Questions surround county's involvement in landfill matter



Rockcastle Judge-Escocitive Buzz Carlothis said this week that my conservative side was showing, because A told him that I dish't really agree with the country's action-corning a proposed landfill at Liste Clear Once.

I know that will not make some people in the area happy, and funder-sound the land of the opinion that in moit cases I don't mode government telling mac every food government telling mac every food government telling mac every food of the state of the land of the company of the land of the

have vowed to fight this sop the operation.

McFarland toldme this week that he was willing to set down with anyone concerned about the operation and come up with some type of agree-

He also said that he did not have He also said that he did not have any problem with the water in Little Clear being monitored to make sure that it was safe. He said that samples could be taken above the landfill and below it and sent off to a state certi-

fied lab.
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The point is, McParland fias ap-grently done everything according the book. He describes himself as someone he describes himself as someone, he describes himself as someone, the someone and the environ-ent and the tass spent thousands of distributions of the someone and the cast at Lattle Clear Creek. I close I live in the area and I'm sure any will say that I would think freently I'll fidt, but I wouldn't. The man has said that he would

I read a lot of fiction. And not just is the newspapers, even though, from my observation there's not nearly as

my observation there's not nearly as much emphasis on responsible, triunfail, unbiased news gathering at the ligitity papers, as there was when I was 30 years younger. But I digress. One of the problems with getting older is a tendency toward digression after writing a covaried digression after writing a copy. Eve done it again. This colotins is really using to be about a good writer and an especially

my to come up with a solution that everyone could live with. But he pointed out that although he was willing to show the site and explain his intentions in detail, only one person has even called and no one has asked to look at the proposed site, including the Judge.

Carloftis was concerned because he said that any farmer in the county could build a landfill less than an acre, because of the lax state regula-

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That may be true, but all situa-tions and all cases are different.

In David McParlands's case, he has flow what he has been required to, has flow what he has been required to, has flow what he has been required to, the state of the law of the law of property, off a private drive, that will, the house any bousehold garbards.

If Carlofits is no concerned about the environment in the county, he should do more to clean up the illegal dumps that are spread out throughout Rockeastle.

In fairness to the Judge, he has cleaned up some areas, but some flave also been neglected and there is a cleaned up some areas, but some flave also been neglected and there is a clo of work to do.

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In my opinion there are a number of illegal dumps which are polluting streams and creeks throughout the county, I don't think McFarland's private landfill will do such, but he has said that he would allow monitoring of the water on Little Clear Creek to make sure that doesn't happen.

I don't himk the Judge would want to monitor the water in and around many of the durinpsites in the county, because he wouldn't like the results.

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In short, the county should get involved to the extent that they are satisfied that everything is being done properly - on the other hand If I were Mr. McFarland and I knew that I had done everything according to laws and regulations and 4 was going to make sure the landfill did not become. contaminated, I would greatly resent the county's in

es it is hard to be an Sometimes it is hard to be an advocate of the people and not step over that fine line of governmental interference.

> **Points** East

Ike Adams good book that I just finished if I can ever manage to find the launch button.

Anyway, over the weekend I was going through the pile of stuff that I read during the last year of the recently ended millennium and the stack adds up to 46 volumes and there's actually half a dozent worth recommending.

Three old, Zane Grey books including Riders of the Purple Sage, Anizona and thick collection of short

Arizona and thick collection of short stories. Billie Letts's Where the Heart

and Frank McCourt's Its make the st along with Elizabeth George's In aroun of the Proper Sinner. Prob-sly another half dozen had some

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Montly though I woded through a least theen; thousand pages of hose part them the substance of the sub-lar part the substance of the sub-lar part the substance of suff ges-published these days because the au-shor was either born or married into the eliques that runs Randon House. Warner-Books, Harper Collins et al. Means: If it in reportism, it sure suff tables that gets two thirds of the substance of the substance of the substance subs

But every once in awhile I come up on something that I know, with-out looking at a review, I will relish. And at this very moment, I hope that Barbara Kingsolver is some-where at a keyboard writing a sequel to her latest published work entitled

Prodigal Summer.
I received the book in December

I received the book in December and postponed reading it until January so that I could start my reading year off on an upbeat. Kingsolver, as my tastes run, is not only the best Kentucky writer, living or dead, but pear the top my all time list of favorites world wide. That she is an Appalachian makes me crow even louder.

uder.
Prodigal Summer is her fifth mar work of fiction and easily her best en though comparing it to her pre-

vious books brings to mind the old apples and oranges (sicht. Maybe you have to be Appalachian to appreciage in all fill. Maybe, you have to be be Appalachian to appreciage in all fill. Maybe, you have to have lived a large portion of your life in the woods on a hillside farm on the Kentucky Virt. Grant of the properties of the proper

crafted quilt where careful thought is given to every piece and stitle. At, least eight characteria are so well developed that I honestly believe I'd recognize them on the street and at least another decen remind me is much of folks I've known that I wonder it Kimgsolver and I don't have relationships in common. There are some biases and may be a taid or fraisive here and there in regards to personal values but I found wayself grimming at 1 took issue with them; How been gift would be if we all thought a like. How migh better life would be if we could learn go love the folks with whoth we don't often see eye to eye as Kingsolver so apily demonstrates.

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Half way through it, I started him-ting myself it one chapter a night because I didn't want to get to the end of it. I can could not my fingiers, the books that have gripped me so tightly and Kingsolver wrote two of them. I already know that this is the best ploce of writing that I will have in some and maybe even in the decade. If you haven't read BarbaTa Kingsolver, clip this column out of your newspaper or at least write down these titles. I want you to read thom before you get to Ptosigat Sum-mer, Read them in this order, The Bean Trees. Figs in Heaven, Animal Dreams. The Poissonwood Bible You will thank me later because you will love all these books and you will be

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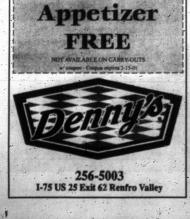
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