

SCOREBOARD

(Kings Mountain Boys and Girls Club Basketball League results).

12-UNDER LEAGUE**Magic 34, Bullets 26**

Magic - Brandon Roberts 10, Jason Nichols 10. Bullets - Sedrik Young 10, Dashawn Young 10.

Bulls 40, Jazz 33

Bulls - Brad Thombs 11, Jermaine Smith 10. Jazz - Ronald Goode 12, A.J. Link 10.

Rockets 43, Hornets 33

Rockets - Pierre Owens 11, Tyler Adams 10, Grayling Elliott 10. Hornets - Josh Burris 10, Micah Burris 10.

Lakers 42, Sonics 39

Lakers - Marcus Odums 12, Adrian Parker 11. Sonics - Sergio McClain 13, Jordan Young 11.

Jazz 43, Bullets 34

Jazz - Pablo Peralta 18, A.J. Link 12. Bullets - Dashawn Young 12, Jeffery Currence 10.

Rockets 51, Lakers 49

Rockets - Joe Leach 10, Tyler Adams 10, Pierre Owens 10. Lakers - Banieca Watkins 13, Crystal Miller 10, Toni Adams 8.

Heat 36, Hornets 31

Heat - Bubba Smarr 11, Chris Leach 10. Hornets - Troy Link 12, James Biggers 8.

Sonics 57, Suns 55

Sonics - Maurice Hunt 14, Tae Roeck 10, Steven McCleave 10. Suns - Michael Adams 17, Tony Crocker 10, Cahari Poole 10.

17-UNDER LEAGUE**Arkansas 92, Kansas 84**

Arkansas - Alex Burris 20, Jason Wade 19, Anthony Pettyjohn 11. Kansas - Brad Jones 26, Cameron Banks 13, Dyke Moore 10.

UCLA 86, Michigan 78

UCLA - Ralphel Williams 18, Lamar Adams 16, Kenny Moore 13. Michigan - Thomas McClain 12, Tarbarac Bell 11, Sarbarac Bell 11.

Michigan 92, Arkansas 88

Michigan - Sarbarac Bell 14, Shawn Adams 14, Rodney Smarr 10, Tarbarac Bell 10. Arkansas - Anthony Pettyjohn 18, Michael Wilson 16, Kevin Henderson 11.

UCLA 130, Kansas 103

UCLA - Lamar Adams 17, Ralphel Williams 26, Tony Crank 16. Kansas - Troy Owens 25, Rodney Brown 12, Mike Wilson 11.

Players of the Week - Tae Roeck (9-under), Grayling Elliott (10-under), Tyler Adams (11-under), Pierre Owens (13-under), Tarbarac and Sarbarac Bell (14-under), Ralphel Williams (16-under).

Academic player of the week - Colby Wollok.

Rookie of the week - Shamar Crocker.

12-under standings - Rockets 2-0, Magic 1-0, Bulls 1-0, Heat 1-0, Lakers 1-1, Sonics 1-1, Jazz 1-1, Suns 0-1, Hornets 0-2, Bullets 0-2.

17-under standings - UCLA 2-0, Arkansas 1-1, Michigan 1-1, Carolina 1-1, Duke 0-2, Kansas 0-2.

This week's games:
Thursday - Bulls vs. Rockets 5:30; Lakers vs. Heat 6:30.

Friday - 5-7 year olds vs. Gastonia, 7 p.m.; 8-9 year olds vs. Gastonia, 8 p.m.

Saturday - Hornets vs. Suns 11:30; Jazz vs. Lakers 12:30, 10-12 year olds vs. Gastonia 12 noon, Michigan vs. Kansas 1:30, Arkansas vs. UCLA 2:30, Carolina vs. Duke 3:30, Gardner-Webb trip 4:30.

Monday - Magic vs. Hornets 5:30, Bullets vs. Suns 6:30.

(Kings Mountain Parks and Recreation Department Basketball League results)

7-8 YOUTH LEAGUE**Celtics 10, Magic 8**

Magic - George Myers 4. Celtics - Matthew Harbinson 6.

Lakers 30, Bulls 14

Bulls - Matt Rice 6. Lakers - Will Franks 10. Darik Gary 10.

INDUSTRIAL LEAGUE

Freightliner 65, Spectrum 51. Freightliner - Bobby Bell 11. Spectrum - Gary Carter 22.

Bali 68, Anvil 57

Anvil - Scott Brooks 13, Banks 13. Bali - Mike Helms 24.

Commercial 72, Wirtz 70

Commercial - Mike Herring 13. Wirtz - Barry Powell 25.

CHURCH LEAGUE

Resurrection 96, Family 86. Res. - Daniel Honeycutt 36. Family - Kyle Sellers 27.

1st Baptist 75, 1st Wesleyan 69. FB - Ryan Hollifield 30. FW - Toby Deaton 21.

PICTURE

From 1-A

could not be made from funds which ended the year with a profit such as the water and sewer fund which ended the year with \$1.18 million. Parsons explained that the electric department borrowed \$414,000 from the water/sewer fund and it took until December to repay it. State law says funds borrowed must be repaid in 60 days and establishes other criteria for transfers, she said.

Mayor pro tem Phil Hager suggested that Council could have made a budget amendment and transferred money from the water/sewer fund to reach the 8 percent figure in reserves for this year. Keller said state statutes say that in order to transfer from one utility account to the other there must be cash to make the transfer and the transfer can't cause the expenditures to exceed the revenues.

Parsons said the next letter from the LGC will outline how transfers can be made and the necessary steps. She said that the mayor and full Council will receive copies of the letter which was being mailed Wednesday.

Parsons said the LGC acknowledged that the city has made improvements in its financial picture.

"It's evidence that Council made the correct decision last year in approving the budget," said Keller.

Keller, in response to Bridges, said that even though the water/sewer fund showed a profit of \$175,000 at December 31, 1995 that no transfers could be made or expenditures would have exceeded the revenues.

Bridges wanted to know why the

city could not have made budget amendments to satisfy the state so the city would quit getting slapped every year for failing to meet criteria.

Both Neisler and Bridges asked why Powell Bill Funds could not be utilized to pay salaries of street workers to relieve the pressure off the general fund.

Councilman Rick Murphy reminded that even though the water/sewer fund has money in the bank that a \$600,000 water bond payment is due this spring as well as a \$300,000 payment for a water treatment plant basin.

"We need to build up the reserves in each fund as we attempted to do in the budget we adopted last year and it's a start in the right direction," he said.

Bridges said the Council needs to take whatever steps necessary to get the city in a better position with the state.

The mayor says he is concerned there is a moratorium on gas taps he called the bread and butter of the city and the water and sewer department with \$1 million in the bank.

"We need to hire employees in the gas department and we need to put gas taps in the ground," he said.

Hicks agreed that measures should be taken to sell more gas and said the staff is working on ways to allocate funds for taps.

The Mayor said he is also concerned that residential water rates went up and the city has \$1 million in surplus in the water/sewer department.

"If the city had not raised rates we would not have had all of this surplus," said Councilman Dean Spears.

SNOW

From 1-A

Secondary roads remained coated with ice Thursday night when the second winter storm of the week hit.

The city's garbage truck was at a standstill most of the week but Public Works Supt. Karl Moss said citizens could leave their trash in plastic bags on curbside and sanitation crews in a city pickup would collect the garbage. As soon as the sun melted the roads Monday, the big truck was back in service.

There were no power outages reported and no busted water pipes reported by residents in the Kings Mountain city limits.

City crews estimated that be-

tween 2-3 inches of the white stuff fell again Thursday, resulting in few problems for citizens. The first winter snow brought 4-6 inches to the area.

Because of the depth of ice on roads plus the added layer of snow some roads in the county were impassable Friday and both city and county road crews were getting more calls.

District Highway Engineer Clyde Ledbetter said 70 workers rotated shifts and were on duty constantly since the first snow began to fall last Saturday, January 6. More than 1,100 tons of salt had been used to clear at least a portion of the more than 1,200 miles of state-maintained roads in the county. Early costs of the clean-up have been estimated at over \$200,000.

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2 MILLION

From 1-A

"We have no problem with paying the bond payments this spring or our creditors and that's because each one of you has made an effort to stay within the budget that you adopted last year," he said.

Councilman Rick Murphy pointed out that several years ago during the recession that the cash balance was very low. "You can't control what will happen during a recession and that's why we need to get this 8 percent fund balance every year," he said.

"You need a cushion to protect yourselves in emergencies."

Keller said that even though the city may realize a profit of \$141,000 during the first half of the fiscal year that the amount will be only half the amount of money it takes to pay interest on bonds the city owes, not even half of the bond payment.

"If you duplicate that profit in the next six months it still won't pay the bond payment and that's bad," he said.

Mayor Scott Neisler said he hoped that revenues would rise in utilities during the next six months.

Keller suggested that the board meet with him in April for another review of the financial picture to stay on top of it.

"If we fall short we will need to make some budget amendments," said interim Manager Gary Hicks.

Hicks cautioned the board that it must monitor spending and keep a close eye on keeping within the budget.

"You could be looking at a break-even year instead of a profit," said Keller.

Hicks suggested that the board look at the financial figures again at end of February and monitor the situation month by month and Council agreed unanimously.

At year-end the city had spent only \$160,000 in Powell Bill money and budgeted \$596,120 but Parsons said that streets approved had not been paved.

Neisler suggested that some of the Powell Bill funds be used to ease the pressure off the general fund and for salaries and other needs.

"I see nothing wrong with that suggestion," said Hicks, who said he had never worked for a city before that did not use its Powell Bill

monies for street salaries and equipment.

Hicks said he would review the correct procedures. "It's at your discretion how you spend the money," he said.

Hicks said he would get a list of streets that have already been approved for improvements and have them ready for Council at the next meeting and that work orders would be used for all equipment and for portions of eligible salaries.

"It's foolish not to use some of the money for salaries," he said.

"We're sitting on a half million dollars of Powell Bill money and not using it," said Councilwoman Norma Bridges.

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