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## **TOBACCO ROUND TABLE PARTICIPANTS**

**Melvin Lyons**, owner, Kentuckiana Tobacco Warehouse, Carrollton, Kentucky. He also raises 60 acres of tobacco. He is very supportive of the continuation of the tobacco program and hopes that it will be left in place. He is unsure of the President's positions on the tobacco program, and is unclear about the various options being discussed in Congress. He will explain how a tobacco warehouse operates and will be the first speaker.

**Rod Kuegel (KEE-gull)**, President of the Burley Tobacco Growers Cooperative, Inc. He currently farms 70 acres of tobacco and 2000 acres of other crops. He has worked closely with the Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids in developing the Core Principles against youth smoking between the tobacco producers and the public health community. He is very supportive of Senator Ford's bill to continue the tobacco program. He is also the Chairman of Secretary Glickman's Burley Advisory Committee. He began farming in 1975 with his father and brothers. He will discuss how it is possible to reduce smoking and help farmers. He wants the President to protect farmers even if the deal becomes piecemeal.

**Amy Barkley**, Director, Coalition for Health and Agricultural Development. This is a statewide organization of public health advocates and farmers who work together to address both economic development and public health issues relating to tobacco. She will discuss how her organization began, and how it addresses both the concerns for farmers and the public health.

**Mattie Mack**, small minority tobacco farmer, Brandenburg, Kentucky. She has raised 38 foster children and four of her own children through the success of her tobacco farm. She is adamantly opposed to youth smoking and is proud that none of the children she has raised smoke. She has testified before Congress on tobacco. She has related that it is hard for small farmers to stay afloat. She has been given assistance to buy farm equipment from Brown & Williamson, but is supportive of the President. She will discuss how she raised her children on a family farm.

**Karen Armstrong Cummings**, Managing Director, Commodity Growers Cooperative. Karen was appointed by the President to the President's Commission on Sustainable Development. Secretary Glickman appointed her to the Small Farms Commission. She is a mother of 3 and a new grandmother. She also participated in the December meeting on Small Farmers in the Roosevelt Room with the President. The Commodity Growers cooperative Association was established a few years ago by the Burley Cooperative to focus on sustainable agriculture. She looks at rural communities and rural development and how communities can maintain farming beyond tobacco. She is very active locally against teen smoking and will discuss economic development in farming communities.

**Bill Sprague**, President of the Kentucky Farm Bureau, the largest farm organization in the state. He is a fifth generation farmer and has 3,000 acres of tobacco crop. He will emphasize why legislation is needed to curb uncertainties for farmers. He will say that the need for legislation should not be a political issue.

**Marissa Vaught**, student, Carroll County High School. She is a 17-year-old high school junior.

Her grandmother died from cancer. Her grandmother's death spurred her to help start an anti-smoking program for teens in the youth center next to the high school. Marissa reports that about 50% of the students in her high school smoke. She is also a cheerleader, and previously was in the 4-H club. She will tell her story and what motivated her to get involved.

**Dr. William Goatley**, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Eminence, Kentucky. He has been the pastor of his church for 40 years. His church is located in a rural community, and he has about 300 members in his congregation. There are about 10 families in his congregation who work in the tobacco industry in the city. There are about 75 persons under the age of 21 in his congregation. He will discuss the role of the religious community in discouraging young people from smoking. He believes tobacco is a drug like alcohol. However, while he believes the religious community can be an effective advocate in the fight against teen smoking, he has not really taken steps to do so formally in his church. He will discuss how both the economic effects of the legislation and the need to reduce youth smoking should be addressed.

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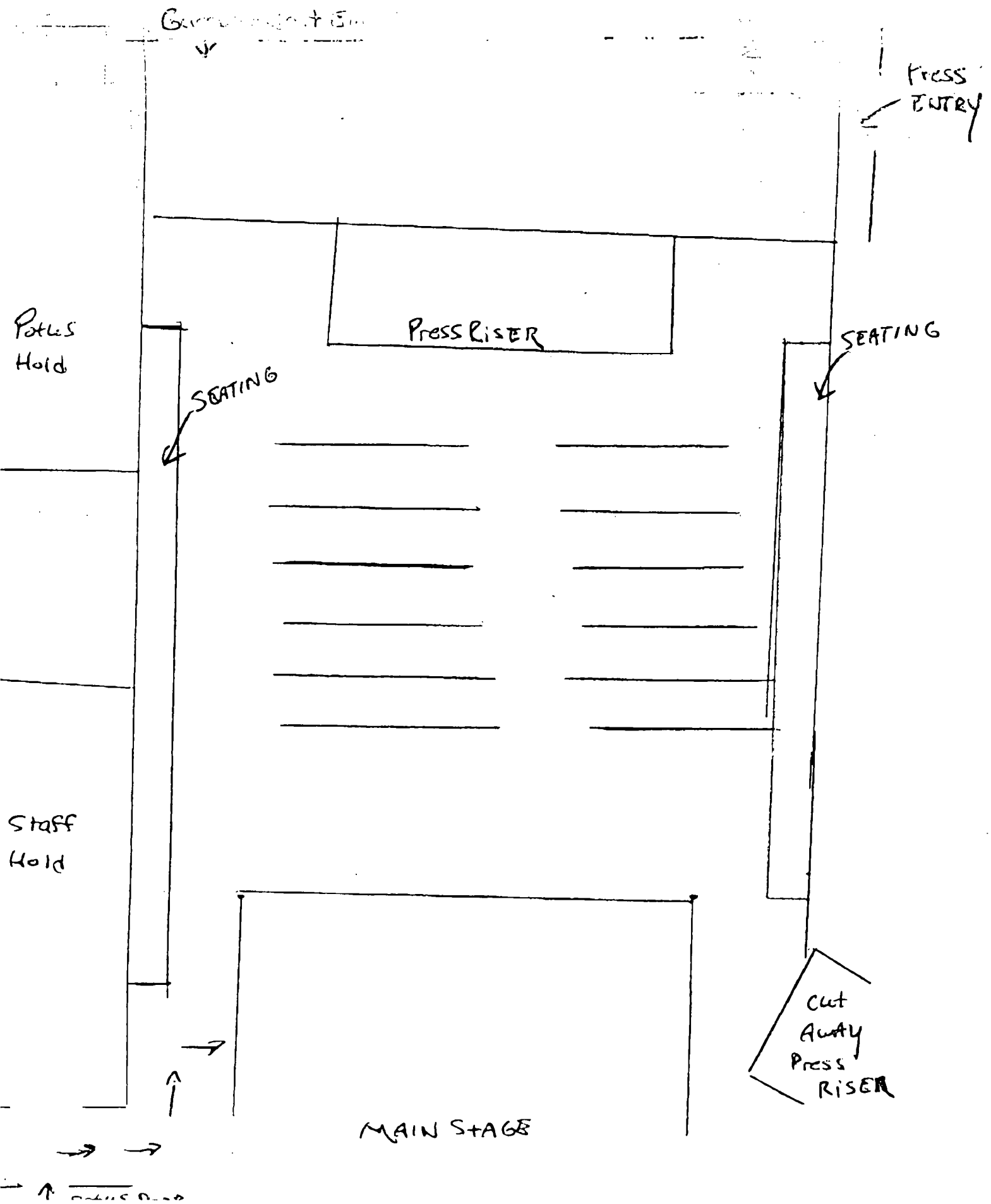
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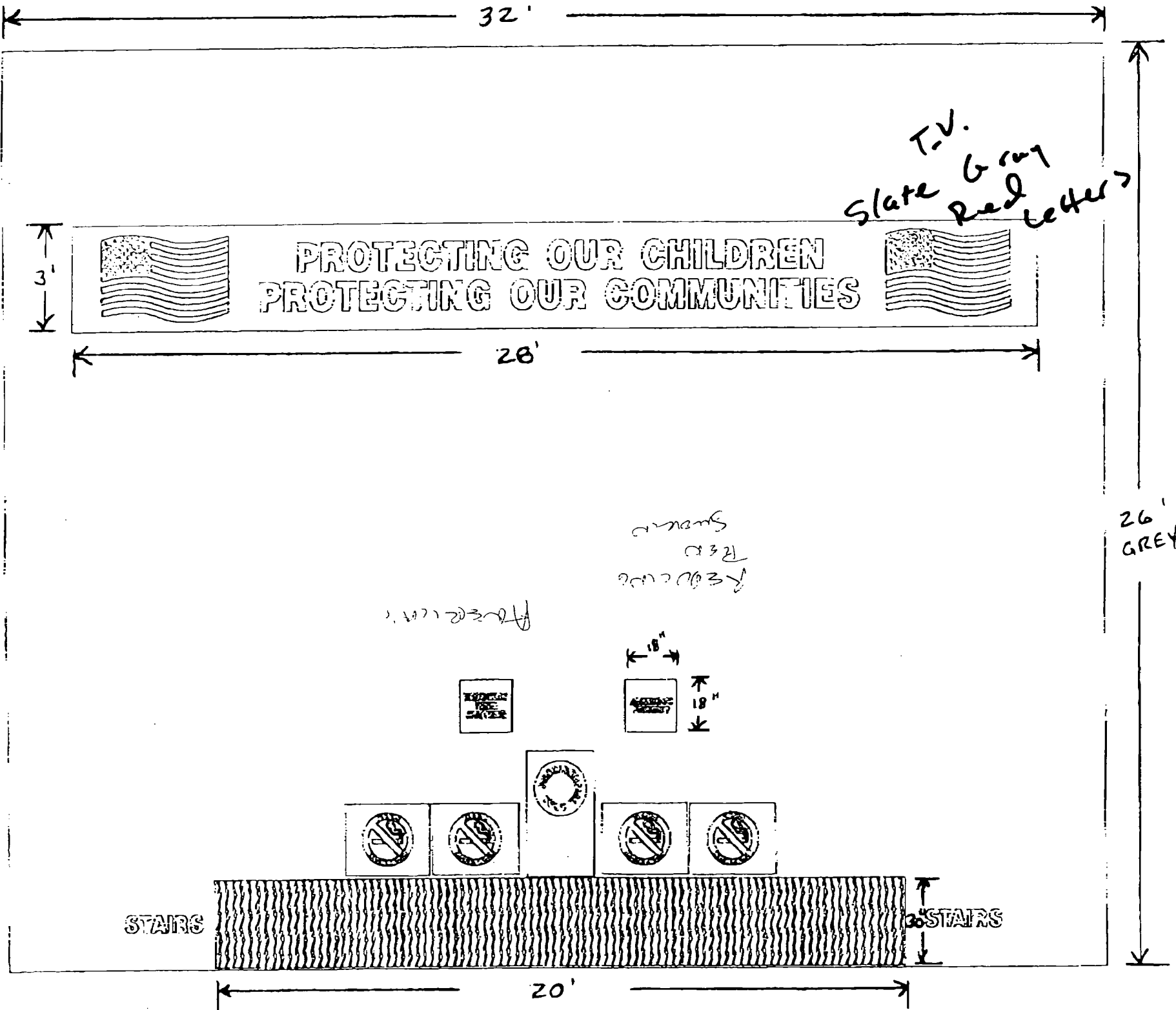
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ANTHONYA TOBACCO

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10:15 A.M.

DATE:

APRIL 9, 1999

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