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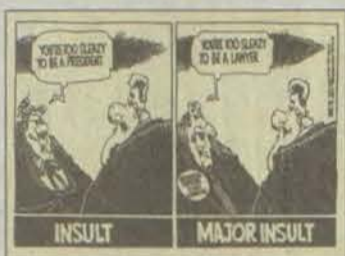
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### Two Day Forecast...

Today	Tomorrow
Sunny and pleasant	Sunny and pleasant
High: 82 Low: 56	High: 80 Low: 54

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[www.floydcountytimes.com/weather.htm](http://www.floydcountytimes.com/weather.htm)

### Community concern...



photo by Willie Elliott

Parents were in attendance to encourage the school board to close Betsy Layne Elementary for the rest of the year over concerns about a meningitis outbreak at the school.

## Board closes Betsy Layne Elementary after pleas from parents, administrators

by WILLIE ELLIOTT  
STAFF WRITER

In a special-called board meeting that was held earlier than usual (4:30 p.m.) to allow board member and school officials to attend the county honor banquet, the Floyd County Board of Education voted to close Betsy Layne Elementary for the rest of the school year.

Karen Allen, principal of the school, informed the board that she had been in touch with Rep. Greg Stumbo, who had called Dr. Leach from the state health department. Stumbo told Allen that the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) along with representatives from the state health department would be in Floyd County as soon as June 12 or 13 to begin an inquiry into the meningitis situation in the Betsy

Layne zone. Jeff Stumbo, parent representative on the school's site-based decision-making (SBDM) committee, pleaded for the board to officially do what parents had in essence done — close down the school for the rest of this school year.

Stumbo said the two most important things in our lives are our souls and our children — and to endanger either would be tragic. He said it would be a big risk to keep the school open.

In wake of the news about the new case of meningitis, student attendance began to plummet at the school. The attendance for May 30, 31 and June 1 was 33.9 percent, 16.7 percent and 16.1 percent, respectively.

Fanning said KRS 158.070 gives

the board the authority to close the school for safety or health reasons. He cautioned that the closing was for students only and only Betsy Layne Elementary.

Board member Carol Stumbo made a motion that Fanning look into the possibility of closing the two other schools, Betsy Layne High School and Stumbo Elementary, in the Betsy Layne zone.

Jody Mullins said the board should have a full report on the situation before school starts this fall. Fanning assured Mullins that there were specific steps to take to qualify for the closing.

Fanning told the group that mandatory vaccination would not work, saying that some people are

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## Special meeting postponed when quorum fails to show

by RANDELL RENO  
STAFF WRITER

The furthering of several projects was temporarily delayed Friday when the Floyd County Fiscal Court failed to gather quorum for a special meeting.

Officially postponed until 9 a.m. Monday, the court will consider several resolutions to keep the wheels of development rolling in the county.

On that agenda is a resolution concerning the signing of a master lease-purchase agreement in cooperation with the newly-formed Southern Water and Sewer District.

A few weeks after the Beaver-Elkhorn and the Mud Creek water districts combined to form the Southern Water District, U.S. Filter was given the reins of management.

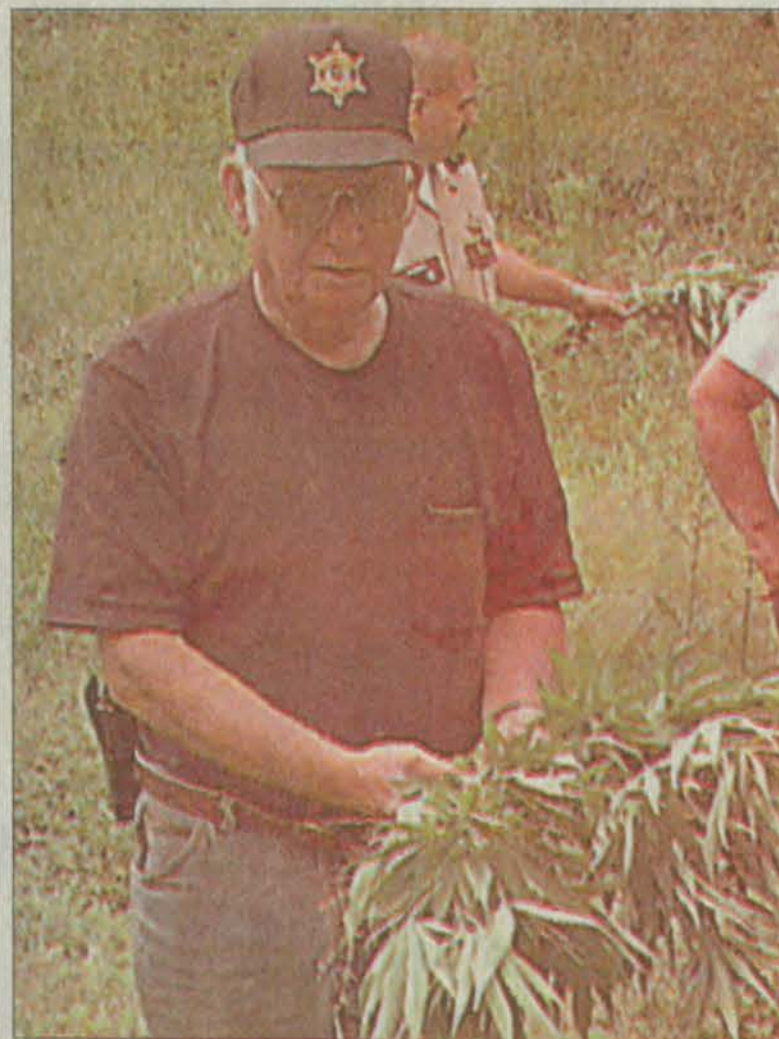
Operating water and sewer systems all over the United States, USF promised quick expansion and growth for the new network. U.S. Filter and PDR Engineering will

combine resources to begin that expansion as soon as August.

Immediate plans include repairing one water plant, replacing broken lines, purchasing new equipment, and adding 21 miles of new lines. Scheduled to begin in 90 days the projects will be centered on Jacks Creek, Branham's Creek, Turkey Creek, Abner Mountain and Henry.

The better lines are expected to have an immediate effect on the county. It will give the above areas better water while increasing the customer base of the Southern Water District.

Other matters will include a resolution authorizing an agreement between the Floyd Fiscal Court and the city of Martin, the hiring of summer workers for the county, the payment of election-related expenses, the authorization for filling of corporate documents relating to Floyd County Public Properties Corporation, and the signing of a contract between the Floyd County Fiscal Court and Bush & Burchett.



Floyd County Constable Homer Neeley retrieved more than 50 marijuana plants during a recent raid on Abbott Creek near Prestonsburg. He was aided on the scene by Floyd Lt. Deputy Ricky Thornsberry.  
photo by Randell Reno

## Voters could be asked to decide court makeup again

Question would seek return to magistrate form

by RALPH B. DAVIS  
MANAGING EDITOR

If the results of a petition drive are successful, Floyd County voters could see a repeat of the 1996 election this fall and be asked to decide the form of their county government once again.

A petition being circulated around the county, presumably by supporters of the magisterial form of government, is seeking to place the issue back before voters.

According to state law, supporters of the petition drive would have to collect the signatures of 1,200 registered Floyd County voters in order to place the question on the ballot. The petition must then be submitted to the county clerk's office by August 8 in order to make the November election.

If successful, Floyd County voters would be asked, "Are you in favor of a return to a fiscal court composed of a county judge/executive and four justices of the peace who shall represent specific districts within the county?"

In the event supporters of returning magistrates to the courthouse are not successful in getting the measure on the ballot this year, they would then have to wait until at least 2002, since there are no elections in 2001.

By law, the question cannot be put before voters more than once every four years. November's election will mark the first time voters would have a chance to decide the question again.

In 1996, in what was billed as a referendum on the then-fiscal court, Floyd Countians voted 6,962-4,467 to change the fiscal court to the commissioner system.

Under the commissioner system, the fiscal court is composed of the county judge-executive and three commissioners. Democratic and Republican aspirants for the job of commissioner must first be nominated for the position by voters within their districts during the primary, but they are then chosen by voters countywide in the general election.

Under the magisterial form of government, magistrates are elected entirely within their districts, both in the primary and general elections. Their number can vary from three to eight, as determined by the fiscal court two years following the U.S. census, which next arrives in 2002. The magistrates, along with the county judge-executive, comprise

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# New guidelines issued for WIC

FRANKFORT — New income guidelines have been established for the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC).

The guidelines, which take effect April 1 each year, are used to determine income eligibility for the WIC program.

WIC provides supplemental foods, health care referrals and nutrition education at no cost to low-income pregnant women and new mothers, infants and children up to five years of age who are found to be at nutritional risk.

A family with income under 185 percent of the federal poverty level is eligible.

WIC serves about 113,000 clients a month in Kentucky. The infant food package averages \$96 a month and the woman and child food package averages \$34 a month.

Under the new guidelines, a family of two people with income of

\$20,813 a year (or \$1,735 a month) or less is eligible for WIC. People who receive Medicaid or food stamp benefits are automatically eligible for WIC.

WIC foods include iron-fortified infant formula and cereal, iron-fortified adult cereal, vitamin C rich fruit juice, eggs, milk, cheese and peanut butter or dried beans and peas. The WIC foods provide five target nutrients — protein, calcium, iron and vitamins A and C.

Pregnant, breastfeeding or postpartum women, infants and children are eligible for WIC. They must meet income guidelines, a state residency requirement and be determined to be at nutritional risk by a health professional.

Every dollar spent on pregnant women in WIC produces \$1.92 to \$4.21 in Medicaid savings for newborns and their mothers.

The U. S. Department of Agriculture funds WIC. In

Kentucky, the WIC Program is administered by the Department for Public Health, Division of Adult and Child Health, Nutrition Services Branch. The program is operated by county health departments in all 120 counties and by two independent health agencies.

Contact the local health department for more information about the program.

## Dewey safety group meets

by Willie Elliott  
Staff Writer

The Dewey Lake Water Safety Council (DLWSC) is looking at the option of combining with Friends of Dewey since many of the members belong to both organizations.

Ron Vanover said the council had been granted non-profit status. Vanover said this is important for many reasons, but one he hopes the group will pursue is seeking grants to perform educational projects for area students, as well as the citizenry-at-large. Vanover said he has a book listing a large number of such grants.

Vanover said DLWSC needs to undergo some reorganization since two prominent members have left the area. Steve Markham has left his position with the Corps of Engineers and now lives and works in Fayetteville, Arkansas.

Julian Stone has taken a position at Buckhorn State Park as park manager. The departures leave only one officer of the organization, Lon May.

Vanover suggested that the council seek May's assistance in getting reorganized.

Steve Price reported that the plastic bags and signs are ready to be placed as soon as the boxes to hold the bags are finished. The boxes are constructed to dispense one bag at a time.

## Closing

allergic to the serum. He did say that there was a possibility that the serum could be provided for those who requested it.

After an executive session, board member Johnnie Ross made a motion that the condemnation proceedings be started in order to get the Neeley property for the construction of the Prestonsburg football complex. According to Ross, the Neeleys agreed to a price and then changed their mind. The vote was passed without dissent.

Ross also made a motion that Neil Smith be employed by the board to take care of personnel actions. The motion was approved.

Ross told the board that he had

had a number of calls from central office personnel concerning positions. He said if he took part in any decisions concerning employment, he could be cited and removed from office. He told the board he would forget the calls he has received to date, but if another call comes in, he said he would take that call and all others and pursue legal action.

Carol Stumbo told the board that she had written a letter to Office of Educational Accountability (OEA) about the practices in central office which included yelling at people, asking older people to retire and discriminating against women.

"The climate of the central office has to change," she said.

Despite new information about the reorganization of the central provided to board members by Fanning, the issue failed again by the same vote as the earlier vote, 2-2.

Mullins said the board could agree to disagree but never resort to name calling. He said he did not appreciate being labeled a "Dennis Rodman." Ross, in defense of the comment, said the reference was to the board member who failed to show for recent meetings. Although he didn't mention him by name, Ross was referring to Don Roberts.

Ross said he apologized if either Mullins or Stumbo was offended by the remark.

## Petition

the fiscal court.

If the effort to bring the measure back before voters is successful, supporters of the commissioner form are promising a fight.

Lloyd "Blue" Goble, who served as director for United We're Strong,

a citizens' group made the original push for the commission form of government, said his group could be revived to battle any attempt to reverse the 1996 decision.

"[The magistrate form of government] was a disaster for Floyd

County and the people who wrote the constitution understood this and realized the only way to get rid of the corruption was to abolish the magistrate system..." Goble said. "If it comes up, we're fight it tooth and nail again."

# First-of-its-kind nationwide emphysema research study

(NAPSA)-As part of a medical research study sponsored by the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute of the National Institutes of Health, in collaboration with the Health Care Financing Administration, which manages Medicare, medical experts nationwide are screening emphysema patients for the National Emphysema Treatment Trial (NETT). This medical research study is designed to evaluate if lung volume reduction surgery (LVRS) has a role in the treatment of patients with emphysema.

An estimated 16 million people in the United States suffer from chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), a family of lung diseases characterized by an obstruction to airflow. Emphysema, a common form of COPD, affects nearly 2 million Americans, most of whom are over the age of 50. In the disease, the tiny air sacs in the lungs called alveoli are damaged, causing

the lungs, which normally stretch as a person breathes in, to lose their elasticity. Damaged alveoli trap air in the lungs, making it difficult for the person to breathe.

The NETT study is seeking to enroll 2,500 patients. These patients will receive six to 10 weeks of medical treatment and may then be randomly assigned to receive either surgery with medical treatment or medical treatment alone.

LVRS involves removal of up to 30 percent of a patient's emphysematous lung tissue. Medical treatment provides patients with medications, specific exercise and breathing techniques, nutrition counseling and stress management strategies.

NETT is seeking emphysema patients who have stopped smoking or are willing to stop to participate in the study. Patients must be on Medicare, or their private insurance carrier must be willing to support their participation. Each potential participant must undergo a series of exercise, breathing and medical tests at one of the 19 NETT medical research centers nationwide.

Patients interested in participating in this medical research study



"Lung volume reduction surgery has been reported to have a possible role in the treatment of emphysema. NETT will help us better understand if there are long-term benefits and what the risks are," comments Dr. Alfred Fishman, chairman of NETT and associate dean, University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine.

should call 1-800-314-2596 or visit [www.EmphysemaStudy.org](http://www.EmphysemaStudy.org) for more information.



## Mike Burke

Name: Mike Burke  
Birthdate: March 9, 1959  
Hometown: Paintsville  
Years of service: 21  
Began employment: July 1978

Position: Photo compositor for composition team  
Mike began working at the Times at 19 years old. He attended Mayo State Vocational School in Paintsville for one year while working two jobs he said. Mike left Mayo to begin his

employment at the Times as a photo compositor.

Career at The Times: Until very recently photographs took a lengthy road to the newspaper. The composing team would begin by developing the film, retaking the picture onto PMT paper, cutting and pasting the paper onto a final layout sheet where it was once again photographed and then transferred to press plates. Memorable moment: The opening of the new building he says.

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## Truth: The anti-drug

(NAPSA)-If you're a parent who grew up in the sixties when kids started to experiment with drugs, you might have tried marijuana yourself. Now what do you say if your kids ask you, "Did you ever do drugs?"

Experts agree it's best to be honest. Answering this question untruthfully can cause you to lose credibility with your kids. Don't provide too many details, just a short honest response that shows you care.

Here are three possible responses when you face questions about your own youthful drug use, says behavioral scientist Tony Biglan, Ph.D.:

1) "I took drugs because some of my friends used them, and I thought I needed to in order to fit in. In the 60s, people didn't know as much as they do now about all of the bad things that can happen when you smoke marijuana or do other drugs. If I'd known then what I know now, I never would have tried drugs. I'll do everything I can to help you keep away from drugs."

2) "Everyone makes mistakes. When I used drugs, I made a big one. I'm telling you about this even though it's embarrassing,

because I love you and I want to save you from making the same stupid decision I made when I was your age. You can learn from my mistakes without repeating them."

3) "I did drugs because I was bored and wanted to take some risks, but I soon found out that I couldn't control the risks-they were controlling me. There are much better ways of challenging yourself than doing drugs."

If you would like more tips on communication and parenting, visit [www.theantidrug.com](http://www.theantidrug.com), a web site designed to help parents learn how to talk to their children about staying clean, safe, and drug-free, which is part of the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy's National Youth Anti-Drug Media Campaign. The site offers a brochure called "Parenting Skills: 21 Tips and Ideas to Help You Make a Difference," that can also be ordered by phone at 800-788-2800.

For additional information about drugs, alcohol or tobacco, visit the following web sites: [www.drugfreeamerica.org/drug\\_info.html](http://www.drugfreeamerica.org/drug_info.html), [www.nida.nih.gov/Infofax/Infofaxindex.html](http://www.nida.nih.gov/Infofax/Infofaxindex.html) or [www.health.org](http://www.health.org).

## Web Watch

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# Homeowners can choose materials that reduce costs

(NAPSA) — From framing to downspouts, doors to roofs, steel is making an impact throughout the home as homeowners discover the benefits of steel. Consumers are always looking for both new materials to improve and enhance their homes and for ways to reduce the amount of time and money spent on remodeling projects.

"More and more homeowners are recognizing steel's benefits such as low maintenance, strength, long life cycle. With steel, homeowners don't have to worry about the day-to-day maintenance problems that can arise with other building materials like wood," says Mark Stephenson, president of TheSteelAlliance.

One of the most common and unavoidable home maintenance tasks is roof replacement. Roofing systems typically do not last as long as the life span of an average home, so every homeowner usually needs to replace at least one roof. The type of roof chosen is critical and can make a difference in the number of times it will need to be replaced during the house's lifecycle.

Many homeowners looking to alternative materials are discovering the benefits of steel roofing. Steel roofs typically last longer than 50 years, while roofs made from alternative materials such as asphalt often need replacement after 17 years. Unlike asphalt, steel is also water-resistant and therefore does not cause rot-



Steel homes reduce maintenance needs.

ting, cracking or stressing during the freeze-thaw cycle. This means that while in some cases steel may have a higher up-front cost for installation, the life-cycle cost is lower than asphalt because the need for future re-roofing is eliminated, taking one more home maintenance worry off the minds of homeowners.

Steel's strength also makes it an increasingly popular choice for framing. Unlike wood, steel framing will not splinter, crack, or rot, keeping the home safe and structurally sound.

This means homeowners won't have to invest in frequent, costly and often lengthy home renovations to maintain the integrity of their homes.

Similarly, steel doors are also being recognized as a better, maintenance-free choice for both new and existing homes. In fact, approximately 70 percent of exterior residential doors are steel, up from about 50 percent five years ago.

Steel doors are also a top choice for consumers when it comes to safety and security, since they provide up to 10 times more protection than a wood door against home intruders. This is important when you consider that two-thirds of all illegal entries are made through doors. Also, because steel is fireproof, steel doors can protect against the spread of fire.

Steel is also making an impact in the kitchen as more homeowners discover the simplicity and health and safety benefits of steel countertops. A 1999 study conducted by the Hospitality Institute of Technology and Management found that steel countertops significantly reduced the number of microorganisms after cleaning and sanitizing compared to countertops made of alternative materials such as wood and plastic.

For more information about building with steel, you can visit TheSteelAlliance Web site at [www.TheNewSteel.com](http://www.TheNewSteel.com).

# UL encourages consumers to safely power up lawn and garden tools this spring

(NAPSA) — Most people look forward to venturing outside when temperatures are on the rise. When spring hits, spring cleaning enthusiasts break out lawn and garden tools to do their seasonal spruce-up around the house.

The safety experts at Underwriters Laboratories Inc. (UL) recommend the following tips to remember when using lawn and garden appliances.

- Before using any appliance or tool, read and follow the manufacturer's use and care instructions that come with the product.

- Always look for the familiar UL Listing Mark before purchasing a power tool, garden appliance or any other electrical product. The UL Listing Mark on a product means that representative samples of that product have been tested to nationally recognized safety standards with regard to fire, electric shock and related safety hazards.

- Before each use, inspect power tools and electric garden appliances for frayed power cords and cracked or broken casings. If the product is damaged, stop using it immediately. Don't attempt to repair it yourself. Return the product back to the retailer or manufacturer or have a qualified repair shop examine the product.

- When using power tools and

garden appliances, always wear proper attire. Keep your clothing, hands and feet away from cutting blades at all times. Never wear jewelry when working with tools. Always wear safety glasses.

- Pay attention to warning markings. Don't allow tools to get wet unless they are labeled "immersible." When using tools or extension cords outside, make sure they are appropriate for outdoor use.

- Never alter a product or remove safety features such as blade guards or electric plug grounding pins.

- Use only properly rated outdoor extension cords with outdoor electrical tools.

- Check the switch on a power tool or garden appliance to make sure it's "OFF" before you plug it in.

- Unplug all portable electrically operated power tools when not in use. These tools contain electricity even when turned "OFF" but still plugged in.

- Use and store power tools and garden appliances away from water sources to avoid electric shock. Never use power tools and appliances in the rain.

- Have a qualified technician install ground fault circuit interrupter (GFCI) receptacles in all



outdoor outlets. After installation, test your GFCIs monthly.

- Never carry an appliance by the cord, and never yank the cord when removing it from a receptacle. When disconnecting the cord, always grasp the plug-not the wire. Keep the cord away from heat, oil and sharp edges.

Power tools and garden appliances, like any household appliance, need to be maintained and used in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. Following these precautions and the manufacturer's instructions may help you to enjoy longer, safer use of

your spring cleaning tools.

For more information on UL's spring safety campaign and tips on safe use of ladders, power mowers and saws, and extension cords, visit UL's Web site at [www.ul.com](http://www.ul.com), or call UL's fax-on-demand line at 1-800-473-4766.

Underwriters Laboratories Inc. (UL) is an independent, not-for-profit product safety certification organization that has been testing products for public safety for more than a century. More than 14 billion products bearing the UL Mark enter the marketplace every year.

# New technology makes laminating easier

(NAPSA) — One thing is clear about trends in office management. A growing number of offices are learning that laminating documents—sealing them in a clear protective coating—is a good way to protect them. Thanks to new technology, this process can easily be done on site.

Unlike the laminators of the past, new models use cold pressure technology. That means they don't require lengthy warm-up times nor is there any danger of heat damage to the materials being laminated. There is no heat involved at all, making it a quick, safe and easy way to protect heat sensitive documents and photographs without exposing them to heat.

"We have reinvented laminating systems. The Cool Laminator system eliminates the need for heat warming time, pouches, two-step operations and manually trimmed



When it comes to saving time and money, some office equipment is clearly superior.

documents normally associated with lamination," said Dean F. Shulman, Brother's Senior Vice President of Marketing.

Brother recently introduced the Cool Laminator system, a no-heat, cartridge based, fully automatic one-touch lamination system for

less than \$200.

Laminating used to mean expensive manually trimmed pouches that had to be carefully fed into the machine with the hope that the heat didn't damage original materials.

This new laminator doesn't require pouches and there's no danger of heat damage, because heat is not used in the process.

The Cool Laminator System has a multi-finishing system and built-in cutter, which can trim and cut the length and width of the finished rectangular document, eliminating the tedious process of trimming.

It laminates both sides in a single pass and provides multiple finishing options such as magnetic backing and adhesive on front or back. The Cool Laminator System can finish signs, charts, notices, banners and sales or customer service information.

"From schools and offices to a

variety of industries, everyone has something that they would like to protect against normal wear and tear or damage from some of the elements," said Shulman.

Because of the one-pass ease of use, businesses can now create signs at a fraction of the cost they used to pay others to create them.

The Cool Laminator System from Brother is available at Staples, Office Depot and other office superstores. For more information, contact Brother at 800-276-7746 or visit the Brother website at [www.brother.com](http://www.brother.com).

# Achievements in engineering

(NAPSA) — What was the greatest engineering achievement of the 20th century? The answer, according to the National Academy of Engineering, is the vast network of electricity that powers the world.

A panel of experts recently met to come up with a list of the achievements that have made the greatest contribution to quality of life in the past 100 years. The top 20 were announced during National Engineers Week by the first person on the moon, engineer Neil Armstrong.

Top vote-getters included the automobile, the airplane and the purification of drinking water, which has helped eliminate disease and

increase life expectancy.

"The evolution of popular culture, politics, and business, has given us a world that is vastly different than that of our grandparents. Engineering has played a significant role in these changes, so we decided to take a focused look at the impact of engineering on the 20th century," said Armstrong.

Radio and television were ranked sixth, the computer came in eighth and the Internet placed 13th. Armstrong's field of space exploration was ranked 12th, and America's interstate highway system placed 11th.

To learn more about these engineering achievements, and National



Electrification is the 20th Century's greatest engineering achievement, says the National Academy of Engineering.

Engineers Week, visit the website at [www.greatachievements.org](http://www.greatachievements.org) or [www.eweek.org](http://www.eweek.org).

## Pikeville Regional Technology Center Offers Nurse Aide Class

Pikeville Regional Technology will be offering an 8-week Nurse Aide Class. The classes will be held each Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, from 6 p.m.-9 p.m. The class will begin June 13, thru August 11, 2000.

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—First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution—

# Viewpoint

QUOTE OF THE DAY...

An idea can turn to dust or magic depending on the talent that rubs against it.

William Bernbach—

Sunday, June 4, 2000 A4

## Editorial

### Online privacy protection

Companies that peddle products and services online are under no obligation to inform consumers that they collect and sell their personal information, as well as track where they go and what they look at on the Internet.

Nonetheless, the over 90 million Americans who regularly log on to the World Wide Web are getting wise to the fact that the business practices of e-commerce are placing their right to privacy in jeopardy.

Despite continual pledges and assurances from the industry that self-regulation is the best route to protect both consumer privacy and growth and innovation, the Federal Trade Commission report presented last week to the Senate Commerce Committee made clear that e-commerce has failed to rein itself in.

Even though self-regulation has grown by leaps and bounds over the past two years, the report concluded, less than fifty percent of commercial sites on the Web inform consumers what information is being collected, how it will be collected and how it will be used or offer consumers a choice about how that information is shared, either through in-house marketing or by selling it to a third party.

More often than not, consumer choice comes in the weakest form: an "opt out" clause, placing the burden on consumers to actively withdraw their presumed consent.

Besides the information consumers type onto a screen, commercial Web sites use "cookies," an electronic tag that allows them to recognize consumers on repeat visits and then catalog their viewing and purchasing habits and collect other information.

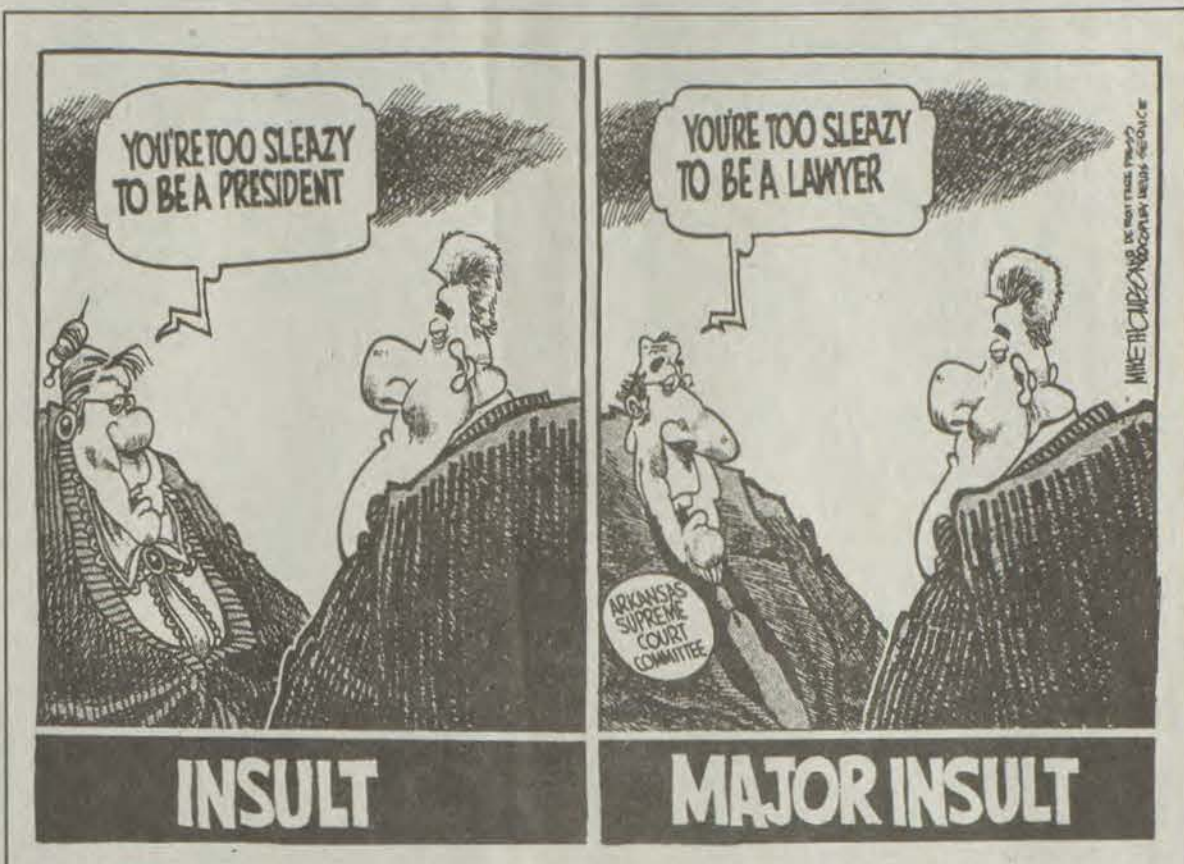
Since the release of the report, industry officials are scrambling for reasons to justify their continual peering over the shoulders of American consumers. Regulation will cripple growth, they claim. Sponsors will pull electronic ads if their pitches can't be customized through consumer profiling. Consumers will have to start paying for access to commercial sites.

This is all fiction. The Internet and e-commerce are not going away. In the final quarter of 1999, Americans spent \$5.3 billion online. Businesses won't pass up a market like that just because they are required to ask first before collecting the names, e-mail addresses and shopping habits of those shelling out the cash.

The one thing without which e-commerce can't survive is the confidence of its clientele.

Snoop too much, and we can always go back to the mall.

— Louisville Courier-Journal



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## Guest Columns

### Knight's penalty only symbolic

Bobby Knight has received wrist-slap penalties from Indiana University for numerous instances of public misbehavior and mistreatment of players. The university's decision sends the message, regrettably common in the popular culture, that coaches and players constitute a privileged class whose outrageous misconduct can be tolerated for the greater good of the game.

One of Knight's players on the men's basketball team illustrated that mind-set when he said, "I think a championship could cure all this." Standards for individual responsibility, in other words, can be shredded for the supposedly higher goal of winning athletic contests.

When University of Indiana President Myles Brand announced the mild penalties against Knight, Brand observed that the sanctions of "a three-game suspension and a \$30,000 fine are symbolic."

On that point, the university was correct. The penalties were indeed symbolic.

They were symbolic of the ranks of modern university administrators who, when faced with controversy, opt for the easy, expedient course instead of standing up for moral principle.

They were symbolic, too, of a sports culture that often encourages tepid, meaningless penalties for reprehensible behavior both on and off the playing field.

Brand offered a number of weak rationalizations to justify his decision to retain Knight, but one claim stood out as especially preposterous. The university, Brand argued, had failed to provide Knight with clear "guidelines" about what type of behavior would be considered out of bounds.

But did Knight really need guidelines in order to

understand that it's unacceptable behavior for a coach to angrily wrap his hands around a player's throat during a practice, as was videotaped during an Indiana practice?

Did he need guidelines to understand that it was wrong of him to become so enraged during an argument with Athletic Director Clarence Doninger that Doninger felt physically threatened?

Did Knight need guidelines to inform him that repeatedly intimidating a college secretary is thuggish behavior?

Were guidelines needed to teach him that he had done wrong by assaulting a police officer in Puerto Rico, where he was coaching the U.S. team in the Pan American Games?

No mature adult should need guidelines to understand that all of these behaviors reflected gross irresponsibility.

In most other lines of work, the type of personal misconduct Knight has exhibited at Indiana would lead to a swift termination of employment. But not so in the world of big-time college sports, where personal transgressions, short of flagrant criminal behavior, are often disregarded in order to get on with the game.

Sports, it's rightly said, can build individual character. But when Bobby Knight, one of the biggest names in college athletics, is given a pass for egregious behavior, young people in America are taught a harmful lesson.

The University of Indiana administration will be hard-pressed to reverse the damage it has done to the notion of individual responsibility, no matter how many games its basketball team now goes on to win.

Reprinted from the Omaha World-Herald.

### No fun fungi threaten a world without chocolate

Our villains come with appropriately evil-sounding names: Witches'-broom, black pod rot, frosty pod rot. In exotic jungle locations from South America to Africa and Asia, these fungal invaders have ruthlessly attacked the noble cacao tree.

Now, the planet's supply of an essential nutrient — chocolate — is imperiled.

"These fungi must be stopped," a spokesman for the U.S. government's Agricultural Research Service recently warned. "Otherwise, there could be a world chocolate shortage by 2003."

A world without chocolate? Impossible. Ancient Aztecs considered cacao beans the food of the gods. They roasted and ground the beans to make a drink whose daily consumption they believed essential.

Modern Americans have proved the Aztecs right. We eat about 12 pounds of chocolate per person, per year, worth about \$12 billion. What cruel twist of fate could deprive us of a food that sweetens romantic attachment, mends broken hearts and encourages milk consumption in children?

Scientists have recently discovered that compounds called flavonoids — found in dark chocolate, tea and red wines — can have a beneficial effect on the heart. Other compounds in chocolate

are thought to improve blood flow and reduce clotting.

Never mind the fat and calories in candy bars that almost certainly cancel out chocolate's beneficial effects. A little scientific rationalization goes a long way.

Now, centuries of culinary enjoyment and scientific progress are threatened by three species of fungi. But there is hope.

Leading scientists from the U.S. Department of Agriculture are feverishly working on the problem, which was identified several years ago. Just as the crash program of space research allowed Americans to land on the moon in 1969, so the crash program of chocolate research may be about to pay big dividends. Scientists have identified several kinds of beneficial fungi that, when sprayed on cacao trees, may protect them from their evil cousin fungi.

Other researchers are working to develop fungus-resistant cacao trees that would permanently ground witches'-broom and the other evil fungi.

Would civilization survive the collapse of the cacao production? Perhaps. But we don't think we'd want to live a life without chocolate. The world would be, well, hopelessly vanilla.

Reprinted from the St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

## Poison Pen

by Ralph Davis  
Managing Editor



### Here we go again

With the primary election behind us, the next couple of months are usually reserved for a break from the political realm.

For the most part, campaigns take a break at this time of year, at least from the public eye. Of course, there is much work to be done behind the scenes and you can well imagine the planning and preparation which take place for "official" start of the fall campaign season, which generally comes after Labor Day.

Still, for the vast majority of us, the politicians go into hiding, and that's probably a good thing. Most of us don't like the back-and-forth bickering throughout the entire fall, and we certainly couldn't take it in the summer as well.

So at this time of year, it's almost impossible to tell what we can expect for the fall races. But in at least one instance, we are getting a glimpse of what might be in store for us.

Apparently, some folks in the county are still irked by the outcome of the commissioner vs. magistrate debate which took place four years ago and are attempting to resurrect it.

The effort has largely flown under radar and we wouldn't have known about it had it not been for tips from some good friends. But the unusual silence regarding the topic has me almost convinced that it likely won't happen.

For one thing, getting the measure on the ballot would require getting the signatures of 1,200 registered Floyd County voters and you cannot do that with making some noise. The fact that the effort nearly slipped by unnoticed has me convinced that it's not generating the steam it needs to succeed in that endeavor.

Secondly, I don't really think too many people want to see a repeat of the last debate, which produced fiery rhetoric on both sides of the issue.

That being said, there still is plenty of time to get the job done. The folks behind it have until August 8 to submit their petition to the county clerk's office, and it is conceivable that a large-scale push could put the effort over the top.

Should the question make its way to the ballot, you would think it would be defeated, since voters chose to go with the commissioner form by about a 2,500-vote margin.

But the pro-commissioner forces do face one hurdle in maintaining the present system of government, and that is voter apathy.

The last time the issue was brought up, quite a few folks who voted for the commissioner form of government were really voting against the fiscal court in power at that time in what could be viewed as a rare cathartic rebellion.

I don't claim to know the pulse of the electorate any better than the next guy, but I don't see that same level of dissatisfaction this time. If that is the case, the pro-commissioner forces will have to overcome a certain level of disinterest in order to defeat any well-orchestrated attempt to return to the magistrate form.

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# REGIONAL OBITUARIES

## Pike County

Emogene Tackett Potter, 78, of Jenkins, died Wednesday, May 31, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Friday, June 2, in the Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Bernice Isom, 80, of McCarr, died Thursday, June 1, at the South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services will be conducted Sunday, June 4, under the direction of Hatfield Funeral Chapel.

Maureen Elizabeth Robinson, 47, of Brushy, was dead on arrival at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital Emergency Room, Monday, May 29, following a long illness. A memorial service was conducted Friday, June 2, under the direction of Community Funeral Home.

Danny Wayne Burchett, 51, of Robinson Creek, died Monday, May 29, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Friday, June 2, under the

direction of R.S. Jones & Son Funeral Home.

## Magoffin County

Dorothy Holbrook, 72, of Salyersville, died Thursday, May 25, at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center, in Paintsville. Funeral services were conducted Monday, May 29, under the direction of Dunn-Kelley/Prater and Dunn Funeral Home.

Gertrude Caudill Litteral, 92, of Falcon, died Tuesday, May 23, at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center, in Paintsville. Funeral services were conducted Friday, May 26, under the direction of Dunn-Kelley/Prater and Dunn Funeral Home.

Cora Mae Lemaster Caudill, 79, of Salyersville, died Friday, May 26, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital, in Pikeville. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, May 28, under the direction of Dunn-Kelley/Prater and Dunn Funeral Home.

# Shriners earn reputation for helping children

(NAPSA) — Here's free advice: If you know a child who needs medical attention for orthopaedic, burn or spinal cord care, you may want to contact Shriners Hospitals. For more than 75 years, the hospitals have specialized in medical care to children without charge.

Shriners Hospitals are an international network of 22 hospitals in the United States, Canada and Mexico. The hospitals treat such disorders as curvature of the spine, or scoliosis; osteogenesis imperfecta, generally referred to as brittle bone disease; metabolic bone disease; hand and back problems; club foot; limb deficiencies; and growth problems.

Many health experts say Shriners Hospitals have expertise and extensive knowledge in the treatment of children with spinal cord injuries. These children, according to Shriners, are given a chance for a better life because of the spinal cord injury rehabilitation centers located at Shriners Hospitals in Chicago, Philadelphia and Sacramento.

The opening of Philadelphia Hospital's spinal cord injury center in 1980 signaled the beginning of a new chapter in the history of Shriners Hospitals. That initiative represented the very first such center in the United States that was established specifically for children and teens who suffer from spinal cord injuries.



Dr. Paul Caskey, assistant chief of staff, and Kathy Weinman, R.N., work with a young orthopaedic patient at Shriners Hospitals for Children in Spokane.

Today, many people consider Shriners Hospitals pioneers in research involving such injuries.

Without research, which plays a special and significant role in the daily activities of Shriners Hospitals, much of what the hospitals have accomplished would not have been made possible. Research, hospital officials say, has always been part of the mission. The accumulation of knowledge over nearly eight decades not only has helped improve the lives of children with orthopaedic problems, but also has added valu-

able medical information to the world around us.

When treating orthopaedic problems, a variety of approaches are used to help make sure there is comprehensive care for each patient. Medical staffs include orthopaedists, pediatricians, surgeons (plastic, reconstructive and maxillofacial), psychologists, geneticists, neurologists, urologists, rheumatologists and other medical specialists.

Each Shriners Hospital is equipped and staffed to provide care for virtually all pediatric orthopaedic problems, with the exception of acute trauma, and they have all developed expertise in a number of areas.

What is also known to enhance Shriners Hospitals' reputation is their role in medical education. Several thousand physicians have received residency education or postgraduate fellowship training in the orthopaedic hospitals. By maintaining a strong link with major teaching institutions, Shriners Hospitals are believed to foster an academic environment committed to providing high-quality orthopaedic care to patients.

If you know a child who Shriners Hospitals might be able to help, you can call the toll-free referral number at 1-800-237-5055 in the United States or 1-800-361-7256 in Canada.

## The "Word" for the Week To seek the Lord

by Dr. Dennis J. Prutow

People inevitably have questions. Why are we here? What is the meaning of life? Some scientists, the X-Files, and movies like Mission to Mars tell us we descended from aliens. As far as these folks are concerned, the thought of God is alien.

Oddly, these individuals often long to penetrate the supernatural. Scientific materialists probe the paranormal and hunger for extra-normal spirituality. The yearning exists in their hearts because God exists. "That which is known about God is evident within them; for God made it evident to them" (Romans 1:19).

The Bible also gives us reasons for being. Here is one of them. It

relates to God. "He made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined their appointed times and the boundaries of their habitation, that they would seek God" (Acts 17:26-27). Why did God place us on the earth? God put us here so that we would seek Him.

We don't fulfill this purpose as we should. God often uses extreme measures so we will. David prays about people who regard God as alien. "Pursue them with Your tempest and terrify them with Your storm. Fill their faces with dishonor, that they may seek Your name, O Lord" (Psalm 83:16-17). We encounter storms, real and emotional, to get us thinking, praying, and seeking.

## How's your leadership potential?

(NAPSA) — A fascinating new book examines what it means to be a leader. It also makes the claim that the ability to be a leader and a person's spiritual life are linked.

Starting from the premise that the spirit defines our self at the deepest level of our being, Russ Moxley, author of Leadership and Spirit, contends that the spirit is also what can give our work a deeper meaning.

The dictionary defines leadership as the ability to guide and direct people toward a purpose. According to Moxley there are four domains that constitute the self: the physical, the mental, the emotional and the spiritual and it is the last domain that gives humans the ability to be effective leaders.

The first part of the book explores ways to weave together leadership and spirit, how to understand the nature of the spirit and experience it and the problem of unintended consequences that occur when people practice leadership without access to the spiritual dimension in their lives.

The second part of the book is called Ways of Being, Ways of

Doing and addresses the difficulty of knowing the self, how to develop our inner life and the skills required for leadership. The section ends with a discussion that links leadership, spirit and community.

The author believes community is an important metaphor for our places of work and that being a community and being a learning organization are linked. Moxley also contends community development and spiritual development are interwoven.

A Senior Fellow at the Center for Creative Leadership, Moxley has worked in management development, leadership development and organizational development in the public, private and independent sectors.

Based in Greensboro, North Carolina, the Center for Creative Leadership is a nonprofit educational institution. It recently ranked number one in the leadership category in Business Week's biennial survey of providers of non-degree executive education programs.

To learn more, call 1-336-286-4480 or visit www.ccl.org.

## Web site provides path to college

(NAPSA) — Each spring, thousands of students begin the process of choosing a college. Accompanying this decision are many questions: Which college is right for me? Will I get in? And often times most importantly, will I be able to afford it?

Families need up-to-date information to make smart decisions on paying for college. But where should they go to find it?

The Internet has increasingly become a resource for families to discover ways to help curb the high cost of a college education as students and parents use online information more routinely in their daily lives.

Anyone who has applied for financial aid or a scholarship, or helped someone else apply, knows that it is incredibly time-intensive

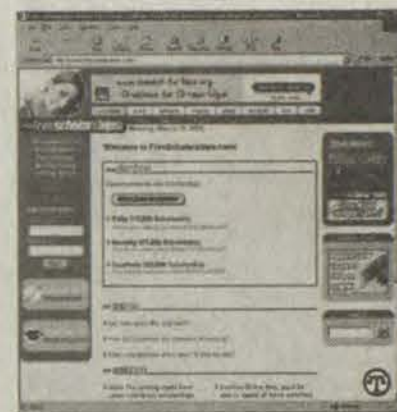
## Pointers For Parents

and complicated. One new Web site—www.freescholarships.com—is dedicated exclusively to providing students and parents with help on everything pertaining to the college financing process from finding information about school pricing options, to applying for financial aid online.

FreeScholarships.com informs families about the latest developments in college financing and it gives away free money for school, too. On FreeScholarships.com, students and families can win thousands of dollars in free scholarship money to use for tuition and fees,

or even to pay off student loans. As the cost of education escalates, many students must finance their education through loans. In fact, according to Sallie Mae, loans account for 58 percent of all aid awarded to students. While necessary, student loans translate into high monthly payments for graduates just starting out in their careers.

"The goal of FreeScholarships.com is to make college financially attainable for students and their families, while making sure they have a valuable and comprehensive resource online to stay informed."



says Charles Digate, president and CEO of FreeScholarships.com. "As a parent myself, I know how daunting the idea of sending your children to college can be. Our site is aimed at making it a little more bearable financially, so students can get the most out of their educational experience."

## Repaying America's war heroes

(NAPSA) — Baatan, Battle of the Bulge. Iwo Jima. Pork Chop Hill. Da Nang. Khe Sanh. These are the far away and strange sounding places where our men and women gallantly fought for our country in the name of freedom.

Today, there are 1.9 million Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) in this country.

Many people say our loyal veterans have not been paid enough.

Newly elected Commander John W. Smart delivered a statement on this matter before the joint committee of Veterans Affairs.

Highlights of the speech included these comments by Commander Smart: "there should be no question, that the VFW shall never waiver nor relent in their fight on behalf of America's true heroes, our nation's veterans and our active duty, reserve and national Guard members, their families and survivors and our military.



John Smart, new commander of the VFW, announces Smart Program.

"No veteran should ever be denied or should have any benefit,

entitlement or medical treatment delayed for which he or she is eligible."

Commander John Smart saluted the efforts and courage of the legislators who proposed the funding increases for the VA from the President's initial budget.

He went on to ask for help in securing the funding needed to allow the VA to care for the veterans of today while preparing to meet future demands—some \$500 million above this year's budget for VA healthcare.

Commander Smart emphasized that the \$350 million in funds siphoned off into the General Treasury were intended to enhance veterans' medical care and benefits.

He believes that the root of this "disgraceful situation" is the lack of adequate funding and properly trained staff; and he went on to urge the Congress to take action in providing the requisite dollars and per-

sonnel.

The VFW strongly supports a new GI Bill for the 21st Century that will recognize and reward members of the Armed Forces for their service to this country by providing full tuition support, covering the costs of all educational related fees, and providing a reasonable stipend for living expenses at any institution of higher learning or training at which the veteran is accepted.

On behalf of the entire VFW membership, Commander Smart saluted Chairman Bob Stump and Ranking Democrat Lane Evans for introducing separate legislation that would provide for such a GI Bill.

For a free brochure about becoming a member of VFW, write Veterans of Foreign Wars National Headquarters, Broadway at 34 Street, Kansas City, MO 64111 or visit www.vfw.org.

## Champions of Courage grants awarded

### Triumphs of Health

(NAPSA) — A new awards program recognizes the progress made in battling multiple sclerosis and the extraordinary achievements made by those who battle the limitations of this disease.

The Betaseron® Multiple Sclerosis Champions of CourageSM program recently awarded grants to ten individuals and one nonprofit organization to help them achieve their goals and inspire others with MS.

MS is a disease that randomly attacks the central nervous system, affecting the brain and spinal cord, wearing away control over the body.

"What impressed us most about these individuals was their perseverance in the face of tremendous obstacles, positive outlook and dedication to helping others," said Eric Simons, motivational speaker who has MS, and chairman of the Betaseron Champions of Courage board. "While they have all felt frustrated and discouraged, they remain focused on what they can do. We hope their personal journeys will inspire others with MS."

Here's what several of the winners will do with their grants:

- Diane Earhart, 42, of Belleville, IL, will take to the skies with her Betaseron



Lorie McCrone is able to fulfill her dream of competing on horseback with her two Dalmatians.

Champions of Courage grant. Earhart holds a commercial pilot's license and works as an air traffic controller. She plans to fly to multiple cities with her "Dare to Dream" message that there is life after MS.

- Former teacher and cancer survivor Loia Feuchter, of Fullerton, CA, will use her grant to conduct an MS Knit-In. Items knit during the knit-in will be donated to charity and used to raise awareness about MS. Each year under her leadership, the "Knotty Knitters of North Orange County" donate hundreds of knitted items to charities, including caps for preemies.

- Dalmatian enthusiast Lorie McCrone will use her grant to compete in a "Road Trial," where she will accompany her dogs on horseback during a 13-mile course. When McCrone had a relapse of MS in early 1999, she could barely walk, but her Dalmatians would not let her give up. With physical therapy and medications, including Betaseron®, McCrone regained mobility and strength. She hopes to inspire others with her participation.

- A grant also went to MSWorld, a nonprofit, online MS support network, founded by Kathleen Wilson, 42, of Sarasota Florida. The site offers chats, a library, message boards and an award-winning online magazine.

Granted by a grant from Plex Laboratories, Inc., the Betaseron® Champions of Courage program recognizes the accomplishments of people with MS and provides financial grants to support their inspirational activities. Grants can be used to underwrite motivating projects, community events or physical challenges. For more information or for an application, visit www.championsofcourage.org or call 1-800-788-1467.

### Card of Thanks

The family of Maggie Reynolds Mitchell wishes to thank everyone who brought food, sent flowers, or just said a kind word during our time of grief. Special thanks to the staff of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home for their kindness. We also want to extend a special thanks to Charlotte, Ella Ruth and Mearl for all their extra help. From the family of Maggie Reynolds Mitchell

## TENT REVIVAL

Maytown First Baptist Church

Mouth of Henry's Branch

June 4-9, 7:00 p.m. Nightly

Evangelist: Joe Mobley

Special Singing Nightly

Everyone Welcome



# FOR THE RECORD

## RESTAURANT, SCHOOL, AND MOBILE HOME PARK INSPECTION

Martha's Pizza and More, Ivel, 90; Not all coolers and refrigerator units have thermometers conspicuous, coolers in outside storage area have seals in disrepair, holes in walls of women's restroom, ceiling in disrepair in men's room, handle at hand wash sink broken, large hole in outside of building at back of building where exit door is, outside storage building also has holes in walls, hole in wall beside hand wash sink, all parts of property used as food establishment not kept free of litter.

Martha's Pizza and More, Ivel, Follow up, 94; All critical violations have been corrected and/or in the process of being corrected.

Action Express Mart, Prestonsburg, 100.

Save-A-Lot, Prestonsburg, 95; All freezer/cooling units not having conspicuous thermometers, in walk in freezer, food in absorbent boxes stored on floor (needs six inches separating), freezer (walk-in) has a large accumulation of ice condensation, lights in reach-in cooling units (retail) not having shielded lights.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES

Judy Boyd, 40, of Banner and Jerry W. Spears, 38, of Banner. Stella Renee Click, 22, of Langley and Billy Ray Conn Jr, 28, of Allen.

Cindy Lou Jarrell, 35, of Banner and Franklin D. Boyd Jr, 24, of Banner.

Joyce Marie Yates, 21, of Wheelwright and Adam Brian Hall, 19, of Wheelwright.

Beverly Jo Moore Conley, 39, of Garrett and Lacy Bolen, 44, of Aubury, IN.

Stacy Marie Spriggs, 22, of Bypro and Michael Joe Stanley, 22, of Bypro.

Jamie Hall, 20, of Harold and Danny Ray Akers, 22, of Dana.

Debra Ann Wallen, 24, of Hueysville and Harry Branham, 26, of Martin.

Joyce Marie Yates, 21, of Wheelwright and Alan Brian Hill, 19, of Wheelwright.

Debra Kay Ross, 39, of Columbus, OH, and Jeffrey D. Newsome, 33, of Columbus, OH.

Sherry E. Gaylord, 33, of Minnie and Jerry Lynn Delong, 33, of Minnie.

Jennifer Dawn Landrum, 28, of Prestonsburg and Thomas Biddle, Jr., 37, of Prestonsburg.

## SUITS FILED

Danny Mullins Vs. Connie Mullins, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Jacqueline S. Burchett vs. Eddie Burchett, petition for health care insurance.

Sandra L. Blair vs. Carl E. Blair, petition for health care insurance.

Samantha F. Caudill vs. Eddie C. Caudill, petition for child support and health care insurance.

Rhonda Kay Conn vs. Anthony Issac Conn, joint petition for dissolution of marriage.

Juanita Amburgy vs. Danny Martin.

Inez Deposit Bank vs. Terri Lafferty et al, petition for debt collection.

Judith D. Hall vs. Charles R. Hall, petition for child support and health care insurance.

Betty E. Moore vs. Samuel R. Moore.

Loretta Lewis vs. Paul Lewis Jr., petition for health care insurance.

Sherry L. Miner vs. John L. Mattingly, petition for health care insurance.

Melody S. Hamilton vs. Dewey D. Hamilton, petition for health care insurance.

Brandy R. Little vs. Brian S. Little, petition for health care insurance.

First Deposit Bank vs. Deborah A. Rice, petition for debt collection.

Johnny Ray Harris vs. Marna Harris, petition for dissolution of marriage.

First Commonwealth Bank vs. Christopher Click, petition for debt collection.

Community Trust Bank vs. Virgil Lee Hunt, petition for debt collection.

Randall D. King vs. Ralph Bryant et al, petition for compensation for personal injury from accident.

Credit Acceptance vs. Sherry Chifton, petition for debt collection.

Danny T. Hart vs. Tina A. Nalley, petition for health care insurance.

Edgar Cruey et al vs. First American Food Services, incorrect food determination.

Estill Collins Jr. vs. Cassandra Collins, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Diana Case vs. McDonald's, petition for compensation for injury incurred in fall.

Judy Crum vs. Kethrin Bays et al, petition for compensation for injury sustained in auto accident.

Stephen Russell O'Bryan vs. William J. Skeens, petition for compensation for injuries due to accident.

Chandra Rose Gibson vs. Carl Homer Gibson Jr., petition for dissolution of marriage.

Charles Johnson vs. Costain Coal, Inc. petition for compensation for property damage.

Joyce Kaye Neely vs. Cisco Neely, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Jackalee Martin vs. William Merlin Martin, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Tillis Leroy Jervis vs. Nora Sue Jervis, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Randall Risner et al vs. Overnight Transportation, petition for compensatory/punitive damages due to injury.

Inez Deposit Bank vs. Serena Slone et al, petition for debt collection.

Steven Alex Adkins vs. April Leigh Adkins, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Terry Collins vs. Melissa Collins, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Jerry N. Moore vs. Zachary D. Layne, petition for compensatory/punitive damages due to auto accident.

Terry L. Dotson vs. Jerry A. Patton, petition for compensatory/punitive damages from alleged defamation of character.

Charlene Kiser vs. Zachary Kiser, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Jackie Kendrick vs. Sharon Kendrick, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Otis Hansel Cooley Sr. et al vs. Janice A. Prater, petition and partition for sale of real estate.

Jeanie Adams Boyd vs. Brock Boyd, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Billy Joe Harrington vs. Darlene Hall Harrington, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Tobie A. Thomas vs. Earl R. Thomas, petition for health care insurance.

Candy L. Sparks vs. Willis J. Sparks, petition for health care insurance.

Debbie Lynn Stumbo vs. Ray Anthony Stumbo, petition for dissolution marriage.

Lorrie Stacey vs. Wilburn Stacy, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Ella Vance vs. Wendell Douglas Vance, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Mary Frances Flannery vs. Robert Burns Flannery, petition for dissolution of marriage.

## DISTRICT COURT

Robert G. Wiley, 30, of Grethel; Assault 4th degree, alcohol intoxication, disorderly conduct, drinking alcohol in public. Dismissed without prejudice at the request of complaining witness.

Melissa Wiley, 29, of Grethel; Assault 4th degree. Dismissed without prejudice at the request of complaining witness.

Brian K. Matthews, 30, of Deboard; License to be in possession, receiving stolen property.

Shirley Innes of Harold; Theft by failure to make requires disposition of property.

Brenda Benton of Columbus, OH; Theft by unlawful taking - auto. Dismissed without prejudice.

Timothy J. Crager, 21, of Garrett; Disorderly conduct, alcohol intoxication, obstructing government operation.

Paul Hall, 54, of Harold; Assault 4th degree - spouse abuse. Dismissed without prejudice at the request of the compiling witness.

No unlawful contact with complaining witness.

Terry Burchett, 40, of Miamisburg, OH; Possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, prescription in improper container - two counts, and public intoxication.

Larry Collins, 40, of Prestonsburg; Alcohol intoxication.

Jimmy D. Branham, 21, of Prestonsburg; Possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia.

Matthew B. Johnson, 22, of Bevinsville; Alcohol intoxication.

Richard Hill, 40, of Wheelwright; Alcohol intoxication.

Jesse S. Little, 20, of Weeksbury; Alcohol intoxication.

Clarence F. Brown, 36, of Langley; Criminal mischief 3rd degree, burglary 2nd degree, assault 4th degree, attempted theft by unlawful taking.

Jeremy P. Kilburn, 18, of Dwale; Alcohol intoxication, disorderly conduct.

Eugena Booth Henson, 29, of Hi Hat; Criminal mischief 1st degree.

Virgil Cross, 23, of Hi Hat; Theft by failure to make requires disposition of property.

Gary Risner, 43, of Prestonsburg; Wanton endangerment 1st degree, sexual abuse 1st degree.

James Sellards of Betsy Layne; Theft by deception.

Henry Clifton Jr., 30, of Prestonsburg; Wanton endangerment 1st.

Lendon Shepherd, 42, of Hueysville; Alcohol intoxication, disorderly conduct, resisting arrest.

Randall Caudill, 18, of Melvin; Public intoxication.

Kirk Ramsy, 28, of Banner; Harassment.

Creed Gilliam, 50, of David; Parent send child to school.

Brenda Newsome of Grethel; Parent send child to school.

Danny Tackett, 34, of Hi Hat; Theft by deception.

John "Johnny" Collins, 50, of Weeksbury; Menacing.

Mitzie Johnson, 45, of Wheelwright; Theft by Deception.

Arnold Mosely, 37, of Auxier; Assault 4th degree.

Beth Moore of Grethel; Parent send child to school.

Sandra Mullins, 38, of Weeksbury; Parent send child to school.

Patricia A. Spath, 41, of Ligon; Theft by deception.

Donald Hensley, 56, of Langley; Alcohol Intoxication.

Johnnie W. Keathley, 34, of Galveston; Alcohol intoxication, possession of marijuana, prescription in improper container.

Bobby R. Hall, 63, of Langley; Alcohol intoxication.

Lonzo Bryant of Prestonsburg; Harassing comments.

Lloyd C. Mann, 29, of Lovely; Motorboats registered-numbered.

Dustin A. Bradley, 20, of Mt. Washington; Resident hunting/fishing/traffic with out license.

James R. Stafford, 51, of Sidney; Required floatation equipment.

Angela B. Combs, 36, of Harold; Resident hunting/fishing/traffic with out license.

Matthew W. Harless, 30, of Auxier; Required floatation equipment.

Woodrow J. Mullins, 35, of Wheelwright; Open season (wildlife) raw fur.

Randal C. Holbrook, 26, of Wheelwright; Resident fishing without license.

Tonya Moore, 27, of Inez, Resident fishing without license.

James Osborne, 36, of Prestonsburg; Public intoxication.

Melvin L. Amburgey, 24, of Mousie; Public intoxication, possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia.

Shawn Hampton of Virgie; Harassing communications.

Joey L. Hunter, 20, of Van Lear; Prescription in improper container.

Joan Ison, 40, of Wayland; Disorderly conduct, resisting arrest, alcohol intoxication, assault 4th - spouse abuse. \$100 fine, two days jail, \$25 fine and court cost, 30 days probated for one year, no unlawful contact, 500 feet restriction.

William D. Slone, 30, of Hazard; Disorderly conduct, alcohol intoxication, assault 4th - spouse abuse. \$100 fine, \$25 fine and court cost, 30 days probated for one year, no unlawful contact, 500 feet restriction.

Larry Hicks, 20, of Blue River; Alcohol intoxication.

Carolyn Word, 42, of Prestonsburg; Disorderly conduct.

Cecelia Ratliff, 37, of Martin; Serving alcoholic beverage to a minor.

Sheryl Kinslow, 52, of Printer; Harassing communications.

Danny R. Johnson, 23, Melvin; Alcohol intoxication.

Jonathan T. Mullins, 23, of Melvin; Alcohol intoxication.

Willie Bailey, 39, of Royalton; Alcohol intoxication.

Richard Chaffins, 46, of Garrett; Alcohol intoxication, disorderly conduct, drinking alcohol in public.

Daniel Hatfield, 23, of Hi Hat; Alcohol intoxication.

Timothy H. King, 35, of Prestonsburg; Resident hunting/fishing/traffic with out license.

Shawn A. Daniels, 30, of Drift; No approved fire extinguisher.

James Isaacs II, 23, of Prestonsburg; Resident hunting/fishing/traffic with out license.

Rodney R. Prater, 38, of Hueysville; Criminal littering.

Lise Faye Case, 31, of Honaker; Resident hunting/fishing/traffic with out license.

Farley J. Case, 41, of Dana; Resident hunting/fishing/traffic with out license.

Finley T. Hall, 42, of Banner; Resident hunting/fishing/traffic with out license.

Terry L. Wright, Jr., 23, of Louisville; Resident hunting/fishing/traffic with out license.

Johnny J. Smith, 41, of Pikeville; Drinking alcohol in public.

Kenneth Bryant, 42, of Betsy Layne; Resident hunting/fishing/traffic with out license.

Jody W. Justice, 29, of Pikeville; Motorboats registered - numbered.

James A. Osborne, 36, of Prestonsburg; Prescription in improper container.

Johnny D. Holbrook, 20, of David; Alcohol intoxication, minor in possession of alcohol.

Paul C. Honeycutt, 33, of Prestonsburg; Alcohol intoxication.

Heather Marie Tackett, 19, of Beaver; Alcohol intoxication.

William H. Blankenship, 18, of Beaver; Public intoxication, possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia.

Eric G. Blankenship, 20, of Beaver; Alcohol intoxication.

Shelia Fairchild, 26, of Van Lear; Alcohol intoxication.

Jerica S. Little, 21, of McDowell; Alcohol intoxication.

Phillip Hunt, 31, of Allen; Alcohol intoxication.

Melinda G. Short, 20, of Wayland; Alcohol intoxication, disorderly conduct.

Prestonsburg; Alcohol intoxication.

Kirby E. White, 33, of Lexington; Alcohol intoxication.

Glenn W. Wadell, 31, of Larkslane; Alcohol intoxication, drinking alcohol in public.

Phyllis Ray, 44, of Melvin; Alcohol intoxication.

Virginia Mae Haverland, 41, of Cedar Grove, WV; Harassing communications.

Craig A. Little, 22, of Flat Gap; Harassment, shoplifting, resisting assist, disorderly conduct, criminal mischief 3rd degree.

Wade Meadows, 41, of Prestonsburg; Assault 4th degree - spouse abuse.

Eddie Craft, 46, of Allen; Alcohol intoxication.

Kenneth Stewart, 39, of Tram; Alcohol intoxication, disorderly conduct, resisting arrest, menacing.

Jerry L. Patton, 52, of Hueysville; Assault 4th - spouse abuse.

Marty R. Hart, 27, of Hueysville; Assault 4th - spouse abuse.

## PROPERTY TRANSFERS/LEASE AGREEMENTS

Julie Lawson of Tram to Rex and Jackie Lawson of Tram, property location not listed.

Lola Hamilton of Allen to James W. Frasure of Allen, Frasures Creek.

Marie Miller of Hi Hat to William Leslie and Betty Jo Mullins of Hi Hat, Clear Creek.

James Properties, Inc. of London to PDNS, LLC of Harold, property location not listed.

Patricia and William J. Crider of Campton to David Ray and Fran Slone of Wayland, Wayland.

Sarah S. Goble of Prestonsburg to Patricia Sue Goble Martin of Prestonsburg and Paula Sue Martin Layne of Prestonsburg, Prestonsburg.

Frank Jr. and Dordena DeRossett of Prestonsburg to James Douglas and Stephanie DeRossett, Bull Creek.

Leandra Charlene and Timothy Martin of Prestonsburg to Woodrow Jarrel Jr., property location not listed.

Okey Miller and Tobey Marsillett of Prestonsburg to Ricky and Sondra Adams Miller of Prestonsburg, Middle Creek.

Woodrow Jr. and Carria Jarrel of Prestonsburg to James Shawn and Laura Jarrell of Prestonsburg, property location not listed.

Katie Lynn Boyd of Harold, Adam Wesley Boyd of Harold, and Amanda Lynn Boyd of Harold to Wade Morgan and Katie Lynn Boyd of Harold, Little Mud.

Floyd County Board of Education to Raymond and Christina Kidd of Drift, Drift.

Donald Langley and Delois Spears of Prestonsburg to Bryan Spears of Prestonsburg, Town Branch.

Leonard and Bulavene Hall of Harold to Steven E. and Deborah Haywood of Martin, Little Mud.

Mack Lemaster of Stanville to Judy Mosley of Emma, property location not listed.

John Henry and Judith Salisbury of Toler Creek to James Dick and Cynthia Salisbury of Harold, property location not listed.

Marsha Ratliff of Garrett to Dalton R. Conley of Garrett, Garrett.

Kathleen Prater of Warsaw, IN, Darrel Ray and Barbara Prater, Edward and Rosetta Prater of Warsaw, IN, to Billy Skeen of Prestonsburg, property location not listed.

L.J. and Nancy Hampton of Lockport, IN to Floyd County Board of Education, Prestonsburg.

Dwight P. Smith of Prestonsburg and Leona M. Smith of Downers Grove, IL to Dwight P. Smith of Prestonsburg, Abbott Creek.

The Alabama swamps are in New York state.

Eric G. Blankenship, 20, of Beaver; Alcohol intoxication.

Shelia Fairchild, 26, of Van Lear; Alcohol intoxication.

Jerica S. Little, 21, of McDowell; Alcohol intoxication.

Phillip Hunt, 31, of Allen; Alcohol intoxication.

Melinda G. Short, 20, of Wayland; Alcohol intoxication, disorderly conduct.

Florence R. Boyd, 28, of

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## A Look At Sports...

### Rice recalls state tournament baseball season



Oscar "Big O" Rice is just a baseball nut. Just talking with Oscar is a pleasure and he likes to talk baseball and that is a pleasure.

In a recent conversation with the car salesman at Carter-Hughes Toyota, Rice recalled the 1966 Prestonsburg High

School teams that advanced to the Kentucky state tournament.

Prestonsburg is the only Floyd County baseball team to win a state tournament and that came in 1948.

In the 1966 regional tournament, Rice said the Cats fell to a good Ashland Tomcat team, 7-6, who went on to win the state tournament that year.

"They won three straight state tournaments," he said. "We had our chance to win it. We had the tying run at third base and the winning run at second with only one out."

Ashland then brought in their hard-throwing lefthander, Bill Lynch.

"He struck out two batters to end the game," recalled Rice. "He was the number one pick in the United States by the Cleveland Indians that year."

The Prestonsburg team had to play under a handicap with ace hurler John "Wimpy" Clark scheduled to pitch the championship game. Clark had to miss his turn on the mound with a sprained ankle.

"Wimp didn't play at all in the game," said Rice. "It may have been a different story had he pitched."

Clark and Rob Greer were offered bonus signing money from the Houston Astros the following year but both opted for the college scene.

Second baseman Larry Allen Slone was drafted by the New York Yankees and offered bonus money for signing but elected rather to attend Morehead State University.

The last time Prestonsburg advanced to the state playoffs was in 1984 under now-coach Russell Shepherd. The Blackcats fell to eventual state champion East Carter 11-8 in the semi-state.

According to Rice, Greer hit a robust .610 that season and Clark finished with a .585 batting average. Being modest, Rice batted .391. Not bad, not bad at all.

Prestonsburg finished 18-2 that season averaging 12 runs a game. Rice and Albie Mollett each were unbeaten on the mound with personal 6-0 records. Clark lost once with a 6-1 overall record and Delmar "Butterball" Page lost the other game.

The '66 team was coached by Toodie Wells.

### ■ PARENTS MEETING AT W'WRIGHT POOL

Concerned South Floyd football parents are urged to meet Monday evening at 6 p.m. at the Wheelwright city pool for a special meeting to address the hiring of a football coach at South Floyd High School.

The school has a problem with placing a coach in the system and may have to look in-house in finding a replacement for Donnie Daniels, who resigned following last season.

Several applicants were received for the job when it was posted but

(See **SPORTS**, page two)

## Jad Deaton...

### Deaton returns to coaching but contends we need fields

by ED TAYLOR  
 SPORTS EDITOR

When Jad Deaton came home to Floyd County he had a dream of seeing Floyd County dotted with first-class baseball facilities for the county youth.

Instead Deaton experienced what many who have tried work with young baseball players have experienced over the years — no concern locally from proper authorities.

Deaton returned to the baseball scene by request.

"Frank (Martin) asked me to help

him this year," said Deaton, who was like a kid again along the sidelines waving runners around the bases for the Allen Central High School baseball program. "I have known Frank a long time even though I never had a chance to coach him in Little League. But I always liked him, his spirit was in the game."

Deaton confessed he had missed the game that he gave so much of his life to. He recalled the wars with the politics in the county over getting better fields for county kids to play on.

"I fought tooth and nail for many, many years and came close to getting

them but the powers-that-be didn't see it that way," said Deaton.

Deaton had been one of the hardest workers in the county with youth baseball and an excellent coach, stressing the fundamentals of the game. He was a college player and drew some interest from the major leagues.

"The lack of fields had to be the biggest disappoint-

(See **JAD**, page two)



## ■ Royals vs Diamondbacks

### Rodebaugh perfect at plate with four hits

by ED TAYLOR  
 SPORTS EDITOR

Josh Rodebaugh collected four hits in as many plate appearances and Austin Gearheart finished with two safeties as the Prestonsburg Royals posted a 13-5 win over a good Diamondback team at Archer Park.

Rodebaugh hurled the third, fourth and fifth innings in picking up the win in relief. Nathaniel Auxier started on the hill for the Royals and went the first inning giving way to Nathaniel Stephens in the second.

James Absher pitched the first four innings for the Diamondbacks but Absher needed relief help from Whitney Caudill in the fifth inning.

The Diamondbacks held a 5-4 lead through the first three innings.

The Royals grabbed the lead with two runs in the top of the first.

Stephens drew a one-out walk and Rodebaugh singled with two out, scoring Stephens. Rodebaugh came home on a wild pitch.

The Diamondbacks roared back with three runs in the bottom of the inning to lead 3-2. Auxier walked the first two batters he faced in the inning and Joseph Collins had a one-out base hit that scored Nathan Ousley, the lead-off batter. Caudill scored on a wild pitch for the second run and Collins came home later to make it 3-2.

Absher retired the Royals in order in the second inning and his team plated two runs in the bottom of the frame for a 5-2 lead against Stephens. Josh Montgomery and Ricky Hughes scored for the Diamondbacks on Nathan Ousley's two-run single.

Brittany Collins and Stephens walked with one out as the Royals third inning unfolded. Gearheart singled home Collins and Stephens came on Rodebaugh's double for a 5-4 game.

Rodebaugh came to the mound to start the third and did not allow the Diamondbacks a run over the final three innings.

The Royals took a 6-5 lead with two runs in the top of the fourth.

Teddy Ratliff singled with Seth Setser and Charlie Ousley walking to load the bases. Ratliff and Setser eventually scored on passed balls but Ousley was left stranded as Absher fanned Collins, Stephens and Gearheart to end the inning.

The Royals struck for seven runs in the seventh inning to put some distance between them and Diamondbacks. Rodebaugh collected his third hit leading off the inning and scored on Daniel Branham's triple. Branham scored on Auxier's base hit and Ratliff doubled home Auxier. Rodebaugh came to the plate for the second time in the inning and promptly singled for his fourth hit.

# HALL SIGNS

## South Floyd's Hall inks with Eagles



photo by Bobbi Lynn Moore

BYRON HALL'S PARENTS AND COACHES was part of the signing ceremonies last Tuesday when the South Floyd catcher signed with Alice Lloyd Eagles.

by ED TAYLOR  
 SPORTS EDITOR

He batted near .700 his senior year, was not an easy out and struck out only once all season long, earning Floyd County Conference Player of the Year honors. Now he will take his game to the next level this fall.

This past Tuesday afternoon, Byron Hall signed a letter-of-intent to play baseball next season for Coach Scott Cornette and the Alice Lloyd Eagles.

Hall has been rated one of the state's top catchers and had an outstanding senior season both behind the plate and at the plate.

Hall, courted by other schools, felt that Alice Lloyd was right for him.

"It has small classes and I got to know their coach (Scott Cornette) early in my career," said Hall of his selecting the Pippa Passes college.

Could the fact that Cornette was an outstanding catcher himself at Alice Lloyd have anything to do with his decision?

"Yeah, I enjoyed him," Hall said. "He can, being a former catcher,

help me to progress while I am in college." South Floyd head baseball coach Barry Hall said Alice Lloyd and Byron were a good fit.

"I think it is a good fit," he said. "Be batted over 70 times this season and struck out

## Raider catcher a find for Alice Lloyd

once and that was early in the season. I think he is the best catcher in the region and maybe the state. Hitting .700 for us, that is good for a kid who is a slugger."

Byron's father, Steve Hall, likes the geographical location of the school and felt the choice was a good one.

"I really feel it was a good choice for Byron," said Hall. "Playing for Scott, who also was a catcher, can only help him at his position. Byron is an outstanding catcher, solid defensively and a good hitter all around."

Sherry Hall said she was excited for Byron but likes the fact he will be close to

(See **HALL**, page two)



photo by Bobbi Lynn Moore

SOUTH FLOYD'S BYRON HALL was surrounded by teammates as he inked a letter of intent with Alice Lloyd College. Hall will play baseball for the Eagles next season.



## JB Sports: Paintsville Tigers

Not often am I compelled to write about the same person two straight weeks, but in the annals of eastern Kentucky sports history, the may never be a character like Charlie Adkins.

Adkins and his Paintsville Tigers won the 15th Region Baseball Tournament last Thursday with an 11-3 victory over cross-town rival Johnson Central. In the three games last week, Paintsville looked better and better.

After the last pitch was made, Adkins and his team celebrated their championship. For these players their first, but for Adkins it was his 13th.

It almost didn't come to be.

After the 1995 school year, Adkins retired. He chased his dream of playing on the Senior PGA Tour. For those who do not know it, Adkins is a fine golfer. He is one of the best at the Paintsville Country Club and has won the Paintsville Invitational as both a pro and an amateur.

He said that he came back when he realized two important things. He didn't have the ability or the money to make the tour.

The tour's loss was Paintsville's gain.

He came back to coach the Tigers in 1998. And don't get me wrong, Paul David Brown and Bill Mike Runyon did a very good job coaching the Tigers when Adkins wasn't around. Since I'm from the old school until you hear someone yelling from the Paintsville dugout — something that Adkins has been known from time to time to do — then you haven't seen Adkins coach.

Excitable.

Maybe not as much as in the late 1970s or even the mid-1980s, but he can still be emotional at times. This is where I would insert the things like broke bones from injuries sustained during prior battles with dugout poles or first-aid kits. That's if I wanted to get

a laugh of some of the former players.

Adkins graduated from Oil Springs High School before going to Morehead State as a pitcher. While at MSU, he was a teammate of Johnson Central Coach Mike Collins, who was a catcher from Van Lear.

He played two years with the Cincinnati Reds organization and spent time with four teams. During his stint as a Red farmhand, he was teammate with such players as Johnny Bench and Bernie Carbo.

So after his playing career was over, he came back home and started his coaching career at newly-formed Johnson Central High School in 1969.

He went 14-6 but was fired as the coach after the season. Stories range from he played too many games to that he didn't care enough about the program. In fact, Adkins was told both.

(See **PAINTSVILLE**, page three)

## Coach Martin to hold Runnin' Rebel basketball camp June 12-16

by ED TAYLOR  
 SPORTS EDITOR

One of the top regional high school basketball coaches will conduct his annual summer basketball camp June 12-16.

Allen Central Coach Johnny Martin will open his camp to boys and girls ages 8-18 at the Allen Central gymnasium.

The camp will emphasize all the fundamentals of the game such as dribbling, shooting, rebounding and defense. Post moves, and individual offensive moves will be part of the camp's instructions along with guard play.

The camp will feature skill contests, hot shot, three-point shooting and free-throw shooting contests.

One-on-one, 3-on-3 and league play will be held as well. Each camper will receive a T-shirt and trophy for competing in the camp.

Registration fee is \$55 per camper. For more information or to register, contact Coach Johnny Martin at 358-9543.





**A GROUP FROM FLOYD COUNTY met WWF wrestling star Crash Holly on a recent trip to Louisville's Freedom Hall. Pictured are Katie Gray, Shaw Gray, Crash Holly, Angela Schoolcraft and Lee Schoolcraft.**

**Jad**

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ment in my coaching career," Deaton stated. "Our kids deserve quality fields and facilities in which to play on. To those who play baseball it is just as important to them to have nice fields as it is to football and basketball."

Deaton said the key to a successful baseball program is having quality and available fields to play on.

"We lost the one we had at Allen Central," he said. "Fundamentals and learning the fundamentals of the game is vital to success," he said. "All of my teams have been fundamentally sound. If you beat one of my teams, then hold your head up high."

Deaton said he views the needs in the local baseball programs as coaching getting a better hold on the game.

"I think our coaches, and I will be honest with you and hope I don't step on anyone's toes, but our coaches need to get a little better hold of what our kids need fundamentally," he said. "I know for a fact that one of the reasons the college coaches don't come in here, it is said that eastern Kentucky does not have the fundamental teaching baseball that is needed. That starts at the Little League program and goes right on through high school."

Deaton said there have been some good positive things happen since his return to the area.

"We started the Little League program here and I was fortunate enough to have my teams in position to be all-star players. The same held true in the Babe Ruth program. Ricky Allen, John Potter and myself started the Pee Wee program here."

Jad said he would like to stay around the Allen Central program.

"I will stay around if I can work with whoever is going to take over next year," he said. "This is a very talented Allen Central team. It is just a matter of being more consistent."

**Bentley's COMMENTS**

BY RICK BENTLEY

It was August 1981 the first time I met Robert G. Wright. He was the new principal at Millard High School, and I was a new freshman.

My life has never been the same. I was fortunate to enter high school and have Wright as the new principal. Richard Maynard would soon follow as the new assistant principal, and as a young, impressionable teen, I couldn't have asked for better role models.

It didn't hurt that both had athletic backgrounds, and women were just starting to break through the formidable barrier sports had set up in my heart and mind. Maynard was starting what would be his final season as boys' basketball coach there, and as one of his (undertalented) junior-varsity players, he heavily influenced me.

Bob Wright would leave his mark on me as well. While I wasn't a very talented basketball player, I was a little better on the baseball diamond, and Wright would be performing double duties — in addition to his principalship, he would coach the school's baseball team.

Little did we know of his coaching prowess. Turned out, this Bob Wright was the same one who coached the 1961 Ashland Tomcats basketball team. Not only were the Tomcats state champions that year, but also many

still maintain that it was the best high school basketball team to ever play in Kentucky.

After the 1961 season, four senior starters left Paul G. Blazer, as the school is also known, and all signed with NCAA Div. I schools. In 1962, Wright's team was again a power, despite having only one starter back.

That starter was a guard named Larry Conley. Nowadays, you know Larry Conley as the voice of college basketball on ESPN and Jefferson Pilot. Soon after leaving Paul Blazer, Conley would gain national notoriety as one of Rupp's Runts at the University of Kentucky.

That 1962 season, however, would see Wright and Conley lead Ashland High back to the state championship game. Late in that game, a loss, Wright removed a very sick Conley from the game.

The senior wept. "He apologized to me," Wright has told me before. "He said, 'We should have won this one for you coach. We let you down.' I told Larry they didn't let me down. They did all they could. They reached their potential."

I sat down this week with Coach Wright to recount these memories. You see, on March 3, 1962, the night the Tomcats won the district title, Wright's

wife gave birth to a son. And on May 12, Lt. Col. Robert G. Wright Jr. took command of the 523rd Fighter Squadron in the U.S. Air Force.

You may remember reading a story I wrote on the Wrights in 1995. Bob Gordon, as the senior Wright calls him, has made quite a name for himself in the Air Force.

He once shot down three enemy jets that were flying illegally in a neutral zone. But his most famous moment was when he led a squad to save Scott O'Grady, who had crashed and lived for a week by eating bugs and leaves.

O'Grady, who has since left the military but often gives speeches on its behalf, was at Cannon Air Force Base in New Mexico, there to pay homage to the man who helped save his life.

Nearly a full page of the day's program was dedicated to "some of" the honors and medals Wright has earned. His combat experience includes the following operations: Provide Comfort, Northern Watch, Deny Flight, Southern Watch and Desert Fox.

All of these heroics, however, might have never taken place if not for an improbable meeting between Lt. Col. Wright, flight name "Wilbur", and

one of baseball's most famous men.

While playing baseball for the Air Force, Bob Gordon took a knock on the head which resulted in doctors telling him he'd never realize his dream of flying.

Since he couldn't fly, one of the jobs he had was to meet special guests who came to his base and serve as a chauffeur for them.

One such guest was former Los Angeles Dodger manager Tom Lasorda.

Lasorda, who was recently named coach of the 2000 Olympic baseball team, struck up a conversation with his young driver, which led to Wright telling the coach he wouldn't be able to realize his dream. What Lasorda told Wright that day has served as the words he's lived by ever since.

"God may delay, but he won't deny."

Wright's story is surely proof of that.

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the job when it was posted but Aaron Stepp, Berea, turned down the position when it was offered to him.

Former Pikeville Coach John Chapman applied for the job as well as Randy Frazier, a former Whitesburg standout with some pro experience.

The citizens are restless and want a quality coach named and not just someone to fill a position.

So, all South Floyd football fans who are concerned over the hiring of a new football coach, you are urged to be at the meeting Monday evening.

**Hall**

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home.

"The decision to sign with Alice Lloyd was his," she said. "I am very excited for him and the fact he is going to be close to home."

Hall said he will work for a double major in both special education and physical education.

"He loves to work with children," said Sherry. "He does some work with the children at church and I think that is what he has on his mind."

Steve said he realized that Byron had some things to learn to play at the next level but will be in very capable hands.

"I think Scott can help him improve his game," he said. "We are

looking forward to it and excited about it. We've had a good year in all sports at South Floyd."

South Floyd dropped out of the regional tournament after the first round and Hall said that was disappointing.

"When you look at it no one expected us to be in the regional tournament to start with," said Hall.

Hall finished the season with two hits in his final game as a Raider. His ability to throw out would-be base stealers was among the best in the region.

Hall said at first he aspired to play elsewhere rather than donning the proverbial "tools of ignorance."

"I always wanted to play second base or shortstop," Hall said. "But I caught a little bit and I liked it. I got to play a lot because of being a catcher."

Hall said hitting came natural to him but he had to work hard on being a good receiver behind the plate.

"I didn't focus that much on hitting," he said. "I just wanted to work on my catching and being a good one."

Earlier in the season, Hall had hit safely in eight consecutive at-bats. He was injured in a collision with Allen Central's Brandon Sizemore and had to miss two weeks of the regular season. Upon his return, he picked up where he left off with three consecutive base hits for 11 straight before flying deep to right field to end the streak.

Hall is more than just a good baseball player, but a baseball player with a tremendous personality to go with it.

According to Coach Hall, umpires even sang his praises when he was behind the plate.

"They were always glad when Byron was back there," said Coach Hall. "They knew they were not going to get hit with any pitches. There are some good catchers around but I think he is one of the best."

Hall makes the third student/athlete to ink with Alice Lloyd. He will be joining both Jimmy Stumbo and Ryan Shannon at Alice Lloyd. Both Stumbo and Shannon signed basketball scholarships with the Eagles earlier.

Hall said he was satisfied with his career at South Floyd and the things he has accomplished both in the classroom and on the diamond.

"I could not ask for any more than what I have accomplished at South Floyd," said Hall, who also starred in basketball for Coach Henry Webb. "This is the second time I played in the regional tournament and I am happy."

On being named Conference Player of the Year?

"That is something I wanted but I hadn't gotten it I wasn't going to be disappointed. I just wanted to go out and do the best I could for my team."



**1966 Prestonsburg Regional Team**

First row: Leo Music, Kenny Wells, Eddie Lambert, Mike Helton, Larry Allen Stone, Coach Toddle Wells. Second row: Oscar Rice, Jimbo Hale, Tom Montgomery, John Clark, Rob Greer, Delmar Page, Arthur Campbell. Third row: Albie Mullett, Don Hall, Tommy Hale, Doug Derosssett, James Dixon. Not pictured: Steve Clark, Donne Wallen



## Finally, Cubs catch Rangers 10-6

by ED TAYLOR  
SPORTS EDITOR

The Prestonsburg Minor League Cubs did something they haven't been able to do this baseball season and that is post a win over the Rangers.

The Cubs handed the Rangers a 10-6 setback at Archer Park this past Thursday evening by scoring four runs in each of the third and fifth innings.

The Rangers held a 5-0 lead with two runs in the first inning and three more in the third. Tasha Wallen and Dustin Coleman scored in the first for the Rangers. Wallen, D.J. Ousley and Stephanie Conley dented the plate in the third.

The Cubs made it a 5-4 affair with a four-run third inning. Mika Hackworth, Chaise Burchett, Jonathan Dye and Leslie Bentley scored for the Cubs.

With two runs scoring in the bottom of the fourth, the Cubs took their first lead at 6-5. Dye and Chris Quiroz scored for the Cubs with one out in the inning. Ethan Blackburn was left stranded at third base when the inning ended.

Wallen scored her third run of the game for the Rangers in the fifth inning after the first two batters had been retired. Dustin Coleman reached second but left there when the final out was recorded.

In the bottom of the fifth, the Cubs exploded for four runs as Josh Blackburn, Amber Johnson scored early. With one out, Grant Blair and Dye crossed the plate. It was the third scored run of the game for Dye. Robby Grigsby and J.D. Head played well for the Cubs.

Max Cornette, Kyle Welch, Kayla Cooley and Micaya Canterbury reached base for the Rangers.

# Kentucky Afield

## No hunter fatality incidents in 1999

Hunter education certification training for young hunters in Kentucky pays big dividends when those hunters become adults, but the results of this training are not always measurable or clear.

In 1999, the results of hunter education certification in Kentucky were crystal clear. There were no fatalities as a result of hunting incidents.

One of the biggest causes of hunter fatalities is a hunter falling out of a tree stand. There were three reported incidents of hunters falling from tree stands in 1999. This number could be reduced to

zero if hunters would take necessary safety precautions.

Mac Lang, hunter education program coordinator for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, said hunters often put their safety harness too low on the tree to do any good or fail to use the harness at all. If a safety harness is too low on the tree in relation to the hunter, a fall from the stand may result in the hunter hanging by their underarms a few feet below the stand. The hunter can easily suffocate in this position or slip out of the harness and fall to the ground.

Lang recommends tree stand hunters hang their harness at least head high on the tree behind them. If they slip, the harness will keep them in the stand instead of hanging below it. Some hunters may consider this an inconvenience, but the safety benefits of the harness being in correct position far outweigh any irritations.

Another major cause of hunting

fatalities occurs when the hunter mistakes a person for game or when the hunter does not see the victim. A hunter should pass on a shot if there is any question about either the intended target or where a missed shot will land. Do not attempt shots at targets on a ridge-line or at the top of a hill. Make sure an errant shot will not strike water and ricochet. A .22 rifle shot may carry a mile or more. High power firearms used in deer hunting carry much further, therefore, safety is even more important.

By obeying basic safety requirements and using good common sense, every hunting year could be like 1999 and result in no hunting incident fatalities. For more information about hunter education, please contact the KDFWR at #1 Game Farm Road, Frankfort, KY, 40601 or call 1-800-858-1549.

### Safe Memorial Day Weekend 2000

There were no boating fatalities on Kentucky waters during Memorial Day weekend 2000. Memorial Day weekend is considered the traditional start of the summer boating season.

"There were a lot of people at the lakes, but they really didn't seem to be on the water," said Major Charles Browning, assistant

director of law enforcement for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. "We had all of the waters well-covered with all available personnel out patrolling."

The rainy and unseasonably cool weather played a role in the reduced number of boaters, Browning said. "We are pleased at how things transpired."

So far in 2000, 11 people died in boating related accidents and seven people died in non-boating related accidents on Kentucky waters.

"We like to get through Memorial Day weekend without any fatalities, but we've had 11 already this year," Browning said, "and that makes me uneasy."

There were 145 wildlife/boating officers on Kentucky waterways over the Memorial Day weekend. There was one accidental non-boating related drowning at Rough River Lake and several citations for B.U.I.

Major David Casey and Sgt. Tony Rucker of the KDFWR remind boaters that alcohol and boating do not mix. "Drinking alcohol in public areas is illegal," Casey said. "Waterways are public areas so drinking alcohol on our waterways is illegal."

Casey, Browning and Rucker stressed that a high percentage of boating accidents are alcohol related.

# Regional Baseball...

**PIKEVILLE** - Junior Brad Turner had two hits and five RBIs to lead Paintsville past Pikeville 13-3 in a mercy-rule game Wednesday night in the 15th Region semifinals.

The shortstop had a three-run double and two-run home run in the key innings as the Tigers improved to 26-8 and earned Coach Charlie Adkins his 14th trip to the regional championship game.

"He had a good game," Adkins said of Turner. "He's been the most consistent hitter we've had all year."

Turner's 2-for-4 kept his average at .500 for the season. He also has 42 runs batted in on the season. Pikeville ended its season 20-12.

Paintsville faced cross-town rival Johnson Central in Thursday night's finals. The Golden Eagles knocked off Elkhorn City, 17-4, in the second semifinal game.

Adkins, a member of the Kentucky Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame, entered tonight's game with an all-time record of 12-1 in regional finals.

It will be the first all-57th District finals since 1995, when Johnson Central handed Adkins that single championship-game loss.

"We just didn't play a good game," said Pikeville Coach Chris Lawson, suffering his first loss in eight regional-tournament games. Lawson's Panthers had won the last two 15th Region titles.

"Our defense was real shaky, and Paintsville took advantage of it," he said. "A good team will do that. It's part of the game."

Pikeville's defense was to blame most of the night. The Panthers committed four errors in the eight-run second and two more when the Tigers put the game away with five in the fifth.

Losing pitcher Nick Lynch (4-3) was charged with eight runs in one and a third innings, but only one was earned.

Lawson wasn't surprised at the talent level of the Tigers.

"They were down for a spell there when Charlie stepped down, but Bill Mike (Runyon, Adkins' top assistant) stayed with it and Charlie came back, and they're strong. And they're always going to be."

"They're the best hitting team in

the region," he continued. "I've said that all year."

Pikeville manufactured a run in the bottom of the first to take a brief lead. Brandt Justice doubled, was bunted to third by Tyler Johnson and scored on a suicide squeeze by cleanup batter Matt Walls.

But Paintsville was quick to turn the tide, scoring eight in the top of the second.

The big hit in the inning was a single by Joe Kinner that was misplayed and plated three Tiger runs. Turner's long two-run homer to left completed the rally.

Pikeville got two back in the bottom of the third when senior Chris Smiley followed Johnson's double with a mammoth home run that hit at the base of the cliff in left field, pulling the Panthers back to within 8-3.

Paintsville put the game away with five in the top of the fifth. Again Turner was the main culprit, as his three-run double pushed the lead to 12-3. He later scored when Jason Kinner's single was misplayed in the outfield.

Sophomore Jeremy Slone (4-2) got the win for Paintsville. He went the distance, striking out two and walking two and giving Pikeville only four hits.

In the second semifinals, Johnson Central (23-12) ended the Cougars season with a 17-4 loss in five innings.

"Well, you always want to be back here," said Mike Collins, who is entering the KBCA Hall of Fame this season. "We felt like we've played good enough."

As for the matchup with Paintsville, Collins said his team has lost twice (8-7 in the regular season and 7-5 in the 57th District finals) to the Tigers this season, but could have won both games.

"We've played them twice before, and had our chances," the coach said. "Last week our pitcher had 12 strikeouts and gave up six hits, and theirs had four strikeouts and gave up 13 hits."

"We should win games like that."

It is unlikely anything happened last night that Collins and Adkins haven't seen before - the two

Johnson County coaches combine for nearly 1,100 wins.

"We feel like we play pretty good baseball in Johnson County," said Collins.

Elkhorn City wrapped up its season 12-17.

"This is a good experience for our young players," said Brock Anderson of Elkhorn City. "We only lose one senior. You never want to say you're rebuilding, but we start eighth-graders and freshmen in the infield."

"This has been good for us."

The Cougars jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the top of the first inning. Ben Runyon doubled and scored when Tommy Adkins reached on an error. Adkins later scored on a wild pitch.

But Johnson Central scored seven runs in the second and added eight more in the third, and scored all 15 runs after two were out in the respective innings.

"If we've ever done that, I can't remember," said Collins. "We got some assistance there. They made a few errors."

Indeed, the Cougars made four miscues in the second and one more in the third.

"That has killed us all year," said Anderson. "We've lost eight one-run games, and it was because we couldn't put teams away and could make the defensive plays."

"We've made a lot of young mistakes."

In the second, Central had a runner on with two outs when Bennett Rouse tapped back to the mound. Ben Runyon's throw was a sizzler which popped out of the mitt of Patrick Stacy to score the first run. A fly ball and two more infield grounders were misplayed before the Cougars got out of the inning.

After sending 11 batters to the plate in the second, 12 more Golden Eagles batted in the third. This time walks were the culprit. Four Central batters received free passes and another was hit by a pitch before the inning mercifully came to an end.

Back-to-back doubles by Josh Banks and Josh Cochran led to two more tallies in the Golden Eagle fourth.

Elkhorn City scored single runs in the fourth and fifth. In the fourth, Adkins and Lucas Salyer had back-to-back singles which led to Adkins scoring on a passed ball.

In the fifth, Elkhorn City's own two-out rally scored the game's final run. Justin Ratliff doubles and scored when Adkins reached on an error. Elkhorn City had five hits in the game while Johnson Central plated its 17 runs with only nine hits.

Josh O'Bryan (5-2) picked up the victory for Johnson Central.

Paintsville 080 05-13-12-0  
Pikeville 102 00-3-4-6

Slone and W.Lauffer, Lynch, Jones (2), Justice (5) and Walls.

WP-Slone (4-2). LP-Lynch (4-3).

2B-Justice (Pi.), W.Lauffer (Pa.) Johnson (Pi.), Cox (Pa.). HR-Turner (Pa.), Smiley (Pi.).

Elkhorn City 200 11-4-5-5  
Johnson Central 078 2x-17-9-2

B.Runyon, B.Ratliff (3) and Salyer, O'Bryan and Slone.

WP - O'Bryan (5-2), LP - B.Runyon (0-1)

2B - B.Runyon (EC), Slone (JC), Banks (JC), Cochran (JC), J.Ratliff (EC)



JOSH RODEBAUGH PREPARES TO pitch in the Prestonsburg Little League at Archer Park. Rodebaugh plays for the Royals.



ONE OF THE TOP bats for the Royals 9-10 year old Little League team is Brittany Collins. Collins bats lead off for the Royals.

## Paintsville

One story by the superintendent and one story by the school's principal.

Whatever the fact, Johnson Central's loss was sure to be Paintsville's gain.

He started building the Tiger program in 1971. When the KHSAA made regional and sectional play in 1976 that opened the door for almost a seven-year Paintsville domination.

Adkins' teams won the first six regional championships. In the late 1970s, the Tigers might have had one of the best teams to ever play in this area. Those years were highlighted in 1978 when Paintsville made its first trip to the Final Four.

Only Elizabethtown's Scott Fiepe stood in the way of an unbeaten and state championship season. The E-town hurler threw a two-hitter and struck out 13 as the Panthers blanked PHS, 3-0.

But Adkins went back to the Final Four in 1979, 1986 and 1989 before the magic happened in 1990.

Paintsville captured the State Championship and with a 36-8 record became the measuring stick for the Tiger program.

But after that, neither Adkins nor Paintsville could find a way to win another region.

After the Tigers won the state championship the city dedicated the field and named it Charlie Adkins Field. As you enter the field, there is a nice marker with a likeness of Adkins and his records.

Even though some people assume that is his headstone, Adkins, himself, has had fun with that.

I have heard 1,001 great Adkins stories. Probably know most of them my heart. One of my favorites that I can share in this newspaper without being fired is while the Tigers were in Florida one spring.

When they went to practice one morning, someone forgot to bring the baseballs. So while the person was traveling back to the hotel and since they were in Florida, the Paintsville club practiced run-downs with oranges.

I have heard enough one liners and stories to fill a book, which would be a great read.

I'll end with some numbers of his career.

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In 29 years of coaching, Adkins has 698 wins.

His clubs have won 13 regional championships and he is 13-1 in 15th Region title games.

Adkins has won at least 20 games 22 times and 30 games six times in his career.

Since 1976 in regional tournament play, Adkins is 45-8. That's 84 percent, not bad for a man that lost his first high school baseball coaching job because he didn't care enough about the program.

What always has impressed me about Coach is he loves to teach the game. He will be in the bullpen talking and working with the pitchers and he has that look of satisfaction.

Paintsville will play in the Section IV Tournament next week in Corbin. Rockcastle County (13th), Lee County (14th) and Boyd County (16th) will be the other three teams vying for a chance at a state crown and with any luck the sectional tournament will also know that Adkins and his Tigers are back.



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# insider golf

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## TEERING OFF

# First Golf Instructors Learned by Trial and Error

Golf instruction has a wonderful history. The earliest Scottish golf instructors were accomplished players who figured out how best to swing the club given the state of equipment in those days (e.g. hickory shafts), and then passed that knowledge on to their students. Basically, they learned to swing by trial and error, then constructed an overall model for doing it with steps to be followed and rules to be learned. This is an entirely inductive approach where you start with no preconceived notion (other than the goal of getting the ball from

point A to point B), and let an accumulation of individual experiences build the overall, objective model that everyone can follow to learn the golf swing. This model then acts as a map, allowing subsequent explorers a much more direct route to the promised land. All well and good, but there is one fly in this ointment, and it centers around the Siamese twins of science: cause and effect. What is it exactly that causes a perfectly hit golf shot? It's dangerous to confer a cause-and-effect relationship on two events simply because one follows closely on the heels of the other. A

dog comes round the corner, and first I see its head and next I see its tail, but I should not infer that the head "causes" the tail. They are related, but not by cause and effect. If you're hitting big slices and you turn your top hand to a strong position then hit it dead straight, can we infer that a strong grip causes great golf shots? When Johnny Miller shot his incredible final round 63 to win the U.S. Open, he used a wide-open stance that he had just discovered on the driving range minutes before his tee time. Did his stance cause the 63?

What then should the map include? An open stance? A strong grip? A one-piece takeaway? Should you hit it hard with the right hand? Pull with the left? What are the causes of good golf? Next week I'll outline a plan for how we can find the answer to this question — a plan that will show that the map is not the territory. Maps, by their very nature, are abstractions trying to capture a concrete reality — a golf swing in our case. Be careful about using someone else's map; it may represent a territory you don't want to explore.

## ASK THE PRO

**Q:** I read your article on laser eye surgery and how a lot of the pros are doing it. Does it work well for most people or just for certain ones? Is it dangerous? Does it hurt?

— Randel from Henderson, N.C.

**A:** I can sum it up in one phrase: "I love my Lasik." But, as you know, I'm not a physician. I had no pain, and the actual procedure took about one minute per eye — I was hitting balls the next day.

It's a popular surgery — this year, 750,000 people worldwide are expected to have it done. But as with practically everything there can be problems like infection, light sensitivity, corneal swelling and glare or halos at night. The British Aviation Authority is warning pilots because of the problems with night vision. The U.S. military is adopting a wait-and-see attitude about the long-term effects of Lasik.

To Ask the Pro a question about golf, e-mail him at: TJInsider@aol.com.

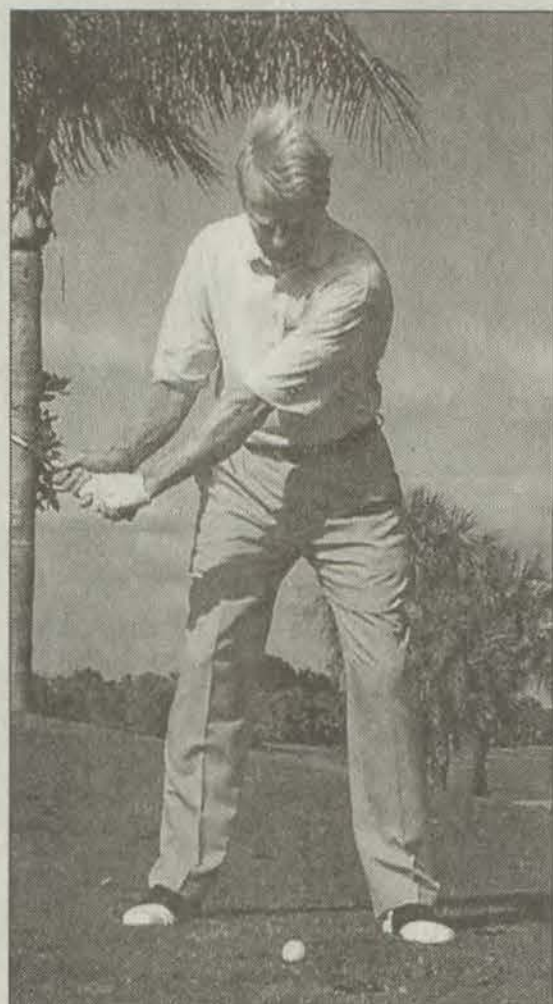
## GOLF SPOKEN HERE

**BIRDIE:** Holing out your ball in one swing less than par.

**BOGEY:** Holing out your ball in one swing more than par.

**DOUBLE BOGEY:** Two strokes over par.

## IT'S GOOD FOR YOUR GAME



To help gauge the length of your backswing, imagine that your target arm is the hour hand on a clock. In the photo on the left above, my arm's at 8 o'clock for a short swing. The right photo shows a half-swing; my arm's at 9 o'clock. For the three-quarter swing in the photo below, I'm at 10 o'clock. The follow-through should be at 4, 3 and 2 o'clock respectively.

# Clockwork Swing Controls Partial-Shot Execution

During a typical round of golf you are faced with a number of situations that require less than a full swing. You might, for example, play a low punch shot under a tree branch, a three-quarter wedge shot, or simply take a little heat off a mid-iron for increased control.

The problem facing you in each situation is that while you may recognize the need for a less-than-full swing, it's hard to know the exact length of the swing needed to execute the shot.

The easiest guide for controlling the length of your swing is your target arm. Imagine the arc of your swing as a large clock, with your head at 12 and your feet at 6.

Now imagine that your lead arm is the hour hand. For a short swing, move your arm to 8; for a half-swing move it to 9. When you want to dial in a three-quarter swing, move your target arm to 10. Your standard full swing is somewhere between 10 and 11:30.

There are two swing keys to keep in mind as you execute these partial shots. First, be certain to turn your chest along with your target arm.

Second, maintain a relaxed feeling in your wrists so the weight of the club will properly cock your wrists. This natural cocking action is the key to producing proper clubhead velocity.

As always, when attempting to incorporate a new element into your game, you should work out the kinks of these partial shots on the practice tee. You might even try hitting a few shots while watching your target arm as you swing. This may seem difficult at first, but that's what the practice range is for.



## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“ The U.S. Open is the Death Valley of sportdom. There are gold mines in it. But most of the world's greatest golfers get lost in the sand. ”

— Grantland Rice

## BIRDIES & BOGEYS

### A Day for Junior Golf

July 1 is the beginning of National Golf Day, the PGA of America's annual fund-raiser for junior golf. The promotion will run at various golf clubs around the country till October. The official fund-raising event of National Golf Day will be the PGA National Golf Marathon, a 100-hole tournament played on one day. In 1999, PGA professionals raised a total of \$319,383 for National Golf Day charities nationwide. Since 1952, National Golf Day has raised more than \$8.1 million.

### Cart Case

With a bad hip that makes it very painful for him to walk, Ford Olinger, shot a 90 and failed to advance to the next stage of qualifying for the U.S. Open. He had sued the USGA for the right to ride a cart, but lost, so he used a walker. The case is under appeal after a ruling in March by the 7th U.S. Circuit Court in Chicago that a cart would change the nature of the competition. Both Casey Martin and Olinger sued under the Americans With Disability Act, but Martin won the right to use a cart on the PGA Tour after a ruling by the 9th U.S. Circuit Court.

### Professor Jones

Architect Robert Trent Jones Jr. on the difference between communism and capitalism: "I've worked with many economies. I've worked in communist economies — six courses in mainland China, and Russia itself. Right now in the U.S. we're in a pure capitalist economy. Almost laissez-faire in America. And you know the difference between capitalism and communism? In communism, as everyone knows, man exploits his fellow man, right? In capitalism, it's just the reverse!"

One other difference springs to mind. In America there is free speech, and it's your right to say something like this; in China, if you complain about exploitation, they're liable to put you in prison or run you over with a tank.

## DON'T MISS IT

### Centennial Open

Don't Miss It when the U.S. Open arrives at Pebble Beach June 12-18. It's our 100th national championship, and it's in the year 2000, so everything is nice and neat. There's no place quite like Pebble Beach, and this will be the first tour event there in a long time played under American ownership. Dirty Harry (Clint Eastwood) made our day when he linked up with the King (Arnold Palmer) and a few other well-healed investors to buy the course back from foreign ownership.

Sadly, last year's champion, Payne Stewart, who was killed in a plane crash, will not be back to defend the title he won at Pinehurst.



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## TEE TIMES

### PGA TOUR

June 5-11	Buick Classic,	Westchester Country Club, Harrison, N.Y. (ESPN/ABC)
June 12-18	U.S. Open,	Pebble Beach Golf Links, Pebble Beach, Calif. (ESPN/NBC)
June 19-25	Fedex St Jude Classic	TPC at Southwind, Memphis, Tenn. (ESPN/ABC)
June 26-July 2	Canon Greater Hartford Open	TPC at River Highlands, Cromwell, Conn. (ESPN/ABC)

### SENIOR PGA TOUR

June 5-11	SBC Senior Open	Kemper Lakes, Long Grove, Ill. (CBS)
June 12-18	SBC Championship	The Dominion Country Club, San Antonio, Texas (TBA)
June 19-25	Cadillac NFL Golf Classic	Upper Montclair Country Club, Clifton, N.J. (ESPN)
June 26-July 2	U.S. Senior Open	Saucon Valley Country Club, Bethlehem, Pa. (ESPN/NBC)

### LPGA TOUR

June 8-11	Wegmans Rochester Internat'l	Locust Hill Country Club, Pittsford, N.Y. (ESPN2)
June 15-18	Evian Masters	Royal Golf Club Evian, Evian-les-Bains, France (TGC)
June 22-25	McDonald's LPGA Championship	DuPont Country Club, Wilmington, Del. (TGC/CBS)
June 30-July 2	ShopRite LPGA Classic	Marriott Seaview Resort, Atlantic City, N.J. (ESPN2)

## THE GOLF DOCTOR

# Timing Is Almost Everything on the Green

A study conducted at the University of the Mediterranean in Marseilles, France, revealed some interesting things about putting. Basically, putting is a matter of how well you time the swing. The actual movements for putting are rather simple; it doesn't get much easier than moving the putter head back and through a few feet of space.

"Adjusting the backswing, adjusting the amplitude of the swing is easy," says researcher Cathy Craig. "Getting the timing right is difficult. People are born with an innate predisposition that can be improved with practice and proper training that focuses on the correct aspects of the movement."

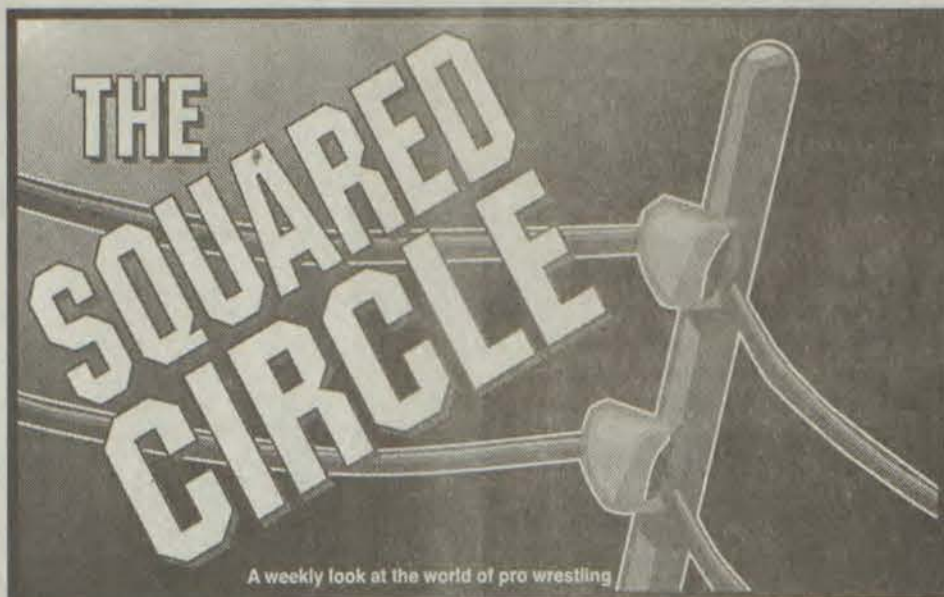
Arnold Palmer in his heyday had almost perfect timing. He popped the ball with a wrist flick as was the style

then, but it was a well-measured pop that never seemed to vary, so he almost always had the force at impact just right.

Some golfers, as they age (and Palmer is not one of them), are afflicted by the dreaded "yips" or "whiskey jerks," as they are sometimes called. It is quite clear to anyone unfortunate enough to witness the yips that it's the time dimension that is the culprit. The stroke neither starts on time nor ends on time, making good direction a chance occurrence and good distance all but impossible.

If you're having trouble with your putting and can't get the distance right, get yourself one of those little metronomes and set it for a pace that suits your ear. Then place it beside your ball and groove your stroke to its beat.





A weekly look at the world of pro wrestling

**TOP 10**

1. Triple H, WWF
2. Kevin Nash, WCW
3. The Rock, WWF
4. Justin Credible, ECW
5. Chris Benoit, WWF
6. Scott Steiner, WCW
7. Chris Jericho, WWF
8. Lance Storm, WCW
9. Sabu, XPW
10. Crash Holly, WWF



■ LANCE STORM



■ CHRIS JERICHO

Look for: Lance Storm to feud with Chris Candido upon his arrival in WCW.

**PAY-PER-VIEW**

- WCW, Great American Bash, Baltimore, June 11
- ECW, Heatwave, July 16, site TBA
- WWF, King of the Ring, Boston, June 25

**MAILBAG**

Tell us what you think about professional wrestling, its stars, trends and story lines. Also, if you have a question or comment about a subject, write to us at The Squared Circle, c/o Sports, News Journal, 70 W. Fourth St., Mansfield, Ohio 44903. You can fax it to us at 419-521-7415 or e-mail to aconchel@thomnews.com. Please include your hometown along with this information.

Dear Squared Circle, Did the Hardy Boyz split up? Here is my top 10:

1. The Rock
2. Stone Cold Steve Austin
3. Kidman
4. Sting
5. Hardy Boyz
6. Kane
7. Rikishi
8. Jeff Jarrett
9. The Big Show
10. Triple H

— Jacob Osteen  
Thomsonville, Ill.

A. No, the brothers are still together at this time.

Dear Squared Circle, Here is my top 10:

1. Triple H
2. Road Dogg
3. Test
4. Edge and Christian
5. The Rock
6. The Big Show
7. Eddy Guerrero
8. Hardy Boyz
9. Chris Jericho
10. Too Cool

— JoEllen Baldwin  
Hagerstown, Md.

Dear Squared Circle, I'm a big fan of "WCW Saturday Night." But the last few weeks have just been highlight shows. Is this program on WCW's chopping block?

— Tom Alford  
Dothan, Ala.

A. It's not on the chopping block yet, but the format has been changed to a pure highlight show. With "Thunder" and "Nitro," "WCW Saturday Night" is no longer a priority for WCW.

Dear Squared Circle, I have been a wrestling fan for 47 years, and to be honest I kinda miss the good old days with Bruno Sammartino, George Steele and The Iron Sheik.

— George Whitham  
Norfolk, Mass.

**FEUD OF THE WEEK**



David Flair vs. Ric Flair, WCW

**CATCH PHRASES**

"Choke on that, slapnuts." — Jeff Jarrett

**REAL NAMES**

Rey Mysterio Jr.  
Oscar Gutierrez

5-4, 165

Hometown:  
San Diego, Calif.

Birthday: Dec. 12, 1974

Pro debut: 1991

**IN THE SPOTLIGHT**



■ Dan The Beast Severn puts a reverse chin lock on an opponent during a recent independent show in Mansfield, Ohio. (Jason J. Molyet/Squared Circle)

**SEVERN A REAL BEAST IN RING**

By Josh Zartman  
Squared Circle Correspondent

From amateur to pro, Dan The Beast Severn has seen it all. The Berlin Wall, the Iron Curtain and communism are just some of the spectacles that are on Severn's resume.

The Beast has competed in more than 30 promotions and fights for 12 different fight companies. He also owns a small wrestling federation, a 10,000-square-foot facility and is also a financial planner. Not bad for somebody who made his reputation for brutal streetfighting skills in the Ultimate Fighting Championship.

"I have been doing this for a long time," said Severn. "I am working for over 30 different promotions right now, while running my fight company, the Danger Zone."

Severn started wrestling as an amateur in 1969, joined the UFC in 1994 (when it originated) and started wrestling pro at the Olympics in 1992. He was then both a pro and amateur wrestler. Back in the 1980s, a Michigan wrestling club approached him, and he became a professional wrestler.

He has nearly 4,000 lifetime matches under his belt, and at one time early in his career, wrestled 17 matches in one day. The Beast has been on the national circuit since 1972 and on the international scene since 1976.

"I have wrestled in every country that has had wrestling," said Severn. "I've seen all

there is to see."

In his storybook career, Severn has had the opportunity to wrestle in the WWF. He was the oldest rookie ever taken and the only guy in World Wrestling Federation history who could come and go as he pleased. From feuds with Ken Shamrock and the late Owen Hart to tearing D-Lo Brown's pectoral muscle, Severn was a major player in the game at that time.

"I ended my stint in the WWF when the 'new attitude' was taking place," said Severn. "The whole Austin 3:16 thing started, and I didn't want a character change, so I decided to leave."

Now Severn is the NWA heavyweight champion and has three Ultimate Fighting Championship titles under his belt. During his many UFC fights, he once had the opportunity to fight WCW toughman and former UFC fighter Tank Abbott.

The match against Abbott was dubbed as the most physically brutal match in UFC history. In a 20-minute timespan, a "counter" had Tank hitting the Beast three times. Another "counter" had Severn hitting Abbott with 276 elbow shots alone in 20 minutes, not counting the headbutts, knee lifts or kidney shots he deployed.

"I didn't want to give [Abbott] any slack," said Severn. "Tank is a very dangerous man, and I couldn't afford any mishaps."

Severn has had few of those in his storied career, and one has to believe he's got at least a few more good brawls left in him.

**MAT MEMORIES**

A look back at memorable moments in pro wrestling history:

■ Dec. 13, 1986: The Dynamite Kid collapses from a severe back injury during a match in Hamilton, Ontario.

■ Feb. 21, 1993: Ric Flair returns to WCW at Super-Brawl III after 18 months working for the World Wrestling Federation.

**WHO'S HOT/WHO'S NOT**



Kurt Angle: Expect the former Olympic champion to get a WWF title shot soon. The WWF is very happy with his mic work as well as his work inside the ring.

Raven: Reports say that ECW is upset with Raven's attitude and his physical condition. Rumors have him leaving for the WWF once his contract expires.

**AFTER THE BELL**

News and gossip from the wrestling world:

■ Rhino recently got married and took a few months off to honeymoon in Germany, his wife's native country.

■ After some nagging injuries and character transition, D-Lo Brown is looking forward to moving up the ladder in the WWF ranks. "D-Lo has progressed at a steady pace," WWF owner Vince McMahon said. "We expect him to be a huge superstar one day. His skills physically are extraordinary. He is gifted, but there are things he needs to polish up on."

■ Despite not wrestling for several months, Goldberg's popularity remains quite high. He recently was a guest of Lakers superstar Shaquille O'Neal at a Lakers-Suns playoff game. Goldberg visited in the locker room after the game. He's also on the cover of Sports Illustrated for Kids.

■ Bull Buchanan will be given a major singles push as the team of he and Big Bossman hasn't really gotten over with fans. Buchanan's first stint in the WWF was as Recon of The Truth Commission.

■ Rey Mysterio Jr.'s knee is still tender and is not close to being fully healed.

■ ECW will give Steve Corino a big push in the coming months. The former indy worker has impressed Paul Heyman with his willingness to work hard in any program and to bleed profusely.

■ The Big Show's torn meniscus in his knee will require surgery. He'll be out at least until late August or early September.

■ Kimberly, Ms. Hancock, Torrie Wilson and Nitro Girl Chae were in a photo shoot recently for Stuff magazine. They will be featured in the June issue.

■ Mick Foley's autobiography, "Have A Nice Day," was such a huge success in hardback that he's decided to add a couple of more chapters and put out a paperback edition this fall.

■ WCW broadcaster Bobby Heenan writes in the current issue of WCW Magazine that Halloween Havoc, the October pay-per-view event, will have an amazing and shocking element on the card.

■ Justin Credible and Tommy Dreamer should headline Heatwave 2000 with a ladder match. Dreamer continues to wrestle despite two herniated discs in his back.

■ WCW management is furious with Marcus Buff Bagwell for his assault of a company employee. The 30-day suspension is the result of this action and WCW's frustration over Bagwell's attitude and actions recently.

■ The WWF decided not to do an Owen Hart tribute one year after his death because of legal reasons. The Hart family still is pursuing legal action against the WWF.

■ Shawn Michaels "didn't have fun" at Judgment Day. He said he lacked his usual charisma on the microphone.

**COMING TO YOUR TOWN**

A look at upcoming wrestling shows across the country:

- WWF...
- June 4, Toronto
  - June 5, "Raw Is War," Rochester, N.Y.
  - June 6, "Smackdown!" Buffalo, N.Y.
  - June 9, Las Cruces, N. M.



- WCW...
- June 5, "Nitro," Atlanta
  - June 6, "Thunder," Knoxville, Tenn.
  - June 12, "Nitro," Richmond, Va.

- ECW...
- June 3, Pensacola, Fla.
  - June 9, Erie, Pa.
  - June 10, Pittsburgh
  - June 17, Danbury, Conn.

**WRESTLING ON THE WEB**

- www.wrestlezone.com
- www.wrestleScoop.com
- www.WWF.com
- www.WCW.com
- www.ECWwrestling.com
- www.wfdivas.com
- www.24-7wrestling.com



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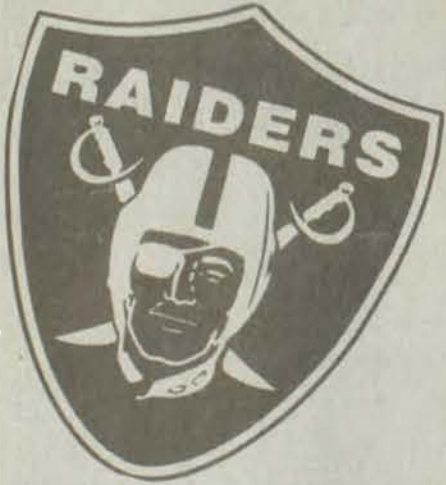


**SOUTH FLOYD RAIDERS**  
2000 District Baseball Champions

**GIRLS SOFTBALL 2000**  
All Conference team



**GIRLS SOFTBALL 2000**  
All-District team



**ALLEN CENTRAL REBELS**  
2000 District Runners-Up

**BOYS DISTRICT 2000**  
All District team





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**Lifestyles**



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**Martin Bash 2000**

TERRY SALISBURY, the son of former Martin High School principal James Salisbury, addressed the large gathering at the Martin Gym during the Martin Bash 2000.



THE WEATHER WAS WARM ON THE inside of the Martin Gym last Saturday, but that did not keep former Martin High School students from enjoying the festivities of the Martin Bash 2000.



MR. AND MRS. JOE STURGILL returned from their home in Lima, Ohio, to be part of the Martin Bash 2000. Sturgill is a 1958 graduate of Martin High School.

**Former Purple Flashers return home for Bash 2000**

Story and photos  
 by ED TAYLOR  
 SPORTS EDITOR

Memories of how it used to be are pleasant thoughts we hold to as we recall our youthful years, especially our "school days" where we played basketball, baseball or football or were just a member of some special club.

Always there is that favorite teacher, or one not so favored. We had our classmates, and even then, there were those who were just a little closer to us than others.

We remember the school plays, the basketball games, yes, even the ones "the refs took from us." How about those days when school was almost out and the excitement of summer and of not having to go to school?

But as the summer lingered on and fall approached, soon it would be time to return to the classrooms and again be with those who were our classmates.

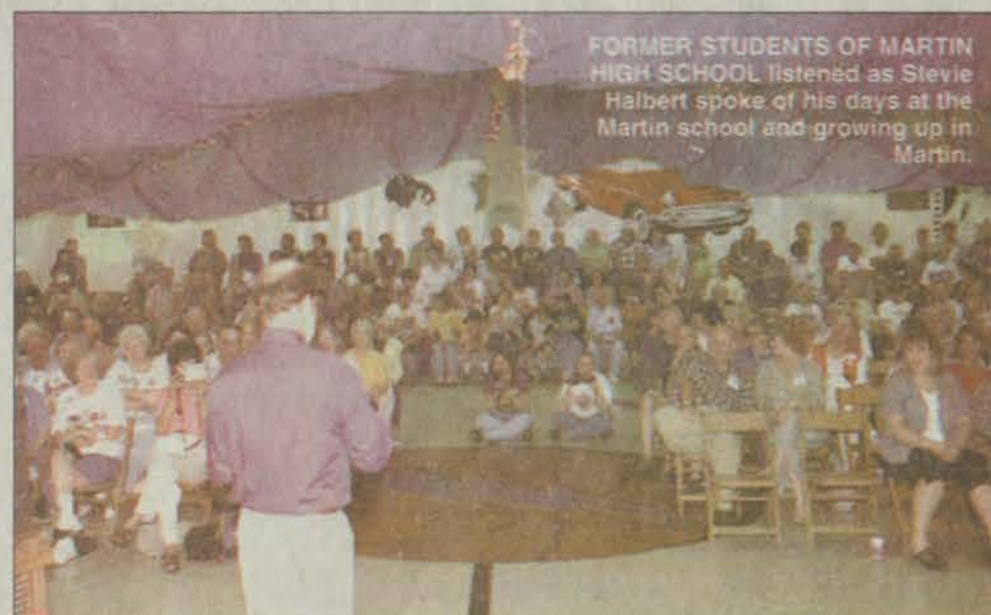
Some we would not see over the summer months — some would hardly come out of the hollows until school started back. Others we would run into at the Martin Theater on a Saturday night or Sunday afternoon.

Maybe, by chance, they would be at Terry's Place or at Hunter's Restaurant where we could sit and talk about what we had done during the summer.

School begins and the old red brick schoolhouse doesn't look that bad as we return for yet another school year. It is good to see everyone, those favorite teachers, as well as the not-so-favorite ones.

We look forward to the sports seasons and the special events scheduled throughout the school year, events like "no

(See MARTIN, page three)



FORMER STUDENTS OF MARTIN HIGH SCHOOL listened as Stevie Halbert spoke of his days at the Martin school and growing up in Martin.



FORMER MARTIN HIGH SCHOOL teacher Jack Hutchinson spoke a few words to other former students during last weekend's Martin Bash 2000.

CHRIS DINGUS WAS READY FOR photo time while attending the Martin Bash 2000 last weekend. Chris is the son of Delores and "Crush" Dingus of Martin.



**This Town That World**

Editor's Note: For years, Floyd County Times founder and former publisher Norman Allen wrote a weekly column that looked at Floyd County through his eyes. His columns are being reprinted due to request. The following column was written in 1960.

A jet almost shook our windows out as it broke the sound barrier, the other day, but we were unable to get the license number.

Eastern Kentucky can pull itself upward by its own bootstraps...This is the land of opportunity. Prosperity is just around the corner; and the Big Sandy will be canalized, Fishtrap and other dams will be built...all's well. We will no longer be given a stone for bread; the Great White Father will not let the Indians have the place back...Politics will be restored to a place of dignity. The public debt, the county debt, the city debt, even private debts will decrease. Yea, even taxes...Khrushchev is a liar—he likes Ike...So saith the Class Optimist.

**GOODIE—THEY DID IT—**

The Charleston Daily Mail did, the other day, something The Floyd County Times has considered doing for years. That little stint was a report not showing the steamer but the steamiest side of those cities whence emanate all those newspaper and magazine articles about the Mountains.

The Saturday Evening Post did a piece on West Virginia, its poverty, illiteracy, unemployment, bias, low living conditions, etc., etc. So the Daily Mail sent a reporter and a photographer off to Philly. They went to the City of Brotherly Love, but not to Independence Hall; they went into the slums, to "Skid Row" and other spots the city would like to hide or maybe forget. And they get a story that is as fair to Philadelphia as are all those yarns and photos you've seen depicting log huts as "typical mountain homes."

We congratulate the Charleston Daily Mail. Sorry we were beaten to the draw.

**IN THE MAIL**

A gentleman named William R. Sullivan, of Los Angeles, California, writes—why, we do not know—to express the following thought:

"This world does not have an unlimited amount of space for an unlimited amount of people. The laws of nature have a statute of limitation; and there are those who choose to ignore them, for which all of us have to pay."

**THE EASY WAY OUT**

We see by the papers that a certain Judge Holt, down at Jamestown, Ky., has run afoul of the law after allegedly pocketing hundreds or even thousands of dollars in fines collected, and has wound up in five indictments against him. Now it appears that the circuit judge at Jamestown, who sees eye to eye politically with the aforementioned Holt, has agreed to dismiss all five of the indictments on the condition that the accused man resign the office of county judge.

We expect to read, any day now, of a bank teller swiping \$100,000 from his bank and going scot-free by agreeing to resign from his job.

**PostScript**

by Pam Shingler  
 Editor



**Up Turkey Creek**

Given time and gas money, I've always loved the thin, wavy lines on the map, the secondary and tertiary roads, along which cattle graze and gardens grow and streams flow.

The other day, on a whim, I took up Turkey Creek. I'd passed the sign for KY 777 off KY 80 at the Maytown crossing dozens of times, and I'd noticed where it crosses KY 680 on the way to McDowell.

The road taken turned out to be a good turn.

It's the type of road where you'd best not drive too fast. The blacktop is stingy, with the creek on one side and a ditch on the other.

But when you're just looking, this is the best kind of road. You need to drive slowly to see what is waiting to be seen.

(See POSTSCRIPT, page three)



No, Wanetta Newsome does not lie about her age. The Times erred in last Sunday's Lifestyles feature story on her many years of service at Our Lady of the Way Hospital in Martin. Nurse Newsome just turned 75. Happy birthday to a very special lady. The Times regrets the error.

**Cobbler**



(See Cobbler Recipe on Page 3)



This & That...

# Fingerprints of the heart

by Bill Francis

Mother's Day on the calendar came and went Sunday, May 14. My mother passed away on December 9, 1999. In my mind and heart it's Mother's and Father's Day each day of the year. But with Mother only passing a short time ago, this first Mother's Day without her was very hard to deal with. Thoughts of yesteryear began

flooding my mind. It amazed me the things that I remembered. At the age of five or six, the problems can be very great. Whatever age in my life and whatever the problem, Mother would put her large teddy bear arms around me and say, "Everything will be all right."

I could have been crying with tears flowing like a waterfall, but after she placed her arms around me and said those words, things usually

were all right.

I saw my fingerprints left on the doorways in the house from playing in the black coal dust or creek banks. I could see my footprints on the floors after Mother had stayed up mopping and waxing the floors.

I saw beautiful art work again left by me with crayons that were to be used in a coloring book, but were on the walls of the house after she had worked so hard either painting

or wallpapering. I could see her crying because of the art work left by me.

I saw her 1937 high school annual. I recalled finding her picture and a tube of lipstick and thinking I could make her more beautiful than she was by putting lipstick on her lips on the small picture. I, of course, ruined the picture of her in

(See FINGERPRINTS, page three)

## First-Of-Its-Kind Nationwide Emphysema Research Study Underway

(NAPSA)-As part of a medical research study sponsored by the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute of the National Institutes of Health, in collaboration with the Health Care Financing Administration, which manages Medicare, medical experts nationwide are screening emphysema patients for the National Emphysema Treatment Trial (NETT). This medical research study is designed to evaluate if lung volume reduction surgery (LVRS) has a role in the treatment of patients with emphysema.

An estimated 16 million people in the United States suffer from chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), a family of lung dis-

eases characterized by an obstruction to airflow. Emphysema, a common form of COPD, affects nearly 2 million Americans, most of whom are over the age of 50. In the disease, the tiny air sacs in the lungs called alveoli are damaged, causing the lungs, which normally stretch as a person breathes in, to lose their elasticity. Damaged alveoli trap air in the lungs, making it difficult for the person to breathe.

The NETT study is seeking to enroll 2,500 patients. These patients will receive six to 10 weeks of medical treatment and may then be randomly assigned to receive either surgery with medical treatment or medical treatment alone.

LVRS involves removal of up to

30 percent of a patient's emphysematous lung tissue. Medical treatment provides patients with medications, specific exercise and breathing techniques, nutrition counseling and stress management strategies.

NETT is seeking emphysema patients who have stopped smoking or are willing to stop to participate in the study. Patients must be on Medicare, or their private insurance carrier must be willing to support their participation. Each potential participant must undergo a series of exercise, breathing and medical tests at one of the 19 NETT medical research centers nationwide.

Patients interested in participating in this medical research study

should call 1-800-314-2596 or visit [www.EmphysemaStudy.org](http://www.EmphysemaStudy.org) for more information.

"Lung volume reduction surgery has been reported to have a possible role in the treatment of emphysema. NETT will help us better understand if there are long-term benefits and what the risks are," comments Dr. Alfred Fishman, chairman of NETT and associate dean, University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine.

### Postscript

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Thankfully, I was driving slowly when I saw a large bird sitting on a wide shoulder of grass beside the road.

I was amazed to see how big the bird was and how close I was able to come to it. I got close enough to see the variations of brown in the creature's feathers, only about 10 feet away.

Then, the hawk's grand wings spread and flapped slowly as it rose. Secure in the bird's talons was a wriggling black snake, easily four feet long. Lunch.

I was privileged to be a witness.

I would never have seen this event on the four-lane, nor even on 680 or 122, busy thoroughfares, unsafe for hawks or even snakes — some would say, people.

I saw nothing else so dramatic along Turkey Creek, but I did see many things that were comforting and pleasant to view.

The pavement is lined with brilliant green, along the creek and in surprisingly wide bottoms and generous hollers. The sun bounces off the green and drives it back into your eyes, almost dizzying.

The creek, as far as it can be seen, appears free of the debris so evident throughout the rest of the county. It flows rapidly and clearly, a credit to the people who apparently take their stewardship seriously.

The houses here are well maintained and the yards trimmed and blooming. Gardens and animals appear to prosper. There is evidence that the people here are only a generation or two removed from serious farming and the confidence of self-sufficiency.

It was a good day.

Greetings to subscriber Judy Elizabeth Newman of Grethel. Thanks for reading the Times.

A stroke can be a mind-blowing thing



Mud Creek winners

Participants from Mud Creek Senior Citizens Center received 16 medals during the 2000 Big Sandy Senior Games in May. Recipients were, from left, Elmer Hall, Goldie Derosssett, Hubert Hall, Clois Hamilton, Judy Hamilton (accepting for Mary Lou Howell) and Ruth Light. Medals were presented by center director Loretta Bentley during the center's birthday potluck dinner. A birthday cake was donated by Community Trust Bank.

## NEW ARRIVALS

### Highlands Regional Medical Center

May 16: A daughter, Rachel Jo, to Sarah Jo and Franklin D. Burchett Jr., of Prestonsburg; a daughter, Sarah Jessica, to Dana and Charles Scott Collins of Prestonsburg.

May 19: A daughter, Kayley Denys, to Robert and Kimberly

Prater of Hueysville; a son, Chase Matthew, to Terry and Debra Flannery of Prestonsburg.

May 20: A son, Eric Daniel, to Pam Page of Minnie; a daughter, Aleigha Faith Ousley, to Melissa Calhoun of Emma; a son, Dylan Michael Brown, to Rachel Lee Martin of Staffordsville.

May 21: A son, Jacob Chase, to Crystal Gayle Vanover of Auxier.

May 22: A daughter, Lyndsey Sharay, to James and Mary Lynn Horn of Inez.

May 23: A son, Jacob Steven, to Janie and Steven LeMaster of Boons Camp; a son, Todd Michael, to Cindy and John Wade Cline of Inez.

May 25: A son, James Alex, to Billie Jo and Martin Ritchie of Vest.



Is one-year-old

Brooklyn Oneal Addington, daughter of Remus and Tammy Addington of Hueysville, celebrated her first birthday on May 13, 2000, with a party at Archer Park. The theme was Sesame Street. Maternal grandparents are Dennis and Anna Huff of Drift. Paternal grandparents are Kathy Addington and the late Wana Addington. Friends and family attending the party were Savannah and Austin Huff, Tyler Clark, Megan and Chelsea Stone, Allie Burke, Chelsie Conn, Jonathan Wilhite and Braxton and Katelyn Hall.

## BIRTHDAYS



Is three now

Rebecca Lynn Reed of Endicott turned three years old on May 25, 2000. She celebrated with a party at home with her family, including her parents, Darvin and Lise Reed, and half-brother, Scotty Reed. She is the granddaughter of Hazel and William Shepherd of Salt Lick at Gunlock in Magoffin County.



Turns 85

John Hunter of Printer celebrated his 85th birthday on May 24, 2000, with family and friends. He says his two favorite foods are chicken and dumplings and watermelon. His wife was the late Virgie Hunter, and he is the son of the late Ben and Maudie Hunter. (photo by Phyllis McKinney)



Majmundar is sophomore attendant

Monica Majmundar of Martin, was elected sophomore attendant for Miss Transylvania at the university's T-Day Ball. She was escorted by E.B. Lowman, sophomore attendant for Mr. Pioneer. This year marks the 77th anniversary of the coronation of Miss Transylvania and Mr. Pioneer. The ball is the culmination of Transy's alumni weekend events. Majmundar is the daughter of Drs. Gopal and Mina Majmundar of Martin. She is a graduate of the Plarist School.

### Things to

# PONDER

by MABLE ROWE LINEBERGER, PH.D.

Many may recall that the last topic was about ways couples can prevent their wedding bliss from fading. The recommendations included such psychological tasks as separating emotionally from both families of origin and creating their own "nest" for them and their children, using humor and laughter to keep things in perspective and to avoid boredom and isolation, and learning to express differences, anger, and conflict.

A major reason that couples often seek marital therapy is the husband's frequent habit of being angry, sometimes about "something," nothing, or somewhere in between. This is a condition that men often will not talk about—unexplained anger.

Usually men or their loved ones are not aware that this unexplained anger is commonly associated with depression, but if they do know, they deny and/or avoid acknowledging it.

"Why I'm not angry," says Macho Man, "my wife and kids just won't do what I tell them to do. I don't get upset and yell at the office like I do at home."

A big-time problem is that women and not men are allowed to be depressed by our society. Often, about 19 million U.S. citizens are depressed at any given time, about one in five over a lifetime. Some researchers estimate that 20 percent of all women and 10 percent of men are depressed, but they question the number for males being that low.

The uncertain numbers are probably affected by how the reactions to emotional distress are different. Women are

more likely to seek mental health services/ than men. Men are prone to try to present the "tough, macho man" image, such as self-medicating with substances. It is not unusual for addicts to have "dual" diagnoses, such as a major depression and alcoholism.

Then there's the couple where the husband had smoked marijuana for more than 12 years. After many years of experiencing a turbulent marriage, separating and getting back together, they were going to try one more time to make

their "commitment" work.

Typical of most troubled couples, each had a hard time accepting responsibility for individual behaviors—his verbal outbursts and their lack of limits with families. By the time they began seeking marital therapy, both were very depressed, but their symptoms were not always similar. While the wife reported extreme sadness with crying, the husband was frequently very irritable and angry. Both were having great problems with sleeping and getting up and going to work.

Several factors have been identified as possible contributors to depression in men. As in all depressed individuals, neurotransmitters are major keys to psychological distress. These are chemicals, serotonin, norepinephrine, and

dopamine, which move—transmit—signals from one brain cell to another. A serotonin imbalance, due to an inherited tendency and/or intense stressors is commonly associated with depression.

A second possible contributor to men being mildly depressed is a deficiency in the male hormone, testosterone. Classic symptoms of fatigue, lack of motivation, and sexual problems become evident.

A third factor and also typical in depressed women is significantly negative life stressors and experiences, such as losing a job, being abandoned by a love one, or intense health changes.

Of course, most everyone has probably witnessed the negative impact of using substances, alcohol and drugs, on one's mood and mental status. Men are two to three times more prone than women to become addicts.

Needless to say, everyone has his or her ups and downs. Individuals who are depressed usually show signs and symptoms that are more significant than "feeling down"

episodes for more than two weeks and just don't get the typical pleasure from doing things as they did before.

Other depressive characteristics include sleep difficulties, either sleeping much less or sleeping too much; changes in appetite and thus often weight; variety in energy—fatigue, lethargy, or apathy; extreme guilt, worthlessness, and hopelessness; mental processing deficits, such as poor memory, inability to concentrate and focus attention; and thoughts or attempts of suicide.

A major danger of anyone not being treated for depression is the increased possibility of suicide, maybe as much as a 15 percent risk. Furthermore, men's attempts at suicide are usually more successful than women's, since men's first choice for committing suicide is to shoot themselves.

Mike Wallace of "60 Minutes" fame, who has long-term significant depression and speaks on behalf of mental health groups, is quoted as saying, "This cloud descends upon you again...And you really do begin to think about how to get rid of this pain, this shame, this fraud, this endless darkness."

After suicidal risks are removed, the death rate related to depressive disorders is similar to cancer, diabetes and heart disease. Reportedly, depressed men are likely to develop heart disease and tend to age at a faster rate than non-depressed individuals.

It's not a sin to feel depressed, but it is very unfortunate that people, whose lives are so affected by such negative feelings and behaviors, do not seek appropriate treatment. It is not a sign of weakness for a man to make a decision that is likely to improve his quality of life and those with whom he lives.

So often, the experience has been that frantic husbands call for appointments for marital therapy after their wives have finally made the point that they can no longer tolerate the situation, no matter what. Marital therapy involves the couple together, unless one partner has a significant issue that does not involve the other.

If there are indicators of a chemical imbalance, a medical consultation with a family physician or psychiatrist can be done for anti-depressant medication, such as Effexor, Serzone, Zoloft, and several more that are not addictive.

Ideally, the man who is chronically angry-about-most-everything, needs to assume responsibility for his feelings and behaviors. Thus, he needs to decide when, where, and how he will address the situation. If the man in your home is routinely and predictably angry in most any type of situation, don't swallow your feelings, followed with "Oh, that's just the way he is."

If he will not do what he needs to do for himself and those important to him, then his family needs to take the lead. Sometimes it may mean the difference between life and death, marriage and divorce, or stress and contentment. Which do you prefer?



## Martin

school days."

Our final year of high school. Wow! We never thought it would arrive, but after 11 years of going to school, now we're seniors. We have the senior play, senior trip and graduation.

My, how quickly that final year of school went by. Classmates say good-bye and occasionally we would run into one another or, as the case is, sometimes, marry one of them.

Graduation night and the final time together with our classmates, favorite teacher and not-so-favorite teacher. Boy, we have waited 12

years for this moment, but, now that it has arrived, we know we are going separate ways and perhaps, just perhaps, we will never see one another again.

Some will join the armed forces, others will leave to seek employment or go off to an institute of higher learning. Some will marry and move to other states to make a go of it.

Memories. They are precious, and nothing — I mean nothing — can take those away.

That is why I am thankful for the five-year Martin High School reunion, the one at Martin last

weekend.

What a special day it was. I would hope that an event like this would never cease. I know that it requires a lot of hard work and not just a few can pull it off — it takes working together.

Delores Dingus has been the one who had spearheaded this event from its beginning, and I appreciate all the efforts she has put forth.

But Delores surrounded herself with a great cast in helping to make the 2000 Martin Bash a huge success. Thousands of former Martin Purple Flashers made their way back to the small town that all of us have fond memories of.

The gala got started actually on a Friday night with a reception. Saturday brought all the former students (with spouses and kids) to the gymnasium for an opening ceremony. The little gym was attractively decorated and filled with former Martin students and teachers.

Some of the former students were guest speakers and shared their memories of "school days" at Martin Elementary and Martin High School.

Jim Hammond, an alumnus, related to those gathered how that former students had gone on to become part of the work force of America that has helped shape our great country. Some became lawyers, doctors, ministers, clerks, engineers, nurses, etc.

Steve Halbert spoke about one of the favorite teachers at Martin, his

father, Denzil "Hoss" Halbert. At times it was touching and other times humorous. "Hoss" could be both. He was a special person to everyone who attended Martin High School.

Former teachers such as Jack Hutchinson, J.O. Dingus, Ruth Reynolds, Randy Flannery, Grace Flannery, Judy Salisbury (maiden name) and Chady Salisbury (also maiden name), along with Tommy Hardwick, just to name a few, were recognized at the ceremonies.

It was really good to see Jack Hutchinson, a graduate of the class of '48. Jack was an assistant basketball coach under "Hoss" when he taught at Martin. Jack now resides in Arizona.

"It is good to be back here," he said. "You know, Ed, Martin will always be a special place for me. It is good that we can have these reunions."

"I only got to teach one day at Martin," recalled Randy Flannery, "and that was as a substitute."

Terry Salisbury, who's father James Salisbury was the school's principal for seems like a life time, was asked to address the large number of people. Terry spoke of his dad fondly and recalled his encounters with "Hoss."

My brother Bob Taylor returns every time this special occasion comes around. He, along with his wife, Irene, enjoyed the time of just meeting old classmates.

For me, it was good to see Vernon "Shade" Allen, who could hit a baseball farther than anyone, with the exception of Jason Ousley.

Since I graduated in 1958, this past weekend was the first time I had laid eyes on Sonny Smith. Sonny had not changed that much. Oh, yes, we lost Sonny on our senior trip — at the White House.

"I was the only one in our class that got to see the White House," said Sonny.

Belva Halbert, Violet Adkins (and I am using the names I knew them by), Gary Osborne, Norris Salisbury, Janice (Adkins) Salisbury, Freda (Collins) Calhoun, Janice (Griffith) Dingus, Shirley (Miller) Dingus, Joe Sturgill, and the list just goes on and on, were part of this special day.

Martin was a good town to grow up in. The '40s and '50s were good years to grow up in. But there was just something about being a Purple Flash.

I am sure those at Maytown, Wayland, Garrett, McDowell, Wheelwright, Betsy Layne, Prestonsburg, and Auxier all feel the same way, and they should.

But I am glad to have been one of the many former students at Martin High School and to have known the

outstanding teachers who made up the staff there.

I could ramble on and on about the "good times" but that would take a lot of time and space.

Several of our classmates and schoolmates have passed on and are no longer with us. But we still have those memories of them and as we scan our yearbooks from time to time, we remember the good times we all had.

I must admit that when I ran into some of my former classmates, if it weren't for the name tag, I would be guessing yet who they were. That's embarrassing. Sonny Smith? I knew him right off.

For those of us who were fortunate enough to be a Purple Flasher, we hope that the reunions will continue. To Delores and all her staff that made this special day even more special — I think I speak for everyone — thank you for everything. Let's see that we do it again.

Memories are something that no one can take away from us. Hold on to those that you have.

## Seniors host memorial service

Patrons of the McDowell/Minnie Senior Citizens Center held a memorial service on May 26 for deceased seniors who had been active in center activities.

"We presented a family member with a rose and the person presenting had something memorable to say about the senior," said center director Ellen Mae Brown.

■ Geraldine Ward gave Rodney Patton a rose for his father, Landon "Bruce" Patton.

■ Margaret "Boss" Pack presented Mrs. Larry F. Stumbo a rose for her father-in-law.

■ Kathryn Youmans gave a rose to Raymond Ward for his mother,

Alice Ward.

■ Brooksie Gearheart gave Lena Mosley a rose for her mother, Aileen Layne.

■ Ruby Damron gave a white rose to Ann Sparkman for her husband, Eugene Sparkman.

■ Ocie Frasure gave Helen Stumbo a rose for her sister, Paralea Vanderpool.

■ Myrtle Ratline gave Lula Bradley a white rose for her husband, Gorman Bradley.

■ Eula Hicks gave a rose to her niece, Rhonda T. Meade, for her mother, Norma Turner.

The seniors had a potluck lunch for friends and family.

## Something for everyone at Kentucky Historical Society

by Kelli Summers

There's plenty to do at the Kentucky Historical Society in June. Next Wednesday, June 7, at noon is the monthly Brown Bag Lecture.

Held in the Brown Forman Kentucky Room, of the Kentucky History Center, the lecture this month, "Dr. Benjamin Dudley: Defining the Cutting Edge of 19th Century Surgery," will be given by Dr. Eric Christianson.

Dr. Dudley studied under Napoleon's personal physician and returned to Kentucky to revolutionize medicine. Admission is free.

Downtown Frankfort Inc. will host the first of its Summer Concert Series "Downtown's Alive After Five" on Friday, June 9, on the grounds of the Old State Capitol. The site of many events over the years, on this evening the lawn will play host to Sara Bay Evans.

This is a perfect opportunity to have a nice dinner downtown, spread your blanket on the grass

and enjoy a relaxing Friday evening. The concert begins between 5 and 6 p.m.

On Thursday, June 15, KHS sponsors its popular third Thursday, Center Scene program. "Swing into Summer" has live music by the Swingmasters and free dance lessons. These events feature cuisine, conversation and cocktails. They are free to KHS members and \$5 for non-members. For reservations, call Julia Curry at 502/564-1792, ext. 4414.

Saturday, June 24, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. the museum education program at the History Center will offer "Moving to Kentucky!" This program is aimed at children between the ages of 5 and 12. Kids and their families can learn about the lives and customs of Kentucky's immigrants, both historical and more recent, from all around the world.

Children must be accompanied by an adult and groups of 10 or more need to register. For more information, call Jennie Bare Boyd at 502/564-1792, ext. 4424.

## Fingerprints

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the book.

I recalled going to the movies and I was so small that my Dad carried me half across his shoulder. We were walking down the railroad tracks home, and I can still see that clear frosty night, a full moon and star filled sky.

I remember Mother and Daddy talking, I wish I knew what they were talking about. They could have been talking about the movie we had seen, how cold it was, or how heavy my brother and I were to carry.

No matter when I hit the bottom of the barrel mentally, physically or spiritually, Mother could put her arms around me and say, "Don't worry everything will be all right."

In church on Mother's Day, I had to leave four times with my heart crying for her. I could see where she always sat. I could hear her beautiful voice singing the same songs I had heard her sing

all my life. She sang at all the weddings and most funerals at Garrett, the community where I grew up.

Her father was a coal miner and all her brothers. She worked at the coal company commissary and various other stores. No matter how tired she was, I could ask her to sing for me. Whether it was songs of the hit parade or religious, the sound was the same. With her singing to me, everything was all right in my world. It was like wrapping her arms around me.

I don't know why, but I remember I was about eight years old and Mother was wearing a pretty green and white dress with a white hat on Easter Sunday. I thought she was so beautiful. She left her fingerprints on my heart. It's wonderful to be alive.

*Be an Angel, be an organ donor. Talk with your family and sign the back of your drivers license. To contact Bill Francis, write to P.O. Box 453, Hindman, Ky. 41822.*

## Cobbler's not just for dinner anymore

Think of a biscuit fruit cobbler simply as an all-in-one variation of hot biscuits and jam, and suddenly it becomes suitable for all kinds of breakfast and brunch occasions, advises Linda Carman, the Martha White baking expert and editor of "Southern Traditions, 100 Years of Recipes from the Martha White Kitchens" (CPI, 1999).

The Martha White cookbook is available in bookstores everywhere, by special offer on Martha White products, and through the Martha White web page at [www.marthawhite.com](http://www.marthawhite.com).

## Brunch Biscuit Cobbler

1 (16-oz.) pkg. unsweetened frozen mixed berries (about 4 cups)  
3/4 cup sugar  
1 cup Martha White® Self-Rising Flour  
2 tablespoons sugar  
1/4 cup butter, melted  
1/2 cup sour cream  
Heat oven to 400°F. Place frozen berries in 8-inch square (2 quart) baking dish. Sprinkle 3/4 cup sugar over berries. Place in oven to heat for 15 minutes. Meanwhile, in medium bowl, combine flour and 2 tablespoons sugar; mix well. Add butter and sour cream; stir just until soft dough forms.  
Remove baking dish from oven; stir to blend fruit and sugar. Drop dough by tablespoonfuls over hot fruit.

by Celia Little

The GFWC/KFWC Drift Woman's Club met in April at the Viola Bailey Community Center, with President Alice Osborne presiding.

The club collect was read by Ruby Akers, Roney Clark and Mary Joyce Gash, followed by the Pledge to the American Flag.



Celebrity shooter

Elizabeth "Locky" Lambert, formerly of Prestonsburg, was recently featured as a celebrity shooter at the fourth annual Sporting Clays Classic in Louisville to benefit the Boy Scouts of America. Now a resident of Los Angeles, Lambert works as an actress and has been featured in films and television and also various commercials and infomercials. Most recently, she starred in the action thriller "Detour," opposite Michael Madsen. She is a graduate of the University of Kentucky and the daughter of Betsy Lambert of Prestonsburg.

## Organizations

## Jenny Wiley AARP hosts health educator

Jane Bond, health educator at the Floyd County Health Department, was the guest speaker at the meeting of Jenny Wiley Chapter No. 3528, AARP, at its meeting held Friday, May 19, at the First Presbyterian Church, Prestonsburg.

Garnett Fairchild, president, presided over the business and Orville Cooley gave the invocation; all present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag; Charlotte Goble, assistant secretary, read the minutes of the last meeting, which was in

March. (There was no meeting in April because of Good Friday). The treasurer's report was given and received.

Following discussion, the chapter agreed to renew the corporate status of the chapter, and the treasurer was authorized to send the Kentucky State Treasurer \$4 for this purpose.

Burieta Gearhart gave a report of the recently-completed 55 Alive Driving Course, and said that 35 persons received the instruction, and that others were waiting for another course to be taught.

Gladys Allen presented Jane Bond, the speaker of the evening, and she talked of the importance of taking all of the medications which are prescribed; and getting flu, pneumonia and tetanus shots. She stated that Home Health was no longer at the health department, but is still active where needed, such as for senior citizens and at clinics.

The health department has a Men's Health Day scheduled for June 15. For information and an appointment, call 886-2788, ext. 268.

James E. Goble, secretary/trea-

surer, admitted to having a birthday in May.

The president read excerpts from "AARP Connections," and adjourned the meeting with a prayer.

The next meeting of AARP will be held at the church on Friday, June 16.

Attending the meeting were Garnett Fairchild, Burieta Gearhart, Gladys Allen, Charlotte Goble, Orville Cooley, Ann Roark, Margaret Ackerman, Jo Vaughn, Jane Bond, and James E. and Marie Goble.

## KFWC Drift Woman's Club

All club members were hostesses. Alice Osborne asked the blessing, and then dinner was served.

The minutes were read by Celia Little, secretary; treasurer's report was read by treasurer Roney Clark.

The scholarship was discussed for a South Floyd High School senior, to be presented at graduation by the Drift Woman's Club

President Alice Osborne.

The officers for 2000-2001 were nominated to be installed June 19; president, Ruby Akers; first vice president, Donna Allen; second vice president, Alice Osborne; secretary, Celia Little; treasurer, Roney Clark.

Redbud trees were distributed to all members and guests. They were donated by the Floyd County

Conservation.

In attendance were Alma Mosley, Brooksie Gearheart, Alice Osborne, Celia Little, Mary Joyce Gash, Donna Allen, Roney Clark, Ruby Akers, Geraldine Ward, Ruby Damron, Karen Slone, Peggy Newsome, Bethel Click, Gloria Salisbury and Marie Hall.

Door prize was won by Celia Little.

## Call at funeral home

Among those from Prestonsburg who called at the Milward Funeral Home in Lexington recently to offer their condolences to the family of Martin Douglas May were Jim and Mary Carter, Mary Lynn Pigman, Bonnie Meade, David Hereford, and Marvin Eugene Music.

Former residents who visited the funeral home were Barbara Carter, Bill and Betty Jean Allen, Bill Webb, Joe David Martin, Rev. Harold Dorsey, Mary Jo LePointe, Paul and Joy Hager, and Rodney Bussey.

## Reunions

■ Hughes-Laferty Reunion, Saturday, June 10, Shelter 4 at Dewey Lake, JWSRP; lunch 12:30 p.m. Relatives of Joe Hughes and Hiram Laferty.

■ Campbell Family Reunion, Sunday, June 11, Prestonsburg Holiday Inn, noon. Buffet-type meal, with everyone responsible for own meal. Bring a craft for auction. Call 606/874-2002, 874-9817, or 874-9712.

■ The 37th Isaac Newton and Millie Jane Derossett Owsley Family Reunion, Saturday, June 17, Archer Park, Prestonsburg, beginning at noon. Bring a covered dish. Contact Lloyd Edwards, 606/886-2908, or Cecil and Margaret Edwards, 937/855-2627.

■ The Lafferty Family Reunion, for descendants of William and Sarah Burchfield Lafferty, will be Saturday, June 24, beginning at 11 a.m., at the Johnny Lafferty Jr. farm at Cliff. Bring genealogy, family photos and a covered dish. For more information, contact Ed or Mildred Lafferty at 606/789-3860, or e-mail LBJ@digital.net.

■ The descendants of Emery Hicks — Hicks 2000 Reunion — Sunday, July 16, Rural Coon Hunters Club, Greenwich, Ohio. Potluck dinner begins at 12:30 p.m. White elephant auction, volleyball, games for kids, horseshoes. Call Mreadith Spoor, 419/895-1078.

■ Maytown Community Reunion, Labor Day Weekend, September 1-3. Contact Libby Ree Flanery, 606/285-3413.



# YOUTH NEWS

## MCA honors lists...

Mountain Christian Academy announces its fourth quarter Honor Roll. To achieve honor roll status a student must have a 3.0 GPA. To obtain High Honor Roll, a student must have all A's with an average of 94 percent or above.

### Third Grade High Honor Roll

Kandice Scaff, daughter of Dwayne and Lisa Scaff; Rebecca Rose, daughter of Doug and Vicki Rose; Devin Burchett, son of Jack and Kathy Burchett; Maegan Leslie, daughter of Larry and Lynn Leslie; Lindzey Thacker, daughter of Steve and Renee Thacker; Elizabeth Davis, daughter of Brett and Virginia Davis; Staci Carriere, daughter of Kenny and Angie Carriere; Braden Coleman, son of J.R. and Melissa Coleman; Elizabeth Kilburn, daughter of Solomon and Matilda Kilburn.

### Honor Roll

Christian Smith, son of Thomas and Robin Simpson Smith; Whitney Hackworth, daughter of David and Jennifer Hackworth; Matthew Tackett, son of Marty and Christina Tackett; Jackson Osborne, son of Marty Osborne

and Julie Paxton; Amanda Ousley, daughter of Dewey and Melissa Ousley; Julia Burchett, daughter of Chuck and Kay Burchett; Raya Calhoun, daughter of Donald Calhoun and Elisha Calhoun; Taylor Moak, daughter of Tom Moak and Joann Harvey.

### Fourth Grade High Honor Roll

Vincent Ganzon, son of Rudy and Jackie Ganzon; Shilpa Sachdeva, daughter of Rakesh and Seema Sachdeva; Taylor Clark, son of Eddy and Robin Clark.

### Honor Roll

Courtney Gullett, daughter of Greg and Janeah Gullett; Lindsay Maggard, daughter of Richie and Michelle Maggard; Zachary Parsons, son of Barry and Sherry Parsons; Robin Warrix, daughter of Bobby and Valerie Warrix; Jarred Tackett, son of Devon and Melissa Tackett; Zachary Hamilton, son of Sandra Stapleton and Lanny Hamilton.

### Fifth Grade High Honor Roll

Jacob Moak, son of Tom Moak and Joann Harvey; Lincoln Slone, son of Ronnie Slone and Benita Riley; Mikka Riley, daughter of

Jeff and Libby Riley; Joshua Ousley, son of Phillip and Debbie Ousley.

### Honor Roll

Myranda Elliott, daughter of Andy and Myra Elliott; Katelyn Lemaster, daughter of Paul and Janie Lemaster; Dustin Rowe, son of Bobby and Beth Rowe; Kendra Sammons, daughter of Dewey and Pamela Sammons; Whitney Austin Bradley, daughter of Randy and Polly Bradley; Burke Garner, son of Jerry Garner and Jennifer Patton; Kellie Farthing, daughter of Stephen and Emma Farthing; Aaron Bartley, son of Clifford and Kimberlea Bartley; Steven Slone, son of Steve and Jamie Slone.

### Sixth Grade High Honor Roll

Sean Leslie, son of Keith and Teresa Leslie; Stephanie Williams, daughter of Steven Williams and Greta Howard.

### Honor Roll

Matthew Potter, son of Tim and Donna Potter; Jessica Adams, daughter of Tim and Sharon Adams; Jennifer Adams, daughter of Tim and Sharon Adams; Ryann Thornsberry, daughter of Gary and

Lisa Thornsberry; Ella Wilburn, daughter of Morlyn and Essie Mae Wilburn; Chris Conley, son of Janet Lea Conley.

### Seventh Grade High Honor Roll

Molly Burchett, daughter of Blake and Becky Burchett; Caitlin Clark, daughter of Eddy and Robin Clark; Samantha Farthing, daughter of Stephen and Emma Farthing; Sarah Hall, daughter of Harold and Madge Hall.

### Honor Roll

Jessica Pate, daughter of Terry Pate and Mary Bailey

### Eighth Grade High Honor Roll

Lora Gibson, daughter of Terry and Gladys Gibson; Shawna Peters, daughter of Johnny and Billie Peters.

### Honor Roll

Matthew Francis, son of Bill and Demetra Francis; Tessa Shepherd, daughter of Donald and Pam Shepherd; Nikita Thornsberry, daughter of Ricky Thornsberry and Renee Thornsberry; Clinton Halbert, son of Ronnie and Janet Halbert.



Jethro Francois

## Student is a national award winner

Jethro Francois of Prestonsburg has been named a United States National Collegiate Award winner in pre-med.

The Academy recognizes fewer than 10 percent of all American college students.

Dean of Student Affairs, Sandra Kaikumba, nominated Francois, who attends Prestonsburg Community College for this national award. "Jethro is an outstanding, hardworking individual. He is so polite and respectful, which is lacking today in many youth. He has a great personality," she said.

The Academy selects winners upon the exclusive recommendation by professors, coaches, counselors, and other qualified sponsors, and upon the Standards of

Selection set forth by the Academy.

The criteria for selection are a student's academic performance, interest and aptitude, leadership qualities, responsibility, enthusiasm, motivation to learn and improve, citizenship, attitude and cooperative spirit, dependability, and recommendation from a professor or college official.

Francois will appear in the United States Achievement Academy Official Collegiate Yearbook, which is published nationally.

He is the son of Joseph Joel and Marie Francois of Fort Lauderdale, Florida. The paternal grandparents are Joseph and Sylfida Francois of Preval, Artibonite, and the maternal grandparents are Alexis and Lamerie from Dutrejet.

## Allen students score at Olympiad



Allen Elementary School students fared well at the regional Science Olympiad, with the Darwin team placing second (beaten by only three points) and the Einstein team placing third.

Both teams competed at the State Science Olympiad in Morehead.

At the state level, Morgan Slone and Samantha Goble placed first in bridge building; Rob Murray and William May placed first in bio-process lab, and Tyler Hall and Josh McKinney placed third in mystery architecture.

Elkhorn Coal, the school's partner in education, provided new lab coats for the competition.

The individual team tally sheets for the regional meet include the following information:

### The Darwins

• First Place: Samantha Goble and Morgan Slone, bridge building; Alanna Cline, Sara Tackett, Morgan Slone and Tiffany Goble, mission possible; Mandy May and Teelah Gayheart, road scholar; Nicholas Jamerson and Tommy Layne, amphibians and reptiles; David Joseph, Nicholas Jamerson, Teelah

Gayheart and Rob Murray, pentathlon; Samantha Goble and Alicia Nelson, science crime busters.

• Second Place: William May and David Joseph, water quality; Rob Murray and Samantha Goble, write it-do it; Rob Murray and Mandy May, physical science lab.

• Third Place: William May and Rob Murray, bio-process lab; Sara Isaac and Jerri Mitchell, science of fitness; Tiffany Goble and Tommy Layne, mystery architecture; David Joseph and Tommy Layne, reach for the stars.

### The Einsteins

• First Place: Tyler Hall and Matt Collins, dynamic planet; Amanda Keathly and Jared McKinney, write it-do it; Tyler Hall and Josh McKinney, experimental design.

• Second Place: Jerri Vance and Lindsay Ward, amphibians and reptiles; Andrew Shepherd, Kelly Clark, Matt Collins and Dustin Gibson, pentathlon; Josh Carter and Blake Combs, battery buggy; Dustin Gibson, Josh McKinney and Jared McKinney, bottle rockets.

• Third Place: Josh Carter and Blake Combs, rocks and minerals; Shane Miller, mission possible.



Elizabeth Blackburn represents Betsy Layne High School in WSAZ-TV's "Best of the Class" promotion. As the school's valedictorian, she is among about 200 achievers throughout the tri-state region who are being featured this month on Channel 3.



## 4-H S.T.A.R.S. shine

For two years in a row, eastern Kentucky students have won prestigious state and national awards in the National Energy Education Development Project competition.

Last year the June Buchanan School was named the 1999 National District School of the Year. This year the 4-H S.T.A.R.S. (Students Taught About Righteous Standards) Home School Association will receive the Y2K National and State Rookie of the Year Awards for their entry in the Science of Energy Competition.

The 4-H S.T.A.R.S. home school students will be recognized for their outstanding achievement and leadership in Washington, D.C., on Capitol Hill, Monday, June 26. Members of the S.T.A.R.S. are from Johnson, Perry and Floyd counties.

The winners were announced in Frankfort on May 12.

NEED is a national network of students, educators and community, industry and government leaders dedicated to the development of a sound energy education program and student leadership skills.

All schools participating in the NEED Project have been provided with outstanding classroom-based programs in which students learn

about the science of energy. NEED workshops are noted for high energy and total audience participation. Students become actively involved in teaching themselves and others about energy issues.

The National Energy Education Development Project (NEED) is funded by the federal and state departments of energy along with private industry. Locally, NEED workshops for Leslie, Letcher, Knott and Perry counties have been sponsored by Kentucky River Coal Corporation since 1996. Kentucky River Coal Corporation sponsored the NEED workshop in the Floyd County Schools for the first time in 1999.

Marci Cornett, a member of the 4-H S.T.A.R.S. says, "On behalf of S.T.A.R.S., we would like to thank Kentucky River Coal for taking a chance with us, Sandy Volk for believing in us and making everything happen, Chuck Stamper for working with us and all our contributors. All of us in S.T.A.R.S. have given it our best, had fun, learned a lot and appreciate everything we've received. I would especially like to thank the One who nurtures us and is there for us all."

## Medicine Degree Awarded

Michael T. Cecil has been awarded a doctor of medicine degree from the University of Kentucky College of Medicine.

Emery A. Wilson, M.D., dean, presided at the ceremony held May 20, at the Singletary Center for the Arts on the University of Kentucky campus.

Cecil is the son of Homer and Faye Cecil of Harold. He will enter a residency in otolaryngology at the UK Chandler Medical Center.

This year, 76 percent of the fourth-year College of Medicine students participating in the March 16 National Residency Matching

Program, received their first or second choice of a residency program to enter July 1. Residency programs vary from three to five years in length, depending on choice of specialty.

Forty-six percent of the class of 90 students chose to pursue residency training in primary care, which includes family practice, general internal medicine and pediatrics. Thirty-three percent will enter residency programs at the UK Chandler Medical Center, and another four percent will remain at other Kentucky programs.

## Studies in France

Two Floyd County women are participating in the Kentucky Institute for International Studies (KIIS) summer program in France.

Rachel Thompson of Stanville and Branalyn Elkins of Ivel are among 30 students from four states taking part in the summer study abroad. Both are students at Morehead State University.

The France program is one of 18 academic programs conducted by the KIIS, which is headquartered at Murray State University. KIIS is a consortium of 16 colleges and universities in Kentucky, Ohio, Tennessee and Indiana that administers quality, affordable study abroad programs in 12 foreign countries.

## It's All In The Numbers

(NAPSA)-Mathematicians have long wrestled with the endless mathematical possibilities of understanding the universe. In the similar spirit of setting ambitious goals, and reaching them, Chips Ahoy! is offering students nationwide an opportunity to use their math knowledge to win \$48,000 in prizes.

Children in grades 1-8, who have an interest in math, are eligible to compete in the Chips Ahoy! Reach for the Stars Math Challenge against other students their own age. Students enter by completing an entry pack specially designed for their grade category by the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM). Each entry pack contains 10 math problems and one bonus essay question, "How can math help you reach your goals?"

"In today's world of high tech gadgets and computers, it is essential for students of all ages to possess strong math skills," said Jason Harris, the "star" power of Nickelodeon's popular "Double Dare 2000" and host of the Chips Ahoy! Reach for the Stars Math Challenge final event. "This contest is a great example of how doing math can be rewarding, educational and a lot of fun."

From the correct entries submitted, three finalists will be selected in each category based on their response to the bonus essay question. The essay question for each finalist will be given a score that carries over to the finals. At the national final event at the Museum of Science and Industry in Chicago, students will flex their math muscles by competing in a high-energy speed round. The scores from both rounds will be tallied and the grand prize winners will each receive a \$10,000 U.S. Savings Bond. Runners-up in each grade category will receive a \$1,000 U.S. Savings Bond.

"Chips Ahoy! has always been recognized for our claim of 1,000 chips in every 18 oz. bag," said Bob Moore, Chips Ahoy! Senior Brand Manager. "We later learned from teachers nationwide that the claim had been used for years as an engaging tool to teach every level of math. The Chips Ahoy! Reach for the Stars Math Challenge was created as a result of the feedback we received from creative teachers who have used our cookies to spark an interest in math."

As math curriculums vary depending on grade levels, the contest is divided into four categories that combine two grades. The contest runs now through August 15, 2000 and is open to both individual math fans as well as group entries such as classrooms and academic clubs. Entry packs can be received by writing to Chips Ahoy! Reach for the Stars Math Challenge at P.O. Box 311, Parsippany, NJ 07054-0311 or by calling toll free at 1-877-CA4-MATH (1-877-224-6284). Entry packs will also be available by logging onto [www.nabiscoworld.com/ChipsAhoy](http://www.nabiscoworld.com/ChipsAhoy). The Chips Ahoy! Reach for the Stars Math Challenge supports the NCTM's missions and goals of improving math education in the United States and furthers the Council's public service message—"Do Math...and you can do anything."





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**Memorial Day Sale Now In Progress!**  
**NEW:** Mattress sets starting @ \$99.95; Living Room suits starting @ \$349.95; Bedroom suits, \$449.95; Dinets, \$119.95. **USED furniture and appliances reduced to unbelievable prices.** Sale ends June 10, so hurry in today for incredible savings. **SHOP AT THE LITTLE FURNITURE STORE & SAVE!!** RT. #122, McDowell. Call 377-0143.

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**FREE TO GOOD HOME:** Collie, 5 yrs old. Terrier, 6 months old. Fists, 5 yrs. old. 886-6556, between 9 am & 1 pm. Really good with children.\*

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**YARD SALES**

**3 FAMILY YARD SALE:** Mon., June 5th, 9am-4pm. Inside Green Acres Community Building. Name brand clothing for Adults & Children, toys, Avon & lots more.

**4 FAMILY YARD SALE:** June 5, 6 & 7. 1-1/2 miles at Cliff. Green outdoor table w/4 chairs, King-size bedding, assorted furniture, women/children clothing, household items. Look for signs. 886-1473.

**YARD SALE:** 478 N. Central Ave., behind Layne's Hardware. Mon. & Tues., June 5 & 6.

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# Youth News

## MSU Graduates

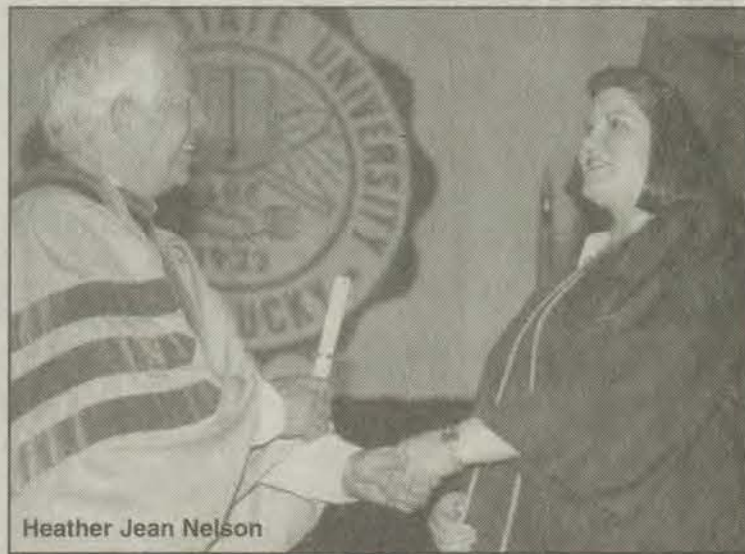


More than 800 Morehead State University graduate and undergraduate degree candidates walked across the stage of the Academic-Athletic Center during spring commencement recently. Each received a congratulatory handshake from MSU President Ronald G. Eaglin. From Floyd County are

- Mark Edward Blackburn of Endicott, candidate for Master of Arts degree with an emphasis in school administration.
- Samantha Lea Cooley of Banner, Bachelor of Social Work.
- Sharon Kelly Fitzpatrick of Garrett, Bachelor of Arts with an emphasis in sociology.
- Michael Gene Halfhill Jr. of Prestonsburg, Bachelor of Arts with an emphasis in psychology.
- Heather Jean Nelson of Banner, Bachelor of Arts with an emphasis in recreation.



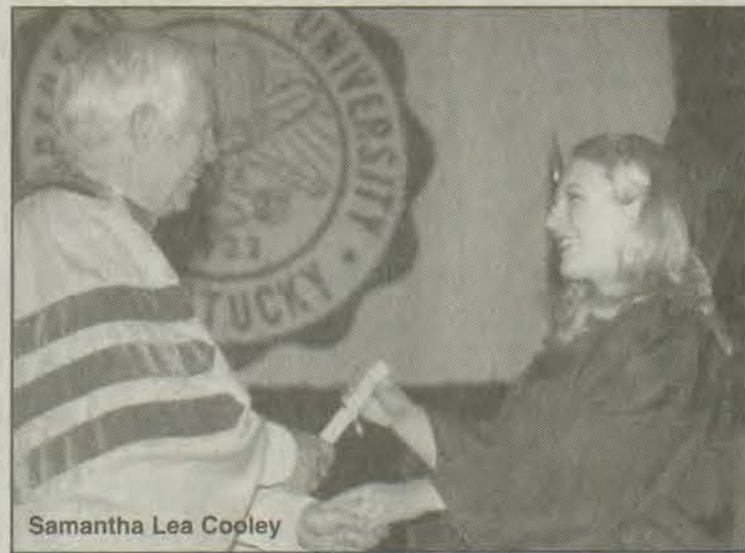
Karen Kelly Fitzpatrick



Heather Jean Nelson



Mark Edward Blackburn



Samantha Lea Cooley

## Majmundar receives three major awards at Transylvania's Awards Day

The Piast School graduate and Transylvania University sophomore Monica Majmundar received the Polymer Education Undergraduate Award, Henry Clay Award and Phi Mu Susan Lunger Brown Award during the university's Awards Program on May 16.

The Polymer Education Undergraduate Award is given to a chemistry major for outstanding performance in the first two semesters of organic chemistry, while the Henry Clay Award is

given to sophomores with the highest grade point average.

The Phi Mu Susan Lunger Brown Award recognizes an outstanding sophomore who has contributed significantly to Transylvania through her academic ability and leadership.

Majmundar is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. G. M. Majmundar of Martin.

Transylvania, founded in 1780, is the nation's 16th oldest institution of higher learning and is consistently ranked in national

publications as one of the top liberal arts colleges in the country. Transylvania is the only Kentucky college ranked in Yahoo! Internet Life magazine's recent list of 100 "most wired colleges."

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## Allen valedictorian



Samantha Brooke Goble is valedictorian of Allen Elementary School. She has a 4.0 GPA and is vice president of the Y-Club, a member of the Beta Club, and a Science Olympiad State Gold Medal winner. She is also an All-American Cheerleader, basketball homecoming queen and a member of Pleasant Home Baptist Church. She has been selected as a Prestonsburg High School Dance Cat. She is the daughter of Greg and Carol Goble and granddaughter of Sherman and Christine Goble and Esknovah and Teddy Lynn Jackson.

## Students read for memorial

The June Buchanan School fifth grade wanted to be part of the national campaign to build a World War II Memorial. With the help of the teacher, Paula Smith, the fifth grade class planned a Read-a-thon.

The students sought out sponsors and read an hour a day for 24 days. As a result, the students raised \$429.85.

"For 11 students, this is an incredible accomplishment,"

Smith stated. The fifth grade class is proud of their donation and would like to dedicate it to their family members who fought in the Second World War.

JBS fifth grader Ashton Smith said, "I wanted to raise the money for all the people who served in the War, like my papaw, C.B. Smith. They deserve to be honored for fighting for our freedoms."

## Cynicism...

by Father Val J. Peter, JCD, STD, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, BOYS TOWN USA



(NAPSA)-Nothing is more corrosive to human flourishing than constant, biting cynicism. Whether in a family, office, or school, a cynic spreads bitterness, unhappiness and selfishness wherever he or she goes. A cynic often is described as someone who knows the price of everything and the value of nothing.

Cynicism not only affects adults. Teenagers can adopt cynical behavior. Once a teenager has opened his or her heart to cynicism, there is room for nothing else. A teen will show signs of cynicism in a variety of negative thoughts, feelings and behaviors. Here are some examples:

- Finding nothing good in what his parents do
- Feeling reinforced by peers who are equally cynical
- Listening to music that reinforces cynicism
- Laughing at dark humor
- Engaging in cynical behavior

Cynicism is at the heart of the demonic in modern society. Once it takes root in a person, family or organization, cynicism begins to pervade the whole atmosphere. It is highly contagious.

Cynicism can turn a sweet little girl into an oppositional defiant brat; a loving family into a nest of hornets; a warm, inviting home into a cold, unwelcoming building.

It takes time, but what we need to realize-adults and teenagers alike-is that cynicism is the cause of our own misery. Nobody is in charge of our happiness but ourselves. The good news is we can change. It really is easy. You replace cynicism with positive thoughts, behaviors and actions. Here is what teens can do to change:

- Find something good in what your parents do
- Seek peers who are equally positive and reinforcing about life
- Listen to music that reinforces the optimistic side of things
- Laugh at yourself
- Engage in positive behavior such as thanking your parents and helping others
- Cut out the cynical language

Accomplishing these things is a promising behavioral beginning.

Why? Research shows that positive behaviors, if engaged in long enough, tend to develop positive feelings and positive thoughts. It takes a while for these positive feelings and thoughts to come forward and gain the day. However, it took a while for cynicism to dominate our thoughts and behaviors as well.

Try these out with your teenager, and on yourself. These simple steps work for my girls and boys at Boys Town USA; I'm sure they can work for you.

Father Val Peter is executive director of Boys Town USA, the famous home for troubled boys and girls in Boys Town, Neb., and in California, New York, Louisiana, Texas, Florida, Nevada, Rhode Island, Iowa, Pennsylvania, Georgia and Washington, D.C.

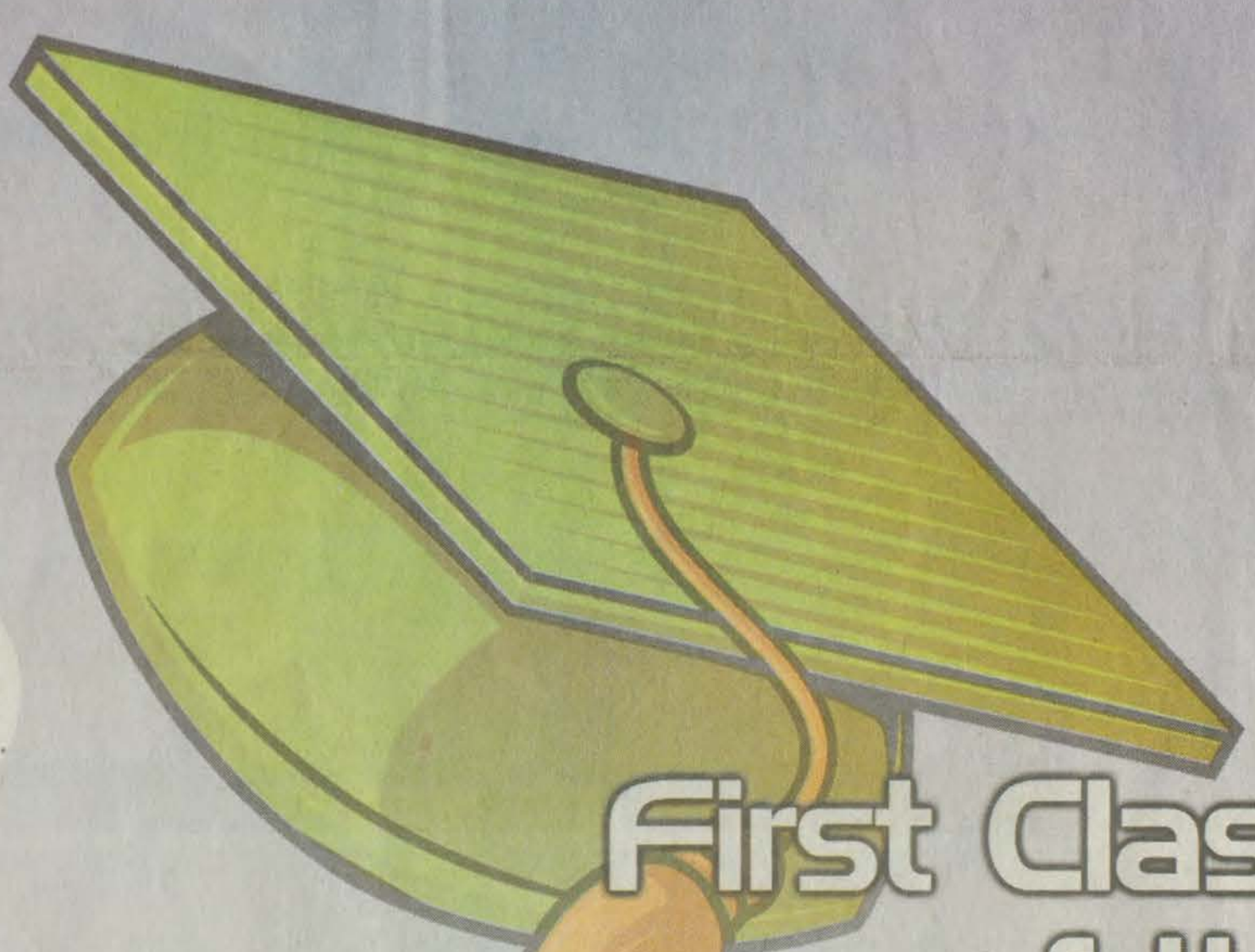




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# Congratulations Graduates



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# Allen Central High School Graduates

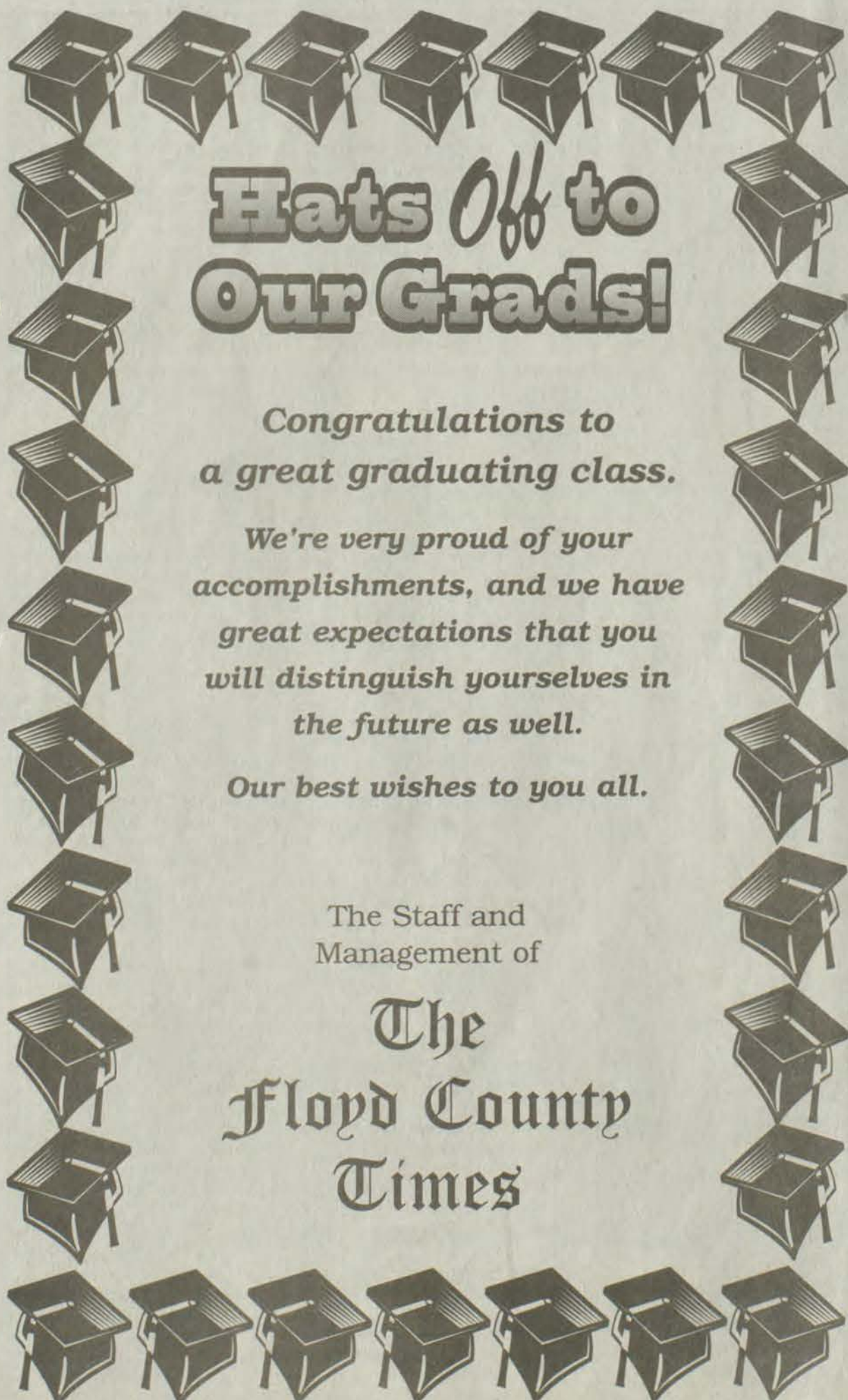


# Betsy Layne High School Graduates





# Prestonsburg High School Graduates



## Hats Off to Our Grads!

*Congratulations to a great graduating class.*

*We're very proud of your accomplishments, and we have great expectations that you will distinguish yourselves in the future as well.*

*Our best wishes to you all.*

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## Tips To Make Your Graduation Party An A+



(NAPSA) – Finally, all of your hard work has paid off. The exams, the late nights studying for S.A.T.'s, M.C.A.T.'s, G.R.E.'s, the stress...you've graduated! Now it's time to blow off some steam and celebrate your achievements with your friends and family. Let your individuality and achievements shine at your graduation party. There are a host of online solutions to help you out-[www.iparty.com](http://www.iparty.com) is one Web site that offers one-stop shopping, an extensive selection of merchandise, party tips and information-from champagne flutes, disco balls and confetti shaped like graduation caps, to noisemakers and bamboo skewers for the barbecue.

The key is to customize your party and make your graduation celebration an "A+." Here are a few of our favorite tips:

### Decorate!

Decorations help set the scene for any celebration. Make your party unique by choosing a theme related to your achievements or your aspirations. High school grads can throw a "past" and "future" party by decorating half of the room in their high school colors, and the other half in the colors of the college you will be attending. Alternate high

school mascots and college mascots as centerpieces on the snack tables. Create laminated copies of your acceptance letter to college and use them as placemats. Display a "timeline" of photos from your high school days-from those nerve-wracking days as a freshman to the glorious times of senior year.

For recent medical school grads, drape the walls with paper skeletons and anatomy charts. Pass out white lab coats for all of your guests and fill glass jars with candy "pills." Send your invites out in the form of prescriptions.

For new teachers, transform your party into a classroom. Hang colorful maps on the walls or, if you prefer, use them as tablecloths. Set the table with "exam"-style menus and place shiny red apples on each plate. For recent police academy graduates, create an obstacle course in your backyard and let your guests compete for the top prize-a shiny silver badge.

If you aim for a traditional graduation party, send rolled diplomas as invitations and adorn each table with flower-filled graduation caps. Going off to Notre Dame? Wrap cornhusks in blue and gold ribbon for the centerpiece of each table.

Of course, nobody wants to be caught with cake on their face. Always allow two or three napkins, plates, cups and one set of cutlery for each guest.

### Entertainment and Food is Key

Music will set your graduation celebration aside from the rest. Make sure to designate a dance floor-people love kicking up their heels to a catchy beat. If your party will be held outdoors, have equipment for some classic crowd-pleasing activities, such as a volleyball net or water balloons. [iparty.com](http://iparty.com) even has potato-sack racing kits-a perfect ice-breaker for your guests.

Food is always a crowd pleaser. For your "Dr." themed party, serve colorful drinks in glass beakers. New teachers can serve geography-class-style snacks by filling different sized globes with chips, pretzels and dips.

### Commemorate the Evening

To cap off any great celebration, send your guests home with a souvenir. For a traditional graduation party, present your guests with a personalized "diploma" and include a Polaroid snapshot from the day. New teachers can hand out personalized notebooks to each guest, including your "evaluation" of their fun level for the day.

If you need a quick and easy party solution, [iparty.com](http://iparty.com) offers Graduation Party Packs to accommodate celebrations of 10 to 100 people. These prepackaged parties contain everything you need from glasses to plates to noisemakers, to make your party a hit.

As with any milestone in your life, let the party reflect your individual personality and style-throw a party that stands apart from the others and is a cinch to plan. Online resources make throwing a fun event a snap and leaves all who attend full of special memories.



South Floyd High School's class graduation photo was unavailable for the printing of this special section. It will be featured in an upcoming issue of The Floyd County Times.

# From B-school to E-school: Business schools dive into the E-business pool



Courtesy of Article Resource Association

ence in e-commerce," said Jim Kopp, CEO of Wizmo, a Web-based company that develops Web sites, Intranets and online e-commerce storefronts (<http://www.wizmo.com>). "Almost every company needs help defining and executing an e-commerce strategy. People who have knowledge in implementing e-business plans are going to find themselves in high demand in the coming years."

A circulation manager for a business-to-business publishing company in Duluth, Minn., Held decided to take a course in e-business at Capella University because of his interest in the online medium. However, after developing an e-business plan for the course, Held saw an opportunity to turn his e-business interest into an e-business profession.

Held is currently creating an Internet-based community that would facilitate interaction between customers and vendors by combining the content of business-to-business publications with the interactive communication of the Internet. He named his new company Vertical Publishing. Now, pending adequate financing, he will be launching his business this spring.

"Vertical Publishing wouldn't exist if it wasn't for my e-business coursework," Held said. "I took the class simply because I was interested in learning more about e-business. However, since I was able to develop a plan around my own business experience, it made me think creatively about how I could use the Web to bring the content of business-to-business publications to life. That thinking has led me down the road to entrepreneurship."

### "Street-Smart Credibility"

Learning online also offers e-business students the chance to be e-business consumers while they learn. By logging on to a Web site every day to complete their course work, the students participate in the e-commerce process from the consumer perspective. Shank said that learning about e-business in this way can help students become more conscious of what companies are doing to make e-business successful.

"Capella University is an academic institution," Shank said. "However, at the end of the day, we are an e-business as well. Many of the challenges we have faced are the same as those our students are learning about in class - such as driving traffic, providing interactivity and supporting customers. These experiences have given us the street-smart credibility that aspiring e-commerce professionals are looking for."

### E-Business 101

What an e-business degree actually means depends on the institution that confers it. Some focus on technology, some on marketing and others on pricing and customer service. However, all these programs share one common sentiment: Business and e-business are separated by more than just a prefix.

"The Internet has revolutionized the business world. No question about it," said Barry Judge, vice president of marketing for BestBuy.com, the e-commerce Web site of the Fortune 200 appliance and electronics retailer (<http://www.bestbuy.com>). "E-commerce gives companies the opportunity to create interactive, one-to-one relationships with their customers - something companies weren't necessarily equipped to do in the past. It's a new way of interacting with customers, and it requires a new way of thinking."

At Capella University, e-business classes focus on the practical - creating a viable business model for the online world. Capella University's e-business curriculum is designed to help students create business plans they can apply today.

"Probably two-thirds of our students take the business plans they create in our e-business courses and immediately bring them to life," said Shank. "That's rewarding for us because as adult educators, we believe it is important to challenge our students with projects that interest them. If our curriculum can become a catalyst for companies improving the strategy and execution of their e-business plans, then we are doing our job as a university."

Learning that Works Today  
Dave Held is a perfect example.

Businesses spent \$32 billion on e-commerce in 1999. Consumers spent around \$7.6 billion and advertisers spent more than \$4 billion. So how much did American universities spend preparing America's business leaders for the e-commerce world? Not much.

Until now. Today, a handful of business schools are logging on to what they believe could be the wave of the future. As the Internet becomes more pervasive - recent estimates say that 57 percent of Americans are now online - a growing number of universities are starting to offer e-business degrees to prepare their students for the world of e-commerce.

"The advent of e-business degrees is a response to the tremendous market need for e-business experts," says Steve Shank, president of Capella University, an accredited online university that

recently started offering degree programs in e-business. "As people see that understanding e-commerce is crucial to remaining competitive, they want to know what they can do to capitalize on this growing field. University-level instruction is clearly one good option."

### Skyrocketing Enrollment

To date, enrollment figures for the universities offering e-business degrees have more than justified the investment. At Capella University (<http://www.capellauniversity.edu>), the first accredited university to offer e-business degrees online, the university's first e-business course filled up in days, prompting the university to immediately open a second section.

Although it has only been running since September 1999, Capella University's e-business MBA program is already matching enrollment totals of other popular business programs, such as marketing, information technology and accounting. By the end of the 2000, it will likely have the highest enrollment of any Capella University program.

This phenomenal growth can be attributed to the market demand for e-commerce experts. With new dot-com companies forming every day and many bricks-and-mortar companies racing to get online, employment experts say there is simply more demand for people with e-commerce expertise than there are people to fill these positions.

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(ARA) - If you are continuing your education or if you have a child attending college, you should know about two education tax credits that could change the bottom line on your tax return. If you qualify for the HOPE Credit or the Lifetime Learning Credit, you can subtract the credit from your federal income tax. Also, you may want to consider IRA investment options for education to help you prepare for the costs of higher education. And, this year, you may be able to take a tax deduction of up to \$1,500 for interest on student loans.

■ The HOPE Credit is for undergraduates enrolled in their first two years of post-secondary education, such as college or vocational school. It does not apply to graduate and professional-level programs. With this credit, you are allowed 100% of the first \$1,000 of qualified tuition and related fees paid dur-

ing the year, plus 50% of the next \$1,000 per eligible student, per year. The student must be enrolled at least half time. The credit applies to expenses paid after 12/31/97 for academic periods after that date.

■ The Lifetime Learning Credit is for any post-secondary study - graduate level and professional degree courses including instruction to acquire or improve job skills, as well as undergraduate courses. Your credit may equal 20% of the tuition and fees you pay each year for all qualifying students - for a maximum credit in 1999 of \$1,000 per year. The Lifetime Learning Credit can be used for an unlimited number of years, starting with expenses paid after 06/30/98 for academic periods beginning after that date.

To qualify for either the HOPE Credit or the Lifetime Learning Credit, you must pay post-secondary tuition and fees for yourself, your spouse, or your dependent. The parent or the student, but not both, may claim these credits. If the student was claimed as a dependent, the student cannot claim the credit. And, remember, you cannot claim both the HOPE and Lifetime Credits for the same student in the same year. Also, the HOPE Credit is not allowed for a student convicted of a felony drug charge.

■ The education IRA allows you to contribute up to \$500 a year per child until the child turns 18 years of age. This amount is not deductible. The amount that one person may contribute may be affected by certain income limitations. Earnings from the education IRA will grow tax-deferred, just as they would in any other IRA. Later,

tax-free withdrawals can be made to pay for the child's qualified education expenses including tuition, books, and room and board. If withdrawals exceed qualified expenses in any year, a proportionate amount of the earnings withdrawn will be taxable, with a 10% additional tax on that portion. Assets can be rolled over from one education IRA to an education IRA of a family member of the beneficiary, as long as this is done before the beneficiary reaches age 30. Any amount remaining in the education IRA at that point must be withdrawn, with the accumulated earnings subject to both income tax and the 10% additional tax.

■ If you take an early withdrawal of funds from either a traditional or Roth IRA to pay higher education expenses for yourself, your spouse, child or grandchild, you do not have to pay the usual 10% additional tax. But remember that you cannot "borrow" from an IRA; in fact, amounts taken from an IRA for more than 60 days cannot be put back into an IRA.

■ This year, you may be able to deduct up to \$1,500 of interest paid on qualified student loans from total income on your 1999 return - even if you don't itemize deductions. The maximum deduction will increase by \$500 per year until it reaches \$2,500. This deduction phases out for taxpayers with Modified Adjusted Gross Income of \$40,000 to \$55,000 if single and \$60,000 to \$75,000 if filing jointly.

For all the details on these education-related tax incentives, call toll-free 1-800-829-3676 to order free IRS Publication 970, Tax Benefits for Higher Education. Also, check the IRS Web site for 1999 tax law changes at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov).

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# Latest models of digital cameras bring traditional celebrations into information age

The versatile DSC-S70 (\$799.95) has a 3.3 million pixel CCD and high-quality Zeiss lens for remarkably lifelike images. Also with a built-in flash and MPEG1 capabilities, it has 5 focus presets and comes with an 8 MB Memory Stick.

(ARA) - Across the country, families are readying their cameras for one of the prime picture-taking times of the year - the celebrations and revelry of Father's Day, graduations, Memorial Day, and the Fourth of July.

But instead of dusting off their traditional film-based cameras, shutterbugs are turning in record numbers to affordable digital cameras that offer simple yet high-tech ways to capture special moments. Sony, the leading manufacturer in the field, features cameras based on its Memory Stick technology that can store as many as 1,000 images at basic resolution on a wafer that's smaller than a stick of chewing gum.

"Customers tell us they are very impressed by the features of the new digital cameras. They're easier than ever to operate and offer some attractive options that film cameras can't match," said Dan Hodgson, senior vice president of merchandising at Crutchfield Corporation, the leading Internet and catalog retailer of consumer electronics. Crutchfield offers Sony products through its audio/video catalog and its Web site at [www.crutchfield.com](http://www.crutchfield.com).

As opposed to film, digital cameras store images electronically so they can be transferred easily to a printer, or to a PC for e-mailing or posting on a website. As a result, long-time inconveniences like film loading, trips to the photo finisher, and developing costs are becoming a thing of the past.

Hodgson said Crutchfield's photographers have been impressed with the quality of digital images. And, unlike film, users can review their photos immediately, share them over the Internet with friends and relatives, delete poor ones, and print only particular snapshots. "You can take a graduation picture, e-mail it to someone who wasn't at the ceremony, and they can view it before the event is over," he said.

Industry analysts believe that digital photography, driven by technological advances like the Memory Stick, represents a massive growth market. NPD Intellect, a market tracking company, recently reported that sales of digital still cameras reached \$1 billion in 1999, an increase of 63 percent from 1998. Digital camera unit sales are expected to grow to 45 million by 2005. By 2001, Sony estimates it will have shipped 20 million Memory Sticks, which also can hold full-motion video clips and Internet music downloads.

This year, some 13.9 billion amateur digital images will be created in the U.S., according to InfoTrends Research Group, a Boston-based research organization. An InfoTrends survey of 700 digital camera owners shows they expect to discontinue all film use by 2004.

### Sony's digital Memory Stick cameras available from Crutchfield:

■ The DSC-F505 (\$999.95) is for enthusiasts who want top-of-the-quality and features. If you're dissatisfied with your picture, you can use the DSC-F505's playback editing feature to



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zoom in, trim the image, and re-save it. And distance doesn't matter like it used to - the highest zoom power of any Sony Memory Stick camera will make you feel like you're shooting a close-up. The package includes a 2.1 million pixel CCD, a pro-quality Carl Zeiss lens, a built-in flash, MPEG1 movie capability with a built-in microphone, and a 4 MB Memory Stick.

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■ The DSC-S50 and DSC-S30 represent the ultimate in easy use for photographers who want digital capability in a convenient point-and-shoot camera. The DSC-S30 (\$499.95) has a 1.3 million pixel CCD for sharp images, while the DSC-S50 (\$599.95) steps up to a 2.1 million pixel CCD for even more detailed photography. The DSC-S50 adds MPEG1 capability. Both feature five focus presets, a built-in flash, and come with a 4 MB Memory Stick.



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# Research, preparation, common sense ease the transition to college

This fall freshmen across the country will load their cars, leave families behind and embark on their own into the unknown college experience. How well students and parents prepare for this transition depends on advance planning and research.

(ARA) - As over 1.5 million first-time freshmen head to college this fall, moms shed tears, fathers clutch their wallets, and students

College in Saint Paul, Minnesota, advises incoming freshmen to look at the college experience as a big move. "After living in the routine of your parents, you are now living in the routine of the college community. It's a whole mindset move. Research the location, community services, even the living space."

It's also a move into the relative unknown that challenges comfort zones. "Don't be ashamed or

feelings and are there to help. "Use these resources, ask questions, and seek information. It's not a sign of weakness, but a sign of maturity to seek help," Groves stresses.

### PRACTICAL ADVICE

The college transition will be smoother when freshmen consider the following:

- Learn laundry basics BEFORE going to college.
- Open a checking account at a local bank. A local address is wise for doing business in the community, and the bank can be a source for future college or car loans.
- Check with other students or do research on transportation to grocery stores, malls, restaurants, entertainment, etc.
- Don't skimp on nutrition to cut costs. Food service participation is essential for good nutrition. A steady diet of cheap junk food only results in illness, missed classes and wasted tuition.
- The amount of reading is one of the biggest shocks to freshmen. Learn basic speed-reading and note-taking skills.

### STUDY ADVICE

Even though it appears many students go to college for the social life, the academic perspective eventually takes precedence. Groves says the college experience needs to be considered a full-time job. Most colleges use the ratio of two hours of study to one hour in class, which averages out to an eight-hour day. When eating, sleeping and recreation are factored in as necessary constants, not much time is left.

While many students need a part-time job to pay for their education, Groves recommends working not more than 10 hours a week. "If you can handle both the full-time college experience and part-time work, a job is good experience and teaches you how to handle money and manage time.

"It's up to you and you alone to get to class. No one is going to force you," she continues. "If you miss a class to sleep-in or run around with friends, you're throwing away tuition, plus falling behind in already-tight schedules and overwhelming reading assignments."

Dr. Jacqueline Glenny, associate professor of communication at Northwestern College, stresses time management. "Schedule laundry, cleaning the dorm room, shopping, cooking, even sleeping. No one is going to tell you when to go to bed, so it's easy to stay up late."

She suggests joining study groups that have a definite study



juggle excitement and fear. Even though leaving for college is one of life's expected transitions, parents and students need to prepare to ensure a positive experience.

Monica Groves, dean of student development at Northwestern

embarrassed if you feel totally clueless," she continues. "It's like walking into a 14-story building for the first time and someone asks you for a list of what is on each floor."

The key is to remember that there are people at the college readily available who understand your

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# Winning is not always about finishing first

(ARA) — It's popular this time of year to hear a lot of wise advice about future goals and winning the races of life, especially in commencement speeches around the country.

Successful businessman and international speaker Harvey Mackay is no stranger to offering sound advice, as evidenced by his string of best-selling inspirational

business books. According to Mackay, winning the race doesn't necessarily mean being the first to finish. In fact, many people who are now considered successful were once viewed as failures. Mackay says they won by not competing with any one person, but by beating the little voice inside us that constantly says, "Stop."

In his latest book, "Pushing the

Envelope: All the Way to the Top," Mackay notes that Sylvester Stallone was failing as an actor, until he decided to write his own movie script. Stallone also insisted on playing the lead, and "Rocky" became a huge commercial hit. Coca-Cola sold only 400 sodas in its first year of business. Apple Computer was rejected by Hewlett-Packard and Atari.

Mackay says the key to their success was determination. Successful people are often not any more talented than unsuccessful people. The difference is successful people do the jobs unsuccessful people don't want to do, and they stick to it until they're finished. In today's culture of instant gratification, the attributes of patience and determination can be lacking.

Another thing you shouldn't quit is learning. Mackay says his parents always encouraged him to learn as much as he could, and not necessarily in a classroom setting. Taking the initiative to learn something new carries with it the possibility of failure. But you don't have to be the best at everything you learn. Going into a new experience knowing that you're a beginner lessens the pressure. You can enjoy what you're

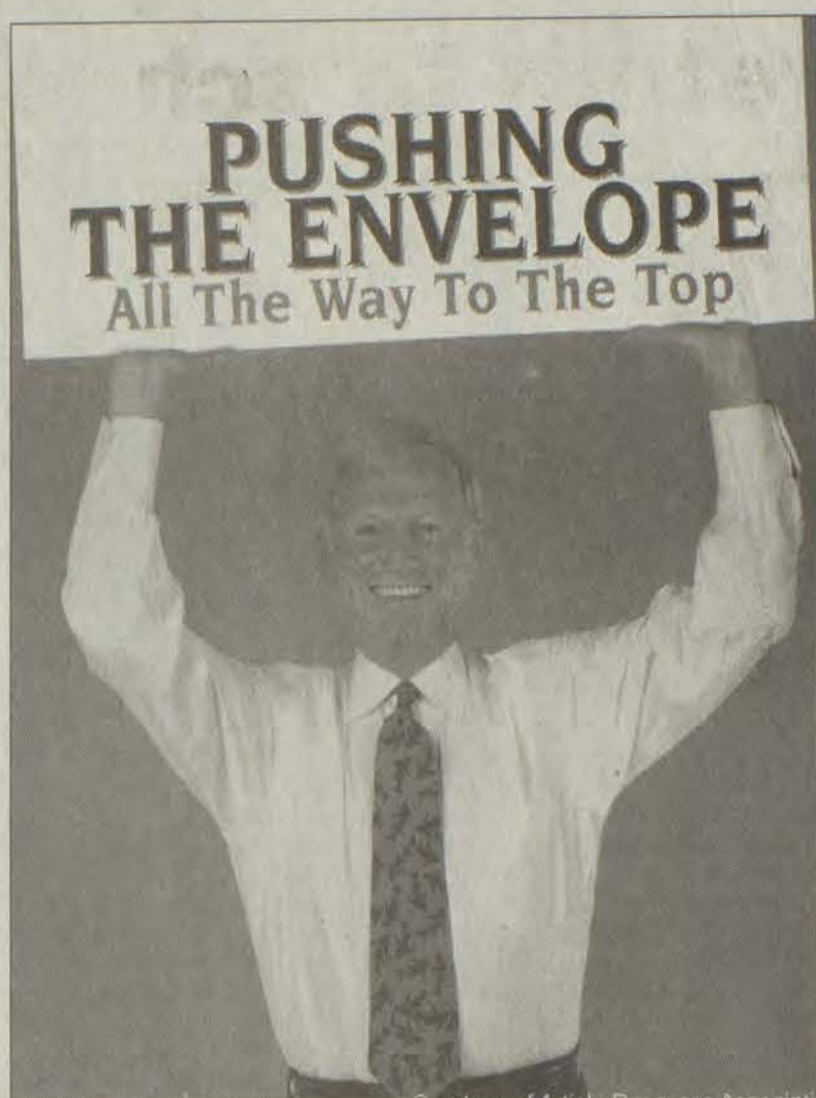
learning, do something a little better than you did it before, make new contacts, and take pleasure in working hard and discovering something different.

Woody Allen said that 80 percent of life was showing up. But as long as you're going to show up, why not make the best of it? Mackay says that while running the race, instead of forgetting everything in pursuit of being first, concentrate on the multitude of other benefits, including:

- Having fun.
- Making the attempt.
- Having the support of friends and family.
- Testing your limits.
- Breaking through to new levels of performance.
- Sharing the experience.
- Encouraging others.

Many ideas start out small, perhaps even ridiculed, but patience, trust and determination see them through to big success. Mackay, who made his fortune selling envelopes, offers this reminder to sum up his beliefs: "Be like a postage stamp. Stick to it until you get there."

"Pushing the Envelope: All the Way to the Top," has just been released in paperback and can be found at major book retailers and online booksellers.



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Millions of Americans remember this classic toy from when they were children. In fact, the Magic 8-Ball has been a part of the childhoods of several generations. First introduced in 1946, the original design has not changed and the familiar responses still float out of the inky blue darkness to solve our most perplexing issues.

Back then, the future seemed as uncertain as it does now. World War II had just ended and devices that attempted to predict the future were all the rage. People spent hours asking for advice on Ouija boards. Weight scales on Main Street handed out fortunes, as did Chinese cookies. Abe Bookman of the Alabe Crafts Company in Cincinnati invented the personal crystal ball known as the Magic 8-Ball, but where he got his idea from is as mysterious as the Magic 8-Ball itself.

From the personal ("Will I get the job?") to the philosophical ("Is there life on other planets?"), the Magic 8-Ball never fails to give a straight answer, even if it's not the one you were hoping for. Ask a yes or no question

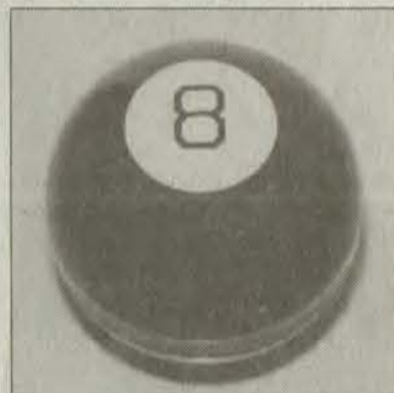
and there are 20 possible answers, ranging from ten positive, five not-so-positive, and five neutral.

Many people who abandoned their Magic 8-Balls as children are finding the toys to be a fun accessory to buy again for their home or office. "It's a symbol of pop culture," says cultural studies critic Christopher McGee. He adds, "Magic 8-Balls are retro, but they're also really modern. It's a great gift for any occasion." The Magic 8-Ball is an exciting guest at parties, weddings, graduations and any celebration.

If you're secretly checking your Magic 8-Ball before making an important decision, you may not be alone. Tammy Perri, an accountant and toy collector, has a Magic 8-Ball on her desk at work and says it's a great way to meet people. "Everyone comes by and has a question for my Magic 8-Ball. It's a fun way to take a mini-break when your day is full of stressful decisions."

The Magic 8-Ball has been featured on several popular television shows throughout the years, from "The Dick Van Dyke Show" to "Friends." It's also been featured in commercials and even used by newscasters to predict election outcomes.

Will the 21st century bring you health, wealth and happiness? According to the Magic 8-Ball, "Signs point to yes."



### Preparation

Glenny says students have to be their own spokesperson. "Parents can't step in for you by going to the professors every time there's a problem. You need to talk to the professors yourself. Don't be intimidated by them."

#### CHANGES IN FAMILY DYNAMICS

The transition to college isn't limited to the students. Parents and siblings also experience growing pains. When Glenny's two daughters, Courtney and Brittany, left for college, she and her husband, Dr. W. Edward Glenny, were amazed how quiet the house became. "We went for days without the phone ringing. Our food bill was cut in half and food was spoiling in the refrigerator."

When Holly Butler left for college her parents, Phil and Jeannette, noticed the loss of their household's third driver. "It became a struggle to get everyone where they were supposed to be in a timely fashion," explains Jeannette.

While Holly's parents found it hard to leave her at college that first time, her siblings experienced changes in their relationships. Holly and her 16-year-old sister, Mindi, actually grew closer despite the separation. While 13-year-old Dale was lonely for Holly at first, he soon found a new companion in Mindi.

The Glennys rebuilt their togetherness and found themselves talking more. "In a sense, it was like we were first married. It was easier to keep the house clean, no one was asking to borrow the car, there was less laundry and more leisure time."

Often the child's departure leaves a gap parents try to fill with work, church, community service, hobbies,

etc., explains Dr. Don Johnson, professor of psychology at Northwestern College. A couple needs to develop shared interests separate from the children long before the children leave home. "Not only do you need to work on the parent-child relationship, but the parent-parent relationship," he says. He explains that without shared interests, couples often seek out interests separately and end up creating a new gap, this time between each other.

The issue of parenting from a distance also needs to be considered. "We get a late night phone call and our first response is to run to their aid, but we resist and let them solve their own problems," Glenny says. Yet she realizes her daughters are on the brink of two worlds. "At times they want to be independent and don't want our help. At other times they are clingy."

Visits home for the holidays or summer vacation are another transition. "Clearly communicate expectations," Johnson advises. "Don't make it a power struggle or control issue; kids see through that."

He explains that even though curfews won't work anymore, parents are entitled to know their children's whereabouts just as children need to know their parents' whereabouts. "How would the kids like it if they kept calling their parents and find out from the neighbors that they are on vacation for six weeks. It's simple courtesy and common sense and gives all a sense of security."

Glenny agrees. "We talk about expectations, such as knowing when and where they are going. Yet when discipline is needed — if they cross boundaries or push limits — we hold back tuition or expense money."

#### ADJUSTMENTS

Homesickness can be expected during the first term, Johnson says. "The student needs to connect with someone right away — a friend, a church. Try to get involved in at least one extracurricular activity."

If there are still adjustment problems after one term, parents need to consider it may be more than just homesickness, he continues. It could be an indication of a more serious problem such as sexual harassment, depression or learning problems. "Talk to the child; try to figure out what is bothering them; discuss options." If talking doesn't yield answers, parents may need to contact the college for insight.

Johnson adds that most parents know what to expect from their children regarding adjustments and know instinctively where to draw the line in making the college transition. Glenny believes that if parents have been raising their children to be responsible adults, "it all kicks in once they are on their own."

"Holly was ready to go," Butler affirms. "She could cope with the hectic schedule. All during junior high and high school her schedule was busy."

"I spent a lot of time in prayer and in the professor's office," Holly says. "Their doors were always open for questions and they were willing to help. The biggest shock was the grading scale. I could no longer get an 'A' with a 95%. The profs had very high expectations. I remember complaining about a seven-page paper due the second week of school."

Glenny adds, "College teaches basic life skills: keeping track of keys, room deposits, security issues, deadlines. Going to college and living with a roommate is also great experience for marriage, another of life's transitions!" she smiles.

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# 'The new majority' of college students return to school for re-careering



(ARA) — When Pamela Court graduated from her suburban Chicago high school in 1975, she did what most high school graduates did. She went directly into a two-year vocational program, choosing dental hygiene as her career focus. That career suited her well for four years while she married and had two children. Opting to be a full-time mom, Court spent the next 14 years at home, raising and home-schooling her children, and volunteering in the community and with her husband, a pastor at an inner-city church in Minneapolis.

By the late 1990s, like millions of her generation, Court was facing a new and different prospect: re-careering. Realizing she needed a bachelor's degree to better position herself, she enrolled in FOCUS, the adult degree completion program at Northwestern College in Saint Paul. Through FOCUS, Court and other adult students complete degrees with accelerated weekly evening or Saturday classes.

Six months into her studies, Court re-entered the workforce part-time. A few months later she was working full-time in public relations. In the meantime, her husband, Geoff, was working on his degree in business leadership through a distance education program. "I guess we're pretty typical of our generation. We got the A.A. degrees right out of high school. Today, 20 years later, we are re-careering — out of necessity — into business," Court says.

FOCUS director Dr. Jim Loving, who holds his doctorate in adult and continuing education, says Court is part of the fastest-growing segment in higher education today: adults going back to school to better themselves either personally or in careers. He says their reasons for going back to school are varied: job obsolescence, advances in technology, pressure for a degree in a job, income considerations, and even

personal fulfillment. The trend towards "lifelong learning" is also contributing to the growth. Education no longer ends with graduation, but continues with retraining in the workforce. As a result of lifelong learning, "more and more people are blending work with their whole lifestyles: education, church, family, hobbies," Loving explains.

Court and others like her have been dubbed "The New Majority" of higher education students; the 60 percent termed "non-traditional." Recent statistics compiled by the Census Bureau, the Pew Higher Education Research Program and the University Continuing Education Association indicate that as the college-age population (ages 18-24) continues to decline, higher education enrollments continue to grow due in large part to increases in part-time students and the non-traditional learner. Part-time students are expected to number 6.2 million in 2000, which is nearly half of all students at all levels of higher education.

#### Contributing to this part-time student pool is:

■ Single mothers who must work full-time and also attend school to gain the skills needed to advance.

■ More Americans living in urban areas. Non-traditional students working longer hours and commuting longer often find it easier to take courses at convenient off-campus centers in downtown areas and the suburbs.

■ The increased access to instructional technology in the home. Nearly half the homes in America have computers, 81 percent have VCRs and 63 percent have cable. By 1997, more than 40 million people made use of the Internet and another 35 million wanted to learn more about the Internet.

■ A growing 55 and older population. As medical advances ensure longevity and employability, older adults are postponing retirement and are seeking continuing education to acquire new skills and stay current in their professions.

■ The financial bottom line. While the average American family income has tripled since 1970, the figures are misleading unless adjusted for inflation. Today's average family is only \$4,200 ahead of the average family in 1970. Meanwhile, real costs have risen for healthcare, housing and college tuition. For many adults, part-time study has become the only feasible option to finance their education and upgrade skills for better-paying jobs.

Court says that while she initially went back to school so she could help out in her husband's ministry, she ended up going back to work for financial reasons: the rising cost of living in an urban area, upcoming college tuition for their teenage children, etc. On the other hand, Loving says he knows of one FOCUS student who, after putting two children through college, decided that now it was her turn to go to college.

Going back to school is a lifestyle change, not just for the adult student, but for the entire family. It takes planning and the support of all involved. Loving illustrates, "One woman compiled a list of household duties, like emptying the trash and vacuuming, then told her family to pick their duties or she would assign them."

He also suggests the student must set aside a specific time and place for study. "In addition to the time needed for the classes, they need study time both independently and with a group. They also need a quiet place in the home for study." Loving suggests buying a door or sheet of wood and place it across a pair of cheap unfinished end tables, which makes a desk with drawers that could be recycled later around the house.

Study habits are another key consideration. "For some students, it's been decades since they were in a classroom and doing homework, so they have to learn techniques in reading, highlighting, outlining, self-tests and group study," Loving says. "I encourage students to get a daily planner, learn how to use it and then actually use it. And learn how to say "No!" to all those extra tasks and duties."

As part of the FOCUS program, Court completed introductory seminars on homework and study tips,

time management, even the basics of grammar and writing a term paper.

Court admits her transition back to school and then back into the workforce was not easy on the family. "Mom was always there, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year," she says. "All of a sudden that on-call availability was gone." After the initial shock and adjustment, she soon had the family into her routine. Tuesday night was her class and she would balance some reading and family duties Wednesday through Friday. Saturday was her study day, Sunday was devoted to church, and Monday turned into a family day used to refuel the whole family for the week ahead.

Since her days of car-pooling the kids to school and activities were sharply curtailed, she found a friend who volunteered to take the kids to school, a significant weight off the Courts' shoulders. Loving has noticed through the years that adults committed to their education can be very resourceful at making things work. "We have two women who go to FOCUS classes on different nights and trade babysitting

duties. Another husband-and-wife team who go to school together use the same books and study together."

Despite the schedule adjustments and assistance from family and friends, going back to school in the middle years is never easy. "It's important to focus on one course at a time," Loving advises. "The entire program can be intimidating and even discouraging when you look at the whole picture."

Yet colleges and universities are doing their part to make the higher education goal obtainable. "Higher education in recent years has become very accessible to the non-traditional learner," Loving says. "There are community colleges, weekend programs, evening classes, accelerated programs, distance and online learning. Colleges and universities are developing some very creative education plans for women, the handicapped and minorities."

When Court received her bachelor's degree in May 1999, the entire family came away with insight into higher education of the 21st century — it's all about time management, re-careering and life-long learning.

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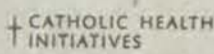
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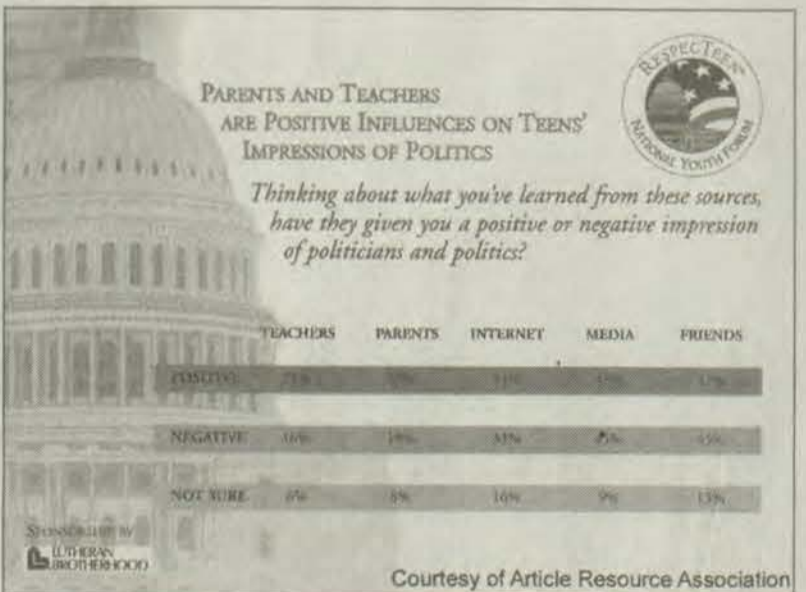


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# Teens believe they can make a difference in politics



(ARA) — Many American adults don't vote because they think it doesn't make a difference. But a recent national survey shows that even though teenagers aren't old enough to vote, they still believe they have the power to make a difference in current political issues — and it's parents and teachers who've helped them feel this way.

The nationwide survey, conducted by Yankelovich Partners and sponsored by Lutheran Brotherhood in collaboration with their RespecTeen Speak for Yourself program, focused on finding what teens' interest levels are in politics, who has the most influence on their knowledge and impression of politics and politicians, and if teens believed they could influence political leaders.

A little over 500 13- to 15-year-old old students were interviewed, and 73 percent of them believe that people their age can make a difference in the

political decisions of their elected officials today. Even though they haven't reached legal voting age, these teens believe that their opinions matter in the discussion of current issues.

Parents and teachers ranked the highest as people who influence the teens' knowledge and interest in politics. The media was next, followed by the Internet and friends. When asked what they learned from these sources, teens give high credit to parents and teachers for providing them with a mostly positive impression of politics and politicians.

Lutheran Brotherhood RespecTeen Speak for Yourself program provides tools to enable students of this age group to become involved with the political decision-making process.

The Speak for Yourself program is a curriculum that is distributed each fall to seventh- and eighth-grade teachers around the country. The program encourages junior high school

students to learn about the democratic process and communicate with elected officials. This year, more than 10,000 teens wrote their Congressional representatives on issues they are concerned about for RespecTeen's Speak for Yourself program. The top three issues discussed were drug and alcohol abuse, teen pregnancy, and gun control, which ranked higher than it ever has in the program's twelve-year history. Other concerns are violence, environmental issues, crime, health, education, and foreign policy.


Copies of letters are forwarded to Lutheran Brotherhood, the program's sponsor, and judged by a panel of educators. One winner from each state and the District of Columbia are chosen to attend RespecTeen's National Youth Forum in Washington, D.C. While there, teen participants meet one-on-one with their elected representatives.

"By writing letters to their members of Congress, young people are prompted to reflect on important national issues and come up with thoughtful solutions," says Ellen Albee, program director. "We hope students recognize the value of their opinions and learn to make positive changes in our nation and in their communities."

Albee says she is also pleased by the findings of the study. "In today's world, where the media and Internet have become a pervasive part of our culture, it's encouraging to hear that parents and teachers hold the highest degree of positive influence on teens today."


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# Ten ways to talk with your teens about money

by EUNA KWON  
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(ARA) - It may seem like your teenagers turn a deaf ear to everything you say. But when it comes to financial matters, America's young people are listening to their parents more than we might think.

The recently released third annual survey of teens commissioned by Merrill Lynch, which designates April as International Saving Month each year, found that advice from adults about saving and investing greatly influenced the behavior of many teenagers.

In the survey of 515 teens between the ages of 12 and 17, 41 percent of teens asked a parent or other relative for advice on where to invest or save money, while another 8 percent asked a friend or family friend. And, 57 percent of teens said that a parent or relative opened a saving account for them.

While these statistics are encouraging for many parents, they may cause guilt feelings for others. Significantly fewer teens this year than last year (56 percent vs. 41 percent) sought a parent's advice on how to save money. Perhaps your teen doesn't feel comfortable approaching you about money matters, or maybe you have been reluctant to broach the topic.

### What Teens Need to Know

You may know that you should discuss money with your teens, but you may not know how. Here are ten aspects of financial management that you and your teens should discuss.

1. Budgeting. Help your teen construct a simple budget that tracks income and expenses, so they can see where their money goes and how much they can save.

2. Saving to meet goals. Discuss your teen's short- and long-term goals - whether a computer game and clothes, or a car and a college education. If saving has been a problem, go through the budget to see where spending could be tightened.

3. How to save and invest. Because of inflation, the money your teen saves today may not buy as much in the future. That's why earning interest is important. Some teens don't grasp this concept. In

the survey, almost 67 percent of teens surveyed said checking or savings accounts was the best vehicle for saving money. Yet 13 percent said saving with a piggy bank - a method that doesn't earn a dime of interest - was the best way.

A savings account is a good starting place, but some teens are interested in stocks and stock mutual funds, investments that offer the potential for higher returns. In the survey, 12 percent of teens said they owned mutual funds, while another 12 percent said they owned stock. If you're going to advise your teen on investments, you'll have to be knowledgeable yourself - take the time to bone up on investments like stocks, bonds and mutual funds.

4. Earning money. If your child's expenses exceed income, or if he or she has significant long-term goals, talk about ways to increase income. While you don't want jobs to negatively affect your child's school work, many teens can handle both responsibilities. In our survey, 72 percent of teens reported doing odd jobs to earn money and 34 percent of older teens said they had a full or part-time job.

5. Taxes and inflation. When teens get their first paycheck, they are often shocked at their take-home pay. Using their pay stub, talk about the taxes that are taken out of their pay. Extend the discussion to show how inflation can have a depleting effect on income over time.

6. The wise use of credit. Every year, our survey finds a widespread lack of knowledge about credit cards - this year, 68 percent said they have never discussed using credit cards responsibly with their parents. Discuss choosing a card with the lowest interest rate and paying the balance in full each month on time to avoid interest and late fees.

7. Buying and maintaining a car. Thirty percent of teens in the survey who said they were saving said they were saving to buy a car. But often teens don't understand the financial impact of a car. Discuss buying a used car versus a new one; leasing or buying; the effect of an auto loan's interest expenses on total cost; and insurance, maintenance, and fuel costs.

8. Paying for college. In our survey, 42 percent of those saving said a college education was a goal. But fewer teens this year (26 percent vs. 33 percent) reported frequently discussing saving for a college education with their family. Decide whether your teen will pay for any part of tuition and room and board, books and supplies, clothes, a car or other transportation and living expenses, and then help your teen budget.

9. Living on your own. Help

your teens prepare for living on their own by discussing anticipated monthly expenses, including rent and utilities, telephone, cable and Internet access, food, household supplies and laundry costs, transportation, and renter's and auto insurance.

Don't forget to include security deposits, utility deposits, telephone or cable hookup charges, and moving expenses. Create a household budget to see whether your teens can expect to earn enough to live as they would like, or whether they

need to share living expenses with others, or even wait awhile.

10. Entrepreneurial pursuits. Your he/she entrepreneurial bent is worth encouraging. Whether they want to create your own business now, or dream of working for themselves once they enter the adult work force, discuss ways to work toward this goal.

### Teach Teens to Save

In the survey, 59 percent of teens said they usually save half of

their money, and 24 percent said they saved all of their money. These are encouraging statistics. Yet 17 percent reported spending most of their money as soon as they got it. Where does your teen stand?

Help your teens acquire the practice of saving by engaging them in practical discussions about managing their money.

Saving is a habit teens are likely to carry into their adult years, giving them a head start toward their own financial security.

## Best Buy offers solid foundation for non-profit youth groups



Community tutoring programs are among the thousands of non-profit organizations that receive money from foundations.

(ARA) - In elementary school, Janice was labeled a poor student and an underachiever. Janice's grades and attitude slipped to new lows when she began her freshman year of high school. Years of academic struggle seemed to worsen the normal stresses and anxieties of being a teenager. Janice was stuck in a cycle of failure.

At this low point in Janice's life, she was introduced to Carol, a college student who had volunteered to become a tutor and mentor. At first, Janice didn't like the idea of having to spend time after school with another "teacher."

But Carol was different. Before long, Janice felt comfortable talking to Carol as a friend. Their study sessions often were peppered with conversations about clothes, music, and dreams for the future. Janice began to look up to Carol and didn't want to disappoint her. Janice had a

new role model.

Within weeks, teachers began to notice a dramatic improvement in Janice's behavior. The girl who spent years just "getting by" was now earning good grades and feeling better about herself. A little special attention allowed Janice to start turning her life around.

Janice and Carol were brought together by the Youth Development Corporation, a non-profit organization in Lansing, Michigan, that pairs at-risk teenagers with student mentors from the local university and community college.

Organizations like the Youth Development Corporation can be found in communities across the country. In addition to finding solutions to people's problems, these groups often spend a lot of time and energy searching for the funding they need to stay in business. Many find support in the form of a grant from a foundation. In the case of the Youth Development Organization, a grant from the Best Buy Children's Foundation paid for approximately one-third of its mentoring program.

The Best Buy Children's Foundation, part of Minnesota-based consumer electronics retailer Best Buy Co., Inc., is just one of the more than 44,000 foundations in the United States. Every year, foundations give away billions of dollars in private money to support efforts in areas like education, medical research and disaster relief.

While there are many types of foundations, all of these charitable institutions are in the business of improving society by giving money to specific causes. Best Buy created its foundation in 1994 to fund programs that develop "life skills" in children. Like most foundations, Best Buy has increased its grantmaking efforts over the past few years, the result of a strong

economy. Annual contributions from the Best Buy Children's Foundation recently passed the \$1 million mark for the first time.

"We decided at the beginning that our foundation would assist programs offering education, mentoring and leadership opportunities to kids," said Susan Hoff, president of the Best Buy Children's Foundation. "Our foundation exists to help put children on the path to becoming responsible, successful adults. We're really thrilled to give more with each passing year."

The Best Buy Children's Foundation does contribute to some well-known organizations like the Boys and Girl Scouts of America and Junior Achievement, but the majority of its grants go to smaller, locally-oriented programs like the Youth Development Corporation. As the foundation continues to grow, Hoff hopes that a higher profile translates into increased awareness for children's causes.

"The Best Buy name helps bring recognition to the programs we fund, and that's a great benefit for many good local programs," said Hoff. "We believe in letting the public know that these groups are out there, making a difference."

"Foundations are really essential in this line of work," said John Tucker, executive director of the Youth Development Corporation. "Best Buy has helped us reach a lot of other kids that are just like Janice."

Funding requirements and applications for grants from the Best Buy Children's Foundation are available through the company's Web site at BestBuy.com. Contact Carrie Monroe at Best Buy at 612-996-4779 or carrie.monroe@bestbuy.com for more information.

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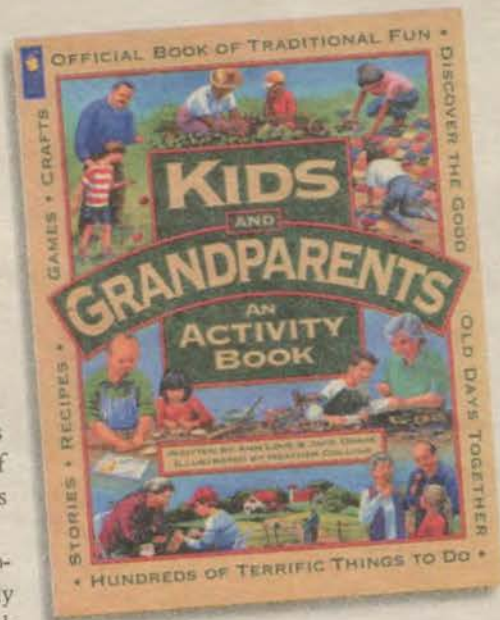
**Kids and Grandparents: An Activity Book**, by Ann Love and Jane Drake, Kids Can Press, Spring 2000

The bond between grandparents and grandchildren is both unique and special, and this activity book helps strengthen the ties with hundreds of games, recipes, and special projects they can do together.

Each category — making memories, fun and games, crafts, and family food — serves to connect the child with his or her family while allowing both to have fun.

They can create a crossword puzzle, for example, using family names and clues — or make a memory book, cookies, a birdhouse, or windowsill garden. Grandpa and Grandma also can relive and teach the games they played as children: jacks, marbles, yo-yos, and the like.

This book encourages skills and creativity; but more-over, it inspires togetherness.



### Music

**Faith in You**, by Steve Wariner, Capitol Records

Steve Wariner, one of country music's most respected singer-songwriters, wanted to experiment with musical styles on this new album. It is, as he notes, "all

## Able County

by TOM MILNER



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over the map," to showcase his wide-ranging musical styles.

The title cut, co-written with Bill Anderson, is one of Warner's favorite collaborations with the Grand Ole Opry star. "I feel very strongly about this song because it's so positive," he says of the ballad that extols the faith one person has for another. "Having the kind of strong faith in a person that's described in this song is a powerful thing."

Warner, who wrote or co-wrote each of the 13 songs, also teams up with Clint Black on the hit "Been There," with Garth Brooks on the rollicking "Katie Wants a Fast One" (which he describes as "mambo meets Hank Sr."), and with his sons, Ross, 12, and Ryan, 16, who each play guitar on different tracks.

## Videos

**Let's Go to the Farm, hosted by Mac Parker, Vermont Story Works**

Youngsters can learn about life on a farm as they follow farmhand Mac Parker doing his chores at Elgin Spring Farm in rural, northwest Vermont. They'll see what goes into making the milk they drink — planting, growing, and har-

vesting the feed that cows eat, milking them with automated machines, and shipping the milk to market.

The 60-minute video takes children through four seasons on the working family farm, and seasonal chores such as spring

planting, summer harvesting, making maple syrup in the fall, and keeping barn stalls clean in the winter.

Beautiful cinematography of lush fields and kids and calves, simple yet realistic dialogue, and appropriate music make this trip to the farm highly compelling, particularly for ages 4-8. ☆

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## Hometown Heroes

by KARA CARDEN

# Saving a Town with TALL TALES



Jimmy Neil Smith, who began it all

Jimmy Neil Smith can lean out his office window in Tennessee's oldest town and see the architectural evidence of 200 years of history. The 18th century cabin where young Andrew Jackson lived while he studied law—and fought his first duel—is still here, along with a string of well-preserved 19th century brick buildings which today house coffee shops, antique stores, and art galleries. And on the square stands the majestic early 20th century courthouse whose clock in the tower still chimes on the quarter hour.

As prosperous as Jonesborough looks now, Smith remembers when his Appalachian hometown was at risk of becoming a town of the past.

Photos provided by National Storytelling Foundation



And now they come from around the world.

"In the 1960s and early 1970s, Jonesborough was just another dying Southern town," he explains. "People were beginning to bypass Jonesborough and go to other cities in the region to shop, and eventually, to live and work. The town was in a state of decay."

Unwilling to stand by and watch the deterioration, Smith joined a group of people trying to save its community. With a dwindling population of only 1,500, and little opportunity for jobs, the effort took considerable brainstorming.

"It was finally decided that Jonesborough's future lay in its past," Smith recalls.

An ambitious preservation and restoration plan was devised. The long-term strategy involved stripping the modern facades off historic buildings, burying power lines, and planning events to attract tourists.

Meanwhile, Smith, a high school journalism teacher at the time, was on a trip to deliver the school newspaper to the printer, when he had an idea that would ensure Jonesborough's recovery.

"Several students and I were in the car listening to a Jerry Clower performance," Smith says. "We were laughing and enjoying his stories so much, I found myself asking, 'Why don't we bring storytellers like Clower to Jonesborough to tell tales together?'"

With committee approval, that's what he did. Working with an entertainment executive, Smith booked six storytellers, including Clower, for what he optimistically called The National Storytelling Festival.

Thanks to a small article in *Southern Living*, and modest regional promotions, 1,300 people came out on a Saturday night in October 1973 to hear Clower's famous coon-hunting tales. The Sunday afternoon event attracted only 60—but those who came, clustered on hay bales before the wagon stage, enjoyed the experience so much the festival was designated an annual event.

From this humble beginning, the festival has grown into a three-day extravaganza generating nearly \$3 million in regional revenues and taxes. Audiences as large as 10,000 have come from every state and half a dozen countries to attend the festival (Oct. 6-8 this year).

"Although I quickly became sold on the merits of storytelling, that was not my initial focus," Smith says. "My main focus was community and economic development for Jonesborough."

Whether he meant to or not, Smith's work has sparked a worldwide storytelling renaissance. By the third festival, he had quit his teaching job to lead the organization that would become Storytelling Foundation International. Today, 300 similar festivals occur around the country, inspired by Jonesborough's success.

Smith also has remained active in Jonesborough development efforts. As former alderman and mayor, he championed the building of a new visitors' center, post office, library, and town hall.

"There are so many tangible improvements in this town that wouldn't be here if not for the hard work of Jimmy Neil Smith," says Sue Henley, a local business owner. "He's a true visionary."

Smith, too humble to accept that designation, says *workaholic* is a better description. "I'm on a mission," he says. "I live and breathe the importance of this work." ✨

Kara Carden has written for more than 20 regional and national publications from her home in Tennessee.

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# Fatherhood

by BRADWELL D. SCOTT

and what it's meant  
to five unsung dads

"I just wanted to spend quality time with my family, that's all. I didn't want them to sit in front of the TV when we could eat dinner and talk together," says David Carey, speaking modestly from a phone booth on his truck route.

Carey, 61, of Owingsville, Ky., a longtime farmer and now truck driver, used his life to set an example for others, and now is venerated by his four grown children and 16 grandchildren as a "great man."

"I knew my father to be a man of his word," says daughter Rebecca Still, 41, who lives with her own family in Tucker, Ga. "And I never saw him drink or smoke, or do anything that he didn't want us to do. He has total integrity and would have sacrificed any worldly pleasure to set a good example."

His examples included volunteering in the 4-H club; visiting nursing home residents; and, when he saw that children in his community had no place to play, he built and maintains a park for them. He also "taught us not to be afraid of work," she says, her voice resonating with

gratitude. "I feel strong because of the sort of father he has been."

Carey is one of millions of America's great fathers being honored this Father's Day — loyal, committed, everyday dads who take their responsibilities seriously, yet don't amass public accolades or awards. Rather, their reward is raising happy, well-adjusted children who love and respect their parents.

Carey's involved, hands-on fathering is somewhat exceptional, given that, until recently, traditional roles restricted fathers primarily to be the breadwinner and disciplinarian. Today, fathers are more free to nurture their children, experts say. "With more women (entering) the workplace, more and more men are willing to do what's expected of them on the



Photo by Tim Webb

David Carey and daughter Rebecca Still enjoy the park Carey built.

home front. They're feeling more free to explore their inherent potential as nurturers," says Dr. David Whitt, professor of family development at the University of Akron in Ohio. "And they're realizing, at long last ... that what matters most is the relationships you build, beginning in the home. That's what stands the test of time."

For Carey and others, it isn't merely the amount of time spent with children that matters, but the communication and sharing that occurs.



Spencer and Erika Jordan play with their dad, Ted, who arranges his work schedule around the twins.

Photo by Chris Tomlinson



## "When I talk, he listens"

Ted Jordan, 33, has run an upholstery shop for 10 years in Grand Junction, Colo., and arranges his schedule around 9-year-old twins, Spencer and Erika. When they get home from school, or at vacation time, he tries to spend time with them. "I just want them to do what makes them happy," Jordan says, "not just what makes me happy. At the same time, I teach them right from wrong, to be both respectful and respectable."

His children cherish the time spent with their dad. "When I talk, he listens," Spencer says. "He plays games with me, helps me with homework, and is always there for me when I need him." His sister Erika agrees. "He's nice, loving, and caring," she says. "He's the most fun when we go on trips together ... he goes on all the cool rides with us."



Photo by Michael Good  
Lt. Phillip Cyr learned about long distance fathering for his daughter, Bobbi.

35, a human resources consultant. "It's great to see him and Christina walk Bradford to kindergarten every day. He stays home full time just to be with them ... to take them to the park, or talk with them. I know there's no better place they could be than with their dad. It's his reason for living; our reason."

## Long-distance fathers

Not every father can leave work or change careers to be with his children, however, and Lt. Phillip Cyr is one of them. Cyr's military duty occasionally took him thousands of miles from his family for several months at a time, but this father of two always managed to stay connected. "I wanted to bring them up knowing the Golden Rule (and knowing right from wrong," says Cyr, 38, of the U.S. Navy Civil Engineering Corps. "And when something was important to them, I have always wanted to be there to give guidance as needed, even when it had to be by long-distance telephone, or e-mail."

Which was often, says daughter Bobbi, 18, referring to sky-high phone bills. Now at home at the Naval Air Station on Whidbey Island in Washington's Puget Sound, Bobbi recalls how her father helped to home-school her. "He taught me everything I know about math," she says. "And he's been a dad to others, too. He frequently volunteered for our church youth group, and the other kids loved him. He's always had a way of bringing everyone into line with the rules, and having fun at the same time. He's really the best dad a girl could have."

## Showing love

Honest communication is important to close family relations, says Bob Hauptman, 57, police chief of Elmira Heights, N.Y. "And giving them structure," adds Hauptman, who raised four children with his wife. "At some point, all kids will challenge you, and it's important for them to have had limits and expectations in their upbringing. It helps in your ability to talk with them."

Honesty has long been a hallmark in their family, says Hauptman's daughter, Lisa Walters, 35, who lives just minutes away from her parents. "That's been big with Dad all along. And he never punished the kids if they did something wrong and told the truth about it. He also

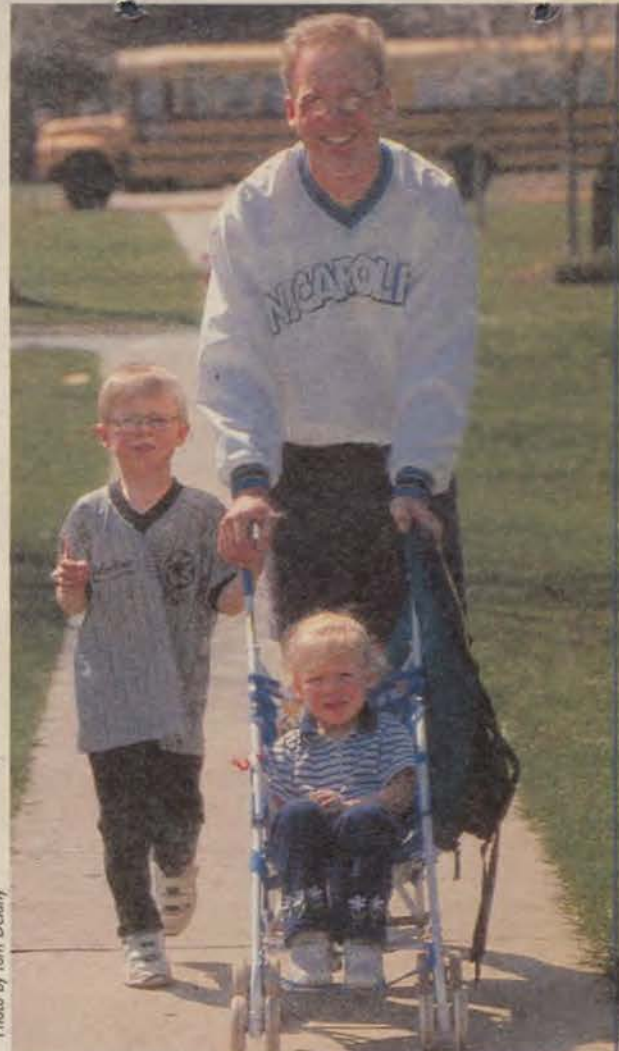


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In a morning trek to kindergarten is full-time father, Barry Reszel, with Bradford, 6, and Christina, 3.

taught us that material things are not as important as family love," she says.

"Even when he had to work overtime, he always made special arrangements to show that love in concrete ways," she says. "Getting to our soccer games, showing up at my junior achievement banquet ... and now, even if my sink backs up, he's right there. Not only does he give constant help and affection, but he doesn't ever make us feel like we owe him for it."

Love without price. That's what many fathers have been giving. And that's what their kids are celebrating this Father's Day. ✨

Bradwell D. Scott is a New Hampshire-based freelance writer.



Photo by Craig Mevlin  
Honesty is the wise policy of Bob Hauptman, says daughter Lisa Walters.

Brenda Jordan acknowledges her husband's devotion to their children. "He is always aware of what he needs to do to help those kids, to teach them and guide them," she says. "He's kind and caring, and would give them the shirt off his back."

Fatherhood is important enough to some dads that they change or modify careers, and the family accepts a lower income so one parent can be with the children as often as needed.

"I knew from an early age that the most important thing I could do with my life would be parenting," says Barry Reszel, 36, of Libertyville, Ill. So the former Chicago newspaper reporter left that career to become a stay-at-home dad after his son, Bradford, was born.

Reszel is a freelance writer now, but considers his first responsibility to be raising his son, now 6, and daughter, Christina, 3. "He'll take them out on errands, or sit on the floor and play dolls with Christina," says Reszel's wife Lori,

## 10 Great Gift Ideas for Father's Day

Get a little creative this Father's Day and think beyond the classic tie or billfold. Here are 10 gift ideas to put a smile on your dad's face, or to help get you thinking of other ideas:

1. Compile "10 Reasons I love you."
2. Give a subscription to his favorite magazine, or a new magazine he might like.
3. Make a booklet of "I promise" cards — "I promise I will \_\_\_\_\_ (fill in with such tasks as take out the garbage, wash your car, mow the lawn, walk the dog, spend an entire day together, etc.) Then actually do these things.
4. Donate to his favorite charity.
5. Create a family photo album from loose pictures.
6. Do something together such as cook a meal, play a board game, go for a walk.
7. Buy tickets to a concert or sporting event.
8. Arrange for a hot air balloon ride.
9. Take a snapshot of the two of you and frame it.
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## Food

by MINDY MERRELL



# Real Southern Shortcake

Little compares to the spring and summer fruits of the South—fresh strawberries, peaches, blackberries, blueberries, and raspberries—to satisfy your sweet tooth. Whether you pick your own or visit a local roadside fruit stand or farmers market, the finest way to honor this sweet Southern bounty is with real shortcake. Champions of shortcake know that, in the South, it's not spongy store-bought cake but a home-baked rich biscuit that stands up to hefty spoonfuls of fruit without becoming soggy.

If you can make biscuits, you can make shortcake. The only real difference is that shortcake is a little richer and often contains butter, not shortening, with a little sugar for sweetness.

Strawberries are the quintessential standard for shortcake, but a mixture of fresh sliced peaches, strawberries, and blueberries is a gorgeous combination. Remember that fruits are most flavorful at room temperature, not chilled. Just before preparing the shortcake, toss the washed and cut fruits with sugar to sweeten and bring out their juices. Your preference and the flavor of the fruit determine how much you need.

And for goodness' sake, fresh fruits and real shortcake call for nothing less than homemade whipped cream. It takes only minutes to prepare and is more than worth it. ✨

Mindy Merrell is a Tennessee-based food writer and the author of two cookbooks.

### RECIPE:

#### Real Southern Shortcake

2 cups self-rising flour\*  
2 tablespoons sugar  
6 tablespoons butter  
3/4 cup milk  
6 cups sliced fresh fruit and/or berries, sweetened to taste

Preheat oven to 450. Lightly grease a baking sheet. In a medium mixing bowl, combine flour and sugar; mix well. Cut butter into flour with pastry blender or two knives until mixture is crumbly. Add milk and stir with a fork just until dough leaves sides of the bowl. Turn dough out onto lightly floured board or pastry cloth; knead gently just until smooth, about five to seven times. Roll out to 1/2-inch thickness. Cut with a floured biscuit cutter into rounds, or cut into squares with a knife. Place on prepared baking sheet about 1 inch apart. Bake for 10 to 12 minutes or until golden brown. Brush tops with melted butter.

#### Whipped Cream

1 cup cold heavy cream  
1 tablespoon sugar, optional  
1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract, optional

Chill a large mixing bowl and beaters in the freezer for about five minutes. Pour cream into chilled bowl. Whip with electric mixer until slightly thickened. Sprinkle sugar and vanilla over cream. Continue to beat just until soft peaks form, being careful not to overwhip. The cream should be smooth and thickened.

Serve shortcakes warm or at room temperature. Split shortcake and butter each side. Fill with fruit. Top with whipped cream. Serves 8.

\* If using all-purpose flour, sift 1 tablespoon baking powder and 3/4 teaspoon salt with flour.



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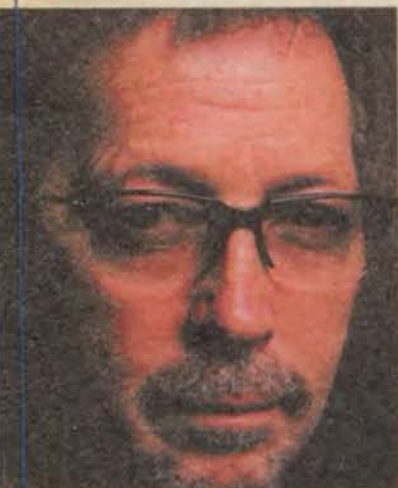
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## Ask American Profile



Eric Clapton, still riding with the music.

**Q** What is guitarist extraordinaire Eric Clapton up to these days?

— Terry L., Idaho

With Eric Clapton's March 6 induction into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame as a solo artist, he became the first musician to be inducted three

times — with the Yardbirds in 1992, with Cream in 1993, and as a solo artist in 2000. Clapton is writing songs for his next album, his second project this year. In February he collaborated with B.B. King on "Riding With the King," which is due out next week.

**Q** What has happened to the actors who played on the television action show "The A-Team," especially Dwight Schultz? This has always been one of my favorite shows.

— Nell P., Alabama.

The popular "The A-Team" aired 94 episodes on NBC from 1983-1987. These days, Dwight Schultz (Capt.



The A-Team: "If you have a problem, and no one else can help..."

H.M. "Howling Mad" Murdock) has kept busy with guest appearances in TV shows such as "Diagnosis Murder" and "Touched by an Angel," along with roles in TV movies and films. He had a popular recurring role on "Star Trek: The Next Generation" as the shy, awkward Lt. Reginald Barclay, and also made appearances on "Star Trek: Voyager" and in the film "Star Trek: First Contact." Schultz has been involved in several "Alien Voices" radio-dramas with Leonard Nimoy and John de Lancie. Dirk Benedict (Lt. Templeton "Faceman" Peck) has done TV movies and appeared in TV shows including "Baywatch" and "Walker, Texas Ranger." Mr. T (Sgt. Bosco "Bad Attitude" Baracus) had a short-lived syndicated program called "T and T." He also was making public appearances and hosting events for the World Championship Wrestling circuits. George Peppard (Col. John "Hannibal" Smith) died in May 1994 from pneumonia, at the age 65.

**Q** Which men's and women's basketball teams have won the most NCAA titles?

— Teresa T., Indiana

Tennessee has the jump in women's basketball, according to the NCAA. The Lady Volunteers not only have won the most championships, but also have the most wins in a single season (39-0) in 1998, and the most NCAA tournament game wins in history (61-11). The men's game moves west for NCAA Men's Division I to UCLA, which won every year from 1964 to 1973, except in 1966. The UCLA Bruins also won in 1975 and 1995. The clear Division II champion is Kentucky Wesleyan, and North Park, Chicago tops NCAA Men's Division III.

**Q** What movie has won more Academy Awards than any other?

— Laura Y., Mississippi

And the winner is ... it's a tie, between 1959's "Ben Hur," and 1997's "Titanic," both of which won 11 Academy Awards. "Ben Hur" with its famous chariot race, won 11 of its 12 nominations, including best actor (Charlton Heston), picture, costume design, and special effects. The blockbuster "Titanic" sailed away with 11 of 14 nominations, including best picture, director, cinematography, visual effects, and song—the Celine Dion megahit, "My Heart Will Go On."



The real Sandra Bullock? Blue jeans and barbecues.

**Q** Sandra Bullock is one of my favorite actresses. Is she as glamorous as she seems?

— Margaret M., Kentucky

On the contrary—Sandra Bullock easily could be the girl next door. She prefers comfortable jeans, a baggy sweater, and a family barbecue at a rambling farmhouse outside of Austin, Texas, over the fast lane of Hollywood parties and designer gowns. Bullock's many film credits include "Speed," "The Net," "Hope Floats," and "While You Were Sleeping." ☆

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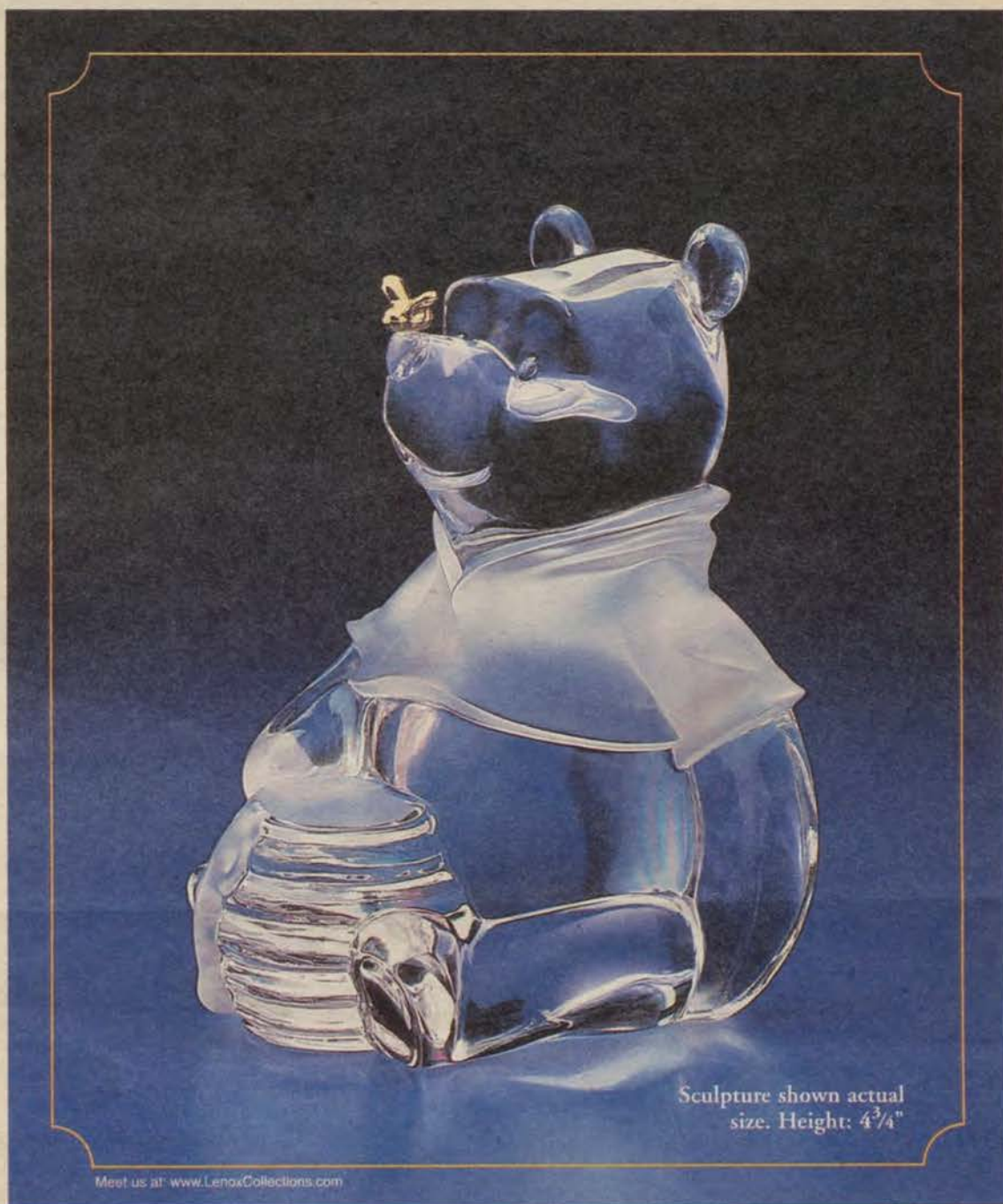
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Hardy, June 17. Watch demonstrators make cornbread, jelly, or sassafras tea on a wood-burning stove. See a working spinning wheel and forge, basket weaving, candle making, and horse-drawn plowing. Activities for kids, costume contest, terrapin races, petting zoo, wagon rides, and music. Rain date is June 24. (870) 856-2764.

### FLORIDA

#### Harvest Festival—

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# Hometown Spotlight

by THOMAS J. MURPHY

**Faced with a tide of growth** all too familiar to towns across America, the Gulf Coast community of Venice, Fla., has managed to preserve not only its small town character, but a priceless architectural heritage reminiscent of its Italian, canal city namesake.

Florida's Venice is one of three cities in the state designed in the 1920s by a world-renowned planner, John Nolen, with Italian Renaissance and Mediter-

anean-style architecture evident in many of its early buildings. All was quiet for 30 years: in 1950, Venice's population remained at 863. But its coastal location, peaceful ambiance, and the Southern relocation surge of recent decades has resulted in today's population of 21,000.

Venice responded with a preservation effort designed to protect both its architectural legacy and hometown ambiance, while steadily improving on the latter.

"We're unique in that our surrounding areas are similar to, or complement, our downtown area — rather than being a totally different environment as in the case of most cities," says Don Caillouette, Venice's senior planner. "Our brick pavers (crosswalks) give the look and feel of pedestrian traffic, which leads to a better relationship between motorists and pedestrians, and adds to the overall feel of a small town environment."

Careful planning has spawned a community of beautiful parks, landscaping, open areas, and active facilities — and citizens have played an active role in all of it, explains Bob Vedder, publisher of the weekly *Venice Gondolier*. But the Italian architecture exemplifies the soul of Venice and serves as the source of immense civic pride.

"All buildings within the district (downtown) have to meet the strict requirements of the Architectural Review Board," says Medard Kopzynski, Venice's growth management director. "Commercial buildings in the bordering 'theme district' must adhere to some of these requirements, but not as strictly. Our standards aren't meant to fossilize development into the 1920s (but) to emulate that style using today's technology and comforts."

The result is growth that complements the past rather than buries it. Most new construction has

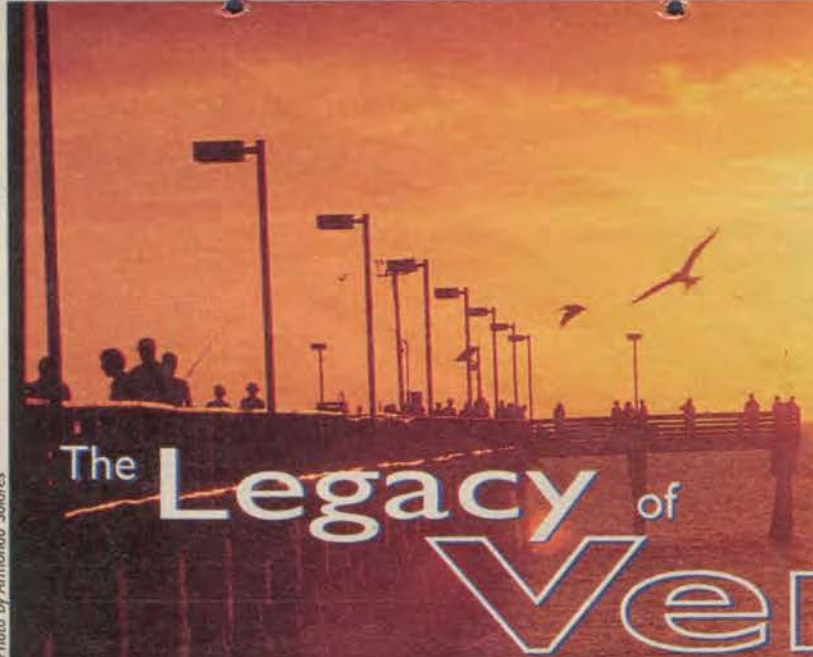


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A popular pier along the Venice shores, where citizens go to watch the sunset

occurred inland, and the town had the foresight 30 years ago to limit new building construction to three stories.

A prime example of Venice's original Northern Italian Renaissance architecture is evident at Park Place, once the regal Hotel Venice and now a retirement home. The building has curved archways, courtyard fountains, a clay barrel tile roof, wrought iron window details, and Tuscan columns. Its courtyard gives one a sense of being back in old Italy.

The Triangle Inn on South Nassau Street perhaps best signifies Mediterranean Revival



The Triangle Inn as it's been for

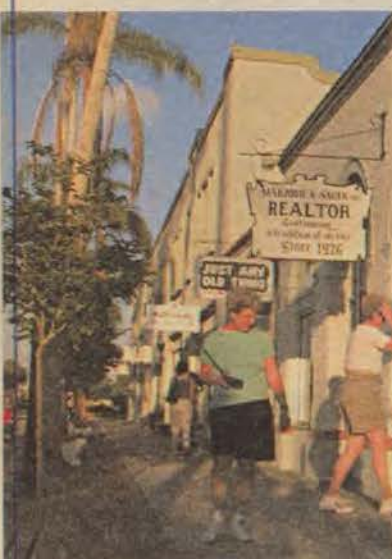


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Downtown is for walkers.

# Tidbits

**BORN AND RAISED IN SYLACAUGA, ALA., JIM NABORS**—of "The Andy Griffith Show" and "Gomer Pyle, USMC" fame—also has used his singing talents to record 28 albums, including five gold and one platinum. His third job is that of farmer. He's raised macadamia nuts and tropical flowers on his farm on the Hawaiian island of Maui for 17 years.

**HOT SPRINGS, ARK., IS THE NATION'S ONLY CITY** located within a national park. It was designated a national reservation in 1832 and became a national park in 1921.

**GATORADE WAS NAMED AFTER THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA FOOTBALL TEAM**, the Gators. In the mid-1960s, university researchers began looking for ways to replace fluids athletes lost while practicing in the hot, humid conditions. Football players were the first to test the drink.

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**THE GUINNESS BOOK OF WORLD RECORDS** lists the "Lost Sea" in Sweetwater, Tenn., as the largest underground lake in the United States. More than 13 acres of water have been mapped, with an undetermined area still unmapped.

**"STONEWALL" JACKSON IS BURIED IN LEXINGTON, VA.,** but his left arm is buried in Guinea, Va. The arm was amputated after Jackson was wounded, and a devoted friend gave the limb a proper burial.

**FORESTS COVER NEARLY 80 PERCENT OF WEST VIRGINIA.** In addition to nine state forests, the state is home to Monongahela National Forest, which covers 901,000 acres.



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style architecture. Originally a bed and breakfast, the building houses the Venice Archives & Historical Collection and sports arched loggia, ornamental detailing, and a prominent tower reminiscent of the Italian Renaissance period.

"It still has the original wood floors," says Dorothy Korwek, Venice's director of historical resources. "Buildings in the 1920s were more unique. They were identifiable by design rather than street numbers."

"All of the rooms for rent were on the south side," she says. "That allowed enough heat through careful window placement to warm guests during the winter months." (In summer, the midday sun is high overhead and doesn't fill south windows with solar heat.) "Most of the buildings had some type of solar heating for hot water," Korwek adds. Water typically was pumped up to a black storage tank on the roof where it was heated by the sun and piped down again for use.

West along Venice Avenue is an area of stately homes with splendid examples of Mediterranean Revival style architecture. These homes please the eye and hint at life in a bygone era, with red or green tile roofs, arched windows, fireplaces, ornate door and window trim, awnings, archways, columns, and courtyards.

Tom and Evelyn Cuscovitch moved to Venice from Connecticut four years ago. "Venice was the town I really liked," Mrs. Cuscovitch says, because of its quaint, small town ambiance. "The old buildings, the beach, that hometown feel, all convinced me to stay."

"It's such a clean town," adds Mr. Cuscovitch. "The buildings give it a special flavor all its own."

Having written for more than 80 publications, Tampa, Fla., writer Thomas J. Murphy's goal is to author children's books.

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