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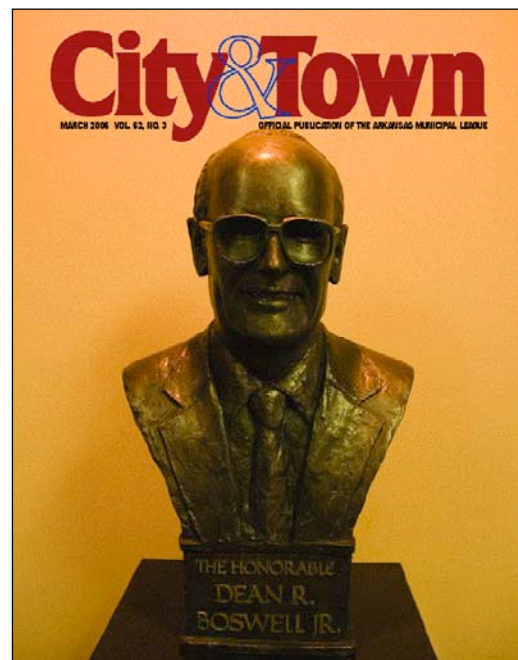
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Family of the former mayor of Bryant and president of the Municipal League presents to the League a bronze bust of Boswell, whose leadership established the base for the growing community it is today.



ON THE COVER: This bronze bust of Dean R. Boswell Jr., former mayor of Bryant and the 1985-86 president of the Arkansas Municipal League, was presented to the League by the Boswell family. The former mayor died of cancer in 1988 at the age of 63. See page 22 about the presentation. The bust and information about Boswell are displayed in the League Memorial Board Room at the League headquarters, Second and Willow streets, North Little Rock.—jkw



Presenters and recipients: The League and its officers accepted the bronze bust, displayed on a base, of former Bryant Mayor Dean R. Boswell Jr. after the family and friends presented it for display at League headquarters. From left are League President Terry Coberly, mayor of Bentonville, Ted Boswell, Susan Goss, Bill and Valine Mayer, the bust of Dean Boswell, Inez Boswell, Kay Goss, Joyce Boswell and Don Zimmerman, League executive director.

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Dear Colleagues:

Some of us are getting ready to go to the 2006 National League of Cities Congressional City Conference in Washington March 11-15. I hope to see many of you there and encourage those of you who are unable to attend to think about attending in the future.



The conference provides an opportunity to be part of a voice for America's cities as the 109th Congress and the President focus on a range of issues that matter to us.

There is a lot at stake, so I encourage those who are unable to attend to keep abreast of issues. I agree with the statement in our registration packets that said, "From telecommunication tax reform to emergency preparedness and response, from federal tax reform to funding for affordable housing, from protecting local programs in the federal budget process to managing rising health care costs, city leaders need to be well-informed and positioned to ensure the best outcomes for our communities on critical issues."

In addition, this annual conference provides the resources, the connections and the collective power to help city leaders have an impact on Capitol Hill.

The NLC officers recently adopted the following federal advocacy priorities for 2006:

- **Community Development Block Grants (CDBG).** Reaffirm strong commitment to CDBG and seek to secure the maximum possible funding for formula grants to cities and towns.
- **Immigration Reform.** Ensure that reform proposals take into account the impact on cities and towns and include the local government perspective. NLC will work through an Immigration Task Force to review and refine NLC's positions on immigration reform and identify any policy gaps.
- **Telecommunications.** Protect local authority in any Communications Act reform to control rights of ways and collect local franchise revenue while providing access to services for all people.

Even if you are unable to attend this year's congressional conference please make note of these important issues and help us lobby our two senators and four congressmen. I look forward to seeing you soon.

Sincerely,

Terry Black Coberly

Terry Black Coberly,
Mayor of Bentonville,
President, Arkansas Municipal League

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FIRE UP THE GRILL!

Eight municipalities mark their 100th birthdays

A few of Arkansas's 500 cities and towns each year celebrate becoming officially incorporated municipalities. Eight cities and towns—Chidester, Gillett, Fourche, Higginson, Hunter, Leslie, Magness and McGehee—celebrate their centennials this year. Each municipality has experienced the ups and downs of small town Arkansas life. Many of their stories are similar. The railroads brought people to the state to work and the jobs were plentiful, especially in the agriculture and timber industries. As industry declined, so did job opportunities, and most of these small towns have struggled to find new ways to stay afloat. But stay afloat they have and all remain a source of pride for those who call these towns home.

By Andrew Morgan, League staff



PHOTOS BY JOHN K. WOODRUFF, LEAGUE STAFF

The old mercantile and railroad remnants remind of Chidester's past.

John T. Chidester, for whom this Ouachita County community is named, didn't live in the town. He lived about 15 miles southeast in Camden. His home, the McCollum-Chidester House, is a museum and the home of the Ouachita County Historical Society. It was Chidester whose stagecoach business, J.T. Chidester Stage Lines, provided transportation to both local folks and travelers all along the line's route, which stretched from Alabama to Arizona.

The railroad brought an influx of settlers to Chidester in the last years of the 19th century. Businesses such as Rushing and Company general merchandise, Chidester Hardware, and the Bank of Chidester were established shortly thereafter to accommodate the growing population.

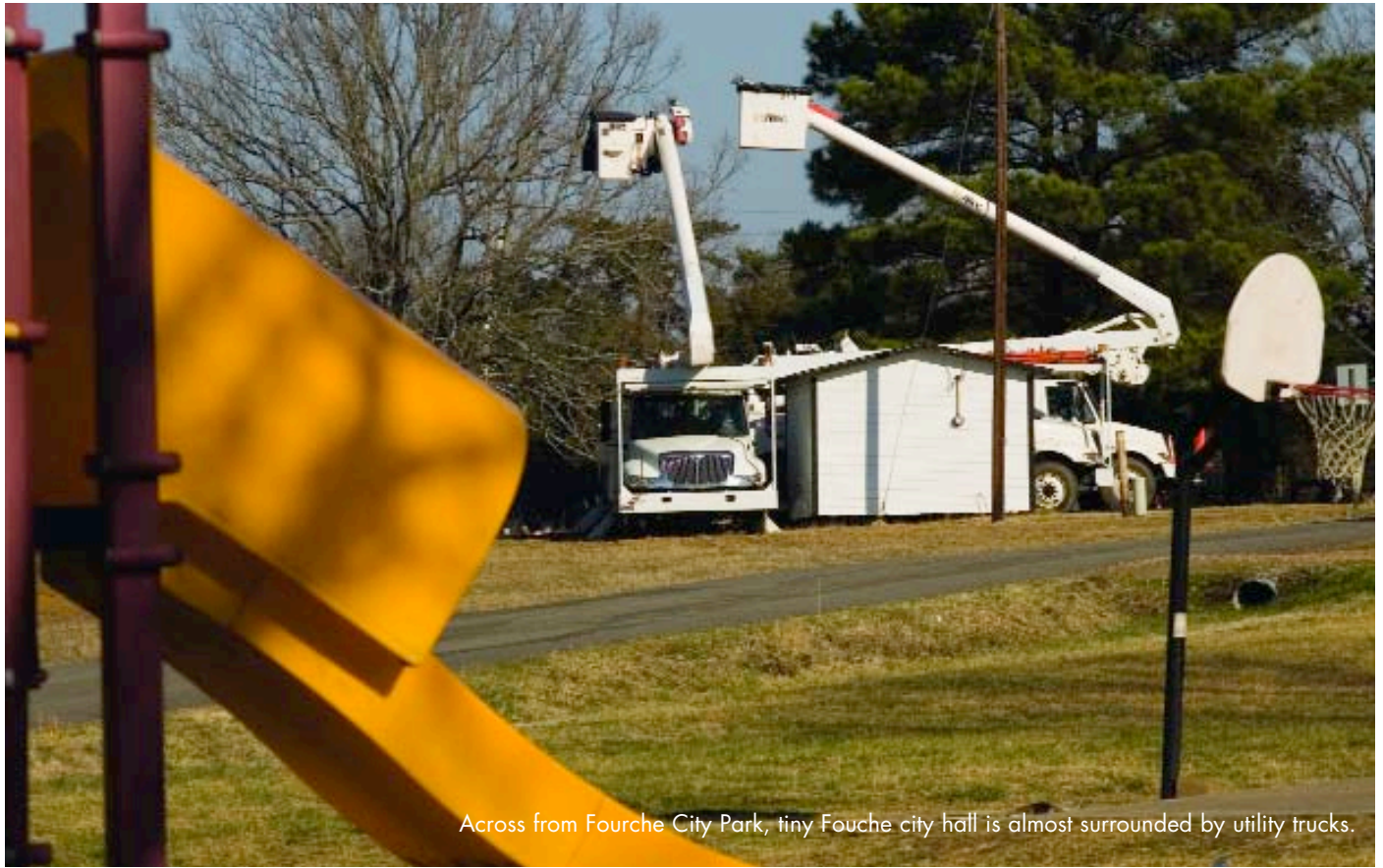
Over the years Chidester's population has dwindled slightly and jobs are scarce, locally, at least, and many of the town's 360 residents commute to cities like nearby Cam-

den or Arkadelphia for work. A few businesses—a convenience store, a gift shop, and a laundromat—continue to successfully serve residents.

Chidester will celebrate its 100th anniversary of incorporation on April 1 downtown with arts and crafts exhibits, a political rally fronted by the volunteer fire department, and, naturally, plenty of good food.

Jason Purifoy is mayor. Other city officials include Recorder Erma Hastings, Treasurer Jannette Mosley and aldermen W. L. Stinnett, Myrtle Pratt, Carolyn McKenzie and Havard Edwards.

CHIDESTER



Across from Fourche City Park, tiny Fourche city hall is almost surrounded by utility trucks.

FOURCHE

If you ever find yourself searching for Fourche, don't let the sign pointing you to Bigelow Park confuse you. You haven't overshot little Fourche; you're there.

Only a handful of the incorporated municipalities in Arkansas are smaller than the community of Fourche. Located at the junction of the Arkansas and Fourche rivers in the shadow of Wye Mountain, this Perry County town of just 59 people more than makes up in scenery what it lacks in population.

Practically joined at the hip with the town of Bigelow, most Fourche residents commute to nearby cities like Conway and Little Rock, but jobs weren't always so

scarce. At the time of Fourche's incorporation in 1906, both the Fourche River Lumber Company and the Bryant Lumber Company were going strong and jobs transporting lumber and working in the mills were plentiful.

As the timber industry boomed, so did businesses in Fourche. Many businesses thrived in town, including a grocery store, a bakery, a drug store, a butcher shop, a tomato canning factory and an ice plant. Several hotels, including the large Fourche Inn provided lodging for workers and travelers. Locals could visit the saloon for a drink, eat at the nearby café, shoot a game of nine ball at

the pool hall, or hit the skating rink floor.

"In the late 1920s and early '30s, the population was up near 5,000," said Fourche alderman Billy Joe Hall of the town's timber-led heyday. "There were several businesses in town. When I was a kid, we used to play in the hotels. People lived in them then."

The population fell quickly with the decline of the timber industry, but Fourche has maintained its identity and survives. Mayor Clyde West Jr., Recorder/Treasurer Betty West, and aldermen Ray Stane, Helen Egger, Sara Allen, Geraldine Hall and Billy Joe Hall hold forth at city hall.



Gillett's once busy Main Street is captured in mural at the post office.

To discover what most instills Gillett's citizens with pride, one need look no further than the sign, constructed in 1958, that greets those entering town. It reads: "Welcome To Gillett. Home of Friendly People And the Coon Supper."

Gillett may be most known as host of the annual Gillett Coon Supper. The supper was founded in 1947 by the Gillett Farmers and Businessman's Club and for several years was held in the Gillett High School auditorium. In 1956 the supper outgrew the auditorium and each January folks from all over gather at the high school's gymnasium to socialize and feast on smoked raccoon, rice, sweet potatoes and homemade desserts. Proceeds from the supper are used to fund community services and Gillett High School's academic and sports programs.

Gillett was at the end of the line, literally, at the turn of the 20th century. The rail line that trans-

ported goods and people from parts north through Stuttgart and DeWitt terminated at Gillett. Upon arriving in Gillett, one either stayed for a visit or turned and went right back up the line.

Early settlers considered the soil poor for farming around Gillett, in the southern Grand Prairie region in Arkansas County. Such a perception could have spelled doom for the struggling little community. Saging faith in the agricultural value of the land didn't deter all comers, however; many immigrants, especially those of German and Russian descent, settled the area.

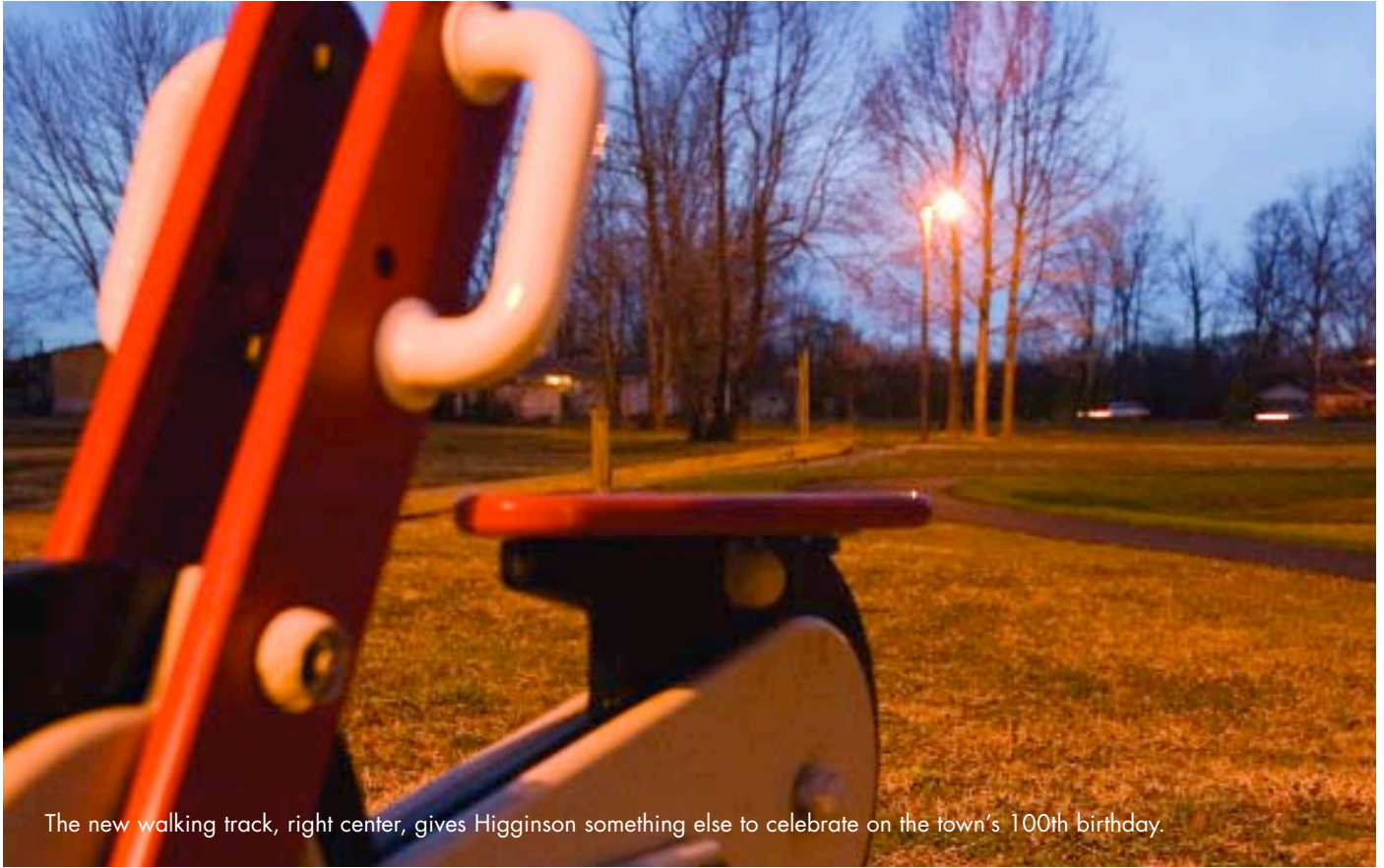
With the successful introduction of rice farming around 1905,

agricultural fortunes shifted in and around Gillett. Today, rice still plays a large role in the region's economy.

On the outskirts of Gillett, between the Arkansas and White rivers, the Arkansas Post National Memorial and Museum marks the site of the first permanent European settlement in the lower Mississippi Valley.

Gillett will observe its centennial on May 26-27, with a parade and beauty pageant, arts, crafts and live music. Mayor Layton Mattmiller, Recorder/ Treasurer Marla Wallace, and aldermen Jared Holzhauser, Jerry Connelly, Geneva White, Howard Larry, Greg Hackney and Walt Sullivan lead this town of 819.

GILLETT



The new walking track, right center, gives Higginson something else to celebrate on the town's 100th birthday.

HIGGINSON

Like many towns, Higginson's early growth was closely linked with the arrival of the railroad, in this case the Rock Island line. Located just a couple of miles southeast of Searcy in White County, the town boasted a mill, a cotton gin, a canning factory, a grocery store, a meat market, a restaurant, a hotel and a drug store.

A fire in 1928 burned most of downtown Higginson, however, and recovering has been a long, slow process. And what's business like now?

"We have the 'Higginson Municipal Airport,'" said Mayor

Marilyn Blackwell, laughing. "I'm kidding. It's not actually named that; that's kind of our joke around here. We have a man who built a hangar and a runway on his property here and flies out of there."

There are a few small businesses in town, but Higginson is mostly a bedroom community now, explained Blackwell. Most folks who make their home in Higginson commute elsewhere for work.

Downtown Higginson may not be as active as it once was, but the community has been making strides. They have just begun the

construction on a new city hall and hope to have it completed by years' end.

In April, the city will dedicate the new asphalt walking and jogging path they've recently completed at the city park.

According to Blackwell, they may even incorporate their centennial celebration into the new path's dedication and cook up some hot dogs and hamburgers.

Blackwell, Recorder/Treasurer Brenda Mathis and aldermen Marvin Sarringar, Randall Homsley, Larry Glover, Reni Irby and Danny Clegg lead this town of 378.

Many old-timers believe the name Hunter became popular for the most obvious reason: The area's excellent wild game hunting. When the tracks were laid for the rail line out of St. Louis, hunters who came by railroad praised the abundant and varied wild game on the land.

Others debate how this southeastern Woodruff County town received its name. The Shannon Hunt family, though not the first to settle the area, came by covered wagon from Indiana in about 1874. Many agree that the family inspired the town's name, but how and when the name evolved to Hunter no one seems to know.

These days you can count the number of businesses in town on one hand. Small, family-run farming still plays an important role in the local economy. And, as the town's name attests, hunting season provides a way to help make ends meet for Hunter's 152 residents.

Dwain Melvin is mayor. Other city officials include Recorder/Treasurer Teresa Powers, and councilmembers Chris Powers, Bob Briley, Marcia Johnson and Gale Wilson.



Life-saving actions may be only an alarm away for Hunter volunteers.

HUNTER

Being named the “Whittling Capital of America” is not the only historical fame this Searcy County town on the Little Red River in north central Arkansas can claim. In the early 20th century, the Elberta Fruit Farm was the largest orchard in the region. Its 20,000 trees produced apples, peaches, pears and various other fruits.

Even more important to the local economy was the timber industry. In the mid-19th century, pioneers settled the land on which Leslie sits. They came upon rolling hills covered with beautiful white oaks. In 1902, H.D. Williams built a barrel factory to take advantage of the abundance of the hardwood. At the height of its productivity, the factory employed nearly 1,700 workers, 600 who were out in the surrounding woods logging for barrel material. Many of the barrels were shipped to Europe to be used by vintners and whisky distilleries. By 1910, H.D. Williams’ barrel factory was the largest cooperage plant in the world and produced 4,500 barrels a day.

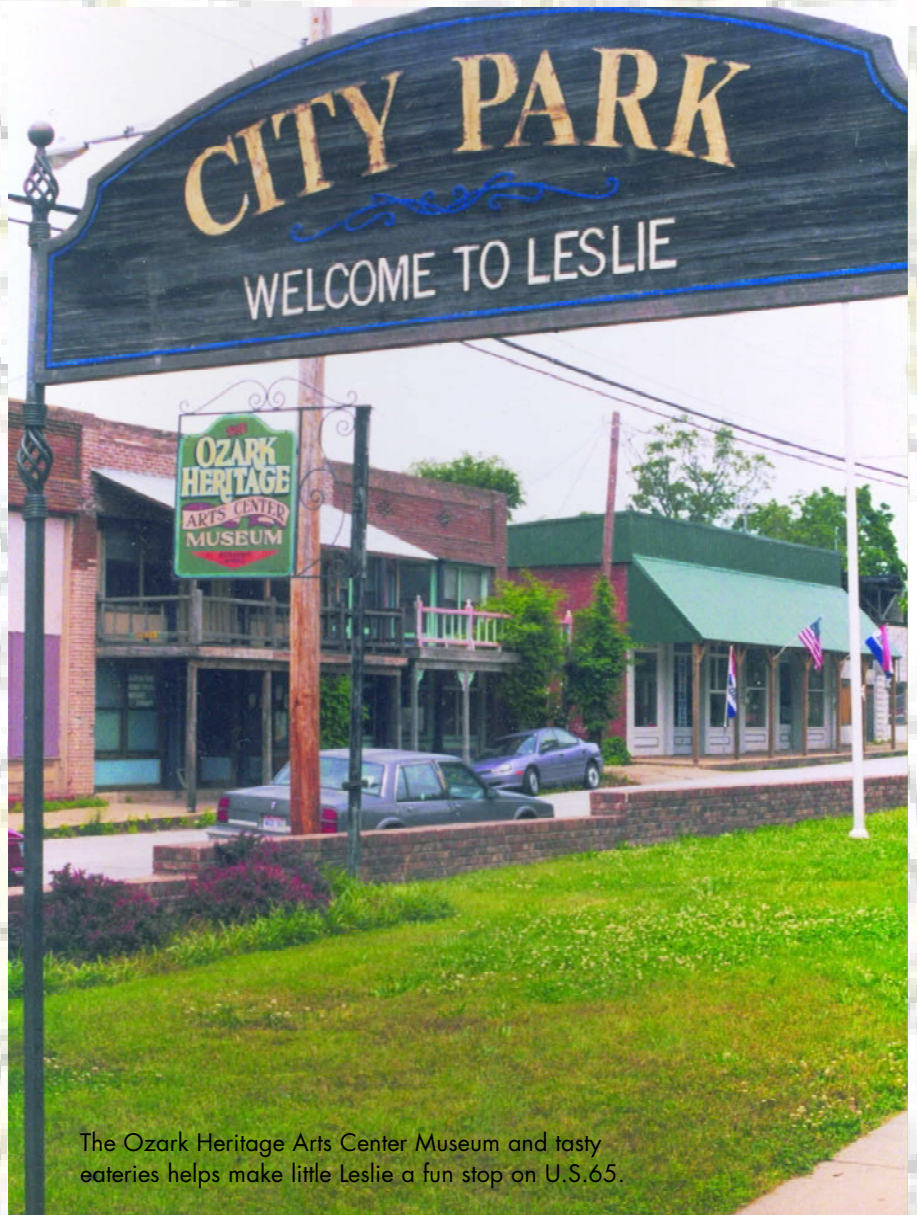
As local industry boomed, so

did Leslie’s downtown business. At one time the town boasted several hotels and restaurants, two banks, two drug stores and three barber-shops. There were also many successful, self-supporting farms in the area. Between the work opportunities on farms, in town and with H.D. Williams, anyone who needed a job could find one. But as the hardwood vanished from the surrounding hills, so did the jobs.

With a population of 482, Leslie is a quiet, relaxed place with a few businesses still going strong, including a grocery, two service stations, and a small, family-run lumber mill. Leslie is home to the

Ozark Heritage Arts Center and Museum, where visitors can experience the rich cultural and historical north-central Arkansas artifacts collected there. Leslie is also the home of Serenity Farm Bread, which attracts tourists and locals with its specialty: brick-oven-baked, old-world style sour-dough breads. Serenity ships fresh bread across Arkansas and surrounding states.

Leslie’s mayor is John Massey. Other city officials are Recorder/Treasurer Benny Davis and aldermen Bryant Carney, Joe Dale Crow, Leon Redman, Vick Lewis and Tony Lochridge.



The Ozark Heritage Arts Center Museum and tasty eateries helps make little Leslie a fun stop on U.S.65.

LESLIE

When in October of 1906 Magness became incorporated, the townspeople celebrated with an old-fashioned anvil shoot. And what exactly is an anvil shoot? Take a common blacksmith's anvil, place it on an iron plate on a bed of gunpowder, light the fuse, and stand back upon ignition as the explosion sends the anvil 20-30 feet into the air amid a cloud of white smoke.

Magness Mayor John Hall is not sure how the town will celebrate its centennial this time around, though it is unlikely to involve flying anvils. For safety reasons, old-fashioned anvil shoots are not recommended by city officials these days.

Named after the family of prominent northeast Arkansas landowner Colonel Morgan Magness, the town prospered when the railroad brought people and therefore business to the area.

A tire repair shop, restaurant and an RV park may now be its only active businesses, but Magness has been slowly but surely taking steps to improve the quality of life and promote growth. A new sewer project, for which city officials have been working for four or five years to secure funding, is about to finally come through.

Mayor Hall and the town's other leaders—Recorder/Treasurer Lisa Huff and councilmembers Coralee Engles, Mark Fick, Jett Moss and Mary Martin—have also been working to have Magness certified as an Arkansas Community of Excellence (ACE).



MAGNESS



McGehee's railroad terminal, framing a passing train, is in the midst of a massive restoration.

From its earliest days McGehee found itself in a prime location to take advantage of the trade routes cutting through the agriculturally rich countryside. In the Mississippi Delta, McGehee, in south Desha County, is about 60 miles southeast of Pine Bluff.

An important stop on the Valley Line of the Iron Mountain Railway, McGehee became a hub of local agricultural commerce in its early days, due in large part to the efforts of Abner McGehee. He settled the area in 1857 with his

family, the McGehees of Alabama, after whom the city is named. In 1876, Abner purchased 240 acres and built a commissary and mercantile business to accommodate trade. He established the first post office and was the town's first postmaster.

In 1942, President Franklin Roosevelt ordered the wartime internment of 120,000 persons of Japanese ancestry from the west coast into 10 camps. One of these camps, Rohwer Relocation Center, was located a few miles north of McGehee. Residents and visitors can

soon relive McGehee's railroading past when the \$730,000 restoration of the 1910-built north building of the train depot is complete. Work began last November. Jack May, head of the city railroad depot restoration committee, said the depot will house a railroad museum. The depot is on the National Register of Historic Places. The grand opening of the restored depot is June 17 as part of the centennial celebration, June 12-18.

Restoration of the south building of the depot is expected to begin in late summer.

This city of 4,570 remains one of southeastern Arkansas's principal commercial centers.

Mayor Bain Poole, city Clerk/Treasurer Karon White, and Councilmembers Dorothy Fleming, Al Murphy, F.H. Gill, Mike Rogers, Margaret Hood and Harley Fryar comprise the elected city officials.

McGEHEE



It's Convention time again.

June 14-16 — Hot Springs, Ark.

See next page for more information.

Register online at www.arml.org.

Exhibitors, contact the League immediately to reserve space for your display. Contact Andrew Morgan at 501-374-3484, ext. 121 or Whitnee Bullerwell at ext. 206. Cost for the three-day exhibit space is \$400.



72nd CONVENTION

Hot Springs Convention Center

June 14-16, 2006

REGISTRATION

Registration and payment must be received in League office by May 31, 2006, to qualify for advance registration.

Advance registration for municipal officials	\$150
Registration fee after May 31, 2006 , and on-site registration for municipal officials	\$175
Spouse/guest registration	\$75
Child registration	\$75
Other registrants	\$200

- Registration will be processed **ONLY** with accompanying payment in full.
Make checks payable to the Arkansas Municipal League.
- Registration includes meals, activities and copies of ***Handbook for Arkansas Municipal Officials, 2005-'06 edition***.
- No daily registration is available.
- Registration must come through the League office. No telephone registrations will be accepted.
- **No refunds after May 31, 2006.**
- Cancellation letters must be postmarked by **May 31, 2006.**

HOUSING

To set up direct billing, contact hotel accounting offices.

- **Embassy Suites Hotel—501-321-4413**
- **Austin Hotel—800-844-7275**
- **Arlington Hotel—800-626-9768**

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Single/ Double	\$75	Check-in 3 p.m.
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Double	\$86	

- Cut-off date for hotel reservations is **May 31, 2006.**
- Rooms in Hot Springs are subject to a 13.5 percent tax.
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- Rooms will be held until 6 p.m. and then released unless guaranteed by credit card.
- Contact the Housing Bureau at 800-922-6478 (9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. M-F) to make changes or cancellations in hotel accommodations until **May 31, 2006.** Contact the hotel after that date.
- Hotel confirmation number will come directly from the hotel.

TWO WAYS TO REGISTER

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Complete the steps and **mail with payment to:**

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Title: City of:

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Spouse/Guest will attend: ☐ Yes ☐ No Name:

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Step 2: Payment Information

• WHAT IS YOUR TOTAL? (see opposite page for fees)

<input type="checkbox"/> Advance Registration	<input type="checkbox"/> Regular Registration	<input type="checkbox"/> Spouse/Guest	<input type="checkbox"/> Child	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Registrants	Total
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Step 3: Housing Reservation Request

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☐ I prefer a SMOKING room (if available).

☐ I do not require hotel reservations.

☐ I need information for handicapped accessibility.

Arrival Date: 06 / __ / 2006 Time: 3 p.m.

Departure Date: 06 / __ / 2006 Time:

Hotel Choices: 1st choice: 2nd choice:

Type of Accommodations: ☐ 1 bed ☐ 2 beds

List all people staying in room (include yourself):

Step 4: Housing Payment

Payment Options: ☐ Credit Card ☐ Direct Bill Note: only two payment options.

☐ Direct bill my city. Contact hotel to set up an account. See Housing box on previous page for contact information.)

☐ Use my credit card to obtain/guarantee my reservations.

Credit Card: ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ Discover ☐ AM EX

Card Number: _____ Exp. Date: __/200__

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Municipal Notes

Start rehearsing those acceptance speeches

Nominations are now available for the 2006 Awards for Municipal Excellence.

The Awards for Municipal Excellence recognize outstanding programs that have improved the quality of life in America's communities. Given through a partnership between the National League of Cities (NLC) and CH2M HILL, the awards honor cities with a range of populations, with two awards in each population category.

Nominated programs will be judged on several criteria, including: successful public-private partnership ventures; productive citizen and community collaborations; effective management of municipal resources (public or private); innovative government policies; project implementation with tangible results; and the

ability to replicate the project in other cities.

Nomination forms are online beginning in March and the deadline for submission is June 21. Up to eight winners will be nationally recognized at a ceremony at the NLC's Congress of Cities Conference and Exposition in December in Reno, Nev.

Visit www.nlc.org for information about the awards program, nomination forms, and to learn about past award winners. If you have any questions, e-mail mrs@nlc.org, or call 202-626-3130.

The Awards for Municipal Excellence were formerly known as the James C. Howland Awards for Municipal Enrichment.

Institute rates Arkansas cities

The Milken Institute on its *2005 Best Performing Cities Index* ranked the Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers metropolitan area No. 8.

The Little Rock-North Little Rock metro area ranked No. 94 on the index, up from No. 106 in 2004. The Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers metro area dropped one spot on the list since last year.

The Institute is a nonprofit independent think tank that created the index to measure the hottest places for jobs creation across the country based on job growth and salary growth.

The institute ranked several other Arkansas cities on its *2005 Best Performing Small Cities* list. Hot Springs ranked No. 69, Jonesboro ranked No. 99, Texarkana ranked No. 103, and Pine Bluff ranked No. 144.

To view the complete Best Cities Index, visit the Milken Institute's Web site at www.milkeninstitute.org.

Got money?

Qualifying municipal employees can get money back through the EITC.

EITC is a federal anti-poverty program that is administered by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) to provide financial support for low-income families.

In 2006 The EITC will give back up to \$2,662 for a parent with one child earning less than \$31,030; working parents raising more than one child and earning less than \$35,263 qualify for up to \$4,400 in tax returns. Other benefits apply to very low-income workers between the ages of 25 and 64 and are not raising children in their homes.

Before you complete your 2005 tax returns, check to see if the EITC applies to you. You may find you qualify for getting money back from Uncle Sam—perhaps thousands of dollars.

Employees who qualify for the credit must have had an earned income under:

- \$11,750 (\$13,750 if married filing jointly) if there is no qualifying child;
- \$31,030 (\$33,030 if married filing jointly) if there is one qualifying child;
- \$35,263 (\$37,263 if married filing jointly) if there is more than one qualifying child.

Other qualifications include: valid social security number; investment income of \$2,650 or less; filing status cannot be "married filing separately"; generally must be U.S. citizen or resident alien all year; cannot be a qualifying child of another person; and cannot file Form 2555 or 2555-EZ.

For more information, visit www.irs.gov.

Terrorism, subject of training meeting

"Terrorism Trends & Tactics" is the name of a training conference April 20 in Memphis jointly sponsored by the Law Enforcement Coordinating Committee and the Anti-Terrorism Advisory Council.

The U.S. Secret Service Intelligence Division's Critical Protective Analysis Group (CPAG) will present the class, which is geared toward federal, state and local law enforcement officers. The group will provide current information regarding how terrorists continually adapt their tactics and weapons to subvert security, use the element of surprise and engage in blending and disguise when conducting attacks.

Topics that will be covered at the seminar include: preoperational surveillance, concealed explosives, waterborne attacks, soft targets, stand-off weapons, remote detonated devices, chemical/biological threats, targeted suicide bombers, diversionary attacks and improvised explosive devices.

The conference will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 20 at the Hilton Hotel on Ridge Lake Blvd., I-240 and Poplar Ave., Memphis. A block of rooms has been reserved for the night of April 19 at a reduced rate of \$78. Call the hotel at 901-684-6664 to make a reservation. State that you are with the "U.S. Attorney's Office Anti-Terrorism" group to receive the reduced rate. The deadline to reserve a reduced-rate room is April 10.

To register for the conference, complete and mail the attached registration form or e-mail amanda.warford@usdoj.gov. The conference is free. Register early to ensure seating.

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North Little Rock's elected officials pose at their Jan. 9 meeting, the group's first in the newly renovated North Little Rock City Council Chamber. The chamber in City Hall which is on the National Register of Historic Places at 300 Main St. was renovated at a cost of \$600,000; \$200,000 of the total bought a state-of-the-art electronic audio/visual system to facilitate broadcasting the council's meetings. Live and archived meeting broadcasts can be viewed online at northlittlerock.ar.gov. From left are Aldermen Martin Gipson, Olen Thomas, Charlie Hight, Treasurer Mary Ruth Morgan, Alderman Neil Bryant, Mayor Patrick Henry Hays, Aldermen John Parker, Linda Robinson, Murry Witcher, City Clerk and Collector Diane Whitbey, City Attorney Paul Suskie and Alderman Gary Berry.

Obituaries

Leonard J. Black, 75, a former Willisville alderman, died March 15.

Thomas E. Davis, 83, an Ashdown alderman since January 1989, died March 9 when flames engulfed his home after a lightning strike. He was the Little River County Veterans' Affairs officer.

John Derrell George, 66, a law enforcement official for 27 years in Crossett and Ashley County, died March 6. His service included being Crossett police chief from 1977-89.

James Clifton Henderson Sr., 81, former member of the Siloam Springs City Council, died March 9.

George Hubbard, 87, a former Morrilton alderman, died March 2. He served Ward 3, Pos. 2, on the council for 32 years: 1966-1998.

Charles Richard (Rick) Lippard, 59, former Booneville city attorney and Booneville municipal judge, died March 9.

Jerry Jean Wells Marshall, 75, a Ward alderman who served for many years, died March 4. She was a former rural mail carrier.

Dennis Harley (D.H.) Pettingill Jr., 80, a former Morrilton alderman, died Feb. 23. He served on the council from 1987 to 1992.

Fred M. Perkins Sr., 100, former member of the Carlisle City Council, where he served 35 years, died March 10.

George Edwin (Jetty) Steel, 89, former Nashville, Ark., city attorney, died March 13.

Robert Mayo Stevens, 85, former mayor of Strong, Ark., died March 11.

Administration budget holds major cuts for Arkansas

Arkansas would experience large and growing cuts in federal funding over the next five years under President Bush's FY 2007 budget, Arkansas Advocates for Children & Families (AACF) and the Arkansas Community Action Agencies Association have said.

The cuts would weaken critical services and place significant new burdens on the state's budget, the two agencies said. The proposed budget as a whole increases the deficit, they said.

The budget calls for \$183 billion in cuts in domestic discretionary (non-entitlement) programs over the next five years, more than 90 percent of which would take place after 2007.

The Washington, D.C.-based Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, shows how the budget would affect specific programs, as well as each state, over the next five years.

Arkansas would lose tens of millions in education funding, thousands of low-income Arkansas women, infants, and children would be removed from the WIC program, and funding for clean drinking water would be cut severely, they said.

The budget would:

- Cut federal funding for K-12 education for Arkansas by \$71 Million from 2007 to 2011.

- Cut Arkansas's federal funding for WIC by \$26.9 Million over five years.

- Cut federal funding received by Arkansas from the part of the budget that includes Head Start, services for abused and neglected children, and other community and social services by \$81.4 Million over five years.

- Eliminate the Community Services Block Grant, the core funding for the state's 16 community action agencies.

- Reduce federal funding to repair public housing in Arkansas by \$10.9 million over five years.

- Sharply pare back Arkansas's funding for the Community Development Block Grant formula grant program, which funds economic development activities such as improvements to roads and other infrastructure and housing-related activities such as rehabilitation of blighted buildings and assistance for the homeless.

Rose Adams, executive director of the Arkansas Community Action Agencies Association, said, "These cuts, when taken cumulatively, would shred what remains of an economic safety net for Arkansas's most vulnerable families."

Tourism numbers look strong

Arkansas's tourism director Joe David Rice reports that tourism tax collections are up statewide. Three of the major counties impacting tourism—Pulaski, Garland and Benton counties—showed strong increases.

For 2005, the state's 2 percent tourism tax rose to \$10.18 million, up from \$9.4 million in the previous year. The tax is assessed on lodging, camping, and admission to attractions. It is largely used to promote tourism in Arkansas.

Travel expenditures in the state were up nearly 9 percent in 2005 to \$4.63 billion. Arkansas had about 22 million visitors for the year, a 5.5 percent increase from 2004.

Cinemark theatre planned for Conway

New Plan Excel Realty Trust, Inc. has entered into an agreement with Cinemark USA, Inc., to build a 10-screen, stadium-seating theatre at the Conway Towne Center Shopping Center, Conway.

Cinemark has a 6-screen, non-stadium-seating theatre, which opened in 1988. The theatre will be replaced by the new theatre. Construction will begin in late summer 2006 and the new theatre will open in spring 2007.

Former mayor heads Tobacco Control

Gov. Huckabee has named Chad Gallagher of Little Rock as the new director of the Arkansas Tobacco Control Board.

Gallagher replaced Charlie Davis, whose resignation was Feb. 24. Gallagher was director of intergovernmental affairs and director of boards and commissions for the governor. He assumed his new position March 13.

Conway re-establishes Civil Service

The Conway City Council, at the urging of the Mayor Tab Townsell and the firefighters union, voted has voted to reinstate a civil service system for uniformed employees.

The civil service commission will deal with hirings, promotions and disciplining of police officers and firefighters, and the city's Uniformed Employees Code will be abolished, the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette reported. The code, in effect since 2001, dictates that police and firefighter appeals be heard first by the mayor and then by a review board of randomly selected aldermen.

The decision represents a reversal for the mayor, who had pushed for the abolition of the civil service system in 2001, the newspaper reported. Townsell said he favored scrapping the Uniformed Employees Code because of disparate decisions handed down last year by two separate review boards in the cases of two suspended police officers. "I do think civil service provides a more consistent ... level of discipline," Townsell told a reporter.

MLK Day celebrated

Morrilton city and Conway County officials celebrated with the T.C. Vaughn Senior Adult Center in its annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration, Jan. 13. Senior citizens in Menifee participated. This year's theme was "Let Freedom Ring."



Municipal Property Program

Your Municipal Property Program offers broad coverage for your municipal property. The limits of coverage are \$50 million per occurrence per member for damages from fire, windstorm and other incidents in excess of \$5,000.



Coverage is \$5 million per occurrence per member for losses exceeding \$100,000 on earthquakes and flooding.

The Municipal League Property Program participants at their 2004 annual meeting approved recommended rates according to the following scale.

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FIRE CLASS III	— .0018	X	covered value	=	Premium
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
FIRE CLASS IX	— .0038	X	covered value	=	Premium
FIRE CLASS X	— .0042	X	covered value	=	Premium
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For more information, call us at League headquarters, 501-374-3484.

Make a Difference, 'Litterly'

The Great American Cleanup is an opportunity for towns large and small to spruce up.

DURING MARCH, APRIL AND MAY, YOUR COMMUNITY CAN "litterly" make a difference in its appearance and environmental quality by organizing litter pickup and other community improvement events during the 2006 Great American Cleanup in Arkansas.

Each year, Arkansans improve the quality of life in their communities by volunteering in the Great American Cleanup, and the state has historically been one of the nation's leaders in volunteerism during the three-month campaign. Last year, 323 events were organized around the state involving 10,000 volunteers who donated almost 46,000 hours of their time to enhance their communities' scenic beauty and environmental health.

"Groups large and small are making great strides and taking responsibility in their community cleanup and beautification efforts," said Brenda Halbert, coordinator of the Great American Cleanup in Arkansas. "We want to continue our efforts to keep Arkansas beautiful and make sure we live up to our designation as The Natural State. Everyone is encouraged to volunteer in this effort."

Nationally, this year's Cleanup is expected to involve about 2.3 million people volunteering more than 7 million hours to clean, beautify, and improve 15,000 communities during 30,000 events from coast to coast. Activities will include beautifying parks and recreation areas, cleaning seashores and waterways, handling recycling collections, picking up litter, planting trees and flowers, and conducting educational programs and litter-free events.

Great American Cleanup sponsor Troy-Bilt will give away two Troy-Bilt Chipper/Shredders in Arkansas, one

to a lucky individual and the other to the organization with which the individual is volunteering. Keep Arkansas Beautiful will provide registration slips for the giveaway.

Other national sponsors are also giving away prizes during the Cleanup. An event from anywhere in the country could win up to \$4,000 in cash grants from Honda, a year's supply of Pepsi products, or gift cards from Sam's Clubs.

Supplies, such as trash bags, banners and posters are available free from Keep Arkansas Beautiful to support your community's effort. Call toll-free 1-888-742-8701 or e-mail info@keeparkansasbeautiful.com to request supplies, to schedule a Great American Cleanup event, and to register for prizes.

Keep America Beautiful is the nation's largest community improvement organization, facilitating partnerships and engaging individuals in litter prevention, waste reduction and beautification since 1953. Keep Arkansas Beautiful, a division of the Arkansas Parks and Tourism Department, is the state affiliate.





Learn, Don't Burn

Backyard burning is unhealthy and illegal in Arkansas.

By Kelli Reep, University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service

AS ARKANSANS WE'RE ALL FAMILIAR WITH the "burn barrel," the place where we get rid of trash we can't or don't want to haul away.

However, since 1972, it has been illegal to burn any household waste because of the damage it can do to both property and human health.

"The Environmental Protection Agency says backyard burning produces and unleashes significant quantities of highly toxic dioxins," says Suzanne Smith Hirrel, waste management specialist with the University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service. "The dioxins settle on plants, which are eaten by meat and dairy animals that store the dioxins in their fatty tissue."

This is particularly prevalent in rural communities where burning trash is more common. The resulting dioxins released into the air settle on feed crops and grazing lands, are consumed by livestock, and then distributed throughout the country after the meat and other products have been processed.

The only exception to open burning is for the purposes of clearing land, bonfires and campfires, and ceremonial activities. Yard waste can be burned, but it's discouraged because of fire hazards. Household garbage cannot be burned legally in the state.

So what can you do to reduce and eliminate this dangerous situation? First, reevaluate how you dispose of your household trash.

"There are three things we recommend people do instead of burning trash, and all of them have a positive effect on the environment," notes Hirrel. "At no time should any of us burn household trash. That's the

first and most important step. There are collection options available in every community and county for trash disposal. Options include curbside/mailbox collection, transfer stations and drop-off programs for trash and recycling," Hirrel says.

Next, consider mulching or composting yard waste as well as vegetable and fruit scraps. Instead of raking up and throwing out grass clippings, leave them on the ground for a healthier lawn. Fall leaves also can be mulched for use in flowerbeds and around shrubs. You also can construct a compost pile or participate in a community compost project. The compost, when added to your yard's soil, will enrich it and make more productive gardens.

Finally, consider reducing the amount of trash you create by recycling whenever possible. Newspapers, which take up considerable room in landfills, can be recycled in most communities. Check with your local public works or solid waste department to see what recycling opportunities are available.

"It can seem daunting, but it's not at all," Hirrel explains. "Recycling is easy. Composting provides a beneficial product for soil and plants. And don't forget reuse—finding new and creative ways to use what we throw away every day. It can be fun and a great way to teach your family about the environment and saving money."

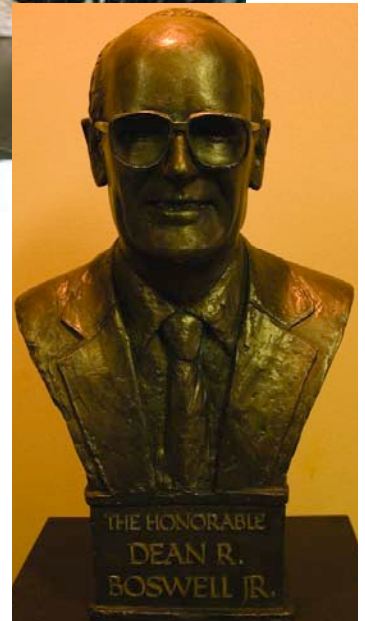
For more information about waste management, visit extension's Web site, www.uaex.edu, or contact your county extension agent. The Cooperative Extension Service is part of the University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture.



Ted Boswell, left, brother of Dean Boswell, addresses on behalf of the Boswell family the former Bryant mayor's love for the Municipal League and his leadership at Bryant.

Dean Boswell's memory, legacy lives on at Municipal League

Family presents bronze bust of former Bryant mayor, League president to League.



DEAN R. BOSWELL JR. LOVED THE ARKANSAS MUNICIPAL LEAGUE.

And he loved Bryant where he was mayor for almost 27 years before he died of cancer Dec. 21, 1988. He was 63.

He loved working with his fellow municipal officials.

His family knew those loves of his. In recognition of Boswell's public service to the League, Bryant and the state, the Boswell family has presented to the League a bronze bust of Boswell, the League's 1986 president.

League Executive Director Don Zimmerman warmly accepted the gift Feb. 22 on behalf of the League at a luncheon prior to a League Executive Committee.

Zimmerman noted his close association with Boswell, who was District 2 League vice president and



Boswell

chairman of the special League search committee for an executive director when it recommended Zimmerman to the post.

Zimmerman told the *Arkansas Gazette* in 1988 upon learning of Boswell's death, "Dean was held in highest regard by me, and I think, all of the municipal officials that knew him throughout the state."

He said of Boswell:

"He was a great mayor for Bryant and a great municipal official for the whole state. I feel specially close to him because he was the guy who basically hired me as the League's Executive Director back in 1974."

Zimmerman noted Boswell's leadership at Bryant and its astounding growth as the mayor led the city, especially after enacting local sales taxes and entering into a crucial water supply agreement with Little Rock.

Dean's brother, Ted Boswell discussed the water contract which was approved in June 1988 by Little Rock. Bryant rejected the contract, however, until Dean and Little Rock City Manager Tom Dalton negotiated one that did not call for a vote on merging the two cities if they became contiguous and if state law allowed merger of cities in different counties, as was in the first agreement.

Ted recalled that July 1988 was when the water contract was finalized, and recalled that Little Rock City Director Charles Bussey said he would not have voted for the contract had it not been for Boswell.


Bryant City Treasurer Leta Boone said of Boswell after voters approved a 1983 one-cent sales tax for a street program, "You can trust his word." Boswell worked hard for the tax.

Zimmerman noted that Bryant grew from a Class 2 city (of less than 2,500) to a Class 1 city of more than 4,000 under Boswell's guidance and has continued growing to its current population of 9,764. Boswell served as mayor in three increments, with his first in 1956. In 1960 he did not seek re-election, then returned to office in 1962 for 12 years until he took another break. He ran for mayor again in 1979, the year that he obtained grants sufficient for the city to expand its sewer system and keep pace with the city's growth. Boswell held the office until his death.

Bryant "just kind of grew up with him as mayor," Zimmerman said in 1988 and repeated similar remarks at the League luncheon. A town of 704 in 1940, it had 2,682 residents in 1980, more than 4,000 in 1988, and its July 2004 estimate was 12,543.

Police and fire departments were established at Bryant under Boswell's administration, and streets were paved, and street lighting, water and sewer systems, parks and recreational facilities, municipal courts and the city's first municipal complex were installed or begun.

At the League, Boswell served in a variety of capacities—on the District 2 Action Committee, as District 2 vice president, the legislative action committee, the executive committee 1980-84, first vice president in 1985 and president in 1986, again as District 2 vice president in 1987, and past presidents' advisory council in 1988.

He served in various capacities with the National League of Cities, Metroplan and several advisory boards for the state and on other boards and commissions in Central Arkansas. 



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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

State political subdivisions must pay federal taxes

Opinion: 2005-281

Requestor: Jeffress, Gene—State Senator

Does the Ouachita County Sheriff's Department qualify for non-profit status pursuant to Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3)? **RESPONSE:** In my opinion, the federal tax exemption in 26 USC Sec. 501(c)(3) does not include an instrumentality of a political subdivision of the State, such as the Ouachita County Sheriff's Department. According to Internal Revenue Service (IRS) interpretation, such a department cannot be reconfigured to avail itself of the benefits of tax-exempt status under 26 USC Sec. 501(c)(3). Contributions to political subdivisions can be tax-exempt, however, under 26 USC Sec. 170(c)(1) if the contributions are made exclusively for a public purpose. If documentation is required to prove the tax-exempt status of a governmental subdivision, the IRS must issue a letter ruling in accordance with Revenue Procedure 2006-1. For further information regarding the application for such a letter ruling, the Department should consult with its local counsel and may contact the IRS at 1-877-829-5500.

City cannot redirect county 911 tariff

Opinion: 2005-286

Requestor: Jackson, Phillip—State Representative

May the citizens of Eureka Springs vote to redirect a portion of the 5% tariff collected to fund the Carroll County 911 emergency telephone system, which was enacted after a previously held county-wide election? **RESPONSE:** In my opinion, the answer to this question is "no." Nothing in the Arkansas Code or Constitution suggests that one political subdivision can by election modify the results of an authorized election conducted by another political subdivision. Moreover, specifically with respect to elections related to the provision of 911 emergency services, the authorizing legislation does not provide for an election by any group of voters to abolish or to modify an existing tax. See ACA 12-10-319 (Repl. 2003) (locating in the governing body of the political subdivision the authority to adjust the tax rate up to the voter-approved ceiling). Although the City of Eureka Springs might under the applicable statutes initiate its own 911 service, it cannot in doing so relieve itself of the obligation to support the countywide 911 service approved by the county voters.

FOIA queries over bids discipline

Opinion: 2005-295

Requestor: Glover, Bobby—State Senator

Can the mayor of an Arkansas city accept the only bid received at a bid opening without a meeting or vote of the city council and still be in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)? Q2) Are disciplinary write-ups in a personnel file subject to disclosure under the FOIA? **RESPONSE:** Q1) I do not believe the communication you describe between the city clerk and individual council members regarding a matter on which the city council has no authority to act would be subject to the open-meetings provisions of the Arkansas Freedom of Information Act (the "FOIA"), ACA 25-19-101 through -109 (Repl. 2002 & Supp. 2005). Q2) Disciplinary write-ups in a personnel file will be subject to disclosure under the FOIA only if there has been a final administrative resolution of any suspension or termination proceeding involving the employee, the records at issue formed a basis for the decision to suspend or terminate the employee, and a compelling public interest in disclosing the documents exists. ACA 25-19-105(c)(1).

FOIA-related records non-existent

Opinion: 2005-298

Requestor: Broadway, Shane—State Senator

Is the custodian of record required to respond to a request for public records when no such documents exist, or can the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request simply go unanswered under the rationale that there is no requirement under the FOIA to reveal such non-existence? **RESPONSE:** In my opinion, although the Freedom of Information Act, codified at ACA 25-19-101 through -109 (Repl. 2002 & Supp. 2005), does not contain an express provision mandating such a response, the Act implicitly contemplates and requires some response from the custodian even where the requested records do not exist. See opinion for full analyses.



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

This second 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

I concluded my last article by saying that in this article we would talk about economic recovery for the U.S. compared to the European Union and Globalization and what it means to economic development in the 21st century.

The U.S. faces a series of major challenges, threats, and possible opportunities from its interaction with the world economy. One of the most important and most likely threats is the substantial economic adjustment that will be required to correct the constant decline of the dollar against the Euro. In C. Fred Bergsten's book, *The United States and the World Economy: Foreign Economic Policy for the Next Decade*, he talks about how the decline in the dollar within the next five years as the U.S. economy nears full employment and full capacity utilization could result in a sharp rise in inflation and interest rates along with a rapid fall in trade surpluses and economic growth in other countries. This could yield hard times for the U.S. and the world economies.

The next threat is the global price of oil. Some experts predict prices will climb to \$60 per barrel by the end of the year, even higher than the price of \$55 per barrel in 2004. Another problem is our retreat from globalization and trade liberalization caused by a domestic backlash from these trends. Such a retreat could affect U.S. economic interests in both the short and long terms.

For a period of time global economic progress for the U.S. was stunted as it awaited the results of the 2004 to determine who would be at the helm of the new administration. President Bush and Secretary of State Condoleza Rice have since made giant strides in mending our relationships with France and Germany, the U.S.'s most vocal antagonists over the Iraq war. It is clear that the U.S. more so that the EU must work toward a well articulated process that emphasizes the benefits of a multilateral approach to world trade. Bergsten notes in his book that the U.S. benefits substantially from globalization and can receive great benefits from enhancing multilateral agreements.

China plays a role in a 21st century international economy. China has fast become a third economic global mega-power and in some instances an even larger driver

of the world economy than the U.S. There are those who said that China would experience a downturn in its economy toward the end of 2005, which did not happen; instead China saw economic growth.

President Eisenhower said that it is important to understand that the constant and unnecessary governmental meddling in our economy leads to a standardized, weakened and tasteless society that encourages mediocrity. Conversely, private enterprise, dependent upon healthy competition, leads to individual responsibility, pride of accomplishment, and most importantly, national strength.

Sister Cities International has for nearly 50 years offered an avenue to further those relations to foster a better and more substantial economic growth from domestic municipality to international municipality. Sister Cities helps to ease the distrust, whether it is cultural, educational or

economic, that plagues any international endeavor.

Sister Cities has been a beacon through "citizen diplomacy" and has helped to perpetuate globalization in its outreach, particularly to Islamic and Arab countries. The attack on the World Trade Center only further reiterated how globalization has shaped how we relate socially, culturally and economically to the rest of the world. Let us examine briefly globalization and how it dictates how we conduct our world affairs.

Global recovery is well underway; it has clearly shown a surprisingly vigorous economy in Asia, especially within the Chinese market. The recovery has not been as promising in Western Europe. As a result of the lack of economic growth, some people are being led to believe that globalization is the cause of the disproportionate costs on societies. This attitude has served to bring reform efforts to a halt in Europe. According to economist Jean-Philippe Cotis, it is the challenge for governments and opinion makers to re-establish the positive facts about globalization and dispel misconceptions. Cotis, also says that "National policies are paramount in determining that globalization is bringing more benefits than costs, and those good national policies are more important for success than ever. National



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policies are important not because they can change the negative, but because domestic reforms are themselves the answer to prosperity. It is definitely not because of globalization that Western Europe and Japan have experienced a disappointing decade, but rather because of domestic non-growth."

Globalization is an ongoing challenge facing all governments. It is a wake-up call to governments that they must put the right policies in place. These policies, if implemented in a coherent manner, will lead to higher living standards and employment. These are the rewards of structural reforms. They must be clearly and convincingly articulated. Governments cannot afford to hide behind globalization as a scapegoat for policy reform inertia. Passivity is not an option. This has never been truer for state governments either, especially a state the size of Arkansas.


Arkansas has managed to do well in the international market despite the apparent obstacles. According to the International Business Climate Report, Arkansas is located on the same latitudes as Osaka, Japan, and North Africa and is halfway between Mexico City and Montreal.

Little Rock is in the center of the state with a Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) population of over one-half million. The state is rich in natural resources and has excellent transportation systems. The Little Rock foreign trade zone offers special tax incentives for companies involved in international commerce. Additionally, there are foreign trade sub-zones located in El Dorado, Forrest City, and West Helena.

According to the Arkansas Department of Economic Development (ADED), Arkansas has a significant amount of international business activity with over 125 foreign-owned firms. The United Kingdom has the strongest presence in Arkansas with 21 facilities. Canada and Japan rank second with 14 companies each, while France and Germany own 13 and 12 businesses, respectively. Dassault Falcon Jet Cooperation, Maybelline/L'Oreal, Raytheon, and Gates Rubber are just a few of the top 10 foreign employers in Arkansas.

The ADED works with Arkansas companies to encourage and expedite export activity. Currently, aircraft, machinery, meat, chemicals, and paper represent Arkansas' largest exporting sectors. These five categories account for 73 percent of the state's manufacturing exports. The top five export categories by dollar value are aircraft/spacecraft, machinery, meat, organic chemicals, and paper/paperboard products.

As you analyze your possibilities for international relations, consider Sister Cities as the conduit to link domestic and international economic development. It is through trust and understanding that any international relations can take place.

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Back to the basics of bidding

When it comes to contract bids, always read the fine print.

By A.E. (Al) Johnson Jr.

Few people understand contracting even though we frequently contract in our everyday life. We contract to replace the home carpet. We contract for lawn care. We contract when we rent a car.

Few read the fine print in contracts until an issue arises. The fine print often reveals the contract favors the other party.

Contracts are to address all issues. It should clearly state the scope of work, the material to be used, the method of installation, the time allowed for the work, method of acceptance and the basis of payment.

Contracts in the public sector can become very involved. Municipalities are required to award contracts based on the bidding process. To assure that all qualified contractors have the opportunity to bid, an "advertisement for bid" is published in the local paper. The advertisement briefly describes the project and special conditions.

The advertisement tells where to pick up plans, specifications and bid documents. The three items are a bid package.

The bid document contains a bid tabulation sheet. The contractor fills out this bid tabulation sheet after reviewing the plans and specifications and obtaining quotes from suppliers and subcontractors. The prices may need adjusting if the project has special provisions or work restrictions. At the end of the bid tabulation sheet are instructions for submitting the bid and whether a bid bond is required.

Bid bonds are usually 10 percent of the total bid. The bid bond is to protect the municipality against the cost of re-advertising and delays resulting from a low bidder's not meeting the contracting requirements and reneging on the bid. Bids are opened and read aloud at a time and place noted in the bid document. When the bids are opened, each bid is checked for completeness, proper execution of the endorsement and for a bid bond, if required. After the opening an "apparent" low bidder is announced. This does not mean that this bidder has the contract.

Two clauses must be in all bid documents. The first is, "All bids will remain in force for a period of 60 days after opening of bids." This gives the municipality the time to review the apparent low bid and, if necessary, to check out the low bidder's qualifications.

The other clause is, "The city reserves the right to reject any and all bids." This clause is important if the project comes in over budget or if the apparent low bidder has performed substandard work in the past.

After the bid opening the low bidder's tabulation sheet is checked for accuracy and mathematical errors. If an error is detected, the bidder is usually offered the opportunity to withdraw his bid and may be required to forfeit his bid bond.

If the math is correct and the bid properly documented and endorsed, a letter is sent to the contractor indicating that the municipality has "intent to award" the contract. This notice will give the contractor 10 days to produce the required payment and performance bond and certificate of insurance required in the bid document.

The possibility is that the contractor will not be able to produce the payment and performance bonds because the contractor is over-bonded on other work. And the possibility is that the contractor has a high loss rate and cannot get the required insurance. If the apparent low bidder fails to produce the payment and performance bond or the certificate of insurance, the municipality may keep the bid bond and go to the next lowest bidder or start the bid qualifying process over again.

Payment and performance bonds provide a lot of peace of mind on municipal projects. This bond becomes a public record when it is recorded in the county courthouse. Essentially, the bonding company bonds the contractor to assure that all material suppliers and subcontractors are paid and that the project will be completed. This bond stays in force until the municipality accepts the project.

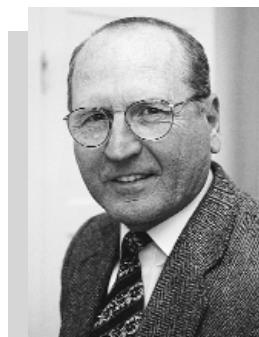
Another bonding requirement can go in the bid document: a maintenance bond. Maintenance bonds are used when the contractor is required to maintain what he has constructed for a period of one year. The bonding company provides the municipality with assurances that if there is a failure and the contractor is not capable of doing the repairs, the bonding company will have another contractor perform the work. Maintenance bonds are difficult to enforce because failures can be a result of neglect, mismanagement or overuse.

Assuming that the contractor has met all the requirements in the bid document, the municipality is ready to execute the contract.

The contract says that the municipality has contracted with the contractor to perform the project in accordance with the plans, specifications and bid document. With the contract executed, the municipality issues a notice to proceed, and the contractor begins work on the date specified.

Start counting the days, and hopefully the project will be completed on schedule without change orders.

Reach Al Johnson at 501-374-7492. He is available to consult with member cities and towns for one on-site consultation a year as a service of your Arkansas Municipal League.



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CDBG, Health Care, among city concerns

WASHINGTON, D.C.—America's municipal officials are increasingly optimistic about their cities' fiscal health, but are concerned about mounting health care costs, increasing traffic and a shortage of affordable housing.

The National League of Cities (NLC) released the annual State of America's Cities Survey March 13 at its Congressional City Conference. It found that nearly 80 percent of cities were either directly or indirectly affected by hurricanes Katrina and Rita, while 41 percent report an increasing need for survival services for their residents.

"We are seeing greater optimism from our city leaders," said NLC First Vice President Bart Peterson, mayor of Indianapolis, Ind. "But we are seeing continued and mounting concern over actions being considered at the state and federal levels that would seriously threaten their financial stability." The survey found:

- Efforts to limit cities' abilities to levy telecommunication franchise fees, proposed cuts to the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, and greater needs for food, shelter, heating, clothing and health care would pose significant problems for cities in the coming year.
- Four in 10 cities that receive CDBG funds reported that funding cuts are affecting their ability to provide affordable housing. Peterson said the cuts are affecting the rehabilitation of homes and buildings, construction and improvement of public facilities, and their ability to provide assis-

tance to businesses for economic development, job creation and retention activities.

- Thirty-five percent of municipal officials reported that the availability of quality affordable housing has worsened since last year.

- Although 43 percent of municipal officials reported improved fiscal conditions, 19 percent indicate that they have experienced worsening fiscal conditions since last year. Nearly one in three city officials indicated that unless city tax rates and fees are increased, city service levels will decline.

- Traffic congestion tops the list (34 percent) when city officials are asked about which conditions deteriorated most in their communities during the past five years.

- City officials indicated that unfunded mandates and preemption of local authority are having a negative impact on the economic and fiscal health of their cities. Seven in 10 (71 percent) city officials say that federal legislation limiting the use of franchise fees would affect their city's budget.

- Nearly 80 percent of city officials reported being affected in some way by hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Although only 4 percent of cities polled were directly hit by the hurricanes, another half reported that their cities provided supplies and other forms of aid, and four in 10 reported that their cities received displaced residents from cities devastated by hurricanes.

The full survey can be found on at www.nlc.org.

Substantial negative effects follow CDBG cuts

WASHINGTON, D.C.—More than five million low- and moderate-income Americans will see significant reductions in a range of services provided to them as a result of two years of cuts to the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, according to a survey released March 15 by members of a coalition to preserve CDBG.

Hundreds of thousands of senior citizens, children, persons with special needs and the homeless will lose programs that directly benefit them. From housing rehabilitation and homebuyer assistance programs to job creation and projects to reduce environmental contamination and to construct fire and public safety facilities will be affected.

"The results of the survey suggest that the 14 percent reduction in formula funding for CDBG over the last two fiscal years has had a substantial, negative effect on the collective ability of states, cities and counties to serve Americans in need, promote homeownership, grow local economies, and strengthen the nation's infrastructure," said Montez Martin, the vice president of Community Revitalization and Development of the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO).

Martin joined other elected and business and communi-

ty leaders to release the survey, *Consequences for American Communities*, and to protest an additional 25 percent reduction in CDBG funding that the Administration has proposed in its FY 2007 budget. Participating in the news conference were representatives from NAHRO, the U.S. Conference of Mayors (USCM), the National League of Cities (NLC), the National Association of Counties (NACo), the Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC), and Real Estate Roundtable.

"On CDBG, our message is united: this program is too precious—too important to us as a critical tool to revitalize and preserve the quality of life for our citizens. We cannot let the Congress try and balance the budget on the backs of our local communities," said Clarksburg, West Va., Councilman James C. Hunt, president of the NLC, one of 17 national groups in the coalition. "At the end of the day, we have to make sure that our cities and towns have \$4.3 billion for CDBG at HUD for FY 07."

Thirty-four states and 317 communities responded to the survey, representing approximately 50 percent of all CDBG formula grants for FY 2006. The survey is online at www.nahro.org/cdbg_survey.cfm.

Smaller, cheaper trees might be what big parks need

But extra protection, visibility are needed for those fragile plants.

By John Slater, Urban Forestry Partnership Coordinator

Let me tell you more about the tree-planting projects in Sebastian County and in Blytheville, which were topics in the last issue.

David Hudson, Sebastian County judge, asked me to come to Ben Geren Park to identify the problems of trees planted a few years earlier. He also wanted to discuss how they could plant trees in a section of the park that had few or no trees.

Hudson is committed to having trees planted in the park. He made several attempts in the past, and he recently contacted me to help put together a plan. Because this project could take several years, we wanted to get started during this planting season.

Ben Geren Park in Sebastian County covers 1,230 acres and consists of a golf course, tennis courts, ball fields, a Frisbee golf course and pavilions. A new addition has 500 acres, a 2-mile biking trail and is mostly timbered. The part of the park that we were considering for planting is about 480 acres and has a 1 3/4-mile walking trail with few or no trees in or around it.

The planted trees in the park that Hudson was concerned about could be diagnosed with “weedeateritis,” a common affliction brought on by the use of a weed eater too close to the thin bark of young trees. I joke, but this happens everywhere. Most people don’t realize that a young tree’s bark is tender and that weed eaters can quickly kill or maim the tree.

Trees can be protected by placing a heavy plastic pipe around the base of the tree to keep weed eaters from reaching the trunk. A better policy is to keep weed eaters at least 3 feet away from the trees; you could do this by using an approved herbicide and mulch for weed control.

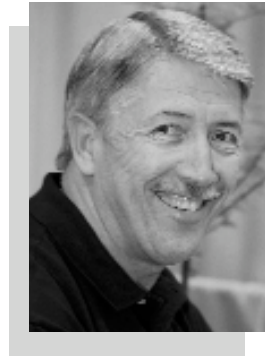
Important: Since grass and weeds are competitors for the same water and nutrients as trees, it’s best to eliminate them around trees. This will improve trees’ survival, health and growth. Two applications of an approved herbicide, one in the spring and one in mid-summer, should keep the grass in check. Be sure to read the instructions on how to properly use the chemicals.

Mulching helps retain moisture, prevents soil compaction, and can improve the soil structure, which this area of the park needs desperately.

Because of the large number of acres involved at Ben Geren Park, we needed a plan. Potted trees and balled and burlapped trees are expensive and time-consuming because they require intense maintenance for two to three years. I suggested using bare root trees and planting several different varieties. I wanted to use as many different trees as possible that might do well in that part of the state.

I did not originally plan to order dogwoods because this park did not have a lot of shade trees under which to plant these shade-loving trees; however, at the low price of \$25 per 100 trees, I reconsidered.

To my surprise, the parks department ordered every species I recommended. They ordered 100 of each: seven types of oak, sweet gum, blackgum, red and sugar maple, tulip poplar, cypress, pine, sugarberry,



Slater



The wide-open spaces of the 1,230 acres in Ben Geren Park outside Fort Smith is an ideal candidate for less costly younger trees of seven varieties, which will be distributed evenly along a walking trail.

Kentucky coffee tree, and three small flowering trees. The trees were chosen for their characteristics such as size, shape, desirable growth habits, bark, color and time of flowering, foliage and fall color. They were ordered from three nurseries at a cost of about \$700 for 2,000 trees.

Both sides of the walking trail will be planted, about 15-25 feet off the trail. An area has been ripped the entire length of the trail on both sides to break up some of the soil compaction where the trees will be planted. The larger growing trees, such as oaks, are to be planted at 50-foot intervals. The small and medium size growing trees, such as red maple, and the small flowering trees are to be planted at 25-foot intervals between them. Two trees of the same species will be planted at each location in the hope that at least one will survive. All species will be evenly distributed throughout the trail.

There are some challenges to overcome. The trees are very small and difficult to see, so stakes are used to show their location. To avoid their being trampled, they should be in low traffic areas away from picnic tables and playgrounds. Protection of the plants from lawn mowers and weed eaters can be accomplished by using herbicides, properly spraying grass at least three feet around the trees. To avoid vandalism, signs should be posted to identify planted areas, and we will ask the public for its support.

The soil, which consists mostly of heavy clays and slate, is not very good, so by planting several varieties we will discover what trees may do better in the park than others. The ripping and using mulch should help.


The weather could prove to be a challenge, even though the trees do well without all the watering that potted trees need. If the dry summers continue, we will need to implement a watering program.

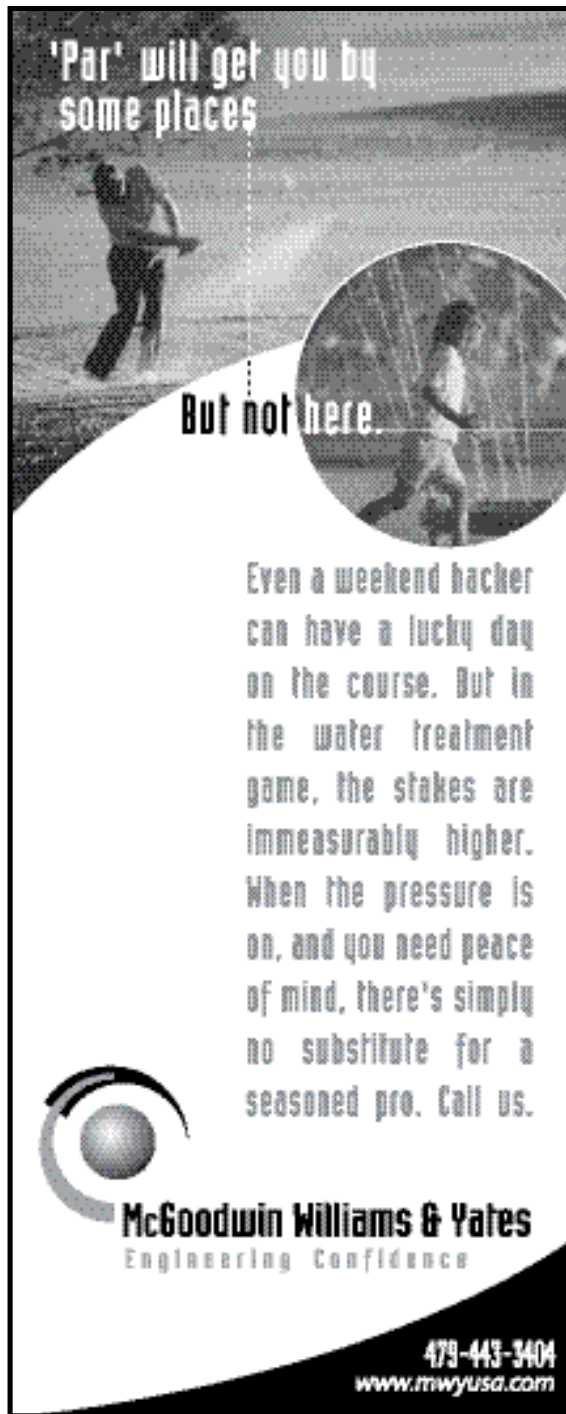
The Parks Department went one step farther and borrowed a tree spade to dig larger trees on Fort Chaffee. They will be placed close to the pavilions and playgrounds where they have a water source available.

I thank Bobby Faulkner, parks superintendent, along with his staff and Lou Koch, county forester with the Arkansas Forestry Commission and his Rangers for their cooperation on this project. Because it may be a few years before you see results, you have to have a vision to start and follow through with a project like this. I believe this group does.

The Blytheville project will be addressed in a future issue, but many of the same ideas could be implemented. The Blytheville location has an advantage in that the planting will be done on land still being used for crops.

Make a Memory ... Plant a Tree


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A scholarship honors the memory of Bill S. Bonner. It will be awarded only to first-year attendees in the certification program at the Institute.

There will be four local \$400 scholarships to attend the Municipal Clerks' Institute in Fayetteville, Sept. 18-21, for tuition and lodging, one for the Academy for Advanced Education in Fayetteville, Sept. 20-21, in the amount of \$400 and one \$400 tuition scholarship to attend the International Institute of Municipal Clerks (IIMC) annual conference in Anaheim, Calif., May 14-18.

These scholarships are in addition to the 10 regional tuition scholarships awarded by the IIMC.

A scholarship application is printed below. See **DEADLINES** at bottom of form. Applicants should return form to:

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- 11) I understand that if a scholarship is awarded to me, it must be used between Jan. 1, 2006 and Dec. 31, 2006, and that I must attend all sessions.
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12) Have you attached written evidence that your Chief Executive or legislative body supports your attendance at the institute and that in the event that a scholarship is awarded, you will be given the time to attend the institute?
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INHALANTS VERY ACCESSIBLE, VERY DANGEROUS

By Mike Messenger,
Vice President,
a'TEST CONSULTANTS, Inc.

They've been used by more teens than any other illegal drug except marijuana. They can kill the first time they're used. Kids can get them easily. "They" are drugs collectively known as inhalants, and as a current ad campaign from the Partnership for a Drug-Free America notes, the chemicals used in

inhalants aren't only found on the street—they're right under your sink.

"It's all the stuff we worried about when they were toddlers," said Anne Rickards, whose 14-year-old son was found dead in an Essington, Pa., park with a butane canister in his hand. "We would say, 'No, get away from that,' stuff we thought they would swallow. Well, the spray can also kill them as teenagers."

That's what happened early this year on a road outside Philadelphia, where a coroner says an honors student inhaled aerosol fumes and lost consciousness while driving. Her car plowed into a tree, killing her almost two years to the day after five other girls from the same region were killed in a car crash blamed on inhalants.

According to the 2000 Partnership Attitude Tracking Study, 21 percent of all teens in America—one in five—have tried inhalants. Only alcohol, tobacco and marijuana have been tried by more kids.

"Young people think inhaling a gas is harmless," said Chattanooga, Tenn., addictions counselor Pat Fitzpatrick. "It doesn't look like a drug."

But the reality is that inhalants can kill, and they have also been linked to brain damage, liver and kidney problems, hearing loss and limb spasms—all risks linked to chasing a high that often lasts just a matter of minutes.

Inhalants can be found in hundreds of common products, including nail polish remover, cleaning fluids, hair spray, gasoline, the propellant in aerosol whipped cream, spray paint, fabric protector, modeling glue, air conditioner fluid (Freon), cooking spray and correction fluid. The fumes can be sniffed, snorted, inhaled from a plastic bag or "huffed" from an inhalant-soaked rag, sock, or roll of toilet paper or sniffed directly from the container.

"A person doesn't have to go somewhere seedy to get this stuff," said Harvey Weiss, executive director of the National Inhalant Prevention Coalition. "Kids have died from inhalants in schools and in church. It can happen anywhere."

Many parents are unaware of the risks inhalants pose. Nearly 40 percent don't think it's extremely dangerous to sniff things like spray paint or gasoline once or twice. Just three percent of all parents think their child has tried inhalants.

"I looked under my own kitchen sink and found 15 chemicals that my children could abuse," said Sandra Hampton, a substance abuse counselor outside Atlanta. "We need to be honest with our kids and warn them about the risks."

GIRLS AT RISK

Adolescence can be a tough time in your daughter's life. She is still developing physically and mentally, and growing increasingly more independent. Though she may look like a young adult, she still needs you to set limits and give guidance.

The high school years can bring with them overwhelming pressures, which can lead to risky behaviors like smoking, drinking and drug use. Stress is a major factor.

Parents should know that marijuana is the most widely used drug among girls. More teenage girls use marijuana than cocaine, heroin, ecstasy and all other illicit drugs combined. Girls are catching up with or have surpassed boys in other areas, such as alcohol, tobacco and general illicit drug use.

How can you help your daughter grow up healthy and confident?

First, learn how drug and alcohol abuse can negatively affect your daughter's physical, psychological and social well-being. Second, spend some time with your daughter to find out what is going on in her life and learn what stresses her out. Finally, maximize communication, model positive coping skills and motivate your daughter to be more self-confident and monitor her activities. For more tips, visit www.theantidrug.com.



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More thoughts on urban densities

"Suddenly ... it costs a fortune to run a city, even more to extend it into the hinterlands."

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

Last month we talked, in this column, about baby boomers and urban densities. We spoke from the standpoint of how they might interact in the future. It is important as well to note how they have interacted in the past and are interacting now. It isn't always pretty.

Baby boomers grew up listening to stories of World War II from survivors who were determined that their children (and grandchildren) would never experience the desperate times of the Great Depression or the horrors of war. A single-family home in the emerging suburbs seemed the most appealing proof that such lofty goals were being achieved.

As for the inner city, most of what we thought we knew was symbolized in the black and white photographs of inner city ghettos with their grimy buildings. Alleys were laced with sheet-draped clotheslines covering narrow passages where a drinking well might stand within an arm's reach of a privy. This was strictly "low-rent hell."

This perception grew when we watched the TV images of failures such as the dynamiting of the Pruitt-Igoe public housing complex in St. Louis. Not even poor people liked high-rise living. The densely developed urban core was hardly the prospective homeowner's dream location.

So over the years, a great deal of resistance developed concerning urban densities, a resistance that was abetted by easy access to federal grants for suburban infrastructure. Along with no more financial problems and no more wars, there would be no more limits to urban expansion.

Wrong. It seems we didn't count on, among other things, the disappearance of public assistance for infrastructure expansion, a fickle economy, inflation, and the insatiable appetite of police and fire departments for fancy new equipment. Suddenly, in modern times, it costs a fortune to run a city, even more to extend it into the hinterlands.

Now we are realizing that perhaps higher densities aren't so bad after all. They might help reduce the cost of providing urban services. A study cited by the Brookings Institution found that the cost of providing services (water, sewer, roads, and schools) in a densely populated county was \$88 for a family of four. It cost \$1,222 to provide the same services for the same-sized family in a low-density county. The same study concluded that on a national level, communities could save more than \$100 billion in infrastructure costs over a 25-year period by

developing with higher densities.

Along with those potential savings comes the potential for greater demand. As pointed out recently by the National Multi Housing Association, this demand will accrue from:

- 78 million downsizing baby boomers
- 74 million children of baby boomers who are now starting to graduate from college and enter the work force
- 9 million new immigrants
- Millions of service and municipal employees priced out of the neighborhoods where they work.


There we have the case for increasing densities. Cost savings plus demand should equal acceptance with open arms, right? Wrong again. Those images of public housing don't go away easily. In community after community, existing residents react to proposals for higher density developments with responses ranging from "hissy-fits" to referenda.

The result often is that good projects that would feature high-rise structures fronting streets alive with pedestrians are shouted down by the neighbors. Then those same neighbors pay thousands of dollars so they can what? So they can travel to the world's great cities and walk down streets that are lined with high-rise buildings and are alive with pedestrians. Go figure.

Are high-density developments suitable everywhere? No. It depends upon the urban context. There should be allowances for both urban and suburban densities in what the New Urbanists call the planning "transact." Were that setting policy was as simple as the old saying (cleaned up a little for this family-oriented publication) that "If you want a wife, you live in the city; if you have a wife, you live in the suburbs."

No, such mundane considerations as traffic, the ability to provide services, good civic design and arrangement, public safety, efficiency and economy in development, and adequate light and air should be determining factors in assigning densities, not social prejudices.

Once we accept this simple and fair concept, we can begin to balance the needs of a broader cross-section of our citizens. Next month, we will look at the contextual factors that would bear on the type of developments appropriate to given locations.

Persons having comments or questions may reach Jim von Tungeln at 501-372-3232. His Web site is www.planyourcity.com. He is available for consultation as a service of the Arkansas Municipal League. 



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Mayors and Aldermen of the Year Awards competition opens

Two mayors and two aldermen (or city directors) of the year will be chosen for 2006. Awards will be presented at the League's Annual Convention and repeated yearly. The League Executive Committee in 2006 approved this new event.

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Animal control goes underground

Eradicating burrowing creatures from a municipality's topsy turvy turfs ranges from gas-fed explosions to a bit of head knocking.

By David Miles III

Burrowing pests can destroy everything from a small lawn to a vast city park. These pests have an outrageous work ethic that any manager or CEO would love to have on their staff.

Constantly working, they can turn a city or town lawn, golf course or park into a maze of tunnels and mounds. Here are a few methods that can help control these creatures.

The first method may be the most exciting. This method should be used on land that is clear of underground gas lines, electrical lines, etc. This is not to be used near homes or businesses.

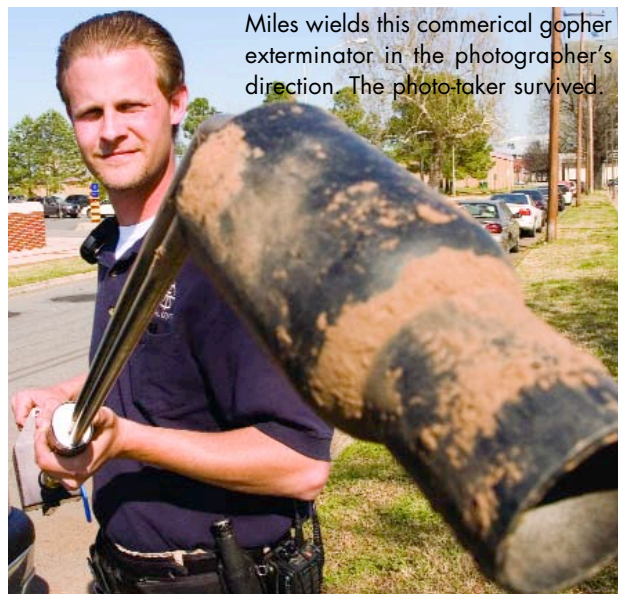
Here's why. Due to complaints regarding moles on our city's baseball and soccer fields, our department purchased The Rodenator. See it at www.rodenator.com. This tool pumps a mixture of propane and compressed oxygen into mole, gopher and ground squirrel tunnel systems. The mixture is ignited, blowing up the tunnels.

This technique is loud and more dangerous than others. When ignited, a concussive force is shot through the tunnels, humanely eradicating the mole instantly. Moles are fragile creatures, making them easy to control. This method, when used properly, is effective when unleashed into a mole den. The dens can be 3 to 4 feet underground.

The second method is the easiest and the most productive. This is the least expensive method. Moles make tunnel protrusions visible above ground.

They make the runs while feeding on grubs and worms. Here's what to do:

- Look for the fresh activity, not old, dried-up tunnels. (Fresh ones have darker, moist dirt that has been recently torn apart.)



Miles wields this commerical gopher exterminator in the photographer's direction. The photo-taker survived.

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Miles

- Pay attention to the ends of the tunnels.

- Walk gently to the new activity and watch. I have found that you need to watch these ends for up to three minutes. If the ground has not moved within that time, move on.

- A mole will move within the three minutes if it is in that tunnel.

- Now, once you see the movement, take a pair of post-hole diggers and immediately strike the ground that just moved. The blades must be forced into the ground firmly and quickly. The blades must not parallel the tunnel; they must block the tunnel.

- Pull the dirt and mole out

- Eradicate the animal. (A quick thump to the head does the trick.) Remember, moles are fragile. This method gives you results you can see, unlike the propane and oxygen method. Contrary to what has been said by "experts," this method is best from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. A friend told me that his father advised, "Moles move at noon." I agree.

The final method is time consuming and hard work. It is best for soft-hearted persons who don't want to eradicate something.

- You need post-hole diggers, 6-inch diameter PVC pipe with a cap on one end and a thin sheet of wood or plastic. The PVC pipe should be 1 to 2 feet long.

- Find a tunnel and dig to the depth of your PVC pipe. Place the pipe (cap at the bottom of hole) where the top of the trap sits right beneath the holes of the tunnel. These holes were exposed as you dug into the ground.

- Plug the tunnel holes with dirt. Make sure to extend the dirt out over your PVC trap.

- Cover your location with wood or plastic.

- Cover the wood or plastic with a lot of dirt. This will keep out any light. When a mole comes to the blocked tunnel, it will dig until the bottom falls out from beneath them, into your trap. The mole will be alive.

- Pull out your trap, and release the mole miles away from any homes or businesses.

I've tried all of these methods and different spring traps. The first and second methods are the most productive. The second method will give you visual conformation that you may not get with the first. It may take months or years to reach our goal, till then, back to mole patrol.

David Miles is a North Little Rock animal control officer. Questions? Call 501-791-8577. 



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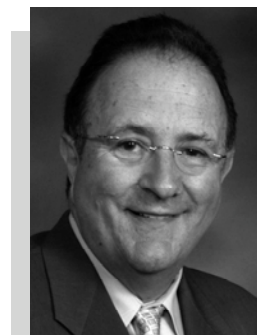
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Lots of exercise better than a little

Being a little chubby can be healthier than being too thin, but regular exercise is still the key to good health.

By David Lipschitz, M.D., Ph.D.



Lipschitz

The saddest phrase I hear is “get into shape.” That’s what most people say when they think about New Year’s resolutions or improving their quality of life. Most people want to lose weight, whether they’re chubby, morbidly obese or already at their ideal body weight.

The problem with getting into shape and weight loss is it rarely, if ever, works; 99 percent of diets fail. The result is people lose their motivation and stop paying attention to their health.

So let’s look at the issue from a different angle. There’s evidence that weight is one of the least important predictors of life expectancy. People who are about 10 percent above their ideal weight live the longest and appear to be the healthiest. These are people who are not obese but are chubby with a Body Mass Index of between 22 and 28.

Choosing the right foods is also essential. As long as people exercise and eat all the fruits and vegetables they can, eat the right fats and stay away from fast food, the weight loss should follow. I call it the Don’t Diet diet. For those of us who exercise and eat the right foods but remain pleasantly plump, we’re going to do quite well as we grow older.

For the maximum benefit, a lot of exercise is better than a little. People who walk a half-mile a day are far healthier than people who don’t walk at all, and those who walk two miles a day are far healthier than those who walk a half-mile.


There’s a direct correlation between maximum exercise tolerance and living a long, healthy life. So forget the weight. Exercise. And if you can run a marathon, keep doing it.

But we can all use a little extra motivation, and that’s where local governments can and are playing a critical role. It is important that every community make the resources available to allow their citizens the opportunity to be as fit as possible.

This is happening, for example, in the city of North Little Rock, where thousands of members take advantage of the Patrick Henry Hays Center and its vast exercise facilities. People are hungry for this sort of public service.

And what better place for vigorous outdoor exercise than in The Natural State? The cities of Little Rock and North Little Rock are creating exciting opportunities outside too. Bike paths will soon connect the cities, and my family can’t wait for the day we can cycle across the Arkansas River on the new bridge.

Examples of progressive community-based fitness outlets exist across the state, whether they are bicycle paths, walking tracks, gymnasiums or swimming pools. As these cities know, they are not just assuring a healthier society, but providing a place where people will want to live and businesses will want to open.

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When you throw out other factors that may affect their longevity such as smoking, genetics and high blood pressure, weight is a very minor risk when determining life expectancy.

The key question is, do these chubby people exercise?

A chubby person who exercises has a significantly better life expectancy than a couch potato who is thin. Pleasantly plump individuals with high blood pressure who exercise are better off than those with normal blood pressure who are sedentary and thin. Just because you’re thin doesn’t mean you’re healthy.

It’s absolutely critical for people, regardless of their weight, to exercise because it dramatically reduces the adverse effects of being overweight.



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FONTICIELLA, MD	ALDO	HEART ASSOC OF S ARK	619 W. GROVE ST. #3	EL DORADO	AR	71730	870-863-6133
HARDIN, MD	A. SCOTT	INTERNAL MED.	403 W OAK #303	EL DORADO	AR	71730	870-862-5732
RHODES, MSPT	CLINT	PHYS. THERAPY CENTER OF SA	215 N NEWTON	EL DORADO	AR	71730	870-918-3326
BELL, MD	L. J. PATRICK	ELAINE MEDICAL CLINIC	112 MAIN ST.	ELAINE	AR	72333	870-527-3250
WINSTON, MD	WILLIAM	ELAINE MEDICAL CLINIC	112 MAIN ST.	ELAINE	AR	72333	870-527-3250
LUCKE, DDS	REBECCA	FAYETTEVILLE FAMILY DENTISTRY	615 E. APPLEBY RD.	FAYETTEVILLE	AR	72703	479-521-3310
MERTINS, OD	ALLYSON	MERTINS FAMILY EYECARE	1188 N SALEM RD #12	FAYETTEVILLE	AR	72704	479-442-8400
MOON, MD	STEVEN	NEUROLOGICAL ASSOC.	1794 JOYCE BLVD #3	FAYETTEVILLE	AR	72703	479-442-4070
RAMICK, MD	REBECCA	ALL BETTER PEDIATRICS	125 W SUNBRIDGE DR	FAYETTEVILLE	AR	72703	479-587-9157
TANG, MD	KEJIAN	NEUROLOGICAL ASSOC.	1794 JOYCE BLVD #3	FAYETTEVILLE	AR	72703	479-442-4070

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ADVANCE CARE HOS. OF FORT SMITH		HOSPITAL	7301 ROGERS AVE	FORT SMITH	AR	72917	479-314-4900
PEACHTREE HOSPICE		HOME HEALTH & HOSPICE	4300 ROGERS AVE #33	FORT SMITH	AR	72903	479-494-0100
HUBBARD, MD	ASA M.	N. AR ANESTHESIA SERVICES	620 N WILLOW	HARRISON	AR	72601	870-365-2071
MELTON, CRNA	GARRY M	N. ARANESTHESIA SERVICES	620 N WILLOW	HARRISON	AR	72601	870-365-2071
WATERS, MD	JAMES D.	N. AR ANESTHESIA SERVICES	620 N WILLOW	HARRISON	AR	72601	870-365-2071
BELL, MD	L.J. PATRICK	BELL CLINIC	626 POPLAR ST.	HELENA	AR	72342	870-338-8163
WINSTON, DO	WILLIAM S.	BELL CLINIC	626 POPLAR ST.	HELENA	AR	72342	870-338-8163
PEARSON, MD	H. LEWIS	OPHTHALMOLOGY & OPTOMETRY	1820 S MAIN ST	HOPE	AR	71801	870-777-8215
JORDAN THERAPY & WELLNESS		PHYSICAL THERAPY	1510 LAKESHORE DR.	HOT SPRINGS	AR	71913	501-760-7440
LR ALLERGY & ASTHMA CLINIC		ALLERGY & ASTHMA	1432B BRADEN ST.	JACKSONVILLE	AR	72076	501-224-1156
ALLEN, MD	JOHN M.	ARKANSAS UROLOGY CLINIC	1150 E MATTHEWS #203	JONESBORO	AR	72401	870-932-8674
DAUD, MD	UMAR	CLOPTON CLINIC	300 CARSON	JONESBORO	AR	72401	870-932-1198
DAVIS, MD	KIMBERLY	NEA CLINIC	3024 STADIUM BLVD	JONESBORO	AR	72401	870-972-7000
STOCKDALE, MD	DONOVAN R	CLOPTON CLINIC	300 CARSON	JONESBORO	AR	72401	870-932-1198
SUMINSKI, MD	MICHAEL L.	ARKANSAS UROLOGY CLINIC	1150 E MATTHEWS #203	JONESBORO	AR	72401	870-932-8674
PINNACLE POINTE BEHAVIORAL HOS.		HOSPITAL	11501 FINANCIAL CTR. PKWY.	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72211	501-223-3322
ANGTUACO, MD	TERENCE	LR DIAGNOSTIC CLINIC	10001 LILE DR	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72205	501-227-8000
BAPTIST HOME HEALTH		HOME HEALTH & HOSPICE	11900 COLONEL GLENN RD.	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72205	501-202-2000
CARTER, DC	GAYLON E.	CARTER CHIROPRACTIC	6520 BASELINE RD #B	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72209	501-565-2626
CARVER, RPT	SUSAN	A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE	32 RHALING CIRCLE	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72223	501-227-9920
CROWELL, MD	BERNARD	PINNACLE ORTHOPAEDICS	113210 I-30 #202	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72209	501-975-1916
D ONOFRIO, DC	JOHN	CARTER CHIROPRACTIC	6520 BASELINE RD #B	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72209	501-565-2626
FARST, MD	KAREN J.	INTERNAL MED.	800 MARSHALL	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72202	501-364-1100
FISER, MD	PAUL	AR. ALLERGY & ASTHMA CLINIC	10310 W MARKHAM #222	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72205	501-227-5210
FITZGERALD, MD	AMY J.	LR DIAGNOSTIC CLINIC	10001 LILE DR	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72205	501-227-8000
GRAHAM, MD	D. MELISSA	AR. ALLERGY & ASTHMA CLINIC	10310 W MARKHAM #222	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72205	501-227-5210
GRIFFIN, RPT	M.J.	A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE	32 RHALING CIRCLE	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72223	501-227-9920
HARPER, MD	GARY E.	HARPER FAMILY PRACTICE	123 PEARL ST.	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72205	501-375-3000
HAZLEWOOD, MD	JAMES	LR DIAGNOSTIC CLINIC	10001 LILE DR	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72205	501-227-8000
KACZENSKI, MD	GREGORY S.	PSYCH RESOURCES	1433 KAVANAUGH BLVD	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72205	501-221-7238
KAGY, MD	LORI	AR. ALLERGY & ASTHMA CLINIC	10310 W MARKHAM #222	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72205	501-227-5210
LOWERY, MD	LISA	LR DIAGNOSTIC CLINIC	10001 LILE DR	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72205	501-227-8000
LUE, MD	CUMMINS	LR DIAGNOSTIC CLINIC	10001 LILE DR	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72205	501-227-8000
MARUF, MD	LUBNA	ARKANSAS DIAGNOSTIC CENTER	8908 KANIS RD	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72205	501-227-7688
RUDELL, MD	DEANNA	LR ALLERGY & ASTHMA CLINIC	18 CORPORATE HILL DR #110	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72205	501-224-1156
SALMAN, MD	MARSHA	ALL FOR KIDS PEDIATRIC CLINIC	904 AUTUMN RD #100	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72211	501-224-5437
SHEILDS, MD	EDDIE	AR. ALLERGY & ASTHMA CLINIC	10310 W MARKHAM #222	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72211	501-227-5210
SITZ, MD	KARL	LR ALLERGY & ASTHMA CLINIC	18 CORPORATE HILL	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72205	501-224-1156
WEST, MD	MARGARET	LR DIAGNOSTIC CLINIC	10001 LILE DR	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72205	501-227-8000
WRIGHT, LCSW	FRANK	PSYCHOLOGY	4301 W MARKHAM	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72205	501-686-6000
WYBLE, MD	JOSEPH	INFECTIOUS DISEASE RESOURCE GRP	9600 LILE DR #340	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72205	501-661-0037
ZIEGLER, MD	AUBREY	AR. ALLERGY & ASTHMA CLINIC	10310 W MARKHAM #222	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72205	501-227-5210
HIGGINBOTHAM, MD	MICHAEL S.	TILLEY DIAGNOSTIC CLINIC	1003 SCHNEIDER DR	MALVERN	AR	72104	501-337-5678
PURIFOY, MD	SHAWN	FAMILY PRACTICE	850 HENRY ST	MALVERN	AR	72104	501-337-1836
BROWN, MD	JOHN M.	BAPTIST HEALTH FAMILY PRACTICE	1701 CLUB MANOR #2	MAUMELLE	AR	72113	501-851-7400
HOLADAY, MD	LISA	SOUTHEAST CLINIC	750 H L ROSS DR	MONTICELLO	AR	71655	870-367-1413
HAGAMAN, MD	MICHAEL S.	REGIONAL FAMILY MEDICINE	6300 BURNETT DR	MTN. HOME	AR	72653	870-425-6971
PEARSON, MD	H. LEWIS	OPHTHALMOLOGY & OPTOMETRY	512 N 2ND STREET	NASHVILLE	AR	71852	870-845-2821
HASAN, MD	MOHAMED	HARRIS PEDIATRIC CLINIC	1117 MCCLAIN ST #800	NEWPORT	AR	72112	870-523-3518
NEWPORT MEDICAL CLINIC		FAMILY PRACTICE	1507 N. PECAN ST	NEWPORT	AR	72112	870-523-3643
FISER, MD	PAUL	AR. ALLERGY & ASTHMA CLINIC	2504 MCCAIN BLVD #118	NO LITTLE ROCK	AR	72116	501-758-9696
GRAHAM, MD	D. MELISSA	AR. ALLERGY & ASTHMA CLINIC	2504 MCCAIN BLVD #118	NO LITTLE ROCK	AR	72116	501-758-9696
JONES, MD	EUGENE M.	ARKANSAS CARDIOLOGY NO.	3343 SPRINGHILL DR #1035	NO LITTLE ROCK	AR	72117	501-227-7596
KAGY, MD	LORI	AR. ALLERGY & ASTHMA CLINIC	2504 MCCAIN BLVD #118	NO LITTLE ROCK	AR	72116	501-758-9696
KHAN, MD	USMAN	BAPTIST HEALTH NEUROLOGY	115 W BROADWAY	NO LITTLE ROCK	AR	72114	501-374-1188
LOVE, MD	ROBERT T. III	PLASTIC & RECON. SURGERY	3343 SPRINGHILL DR #2030	NO LITTLE ROCK	AR	72117	501-907-7300
SHAYER, MD	MARY J.	NEPHROLOGY ASSOCIATES	4401 SPRINGHILL DR #330	NO LITTLE ROCK	AR	72117	501-945-0320
SHEILDS, MD	EDDIE	AR. ALLERGY & ASTHMA CLINIC	2504 MCCAIN BLVD #118	NO LITTLE ROCK	AR	72116	501-758-9696
ZIEGLER, MD	AUBREY	AR. ALLERGY & ASTHMA CLINIC	2504 MCCAIN BLVD #118	NO LITTLE ROCK	AR	72116	501-758-9696
PULMONARY & SLEEP DIAGNOSTICS		DURABLE MED. EQUIP. & SUPPLIES	1011 LINNWOOD	PARAGOULD	AR	72450	870-239-2033
AL GHUSSAIN, MD	EMAD	N LOGAN COMMUNITY SERVICE CLINIC	500 E ACADEMY	PARIS	AR	72855	479-963-6101
NELSON, MD	STEVE	N LOGAN COMMUNITY SERVICE CLINIC	500 E ACADEMY	PARIS	AR	72855	479-963-6101
SULIT, MD	DANILO	N LOGAN COMMUNITY SERVICE CLINIC	500 E ACADEMY	PARIS	AR	72855	479-963-6101
YAZBECK, MD	MOUSSA	NO LOGAN MERCY HOSPITAL	500 E ACADEMY	PARIS	AR	72855	479-963-6101
ALESALI, MD	MAHER	SO. AR. ENDOCRINOLOGY	4747 DUSTY LAKE DR #G2	PINE BLUFF	AR	71603	870-879-9595
ALSHAMI, MD	AYMAN	JEFFERSON HEART	4747 DUSTY LAKE DR #203	PINE BLUFF	AR	71603	870-879-9880
AR. SURGERY & ENDOSCOPY CTR.		OUTPATIENT SURGERY CTRS.	4800 HAZEL ST	PINE BLUFF	AR	71603	870-536-4800
BERRY, MD	VALERIE	GASTROENTEROLOGY ASSOC OF SEA	1609 W. 40TH #312	PINE BLUFF	AR	71603	870-534-3344
DEDMAN, MD	JOHN	MEDICAL ASSOCIATES	4201 S. MULBERRY ST	PINE BLUFF	AR	71603	870-535-2200
DENEKE, MD	WILLIAM A.	SO. ARKANSAS HEART & VASCULAR	4201 S. MULBERRY ST	PINE BLUFF	AR	71603	870-536-3015
GINGER, OD	HERMAN	ARKANSAS EYE ASSOC.	2701 HAZEL ST.	PINE BLUFF	AR	71603	870-535-7690
GORDON, MD	O.T., JR	GASTROENTEROLOGY ASSOC OF SEA	1609 W. 40TH #312	PINE BLUFF	AR	71603	870-534-3344
GORDON, MD	OTIS T.	GASTROENTEROLOGY ASSOC OF SEA	1609 W. 40TH #312	PINE BLUFF	AR	71603	870-534-3344
MAYS, MD	JOANNE	CHILDRENS CLINIC	1420 W. 43RD AVE	PINE BLUFF	AR	71603	870-534-6210
PASHKEVICH, MD	MICHELE	FAMILY PRACTICE	1708 W. 42ND AVE	PINE BLUFF	AR	71603	870-536-7300
PIERCE, MD	REID	SO. ARKANSAS CLINIC FOR WOMEN	1801 W 40TH	PINE BLUFF	AR	71603	870-536-2496
SMITH, DDS	RICHARD L.	MONARCH DENTAL ASSOC.	11 CHAPEL VLG SHOPPING CTR	PINE BLUFF	AR	71603	870-879-1200
SO. ARKANSAS SURGERY CTR.		OUTPATIENT SURGERY CTRS.	4310 S. MULBERRY ST	PINE BLUFF	AR	71603	800-684-7628
TEJADA, MD	RUBEN	INTERNAL MED.	1609 W 40TH #402	PINE BLUFF	AR	71603	870-534-6666
TOWNSEND, MD	THOMAS	CHILDRENS CLINIC	1420 W 43RD AVE	PINE BLUFF	AR	71603	870-534-6210
TRICE, MD	JAMES	GASTROENTEROLOGY	7005 S. HAZEL ST	PINE BLUFF	AR	71603	870-536-3070
TRICE SURGERY CTR.		GASTROENTEROLOGY	7005 S. HAZEL ST	PINE BLUFF	AR	71603	870-536-3070
TRUE HOME CARE		DURABLE MED. EQUIP. & SUPPLIES	2504 W 28TH AVE	PINE BLUFF	AR	71603	870-536-6301
WALAJAHI, MD	FAWAD H.	JEFFERSON ANESTHESIOLOGY ASSOC.	1801 W 40TH #2B	PINE BLUFF	AR	71603	870-535-7457
WASSMER, MD	PETER C.	SO. ARKANSAS HEART & VASCULAR	1609 W 40TH #201	PINE BLUFF	AR	71603	870-536-3015
WILLIAMS, MD	NANCY	FAMILY MEDICINE ASSOC.	1801 W. 40TH # 6A	PINE BLUFF	AR	71603	870-541-9373
PEARSON, MD	H. LEWIS	OPHTHALMOLOGY & OPTOMETRY	204 E. 2ND ST.	PRESGOTT	AR	71857	870-887-3680
LR ALLERGY & ASTHMA CLINIC		ALLERGY & ASTHMA	#1 SKYLINE DR.	RUSSELLVILLE	AR	72801	479-968-2345
PAULK, MD	CLYDE D	PAULK FAMILY CLINIC	1000 W. VINE ST.	SHERIDAN	AR	72150	870-942-5155
AHMAD, MD	MAHMOOD	UNITED PAIN CARE	7481 WARDEN RD	SHERWOOD	AR	72120	501-834-7246
ARSHAD, MD	MUHAMMED	UNITED PAIN CARE	7481 WARDEN RD	SHERWOOD	AR	72120	501-834-7246
LR ALLERGY & ASTHMA CLINIC		ALLERGY & ASTHMA	2215 WILDWOOD #1	SHERWOOD	AR	72120	501-660-4826
FRISBIE, MD	STEPHANIE E.	FAMILY PRACTICE	822 BROADWAY	VAN BUREN	AR	72956	479-474-5061
KNOBLOCH, MD	RONALD	UROLOGICAL GROUP OF WESTERN AR	2010 CHESTNUT #A	VAN BUREN	AR	72956	479-471-8072
WAHMAN, MD	GERALD	UROLOGICAL GROUP OF WESTERN AR	2010 CHESTNUT #A	VAN BUREN	AR	72956	479-471-8072
MASON, MD	MARIA	SCOTT CO RURAL HEALTH CLINIC	1341 W 6TH ST	WALDRON	AR	72958	479-637-2136
SULIT, MD	DANILO	MERCY HOSPITAL SCOTT CO	1341 W 6TH ST	WALDRON	AR	72958	479-637-4135
PHILLIPS, DO	TRACY T.	FAMILY PRACTICE	7400 DOLLARWAY RD #B	WHITE HALL	AR	71602	870-247-1441
IN-STATE DELETES							
FOX, MD	CLINTON WADE	MCAFFEE MEDICAL CLINIC	710A DEWITT HENRY DR	BEEBE	AR	72012	501-882-5433
BROWN, CRNA	MICHAEL M	ANESTHESIOLOGY	1 MEDICAL PARK DR	BENTON	AR	72015	501-776-6010
METZGER, CRNA	MARY	ANESTHESIOLOGY	1 MEDICAL PARK DR	BENTON	AR	72015	501-771-4370
RICH, MD	CHERYLL	CORNING AREA HEALTHCARE	1500 W. MAIN	CORNING	AR	72422	870-857-3399
HAGAMAN, MD	MICHAEL S.	KERR MEDICAL CLINIC	30 RYAN RD.	COTTER	AR	72626	870-435-2991
SMITH, MD	RALEIGH A.	CHAMBERS MEMORIAL CLINIC	HWY. 10 & DETROIT	DANVILLE	AR	72833	479-495-6270
MERWIN, DO	RALPH C.	LAKE HARRISON CLINIC	HWY. 62-65 N. 1420 #B	HARRISON	AR	72601	870-365-2273
VAN OR, MD	STEVAN M.	LAKE HARRISON CLINIC	HWY. 62-65 N. 1420 #B	HARRISON	AR	72601	870-365-2273

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DAUD, MD	UMAR	HOXIE MED. CLINIC	505 SE LINDSEY	HOXIE	AR	72433	870-886-4711
PRICE, MD	JOHN G.	NO. PULASKI INTERNAL MEDICINE	1401 BRADEN ST.	JACKSONVILLE	AR	72076	501-985-2537
EASTERWOOD, MD	LEE	NEA CLINIC	800 S CHURCH #104	JONESBORO	AR	72401	870-932-4875
HARB, MD	TAREQ	CARDIOLOGY ASSOC OF NEA	201 E. OAK ST.	JONESBORO	AR	72401	870-935-6729
KHAMAPIRAD, MD	TAWAN SUNNY	MID-SOUTH RETINA ASSOC	820 E MATTHEWS #E	JONESBORO	AR	72401	870-933-9262
NASSIF, MD	MARIAM	CARDIOLOGY ASSOC OF NEA	201 E. OAK ST.	JONESBORO	AR	72401	870-935-6729
BISHOP, MD	WILLIAM B.	LR DIAGNOSTIC CLINIC	10001 LILE DR.	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72205	501-227-8000
CALHOUN, MD	DAVID L.	LR DIAGNOSTIC CLINIC	10001 LILE DR.	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72205	501-227-8000
CAPLINGER, MD	KELSY	LR ALLERGY & ASTHMA CLINIC	18 CORPORATE HILL DR. #110	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72215	501-224-1156
DE CASTRO, DMD	GUARIONEX	GENERAL DENTISTRY	5717 WEST 12TH STREET	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72204	501-663-8307
KETEL, MD	BEVERLY	GENERAL SURGERY	4120 W. MARKHAM	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72205	501-686-6644
TAYLOR, MD	EUGENE H.	LR DIAGNOSTIC CLINIC	10001 LILE DR.	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72205	501-227-8000
TILLEY, MD	ABSALOM H.	TILLEY DIAGNOSTIC CLINIC	1003 SCHNEIDER DR.	MALVERN	AR	72104	501-337-5678
CARFAGNO, MD	JEFFREY J.	MAUMELLE FAMILY PRACTICE	501 MILLWOOD CIRCLE	MAUMELLE	AR	72113	501-851-7400
BALL, MD	CHARLES "BILL"	FAMILY PRACTICE	313 HWY 17 SOUTH	NEWPORT	AR	72112	870-932-2974
CARLTON, MD	CAROLINE	OBSTETRICS & GYNCOLOGY	1200 MCLAIN	NEWPORT	AR	72112	870-523-7560
ERREISH, MD	NAZAR	HARRIS MEDICAL CLINIC	1117 MCLAIN ST #800	NEWPORT	AR	72112	870-523-3518
JUNKIN, MD	ANTHONY BRUCE	FAMILY PRACTICE	1500 MCLAIN ST.	NEWPORT	AR	72112	870-523-3666
NEWPORT MED CLINIC		FAMILY PRACTICE	1507 N. PECAN ST	NEWPORT	AR	72112	870-523-3643
RODGERS, MD	MELISSA	HARRIS PEDIATRIC CLINIC	1117 MCLAIN ST #100	NEWPORT	AR	72112	870-512-3267
ANSLEY, CRNA	DANIEL	ANESTHESIOLOGY	3805 MCCAIN PARK DR #105	NO LITTLE ROCK	AR	72116	501-771-4693
HEFLEY, MD	P. MARTIN FISER	AR. ALLERGY & ASTHMA CLINIC	2504 MCCAIN BLVD #118	NO LITTLE ROCK	AR	72116	501-758-9696
HENSON, CRNA	RALPH	ANESTHESIOLOGY	3805 MCCAIN PARK DR. #105	NO LITTLE ROCK	AR	72116	501-771-4693
METZGER, CRNA	MARY	ANESTHESIOLOGY	3805 MCCAIN PARK DR #105	NO LITTLE ROCK	AR	72116	501-771-4693
SADLER, CRNA	BARBARA	ANESTHESIOLOGY	3805 MCCAIN PARK DR #105	NO LITTLE ROCK	AR	72116	501-771-4693
YUNUS, MD	NAUMAN	INTERNAL MED.	1716 DOCTORS DR	PINE BLUFF	AR	71603	870-536-4555
GARDNER, MD	JACK R.	SEARCY MEDICAL CTR.	2900 HAWKINS DR	SEARCY	AR	72143	501-278-2800
KOTI, MD	RAVI	SEARCY MEDICAL CTR.	2900 HAWKINS DR	SEARCY	AR	72143	501-278-2800
DOSS, DC	EDWARD W., JR.	STUTTGART CHIROPRACTIC CENTER	721 S. MAIN ST.	STUTTGART	AR	72160	870-673-7281
MORGAN, MD	CHRISTOPHER O	STUTTGART MEDICAL CLINIC	1708 N BUERKLE RD	STUTTGART	AR	72160	870-673-7211
LANGLEY, MD	MICHAEL	GENERAL PRACTICE	321 SW 3RD ST.	WALNUT RIDGE	AR	72476	870-886-1855
OUT-OF-STATE ADDITIONS							
OMEGA DIAGNOSTICS		LABORATORIES	ONE ST. MARY PLACE	SHREVEPORT	LA	71101	318-621-8820
SEALS, AUD	JODY	PROFESSIONAL HEARING SERVICES	2208 COLLEGE DR	TEXARKANA	TX	75503	903-792-3896
OUT-OF-STATE UPDATES							
MARTIN, MD	FRANK	CARDIOVASCULAR SPECIALIST	2865 JAMES BLVD	POPLAR BLUFF	MO	63901	573-776-1050
BOWMAN, MD	ANTHONY	CARDIOVASCULAR SPECIALIST	1211 UNION AVE #865	MEMPHIS	TN	38104	901-725-0347
KEILIN, MD	RACHAEL	GENERAL SURGERY	2717 SUMMERHILL RD	TEXARKANA	TX	75503	903-794-0022
PARHAM, MD	KIMBERLY J.	TEXARKANA DERMATOLOGY ASSOC.	3502 RICHMOND RD	TEXARKANA	TX	75503	903-223-9911
STRATTON, MD	DOUGLAS DONALD		INTERNAL MED.	3510 RICHMOND RD #100	TEXARKANA		
TX	75503	903-831-3033					
SUTHERLAND, MD	MARK	GENERAL SURGERY	2717 SUMMERHILL RD	TEXARKANA	TX	75501	903-792-3773
TRAN, MD	ANTHONY	RADIATION ONCOLOGY	5510 COWHORN CREEK RD.	TEXARKANA	TX	75503	903-831-4673
OUT-OF-STATE DELETES							
RICH, MD	CHERYLL	NAYLOR MEDICAL CLINIC	220 BROAD ST.	NAYLOR	MO	63953	573-399-2311
MARTIN, MD	H. FRANK JR.	CARDIO VASCULAR SPECIALISTS	2865 JAMES BLVD	POPLAR BLUFF	MO	63901	573-686-5329
STRATTON, MD	DONALD	INTERNAL MED.	2014 GALLERIA OAKS	TEXARKANA	TX	75503	903-831-3033

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Local Option Sales and Use Tax in Arkansas



KEY: Counties with countywide tax (shaded is 1c unless otherwise noted)
 (2) 2c being collected in that municipality
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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 2006

Month	Municipal Tax	County Tax	Total Tax	Interest
January	\$32,687,504	\$33,033,724	\$65,721,228	\$184,083
February	\$40,075,677	\$39,032,068	\$79,107,745	\$76,989
Total	\$72,763,181	\$72,065,792	\$144,828,973	\$261,072
Averages	\$36,381,591	\$36,032,896	\$72,414,487	\$130,536

Alexander	19,133.02	Lake Village	59,024.12	Baxter County	285,793.55
Alma	136,044.50	Lakeview	5,000.39	Mountain Home	138,525.39
Almyra	1,138.18	Lepanto	11,402.65	Cotter	11,585.71
Altzheimer	3,334.98	Leslie	6,063.44	Gassville	21,460.62
Altus	6,986.45	Lewisville	7,537.59	Norfork	6,088.48
Amity	6,885.86	Lincoln	16,296.38	Lakeview	9,598.15
Arkadelphia	156,112.40	Little Rock	4,925.11	Salesville	1,308.27
Ash Flat	83,842.12	Little Rock	2,233,177.31	Big Flat	5,497.24
Ashton	90,821.33	Londox	96,854.93	Brainerd	3,019.80
Atkins	12,048.40	Lowell	197,369.65	Benton County	1,008,289.26
Augusta	20,443.86	Luxora	3,047.96	Siloam Springs	183,884.96
Avoca	6,817.31	Madison	1,378.05	Rogers	671,503.18
Bald Knob	51,416.44	Magazine	2,733.78	Bentonville	334,598.39
Barling	27,388.00	Magnolia	201,864.32	Bethel Heights	12,108.63
Bearden	8,519.39	Malvern	305,629.47	Decatur	228,283.95
Beaufort	57,108.82	Mammoth Spring	11,363.68	Centerville	36,715.04
Bellevue	2,054.40	Manila	19,770.46	Gravette	30,695.64
Benton	659,515.90	Mansfield	24,563.43	Lowell	91,272.61
Bentonville	1,382,317.00	Marianna	63,419.36	Centerton	36,393.72
Berryville	167,350.79	Marion	135,167.49	Pea Ridge	39,785.50
Bethel Heights	59,932.09	Marked Tree	21,142.21	Cave Springs	18,705.62
Black Rock	2,918.29	Marshall	12,636.93	Sulphur Springs	11,379.44
Blue Mountain	140.80	Maumelle	132,256.30	Avoca	1,173.68
Boyleville	313,002.63	Mayflower	20,990.58	Garfield	8,303.8
Bonanza	1,726.70	McCrory	13,594.19	Gateway	1,967.22
Booneville	87,827.24	McGehee	78,896.28	Highfill	6,427.41
Bradley	4,995.59	McIntoune	22,134.38	Little Rock	43,838.66
Branch	3,599.08	Mena	127,894.52	Springdale	34,104.28
Brinkley	105,995.75	Menifee	5,497.67	Elm Springs	220.47
Bryant	459,291.39	Mineral Springs	3,468.45	Springtown	1,933.31
Buff Shoals	8,659.77	Monticello	162,516.03	Boone County	263,524.16
Bull Shoals	559,730.11	Moro	1,440.2	Carroll County	3,993.61
Caddo Valley	29,008.84	Morrilton	129,819.26	Belleville	5,542.63
Calico Rock	21,492.51	Mount Ida	16,439.77	Bergman	5,639.62
Camden	165,903.64	Mountain Home	360,464.75	Evertton	2,355.62
Carlisle	27,865.79	Mountain View	146,379.64	Lead Hill	3,976.83
Cave Springs	6,773.82	Mountainburg	11,781.23	Omaha	2,286.33
Centerton	54,812.44	Mulberry	27,405.97	South Lead Hill	1,213.38
Charleston	22,620.41	Murfreesboro	21,531.63	Valley Springs	2,314.05
Cherry Valley	2,885.27	Nashville	103,670.24	St. Francis	1,053.10
Chidwell	2,591.98	Newport	153,386.08	Harrison	168,384.98
Clarendon	21,979.38	Norfolk	2,830.69	Diamond City	10,115.29
Clarksville	166,361.77	North Little Rock	3,392,532.84	Bradley County	124,354.21
Clinton	69,443.59	Oak Grove	478.78	Banks	835.11
Conway	1,767,444.11	Ola	6,121.52	Hermitage	5,351.64
Corning	116,681.76	Oppelo	2,761.21	Warren	44,831.26
Cotton	16,637.01	Osceola	76,626.77	Carroll County	43,725.19
Cottrell	1,601.24	Oxford	1,047.86	Hampton	11,222.70
Cove	3,290.16	Ozark	59,128.01	Harrell	2,082.49
Crosssett	382,828.17	Palestine	6,249.83	Thornton	3,674.56
Danville	38,582.76	Paragould	360,894.68	Tinsman	533.07
Dardanelle	148,557.10	Paris	22,837.44	Carroll County	163,056.85
DeQueen	92,426.04	Patmos	273.85	Beaver	616.09
DeValls Bluff	5,258.96	Pea Ridge	20,922.63	Alley City	233.47
Dewitt	138,478.55	Perla	2,097.61	Alley City	538.27
Decatur	13,769.40	Perryville	18,992.41	Chicot County	106,011.99
Dermott	37,384.69	Piggott	29,634.05	Lake Village	15,868.91
Des Arc	14,070.73	Pine Bluff	693,924.34	Eudora	15,846.43
Diamond City	1,772.14	Pineville	1,326.26	Dermott	20,984.29
Dierks	9,513.96	Plainville	7,713.03	Clark County	220,775.52
Dover	15,316.53	Plumerville	4,592.29	Clay County	51,466.62

McGehee	5,162.90	Rondo	880.99	Des Arc	9,391.74
Arkansas City	40,920.92	Lincoln County	40,015.25	DeValls Bluff	3,804.31
Dumas	45,896.07	Star City	9,700.55	Ulm	996.01
Mitchellville	4,354.78	Gould	5,123.11	Pulaski County	1,066,642.30
Reed	2,409.59	Grady	2,053.18	North Little Rock	1,203,600.95
Watson	2,523.50	Little River County	141,201.35	Alexander	3,465.43
Tillar	289.15	Ashtown	32,912.25	Cammack Village	16,550.43
Drew County	278,085.01	Ogden	1,473.21	Jacksonville	595,815.63
Mertlo	93,217.79	Wilton	3,027.15	Little Rock	3,647,329.33
Jerome	468.83	Winthrop	1,280.46	Maumelle	210,256.24
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Wilmar	5,819.55	Logan County	83,788.41	Wrightsville	27,245.49
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Damascus	804.52	Magazine	6,154.98	Maynard	2,924.64
Endre	1,281.78	Marion	6,077.78	O'Keane	1,542.92
Mount Vernon	961.79	Paris	24,936.07	Pocahontas	5,003.69
Wooster	3,518.06	Ratcliff	1,284.81	Ravenden Springs	1,051.65
Holland	3,933.97	Scranton	1,493.34	Reyno	3,715.30
Franklin County	129,943.31	Subiaco	2,953.04	Saline County	326,561.81
Branch	2,501.94	Booneville	27,694.04	Scott County	34,684.10
Wiederkehr Village	322.38	Lonoke County	215,364.67	Waldron	27,747.29
Altus	5,725.73	Alfport	1,138.83	Mansfield	6,936.36
Charetton	20,719.43	Austin	5,425.14	Searcy County	34,593.33
Denning	2,838.34	Carlisle	20,660.37	Gilbert	182.56
Ozark	24,704.05	Coy	1,040.19	Leslie	2,666.55
Fulton County	85,038.57	England	27,045.00	Marshall	7,263.87
Mammoth Spring	5,048.61	Humoke	2,510.81	Pindall	525.57
Salem	7,002.92	Keo	2,107.31	St. Joe	470.24
Viola	1,677.00	Lonoke	38,442.28	Sebastian County	855,605.80
Horseshoe Bend	30.61	Ward	23,135.31	Folsom	1,483,329.33
Cherokee Village	3,680.89	Cabot	138,848.08	Huntington	12,144.04
Ash Flat	8.80	Madison County	180,114.38	Huntington	13,046.67
Hardy	118.84	Huntsville	13,215.83	Barling	77,171.26
Garland County	663,639.87	Hindsville	513.30	Greenwood	131,427.68
Lonsdale	902.51	St. Paul	1,115.58	Bonanza	9,498.57
Mountain Pine	5,904.52	Marion County	67,536.27	Central City	8,912.72
Fountain Lake	3,128.18	Bull Shoals	12,704.34	Hackett	12,824.92
Grant County	109,717.04	Flippin	8,619.69	Hartford	14,266.33
Greene County	347,952.81	Pyatt	1,607.10	Lavaca	33,725.47
Delaplaine	1,399.19	Summit	3,722.37	Midland	4,675.37
Lafe	4,241.65	Yellville	8,334.05	Sevier County	57,642.67
Marmaduke	12,757.99	Miller County	341,004.91	DeQueen	45,927.91
Oak Grove Heights	8,009.55	Garland	6,752.57	Ben Lomond	1,003.80
Paragould	242,567.16	Fouke	6,752.57	Gilbert	1,497.74
Hempstead County	261,001.33	Texarkana	151,982.88	Horatio	7,942.78
Hope	94,617.03	Mississippi County	615,874.90	Lockesburg	5,664.30
Blevins	3,255.02	Oscola	87,360.59	Sharp County	96,201.60
Emmet	231.86	Keiser	7,953.50	Hardy	5,742.20
Fulton	2,184.88	Bassett	1,653.70	Ash Flat	7,701.03
McCaskey	749.10	Birdsong	393.74	Cave City	14,880.75
Oakhaven	481.56	Blytheville	179,859.45	Evening Shade	3,687.50
Ozan	722.35	Burdette	1,269.80	Sidney	2,172.08
Primus	543.69	Dell	2,470.70	Williford	497.60
Perryman	2,274.06	Dyess	5,069.37	Horseshoe Bend	39.49
Washington	1,319.84	Gosnell	39,058.79	Cherokee Village	30,322.29
McNab	668.84	Joiner	5,315.46	Highland	7,787.92
Hot Spring County	142,842.53	Leachville	19,499.87	St. Francis County	151,821.57
Malvern	67,472.11	Luxora	12,963.82	Hughes	30,090.32
Perla	860.14	Manila	30,071.73	Forrest City	238,111.66
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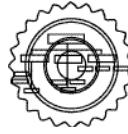
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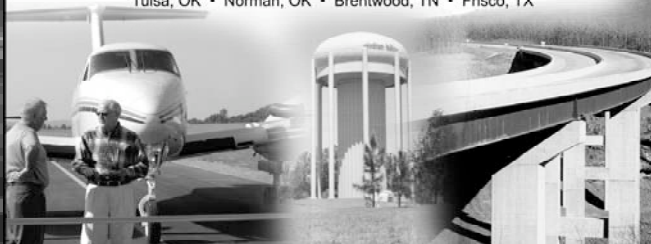
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ACCOUNTING DIRECTOR—Eureka Springs, pop. 2278, is accepting applications for Accounting Director. Must be knowledgeable of municipal fund accounting; hold a B.A. from 4-year college or equiv. comb. of edu. and exp., and 2 years management exp. Will 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 accounting and certification as CPA and/or CIA, exp in COSO processes desirable. Startg sal range, \$43,684.87-\$48,219.93, excellent benefit pkg. Applications/resumes accepted at City Hall, ATTN: Human Resources Director, 515 W. Washington, Jonesboro, AR, 72401, or email shackney@jonesboro.org. 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, pwoddy@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.

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.

FIREFIGHTERS—Russellville seeks cert. paramedic/firefighters and entry level firefighters. For info, visit www.russellvillearkansas.org, or contact 479-968-2332.

NETWORK ADMINISTRATOR/DESKTOP SUPPORT—The Arkansas Municipal League is accepting resumes for the position of Network Administrator/Desktop Support. Applicants should have experience in Windows 00 and Windows 03, Active Director (AD), Exchange Server 2003, Microsoft Sequel Server, Veritas and iSeries. Salary dependent on experience and qualifications. Send resumes to Arkansas Municipal League, P.O. Box 38, North Little Rock, AR 72115; Att: Ken Wason, or e-mail resume to kwasson@arml.org by April 5.

SENIOR PLANNER—Jonesboro 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, Jonesboro, AR 72403 or email to

shackney@jonesboro.org. EOE.

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 (\$19,000 yearly for entry level certified) and benefits; includes 11 paid holidays; 3 weeks paid vacation; health, eye and dental insurance; uniform pay (\$1,720 yearly); and LOPFJ Retirement System. Call 870-265-5055 for application or mail resume and certifications to: Lake Village Police Dept., Attn: Chief Percy Wilburn, 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: Open until filled.

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, AR 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 full-time 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 info., 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 is accepting applications for the position of police officer. Starting salary \$33,017.59. Increases to \$36,053 after first year. Certificate pay, cost of living, and incentive pay were not included in the salary after two years. Benefits incl. insurance, vacation, sick leave, certificate pay, educational pay, longevity pay. Uniforms, equipment furnished. Minimum Requirements: 21 years of age and have 30+ hours of college. Partial waiver may be available for those with law enforcement or military experience. The City of Texarkana Arkansas hires under current civil service law and is an equal opportunity employer. Testing is 9 a.m. **Sat., April 22** at the Bi-State Justice Center, 100 N. State Line Ave., Texarkana, AR 71854. Contact the Personnel and Training Office at 903-798-3328 or e-mail tateson@txkusa.org.

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. EOE.

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 cityofordyce@alltel.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, P.O. Box 23039, Barling, AR 72923-0039. Position requires background check and drug test.

WASTEWATER CREWLEADER—Cabot Waterworks is accepting applications for a Crewleader in the Wastewater Department. Qualifications: high school diploma or GED, Class A CDL Ark. driver's license, one year min. exp. with heavy equip. Wastewater license pref'd. Duties include but are not limited to wastewater collection maintenance and water distribution systems. Must be willing to accept "on-call" duties. Salary depends upon qualifications. Applications and a complete job description at Cabot City Hall, Human Resources, 101 N. Second, Cabot, AR 72023 or www.cabotar.gov. Only completed applications will be considered through the close of business **March 24**. EOE

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 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 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 amitymayor@alltel.net.

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

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 prisoner; 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—Alamo side mount 7' hydraulic sickle mower. Contact Atkins City Hall, 479-641-2900.

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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A blue watering can is shown pouring water onto a miniature town inside a large orange pot. The town includes a yellow school bus, a red barn, a white house, and a water tower. The pot has a list of services on its side.

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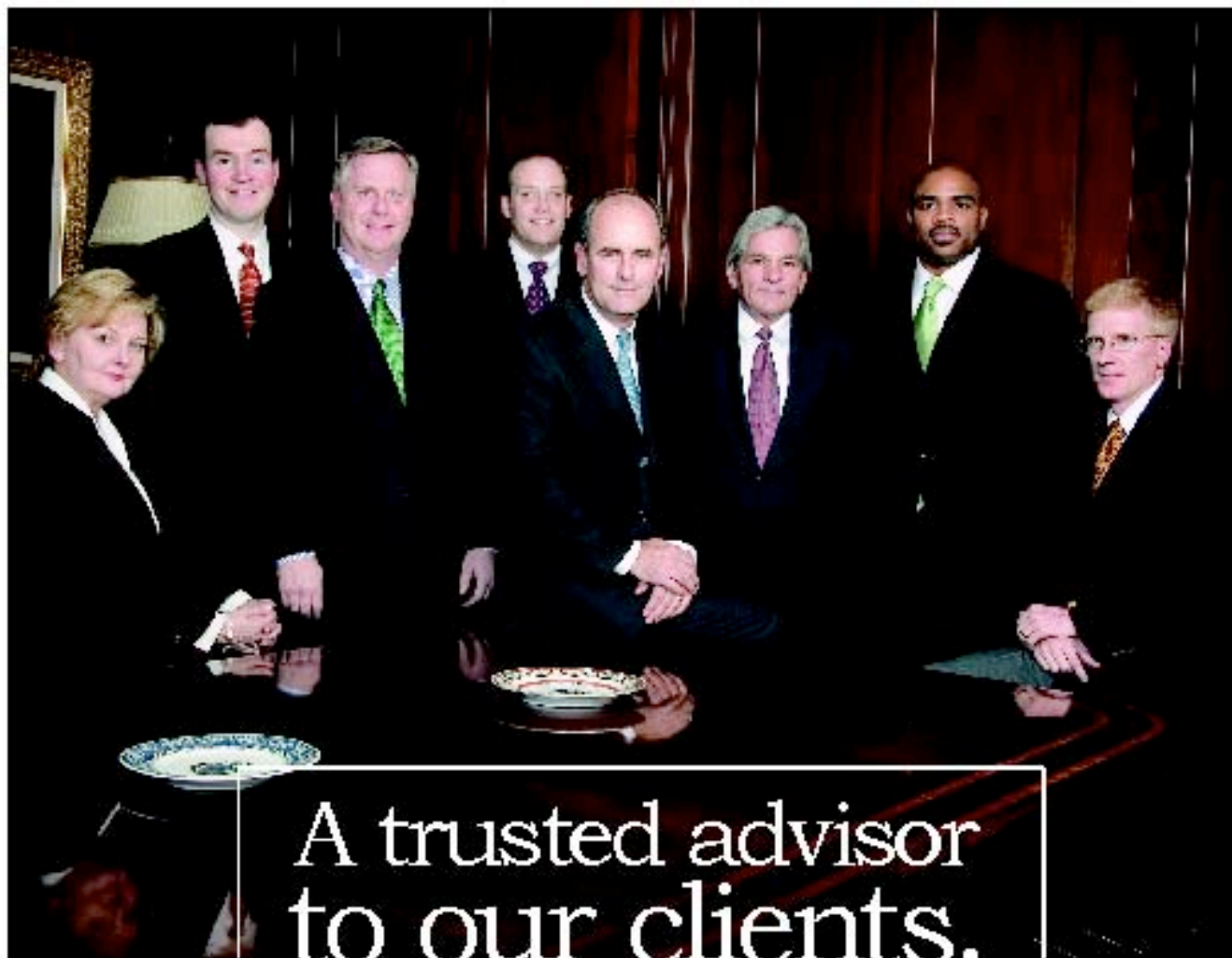
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