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- A new city is born: Helena-West Helena, in eastern Arkansas
 Bolstered with advice from the Municipal League and educational
 institutions and support of businesses and residents, this merged
 product of two cities starts out with a population of 15,012 and
 a new lease on life. Pushing aside differences, the council finds
 harmony, a team spirit and goals to build the community.
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Mayor James F. Valley presides over the first-ever Helena-West Helena City Council meeting New Year's Eve, 2005; enactment of an operating code of ordinances, as recommended by the Municipal League, and a budget were key actions that began this new city on the Mississippi River. City Clerk Sandi Ramsey, right of mayor, and City Attorney Andre Valley, at left, and all 10 council members participated in the historic meeting.

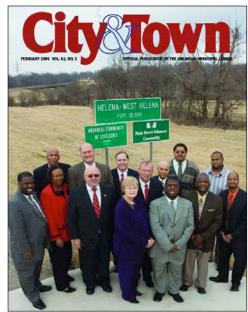
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ON THE COVER: An 8 a.m. gathering for a group picture didn't seem to bother at all these council members and officials of the newly established city of Helena-West Helena, creating a combined population, as shown here on U.S. 49, of 15,012. Mayor James F. Valley, at right front center, stands near the west end of the Mississippi River Bridge into the new city with City Clerk Sandi Ramsey, just left of the mayor, and at right of mayor, Aldermen Tommy Hunt and Don Etherly; and, from left are City Attorney Andre Valley, and Council members Trece Shepard Williams, Robert Martin (behind her), Jay Hollowell, also in back, Joe St. Columbia, front, Kenneth Harman, at right of Hollowell, Larry Wilson, Eugene (Red) Johnson and behind Johnson at right, Marvin Jarrett and at right, back, City Treasurer Michael Boone.—jkw

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Dear Colleagues:

Our Arkansas Municipal League's Winter Conference was held in Little Rock January 11–13. It was well-attended and provided a wealth of information on a number of issues. First, we had the opportunity to visit with state agencies and learn about what each agency has to offer. With shrinking state and federal dollars, it becomes even more important that we become familiar with our state agencies and how they can help us serve our citizens. They offer valuable assistance, and I encourage you to get acquainted with them.



Wednesday night was the annual Main Street Awards banquet. I congratulate those cities who were recognized. It is always good to see our hard work recognized. The Volunteer Community Awards Luncheon was held on Thursday. Congratulations to each of your communities, as well. Both programs represent real dollars in terms of economic impact on your respective communities.

Thursday we were fortunate to have gubernatorial candidates Asa Hutchinson and Mike Beebe speak to us and answer questions from the audience, Each represented himself and his party well. I heard it mentioned several times that the way each conducted himself was a tribute to the political process. They provided a refreshing example of how the process should work. If all those running for elected office would demonstrate the kind of dignity and respect each displayed, the political process would be held in much higher esteem.

Throughout the conference we had the opportunity to learn about many varied but equally important topics ranging from rural and municipal growth issues and eminent domain to reverse Internet auctions. We heard from lieutenant governor and attorney general candidates on Thursday, and enjoyed seeing the Harlem Globetrotters that

In the last general session on Friday, we heard from Mayors Jimmy Wallace of England and M. L. Van Poucke of Siloam Springs and Don Zimmerman, League executive director speak about the importance of effectively communicating with our legislators.

Next year the legislature will be in session, and it is vitally important that as elected city officials we get to know our senators and representatives. Let's work hard together and show our legislators that we understand that investments in infrastructure, education and economic development anywhere in Arkansas ultimately benefit us all.

The National League of Cities Congressional City Conference is March 11-15 in Washington, D. C. I hope to see some of you then! Sincerely,

Luny Black Cobuly Terry Black Coberly,

Mayor of Bentonville,

President, Arkansas Municipal League

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League Winter Conference hears candidates, learns what state agencies offer cities

Awards were presented to Main Street Arkansas winners and the 12 Volunteer Communities of Year.

By John K. Woodruff, League staff

LITTLE ROCK—Candidates for statewide office and some hot-button issues kept the Municipal League's Winter Conference, Jan. 11-13, a lively meeting for the more than 600 participants in this off-year of a legislative session.

Just because they got compliments later about their civility with each other, that didn't mean that gubernatorial candidates Asa Hutchinson, Republican, former congressman and former Undersecretary of Homeland



Asa Hutchinson, right, and Chad Gallagher of the Governor's Office discussed business.

Security, and state Attorney General Mike Beebe, Democrat, didn't have their differences.

But it was good news to hear when Hutchinson supported state restraint on enacting any more sales taxes so cities can enact local taxes as needed; and he, too, supported the cities in their attempt to

collect sales taxes from Internet sales transactions. But Hutchinson said he supports a sales tax exemption on manufacturers' utilities as incentives to job creation.

Beebe said problems are more than local ones, but



Bentonville Mayor Terry Coberly, League president, presided at the conference.

transcend cities and counties and that entire areas must be addressed for solutions to their problems of which the No. 1 problem is education. Government can't be discussed "without talking education," he said.

In economic development, Beebe noted that 70 percent of the new jobs come from already existent businesses. Another major problem is the "exorbitant rising cost of health care," which also must be addressed

simultaneously with economic development, he said. Beebe called for more development of biofuel to reduce our country's dependence on foreign oil. He called for emulation in other parts of the state the KIPP (Knowledge is Power Program) schools, such as the one in Helena. It's a college preparatory program for low-income, minority children.

Questions about health care, a growing Hispanic population, immigration, methamphetamine use and jail overcrowding from the audience kept the two candidates



Winchester Mayor Merle Jackson, left, speaks with Tim Leathers of the Department of Finance and Administration after he spoke during a general session.

considerably longer than planned, with such queries as those over cities' use of eminent domain. Beebe said he opposes use of eminent domain for private purposes. Hutchinson concurred. He said that the law should takes steps to make sure that taking property for the "public good" is not defined as private economic development.

Hutchinson said he opposed casino gambling and Beebe favors changing the state constitution to permit charitable bingo, noting that it raises money for "good causes."

The two candidates spoke the morning of Jan. 12. In the afternoon, attorney general "No. 1 Beebe so and dates Robert Herzfeld, Dustin McDaniel and Paul Suskie spoke. Candidates for lieutenant governor Mike Hathorn, Jay Martin, Andrew Pritt and Tim Wooldridge, Democrats, responded to League questions. The Republican candidates—Chuck Banks and Doug Matayo—followed. Candidate Jim Holt did not attend.

The candidates for attorn ey general—all Democrats—and for the lieutenant governor were asked not to give speeches but to answer to questions asked by Morrilton Mayor Stewart Nelson, the League's first vice-president. On the use of eminent domain, the three candidates felt comfortable with Arkansas's law. Herzfield, however, said private property should never be taken to give to someone else for private development. McDaniel said there was "no great risk" of Arkansas communities taking private property for another's use. Suskie said if the courts ruled against allowing it, then the law should be changed to restrict such use.

On tax increment financing (TIF) McDaniel said the electorate has shown it favors use of TIF districts by voting favorably on two constitutional amendments for it; in his own work on TIF in the legislature, he said he has attempted to remove possible abuse of the law. "School districts must be at the table" for any further changes in the law, McDaniel said. "Loopholes" remain



"No. 1 problem" is education, Beebe said.

in the law to where private property can be taken for private use, Herzfield said, adding, "that is wrong." He said the state "cannot allow money to be taken from school children and given to strip malls." Suskie said the TIF law "should be looked at" but "amended only in light of court decisions."

On providing safe drinking water to every state resident, Herzfield said no, that common sense must prevail. Suskie said it would be a good idea, but questioned its affordability. McDaniel said the state has to assure safe water but that providing the water should be developers' responsibility.

On a single, nationwide streamlined sales tax, Suskie said he thought it would be a good policy for the tax to go to where the

purchaser lives (as opposed to where an item is bought). Herzfield concurred and McDaniel said with enactment of such a law, Arkansas cities with their own tax could expect an "injection of funds" totaling \$95 million to \$100 million. On home rule and personnel matters, Herzfield said, "the most problems we can solve at home the better off we are." Legislation must be fair, McDaniel said, and he would work with cities to bring make that so. Suskie said cities do need flexibility. The three candidates generally opposed local option for gambling but McDaniel said, "people should be able to vote on that." Suskie supported charitable bingo and Herzfield said it would be "OK to vote on bingo" for charitable purposes.

On jail costs and cities helping pay by joint patrolling in county jurisdictions, Suskie said cities and counties should share the burden; McDaniel said home rule should decide the issue and he added that it would be difficult to assign city patrols outside their boundaries; Herzfield looked more to reducing the jail population through probation services, which he said were "cheaper" than imprisonment.

On a variety of questions asked by Nelson from sales tax matters to methamphetamine use, the Democratic



Little Rock Mayor Jim Dailey let roll a few minutes of fast-paced video and welcomed conference participants to Little Rock.

Cherokee Village Alderman Steve Martin talks with Jim vonTungeln, League planning consultant, after vonTungeln spoke at a general session.



lieutenant governor candidates had some of these comments:

- Hathorn said that if the state is going to mandate to cities "they need to fund it." He favored a vote on a statewide lottery for education.
- Martin said that while he supported the dues check-off bill (which the League opposed), he said the state "should make sure it does not put an undue burden on the counties and municipalities."
- Wooldridge said that to provide drinking water to every resident in the state is "unrealistic" and that cities "do not need to be overextended."
- Pritt said on providing clean water to every state resident, the state and local governments should "find a way to make that happen"; he opposed taxing sales transactions made over the Internet and favored a statewide lottery with proceeds for education.

Hathorn, Martin and Wooldridge supported the traditional split of highway revenues going 70 percent to the state and 15 percent for counties and 15 percent for municipalities. Pritt did not address that issue in response to the highway revenue question.

The Republican lieutenant governor candidates were quizzed separately. Banks and Matayo each had no problem with the use of eminent domain, but each said private property rights needed to be protected. Banks said he could "not support a whole assault on eminent domain." Both didn't think cities could afford providing water to all state residents. Matayo said he supported the League position opposing dues check offs; he and Banks said that the state should not put unfunded mandates on cities.

Improved cooperation between the federal and local governments is needed to fight methamphetamine use, Banks said; Matayo favors additional training of law enforcement officers and more investigations by the state on the interstate highways. Matayo supported restricting

sales of some of the methamphetamine ingredients, as was done by the state legislature. Matayo and Banks opposed legalizing gambling. Both candidates supported dividing highway revenues according to the traditional 70-15-15 percent split among the state, counties and cities.

Awards were presented on Jan. 11 to winners of the Main Street Arkansas competition. Among winners were the Thad Kelly Courtyard in Helena (now Helena-West Helena) for the best downtown public improvement project. Awards were presented at a Jan. 12 luncheon to the 12 winners of the Community of the Year award, a program of the Division of Volunteerism, the Governor's Office and the Municipal League.

Conference del ega tes learn ed from state representatives in booths in the exhibit hall about services, grants and other aid that their cities and towns could obtain from state agencies and commissions. The agency officials also spoke to the conference participants at the opening general session on Jan. 12. Richard Lucy, information officer of the state Workers' Compensation Commission, in a separate presentation, urged timely filing of reports about accidents. "It is essential you get this notice to me. If you don't, the city is not going to pay for it," he said.

Richard Griffin, preparedness division manager of the Arkansas Department of Emergency Management, had harrowing advice when he warned that cities need to be much better prepared for a major earthquake such as "when the New Madrid [Fault] decides to rock and roll"—than they were with Hurricane Katrina.

The New Madrid Fault extends from southeast Missouri into Northeast Arkansas, southwest through Blytheville and Marked Tree. "Everybody needs to be prepared," he said. Families need to stock up on canned goods, water and other items to sustain themselves until help arrives, he said.



Catching up: State Sen. Jerry Taylor of Pine Bluff, at left, receives the League Person of the Year plaque from League President Terry Coberly, mayor of Bentonville. Taylor, who was unable to attend the League Convention last summer to accept the honor, shared the designation with state Rep. George Overby Jr., of Lamar for their sponsorship of several League proposed legislative bills during the 2005 legislative session and their sucessful shepherding the bills through the legislative process to their signing into laws. At right, Coberly presents the Jack R. Rhodes Sr. Distinguished Service Award to Mayor Virgil Blackmon of West Fork for his 25 years of service. The award is named in honor of a former mayor of Lake Village who served continuously for 33 years and was League president in 1981.



Speakers give advice to help the League succeed with the State Legislature

Tips: Know your legislator, stay informed, participate.

The Arkansas Municipal League works with the State Legislature to enact laws beneficial to cities and towns.

The League's working with the Legislature "is probably the most important thing we do," Executive Director Don Zimmerman told a general session at the League Winter Conference. He noted he concurred with similar words by League First Vice President Stewart Nelson, mayor of Morrilton, who presided over a session about League programs and activities.

"The legislature can make or break you," Zimmerman stressed.

He cited the League's new reverse auction program in which

vendors bid against each other over the Internet to sell goods and products to municipalitiesatsignificantly lower prices and greater savings to the cities and towns than traditional bidding methods.

That, Zimmerman noted, was made possible through a legislative package sponsored by state Representatives George Overbey Jr. of Lamar and Gregg Reep of Warren, both serving their first terms in the legislature and both former mayors and League presidents.

It is a "great asset" for municipalities and the League to have state representatives "who worked at the local level," Zimmerman said. He encouraged city officials to consider serving in the state legislature.



Zimmerman



Wallace

City officials can be helpful in working with the legislature by proposing legislation now, Zimmerman

"The time to pass a legislative package is now."

Wallace urged delegates: Be knowledgeable about legislative issues, and know what and when committees are meeting. said. "The time to pass a legislative package is NOW."

Zimmerman noted the League's process of proposing legislation is to develop the package during the off-years of legislative sessions. The guidepost for legislation can be found in the League's *Policies and Goals*, he said. The package of statements is revised yearly at the League's annual convention.

Zimmerman encouraged the conference del egates to re ad through the *Policies* and *Goals*, the "coll ective wis dom over the years."

Zimmerman emphasized the importance of

city officials knowing their legislators, developing relations with them and letting them know the issues that are important to cities. And the time to develop those relations is now—when those potential legislators are candidates for the office, Zimmerman stressed. He said that it is important to know them now so when the need arises during a legislative session to call them out of a session to deliver messages about legislation, "you need to know them well." He encouraged inviting candidates to grand openings and the many other municipal events.

Zimmerman mentioned that the legislature can enact legislation that hurts cities. He noted the dues check-off

Myra and Brad Schwartz, 9, just bought their tickets and are looking forward to a fun time watching the Harlem Globetrotters at Alltel Arena in North Little Rock. Conference participants could buy the tickets from the League in the Exhibit Hall at a discounted cost.



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bill that the League opposed. "We got beat," he said.

The League also opposes legislation that amounts to unfunded mandates, which require municipalities to pick up the tab for programs enacted by the legislature without its paying for the programs. Raising the costs of pension payments that cities must pay is an example, Zimmerman

said.

When such legislati on arises that the League determines will hurt cities and towns, it asks members to voice their concern to their legislators, he said. The League says in those appeals that it needs the local pers on to go to his or her senator or representative, and say, "We need your help on this particular item," Zimmerman said.

The League needs that help at the Capitol, too, he said. "Come informed and come to influence, not just to observe," Zimmerman said. When legislators



Van Poucke



Nelson

and city officials have a good relationship and the legislator knows what the city official wants, the greater the chance is for success, Zimmerman said. He also encouraged city of ficials to participate in the League's advisory councils. That is where some of the proposed legislation originates, then it is discussed and receives a thorough going-over by all advisory councils by the time the League convention considers it for adoption as part of the *Policies and Goals*. Sign-up sheets for advisory councils are distributed at the convention.

Earlier, England Mayor Jimmy Wallace, an active participant on behalf of municipalities at legislative sessions, also urged other city officials to participate during legislative sessions, to know their

After receiving their individual Volunteer Community of the Year Awards, winners gathered for a group picture. From left front are: Stuttgart Mayor Harry Richenback, Pat Hargrave of Clarkridge, Beebe Mayor Donald Ward, Mountain Home Councilmember Mary James, Clarksville Mayor Billy Helm, Tyronza Mayor Paul Hinman, Smackover Clerk/Treasuer Cardyn Willett; Second row, from left, Oraly Bown and Nicole Heapse, both of Maumelle, Mountain View Mayor Joe Wyatt, Sherry Anderson, Division of Volunteerism director, and FortSmith City Director Gary Campbell.

legislators and to stay informed. He said city officials should be knowledgeable of the issues and know also what legislative committees are meeting between legislative sessions.

Wall ace said that what legislators may decide that they a re FOR could be legislation that could HURT cities and

> that it is up to city officials to convey their opposition to legislators.

Siloam Springs Mayor M. L. Van Poucke Jr. suggested that mayors and council members attend legislative sessions on a time-sharing schedule based on their municipality's population. Those city officials from a city or town of less than 2,500 population, for example, would spend one day at the Capitol; officials from cities of 2,500 to 4,000 would spend two days during a legislative session at the Capitol and city officials from cities from 4,000 to 10,000 would spend

"Going down and being part of the legislature is fun," he said. "You will enjoy it." The hardest part, Nelson said, "is finding a

City officials should spend

time at the Capitol based

and the size of their

municipalities,

Van Poucke said.

parking space."

on a time-sharing schedule

three days and so on.

Van Poucke said few realized how important it is for city officials to be represented in committee meetings at the Capitol. When a legislative committee member must vote on a bill "and has to look you in the eye, that makes a lot of difference," Van Poucke said.

He also suggested that a League memorandum be sent every Monday morning telling how each legislator voted on each particular piece of legislation that affects cities and towns.

Mayor Nelson also promoted city official participation in the legislative process. "Going down and being





Conference participants Trina, Raymond and Mary Sharum learn from Steve Edwards of the Arkansas Corrections Industries about shirts, furniture and other ACI products. State agencies had booths at the Conference.

Want help? Money? Call 'em: Your state agencies

The advice to city officials at the League Winter Conference was clear, concise and firmly founded on how to save your city money, where to find more aid, and how to operate more efficiently and effectively.

"If you don't need additional dollars, raise your hand," Bentonville Mayor Terry Coberly, League president, said, opening the first general session of the conference. No hands were raised. Speakers from state agencies passed on what their level of government can do for the local level of government.

Take, for example, the advice from the state Highway and Transportation Department (AHTD). Its staff will train city workers, bring the classes to them around the state and charge absolutely nothing. Mark Bradley of the AHTD said classes are held in topics from heavy equipment operations to work zones, defensive driving to uniform traffic control devices and the list continues.

In a typical year, the department oversees 175 training classes a year around the state. Call 'em at

AHTD.

Need more and better tree planning advice to enhance your city or town's amenities, beautification, livability quotient? The Forestry Commission awards grants of up to \$20,000 each. Call 'em.

Cities and towns have been forced into a sales tax enactment or some other method of raising revenues to correct a sewage treatment problem, improve water treatment facilities—all to meet strict clean water regulations or to avoid sanctions or fines. "We want to work with cities to avoid the teeth of regulatory enforcement," Marcus Devine of the Arkansas Department of Environmental told the conference. Call 'em.

And listen to these words: "I know money is tight; we can help you save money." That was the message delivered by Steve Edwards of Arkansas Correctional Industries, the self-sustaining business at the state prisons. They teach inmates the work ethic, skills and provide a plethora of services and products for munici-



Gentry Council member Clara Garrett, left, is asked for her vote by Martha Shoffner, a Democratic candidate for state treasurer. Garrett succeeded her father, Gentry Alderman J.D. Smith, League Alderman of the Year for first class cities last year, who died Dec. 20. Statewide candidates for political office had opportunities at the League conference to mingle with League delegates. Governor, lieutenant governor and attorney general candidates spoke at conference general sessions.

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palities. The Municipal League has some of their furniture at its offices in North Little Rock. Can't afford new office furniture (which the ACI does make and sell)? The prison folks can come to your town, pick up your old office furniture, refurbish it and bring it back "at no charge other than labor," Edwards said. Call 'em.

Is historic restoration on your city's collective mind? The Department of Heritage may have the where-withall or expertise that you need. Call 'em.

The Aeronautics Commission recently OK'd 28 projects costing \$1.2 million at local airports around the state. Whether your airport needs a new hangar, terminal, runway overlay, or other facilities or improvements, call 'em.

A city that needs to upgrade its waste water system, build a community health facility a child care or senior citizen center or establish itself as a community of excellence, call the Arkansas Department of Economic Development.

How can Americorps help your city? Need advice on grants writing? Need research to begin youth programs? Call the Division of Volunteerism.

Does your city have needs from paper clips to airplanes; from dump trucks to back hoes to lighting facilities but limited resources? All of that and more is with the Federal Surplus. "We have to exist on a handling charge, less 10 percent," James Smith of the Federal Surplus program said. He even has animal cages suitable

for animal shelters. Call 'em.

The Arkansas Department of Emergency Management offers monetary help for emergency preparation with money from the one-half of 1 percent charge on fire insurance premiums, the Act 833 Program, as it's commonly known. Call 'em.

Towns that want to build their first city park can obtain up to \$40,000 for the project from the state Department of Parks and Tourism, Director Bryan Kellar said.

Call 'em also for such assistance, to develop Trails for Life and other recreational projects.

Your muncipality's Main Street is a "strong indication of your community's pride," Cary Tyson of Main Street Arkansas told delegates. It's "old buildings with a new attitude," he said, inviting inquiries for assistance in this self-help program that includes designing, organizing, promoting and economic development in the state's downtowns. Call 'em.

The state obviously has many resources available to cities and towns of Arkansas. If you want a single source to access any of the state's agencies, go to www.arkansas.gov, recommends Chad Gallagher of the Governor's Office. Gallagher, former mayor of DeQueen, knows what cities' needs are and wants to help. "It's a great resource for every state agency," he said. Call him at 501-682-2345. "We really are your liaison for state government," he said.

Seary Mayor Belinda LaForce, center, and Tammy Gowan, Seary clerk/treasurer, receive "little rocks" from Little Rock City Director Joan Adcock, left, at a breakfast hosted by Little Rock. City Director Johnnie Pugh, partially visible at back, center, prepares to greet more breakfast arrivals with "little rocks."





Norphlet Mayor Jim Crotty has his blood pressure checked by League registered nurse Diana Panton as a Municipal League service in the exhibition hall. The League also offered checks of cholesterol and blood sugar levels for conference participants.

Delta Caucus draws focus on needs, future at annual meet

By John K. Woodruff, League staff

LITTLE ROCK—When folks pondering needs of the Mississippi River Delta get together as they did Jan. 26-27 in the annual meeting of the Mississippi Delta Grassroots Caucus, the task seems daunting to even think about overcoming the Delta's vast needs.

It may appear an almost hopeless task to overcome shortages in housing, jobs, economic development, education, health care, and transportation. Yet, progress is possible and is even happening.

The Delta Regional Authority is still a long-shot from being considered even near the status in Congressional eyes as the Appalachian Regional Authority, which would get \$64.8 million this year as proposed for non-highway programs, or the Denali Commission's \$50 million that Congress set aside in FY 2006. But Congress's \$12 million for the DRA in 2006 is a lot more than the \$2 million that initially was planned by the administration, which later increased it to \$6 million before Congress doubled it.

Lee Powell, director of the Caucus, noted at the opening night of the conference, the \$37.4 million set aside for the DRA in its first three years has "leveraged" another \$226 million in state and federal sources.

The planned Interstate 69 received \$400 million in 2005; and 38 more doctors now work in the Delta through another federal program, he said.

Medicaid and other health care cuts hurt the region, just as drought, soaring energy costs and lack of badly needed disaster aid adversely affected the region's agriculture, Powell noted.

More new happenings show promise in the Delta:

- Traditional rival cities Helena and West Helena mer ged and began 2006 with a brand new city, Helena-West Helena, whose leaders a refocused on boosting the economy and providing better living for residents.
- Coinciding with the Delta Caucus Conference, one of the Caucus's most loyal sponsors and backers, Southern Bancorp of Arkadelphia, announced a \$670,000 grant to help Delta projects in Phillips County, home of the new Helena-West Helena city.

As to whether the overall assessment

of the Delta is a question of whether the glass is halfempty or half-full, Powell said the Delta needs a "bigger glass ... a bigger pie or bigger share of the pie."

Speakers, however, who included experts in their respective disciplines and political candidates for statewide office in Arkansas, looked to the Delta's future. Jo Luck told of the increasing Delta involvement of Heifer International of which she is president and chief executive officer.

See Delta, page 31



Osceola Alderman Tommy Baker and Forrest City Mayor Larry Bryant lend close ears to Delta Caucus speakers. B ryant, left background, later, as one of the speakers, told of his city's successful community-wide organizational structure of volunteers who helped meet the food, housing and other needs of hundreds of Katrina victims who took refuge in the Delta city.



Clark, Berry and Ross responded to questions about the Delta at Caucus luncheon in Clinton Library Clark said ideas should come from the local leaders; Berry stressed the importance of families in raising children and he pushed expanded access to the Internet; Ross stressed an end to deficit spending—"Priorities won't be met until we get our fiscal house in order."





The time has come to toot someone's horn for him, much to his chagrin.

After logging 41,000 miles and completing 46 marathons, John Woodruff was inducted into the Arkansas RRCA Road Running Hall of fame, Arkansas's most prestigious running honor.



case you didn't know, he has also finished six marathons while undergoing chemotherapy.

His latest marathon? Pike's Peak, this past August (for the 11th time).

He is now in the homestretch of training for the Little Rock Marathon March 5. Congrats, John! —L.R.



National League of Cities Congressional City Conference March 11-15, 2006 Washington, D.C.

Arkansas Municipal League 72nd Annual Convention June 14-16, 2006 Hot Springs, Ark.

Obituaries

James Madison Barker Jr., 77, a former Hamburg city attorney, died Dec. 19.

Sherbert Cabot Benton, 87, a Conway alderman for three terms, died Jan. 2.

William Stephen Crain, 66, Mountain Home city attorney 1976-78, died Feb. 18.

William Henry "Bill" Glover, 87, a former mayor of Arkansas City, died Jan. 15.

Brian Christopher Goldman, 31, computer network administrator and Microsoft certified network administrator for the Arkansas Municipal League, died Feb. 9. Goldman went to work for the League January 2002 as a computer specialist.



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Thad R. Kelly Jr., 83, former mayor of Helena and



Arkansas Municipal League president in 1984, died Jan. 14.
Kelly was a former first vice president of the League, served several years on the League executive committee and the old League Action Committee. As mayor Kelly established Helena

as one of the then-five Main Street Cities in Arkansas and Helena's King Biscuit Blues Festival, now the Arkansas Blues and Heritage Festival. In 2003 the Arkansas Senate dedicated in his honor the Thad Kelly Courtyard Park on Cherry Street which Main Street Arkansas named the Best Downtown Public Improvement Project Jan. 11 during the League Winter Conference. A lifelong resident of Helena, Kelly was well known for his commitment to the development and improvement of the community. A Realtor and real estate appraiser, he was a former president of the Phillips County Chamber of Commerce, Arkansas Delta Development, Helena Rotary Club and was Helena mayor from 1974 until 1986

Franklin Southard Pearce, 66, mayor of Mayflower who was active in the Arkansas Municipal League, died Jan. 17. Pearce was a member of the Second Class Cities Advisory Council of the Municipal League. He served as



Pearce

Mayflower Chamber of Commerce president from its inception in 1995 until his election as mayor of Mayflower in 1999. He is the first mayor of Mayflower to be elected to two consecutive terms. Until his death he served as president of the Executive Board of Metroplan.

Roy Earl Snodgrass, 85, a former Lincoln alderman, died Jan. 26.

Incident survival and police suicide, training topics

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Critical Incident Survival and Police Suicide Issues are the topics of a training class March 28, as sponsored by the Law Enforcement Coordinating Committee at the Wyndham Riverfront Hotel, North Little Rock.

Dr. Bobby Smith will discuss the *Survival* class, including his own experiences and being blinded in a shooting incident. Dr. Smith shows how one can overcome personal tragedy and be successful. "Riveting, emotional and humorous," is how his presentation is described and that it benefits those hearing it for the first or fifth time.

Robert E. Douglas, executive director and founder of the National P.O.L.I.C.E. Suicide Foundation, Inc., will discuss *The Enemy Within*. Identifying signs and symptoms of suicidal depression, establishing and developing intervention techniques for officers in crisis, and establishing a police suicide awareness training program will be discussed.

The conference begins at 8:30 a.m. and ends at 4:30 p.m. at 2 Riverfront Place. The Conference fee is \$20 a person; make checks payable to LECC Fund.

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Refinished City Hall celebrated THORNTON—A warm glow from the exterior lights of the old fire station turned stora ge building tu rn ed into a quaint Ci ty Ha ll and the glow of the fading sun s et set a mood of a warm wel come at the celebration for the local folks and visiting dignitaries. It was time on this Jan. 31 evening to bring attention to the fulfillment of a dream of two or three mayors back and the goal of current Mayor Levenis Penix to make a fine municipal building out of this old fire station for the City Council chamber and offices for the mayor, city clerk and water department The refurbished building was made possible with most of \$9,744 from the often controversial state general improvement fund and the skilled but donated carpentry of Alderman Roy Yarbrough, who received a hearty round of applause at the gathering. "They had a vision and I ran with it," Penix told the crowd of more than 30 not bad for a town of 517 and on a week day night. Penix also credited the whole City Council—Yarbrough, Maceo Braswell, Ora Cathey, Martiel Womble and Carolyn Williams. "People are really excited about this, especially if they saw what we had," Penix said, s peaking of the stati on that was used for storage of water treatment chemicals, for changing oil in vehicles and storage of assorted equipment, materials and supplies. Another building now houses them. Funds that were left over from the work are being used to improve the water treatment plant to a chlorine gas system, Penix said. State Sen. G ene Jeffress of Louann acknowledged some people and the media have criticized the general improvement fund and its use of the state dollars for local projects. "That mon ey came from you and needs to go back to the people," Jeff ress said. "I bu rst with pri de wh ere you used it in a wise and efficient manner." Jeffress, Dallas County Judge Jimmy Jones and mayors visiting from nearby towns praised the spirit of cooperation among their governments and noted how they had created a net work to cooperate. Several towns in the net work borrow each other's equipment, exchange help, m a terials and otherwise assist each other. Fordyce Mayor William Lyon, who was cred i ted with he ading the group, delighted the crowd by making light of the close working relationship of the mayors in the net work: "We have no officers, no agenda, no purpose whatsoever." Visitors and Thornton residents arrived just after sunset at the newly expanded City Hall. Penix, seated, was joined at the celebration by Hampton Mayor Barbara Floss, from left, Sen. Jeffress, Bearden Mayor Ferrell Launius, Mayor Lyon and County Judge Jones.

Spirit of compromise begins new city in the Mississippi Delta

Months of planning and some tense moments that averted a shut down signal the new city's beginning.

Phillips County Judge Don Gentry, right, administers the oath of office to the new Helena-West Helena City Council so it can proceed to its first meeting as a council.

By John K. Woodruff, League staff

HELENA-WEST HELENA—The mood was festive, and the crowds gathered outside and in the City Council chamber were ready to celebrate the New Year only a few hours away on Dec. 31—New Year's Eve.

But first, the first City Council of this newly established city from two cities had to get sworn in, adopt an operating code of ordinances, enact other housekeeping-type measures and adopt an operating budget.

The council moved efficiently down its agenda after members took the oath of office, but the pleasant tone was quelled when the agenda moved to the budget item and the budget's employee salary details. The aldermen questioned certain salaries, including their own proposed \$600 a month pay.



Aldermen Dan Etherly, from left, Eugene Johnson and Martin Jarrett, with Mayor Valley, standing, take time during a recess for a bit of discussion.

New Mayor James F. Valley rejected talk of an overnight delay or temporarily enacting the budgets of the former cities, Helena and West Helena, now merged as of that very day. "Those cities no longer exist," Valley stressed. He said that he had distributed his proposed budget to the entire council. "This is the first I've heard about disagreement," he said. "If we don't have a budget, we stand still."

Until a budget was enacted Valley would follow the law, he said, and authorize no expenditures, such as for police and fire protection.

A type of recess began as council members discussed among themselves about what steps to take, how to avert a shutdown of the new city before it really got started and how to proceed.

Compromises were reached and council members agreed that "adjustments" later could take care of disagreements; and in an unanimous and historic vote of this brand new city, a budget for 2006 was adopted.

The council also adopted resolutions that thanked the new city's transition team for its work and thanked the Arkansas Municipal League for its advice and help. League Executive Director Don Zimmerman, General Counsel Mark Hayes, Assistant Director Ken Wasson, and League attorneys Jeannette Denham and Cliff Sward had met with the new council members in the week before the council's first meeting.

The new Helena-West Helena City Council members are, in addition, to Mayor Valley, Robert Martin, Trece Shepard Williams, Jay Hollowell, Joe St. Columbia, Kenneth Harman, Larry Wilson, Tommy Hunt, Eugene (Red) Johnson, Don Etherly and Marvin Jarrett. Sandi Ramsey is city clerk, Andre Valley, city

attorney and Michael Boone, city treasurer.

Voters in these two towns in Phillips County, one of the poorest in the state, decided last March to merge the two cities—Helena, population, 6,323, and West Helena, 8,689. Helena, a historic town on the Mississippi River, was in corpora ted Nov. 16, 1833; West Helena, May 23, 1917.



Mayor Valley was at the center of working out budget adjustments that were acceptable to the entire city council.

Aldermen Larry Wilson, from left, Joe St. Columbia, and Robert Martin prepare for the opening Helena-West Helena City Council meeting as April Mondy of radio station KJIW prepares audio equipment for the meeting.



Aldermen Jay Hollowell, fourth from right, Kenneth Harman, Eugene Johnson and Martin Jerrett, at right, review their council packets prior to the Dec. 31 Helena-West Helena meeting.



Was your LECC training credit missed?

Law enforcement officers who attended 10 Law Enforcement Coordinating Committee (LECC) since February 2004 and who failed to receive credit for their attending should contact the state Commission on Law Enforcement Standards and Training.

Bud Cummins, U.S. attorney, has notified LECC members that his office has re-sent to the Commission rosters of who attended the courses so officers could receive "proper credit." They had failed to receive Commission training credit, he said. The Commission phone is 501-282-2260.

City & Town publishes notices of the LECC training meetings and includes registration forms.

The 10 training classes in question and the cities at which they were held were, in 2005:

 Terrorism Trends and Tactics, Nov. 17, North Little Rock;

- Combating the Threat of Suicide Terrorism, Oct. 20, Jacksonville;
- Document Fraud Prevention and Terrorist Activities Relating to Document and Identification Fraud, Sept. 28, Russellville;
- Forensic Epidemiology, July 26, Stuttgart;
- **LECC Conference**, June 29-30, Hot Springs;
- School Security, Media Violence and Your Children, April 6, Little Rock;
- **Domestic Terrorism**, Jan. 20, Memphis, Tenn.; and in 2004:
- Project Safe Neighborhoods, Sept. 28, Jacksonville;
- LECC Conference, June 29-30, Hot Springs;
- Survival Skills, Feb. 18, Russellville.



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Summaries of attorney general opinions

Recent opinions that affect municipal government in Arkansas.

From the Office of Attorney General Mike Beebe

Doubt festers about sales tax use for private services

Opinion: 2005-224

Requestor: Walters, Shirley—State Representative Does the City of Waldron have authority to impose a sales tax to fund a contract for servi ces with a private entity (the Scott County Boys and Girls Club)? RESPONSE: Only a finder of fact acquainted with all the attendant circumstancescould provi de a definitive answer to this question. It is unclear from the deputy city attorney's question whether the Waldron City Council, seeking to fund a s ervice contract with a Girl s' and Boys' Club, is proposing to fund such a contract by levying a local sales tax under a subchapter of the Arkansas Code that authorizes such a tax solely for the purpose of financing capital improvements. It is further unclear whether the city council intends to devote any of the tax proceeds to capital improvements. However, purely as a matter of law, I will opine that a city cannot devote any portion of a levy to funding a servi ce contract if the levy occurred pursuant to a subchapter of the Code that authorized levying a sales tax on ly to fund capital improvements. Having of fered this con clusion, I will further note that su bchapter 2 of title 26, ch a pter 75 of the Arkansas Code authorizes a city council, with voter approval, ACA 26-75-208 (Supp. 2005), to levy a sales tax to be devo ted to capital improvements, otherwise authorized municipal services or both. The Code expressly authorizes levying a sales tax to provi de municipal services. ACA 26-75-217(a) (Repl. 1997) and ACA 26-75-201(c)(2) (Supp. 2005). This tax is commonly known as the "opera ting penny," which a city may expend in any m a n n er that it might ex pend gen eral funds. The Arkansas Su preme Court has further expressly held that "operating penny" revenues may also be devoted to financing capital improvements. Although these statutes would appear to authorize a tax of the sort described in your request, only a finder of fact acquainted with the details of the levying ordinance and the ballot could determine whether an ef fort by the Waldron City Council to levy a sales tax to finance a particular service contract would pass muster. Finally, I question whether any subchapter of the Arkansas Code other than that containing the "operating penny" provisions would support levying a sales tax to fund servi ces of the sort described in your request.

City rules might affect hiring sex offenders

Opinion: 2005-242

Requestor: Glover, Bobby—State Senator

Did the England Housing Authority have the aut h ority to employa Level 3 sex of fen der under State or Federal laws? Q2) Does the City of England, or any other entity, have the authority to terminate the employment of such an individual? What recourse, if any, does the City of England have in this situ a ti on under State or Federal laws? RESPONSE: I am unable to answer these questions, whose answers turn on the application of a local contract and regulations whose application only local counsel acquainted with all the attendant circumstances could address. I am neither authorized nor equipped to undertake a factual inquiry of the sort that your questions invite. I can only conclude that no provision of statestatutory law addresses the employment by a municipal housing authority of a convicted felon. Although I am unaware of any provision of federal statutory or regulatory law that would preclude such employment, you should consult with the Department of Housing and Urban Development regarding the possible application of federal law.

City fuel source appears OK for housing agency

Opinion: 2005-244

Requestor: Bradford, Jay—State Representative Can a city allow a local housing authority to purchase gasoline from the city through the city's contract with a gasoline provider if the contract itself has no prohibitions against such? **RESPONSE**: Assuming the city's contract with the gasoline provider indeed contained no proscription against any such resale, I believe the answer to your question would be "yes." See ACA 14-169-227(a) (Repl. 1998). However, I must stress that only a finder of fact could determine that the contract in question did not prohibit such a transaction.

Keep competitive bidding, even with federal \$\$

Opinion: 2005-250

Requestor: Pate, Mark—State Representative Do municipalities have to follow statutory bidding procedures for local projects when the funding is received from the federal government? **RESPONSE**: In my opinion, the answer to your question is, generally, yes. Receipt of funding from the federal government does not mitigate

the mandatory state law competitive bidding procedures for municipalities. A municipality should be mindful of any requirements for receipt of the federal moneys involved.

Publish hearing notice weekly

Opinion: 2005-257

Requestor: Bisbee, David—State Senator

How many times per week must notice of a hearing on petition to incorporate under ACA 14-38-115(d) be published in the county? **RESPONSE**: Once a week for three consecutive weeks, in accordance with 16-3-102, a general statute providing that "[w]hen a definite time is specified" for publishing notice, it means "once a week during the time so specified."

Denying 911 tape inspection, may violate FOIA

Opinion: 2005-259

Requestor: Broadway, Shane—State Senator

In light of the fact that a citizen was required to purchase cassette tapes of 911 calls prior to being allowed to listen to the public record on the tape, was this citizen effectively denied access to that public record under the FOIA? Q2) Is there any way for poor persons (or an incarcerated person) to access public records as an "indigent," or without having to pay the cost of reproduction of the records? **RESPONSE**: 1) The answer may depend upon additional facts, but if the citizen was charged to merely inspect, rather than copy public records, the action was in all likelihood inconsistent with the FOIA. 2) See ACA 25-19-105 (d)(3)(a)(iv), which authorizes records to be provided free of charge in some instances. With regard to incarcerated persons, see *Moore v. State*, 324 Ark. 453, 921 S.W. 2d 606 (1996).

Jail building bond interest OK for general fund

Opinion: 2005-263 Requestor: Haltom, Brent

Pros. Att'y., 8th Judical District South

Was the transfer of interest earned from bonds into the county general fund contrary to state law in light of the fact that the bonds were issued to construct a new county jail according to the ballot title approved by the electorate? **RESPONSE**: No, for the reasons set forth in Ark. Op. Att'y. Gen. No. 2005-264.

Keep jail bond interest from road fund

Opinion: 2005-264

Requestor: Harrelson, Steve—State Representative Was the Miller County Quorum Court correct in using the interest from the sale of bonds to construct a county jail (in accordance with the passage of a ballot issue and subsequent county ordinance) for other expenses, such as the General County Road Fund rather than use it for the

building of the jail? **RESPONSE**: No, given that no legislation authorizes separating interest from principal under the circumstances described in your request. See *Hartwick v. Thorne*, 300 Ark. 502, 780 S.W.2d 531 (1989); *Miles v. Gordon*, 234 Ark. 525, 353 S.W.2d 157 (1962).

Exit interview is open record

Opinion: 2005-271

Requestor: Harris, Eric—State Representative Can an employee's completed exit interview form be subject to public inspection and copying under the Arkansas Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA"), ACA 25-19-101 et seq.? **RESPONSE**: In my opinion "yes," a completed exit interview "can" be subject to inspection and copying under the FOIA, but the particular contents of an exit interview document may dictate that the document be withheld or that some information be redacted.

Jail facility taxes not for inmate housing

Opinion: 2005-278

Harrelson, Steve—State Representative Requestor: In light of the language of the ballot measure passed for the construction, operation and maintenance of jail facilities in Miller County, Arkansas, as well as the language and intent of Miller County Ord. No. 2000-08, should the tax funds collected also pay for the cost of housing Texarkana city prisoners that are arrested, incarcerated and adjudicated in Miller County? **RESPONSE**: The sales and use tax levied pursuant to Miller County Ordinance No. 2000-08 was clearly intended to finance only the acquisition, construction and equipping of jail facilities in Miller County. I do not believe these tax revenues may be used for "housing city prisoners." The sales and use tax levied pursuant to Miller County Ordinance No. 2000-09 was intended to finance maintenance and operation of jail facilities in Miller County. The ordinance is unclear regarding precisely what facilities it covers. Although neither the ordinance nor the ballot directly addresses whether maintenance and operation might be interpreted to include "housing city prisoners," if you intend the quoted phrase to refer to the daily expense of lodging city prisoners in a county facility I do not believe the 2000 vote could impose this expense on the county. Section 12-41-506 of the Arkansas Code (Repl. 2003) bluntly declares that a county has the discretion to impose a reasonable fee for housing city prisoners unless the county has agreed to some other arrangement with all municipalities in the countyhaving law enforcement agencies. In my opinion, the adoption of a county sale and use tax devoted to the maintenance and operation of jail facilities located within the county cannot compromise this legislatively granted discretion. Rather, under the express terms of the statute, only the county government, by formal a greement with the affected municipalities, may bargain away the quorum court's discretion by ordinance to impose a reasonable fee for housing city prisoners in county facilities.

Sept. 11, 2001, affected our nation's economy

This first part of a two-part series looks at how Sister Cities International can help adjust to global economic changes since that fateful day.

By Sherman Banks

n my last column I said that we would review 9/11 and it's effect on economic development. Some new border security measures, for example, have had an adverse impact on our country. People's crossing national borders has shaped states and societies since time immemorial. But what has become distinctive in recent years is that border crossing now is global. Altered domestic and international politics have produced economic and social consequences.

In ternational partnerships, such as those developed through Sister Cities International, can be vitally important to a city or community. The partnerships are alliances betweenbusiness, government and education representatives; they can promote commercialization of advanced technology, educational opportunities and cultural enrichment.

As a citizen diplomacy organization, Sister Cities encourages city or state business links with businesses in another country; and Sister Cities organizes reciprocal trade visits and develops joint proposals to expand city and state economic development. Links with universities and technical institutions emphasize the benefits produced by businesses and education collaboration.

In developing international markets for economic development and also tourism development, consider:

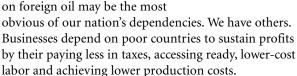
- safety
- dependency
- economic recovery (for the United States as compared to the European Union), and
- globalization.

Safety—It's impossible in the 21st century to separate terrorism from the economic consequences it has on the United States, Europe and Asia. By terrorists targeting the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center—the symbols of international commercial achievement—they made it clear that they wanted to destroy our livelihoods as well as our lives. They wanted to kill innocent people and wreak havoc on our economy.

It was not just Americans who died in those horrific attacks, and it was not just the U.S. economy that suffered. For the first time in our country's history we feared for our lives and freedoms. We became concerned for our economic well-being. The attack closed the stock market for three days and the foreign market struggled for weeks. The psychological blow lingered.

Movement of goods throughout the world became bottlen ecked. Costs from ad ded security precautions s oon hampered cross-border commerce. Other security prec a uti ons have raised con cerns about loss of personal privacy. Energy prices have soa red.

Dependency—Dependency



Other countries are buying our country's businesses. Their streamlining to lower operating costs may be cutting employees or replacing them with more automation, even robotics. Foreign governments in the late 1990s owned about 16 percent of the foreign assets in the United States; 84 percent were privately owned.

Of the foreign investments from this country, the U.S. government own ed 14 percent and private investors own ed 86 percent. The United Kingdom has increased its direct investments in the United States. (Arkansas investors have increased investments in Canada and Mexico.)

Among concerns in this country are that this nation will become dependent on foreign investments here at home, with resulting losses of skilled employment opportunities and technological advantages, slower growth and a declining standard of living.

These worries are based in part on assumptions that foreigners will obtain control of the U.S. economy and that foreigners then will systematically reduce the efficiency of this nation's economy. I believe that both assumptions are false.

For example, since 9/11 our econ omic relations have beenenhanced with Asia, especially with China. Asian countries, especially China have become our country's latest investment frontier for econ omic growth. Investment capital from the United States is flowing into Asia and particularly into Chinese en terprises—auto manufacturers to textile plants to Internet and technology companies.

Arkansas has benefited from this growth, especially through the investments made by Arkansas-basedWal-Mart and Acxiom.

Econ omic recovery for the United States, as compared to the European Union, seems imminent. That and economic globalization are changing the way we live. Those viewpoints will be discussed in this space in March *City & Town*.

For information, contact Sherman Banks, president of Sister Cities International at 501-376-0480, or e-mail sbanks@aristotle.net or mail, P.O. Box 165920, Little Rock, AR 72216.

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Drainage is more than metal, concrete, plastic

Before loading your shopping basket, consider size, endurance, weight, location and cost—among other considerations.

By A.E. (Al) Johnson Jr.

drainage pipe sounds pretty simple. It is cylinder with a hole in it that allows stormwater runoff to pass through it. Cross drains go underneath the street and there are side drains that go in the ditches under driveways.

The most common types of pipe are corrugated metal (CMP), reinforced concrete (RCP) and plastic (high-density polypropylene [HDPP]). These three types of pipe are metal, concrete and plastic.

The three different materials have different characteristics. The corrugated galvanized metal pipe has the tendency to rust and is vulnerable to scowering along the invert (flow line of the pipe). The scowering can be severe where there is creek gravel composed of sandstone or chirt.

The concrete is heavy, does not rust, and is very resistant to any type of scowering but is vulnerable to acid conditions. Concrete pipe can be produced that is acid resistant. Concrete also has the unique characteristic of gaining strength over time. Plastic is light weight, will bum, and tends to creep overtime and looses strength and shape.

Now to the hydraulic characteristics of the various pipes. Not all eighteen-inch pipe are equal. Further, not all pipes maintain their hydraulic efficiency. Drainage pipes a renot intended to operate under pressure. The sizing of adrainage pipe is done under the assumpti on that it will operate as an open channel. This means that the water at the inlet will never go over the top of the pipe, the slope of the pipe, and the hydraulic radius. The hydraulic radius is the cross-sectional area of the water flowing divided by the wetted perimeter of the pipe. The larger the cross section area, the steeper the slope and the greater the hydraulic radius, the more the flow will increase. The other factor in the equation is the Manning's roughness coefficient (the "n" value). The larger this coefficient, the more the flow of water through the pipe is resisted.

The concrete pipe has a coefficient of 0.010. The plastic, with its smooth inner liner, has the same coefficient as concrete. The corrugated metal pipe has a coefficient almost double at 0.018. The corrugations in the metal pipe create turbulence, increasing the resistance to the water flowing through the pipe.

In layman terms, the large "n" value for the corrugated metal pipe means that the next larger size of corrugated metal pipe should be installed to equal the capacities of the 18-inch concrete and plastic pipe.

Are the concrete and plastic pipes equal? Assuming they are properly installed, they will be equal in the beginning.

Over time, the creep in the plastic pipe will all ow the exterior corrugations to reflect through, resulting in a high er coefficient. Also, there is a tendency for the creep to



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change the cross-sectional area of the plastic pipe, further restricting the flow. Thus, not all 18-inch pipes are equal!

Other factors enter into the selection of pipeproducts:

- Availability of installation equipment
- · Product cost
- Procurement contracts
- · Life of service
- Performance

For dependability and longevity, go concrete. If the pipe is not critical or temporary and replacing the pipe in the future is not a problem, try the others. Corrugated metal and plastic are certainly acceptable as side drains. Cross drains under streets are generally forever and critical; so, try to stay with concrete.

The inlet treatment on a pipe is very important particularly when the volume of runoff begins to increase as suburbs develop. The inlet of the pipe should be directed so that the flow will enter as smoothly as possible. Head walls with wing walls or flared end sections reduce the turbulence at the inlet and allow for greater flow. Damage in walls of flared end sections can create major problems.

Finally, no matter what type of pipe, it is of little value if obstructed. Keep your pipes clean.

An alternative to a drainage pipe or a group of pipes is the reinforced concrete box culvert.

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Urban Forestry conference coming, tree money available for qualified projects

Types of grant projects discussed along with grant application deadline for this round, April 3.

By John Slater, Urban Forestry Partnership Coordinator

a rk your calendars. The Arkansas Urban Council is holding its 15th Annual Conference April 18-20 in Fayetteville. The focus of this year's conference is *Trees: the Oldest New Thing in Storm Water Management*. Its goal is to "connect the dots" between the benefits of urban trees and storm water management.

It will illustra te how incorpora ting urban trees into the landscapes can sign if icantly reduce s torm water flow. Presentations, field trips and panel discussions will focus on urban tree and storm water management. An International Society of Arborists (ISA) exam will be held for folks wanting their arborist certification, and continuing education units (CEUs) will be available

for certified arborists wanting to maintain their qualifica-

The keynote speaker is Susan Day, PhD, assistant professor of research for the Department of Forestry at Virginia Tech. Day's academic interest includes all aspects of urban forestry—soil compaction, changes in soil grade, construction damage, urban runoff mitigation and tree fertilization.

The conference is at the Radisson Hotel, 479-442-5555. For more information from the Arkansas Urban and CommunityForestryCouncil, call 800-958-5865. The Websiteis www.arkansastrees.org e-mail is aufc@moregti.net.

Urban and Community Forestry Grants

Urban forestry grant applications are being accepted for fiscal 2006 until 4:30 p.m., April 3. Mail both past and present applications to: Arkansas Forestry Commission, Attn: Patti Erwin, 2780 North Garland Ave., Fayetteville, AR 72704.

No facsimile applications will be accepted.



• The Arkansas Fores try Commissionwill accept proposals from state and local governments, educational institutions and 501(c)3 non-profit organizations.

Federal cost share is a 50-50 match, which may be cash, services or inkind contributions. The maximum allowable for a grant is \$20,000. Grant Review Committee will evaluate each proposal and give top priority to projects that promote a sustainable community forestry program.

Projects could include the development of a tree board, tree inventory, hiring of a forester and/or an

arborist, urban stream restoration, greenway development planning, equipment and supplies, attendance of conferences, seminars or workshops, scholarships, and storm restoration.

• Tree plantings are also fundable. The maximum amount allowed for planting is \$2,500, and a plan for maintenance of those trees over the next three years should be included. If you are not sure whether the project you have in mind is an eligible proposal, contact us and we can help you.

If your grant proposal is unsuccessful, *do not get discouraged*. You can apply in the next grant cycle. We may have had several good proposals but lack grant funds for all. Check back with us, we might be able to give you some suggestions on how to improve your application. We also dispense technical assistance during the year on how to prune trees, what to plant and where, etc.

Grant information is on the Arkansas Forestry Commission Web site, *www.forestry.state.ar.us*. Click on Community Forestry, and you will find all the informa-



tion to help with the grant.

Technical assistance in developing proposals is available to applicants through Arkansas Forestry Commission District personnel and local planning and economic development districts.

Possible Grant Projects

To give an idea about tree planting, here are two projects with which I had the pleasure to assist. One is working with Sebastian County Judge David Houston this planting season at Ben Garen Park, just outside Fort Smith. The other project is in the planning stages with Blytheville Mayor Barrett Harrison.

Both the Sebastian County and Blytheville projects are large parks with several hundred acres each and could take three to five years to complete.

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Any book stating that land use planning is too important to be left to the locals immediately claims attention of anyone involved in municipal government. What aspect of public administration stirs us more than the conviction that land use regulation is a local matter?

In *Cities in the Wilderness*, Bruce Babbitt doesn't actually propose that the national government (or worse—the blogs are awash with rumors that the big box retailers want to use the World Trade Organization to take over zoning control in American cities) will violate local zoning ordinances. He simply builds a convincing case that local and state governments need all the help they can get to save the natural environment. He should know.

Babbitt, the reader will recall, served as secretary of the Interior under President Bill Clinton. From this position, he used his influence to accomplish a number of notable successes that he documents with justifiable pride.

The cases discussed range from his efforts to regenera te the Florida Everglades to his unprecedented step of reversing a hundreds-year-old policy of damming free flowing rivers. It caused tingles in this old charter member of the Arkansas Society to Save the Buffalo River when I read about fish species reclaiming their natural habitat. This occurred when the destruction of outdated dams allowed rivers to flow naturally once again, one of Babbitt's programs.

In several cases, the Endangered Species Act—itself now endangered—served as the hammer with which preserva-

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tion agreements were for ged. The successful cases relied upon agreements between landowners and government at multiple levels: federal, state and local. Without the teeth of the Endangered Species Act, there would have been little or no incentive for landown er cooperation. There may be a

Cities in the Wilderness,

by Bruce Babbitt; Island Press, 2005, ISBN: 1-55963-093-0; 200 pages; \$25.95

less onthere for local elected officials.

Typical of the stories Babbitt tells is the account of establishing an open space program in Orange County, Calif., to protect the habitat of a bird called the California gnatcatcher. Dominated by one well-connected landowner and located between Los Angeles on the north and San Diego on the south, the area was hardly a promising choice for such a program during an election year. The account of the program's ultimate success creates a how-to manual for the blending of public and private interests for the common interest. It also points out the power of national planning.

Babbitt doesn't seem to disparage local planning, he simply recognizes that it can be easily overcome by powerful local interests and could often use help from national sources. He is not so kind to regional planning, which he credits, in recent history, with largely "... facilitating development and sprawl by coordinating development of roads and infrastructure."

Overall, though, a major point of this book can be read in the value of compromise and negotiation when all parties have something close to equal power. In most of the cases covered, the public's power derived from the Endangered Species Act, with support from individual groups. The author points out, however, that voluntary programs often fail because their proponents don't understand the workings of the private sector. It will come as no su rprise to local officials that a developer might shy away from voluntarily allocating open space that is simply going to make a competitor's land more valuable.

This book both warms and alarms. It warms one to know that successful planning at the national level is possible though current trends may alarm us. Maybe, however, books such as this may guide our way to meaningful action.

Readers in our state will also appreciate a final homage that Babbitt pays to a modern president who "... issued more national monument programs than Theodore Roo sevelt and had, by some measures, protected more acres of land and water than any of his predecessors."

It was our native son: President William Jefferson Clinton.

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ALCOHOL USE AFFECTS WORKPLACE

By Mike Messenger, Vice President, a'TEST CONSULTANTS, Inc. Workplace alcohol-use and impairment affects an estimated 15 percent of the U.S. workforce, or 19.2 million workers, according to a study released earlier this month by the University at Buffalo's Research Institute on Addictions (RIA). The National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism paid for the study.

The study was based on telephone interviews with 2,805 employed adults, 18 to 25. Data gathered indicate that an estimated 2.3 million workers (1.8 percent of the workforce) have consumed alcohol at least once before coming to work and 8.9 million workers (7.1 percent of the workforce) have drunk alcohol at least once during the workday. Most workers who reported drinking during the workday said they did so during lunch breaks, though some drank while working or during other breaks.

Also, an estimated 2.1 million workers (1.7 percent of the workforce) worked under the influence of alcohol and 11.6 million workers (9.2 percent of the workforce) worked with a hangover.

The study found that workplace alcohol use and impairment was more common among men than women, younger workers than older workers, and unmarried workers than married workers. Occupations with the highest rates were management, sales, the atts/entertainment/sports/media, food preparation and serving, and building and grounds maintenance.

Workers on evening and night shifts and those working non-standard shifts with irregular or flexible hours we re more likely to report drinking before work compared traditional-shift workers.

Alcohol can significantly impair judgment and coordination, leading to an increased risk of on-thejob accidents and injuries. It can also lead to lower levels of productivity and employee morale—not only among individuals with alcohol problems, but also for those working alongside them.

Workplaces can minimize the risks of worker alcohol use and can use resources to help alocohol users. The U.S. Department of Labor's Working Partners Web site (www.dol.gov/workingpartners) helps employers and employees work together to develop drug-free workplace programs that educate about the dangers of alcohol and encourage individuals with alcohol problems to seek help.

Ensuring Solutions to Alcohol Programs (www.ensuringsolutions.org), part of The George Washington University Medical Center, offers strategies for solving alcohol problems in the workplace, such as providing an Employee Assistance Program (EAP), ensuring health plans cover alcohol treatment and adopting policies supportive of treatment and recovery.

Three Steps to Solving Alcohol Problems

- 1. Provide an Employee Assistance Program (EAP). It helps employees with alcohol, drug, family or emotional problems. Employees helped by an EAP report fewer substance use and mental health problems, fewer health symptoms, better job attendance and greater job satisfaction. An EAP can also help create a health promotion strategy to teach employees about safe alcohol use, prevent problems before they devdop and identify problems before they become severe.
- 2. Make sure health plans provide alcohol treatment benefits. Some health plans provide fewer benefits for alcohol treatment than for treatment of other chronic diseases. Higher co-payments and deductibles make it harder for employees to get the help they need. Where state laws require alcohol treatment to be covered to the same extent as other illnesses (a practice known as parity), people are much more likely to enter—and complete—treatment programs.
- 3. Make policies that support treatment and recovery. Employers should have clear policies on alcohol use and alcohol problems. Rules, and consequences for breaking them, are an important part of such policies. Unclear or punitive policies may discourage treatment. The goal is to strike a balance between the safety needs of the employer and the health and well being of the employee. For more information, visit the RIA's Web site, www.ria.buffalo.edu.

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Two of the state's universities, the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville and Arkansas State University at Jonesboro, listed their schools' activities and goals in the Delta. U of A's Economic Development Institute (UAEDI) has established a Crossroads Coalition to promote regional development in nine Delta counties in

Arkansas. "It's not a question of what we want but how we get it," said Dr. Otto J. Loewer, director of the UAEDI. The Coalition, among other goals, seeks to "foster communication by lowering barriers," he said. Written material about the Coalition says it "uses an inclusive

business model without internal political boundaries such as city or county lines."

Dr. Les Wyatt, president of ASU, told of the school's helping to devel op a well - educated work force in the Ddta. He said the challenge is to "create employment opportunities." ASU has been "very ef fective in placing graduates in Eastern Arkansas," Wyatt said.

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Hideichiro Chikahiro, president of Hino Motors Manufacturing, talking to a reporter, said his company is "committed" to the Marion area community.



Arkansas lieutenant governor candidates, from left, Jay Martin, Tim Wooldridge, Jim Holt, Chuck Banks, Drew Pritt, Doug Matayo and Mike Hathorn, responded to questions about the Delta's needs and future from the moderator and audience.



said Hideichiro Chikahiro, president of Hino Motors Manufacturing. He told the Caucus audience, "We are committed and hope to grow with the region."

The Caucus also heard the candidates for governor and lieutenant governor speak of their assessments of the Ddta. Attorn ey General Mike Beebe, a Democrat, spoke of the Delta's "ex traordinary poverty rates" and call ed for emphasis on pre-school education. Children there "start so far behind

they never, ever catch up." He said the "In tern et Hi ghway" n eeds expansion there and "access to coll ege is a must." Beebe criticized "unfunded mandates" in impoveris h edareas such as those in the Delta. He cited the "no child left behind" as one. Expanded "telemedicine" programs could help meet s ome of the medical needs in the Delta, he said. The "coll ective clout" of the Delta Regi onal Authori ty could help bring attention to the Delta and "make sure people don't walk off and forget this area of the country," Beebe said.

moderator and audience.

Blytheville Mayor Barrett Harrison, right, and gubernatorial candidate Asa Hutchinson, visit at Delta Caucus.

Republican gubernatorial candidate Asa Hutchinson also promoted pre-school edu cation, calling it "essential." He said work force edu cation needs expansion, perhaps with partnerships bet ween community colleges and the public schools. He call ed for stepped-up law en forcem ent to combat met hamph etamine abuse and ex p a n ded drug tre a tment cen ters and altern a tives to imprisonment. Hutchinsonwould provi de more incentives so health care provi ders—nurses and doctors—will go more into the Delta's un ders erved areas. He said Delta states "n eed

to make the case" that the area is a "good investment with a good return on it."

Both candidates would limit increases in the state sales tax. Hutchinson said that would improve the chances of passages of local sales taxes and their flexibility for cities. Beebe said sales taxes were regressive and that the "most regressive part" is the sales tax on food, which he said "has to be phased out." Democratic gubernatorial candidate Bill Halter was invited but had a scheduling conflict: his wedding.

Speakers on the final conference day discussed economic development, education, j ob training, disaster relief and rebuilding from the destruction of Hurricane Katrina. Speakers included Congressmen Mari on Berry and Mike Ross and retired Army General Wesley Clark, a candidate in 2004 for the Democratic presidential nomination.

Baby Boomers returning home

"As professionals, planners haven't done a very good job of educating either elected officials or existing neighborhood residents about the benefits of higher density development."

By Jim vonTungeln, Staff Planning Consultant, American Institute of Certified Planners

ention housing density at a planning commission meeting and you are likely to start an argument. It is one of those concepts that recall the public administration adage: "Where you stand depends upon where you sit."

The controversy notwithstanding, it is probable that your city will face increasing pressure for higher density developments in the future. One reason comes from the aging of a special group of Americans and its likely shift in personal priorities. It has to do with getting older.

It doesn't seem possible, but the so-called baby boomers are nearing retirement age. As a much documented population group, they have articulated about every major trend in America since the end of World War II. One wonders what they might be up to next.

It might involve moving a little closer to services, particularly health care; the oldest have reached the magical age of 60. It surely involves less preoccupation with where their children are going to elementary school, except for the "trophy wife" crowd. And it most likely involves a penchant for more leisure time and fewer weekend chores.

So what would this mean for local elected officials in Arkansas? For one thing, the boomers can't be ignored. Cen sus records reflect that 70 million of themwill be retiring within the next 30 years. They represent about 26 percent of all U.S. residents. Their median household income in 2004 was \$60,000 compared to \$44,510 for all adults.

Officially, baby boomers represent that age group born between 1946 and 1964. A defined population group such as this is called, in statistical circles, a cohort. As a cohort, the baby boomers have been one of the most studied in history. They are quite familiar with the attention they have created as they moved along in history from the buttoned-down 1950s to the present.

Above all, they are used to being noticed. From being lampooned in the 1960s musical *Hair*, to creating the running shoe industry, they have left their impact on America. And they are not through yet. We can only guess their retirement plans.

Guessing is like trying to hit a moving target. Preferences can't depend upon a cross-sectional analysis of what exists at a given moment. Rather, it must take into account that the population cohort is moving through time and changing with current events. At the same

time, the cohort is actually impacting those events.

Tentatively, we might make a few assumptions. Many of the boomers prefer suburban living and will retire where they are. Data from the 2000 census, however, began to notice a trend of households' moving back to the city center. Housing figures in the states' larger cities further support this trend. The condominium market is hot now. And the baby boomers appear to be headed for this market in strong numbers. This means moving to higher density, more walkable environments that are close to basic services.

Are they being welcomed with open arms? Not in every case. As professionals, planners haven't done a very good job of educating either elected officials or existing neighborhood residents about the benefits of higher density development. Given the deference paid to angry groups, developers in some cases are finding perfectly good projects shouted down at planning commission meetings or before a council or board.

Many times, these are projects that would benefit the communityby spurring infill development or providing more rooftops at a lower cost of municipal services—things that should warm the hearts of elected officials. Reasoned dialogue ends when upset neighbors appear, however.

So the boomers, with their \$60,000 median incomes move els ewhere. It just doesn't seem to make sense.

In addressing this situation, it might be best to address the benefits of neighborhoods of choice in the comprehensive planning process. Many people love suburban living. Others, however, as they regard the aging process, may desire an alternative type of housing. The form of our planning should reflect both desires.

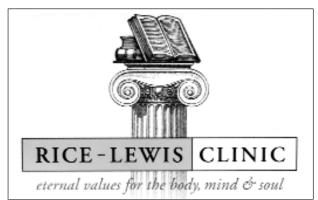
In the coming issues, we will explore this issue in more detail—beginning next month with discussion of the economic benefits of increased density upon municipal budgets. Future columns will also seek to dispel the notion that civilization as we know it will end if we ever allow housing developments of different types or values locate anywhere near one another. Finally, we will look at what seems to be working in our cities at present.

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City's pit bull ban results: 'positive'

One year later, bites, fights, maulings are down; neighborhood report: returned to "normal."

By Billy Grace

t has been more than a year since the North Little Rock City Council banned pit bull terriers and pit bull mixed dogs from our city. Since this was the city's first breed-specific legislation, we thought it might be a good idea to go back and see how well it is working thus far.

Without a doubt, this ordinance seems to have made our city a safer and more enjoyable place to live. We no longer receive daily calls about teenagers walking pit bull dogs that are being forced to drag one or more concrete blocks down the street. Elderly citizens no longer call stating that they are concerned because young people with pit bulls seem to be congregating for a dogfight. These callers feared the crime and violence that always seem to accompany dogfights.

It is refreshing to be able to drive through our all eys without seeing miserable pit bulls confined by log chains in back yards. This was not only cruel to the animal, but it was also devastating to a neighborhood. One sure-fire way to destroy the grass in a yard is to tie a large, powerful dog in it. The grass almost instantly becomes bare dirt with unsightly, smelly holes where the poor animal is forced to lie. As one former neighborhood crime watch president put it, "The neighborhood has returned to normal. Families are walking and kids are playing in the streets again."

On the day that the ordinance was passed, we noticed an immediatereduction in the number of pit bulls in our city. No one knows just how many pit bulls were here prior to the ban, but it was probably in the thousands.

Many owners had kept up with the pending legislation and knew when it was time to remove their dogs. Others were willing to have their pit bulls sterilized,



tattooed and registered, which allowed them to be kept within the city. We now have a 241 registered pit bull dogs in North



Grace

Little Rock. Be reminded that it was never the city's intent to take dogs away from responsible pet owners.

The number of i dentified "vicious" pit bulls has been drastically reduced. Bet ween Jan. 1 and Dec. 31, 2004, we declared 11 pit bull dogs as "vicious." For 2005, the number dropped to three pit bulls. Twen ty people were bitten by pit bulls in 2004, compared to nine in 2005. Even more important is the reduction in pit bull maulings of people.

Anyone who has seen a pit bull bite on a human, especially a child, will tell you that it is not your normal dog bite. We sincerely hope to see a continued reduction in them. We seem to be doing just that, but we will keep our fingers crossed!

Some pit bull own ers simply will not comply with the law. For them, we had to en force the law differently than for those who complied with the law. We seized 95 ill egal pit bulls by executing search and seizure warrants. Our animal control officers picked up many other illegal pit bulls running at-large on the streets. Some had been abandoned by their owners.

All in all, we impounded 402 ill egal pit bulls in 2005—a record number. The vast majority of these ill egal dogs were euthanized. It was not something that we at the shelter enjoyed; however, we realized that it was necessary. Releasing these dogs back into the public was not an option.

No one ever said that this was going to be an easy task. We anticipated that our animal shelter would become flooded with ill egal pit bulls. We also realized that we were going to be confronted with unprecedented hostility from angry pit bull own ers. Many of these own ers had to be removed from the office by our police department.

Mass euthanasia, which had become a thing of the past, was once again a dreaded, daily task. We were inundated with calls from residents reporting illegal pit bulls. To say the least, 2005 was a very busy year for us.

As stated, it was not easy, but it certainly was worth-while. In my 10 years at North Little Rock Animal Control, I have never known of any ordinance to have such a positive impact upon a city. The pit bull situation had simply gotten to the point where something had to be done. I now regret that we did not do something sooner.

Billy Grace is director of the North Little Rock Animal Shelter, 501-791-8577.



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It's not industry, but city work still poses injury risks

"Local governments may not share the hazards of some industries, but the variety of local government jobs gives officials plenty of work-injury risks to consider."

By Thomas W. Rimmer

hether they occur at home or on the job, aches, pains and sometimes even debilitating injuries are part of life. As employers have learned, the causes of musculoskeletal disorders like carpal tunnel syndrome and back injuries can be hard to pinpoint. Did a back injury result from lifting a heavy container while on the job or from helping a friend move over the weekend? Is a person's carpal tunnel syndrome due to repetitive motion at work or shelling peas at home?

Many people will attribute a chronically painful shoulder or bad back to getting older or being out of shape rather than the physical demands of their job. In

fact, it's estimated by labor groups that as many as half of workplacerelated injuries go unreported.

Regardless of the source, cumulative trauma injuries and musculoskeletal disorders—like carpal tunnel syndrome, tennis elbow and back injuries—are among the most harmful to employees, and the resulting lost productivity make them among the costliest to employers.

Local governments may not share the hazards of some industries, but the variety of local government jobs gives officials

plenty of work-injury risks to consider. Injuries from overexertion may be the most common and the most devastating with many workers lifting, pulling, pushing and moving containers or other objects.

An employer can't prevent all physical ailments, but responsible and prudent employers work to reduce the risk factors to decrease liability, lessen costs and make a better workplace for their employees.

The idea of improving work conditions for employees has led to the science of ergonomics, which is the process of structuring the work environment to fit the capabilities and needs of workers. Some examples of ergonomic design are the improved computer desks, chairs and keyboards. The science also delves into problems related to doing even more physically demanding

tasks that are at high risk of causing musculoskeletal injuries.

Employers don't have to be ergonomics experts to make workers more comfortable and reduce injury risks, although there are experts available to assess conditions for a fee. Try simply looking with a fresh eye at how employees are doing their jobs, keeping in mind that you want to minimize stress on the body by making sure people don't have to use awkward postures or stay in stressful positions while doing their jobs. Some very useful tips are available at Web sites like http://ergo.human.cornell.edu/CUEHinfo.html.

You may be surprised by what you see. For example,

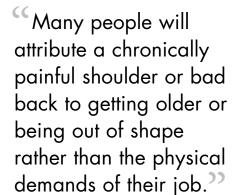
a computer screen shouldn't be positioned so that a worker has to look up at it. The monitor height can be critical for someone with bifocals because it may force them to keep their head and neck in an awkward position. It's fatiguing and unproductive, and it's a simple fix to position monitors low enough to put the neck in a more natural posture.

Easing the physical demands of a job helps employers and employees. Not only do employees stay healthier and happier, employers who pay attention to

ergonomics can deepen their pool of potential employees. This is especially true for jobs that require raw strength.

Ergonomics also teaches that it's not realistic to expect workers to always do things "just so," especially if doing a task safely requires special attention or extra time. Human nature being what it is, people often slip into careless habits, get in a hurry, or do something that puts them at greater risk of injury. But if the workplace is laid out properly we don't have to rely so much on an employee's proper work habits.

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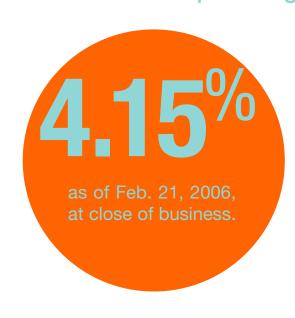
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Source: Debbie Rogers, Office of State Treasurer

See also: www.state.ar.us/revenue/eta/sales/taxrates.html

Sales and Use Tax Year-to-Date 2005

Month	Municipal Tax	County Tax	Total Tax	Interest
January	\$29,743,479	\$31,399,930	\$61,143,410	\$26,022
February	\$35,409,849	\$36,460,184	\$71,870,033	\$67,041
March	\$28,227,748	\$30,270,548	\$58,498,296	\$28,905
April	\$29,312,091	\$31,468,136	\$60,780,227	\$122,149
May	\$31,526,209	\$33,148,164	\$64,674,373	\$30,300
June	\$30,619,446	\$32,122,168	\$62,741,614	\$116,126
July	\$31,325,348	\$33,130,715	\$64,456,063	\$55,218
August	\$32,479,261	\$34,368,901	\$66,848,162	\$134,011
September	\$31,455,286	\$33,576,918	\$65,032,204	\$123,698
October	\$32,184,982	\$34,509,662	66,694,644	\$58,358
November	\$31,397,075	\$33,545,664	\$64,942,739	\$178,114
December	\$32,851,661	33,552,293	66,403,954	60,715
Total	\$376,532,435	\$397,553,283	\$774,085,718	\$1,000,657
Averages	\$32,851,661	\$33,129,440	\$64,507,143	\$83,388,083

2005 Elections

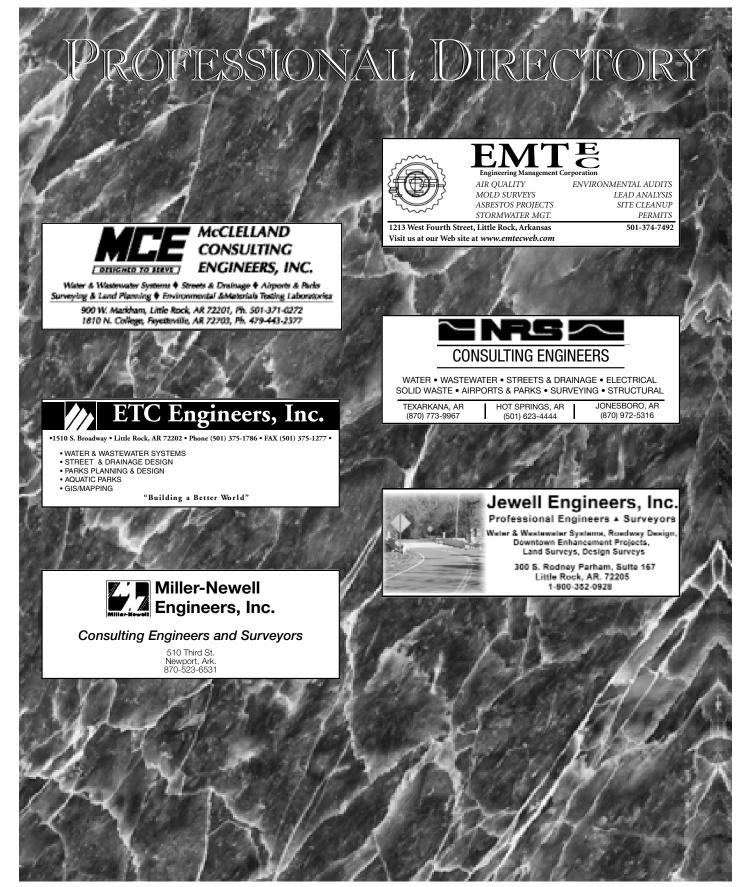
FORT SMITH, May 10. Passed. Continue 1¢. LAWRENCE CO., May 10. Passed, Continue, 5¢. NORTH LITTLE ROCK, Aug. 9. Passed. 1¢. VILONIA, Oct. 11. Passed. Remove 1/2¢. CAMDEN, Nov. 8. Defeated. 1/4¢. UNION CO., Nov. 8. Defeated. 7/8¢.

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- ACCOUNTING DIRECTOR—Eureka Springs, pop. 2278, is accepting applications for Accounting Director. Must be knowledgeable of municipal fund accounting; hold a B.A. from 4-year college or equiv. comb. of edu. and exp., and 2 years management exp. Will work directly with mayor and dept. heads, and prepare yearly reports for the state auditor, and monthly reports for city council. Starting sal. starts \$33,600 DOE, plus insurance and benefits.Send resumes to: Office of the Mayor, City of Eureka Springs, 44 S. Main, Eureka Springs, AR 72632, re: accounting dept. or contact dwilkerson@cityofeurekasprings.org.
- INTERNAL AUDITOR—Jonesboro is accepting applications for Internal Auditor, responsible for protective, constructive audits of city depts, assessing effectiveness of controls, accuracy of financial records, efficiency of operations. Bachelor's in accountg and certification as CPA and/or CIA, exp in COSO processes desirable. Startg sal range, \$43,884.87-\$48,219.93, excellent benefit pkg. Applications/resumes accepted at City Hall, ATTN: Human Resources Director, 515 W. Washington, Jonesboro, AR, 72401, or emails/hackney@ionesboro.org. EOE
- MAINTENANCE WATER/SEWER OPERATOR—Lavaca is accepting applications for a maintenance person who has or can obtain a water or sewer operator's license in one year. Application and job description can be obtained at the Lavaca Municipal Complex, 808 W. Main, Lavaca, AR, or at 479-674-5616. Applications will be accepted through noon Wed., March 1. EOE.
- CIVIL ENGINEER—Siloam Springs is accepting applications for Civil Engineer; oversees engineering design, provides tech. engineering support, reviews private development proposals' respons. for ad. of capital improv. projects. BS in CE; 2 yrs. exp.; city provides benefits pkg. Applications, City Hall 400 N. Broadway, Siloam Springs. AR 72861, or at www.siloamsprings.com; resumes may be e-mailed, pwoody@siloamsprings.com. Info: call 479-524-5136. EOE.
- ENGINEERING TECHNICIAN II—Jacksonville Wastewater Utility seeks applicants with min. 60 hrs. college credits who'll complete bachelor's in eng., tech., construction mgt., GIS/spatial systems or related in 3 1/2 yrs from hire. Construction, engineering, surveying or mapping exp. a plus. Must have Ark. driver's license. Full time with benefits; 501-982-0581 or 248 Cloverdale Rd., Jacksonville. EOE.
- PROJECT ENGINEER—Rogers Planning and Transportation Dept seeks Project Engineer; \$50,000-\$60,000/yr; benefit pkg; Duties: coordination and expedite projects from concept to completion. Work with city staff, consultants and public daily to facilitate design and construction of projects; work on other engineering related issues, incl subdivision and large scale development plan review as well as construction and hydrology review as it relates to development. Exp. w/ computer aided drafting, engineering design programs, ability to compute quantities and prepare construction estimates for eng. projects. Ideal candidate has min 4 yrs exp as civil engineer. Application at www.rogersarkansas.com or call Gina Kincy, Human Resources Director; Mail application and resume to Kincy at 300 W. Poplar, Rogers, AR 72756.
- to Kincy at 300 W. Poplar, Rogers, AR 72756.

 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR—Housing Authority for Springdale seeks candidates for Executive Director to lead and manage the day-to-day operations. The Authority manages 197 Public Housing Units, 141 Section 8 vouchers, 70 FEMA and 50 TBRA units. Will direct all Authority's activities, including planning, personnel, housing management, finance, budgeting, procurement, maintenance, and tenant and community relations. Submit letter of interest, resume, references and salary history by March 17, to City of Springdale, ATIN: David W. Trift, 201 Spring St., Springdale, AT 72764.

 FINANCE DIRECTOR—Pine Bluff seeks person with strong
- FINANCE DIRECTOR—Pine Bluff seeks person with strong leadership skills for Finance Director, a position vacated by a retirement. Ideal candidate: comprehensive background in finance, significant management exp., excellent interpersonal communication skills. Finance Director reports to Mayor, is city's chief financial officer and responsible for planning, managing City's financial activities, a \$30M + annual budget. Sal range: \$60,000-\$70,000 subject to qualifications. Benefits package. B.S. in Accounting, Finance, or a Business degree w/emphasis in Accounting. Master's, CPA or Certified Public Finance Officer preferred. Send resumes to the City of Pine Bluff, Dept of Human Resources, 200 E. 8th Ave., Room 104, Pine Bluff, AR 71601; or fax, 870-850-2449. Applications accepted until position filled.
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 FIREFIGHTERS—Russellville seeks cert, paramedic/firefighters and entry level firefighters. For info. visit www.russellvillearkansas.org, or contact 479-968-2332.

 SENIOR PLANNER—Jonesboro seeks exp. Senior Planner to
- SENIOR PLANNER—donesboro seeks exp. Senior Planner to assist in administering planning and development. Employee processes applications for developments; reviews subdivision plats; processes applications for conditional use and variances; inspects projects under construction; drafts reports for Planning Commission; assists in correction and

- update of maps, records; collects, organizes data; conducts analysis; performs research, interprets and presents findings, and responds to citizen requests. Bachelor's degree in planning or related and 1-2 yrs. Exp. Salary negotiable DOE. Send resumes to City Hall, ATTN: Human Resources Director, 515 W. Washington, P.O. Box 1845, Jonesborg AR 72403 or email to shackney@jonesboro.org, EOE.
- POLICE CHIEF—Lonoke is accepting applications for Police Chief; responsible for operation of police dept. with approx. 26 employees, under Mayor/Council form of govt.; pop. approx. 5,000; applicants must meet all standards of certification for law enforcement officer. Must be experienced in mgmt., administration and have extensive law enforcement exp. Requires strong direct leadership; thorough background study. Salary DOE. Resumes must be received by March 15. Send to Mayor Thomas Privett, 107 W. 2nd St., Lonoke, AR 72086
 POLICE OFFICERS—Jonesboro Police Dept will test for the
- POLICE OFFICERS—Jonesboro Police Dept will test for the position of patrol officer Sat., April 15. State regulations require applicants to be at least 21, possess a HS diploma or equiv., be a U.S. citizen, have no felony convictions. Applicants required to pass agility tests, written test, drug screen, polygraph, medical and psychological exams, and an intensive background investigation. Starting pay for non-certified officers, \$27,326.10 and for certified officers, \$28,709.49. Benefits include med., dental, vacation, sick leave, pension, take-home vehicles, advanced training opps and others. Applications at the Jonesboro PD, 410 W. Washington, Jonesboro, AR 72401; accepted through April 3. Direct questions to Sgts. Stephen McDaniel or Chris Hankins, 870-935-5562. EOE.
- PATROL OFFICER—Lake Village Police Dept. seeks certified applicants for patrol officer. Good salary (\$19,00) vearb (90,00) vearb
- Percy WIbum, P.O. Box 725, Lake Village, AR 71653. EOE. PATROL OFFICER—Greenwood is accepting applications for the position of patrol officer. Qualifications include: min. age of 21; high school diploma; U.S. citizen; no felony convictions; excellent physical condition; and pass a rigorous background investigation. Greenwood Police Dept. offers stability and comprehensive benefits. Applications can be picked up at Greenwood Police Dept., City Hall, 30 Bell Road, M-F, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., or by contact Lt. Darrel Miner at 479-996-4119. Closing Date: Onen until fills.
- at 479-996-4119. Closing Date: Open until filled. **POLICE OFFICER**—Russellville seeks certified and non-certified applicants for police officer. **Deadline: March 3**. Apply at www.russellvillearkansas.org or HR Dir. 479-968-2098. EOE/AA
- POLICE OFFICER—Coal Hill is accepting applications for police chief. Must be certified. Send resume to City of Coal Hill, Mayor Deborah Marvel, P.O. Box 218, Coal Hill, AB 72832
- POLICE CHIEF—Bono is taking applications for Police Chief.
 Call 870-932-0100 for an appointment or send resume to
 P.O. Box 127, Bono, AR 72416.
- POLICE OFFICER—Haskell (Saline County) seeks full-time officer. Good salary, benefits incl. paid holidays, vacation, health, LOPFI. Cert. applicants only. Send resume and certs. to: Haskell City Hall, 2520 Hwy. 229 Haskell, AR 72015. Attn: Mayor.
- POLICE OFFICER—Allport (Lonoke County) is seeking a fulltime officer. Please mail resume and certifications to: Allport Police Dept, P.O. Box 58, Humnoke, AR 72072.
- POLICE OFFICER—Marmaduke (Greene County) is taking applications for police officer. Certified applicants only requested. Marmaduke City Hall, 870-597-2753, for information, or mail resume to Marmaduke Police Dept., P.O.
- Box 208, Marmaduke AR 72443, ATTN: Chief Steve Franks CERTIFIED POLICE OFFICERS—Forrest City Police Dept. seeks certified officers. Good salary, benefits inc. paid holiday, health, dental, eye insurance, retirement, 3 wks. paid vacation and LOPFI. Minorities and veterans strongly urged to apply. Call 870-633-3434 for more information or send resume and copies of certification to Chief's Office, c/o Forrest City Police Dept., 225 N. Rosser St., Forrest City, AR 72335. EOE.
- POLICE OFFICER—Texarkana seeks certified law enforcement officers. Persons hired under this vacancy will be employed under Texarkana Arkansas Civil Service Commission's "Emergency Hiring Clause." Applicants must be 21, U.S. citizen, hold valid driver's license, have at least 30 college semester hours and no felony convictions, meet requirements for cert. Ann. starting salary \$31,106 includes benefits. For applications, contact the Personnel and Training Office at 903-798-3328, E-mail Tateson@txkusa.org or visit www.txkusa.org/arkpolice.
- POLICE OFFICER—Wilmot (Ashley County) is taking applications for police officer; certified applicants only requested. Wilmot City Hall, 870-473-2603 for information; or mail

- resume or copies of certification to P.O. Box 67, Wilmot AR 71676, ATTN: Mayor Harris.
- CERTIFIED POLICE OFFICER—Pea Ridge seeks cert. police officer. Entry sal. \$28,692, benefits: paid holiday, health, dental, eye insurance, 3 wks paid vacation, LOPFI. Call 479-451-1122 or send resume, certification copies to Pea Ridge Police Dept., P.O. Box 29, Pea Ridge, AR 72751. FOF.
- POLICE OFFICER—Fordyce seeks cert. apps. for police officer. Good sal. and benefits incl. paid holidays, health, dental, eye insurance, 3 wks. paid vac. and APERS ret. Call 870-352-2178 for app. Or send resume to Fordyce Police Dept. 101 S. Main St. Fordyce, AR 71742, or E-mail citylofordyce@allitle.net.
- PUBLIC WORKS FOREMAN—Barling is accepting application for a working foreman. Desired qualifications: Min. 5
 yrs. exp. in public works construction; able to operate
 backhoe, loader brush chipper, tractor with mower or
 blade; have ability to prepare, analyze and use reports and
 records; have knowledge of computer technology and
 practices. Must have Ark. driver's lic., Ark. Class II or above
 wastewater license and Class I water treatment distribution
 license; sal. negot., based on exp. Send resume with sal.
 requirement, work exp., and refs. to City of Barling, Public
 Works Director, PO. Box 23039, Barling, AR 72923-0039.
 Position requires background check and drug test.
 WATER/WASTEWATER OPERATOR—Marshall (Searcy
- WATER/WASTEWATER OPERATOR—Marshall (Searcy County) seeks a water/wastewater operator with Class II license. Salary negotiable, DOQ, experience. Contact Mayor James Busbee, 870-448-2543 or 870-448-7506; or P.O. Box 1420, Marshall, AR 72650; FAX, 870-448-5692.
 WATER/WASTEWATER OPERATOR—England seeks
- WATER/WASTEWATER OPERATOR—England seeks licensed operator to supervise water/wastewater facilities, distribution. Submit resume, references and past 5-year annual salary to ATTN: Amanda Reynolds, P.O. Box 37, England, AR 72046. Apps. available at 110 N.W. 2nd St. WATER/WASTEWATER OPERATOR—Amity seeks a
- WATER/WASTEWATER OPERATOR—Amity seeks a licensed water and wastewater operator with 3+ yrs exp. Min. requirements: Class III or above water distribution, production, and Class III wastewater. Qualifications: ability to prepare and analyze reports/records, knowledge of state and fed. regs., ability to operate backhoe, willing to relocate. Salary commensurate with exp., licensure. Send resume, salary expectations, references to City of Amity, ATTN: Chester Clark, P.O. Box 197, Amity, AR 71921 or amit/mavor@allte.nex
- WASTEWATER OPERATIONS FOREMAN—Bentonville is taking applications for a Wastewater Operations Foreman. Sal range: \$18.73/hr.\$28.09/hr. Responsibilities include direct supervision of 7-10 employees and the efficient maintenance, operations; management of equipment, vehicles, bldgs and grounds of the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Applications at www.bentonvillear.com, or just inside the front door of City Hall. Mail resume to City of Bentonville, ATTN: HR Dept, 117 West Central, Bentonville, AR 72712 or fax completed application/resume to 479-271-3105. EOE
- FLYGT 20 HP SUBMERSIBLE PUMP MODEL CS3152-454—for \$3500. Call 479-293-3223 or email starhome@centurytel.net
- POLICE DOG FOR SALE—Young multi-purpose trained police dog trained in tracking, all drugs and attack on command; custom-built cage for Crown Victoria will transport dog and prisioner; must sell as a package with cage for car included, \$6000; for more info, Chief Biscamp at Cave Springs, P.O. Box 36, Cave Springs, AR 72718 or 479-248-1040.
- FOR SALE—Murfreesboro has 2001 Ford Crown Victoria Police Interceptor, approx. 48,000 miles, excel. condition, unmarked, white. Will take sealed bids until **March 13**, at which time the bids will be opened. City reserves right to deny all bids. Call 870-285-3732 for info on where to send your bid.
- FOR SALE—Alamo side mount 7' hydraulic sickle mower.
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 PUMPER TRUCKS—Plumerville Fire Dept. selling 1973 Ford F700, 750 GPM and 1979 Ford, 1000 GPM. Equipment negotiable. Call 501-354-3936 or 501-354-4353.
- STREET SWEEPER—Paris is selling a 1988 Elgin Crosswind Street Sweeper. Contact Street Supt. @479-963-2450.
- FIRE PUMPER/TANKER TRUCK—Kensett has for sale '62 GMC 1,500-gal. Fire pumper/tanker truck; good condition; like new tires; some equip.; \$1,500; call 501-742-3191, Mayor Don Fuller.
- MOWER—John Deere model 350 cycle mower, good condition, \$750. Contact Brinkley Municipal Waterworks, 870-734-1721.
- TRASH COMPACTOR NEEDED—Wanted: Paris wants to buy slightly used 20 CY, rear load, trash compactor truck. Must be low hours. Contact Street Supt.@479-963-2450.

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FIRE CLASS IV	— .0019	X	covered value	=	Premium
FIRE CLASS V	— .002	X	covered value	=	Premium
FIRE CLASS VI	— .0025	X	covered value	=	Premium
FIRE CLASS VII	. 003	X	covered value	=	Premium
FIRE CLASS VIII	— .0034	X	covered value	=	Premium
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