The Attorney General initiates enforcement of a civil penalty by issuing a citation that describes the violation and states the penalty. If the person cited does not pay the penalty within 15 working days, the Attorney General must initiate a civil lawsuit to collect the penalty.

• All of these penalties are found in the telemarketing law. And all indications are that the Attorney General's

office is very serious about its duty to enforce this law.

I'm wondering, though, if something that occurred in Ohio might repeat itself here in Kentucky? If it does, that means additional remedies - besides those listed in our statute - may be available to disgruntled recipients of telemarketing calls.

Recently, the Ohio Supreme Court let stand a jury verdict against the Akron Beacon Journal based on its repeated phone calls soliciting a subscription to the paper from Akron Police Chief Edward Irvine and his wife, Geneva. The trial court had awarded \$206,500 to the Irvines. This included \$1,500 for statutory damages for the phone calls and \$4,500 in treble damages, all under the federal Telephone Consumer Protection Act, 7 U.S.C. § 227(c)(5).

It all started when Geneva Irvine was hospitalized for injuries she reportedly blamed on her husband. She went to Louisiana to stay with relatives, and the Beacon Journal sent a reporter and photographer to interview her. She refused the interview, so the reporter left his business card, a note and a copy of news articles already published on the allegations tucked under her windshield wiper. The Irvines filed a lawsuit concerning this incident and cancelled their subscription to the paper.

The newspaper then called the Irvines to see if they would resub-

scribe. There was a discrepancy between the parties' accounts, though. The newspaper claimed that its telemarketing department had called the Irvines 18 times, but the Irvines claimed there had been hundreds of calls.

The jury found in favor of the Beacon Journal on the newsgathering claims, but awarded damages related to the telemarketing calls. When the newspaper appealed, the Ohio Court of Appeals reduced the damages to \$202,000.

This case gives all of us another reason to make sure that we follow very carefully the requirements of Kentucky's telemarketing law. Make sure you have an up-to-date version of the zero call list, published every quarter. Make sure your employees or hired telemarketers are aware of the restrictions and requirements of that law. And make sure that no one in your organization uses the zero call list for anything but its intended purpose; that is, to inform you who not to call.

This federal law takes things a step farther, though. It provides for a private cause of action by the recipient of telemarketing calls. This contrasts to the Kentucky telemarketing law which provides for criminal penalties and for civil penalties initiated by the Attorney General's office. Under the

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Police chief, officer file libel suit against Adair County publication

An advertisement placed in the Adair-Russell Shopper by an Adair County resident has resulted in a libel suit being filed against the Adair-Russell Shopper, the Adair Progress and Publisher Donna Rogers Hancock and the person who placed the ad.

The suit was filed October 21 by Jamestown Police Chief Joey Hoover and Police Officer Tracy Irvin. It claims the public notice which was placed in the paper by Cindy Henson and published in the free circulated shopper, was a false and malicious libel placing them into public hatred, contempt, ridicule, causing them to be shunned or avoided, and was damaging to their

reputation.

The suit also claims the statements made in the publication were made with malice and with reckless disregard for the truth or falsity of the statements.

The advertisement published on Sept. 30 following the settlement of a previous suit placed against Chief Hoover, Officer Irvin, the City of Jamestown and several city council members. That suit centered around an older house in Jamestown which was to be moved to the Henson family. Actions from this resulted in a dispute charging Police Officer Irvin with taking items from the premises and with a

confrontation that resulted in Trevor Henson being lodged in jail and charged with disorderly conduct.

The legal action was settled out of court with Trevor and Cindy Henson receiving \$10,000 in that settlement.

Cindy Henson was quoted in the Shopper as saying she was making the statement "to make the public aware and that many facts which were on public record had not been reported."

The advertisement also contained what she reported were facts from the depositions of the previous suit. Those statements are the basis of the present libel litigation.

AG opinions

Pat Bowen/Meade Circuit Court Clerk

The attorney general's office found that the Meade Circuit Court Clerk's office is not bound by the provisions of the Kentucky Open Records Act, and therefore did not violate the Act in its actions in relation to the open records request of Pat Bowen of the Meade County Messenger.

A copying fee for court documents is under the jurisdiction and control of the Supreme Court of Kentucky and therefore Bowen must seek redress for her grievance to the fee charged for copies of court records through the courts.

The Mayfield Messenger/City of Mayfield

The attorney general's office affirmed the City of Mayfield's denial of Mayfield Messenger Editor Mike Turley's request for copies of "any contract, letter, memo, legal agreement or document ... between the City of Mayfield or any of its legal entities made during this year and Mr. L. V. McGinty regarding his reported investigation on behalf of the City of Mayfield... that states the amount he is being paid and the purpose of the investigation." The denial was on the basis that that no responsive records exist, but only if the city did not enter into a written contract or agreement with McGinty, and he has submitted no written bill for services and received no documented payment for services since he was employed.

In the written opinion from Assistant Attorney General Amye L. Bensenhaver, "if any such records documenting the employment relationship between Mr. McGinty and the city exist they must be disclosed notwithstanding the ongoing investigation or would otherwise harm the city by premature release of information to be used in a prospective law enforcement action or administrative adjudication.

Jon L. Fleischaker/ Transportation Cabinet

The attorney general's office affirmed the Cabinet's denial of the request for the financial records relating to ST Construction, LLC by

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Courier-Journal reporter Tom Loftus.

In his request Loftus asked for copies of any records within the Office of Minority Affairs relating to ST Construction other than those already provided, minutes of the committee meeting where ST Construction's applications to be certified as a DBE (disadvantaged business enterprise) were considered and records relating to ST Construction's application in 2000 to become pre-qualified as a state contractor including its application, any records relating to consideration of that application, and related documentation and any records relating to approval of this application for pre-qualification.

Ed Roberts, commissioner of the Department of Administrative Services and Custodian of Records, responded to Loftus's request on behalf of the Cabinet and partially denied the request. The minutes of the committee meeting where ST Construction's application to be certified as a DBE and the documents contained within the file relation to ST Construction's becoming pre-qualified as a state contractor in 2000 were supplied to Loftus, but certain documents were redacted from the pre-qualification file. Roberts said those documents consisted of personal information which is prohibited from disclosure and company financial information which is also prohibited from disclosure.

Attorney Jon L. Fleischaker initiated the appeal on behalf of The Courier-Journal and requested the attorney general's office review the Cabinet's denial of access to the financial records relating to Tina Conner, Seth Conner and ST Construction. In his letter of appeal, Fleischaker argues that the Cabinet improperly relied on KRS 61.878(1)(a) and KRS 61.878(1)(c) as a basis for denying access to the financial records.

After receipt of notification of the appeal and a copy of the letter of appeal, Todd Shipp, assistant general counsel, on behalf of the Cabinet, provided the AG's office with a response to the issues raised in the appeal.

Mr. Shipp advised that the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet has provided full access to the records Loftus has requested with the exception of financial records that pertain to Seth Conner, Tina Conner and their company ST Construction. "There may be nothing that an individual wishes to protect more and prevent from public disclosure than his or her financial

records. This agency can think of nothing more personal to a person (with the exception of his Social Security Number, which is included within these records) than these documents. The Connors nor ST Construction most certainly would not have disclosed these to us but for their interest in first becoming certified as a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise, and second to become qualified to do business with the Cabinet generally. Tina Conner may have talked to the media, but she has not waived her privacy interests with the Cabinet" Shipp wrote.

The attorney general's office "find that disclosure of the requested financial information would constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. We affirm the Cabinet's denial of the request for the financial records under KRS 61.878(1)(a)."

Lexington Herald-Leader/Kentucky State Police

The attorney general's office found that the Kentucky State Police's reliance on exemptions based on KRS 61.878(1)(h) was misplaced when they denied Lexington Herald-Leader reporter Jack Brammer's request for "names of all members of Gov. Paul Patton's security detail in 1997, 1998 and 1999."

In the response to the Herald-Leader from KSP's Custodian of Records Diane H. Smith denying the request, Smith cites KRS 61.878(1)(h). "As a matter of departmental policy, we do not publish the names of officers assigned to the Executive Security Detail because publicizing the identity of the officers could pose an undue security risk to both the officers and the parties they are assigned to protect. The assignment of an Executive Security Officer is analogous to that of an undercover officer in that they do not wear uniforms and are not readily identifiable to the public," she wrote. She also stated that disclosure of the information requested would clearly place an unreasonable burden on the agency under KRS 61.872(6).

The attorney general's office ruled that KSP failed to make an adequate showing that disclosure of records reflecting the names of officers currently assigned to the Executive Security detail would imperil the Governor, or the officers themselves, thus necessitating reassignment of the officers each time their identities are disclosed in response to an open records request. "They are, ultimately, public employees conducting public business at public expense and release of records reflecting their identities will not, in our view, compromise a significant governmental interest or otherwise prove unreasonable burden-

some within the meaning of KRS 61.872(6). We therefore conclude that KSP improperly relied on KRS 61.872(6), as well as KRS 61.878(1)(h), in denying Mr. Brammer's request," the opinion stated.

Jon L. Fleischaker/Cabinet for Health Services, the Transportation Cabinet, and the Kentucky Lottery Corporation

The Attorney General's office affirmed all three agencies denial of Courier-Journal reporter Tom Loftus's request for a copy of the Federal Grand Jury subpoena served on each agency by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Loftus submitted identical open records requests to each of the three agencies involved in this appeal, requesting copies of any and all subpoena severed on each agency by the Kentucky Attorney General's Office, the FBI, the U.S. Attorney's Office or other state and federal agencies. This request seeks copies of any subpoena and any correspondence or attachments to the subpoenas.

By separate letters, each agency denied Loftus's request under authority of KRS 61.878(1)(h).

As a result of the three agencies' denial of Loftus's request, attorney Jon L. Fleischaker initiated these appeals on behalf of his client, The Courier-Journal, requesting this office review the denials. Fleischaker states that the agencies asserting KRS 61.878(1)(h) as a basis for nondisclosure of the subpoenas are neither law enforcement agencies or engaged in administrative adjudication and the subpoenas were not complied by the agencies, but rather served on each by the FBI and, thus, argues that public disclosure of the subpoenas would not harm the state agencies. He argues that it cannot be shown that disclosure of the subpoenas would harm the FBI's investigation, "particularly in light of the already highly publicized circumstances surrounding the investigation.

In a joint response to the appeal by the Cabinet for Health Services and Transportation Cabinet, the two offices claim that federal authorities have specifically directed that the Cabinet not reveal anything that was discussed. "Disclosure of the content of any information would be detrimental to the joint investigation."

Both cited KRS 61.878(1)(h) on the grounds that premature disclosure of any information would compromise the integrity of an on-going investigation.

In a separate response, Mary A. Maple, attorney on behalf of the Kentucky Lottery Corporation, addressed the issues raised in the

appeal and Fleischaker's arguments. In her response, she argued that the requested subpoenas were properly withheld from disclosure under KRS 61.878(1)(h) "because they were complied by the FBI, a law enforcement agency in the process of investigation statutory or regulatory violations, and that the FBI had requested that neither the subpoena nor its contents be released because it could harm the Bureau (and/or Kentucky Attorney General) investigation by prematurely indicating the documents, materials, or issues that are being reviewed and scrutinized, and the agency had been requested not to disclose any of the information until further notice by the Bureau."

The attorney general's office has held that when there is concurrent jurisdiction between two agencies, and they both have an interest in the matter being investigated, the records of one agency may be withheld, under authority of KRS 61.878(1)(h), if premature release of the requested records could harm the ongoing investigation and prospective law enforcement action of the other agency.

The AG's office affirms that the agencies properly relied upon KRS 61.878(1)(h) in denying a request for an FBI Grand Jury subpoena by asserting the FBI had asked the Cabinet to "maintain the subpoena and treat it as confidential and as part of their investigation."

H.B. Elkins/Estill County Jail

The Kentucky Attorney General's office concluded that the actions of the Estill County Jail violated the Open Records Act in their response to the requests for records by H.B. Elkins, Executive Editor of the Citizen Voice & Times.

Elkins requested copies of any incident reports that the Estill County Jail may have on file for the period of Jan. 1, 1998 to the present, including but not limited to assaults, fights, escapes, sexual contact, drugs, weapons or other contraband or misconduct by jail employee or inmates and written reports of extraordinary or unusual occurrences from Jan. 1, 1998 to present.

Wayne Abney, Estill County Jailer, advised Elkins that the agency would be provide all written reports for his inspection but because it would be a "very time-consuming task" the request would be honored within 30 days of the letter. He also told Elkins that the newspaper would be charged a minimal charge of 15 cents per copy

Reporter files charges against DUI suspect

After being arrested on DUI and drug charges, more charges were filed against a Powell County woman after she threatened to harm a newspaper reporter should details of her arrest appear in print.

Johnna M. Kennon, 27, of Clay City, was charged with third degree terrorist threatening after she called Clay City Times reporter Boyd Patrick from the Powell County jail after being arrested on Oct. 22 for operating on a suspended license, DUI second offense, refusal to submit to a blood test and second-degree possession of a controlled substance.

According to a citation issued by Trooper Mike Wolfe, Kennon made an improper turn on KY 11 in Stanton to avoid a traffic check shortly after 11 p.m. Her license was suspended due to an earlier DUI conviction. She admitted to the arresting officer that she had taken an unspecified quantity of Xanax tablets. Police found three Lortab pills, 10 Xanax pills and nine diet pills in a cigarette wrapper inside her car.

After being arrested, Kennon called Patrick's residence at 12:15 a.m. the next morning from the jail and threatened him with unspecified harm

should the story of the arrest make it to print. He recorded the call and played the tape for law enforcement.

According to the Clay City Times, the tape recording said, "Now listen, I don't want this put in the paper, cause I didn't do nothing wrong," Kennon reportedly said. "If you do that to me again, I swear something will happen. I don't want you ruining my life no more. You have ruined a lot of people's lives with your gossip. You ain't going to do it to me, you ain't going to do it to me."

A story about Kennon's Jan. 24 arrest for DUI and other charges, written by Patrick, appeared in the Jan. 31 issue of The Clay City Times. Kennon plead guilty to the DUI charge. The other charges including a charge terrorist threatening were dropped. Trooper Kenny Yarber filed the terrorist threatening charges then after Kennon allegedly threatened to find his wife and make her sorry for what Yarber had done to Kennon. Those charges were dismissed at Yarber's request.

Patrick contacted state police. He filed a criminal complaint on Oct. 24 charging Kennon with third degree terrorist threatening.

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Board of Directors may designate, the date, place and hour to be designated by the Board of Directors, notice of which shall be sent to all members as (hereinafter) provided."

The Annual Business Meeting agenda will also include the election of the Kentucky Press Association Vice President for 2003; introduction of the Kentucky Press Association/Kentucky Press Service Executive Committee for 2003; the proposed amendment to the KPA Bylaws as stated above; and the recommendation from the KPA Board of Directors that the membership dues structure be changed.

The Annual Business Meeting agenda then will be:

1. Call to order by President David Eldridge
2. Election of Vice President - The KPA Board of Directors has nominated David Thornberry, publisher of the Somerset Commonwealth Journal, to be Vice President of the Kentucky Press Association for 2003.

3. Amendment to KPA Bylaws Article 1 Meetings Section 1

4. Recommendation of the KPA Board of Directors to change the membership dues structure effective January, 2003, to an advertising dues structure, specifically that the annual membership dues be based on 94.5 column inches of advertising at the newspaper's Local/Open Rate

5. Other Business
As required in the KPA Bylaws, official notice of the Annual Business Meeting and its agenda is being published on Page 1 of The Kentucky Press, December, 2002.

KPA bylaws stipulate that only full, regular members of the association may vote on KPA matters at any business meeting and each member newspaper is limited to one vote. That vote is normally reserved for the publisher, but in his or her absence, a staff member of the newspaper can be designated to vote on behalf of the newspaper.

If you have questions concerning the Annual Business Meeting or the proposed Bylaws change, please call David T. Thompson at (800) 264-5721.

Kentucky newspapers make me proud

There's nothing like hearing "what if there needs to be two first place awards?", which is what several judges asked when trying to decide winners in the Excellence in

Advertising Plus

By Teresa Revlett
KPS Director of Sales



misspelled word can separate first and second place. That hurts.

While I was in Arkansas I was fortunate to get to make a couple of sales calls on some potentially major clients.

Kentucky Newspapers 2002 contest. After listening to the judges, who were all members of the Arkansas Press Association, brag about how good our newspapers look and read there was no reason for me to question my partiality.

Usually I am the one talking about how good you all look and what a good job Kentucky journalists do. When another state recognizes that fact, it just makes me realize that I was right all along.

I was part of the team that took over 5,000 entries in the Excellence contest to Arkansas to be judged Nov. 20-22. Once again, Kentucky newspapers have made me proud of my career choice. They are the best in the country.

Being involved in the judging process on the other side of the desk now also has made me realize how stiff the competition is and how lucky a newspaper is to win an award - any award. There are times when a simple editing mistake or

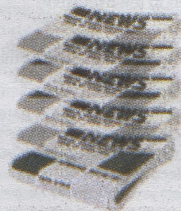
That was so exciting and I truly appreciate the opportunity just to get to talk about Kentucky newspapers to whoever will listen to me. In preparation for one of the meetings, I grabbed a couple of newspapers that were in a separate pile because they had not won an award. After the winners are decided, they get stickers and judge's comments and the newspapers not chosen are recycled.

Even though the newspapers were not chosen for a plaque or sticker, I was happy to get to use them in my presentation. All of our newspapers are winners.

I hope all of you have a happy holiday season. A good gift to the KPS ad staff would be to get your rate and data sheet filled out real soon. We are already scheduling ads into 2003 and don't want to hear that we've used the wrong rate. Please send us copies of your rate card and any special sections that you've got coming up and we'll keep plugging.

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Paper files suit against county judge

The Appalachian News-Express filed a suit in circuit court seeking payment from Pike Judge-Executive Karen Gibson for more than \$108,000 the paper alleges the county government owes the newspaper.

The News-Express alleges Gibson has refused to sign two checks approved by Pike Fiscal Court for printing nearly 100 pages of the county's delinquent property taxpayers.

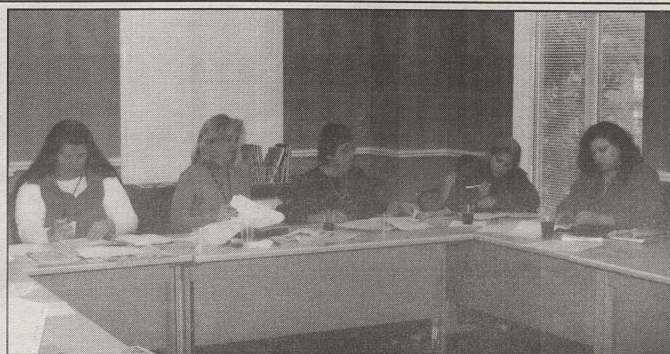
Those pages included more than 8,000 delinquent taxpayer accounts.

Pike Fiscal Court has approved payment of the bill, but Gibson has yet to sign the checks, the newspaper reported. The county can legally impose a \$3 charge to each account for each time an individual's name is printed.

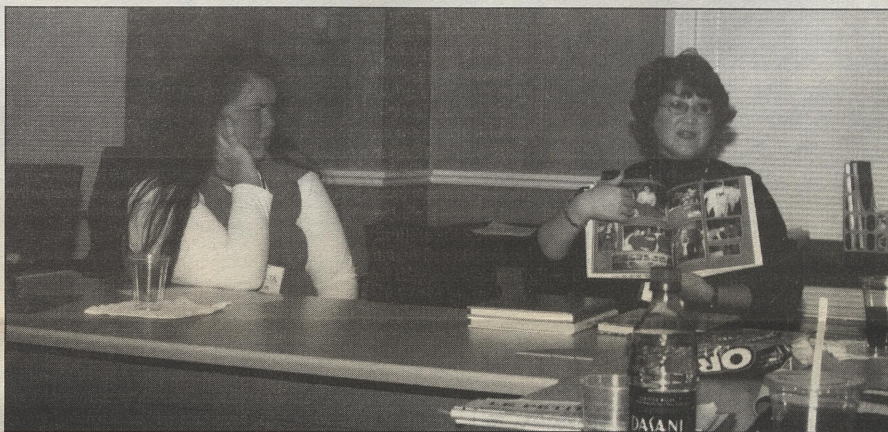
County governments are required by state law to advertise the names of delinquent taxpayers in the largest-circulating local newspaper. The News-Express printed Pike County's list in its May 31, June 7 and June 14 issues.

Gibson filed a motion asking a circuit court judge to dismiss the lawsuit claiming the newspaper's lawsuit "fails to state a claim ... for which the court can properly grant relief."

Pike Circuit Judge Eddy Coleman granted Gibson an extension until Nov. 8 to file an answer to the lawsuit.



The Kentucky High School Journalism Association and the Scripps Howard Foundation sponsored a workshop for new journalism teachers and advisers on Nov. 1 at Georgetown College in Georgetown. Shown, from left, are teachers Sharon Bush of South Laurel High School, Sharon Flynn from Southwestern High School in Pulaski County, Mary Ann Jacobs of Dixie Heights High School in Fort Mitchell, Romana Short and Connie Huff, both of Lawrence County High School.



Teacher Jill Lewis, right, of Corbin High School explains a fine point of yearbook page layout as teacher Sharon Bush of South Laurel High School looks on. Lewis and Kenn Johnson of Montgomery County High School led the workshop sessions on newspapers and yearbooks.

SND taking entries in design competition

The Society for News Design has issued its call for entries for the 24th annual newspaper design and graphics creative competition.

The 24th annual Best of Newspaper Design* competition is open to all general circulation newspapers - daily or non-daily, broadsheet or tabloid - published anywhere in the world. All entries in this juried competition must have been published between January 1, 2002, and December 31, 2002, inclusive. U.S. entries must be received in Syracuse, N.Y., by January 8, 2003; international entries must be received by January 15, 2003.

Single-page entries are \$12 for newspapers under 49,999 circulation, and \$15 for newspapers over 50,000. Multiple-page entries are \$25 and \$30

respectively. The competition is divided into 21 categories, including regularly appearing news sections, breaking news, regularly appearing news pages, page design, redesigns, art and illustration.

All entrants into the 24th competition must enter the Overall Design category. This is a mandatory category, but there is no entry fee.

The category honors the "World's Best-Designed Newspapers." Entries are evaluated on writing, visual storytelling, use of resources, execution, photography, headlines and "voice," as well as the newspaper's overall design.

Winning entries can receive an Award of Excellence and judges may choose to award Silver or Gold medals

for outstanding work in any category. Judging of all categories will take place Jan. 31 through Feb. 10, 2003, at the S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications in Syracuse, N.Y.

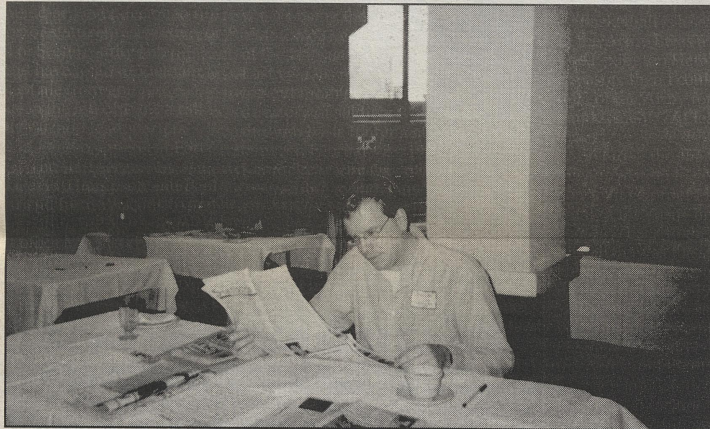
Last year's Best of Newspaper Design* competition drew 12,727 entries and yielded 946 award-winners to publications in 26 countries. Five newspapers earned the title of "World's Best-Designed*" in the overall design category. All the winners are displayed in the 272-page book, 23rd Edition: The Best of Newspaper Design, currently available from the Society.

The full set of rules and forms for entering the contest can be viewed, printed and downloaded on SND's

web site at <http://www.snd.org> in English and in Spanish. For more information on

SND's Best of Newspaper Design* competition, contact David Gray, Executive Director, SND, 1130 Ten Rod Road, North Kingstown, RI 02852-4177; Phone: (401) 294-5233; Fax: (401) 294-5238; or e-mail snd@snd.org. Also available to answer any questions is the 24th Edition Coordinator, Andrew Phillips, The Star-Ledger; Phone (973) 392-1672; aphillips@starledger.com.

The Society for News Design is an international professional organization dedicated to the improvement of journalism through design. The Society, founded in 1979, has more than 2,500 members in 50 countries.



Top left: Members of the Arkansas Press Association judged the Excellence in Kentucky Newspapers 2002 contest Nov. 20 and 21 in Little Rock and Fayetteville. Because there were over 5,000 entries in the contest, two separate locations had to be set up to review all of the work. Bottom left: Anthony Childress of the Morning News in Springdale, Arkansas, Fayetteville bureau, looks over entries in the Excellence in Kentucky Newspapers 2002 contest. Childress helped judge categories on November 21 in Fayetteville. There were over 5,000 entries in the first Excellence in Kentucky Newspapers contest. Above: John Nelson, managing editor of the Danville Advocate-Messenger and Kentucky Press Association vice president, places stickers on winners in the Excellence in Kentucky Newspapers 2002 contest Nov. 21 in Fayetteville. Nelson, Teresa Revlett, KP5 Director of Sales and Dave Eldridge, KPA President, manned the contest in Fayetteville.

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and payment of manpower hours utilized.

In his letter of appeal dated Oct. 17, Elkins indicates that after receipt of a response, he sent a revised request narrowing the dates of records sought and as of that date, he had received neither a response to his revised request nor the records in question.

KRS 61.874(3) states that a "public agency may prescribe a reasonable fee for making copies of non-exempt public records requested for use for non-commercial purposes which shall not exceed the actual cost of reproduction, including the costs of media and any mechanical processing cost incurred by the public agency, but not including the cost of staff required.

The attorney general's office has previously indicated that a ten cents per page fee for copies of public records was the threshold standard fee unless the agency can prove the actual cost was otherwise.

In this instant, the attorney general's office has found no evidence has been submitted to substantiate that the jail's actual costs for reproducing copies of its public records, not including staff costs, in 15 cents per page.

"We conclude that 15 cents per page charge is an excessive copying fee. Unless the Jail can demonstrate that its actual cost for reproducing records, excluding staff costs, is greater than ten cents per page, it must recalculate its copying fee to conform to the requirements of KRS 61.874," the writ-

ten opinion for the AG's office stated.

Elkins also asserts that the jail violated the Open Records Act by failing to afford him timely access to the records identified in his request.

The AG's office agreed with Elkins. KRS 61.880 sets forth the legal obligations of a public agency upon receipt of an open records request. A public agency is required to copy with the request within three working days of receipt of the request, notifying the party whether it will comply with its request.

Elkins indicates he submitted his revised request on Oct. 10, 2000 and that of the date of his letter of appeal, Oct. 17, 2002, the jail had failed to respond to his revised request. The AG's office ruled this to be a procedural violation of KRS 61.880.

The AG's office also concluded that the jail's initial response did not conform to the specific requirements set forth at KRS 61.878(5). Although the jail indicated that the records would be available for inspection some thirty days later, its response did not contain a detailed explanation of the causes of the delay, the AG ruled. "An agency response that it cannot immediately comply with a request because it 'will be a very time-consuming task since you are requesting records that date back to 1998' is not sufficiently detailed under the Open Records Act," James Ringo, assistant attorney general wrote.

The jail should provide Elkins with a detailed explanation as to why they are not readily available and then indicate a precise date and time they will be made available.

LAWS

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Kentucky law, recipients of telemarketing calls must complain to the Attorney General. Under the federal Telephone Consumer Protection Act, they may sue you directly.

This federal law is similar to Kentucky's law in that it seeks to protect the privacy rights of individual residents by use of a "do not call" database. Under that law, anyone who has received more than one telephone solicitation call from the same entity within a 12 month period may sue in his or her state court.

The federal law prohibits telephone solicitations unless the person or company making those calls has adopted procedures for maintaining their own no call list. When people request not to receive calls from that company, the company must place the person's

name and telephone number on the do not call list and must honor the do not call request for ten years. This little known federal statute complicates an already tricky compliance with the Kentucky law.

All newspapers who do telemarketing want to make sure they are in compliance with both federal and state law. To do that, in addition to the procedures and training you already have implemented to comply with Kentucky law, you should make sure your telemarketing callers know to maintain another list of anyone who asks them not to call, even if that person has not signed up for Kentucky's zero call list. Make sure they record the individual's name, telephone number and the date of the request. Make sure that this list is available, along with the Kentucky zero call list, to anyone who places telemarketing calls on your behalf.

WILSON

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But Wilson hasn't stuck to just laying out ads during her time at the Leader-News. She began using her layout skills to help with page pagination. She eventually began traveling to neighboring Ohio County to paginate the pages of The Messenger, a paper also owned by the Andy Anderson Corporation. A task she performed for two to three years, she said.

Now, she spends her time at the Leader-News assisting not only with ad design, but with the paginating of its pages, which she said is her favorite part of her job. "It's a challenge every week."

"Angela has been an important part of the staff at the Leader-News for more than a quarter of a century," said Buchanan. "That takes dedication, and it shows in everything she does. She doesn't stop short of completing tasks, and we know we can depend on her."

While Wilson is perfectly content

with her career choice, this wasn't what a young Wilson dreamed of doing.

"I wanted to be a nurse," she said. "but I realized this was the type of work for me," she said.

She attended medical secretary school and worked at the old Madisonville Hospital for a year and a half before taking the job at the newspaper closer to home.

What has kept Wilson walking through the Leader-News's doors day after day? "Because it is close to home, convenient and the employers are great to work with," she said.

"With 26 years of experience, Angela has brought stability to this paper," Buchanan said. "She's seen the industry change in both technology and attitude, and she rolls with the flow."

When she isn't working, Wilson is trying to keep up with her four-year-old granddaughter and spending time with her family. She is married to Jim Wilson and has two children, Mark and Tabitha.



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reporter position.

Mulcahey, of Burlington, has an accounting degree from the University of Kentucky and has spent six years writing for newspapers.

Kelly Baker also joined the editorial staff. Baker is filling the newly-created paginator position at the **Times-Tribune**. She is responsible for creating new pages on the computer each day. She is from Sterling Heights, Mich. and this is her first position with a newspaper.

Lisa Harrison rejoined the advertising staff at the newspaper. She is fulfilling a new position at the **Times-Tribune** as a specialty advertising sales associate. She is responsible for selling advertising in new products created for the paper as well as working with small-space advertisers. Harrison has 10 years experience in the newspaper business and is a native of London.

Diana Doran joined the staff a customer service representative. Doran, of Lexington, comes from a customer ser-

vice background.

Bruce Lovell was hired as a press operator. Lovell, originally from Knox, Ind., has 12 years of newspaper experience including a stint at the Chicago, Tribune.

1918 paper wins CKNJ's NNA Week contest

The **Central Kentucky News-Journal** in Campbellsville held a contest for National Newspaper Week, Oct. 6-12. They asked readers to bring in their old copies of newspapers published in Taylor County.

The reader who brought in the oldest newspaper received a one-year subscription to the newspaper.

Vickie Wheeler brought in the winning paper - a copy of the Oct. 10, 1918 **News-Journal**. Wheeler said the 1918 newspaper was found in the back of an old car her husband bought more than 20 years ago, and she has kept it since.

Grant County publisher receives Kiwanis awards

Ken Stone, publisher of the **Grant County News** in Williamstown, received several distinguished awards from the Kentucky-Tennessee District of Kiwanis International. The awards were presented at a Northern Kentucky Regional Kiwanis Banquet and were in recognition of Stone's organizing two new Kiwanis clubs while serving as Northern Kentucky Lieutenant Governor.

Central Record editor takes State Government News job

Jack Penchoff left his position as editor at the **Garrard Central Record** to become senior editor at State Government News, a national publication for state officials.

Penchoff began his new duties on Oct. 31. State Government News is a publication of the Council of State Governments based in Lexington.

He was the owner and publisher of the **Garrard County News** for 13 years, purchasing the paper from Lonnie

Napier and Ray Hammonds in 1987.

In September 2000, the **Garrard County News** and **The Central Record** merged. Penchoff became editor.

Martin named GM for the Spencer Magnet

Wesley Martin has been named general manager of **The Spencer Magnet** in Taylorsville.

He began his duties effective Nov. 21.

The **Magnet** has a weekly circulation of 3,298.

Since January 2002, Martin was a direct sales manager for Nextel Partners, Inc. Prior to that, he was a dealer manager for Mobitel, Inc. for six months and a district sales/branch sales manager for AirTouch Paging/Verizon Wireless Messaging for 10 years. He replaces Tracy Kitten who was general manager. She will remain with Landmark Community Newspapers, Inc. at **The Oldham Era**.

Martin is a graduate of WKU with a degree in advertising.

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Morganfield; Murray Ledger & Times; Henry County Local, New Castle; Jessamine Journal, Nicholasville; Owensboro Messenger Inquirer; Appalachian News Express, Pikeville; Princeton Times Leader; Somerset Commonwealth Journal; Springfield Sun; Spencer Magnet, Taylorsville; Tompkinsville News; and the Winchester Sun.

Arkansas Judges KPA Competition

The first Excellence in Kentucky Newspapers competition, the revised KPA Fall and Better Newspaper contests, was judged November 20 and 21 in Little Rock and Fayetteville. Nearly 40 members of the Arkansas Press Association took part in the judging, held in two locations because of the nearly 5,200 entries.

Kentucky newspapers can again stand proud as compliments were coming from all directions.

One judge, after he finished his assignment for the day, commented on the entries in the Best Column, but saved his biggest compliment for Spot News Story. "I thought I wrote good spot news stories," he said. "After seeing what your newspapers do in Spot News writing, I have a lot of work to do to get up to their level."

Another commented, "I was really surprised by the quality of your newspapers. There was a lot of great stuff in here (the contest). It was a pleasure to see such good work."

Take a bow, Kentucky!

But you'll have to wait until Friday, Jan. 24, to find out all the winners.

That's the Awards Banquet during the KPA Winter Convention.

Announcement letters will be mailed in mid-December, informing winners that they've won at least one first, second or third place in the competition, without the number of awards of specific categories mentioned.

The banquet will be at the Hurstbourne Hotel and Conference Center beginning at 7 p.m. (Eastern).

SNPA Traveling Campus

The Southern Newspaper Publishers Association Traveling Campus is

scheduled to return to Kentucky next Spring, probably in mid-May. The first traveling campus schedule in 2002 was held in Louisville with more than 400 Kentucky and Southern Indiana newspapers attending.

The 2003 Traveling Campus probably will be held May 14-16 in Lexington. The original Kentucky dates -- April 30, May 1-2 -- are in conflict with the Kentucky Derby festivities around the state and KPA felt that conflict would deplete attendance.

KPA is working with the Arkansas Press Association to switch dates. Watch for an announcement of the dates and location (definitely, Lexington) in the near future.

ARK up to 80-plus Newspapers

KPS' Ad Reaching Kentuckians program is growing. Eight more newspapers have joined the small-space display ad network, bringing the total to 81 newspapers. ARK has placed more than \$110,000 in Kentucky newspapers in 2002, the second straight year the placement has passed the \$100,000-mark.

The ARK program has placed 20 or more ads in October and November, the highest months in its six-year history.

The deadline for signing up for 2003 is December 15. If your newspaper is not yet signed up, contact Reba Lewis (rlewis@kypress.com or call her at 800-264-5721).

District, Circuit Court Copy Fees

Some newspapers have experienced the result of an Aug. 1, 2002, order from Supreme Court Chief Justice Joseph Lambert, specifying that as of that date, each page of a document copied will cost the requester 25 cents.

The 25-cent charge relates only to district and circuit court files. There is no change in the cost of documents copied by public agencies.

Southern Lights Tickets

All Kentucky newspapers have received a letter from KPA, offering 10 free tickets to the Southern Lights display at the Kentucky Horse Park in exchange for publishing a 3x10 ad promoting the public service.

Southern Lights, a four-mile drive through dazzling light displays and moving figures, has been designated, for the fifth straight year, as one of the Southeast Tourism Society's Top 20 Events for the holiday season. This year's ninth annual Southern Lights display is going on now through Dec. 31 with special weekends and added exhibits during the holiday season. The display is open nightly from 5:30 to 10.