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## Questions remain from 1994 death ruled suicide

by MARY MUSIC  
STAFF WRITER

Seven years after a Knott County man was found dead in his home, his family and a private investigator are raising new questions in the case which had been ruled a suicide.

Hubert Hornsby Draughn was found at his residence at Carrie in Knott County at approximately 12:15 p.m. on Sunday, March 6, 1994, with a gunshot wound to the head.

Draughn was transported to

Hazard Appalachian Regional Hospital and then flown to University of Kentucky Chandler Medical Center, where he ultimately died of his injuries a little over two hours later.

His death was investigated by Hazard Post 13 of Kentucky State Police and was ultimately ruled a suicide, but throughout the years that have followed, family members have been unable to find closure with Draughn's death. Memories of their life with him have been clouded with unanswered questions regarding the

circumstances of the investigation.

"I don't believe my daddy killed himself," said Brooke Sparkman, Draughn's daughter. "The police report is filled with 'wishy-washy' statements that could go either way. We just want to give him the final goodbye that he deserves."

Sparkman and Draughn's sister, Stacia Howard, questioned police about the outcome of the investigation, but found no support. They gathered all information concerning the investigation, including a videotape and pictures

of the crime scene, audio tapes of witness accounts, and copies of the original police report submitted by Kentucky State Police Det. Dan Smoot of the Hazard Post.

After studying the material, Sparkman and Howard presented the information to David Conway, a private investigator with Ameritec Investigations in Prestonsburg, hoping to gain an objective view of circumstances surrounding Draughn's death.

During an interview with the Times Herald, Conway spoke of discrepancies in the police investi-

gation.

"I've worked a lot of cases," said Conway, "but I've never seen one handled such as this."

### Future plans

On Thursday, March 2, 1994 — four days before his death — Draughn was awarded \$30,000 in a civil lawsuit case which concerned an automobile accident. He hadn't yet received the money, but during a telephone conversation one hour prior to the shooting, he

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Hubert Draughn

## Fopma pleads innocent to beating death

by GRETA FIELDS  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

The lawyers are already taking sides in a shocking murder case where one woman is accused of killing another woman in a violent assault at a Main Street bar in Hazard.

The defense lawyer says the defendant has psychiatric problems. The commonwealth's attorney wants to do a drug test and get on with the trial.

A woman accused of beating and kicking another woman to death in front of the Broke Spoke bar in downtown Hazard was arraigned Thursday in Perry County Circuit Court.

Betty Ann Fopma, 36, was indicted March 20 by a Perry County grand jury for the murder of Cheryl Napier Baker, 38, of Hazard.

During Thursday's hearing, Fopma entered a not guilty plea. Judge Doug Combs set a trial date of October 1, with pretrial hearings September 20 and 27.

Fopma's public defender, Richard Counts, apparently wants to use Fopma's mental condition as a defense. Counts said that Fopma has been hospitalized twice. He told Judge Combs that the woman is suicidal and that she needs to be evaluated by psychiatric experts.

Judge Combs said he that he wants to review Fopma's hospitalization records before determining whether Fopma will get a psychiatric evaluation. He ordered Fopma's hospitalization records, from Maryland, and any other records she has to be sent to the court.

Commonwealth's Attorney John Hansen said he will contest Counts' motion for a psychiatric evaluation, at least at this point.

Hansen said he wants Fopma tested for drugs instead.

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photo by Greta Fields

Students from Dort College in Sioux City, Iowa, traveled to Letcher County in March to work to volunteer for Homes Inc., a non-profit group which builds and repairs homes for low-income families in Knott, Letcher and Floyd counties. Homes Inc. is a group which is often confused with the national group, Habitat for Humanity, but Homes Inc. was created and operates in Eastern Kentucky.

## Volunteer home-building group expands services into Floyd, Knott

by GRETA FIELDS  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Homes Inc. is expanding into Floyd and Knott counties after years of working primarily in Letcher County.

Homes Inc. is well-known in Letcher County, where its volunteers have built and repaired houses for low-income families

for over a decade.

Homes Inc. used to operate with a few summer volunteer crews. They worked out of a small base in Goose Creek, near Fleming-Neon.

At first, the headquarters at Goose Creek included a few houses, some used trucks and a shed to store building supplies. The workers built houses on a

shoe-string budget, sometimes using recycled materials.

Soon, the carpenters reconstructed their own headquarters up in Goose Creek Hollow. They built charming cottages and houses to house long-term workers. They also built a large dormitory for the groups of student

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## Drugs found at P'burg High

by MARY MUSIC  
STAFF WRITER

Friday morning, Prestonsburg Police were called to "observe" a drug search at Prestonsburg High School.

According to Supt. Paul Fanning, principal Ron Hampton gained information regarding the possession of drugs on a particular bus, and he requested a search of the students who rode on that bus.

Prestonsburg Police Department responded quickly, and the search ended in what Fanning said was "one positive identification of an illegal substance on the bus, and one that is currently being tested."

No one has yet been arrested in the incident.

"If it's strictly possession," said Fanning, "the student will receive a 10-day suspension from school, five of which can

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## East Kentucky counties eligible for cleanup grants

Times Herald Staff Report

Counties which have adopted mandatory trash pickup ordinances — most of which are in Eastern Kentucky — can now compete for \$4 million in grant money to pay for cleaning up illegal dumps.

Following the failure of solid waste legislation in the previous two sessions of the General Assembly, Gov. Paul Patton unilaterally moved forward with his own plans, creating the Certified Clean County Program on Friday.

Under the program, counties which

have passed universal garbage collection ordinances will be eligible to apply for funding to clean up illegal dumps. The money will be used to reimburse the counties for up to 75 percent of the cost of the cleanups.

Once counties complete cleanups of dumps identified by the state Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet, they will be designated Certified Clean Counties.

In addition to receiving road signs marking the designation, the counties will also receive priority consideration for funds from the state Division of

Conservation Cost Share Program and the Waste Tire Trust Fund.

"This program can get us started now toward that cleaner Kentucky that we all want for ourselves and our children," Patton said as he signed an executive order creating the program during a press conference. "The state will provide existing resources as an incentive to help counties clean up their illegal dumps and adopt a mandatory solid waste collection service to keep their county clean and dump-free."

Eastern Kentucky counties eligible for funding under the program include Bell,

Breathitt, Clay, Floyd, Harlan, Jackson, Johnson, Knott, Lee, Leslie, Letcher, Magoffin, Owsley, Perry and Pike counties.

During the press conference, Patton said the program would not be his final push on solid waste issues.

"This Certified Clean County Program is not the final solution to our problem," Patton said. "It is just one step that we can take now. I remain committed to a comprehensive program that includes a recycling and education component to clean up Kentucky and keep it clean."

## Marchers rally against drugs in downtown Hazard

by GRETA FIELDS  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

"One person can plant a seed but it takes the whole community to make it grow," said Laura Sidwell, a student who spoke at an anti-drug rally Wednesday night in Hazard.

A candlelight march was organized by People Against Drugs (PAD) to take back Main Street from drug dealers.

Sidwell said that she didn't think anybody would come when she advertised a meeting to start an anti-drug group, Fellowship of Christian Athletes at Hazard High School.

She was shocked when 34 people showed up at her house.

Pastor Butch Pennington said that he didn't think many people would show up either, when he announced a meeting to take back the community from drugs — maybe 15. But, about 400 to 500 people came.

The seed grew.  
Thursday, an estimated 800 to 1,000

people marched down Main Street to take back their downtown from drug peddlers.

People carried candles in what was supposed to be a symbolic march. But the march was more than symbolic: So many people were marching at one time, that Main Street was filled from one end to the other.

A candle-lit ceremony was held at the City Hall Amphitheatre, where a large bonfire and a local band, "Loose Change," greeted the marchers.

"We say no, yes we do, we say no, how about you?" Hazard High students cheered to open the program.

Then, Pastor Pennington prayed for people who are tired — "tired of the pain and anguish that abuse has caused" and for the Lord to help youth resist peer pressure to use drugs.

"To see you all tonight we know you all are in excellent shape," said Mayor William D. Gorman, who gave an emotional welcome to the crowd.

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photo by Greta Fields

A candlelight march was held in Hazard, sponsored by People Against Drugs (PAD), to take back Main Street from drug dealers. PAD's youth committee will be sponsoring events all year for youth.

## Johnson teen killed in wreck

by SHELDON COMPTON  
STAFF WRITER

A 16-year-old Johnson County girl lost her life in a fatal car accident Friday, March 30, in Williamsport as her vehicle collided with a truck driven by a Paintsville man on Route 40.

According to reports from Kentucky State Police Post 9, Danielle Nicole Ward, 16, of Offutt was traveling west on Route 40 at Williamsport operating a 1994 Chevrolet Cavalier when she crossed into the east-bound lane and veered into the path of a 1998 Chevrolet truck driven by Donald E. Allen, 40, of Paintsville.

Allen, who was wearing a seatbelt, sustained injuries from the wreck. Ward, however, was pronounced dead at the scene by Johnson County Coroner J.R. Frisby at 8:03 a.m. Friday morning.

Ward was not wearing a seatbelt at the time of the collision.

Allen was taken by family members to Highlands Regional Medical Center for evaluation.

Highlands would not release any further information on whether Allen had been treated and released or if he was still in the hospital.

The accident is under investigation by Trooper Dwayne Price of Kentucky State Police.

Ward, a junior at Johnson Central High School, had only had her license a few days when she entered into a sharp curve on

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told Pat Draughn, his ex-wife, how he planned to use the money.

During the conversation, which is documented in KSP files, Sharon Hall, Hubert Draughn's girlfriend, entered the residence, and words were exchanged between she and Hubert Draughn. Hall later told police that she ended the conversation by pulling the phone cord out of the wall.

During an interview on March 20, 1994, Pat Draughn told Det. Smoot, that she and Draughn discussed several things that morning, including "what he was going to do with his settlement."

According to Pat Draughn, Hubert Draughn had plans to start a car business and to pay off some bills. Pat Draughn also told police that Draughn "was in a good mood" that morning. She also advised that "they had been married three different times for a total of approximately 12 years,"

and that Draughn had "never talked about or attempted to kill himself."

Eyewitness account

Police reports show that Hall told conflicting stories to police investigators about the shooting.

Smoot interviewed Hall and she advised that she and Draughn had been "arguing and fighting that morning," but that they had quit fighting about an hour before he shot himself. She also stated that they both had been drinking.

According to police reports, however, Jimmy Roark, of Lower Mill Creek, told police on March 20, 1994, that he heard arguing at the Draughn residence from where he was standing in the parking lot of Sawyer's store, which was located about 100 to 150 yards away. Roark also advised that "he then heard a gunshot."

Hall told Smoot that she didn't observe Draughn "stick the gun

to his head," nor did she "remember the gun going off."

However, in a separate interview with Trooper Greg Mullins, Hall stated that she heard a "popping sound," and that Draughn was lying on the floor. She then advised that she thought he was sleeping. Hall told Mullins that when she tried to wake him up, she "noticed the blood on his head and realized he had shot himself."

Hall agreed during an interview with Det. Smoot on March 7, 1994, to take a polygraph test concerning her statement to the police regarding Draughn's death. However, no records of any such test appear in the report.

During a recent interview with the Times Herald, Hall admitted that she had withheld information from the police regarding Draughn's death.

"I know he didn't mean to do it," said Hall. "I didn't have the chance to tell the police that because I was too busy defending myself. Everyone was accusing me."

Hall also stated during that interview that she and Draughn had not been arguing at all that day.

Hall called the Times Herald two days later, requesting that the information she provided be kept confidential. However, the newspaper decided to print her statements because they had been given freely during the course of an interview, and because Hall had been told prior to making her statements that that she was being interviewed for a story about the case.

According to police records, immediately after the shooting Hall called several people for help from a phone located in the bedroom of the residence, and then went to Sawyer's store and asked them to call the police.

When Mullins arrived on the scene, Draughn was still breathing, and Hall was crying and slumped over Draughn. She stated that Draughn had shot himself. Mullins discovered a .38-caliber Smith and Wesson lying between Draughn's legs.

Inconclusive evidence

Mullins, two ambulance personnel and Roark loaded

Draughn into the ambulance. Mullins stated in his report that he and Trooper Craft, also of the Hazard Post, "secured the crime scene," and began taking pictures. Det. Smoot arrived on the scene shortly thereafter.

While at Hazard ARH, Smoot asked emergency room nurse Cheryl Stacy to bag Draughn's right hand to preserve gunpowder residue.

The next day, March 7, 1994, Trooper Craft and Detective Smoot returned to the residence to look for the bullet, but were unable to locate it.

When they left the residence, the scene was not marked off, nor did they lock the door to the residence.

On March 14, 1994, Smoot received a call from Howard, who said she had located the bullet lying in the floor behind an end table in the living room.

Mullins and Smoot returned to the scene March 20, 1994 — 14 days after the shooting — to retrieve the bullet. It was on that day they videotaped the interior and exterior of the residence, and gathered other materials for evidence.

The officers removed a window blind and a piece of paneling which contained blood stains.

Edward L. Taylor Jr., forensics examiner for KSP, made determinations based on the observations and examinations of the paneling, blind, videotape and an audio tape of Hall's statement.

Draughn was 6 feet tall, and what baffled Smoot and Mullins was the position of the blood splatter on the wall.

Hall told police that Draughn was standing in front of the door when he shot himself. The bulk of the blood splatters were approximately two and one-half feet up the wall, according to the police report.

The bullet entered Draughn's head, about and two-and-three-quarters inches above the right ear, and exited three-and-three-quarters inches above the left ear, an inclination of about an inch, and the detectives believed that the splatter should have appeared higher on the wall.

Taylor's determinations were that Draughn was shot while standing, sitting, crouched or kneeling, and he was not lying in the floor at the time he was shot. He also determined that the bloodstains on the paneling and the blind could have been made as a result of Draughn shooting himself while standing, stumbling and then falling, as Hall had previously indicated.

The conclusion of Taylor's observations, however, failed to establish if Draughn died from a suicide or homicide.

C.S. Lanham Jr., of the forensic laboratory of the Kentucky State Police, did forensic testing

on the gun, fired cartridge and the bullet that were found at the residence.

The results of the examination determined that the cartridge found was positively identified as having been fired from the .38-caliber Smith and Wesson found at the scene, but the bullet could neither be identified or eliminated as having been fired from the gun.

The forensic team also performed swab tests to establish whether or not gunpowder residue could be detected on Draughn's hands.

The results did not detect the presence of gunpowder residue on either of Draughn's hands, but stated, "This does not eliminate the possibility that the subject handled or discharged a firearm."

When tests were then performed by a forensics team member who shot the same gun, however, "significant amounts" of gunpowder residue were found on the team member's hand.

There are no records of gunpowder tests being performed on anyone else.

Toxicology reports concluded that Draughn's blood/alcohol content was nearly double the amount for him to be considered legally drunk. The reports also concluded that Draughn's blood was positive for propoxyphen metabolites, a pill otherwise known as Darvocet.

According to the autopsy, Draughn had contusions located on his left foot, left shoulder and upper right arm. Draughn's sternum and several ribs were fractured as well.

'It could have went either way'

In an effort to obtain an objective, professional view of the evidence in the case, the Times Herald presented Floyd County Coroner Roger Nelson with the information from the investigation into Draughn's death.

After studying the report, Nelson concluded that the wound was definitely a "contact wound," meaning that the gun had been pressed against Draughn's head when it was fired. According to Nelson, 85 percent of all contact wounds are self-inflicted.

Nelson went on to say that if the gun had not been touching the skin, Draughn could have possibly survived the shooting because most of the damage to his brain was caused by gases escaping from the barrel of the gun.

Nelson also said that the contusions on the body were old, and stated that the fractures in the sternum and the ribs were "in the right location in conjunction with life saving resuscitation techniques," such as CPR.

Nelson noted that the lack of

gunpowder residue on Draughn's hands was not in itself evidence that someone else fired the gun. He said the powder could have been removed from Draughn's hands as he was being treated and transported by medical technicians.

Nelson said that the bullet could have been fragmented or shaved as it passed through the skull, erasing the "tattooing" that could have helped in the forensic testing of the bullet. Nelson stated that the angle of passage of the bullet "was consistent with self-infliction."

In his opinion, Nelson stated that Draughn was not standing in front of the door when the shooting occurred. Nelson's assumption is that Draughn was positioned in front of a chair near the door when the shooting took place.

When asked if he felt that evidence in the case could conclusively establish that Draughn's death was a suicide, as reported in the police investigation, Nelson said, "It could have went either way."

Draughn was a patient of Mountain Comprehensive Care where he was undergoing treatment for depression following a 1989 car accident that left him hospitalized for three months, but family members say that he doing much better the last two years of his life.

According to Howard, Draughn was a disabled veteran who suffered from post-traumatic stress disorder.

"Even though Hubert was under doctor's care," she said, "he was as happy-go-lucky as me. He enjoyed life, and loved his family."

"This whole thing rubs me every day," continued Howard. "I just want to find out the truth."

Official response

Officers Craft, Mullins, and Det. Smoot refused to comment on any aspect of the investigation into Draughn's death, but Hazard Post Captain Danny Webb said, "Det. Smoot is one of our best detectives, and I'm sure he did the best he could do with this investigation."

Lt. Kevin Payne, with KSP legal affairs, said that if the family has any concern about the investigation, they can submit a written request to the post commander, and the office would be more than happy to take a closer look into the details of the investigation.

When asked if he believed that the investigation into Draughn's death was investigated using all appropriate procedures possible, Payne, who stated that he was unfamiliar with the case, replied "I don't know if there is anything normal in a death investigation."

Drugs

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be forgiven if he or she agrees to go to counseling. If they refuse, however, they will be suspended for the full 10 days."

Fanning also said that students found transporting or selling drugs on school property would be referred to the Board of Education, which would then hold an expulsion hearing.

"I think principal Hampton acted appropriately," said Hampton. "He had received sufficient evidence in order to conduct a search, and so, he did."

When questioned, Principle

Hampton said that the drug search was "supposed to be routine."

"It was nothing out of the ordinary," said Hampton. "There is no general timeline for something like this, and all principals conduct these kinds of searches."

Hampton said he refused comment concerning any information regarding the results of the search, saying the matter did not warrant newspaper coverage.

Prestonsburg Police Officer Mike Conn refused to comment.



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People prayed at the City Hall Amphitheatre following a candlelight march to take back Main Street in Hazard from drugs. The march was sponsored by the youth committee of People Against Drugs.

March

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"We must love each other, stay together and fight the good fight, because that's what it's all about. God bless this city, God bless this county, God bless America!" the mayor said.

Rep. Brandon Smith told the crowd that the march was "one of the most impressive events he has seen in the United States."

"I see a community that's had enough, that's had more than enough, that's decided to stand up and be true to what they are ..." Smith said. "I'm very proud."

Smith talked about the importance of parents taking care of children, and asked God to bless the grandparents who stood in for the parents who are not there. Three teenagers gave testi-

monies — Laura Sidwell, Jackie Baker and Amy Eversole, who cried describing when she heard that her friend died, but found Christianity.

Baker spoke about her decision to quit being an "enabler."

"You don't have to be on drugs to be a part of that drug scene. You make a way for them to get those drugs, you're just as guilty as they are," she said.

Living Waters, a group of teenagers, gave dramatic pantomimes to enact people suffering drug abuse, overdose and, finally, release from addiction. Tammy McKnight sang solo a lyric about finding love and freedom from drugs through Christ's spirituality. Alan Dodson of First Baptist

Church gave a closing prayer about the power of the "light" of spirituality to outshine, outlast anything, even crucifixion.

"Three days later, the light came out of the grave, and the light is with us today," he said. "The light of God is stronger than any light you can have."

Terri Felner, who helped organize the march, invited people to join the youth committee of People Against Drugs. The group meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at Petrey Memorial Church. To join PAD or one of its committees people may call the church at (606) 436-3842

"I thought it was great!" Pastor Pennington said afterwards.



Homes

volunteers who arrive in summer.

Plus, they constructed a whole subdivision of low-income, one-family houses on bottom land below their hollow.

Now, the program operates year-round with 15 full-time employees at Goose creek, according to Donald Proffitt, the executive director, who is from Camp Branch in Letcher County.

The permanent employees supervise the work of the office and volunteer crews.

"Volunteers come in groups and stay for a week," he said. However, some individual volunteers stay longer, for five months to a year, and one man stayed five years.

Each group averages about 25 volunteers, although one

group had 88 people. Over 1,000 volunteers are scheduled for this year, Proffitt said.

"We do new construction, rehabilitation, and also do home rentals to low income people," said Greg Hawkins, volunteer coordinator from Mayking. "We start two houses a month, and finish two houses a month. In June, July and August, we will begin construction on 10 new homes, because we have so many new volunteers. We do about 25-30 'rehab's' a year.

"You may not know this, but we work in Letcher, Knott and Floyd counties. We're finishing our first new home in Floyd and are getting ready to start another one. We've got two under construction in Knott, and have built about a dozen there.

"I usually keep four to six

going in Letcher. I've been here 10 years and have built about 116."

In addition, hundreds of "rehab's" have been done in Letcher.

Funds for Homes Inc., which is non-profit, come from agencies, such as the Kentucky Housing Corporation and USDA Rural Development.

Proffitt said that Homes Inc. tried to open a second headquarters in Floyd County, near Wayland. However, the office closed.

"We just picked up Floyd last year, and we did not get enough applications," Proffitt explained. "It was not economically feasible for me to keep it open."

However, Homes Inc. continues to expand services to Floyd County.

One house is almost finished in Wayland, in a hollow just outside city limits. A house will be reconstructed soon in Martin. The old one will be torn down and a new one will go up.

In Knott County, three houses are under construction at Red Fox. A house is also under construction on old Route 7 at Kite. The foundation was put in on March 28.

It may take time for people in Floyd and Knott counties to find out about Homes Inc. People do not realize that they can apply to Homes Inc. to get an affordable home, Proffitt said.

Homes Inc. has helped hundreds of families over the years. Homes Inc. also helps the out-of-state volunteers who come here and experience the Appalachian culture.

"They come here to help us and we wind up helping them," Proffitt said.

Some volunteer carpenters come to Eastern Kentucky with no education and poor test scores. But they sometimes leave with the motivation to become teachers and ministers.

Volunteer work "gives them time to slow down and mature," he said. "I think we are as good for them as for us, I'm prejudiced, but I don't know any place that compares to here."

"It's a great culture," he added.

To apply for help with housing, or to volunteer, contact Homes Inc. at 855-4561.

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# Authorities look for drug connection in Pike fatality

by SHELDON COMPTON  
STAFF WRITER

A Pike County man was arrested Tuesday in connection with an accident that occurred Sunday, March 25, resulting in the deaths of a pregnant mother and her infant.

Charles Christopher Morris, 28, son of Pike County Coroner Charles Morris, allegedly ran a red light at Buckleys Creek on US 119, striking another vehicle in the passenger side.

The collision left Veronica Thomsbury, who at the time of the accident was in labor, and her female infant dead as she and her husband, Troy Thomsbury, were en route to a nearby hospital.

The baby was delivered by Caesarean-section in an ambulance after the accident and died later at Pikeville Methodist Hospital.

Kentucky State Police Det. Eddie Crum obtained two murder warrants and arrested Morris Tuesday in Pikeville after an investigation. The arrest occurred without incident and the accident is still under investigation by Detective Crum.

Crum, who arrived roughly 30 minutes after the collision, expects the toxicology reports to be back by Monday.

"Without the reports we can't say whether there were drugs involved or not," Crum said on Thursday. "The evidence will be presented to the grand jury once everything is compiled. I didn't search at the collision because he had already been taken to the hospital, but as far as the other officers on scene, they made no comments to me about finding any prescription medication on him. But even if we have suspicion, we would still have to wait on the toxicology reports."

Following the arrest Tuesday was a Wednesday arraignment during which a preliminary hearing was set for April 8. Morris failed to see any bond set during his arraignment Wednesday.

however, the bond is to be reviewed again at the preliminary hearing.

Morris pleaded not guilty to the charges against him.

According to Assistant Pike County Attorney Roger Varney, who is handling the case, drugs may have been a factor in the accident.

"We are awaiting results from the toxicology tests," Varney said on Wednesday. "The investigation has led us to suspect drug involvement, probably prescription medicine, although I don't know what kind."

Varney said the toxicology tests would not be back within the week, but the suspicion may be connected to Morris' past history.

Morris has had several speeding violations and one DUI in Pike county along with drug related charges as well, many of

which were dismissed or lessened.

Morris is being lodged at the Pike County Detention Center awaiting a hearing to answer to both murder charges.

There is some existing debate surrounding the death of the fetus, Crum said.

"I spoke with my supervisor and the county attorney and they felt they should issue a warrant," Crum said. "There was enough evidence as far as making a decision on that. I don't know who made the final decision, but the grand jury and the judge will make the decision on whether the fetus is a viable life."



photo by Greta Fields

These Iowa students belong to a crew which calls itself PLIA (Putting Love in Action). Members of PLIA worked as home construction volunteers for Homes Inc. in Letcher County in March. Homes Inc., a non-profit service for low-income families, is expanding into Floyd and Knott counties.

## Whitesburg High School student competes in national conference

Sara Craft had a window seat on a plane headed to San Francisco Thursday afternoon. A senior at Whitesburg High, she hadn't been on a plane before, but wasn't too nervous about it.

She didn't have much time to be worried about the trip as she had worked long hours putting the finishing touches on a radio documentary about her family tradition of killing hogs for fresh meat. The piece chronicles the process of killing the hogs while examining the perspectives of different generations of her family on the tradition.

Sara produced the piece at Appalshop as part of the

Appalachian Media Institute's (AMI) Fall/Spring Youth Radio Workshops. In fall of last year, Sara and other local youths learned the process and techniques used to produce radio documentaries, including interviewing skills, sound recording and editing.

During the spring session, the interns are producing short pieces for public distribution. Sara was selected to represent the program at The 2001 National Youth in Radio Project, held last week in San Francisco. While there she participated in two full days of workshops and hands-on broadcasting training, and her piece was broadcast on a

local radio station.

For Sara, the opportunity to represent both the program and Eastern Kentucky was a thrill. She described her feelings a few days before the trip by saying, "I jumped at the chance to learn more about radio production. I wanted to learn more about what happens behind the scenes...and I think I will do a good job representing us, though people may hold stereotypes about Eastern Kentucky...I guess it will be my job to prove them wrong."

And as Sara shares her experiences and family traditions with other youth media-makers from around the United States, she will be learning from them as well.

Appalshop's AMI program has been training rural youth in media arts, developing professional and artistic skills as well as encouraging the use of media arts as tools for initiating change in communities for over 12 years. Its summer film and video training sessions have produced short documentaries that have been screened at festivals around the nation, including the last two Sundance Film Festivals.

For more information about the Appalachian Media Institute, write to 91 Madison Avenue, Whitesburg, KY 41858, call (606) 633-0108, or email ami@appalshop.org.

## Inmate scheduled to die April 10



tion at 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 10. Baze was given the death penalty February 4, 1994, following his conviction on murder charges.

On January 30, 1992, Powell County Deputy Arthur Briscoe attempted to serve Baze with warrants from Ohio at Baze's Rowan County home. After an unsuccessful first try, Briscoe returned later with Powell County Sheriff Steve Bennett.

As the two officers attempted to serve the warrants, Baze shot them with an assault rifle, killing them both.

Baze was arrested the same day in Estill County.

Under a bill passed by the General Assembly in 2000 which phases out the state's method of electrocuting condemned prisoners in favor of lethal injection, Baze was given a choice between the two methods. He chose lethal injection.

In interviews, Baze has said he is ready to be put to death, rather than spend any more time in prison.

A Rowan County man who was sentenced to death for killing two law-enforcement officers attempting to serve him with warrants in 1992 is coming to the end of his sentence. Ralph Stevens Baze, 46, scheduled to die by lethal injection

## Wreck

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Two-Mile Hill on Kentucky 40 at 7:20 a.m. on her way to school and collided with Allen's three-quarter-ton truck.

Ward was the daughter of Gregory McCloud of Lexington and Kimberly Ward Castle of Offutt.

Funeral services, arranged by Paintsville Funeral Home, will be held at 11 a.m. Monday at Little Mud Lick Church of God in Staffordsville.

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— Felix Frankfurter

## ourView

### Rewarding what works

Gov. Paul Patton's announcement Friday that he is creating a program which, in short, rewards counties which have mandatory garbage collection ordinances on the books with grant eligibility is a good first step in what has been a sputtering effort to put Kentucky's trash where it belongs.

Perhaps even better, and more important, is the fact that Patton recognizes the program as a first step, not as a final solution.

The Certified Clean Counties Program rewards counties with universal collection laws by making them eligible to apply for grants from a \$4 million pool of money. That money can be used to defray three-quarters of the cost of cleaning up what illegal dumps remain in those counties.

The program should be effective in helping the state's 28 counties with such laws to get clean and stay clean.

What is not as likely, however, is that the program will entice many more to follow suit. Those counties which have thus far refused to get serious about trash by adopting universal collection laws probably won't get too excited about cleaning up the messes their neglect has helped cause.

That is why it is of utmost importance for Patton's program to be the first step in a comprehensive effort to once and for all end Kentucky's trash woes. The Clean Counties program won't get us there by itself.

The Clean Counties program merely attacks the blight of illegal dumping on one front — cleanup — when a four-pronged attack is needed.

To fully address the problem, Kentucky needs to pursue the avenues of education, enforcement and prevention with equal vigor.

The state has a good start on the education aspect, getting out the message about the dangers illegal dumping poses to the environment, particularly among schoolchildren. However, educational efforts always take the longest to produce noticeable results, since old habits die hard. For that reason, the state needs to keep hammering out the message until it takes hold, perhaps even upping its efforts.

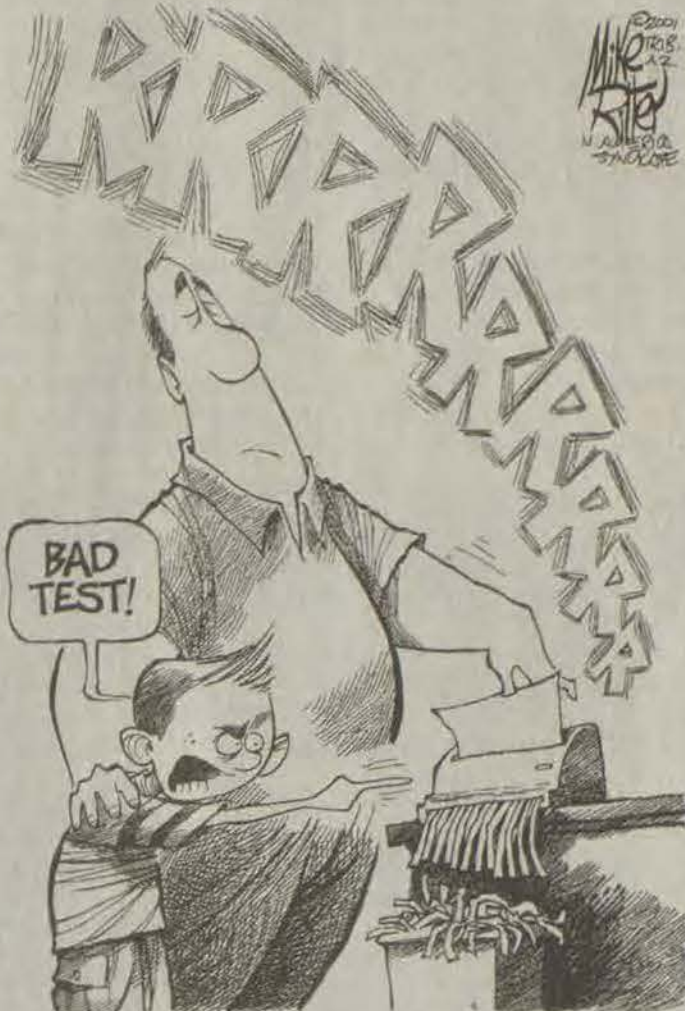
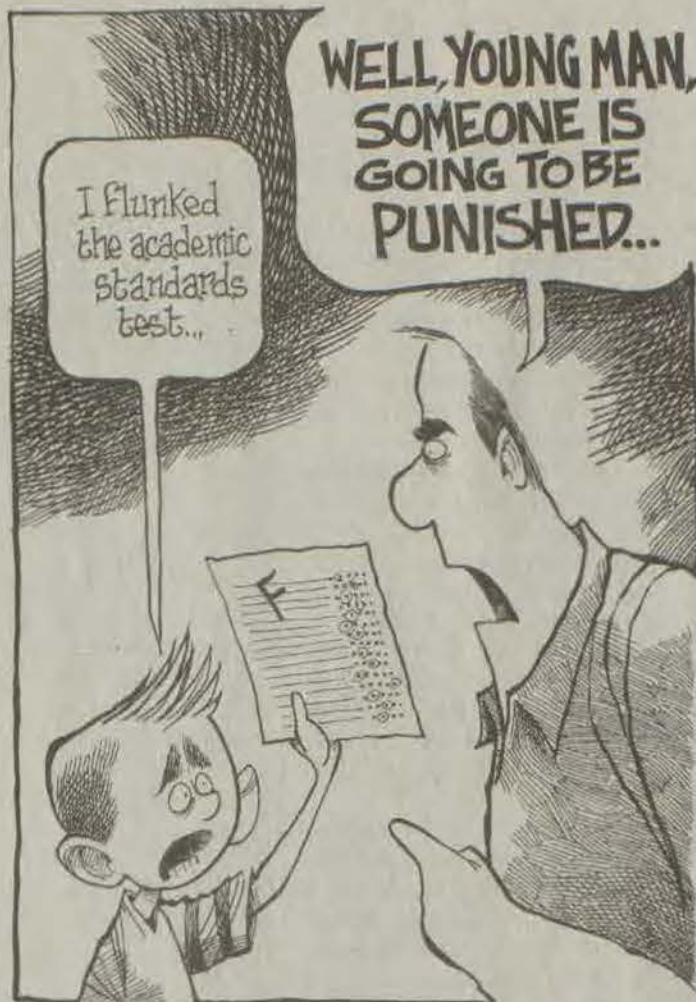
Enforcement, on the other hand, would help address illegal dumping much more quickly. Once the message gets out that dumping is indeed a crime with definite consequences, those prone to throwing their trash over hillsides might think twice.

So far, officials have pursued enforcement by using stealth tactics such as hidden cameras to catch dumpers, then heavily publicizing those caught as a lesson to the rest of us. However, those efforts have been uneven at best, making the lesson and the reality that dumping is a crime which one can get away with, most of the time.

That leaves prevention, a tactic which has scarcely been touched at all. The only notable efforts to actually prevent trash from being tossed into the landscape have all come from House Majority Floor Leader Greg Stumbo's efforts to pass a bottle bill in the state legislature.

The lesson from those efforts thus far is clear: For the most part, our state's leaders are unwilling to get serious about dumping and litter, preferring instead to pursue Band-Aid fixes which are high on publicity, but low on results.

We certainly hope that does not become the case with Patton's program. Kentucky lawmakers do not need any more excuses to say they are doing something about the trash problem when, in reality, what steps they have taken are so minuscule as to be inconsequential.



### A new paper, with a new purpose

By the time this column makes it way to your eyes, the folks around our offices will very likely be breathing huge sighs of relief.

The paper you are holding in your hands, the first issue of The Sunday Times Herald, is one which is special to those of us who have labored over the past few months to put it together. And, while I will certainly admit a fair degree of bias in judging our work, I quite simply feel this is one of the best issues with which I have had the privilege to be involved.

Of course, many of you may be wondering our reasons for making such a dramatic change. After all, The Floyd County Times is "giving up" its Sunday edition for the sake of this new regional newspaper, and The Hazard Herald, after having always been a weekly publication, is suddenly contributing to a second issue each week.

While certainly today's circumstances play a significant role, the need and desire for a regional newspaper covering Eastern Kentucky go back at least a generation, perhaps more.

Ask anyone in the newspaper business in Eastern Kentucky and you will discover that we've all been talking about creating a regional newspaper for decades. Regional coverage would provide us the opportunity to confront the issues which have plagued Appalachia for a century. A regional paper would help promote cohesiveness among

mountain counties, which heretofore has been sadly lacking. On the business side, such a publication would give local employers a means to advertise their products and services to a wider audience, helping to stimulate growth. In short, we have all seen the need for such a newspaper, and we've all thought it would be a great idea. Yet, it has never come about — until now.

But creating a regional newspaper is more than just good journalism, more than a good business decision. It is a moral imperative, an obligation which we do not take lightly.

Look around. There has been no newspaper in Eastern Kentucky which lends a regional focus to the issues, the problems and the strengths of Eastern Kentucky. In the past, all we could hope for is that the Central Kentucky newspapers would venture our way a few times a week, or maybe that a New York reporter would spend a few days in the mountains and then go back to tell the world that we're poor and dirty and ignorant and hopeless.

Rather than explaining our region, these news organizations have done more to exploit it. They always seem to find the most outrageous, most sensational stories to report to the world.

Now, through this newspaper, all of that will change.

Make no mistake, however. While

there is a need to uplift our region by reporting the positive steps we are taking, there is also a need to expose our problems and reveal corruption to the light of day. More than anything, our region deserves an accurate and honest account of the events which shape our lives.

We are willing and prepared to step in to fill that need.

That is not to say we are attempting to "take over" the news business in Eastern Kentucky. On the contrary, this newspaper represents our effort to fill an unmet need, and we are quite certain that it can peacefully coexist, even complement, the local newspapers in our area.

Quite simply, this newspaper is an entirely different product from what is published in other counties, or even from what we will continue to publish on Wednesday in Perry County or on Wednesdays and Fridays in Floyd County. We do not see ourselves as a replacement for the local newspapers, but as an additional resource, with a different perspective.

And so, this is how it begins. Frankly, the staffs of The Floyd County Times and The Hazard Herald — the people who make up the staff of The Sunday Times Herald — are excited about this opportunity. As with anything new, we're certainly not perfect, and we will undoubtedly experience a few growing pains at first. But we look forward to giving our readers the best publication we can, and we hope you'll join us for the ride.



#### Poison Pen

Ralph B. Davis

### — guest column

#### Solving the energy shortage

by ROBERT LINNELL

Rain drops, in the tiny morning mists or from the torrential rains, gathered together provide the life blood of all living things. So it is with many of society's problems, if each of us did our part, added together we create solutions. So it is with energy. We can all help.

The U.S. uses more oil than any other nation, nearly 20 million barrels of oil each day. Transportation uses about 40 percent of this total (the other 60 percent is used for heating, generating electricity and other uses).

Our personal driving

habits and how we maintain our vehicles make a big difference in the gasoline we consume. Good driving habits and vehicle maintenance can improve fuel economy by 10-20 percent.

If everyone followed these simple practices we could cut our oil use by over 1 million barrels per day. Here is how:

1. Obey the speed limits: Over 50 percent of your car's energy is used to overcome air drag and above 65 mph fuel economy drops rapidly. Not speeding can save 10 percent or more on your fuel consumption. On highway trips using cruise control set at the speed limit makes it easy to save fuel.

2. Anticipate traffic situations in city driving: Rapid acceleration and braking use excessive fuel and produce more air pollution. By carefully watching traffic around

you, avoiding tailgating and becoming a defensive driver, you can save fuel as well as reduce maintenance on your vehicle.

3. Maintain your vehicle as per factory instructions: A typical vehicle has underinflated tires that increase fuel consumption by 6 percent. Tires need to be checked once a month, especially when temperatures drop (which causes pressure to drop). Tires also last longer when kept fully inflated. Changing your oil regularly with an approved energy conservation oil can increase mileage by 3 percent. Clogged air filters can decrease mileage by 10 percent so they need to be checked and changed.

There are many other advantages to following these simple rules: Over 40,000 people are killed each year in

vehicle accidents. Speeding is a major cause of these accidents. The few minutes you might save by rushing can cost you and others their lives; it is not worth it.

Most of the SUV rollovers from defective tires had underinflated tires and speeding as contributing factors. Take the stress out of your driving by defensive driving, save fuel and reduce your auto maintenance costs by less wear on your vehicle.

There is one more bonus, safer driving reduces your insurance costs. Urge your children, your friends and others to join these efforts to reduce our dependence on the uncertainty of imported oil.

Congress has held up requiring more fuel efficient vehicles, but the technology is available. Sen. Jeff

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# SUNDAY conversation

with U.S. District Judge Joseph Hood

## Judge saying goodbye to Eastern Kentucky

by GRETA FIELDS  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

He never made the UK Wildcats.

He did become one of Adolph Rupp's managers.

He did become a decorated Army captain in Vietnam.

He also became a federal judge, with considerable stature in the eyes of his colleagues.

Joseph M. Hood, the U.S. District Court Judge, was selected the outstanding judge in 1999 by the Kentucky Bar Association. He was trying cases in the BOPtrot investigation into corruption in the General Assembly. The cases involved many novel issues, but he was affirmed in all of them.

A native of Ashland, Judge Hood has always served in the Eastern Kentucky division in the legal profession. However, he will soon transfer to a Lexington courtroom.

Judge Hood returned to Kentucky after Vietnam and got his law degree at University of Kentucky, and went to work as a law clerk in under Judge H. David Hermansdorfer.

He became a magistrate, then was appointed a judge April 30,

1990, after a nomination by then-President George Bush.

For the past 10 years, he has traveled extensively between courthouses in the district.

When he leaves, three new judges will be appointed in the Eastern District. Two judges who took senior status will be replaced, and a third, new position will also be filled.

Judge Hood, who is 56, looks forward to his switch.

"I've enjoyed my time, going to Pikeville, and the mountains," he said. "There are a lot of good people up there. I've made some good friends. But this will charge my batteries."

His goals for working in Lexington stay the same, he said.

"In my work, I always strive to be the best judge I can be, and as a person, to be the best husband and father I can be," Hood remarked.

When asked to judge his own performance as a judge, Hood said he thinks his best asset is that he likes people.

"I think that I like people and I'm willing to listen, and I believe I treat people fairly," Hood said. "I think those are my strong points."

"It's a matter of how you treat people," he added.

Hood apparently grew up understanding people from leading an ordinary, well-rounded life as the son of an Ashland Oil accountant.

He played football, baseball and basketball in high school. In college, he started out in engineering, but discovered he was not meant to be an engineer. He studied business, and considered getting a doctorate degree in economics to teach.

However, after graduating, he entered the military instead (1966), becoming a U.S. Army Captain of the infantry. He was the company commander 1968 to 1969, in D Company, 3rd Battalion, 39th Infantry, 9th Infantry Division.

"I had finished college and was in ROTC, and was a commissioned officer, and I had a service obligation to perform and I did it," he said.

He not only served, he served bravely and admirably.

During his four years in Vietnam, he made many dangerous "helicopter insertions," flying troops in and putting them on the ground.

He once took an AK-47 round across his right elbow. He said it wasn't enough to seriously injure him, but it did "scare the hell out of me."

In addition to the Air Medal, his decorations include the Bronze Star Medal with "V" device and four Oak Leaf Clusters; the Army Commendation Medal with "V" device and one Oak Leaf Cluster; the Purple Heart, and the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Silver Star.

It was during his stint in Vietnam that Hood became interested in the law.

"I was involved in a court martial of one of the people under my command," he said. "I found it quite interesting. I

envisioned being a trial lawyer at first.

"It was when I was a law clerk that I became fascinated with the idea of being a judge," he added. "I just liked the idea of helping people solve their problems."

"It was a combination of things. I had the opportunity to see good judges, and see how they helped people resolve problems ... and I just thought that was something I would like to do."

"People joke about lawyers, but they don't joke about one when they need one," he noted.

People from Eastern Kentucky would understand his wanting to be a judge, he quipped: "I like being a judge because it's all inside work, and no heavy lifting!"

His interest in people and their problems has kept him interested in his work. He has no preference for a type of case and finds all of them interesting.

"They're all important to the people involved," he explained.

"You try to learn from everything," he said. "Every case you have, there's something that's different in that case than in any other case."

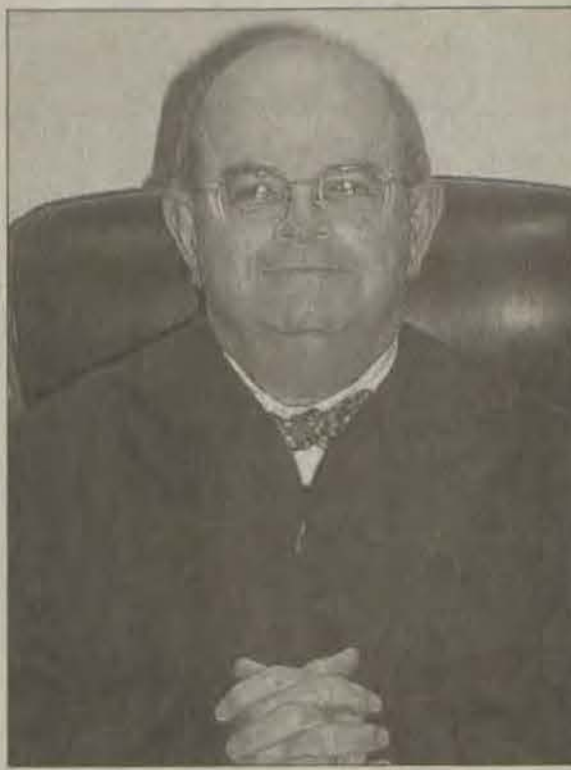
He learned from a case once, for example, how those helicopters that he was forced to ride in the Army fly. That case involved the crash of the helicopter carrying the former Gov. Breteron Jones.

Was he ever threatened by a defendant? "Once," he said. "He said he'd see me when he got out, but he wasn't getting out anytime soon."

Judge Hood, who does a lot

of traveling, relaxes with books, walking and "golf, golf, golf."

"I walk every morning for my health, and have my duties with my dog (a 'pit Yorkie'). I



Judge Joseph Hood

law office in Frankfort lively with blue Cat mementos. There's a blue UK Afghan on the settee and a blue "GO BIG BLUE" running across his computer screen.

"I am a Cat Fan. I am a pluperfect cat fan," he said.

What did he think about Rick Pitino defecting to red?

"I quit worrying about Rick Pitino when he left," he said. "Kentucky Wildcats, better ingredients, better basketball," he added, rephrasing the popular pizza slogan to describe UK ball.

Hood's office is also filled with family photos.

Not a workaholic, Hood goes home from work on time. He is married to the former Carol Ann Stowe of Perry County. They have a son, Joseph Martin (Marty) Hood Jr., who works in business for J.C. Penney, and a daughter,

Elizabeth Mulholland (Betsy) Hood, who works in managing the Blue Grass State Games.

He has been involved in many civic groups, but travels so much that he misses their meetings. He has served on boards connected to Salmon P. Chase College of Law, Ashland YMCA, Alice Lloyd College; was past president, United Cerebral Palsy of Eastern Kentucky, and Russell Rotary Club, and Lector and Eucharistic Minister of Cathedral of Christ the King in Lexington.

The church position entails assisting with communion, not preaching.

"I only preach in court," he joked.

## Eastern Kentucky HOSA students place in state competition

Health occupation students from Eastern Kentucky were among those winning awards at the Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) skills competition held March 15-17 in Louisville. State winners are eligible to attend the national contests in Atlanta this June.

Lindsey Conner, a Harrison County Area Technology Center (ATC) student, won Outstanding HOSA Member.

Conner also won the Ann C. Vescio Scholarship Award worth \$150.

The winning theme for this year's competition came from the Marshall County Technical Center. It was "Caring Hearts and Open Minds Make the HOSA Experience One of a Kind."

The various competitions, sponsored by HOSA and the Kentucky Department for Technical Education, an agency of the Cabinet for Workforce Development, included performance skills in areas such as CPR, nursing assisting and veterinary assisting, and written tests in areas such as medical terminology and math.

HOSA is a student organization that promotes leadership, skills application and critical thinking among students in health fields.

The winners and their competition categories are listed below.

### Dental Spelling

- First - Lavina Wilcox, Louisville Central High School
- Second - Candace Pedigo, Barren County ATC
- Third - Sarah Cahill, C.E. McCormick ATC

### Dental Terminology

- First - Brooke Meador, Breckinridge County ATC
- Second - Andrea Smiley, Harrison County ATC
- Third - Raegan St. Denis, Scott County High School

### Medical Spelling

- First - Brenessa Matney Phelps ATC
- Second - Maryanna Pendley, Muhlenberg County ATC
- Third - Amber Young Lawrence County High School

### Medical Terminology

- First - Jaime Riddle, Marshall County Technology Center
- Second - Nancy Veach Barren County ATC
- Third - Amanda Johnson North Laurel High School

### Medical Math

- First - Lensey Edwards Marshall County Technology Center
- Second - Bridgette Brown Meade County ATC
- Third - Casandra Golluhue Carter County Vocational School

### Knowledge Test - Nutrition

- First - Amanda Cook Lee County ATC
- Second - Jamie Griffith Harrodsburg ATC
- Third - Tasha Etherton Bullitt County ATC

### Knowledge Test - Human Growth/Development

- First - Tasha Tucker Owensboro Technical

- College (secondary classes at college)
- Second - Jami Whitaker Leslie County ATC
- Third - Dana Rachford C.E. McCormick ATC

### Knowledge Test - Pathophysiology

- First - Megan Littrell Clinton County ATC
- Second - Jennifer Laster Meade County ATC
- Third - Zack Van Vactor Marshall County Technology Center

### Knowledge Test - Basic Concepts of Health Care

- First - Jennifer Hume, Monroe County High School
- Second - Tim Morris, Ohio County ATC
- Third - Rhonda Keeton, Lawrence County High School

### Knowledge Test - Pharmacology

- First - Jennifer Drake, Lee County ATC

### CPR/First Aid

- First - Jacquelyn Rockne, Elyse Widener, Marshall County Technology Center
- Second - Sarah Vowels, Celeste Fackler, Meade County ATC
- Third - Jeanette Tulley, Billie Dunigan, Foster Meade Vocational Education Center

### First Aid/Rescue Breathing

- First - Brittany Early, Bullitt County ATC

### Medical Assisting - Clinical

- First - Lindsey Conner, Harrison County ATC

### Nursing Assisting

- First - Erica McWhorter, Clinton County ATC
- Second - Travis Smith, Grayson County Vocational School
- Third - Candice Melton, Marshall County Technology Center

### Veterinary Assisting

- First - Lynn Grant, Louisville Central High School
- Second - Jessie Lay, Boyle County ATC

### Extemporaneous Health Poster

- First - Adrienne Brown, Henderson County ATC
- Second - Jennifer Edwards, Barren County ATC
- Third - Kim McDonald, McCreary Central High School

### Extemporaneous Speaking

- First - Loran Bernert, Louisville Central High School
- Second - Kyle Burkeen, Marshall County Technology Center
- Third - Samantha Lawless, Lake Cumberland ATC

### Extemporaneous Writing

- First - Kristina Hullings, Harrodsburg ATC
- Second - Savannah Sipple, Lee County ATC

## Guest

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Bingaman (D-N.M.) and other Democrats introduced a bill last week that focuses on both conserving energy and developing renewable sources as well as increasing production of domestic oil and gas. It offers a broad package including increased fuel efficiencies for gas guzzling SUVs and light trucks, tax incentives, energy conservation in schools and

government buildings, etc.

They estimate that by 2008 the new standards for light trucks and SUVs would save 1.2 million barrels of oil a day. Republicans oppose this legislation as too expensive but it could be quite cost-effective over a period of several years.

If we as citizens make a more concerted effort to conserve energy and focus on the

approaches proposed by Sen. Bingaman, we can reduce our reliance on foreign oil more than than the 6 percent figure used by the administration to justify drilling in the Alaskan National Wildlife Refuge. That is the best path for the nation to follow. Let us work together to make it work.

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# Newly-formed group to work with Big Sandy watershed

by **PAM SHINGLER**  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The seed of a tri-state coalition with a mission to preserve and protect the Big Sandy River watershed was planted in 1998. The weekend of March 10, it took root with the formal organization of the Big Sandy River Basin Coalition.

Meeting at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park in Prestonsburg, area citizens, along with representatives of private industry and state and local governments, elected officers and adopted by-laws.

Bobby Hall of Hurley, Va., was chosen to chair the new organization in its initial year. Other officers are Bill Duty of Delbarton, W.Va., vice chair; Stephanie Young of Ashland, secretary; and Dr. Paul Thompson of Prestonsburg, treasurer. Dr. Tom Vierheller of Prestonsburg will also serve on the executive board.

The recent meeting marked the fourth year persons interested in the river have convened informally to discuss their concerns. The first conference was in Prestonsburg in 1998, with subsequent meetings at the Breaks Interstate Park in Virginia in 1999 and in

Williamson, W.Va., in 2000.

The two-day conference featured speakers, panel discussions, an awards banquet, a canoe trip and an education workshop.

Mary Kathryn Dickerson, president of the Kentucky Waterways Alliance, was the keynote speaker on Friday morning. Dickerson discussed the value of water, illustrating that if all the water on earth were represented in 10 gallons, only a quarter of a teaspoon would be accessible and usable for drinking.

The Big Sandy Valley, Dickerson said, faces two main challenges. One is the disposal of human wastes through straight pipes into the waterways, and the other is mine drainage.

"You must make sure," she said, "that streams, the river and the land are cleaned up."

In a panel discussion on The Coal Industry and Protection of the Watershed, Barry Thacker of the Coal Creek Watershed Foundation told how his organization is involving local citizens in cleaning up and protecting the watershed, which is near Oak Ridge, Tenn.

Other panelists were Dan Michaelson of the Kentucky

Division of Fish and Wildlife Resources; Heath Preston of Kentucky Rep. Hal Rogers' staff, and Gary Ball, editor of The Mountain Citizen in Inez. Johnnie Ross of the Kentucky Department of Transportation was panel leader.

At the Friday evening banquet, Spirit of the River awards

were presented to three persons from each state who have worked on behalf of the watershed. The awards are jars of water taken from the headwaters of the river in southwestern Virginia.

Virginians receiving the

award were Bobby Hall of Hurley, Jerry Elkins of Raven, and the MAC Construction Co. West Virginians honored were Lowell Wilkes of Cross Lanes, Mike Whitt of Williamson and Allen Boone of Hamlin. Kentucky honorees were Stephanie Young of Ashland, Cathy Neeley of Hager Hill and Lon May of Prestonsburg.

At a Saturday organizational meeting, committee assignments were made. Bill Duty of West Virginia heads the Strategic Planning Committee, assisted by Clark Allison of Kentucky, Jerry Brackenridge of West Virginia and Blaine Delaney and Glenn Graham, both of Virginia.

The Grantwriting/Project Funding Committee is chaired by Lowell Wilkes of West Virginia, with Tom Vierheller of Kentucky and Lorenzo Henderson and Everett Hannah, both of West Virginia, also serving.

Jean Dorton of Kentucky chairs the Legislative Committee. Other members are Wallace Muncy and Bill Duty, both of West Virginia, and Bobby Hall of Virginia.

The Education/Volunteer Project Committee is chaired by Pam Shingler of Kentucky, assisted by Pam Nixon of West Virginia, and Jerry Elkins, Bryan Wilder and Janice Coleman, all of Virginia.

Blaine Delaney of Virginia is heading the Annual Meeting Program Committee. Joining him on the committee are Carolyn Baker, Laura Elkins and Glen Graham, all of Virginia.

The next annual meeting is planned for Breaks Interstate Park in the spring of 2002.

The headwaters of the river are in southwestern Virginia, while the Tug Fork forms the Kentucky-West Virginia border and the Levisa Fork cuts through eastern Kentucky. The two forks meet at Louisa, Kentucky, and Ft. Gay, West Virginia, and enter the Ohio River at Catlettsburg, Kentucky and Kenova, West Virginia.

Anyone interested in joining the coalitions efforts to protect the watershed, which covers almost 5,000 square miles in three states, may contact chairman Hall at 540/566-8985 or Vierheller at 606/886-3863.

## Martin Co. shelter to get \$50,000

Times Staff Report

The Kentucky Animal Control Advisory Board has awarded grants totaling \$500,000 for the 2001 fiscal year for construction and expansion of animal shelters.

Martin County has benefited from this grant, having been awarded \$50,000 toward work on their existing animal shelter and the possibility of constructing new shelters if needed.

"We are pleased to provide

funding for these very worthwhile projects," Agriculture Commissioner Billy Ray Smith said in a statement Friday. "We will be working with the General Assembly to increase funding when it meets in 2002."

The board made the grant awards based on need. The funding was provided in the 2000 session of the General Assembly.

The legislature appropriated another \$500,000 for animal shelter grants in fiscal 2002.

## One killed, three hurt in Perry wreck

by **SHELDON COMPTON**  
STAFF WRITER

A car accident occurring at 12:40 p.m. in Perry County involving three vehicles, including a Kenworth tractor-trailer, left one dead Friday and three injured.

According to police reports, Mitchell Wicker, 21, of Emmalena was traveling north on Kentucky 15 when he drove his 1998 Chevrolet pickup into the southbound lane of traffic.

Wicker's pickup then collided with a 1998 Kenworth tractor-trailer driven by 41-year-old Anthony Fallen of Hazel Green.

The initial collision resulted in Wicker's death, despite the fact that he was wearing a seatbelt, and he was pronounced dead at the scene by the Perry County Coroner. But the injuries that were to follow came as Fallen's tractor-trailer continued south after being struck.

As the trailer rolled on, debris

from the truck, resulting from the collision with Wicker, struck a 1994 Chevrolet Blazer driven by 44-year-old J.D. White of Lost Creek.

White had two passengers in his vehicle, 37-year-old Christine White and 5-year-old Adam C. White, both of Lost Creek.

Debris from the tractor-trailer struck White's vehicle, injuring J.D. White and Adam White, but leaving Christine White unharmed.

Anthony Fallen, the driver of the tractor-trailer was treated for multiple injuries. J.D. White, who suffered a back injury, and Adam White, who suffered an eye injury, were transported to Hazard Hospital by the Perry County Ambulance Service and treated for injuries before being released.

Everyone involved in the accident was wearing a seatbelt.

Judge Combs gave Hansen until Thursday to file a motion on that request.

Hansen said wants to know if Fopma is coming down off drugs. He explained later that he believes Fopma has been manifesting symptoms of drug withdrawal similar to those shown by other prisoners after imprisonment following the "Oxyfest" roundup.

Judge Combs set a status hearing for April 19 to see what progress the attorneys make in getting their records.

Finally, Judge Combs called the investigator, Hazard Patrolman Joe Engle, into the courtroom and warned him and all present to take care in preserving the evidence.

"It is very important that it is preserved," the judge said. "In order words, don't clean up the boots, if they are bloody."

Fopma was reported to be wearing boots when she allegedly kicked Baker. According to police, the women had allegedly been arguing the

night of Baker's death.

Police and ambulances responded to a report of an intoxicated woman laying in front of the bar on Main Street in Hazard. Baker was taken straight from the scene to Hazard Appalachian Regional Hospital, then flown to University of Kentucky Chandler Medical Center, where she was pronounced dead early that Saturday morning.

A group of Hazard police officers went to the scene. They arrested Fopma and charged her with assault, but upgraded the charge to murder later.

Fopma is in the Perry County Jail under a \$100,000 bond. She is a light, slender woman, about 5-feet, 5-inches and 120 pounds.

Baker was even smaller. Baker's death was a double-tragedy in the family of Bobby and Shirley Napier. The family was still in shock over the death of Cheryl's brother, Tim Napier, 33, had shot himself just one day earlier, March 8, during an argument with his girlfriend.

## Fopma

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**PRESTONSBURG, KENTUCKY**  
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Worship—10:45 a.m.  
6 p.m. Std. Time  
7 p.m. D.L.S. Time  
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Passion from the Gospel of Saint John

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PSA

## HOSA

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Third - Alicia Mitchell, Barren County ATC

Hill, Andrea Nichols; Martin County ATC

### Job Seeking Skills

First - Tarynn Daugherty, Ohio County ATC  
Second - Jodi Bates, Breckinridge County ATC  
Third - Heather Blalock, Murray/Calloway County ATC

### HOSA Bowl

First - Ashley Johnson, Amber Nations, Candi Noble, Hannah Phillips; Lee County ATC  
Second - Jeremy Baker, Jobeth Ewing, Tate Hancock, Lindsey Meadows; Green County ATC  
Third - Jessica Anness, Katie Bradford, Hillary Morris, Emily Perkins; Harrison County ATC

### Prepared Speaking

First - Amy Rose, Lee County ATC  
Second - Sammuell Holt, Lake Cumberland ATC  
Third - Ashley Glover, Barren County ATC

### Parliamentary Procedure

First - Amber Barr, Kristi Hockman, Tiffany Medley, Amber Stull, Megan Redmon, Holly Schultz, Kimberly Vessels; Meade County ATC  
Second - Danielle Anguish, Shonte Dixon, Princess Hayes, Meagan Hendrix, April Owlsley, Lindsey Pritchett, Ashleigh Stanley; Henderson Co. Technical Ctr.  
Third - Keaton Adams, Lindsey Cole, Randall Combs, Mary Estes, Jerod Griffith, Herald Kevin, Tyler Phillips; Lee County ATC

### Researched Persuasive Speaking

First - Stacy McClain, Harrodsburg ATC  
Second - Kaci Wilson, Henderson County ATC  
Third - Elizabeth Overbee, Lee County ATC

### Interviewing Skills

First - Leslie Williams, Meade County ATC

### Outstanding HOSA Chapter

Gold - Lee County ATC Silver Harrison County ATC  
Bronze (tie) - Henderson County ATC and Ohio County ATC

### Speaking Skills

First - Patricia Neblett, Bullitt County ATC

### Biomedical Debate

First - April Hicks, Emily Hubbard, Tabitha King, Sarah Mascaro; Meade County ATC  
Second - Tessa Brewer, Sammatha Sawyer, Ashley Spencer; Lee County ATC  
Third - Matt Humble, Mason Hunt, Richard Morris; Scott County High School

### Chapter Newsletter

First - Martin County ATC  
Second - Lee County ATC  
Third - Harrison County ATC

### Career Health Display

First - Misty Miller, Candice Vaillencourt; Lee County ATC  
Second - Ashley Boone, Audra Richards; Ohio County ATC  
Third - Lauren Dacci, Amanda Davis; Harrison County High School

### National Health Care Issues Exam

First - Meagan Littrell, Clinton County ATC  
Second - Lindsey Conner, Harrison County ATC  
Third - Pam Suvanto, Scott County High School

### Community Awareness

First - Amber Kincaid, Lindsey Kincaid, Priscilla Osborne; Lee County ATC

### Talent Show - Solo

First - Melanie Palmer, Shelby County ATC  
Second - Krystal Carver, Allen County Scottsville High School  
Third - Shannon Bailey, Russellville ATC

### Creative Problem Solving

First - Samantha Howell, Katie Sigmon, Kristin Smith, Emily Spencer Lee County ATC  
Second - Josh Bevil, Brandon Johnson, Brandon Ligon, Ryan Radcliff; Ohio County ATC  
Third - Jessica Dye, Jennifer Fannin, Andrew

### Talent Show - Group

First - Magoffin County Career and Technical Center  
Second - Garrard County ATC  
Third - Marshall County Technology Center





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Sideline Shots

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

## Impressive

I had the great, fortunate chance to attend one of Marshall University's spring football practices with three good friends on Friday afternoon. To say that I was impressed with everything about Marshall football would be a vast understatement. The facilities were great, the people were very hospitable, and the best thing of all was the football out on the field!

Here's a prediction: Nathan Leslie will start this season for Marshall somewhere on their defensive line. Leslie is currently working on the second team Marshall defense, but isn't that far away from starting. The main thing about Nathan being at MU is the fact that he's getting an education. That, above everything else, athletics included, should be the biggest goal on every student-athlete's mind—getting a quality college education.

## Marshall, Big East would be nice

O.K., Temple is out of the Big East, at least football wise. In Huntington, West Virginia, you have Marshall, a college football giant playing in and mostly dominating the MAC (Mid-American) Conference. The Thundering Herd are almost always a shoe-in to win a MAC title. So, why doesn't Marshall's

(See SIDELINE, page six)

## Hazard football team conducting spring drills

'Head Bulldog' Dixon looking forward to 2001 season

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

The Hazard High School boys' basketball team recently wrapped up a successful basketball season with a trip to the boys' state basketball tournament. Baseball has now begun and many talented Bulldogs are performing on the diamond. It's spring and footballs are in the air. Hazard football coach Maurice Dixon, has some of his Bulldog football players, those who aren't involved with baseball, out taking part in spring drills.

"We started this week with 20 or 21 kids," said Dixon. "We're low on numbers, right now the way we're approaching it is like a tutoring session. I'm big on momentum. Each day you come off that practice field, you're building momentum. But you have to be careful to keep that momentum heading in the right direction — you can't get too high or too low."

Hazard football success has had its share of football over the years. Even though his squad dropped a crucial playoff game to eventual region-runner-up Paintsville, they will be ready once the 2001 season rolls around. Never one to shy away from a challenge, Dixon and his Hazard club plays a tough six-game schedule to begin the '01 grid season.

Hazard opens up with Middlesboro in a bowl game they host. John DeRossett's

(See HAZARD, page six)

# Paintsville Little League on top of game

## Dream of Little League World Series qualifying game could become reality

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

It's the dream of almost every young child. A fire burns deep in a young child at an early age. They fall in love with the sport of base-

ball. The sport of baseball is most often the first love of so many young athletes. A young athletes romance with baseball is often started and courted in the Little League ranks. This couldn't be any truer than in Paintsville and Johnson County.

The Paintsville Little League program ranks as one of the best in the entire Bluegrass state. It's no secret.

The Paintsville Little League has hosted area, district and even state tournaments at their facilities.

Paintsville Little League teams have won several state championships during their 48 years of existence. The success of the league is clearly evident. Numerous Paintsville Little League alumnus have gone on to college and professional baseball, including current Detroit Tiger pitcher Willie Blair.

The Little League World Series is held each and every summer in Williamsport, Pennsylvania, home base to the youth baseball organiza-

(See LEAGUE, page five)

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# MARSHALL FOOTBALL



## Former area grid standouts keeping pace at MU

### Trio of Thundering Herd players representing east Kentucky well

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

The Marshall University football program is one of the best in the country. As a matter of fact, Marshall's football program was the winningest NCAA Division I team in all of the land in the '90s.

Coach Bob Pruett took over for the outgoing Jim Donnan and hasn't missed a beat. He has taken his team up a notch from the I-AA level to I-A and now has them on course for a postseason bowl appearance year-in and year-out. Current NFL and former Thundering Herd players like Randy Moss and Chad Pennington basically stoked the fire during the mid and late 90s.

Three talented young athletes from right here in the east Kentucky area are a part of the Marshall football team. All three are on pace to make a whole

(See MARSHALL, page five)



photo by Steve LeMaster

Pictured from left to right: Jesse Peck, Joey Stepp and Nathan Leslie. All three are former area high school players now excelling at Marshall.



photo by Steve LeMaster

Prestonsburg senior Dance Cats from left to right are Brooke Hicks, Ashleigh Greene, Tara Ortega and Lyndsay Stewart.

## Profiling Senior Dance Cats

The following is a profile of three of the four senior Prestonsburg High School Dance Cats. One senior, Tara Ortega, was unavailable. The entire Prestonsburg Dance Cats squad has won numerous competitions and were recently crowned national champions after a big championship win in San Diego.

and the late Howard Castle

G.P.A.: 3.10

Future Plans: Attend Pikeville College and pursue a career in the field of medicine. Also plan on dancing and running cross country.

What I like best about being a Dance Cat is ...

Having the opportunity to get to know the large group of girls that I dance with.

Being able to travel to the competitions away from home

Finding out how competitive this sporty actually is when we

Name:  
Brooke Hicks

Parents: Larry and Susan Hicks

Grandparents: Eula Opal and the late Glenn Hicks; Elizabeth

(See DANCE CATS, page five)

# South Floyd Lady Raiders planning run at district title

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

The South Floyd Lady Raiders basketball team, under first-year coach Melinda Osborne thrived this past season. The Lady Raiders came into the district tournament as a four seed and surprised everyone by capturing a championship. South Floyd then went into the regional tournament and nearly pulled off a colossal upset of 15th Region juggernaut Johnson Central.

It was a great season for South Floyd girls basketball. However, basketball season is over. The girls of spring and summer have arrived on the scene and they bring with them the high school softball season.

The South Floyd Lady Raiders are looking to make some noise on the softball diamond this season. Two seniors, pitcher Minnie Tackett, fresh off her final high school basketball season, and outfielder Hazel Collins are the two lone

## South Floyd Softball 2001 Roster

No.	Name	Gr.	Pos.
5	Minnie Tackett	12	P
16	Hazel Collins	12	OF
4	Monica Hobson	11	1B/P
11	Tab Berger	11	OF
2	Jessica Paige	11	OF
6	Becky Isaac	11	INF
20	Kenesha McKinney	10	OF
14	Ashley Johnson	9	OF/INF
7	Megan Ousley	9	INF
12	Carla Hall	9	INF
3	Brandi Anderson	9	INF/C
1	Lisa Fannin	9	OF
10	Sharee Hopkins	9	OF
17	Mary Short	9	OF
9	Loren May	9	OF
23	Keisha Little	9	OF
13	Tab Tackett	8	C
8	Miranda Gregory	8	INF
22	Amber Swope	8	OF
24	Candice Hall	8	OF

Coaching Staff: Greg Johnson, Susan Damron  
Managers: Natausha Tackett, Amanda Tackett  
Statistician: Lisa Tackett

(See RAIDERS, page six)



Dancing

Table listing dance teams and their members, including Pikeville College Dance Team, Heather Leedy, and various other dancers and coaches.

Quote of the day...

"At the ball game, as in a place of worship, no one is alone in the crowd."

- John Thorn, author

through the country in the late 1860s. The club's first official name was the Resolutes, but like many things about the team, that changed when Harry Wright was hired to run the club.

gies and practice regimens for the national pastime. He was also among the first to outfit his club in knicker-style trousers.

Football

Table showing college football schedules for Marshall University and Blue-White Spring Game.

Table showing Kentucky Spring practice schedule for various dates from Sep 1 to Nov 17.

Table showing 2000 Cumberland College Football Banquet Awards list with names and categories.

Pikeville College 2001 football schedule

Table showing the 2001 football schedule for Pikeville College, including dates, opponents, and locations.



■ Matt Kersoth

Auto Racing

Texas Motor Speedway

Table providing location, shape, distance, and banking information for Texas Motor Speedway.

The first NASCAR Winston Cup Series race hosted by the Texas Motor Speedway, the Interstate Batteries 500, heralded a new era for motorsports racing in the largest state in continental United States.

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Dirt track racing schedules

Table showing dirt track racing schedules for Thunder Ridge Raceway at Prestonsburg, Ky.

Table showing May racing events including Hav-A-Tampa and Regular shows.

Table showing June racing events including Regular shows and Late Models.

Table showing July racing events including Regular shows and Stars Racing Series.

Table showing August racing events including Regular shows and Late Models.

201 Speedway at Sitka, Ky.

Table showing 201 Speedway at Sitka, Ky. events for April and May.

Table showing Cumberland College football office staff list.

Table showing June racing events including Four-cylinder Mania and Mule Nationals.

Table showing July racing events including Watermelon Nationals and Super Bombers.

Table showing August racing events including Four-cylinder and Mule Nationals.

Table showing September racing events including 201 Grand Slam Top Dog Nationals.

Softball

College

Table showing Pikeville College March schedule for softball.

High School Schedules

Table showing high school softball schedules for South Floyd and Allen Central.

Table showing May high school softball schedules for Knott Co. Central and Johnson Central.

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Sports Briefs...

Football

Brown files \$200 million lawsuit

Orlando Brown filed a \$200 million lawsuit against the NFL, claiming his career was ended by eye injuries sustained from a penalty flag thrown by a referee.

Brown never played again and was cut by the Browns in September 2000. But he was paid for the first three games of the season.

Jaguars sign Brunell

The Jacksonville Jaguars signed quarterback Mark Brunell to a four-year, \$30 million contract.

Dudley, Dawson sign with Cleveland

The Cleveland Browns agreed to terms on a three-year contract with former Oakland Raiders tight end Ricky Dudley and also re-signed place-kicker Phil Dawson to a one-year deal.

Saints cut Fields

Linebacker Mike Fields, a No. 1 draft pick in 1995 and a Pro Bowl selection last season, was cut by the New Orleans Saints on Friday.

Munoz to miss rest of spring practice

Offensive lineman Michael Munoz will miss the rest of Tennessee's spring practice because of a knee injury.

Spalding in at Nelson County

Glenn Spalding is the new coach at Nelson County. Spalding succeeds Mark Brown, who left the Cards to start the football program at new John Hardin High School in Elizabethtown.

EKU releases schedule

Eastern Kentucky University released its schedule on Friday. The colonels will play six home football games as part of its 2001 football schedule.

Basketball

Bridges retires

Dennie Bridges, the winningest active men's basketball coach in Division III, retired after 36 years at Illinois Wesleyan.

His record of 667-319 includes the 1997 Division II national title and a third-place finish this season. Illinois Wesleyan University is located in Bloomington, Illinois.

Wesleyan's Harper named National Coach of the Year

Kentucky Wesleyan Coach Ray Harper was named NCAA Division II National Coach of the Year. Harper guided the KWC Panthers to a national championship.

Pitino's salary bonus-laden

Rick Pitino's salary as the new head basketball coach at the University of Louisville includes a \$50,000 bonus for winning the Conference USA Tournament and a \$100,000 bonus for winning the NCAA Tournament.

Karl gets huge contract

George Karl became the highest-paid coach in professional sports and a part-owner of the Milwaukee Bucks.

Terms weren't revealed, but a source with knowledge of the deal who spoke on condition of anonymity said the two-year extension is worth \$14 million and also includes a small slice — believed to be 1 to 2 percent — of the franchise that is valued at \$125 million.

Karl, who turns 50 in May, is committed to the Bucks through the 2003-04 season.

Golf

The Hillbilly Shootout Golf Scramble will be held April 29 at 9 a.m. at the Mountain Pub-Links Golf Course at Johns Creek.

Gymnastics

PIKEVILLE YMCA HOSTING CLASSES: The Pikeville YMCA will hold gymnastics classes instructed by Jodi Justice every Wednesday at 5:30 at the YMCA.

Hunting

FREE HUNTER EDUCATION COURSE: A free Kentucky Hunter Education course will be held today from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Betsy Layne High School.

Swimming

JCHS AQUA EAGLES TO GIVE SWIM LESSONS: The Johnson Central High School Aqua Eagles will give swim lessons April 2-4 from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. each evening.

Basketball

NBA standings

Table showing NBA standings for Eastern and Western Conferences, including Atlantic, Midwest, and Pacific Divisions.

Championships

NCAA champions

Table listing NCAA champions from 1938 to 2000 across various sports.

Baseball

Cincinnati Reds

Louisville, KY, 40202. Phone: (502) 212-2287. Fax: (502) 515-2255.

Table showing Cincinnati Reds April schedule with dates, opponents, and locations.

Minor Leagues

Louisville Riverbats (AAA) Louisville Stagger Field 401 E. Main St.

Coaches reminder

Coaches get your box scores in to The Times. Please send everything c/o Steve Lemaster. Phone: (606) 886-8506. Fax: (606) 886-3803. E-mail: asports@floydcountytimes.com

Auto Racing

Texas Motor Speedway

Location: Fort Worth, Texas. Shape: Quad-Oval. Distance: 1.5-mile. Turns, Banking: 24 and 8 degrees. Front Straight: 2,250 feet. Banking, Straightaways: 5 degrees. Back Straight: 1,330 feet.

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■ Romilda Heister



# Prince named Wooden All-American



■ Tayshaun Prince

LOS ANGELES - Kentucky junior Tayshaun Prince was named to the John R. Wooden All-American Team, the Los Angeles Athletic Club announced late Tuesday.

Prince, who averaged 16.9 points and 6.5 rebounds per game in leading the Wildcats to a Sweet 16 finish, was one of six underclassmen named to the 10-player team. Balloting was conducted over the past three weeks by 1,000 members of the media and college basketball representatives. All players on the ballot were certified to have at least a 2.0 GPA.

Heading the list were repeat performers Shane Battier of Duke and Troy Murphy of Notre Dame. Two teams had two players honored as Blue Devil Jason Williams joined Battier and Stanford's Jarron Collins and Casey Jacobsen earned the honor.

Prince was the only player from the Southeastern Conference to be named to the team. Earlier this month, the 6-9 junior also was named SEC Player of the Year, SEC Tournament MVP, first-team All-SEC and second-team All-American by The Associated Press and the U.S. Basketball Writers Association.

The top three vote getters from the Wooden All-American Team will be invited to a black-tie dinner on April 6 in Los Angeles. At the banquet, the Club will name its Player of the Year and present its "Legends of Coaching" Award to Arizona's Lute Olson.

## 2001 John R. Wooden Award All-American Team

Shane Battier (6-8, Sr. F) Duke  
Charlie Bell (6-3, Sr., G) Michigan State

Casey Calvary (6-8, Sr. F) Gonzaga

Jarron Collins (6-11, Sr. F) Stanford

Joe Forte (6-4, So., G) North Carolina

Casey Jacobsen (6-6, So., G/F) Stanford

Troy Murphy (6-11, Jr., F) Notre Dame

Tayshaun Prince (6-9, Jr., G/F) Kentucky

Frank Williams (6-3, So., G) Illinois

Jason Williams (6-2, So. G) Duke



■ Rick Pitino

## Breaking down Rick Pitino's salary

Here's the breakdown of Rick Pitino's salary as the new men's basketball coach at the University of Louisville.

### Base pay

2001-2002 - \$1,075,000  
2002-2003 - \$1,075,000  
2003-2004 - \$1,275,000  
2004-2005 - \$1,275,000  
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## 10 signs of compulsive sports gambling

Kentucky's college basketball teams annually contend for the NCAA championship. Interest in the sport encompasses almost everyone in the state. That interest includes gambling pools organized in offices, fraternal organizations, nightclubs, households and schools. This time of year is called "March Madness." It truly is madness for compulsive gamblers who risk their families, jobs and lives to pursue their addictions.

Compulsive gambling is a pathological disorder first defined by the American Psychiatric Association in 1980. The Kentucky Council on Compulsive

Gambling estimates there are at least 25,000 compulsive gamblers in Kentucky. The Texas Council on Problem and Compulsive Gambling identified 10 signs of a compulsive sports gambler:

- Excessive telephone calls to 900-number sports betting services.
- Obsessions with point spreads.
- Unusual interest in obscure games.
- Association with other sports bettors.
- Shifting allegiance for/against the same team on different games.
- Frequently hitting up friends or family for

loans.

- Extremely defensive when questioned about gambling behavior.
- Debts, unpaid bills, financial troubles.
- Going to others to get bailed out of desperate financial situations.
- After losing, eager to bet again to get even or ahead.

According to the National Council on Problem Gambling, problem gambling can have devastating consequences, including depression, abuse and neglect, theft embezzlement, bankruptcy and even

suicide. Family members and loved ones of a problem gambler also bear the brunt of a gambling disorder.

Compulsive gambling is a treatable addiction. The Kentucky Council on Compulsive Gambling urges all who think they may have a gambling problem, or are concerned about a family member or friend, to call 1-800-GAMBLER, a toll-free, confidential helpline staffed by trained personnel at River Valley Behavioral Health in Owensboro. Callers can be provided with information or referred to counseling or Gamblers Anonymous.

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## TOP TEN

■ NASCAR This Week writer Monte Dutton ranks the top 10 drivers heading into this weekend's race. Last week's winner is in parentheses.

1. (1) **Dale Jarrett** Still atop the points
2. (2) **Jeff Gordon** Tussling with Tony
3. (3) **Sterling Marlin** Best bet for a Dodge win
4. (5) **Kevin Harvick** Could have easily won Bristol, too
5. (4) **Johnny Benson** Next first-time winner?
6. (6) **Steve Park** Fast car every week
7. (8) **Ricky Rudd** Another good race, but winless so far this year
8. (-) **Elliott Sadler** A victory under his belt
9. (-) **John Andretti** Two good showings in a row
10. (-) **Bobby Labonte** He can't struggle forever

## 2001 POINTS STANDINGS

WINSTON CUP	BUSCH	TRUCK
1. Dale Jarrett, 871	Kevin Harvick, 912	Scott Riggs, 495
2. Jeff Gordon, 826	Jason Keller, 891	Joe Ruttman, 483
3. Sterling Marlin, 823	Jeff Green, 856	Ricky Hendrick, 472
4. Johnny Benson, 776	Greg Biffle, 825	Ted Musgrave, 472
5. Steve Park, 758	Mike McLaughlin, 818	Jack Sprague, 472
6. Rusty Wallace, 752	Kenny Wallace, 814	Randy Tomasa, 444
7. Ricky Rudd, 743	Jimmie Johnson, 770	Terry Cook, 435
8. Bobby Hamilton, 716	Todd Bodine, 751	Coy Gibbs, 400
9. Elliott Sadler, 709	Jeff Purvis, 731	Rick Crawford, 397
10. Bill Elliott, 701	Chad Little, 707	Travis Kvapil, 393

## FROM LAST WEEK

### WINSTON CUP

BRISTOL, Tenn. — It has often been said that anything can happen at Bristol Motor Speedway, and when Elliott Sadler won the Food City 500 on Sunday, anything did.

Sadler, driving Ford No. 21, held off John Andretti, driving Dodge No. 43, in perhaps the most improbable of all the races ever held here. Had it been 1971, and not 2001, nothing would have been amiss.

David Pearson, whose best years were with the Wood Brothers in car No. 21, and Richard Petty, longtime driver of No. 43, finished 1-2 in 63 races, with Pearson winning 33

and Petty 30. Pearson has won championships driving other cars (Nos. 6 and 17), but the battle that dominated the final laps Sunday at Bristol brought back memories of one of the sport's vintage rivalries.

### BUSCH GRAND NATIONAL

BRISTOL, Tenn. — Matt Kenseth won for the second time, piloting a Chevrolet to victory in the Cheez-It 250 and averaging 72.103 mph. Chevrolet Monte Carlos, in fact, took the first five positions as Tim Fedewa, Randy LaJoie, Jimmie Johnson and Kenny Wallace followed Kenseth across the line. The highest-finishing Ford driver was Ryan Newman in sixth, and Mike

## FEUD OF THE WEEK

### Jeff Gordon vs. Tony Stewart

A rivalry that began last August at Watkins Glen, N.Y., came back alive with a last-lap incident in which Gordon's Chevy and Stewart's Pontiac bumped while Gordon was trying to take fourth place from Stewart on the final lap of Sunday's Food City 500. He did so, and the resulting spin caused Stewart to drop to 25th place. Stewart retaliated after the race by bumping Gordon's Chevy at the entrance to pit road. That shove will probably earn Stewart a fine from NASCAR.

**NASCAR This Week's Monte Dutton gives his opinion:** "I think you have to look at this one from both sides. Gordon was supposed to try to pick up a position on the final, and Stewart was supposed to try to prevent him from passing. In the aftermath, it's easy to see why both drivers had a reason to be upset. As for the post-race bump, Stewart deserves to be punished, but everyone, Gordon included, expected it to happen. These are two of the sport's finest drivers competing in the heat of battle. For what it's worth, I thought Stewart's retaliation was fairly surgical in its precision. He didn't really ram Gordon; he sort of pushed him around, causing only minimal damage. It was wrong, sure, but it was also understandable. It's what happens when two great competitors collide, and I think the two of them will put it behind them, just as they did last summer."

## COMING UP ON THE CIRCUIT

### WINSTON CUP

What: Harrah's 500  
Where: Texas Motor Speedway, Justin, Texas (1.5-mile track), 334 laps/501 miles  
When: 1 p.m., Sunday  
Defending champion: Dale Earnhardt Jr.  
Track qualifying record: Terry Labonte, Chevrolet, 192.137 mph, March 31, 2000

Race record: Terry Labonte, Chevrolet, 144.276 mph, March 28, 1999

Notable: Last years race marked Earnhardt Jr.'s first victory. ...

Fords won the first two races here, but Chevys have won the last two years.

### BUSCH GRAND NATIONAL

What: Jani-King 300  
Where: Texas Motor Speedway, Justin, Texas (1.5-mile track), 200 laps/300 miles  
When: 1 p.m., Saturday  
Defending champion: Mark Martin  
Track qualifying record: Jason Leffler, Pontiac, 184.451 mph, March 31, 2000

Race record: Mark Martin, Ford, 127.417 mph, March 27,

1999  
Notable: Martin no longer races in the Busch Series, but he won three of the first four races here. ...

Dale Earnhardt Jr. has won on this track in both BGN and Cup, but he will also not be in the field, meaning that a first-time winner is guaranteed.

## PROFILE

# Elliott Sadler

Winston Cup Series



Elliott Sadler, on tires 30 laps older than the rest of the front-runners, held off John Andretti in Sunday's Food City 500 for his first Winston Cup victory.

By Monte Dutton  
NASCAR This Week

The Wood Brothers are the ultimate family team, and it seemed fitting in 1999 when they named fellow Virginian Elliott Sadler to drive their famous No. 21 Fords. The decision finally paid dividends Sunday when Sadler won the first race of his career in Bristol's Food City 500.

Sadler is one of the Winston Cup Series' more likable drivers: pleasant, honest, humble and humorous. He compiled an enviable record in the Busch Series but, like many drivers, had some difficulty adapting to NASCAR's premier series. The Bristol victory was also the first top-five finish of his career.

In every way, Sadler's victory was a classic upset. He crashed his primary car in practice and needed a provisional position to qualify for the field. He drove the final 162 laps without pitting, and most expected Sadler to yield the lead to one of many drivers trailing him who had the benefit of fresher tires. He held on tenaciously, however, and his victory was richly deserved.

Hometown: Emporia, Va.  
Age: 25 (turns 26 on April 30)  
Career record: 75 starts, 0 poles, 1 win, 1 top-five finish, 3 top-10s, more than \$3.5

million in earnings

Firsts: Start (May 24, 1998, at Charlotte), pole (none), win (April 25, 2001, at Bristol)

Car: No. 21 Motorcraft Ford Taurus, owned by the Wood Brothers  
Crew chief: Pat Tryson

What does this victory mean to you? "It means more than anything in the world. It's hard to win these Winston Cup races or to even finish in the top 10. Pat Tryson made a good call to stay out (and not pit). We had older tires than anybody else. We had a pretty good car. I just want to thank everybody at Motorcraft Quality Parts, Ford and the Air Force for believing in us and for something that we didn't see.

"Man, we're so happy about this. I don't know what to do. ... We're in victory lane at Bristol, we get to go to The Winston (all-star race), we're going to run The Winston in Charlotte, and we're going to win that one, too."

Were you nervous near the end? "Yeah. The last 20 laps seemed like 100 laps. It was a very emotional win. I never thought we'd get to see victory lane this early, but a lot of hard work has gone into this race team. Ford Motorcraft has given us a lot of resources that we needed to make this team better. It means more to me to put those guys in victory lane than anything else in the world."

## Trackside Trivia

1. Which driver races wearing wingtip shoes?
2. Who was the first driver to win a race in a Ford Taurus?
3. Who was the first driver to win a Winston Cup race in a Chevrolet Camaro?

ANSWERS  
1. Dave Marcis; 2. Mark Martin at Las Vegas on March 1, 1998; 3. Tiny Lund at Hickory, N.C., on Aug. 28, 1971.

## Who's Hot... Who's Not

■ **HOT:** John Andretti, with two good finishes in a row. He was sixth at Darlington and second Sunday at Bristol.

■ **NOT:** Robby Gordon, who is out of a job.

## AROUND THE GARAGE

# Dale Earnhardt Jr. feels exploited by '700 Club' profile

By Monte Dutton  
NASCAR This Week

BRISTOL, Tenn. — The March 22 edition of "The 700 Club" on the Christian Broadcasting Network caused a major flap. The much-publicized profile of Dale Earnhardt Jr. was produced under false pretenses.

Since his father's death, Earnhardt Jr. has granted no interviews. He consented to talk to CBN only because the piece was supposedly a profile of Dale Beaver, the Motor Racing Outreach (MRO) chaplain who counseled Earnhardt Jr. following the tragedy.

The chaplain and the 26-year-old driver are friends, and Earnhardt Jr. agreed to answer questions about

what Beaver's advice has meant to him.

According to Earnhardt's press representative, Jade Guss, the driver consented to answer only "two questions" about Rev. Beaver under the condition that no additional questions would be asked about his father or the Feb. 18 accident.

Instead, the CBN reporter and his crew immediately pressed Earnhardt Jr. with questions and produced a show that dealt with the MRO chaplain only in passing. Earnhardt Jr., with the camera running, graciously answered the questions, knowing that a refusal would put him in a bad light.

As if that were not enough to leave Earnhardt Jr. feeling exploit-

ed, as soon as the camera stopped rolling, according to Guss, representatives of the show cracked open a large backpack of souvenir merchandise for Earnhardt Jr. to sign.

"I'm afraid it left us with a very bad taste and it saddens me to see them promoting this as some sort of 'exclusive' interview," Guss said.

A SMALL TWEAK: RJR officials have announced a small rules change affecting the qualifying procedure for The Winston, the all-star event scheduled for Lowe's Motor Speedway on the night of May 19.

A unique facet of the event is the fact that drivers must execute a pit stop during their qualifying run,

with the time of the pit stop counting in the average speed that determines the starting lineup. Under the new format, the teams will change all four tires, not just two, as in the past.

YES, HE'S SERIOUS: Kevin Harvick continues to stick with his plan of competing on both the full Winston Cup and Busch Series schedules for the remainder of the year, which will become extremely difficult when the joint weekends end for most of the summer.

On several occasions, Harvick will have to have another driver qualify his Busch Grand National car, meaning that he will have to start at the rear of the field.

## Your Turn

Letters From Our Readers

Dear NASCAR This Week,  
What is the correct birthdate of Dale Earnhardt? The "tribute to a champion" in my local paper lists his birthdate as April 29, 1951, along with television channels that covered his death. In our personal collection of racing cards, we have a '91 Maxx card that lists his birthdate as April 29, 1952. Also, card 220 of 240 lists April 29, 1952. Also, we have a Traks card ('91) that lists his birthdate as April 29, 1951. Which is the correct date? Thank you for your answer.

K. Cassell  
Whitesburg, Tenn.

Earnhardt's date of birth was April 29, 1951. In the 1980s, for a time, Earnhardt claimed he was born a year later than he actually was, and as a result, there was confusion for a time.

Since the early 1990s, NASCAR has consistently listed his year of birth as 1951, but Earnhardt's business associates may have insisted that the later date was used on some licensed merchandise items.

Dear NASCAR This Week,  
I would like to know why NASCAR chose not to put the "aero" package on the Busch cars at Daytona.

John S. Augustas  
Johnson City, Tenn.

The Busch Series has separate rules, and perhaps for cost-saving reasons, the cars in that series do not have different aerodynamic specifications for different tracks.

Dear NASCAR This Week,  
Isn't it ironic that the best restrictor-plate driver and most vocal critic of them quite possibly died because of them?

I've written to you before about track safety. Race car vs. cement wall is a deadly combination.

Richard Lundt  
Helenville, Wis.

## Fan Tips

■ "The Fan's Guide to Racing Shops," updated for 2001, has been released. In its sixth year of publication, the guide details visitor information, directions, maps and more for Winston Cup and Busch Grand National teams. The guide is available to fans by sending \$6.95 to: Shop Guide, 3237 Santa Clara Ave. #D, El Cerrito, CA 94530.

## CREW OF THE WEEK

■ The Wood Brothers of Stuart, Va., one of NASCAR's legendary teams, had not won a race since 1993, when Morgan Shepherd won at Atlanta. The team's crew chief, Pat Tryson, made a daring call when he elected not to pit for tires and try to run the final 162 laps on one set of tires. It worked, and it gave Tryson his first victory as a crew chief and Elliott Sadler his first as a Winston Cup driver.

## FROM THE ARCHIVES

■ The race held at Texas Motor Speedway in 1999 was memorable in that it was won by native son Terry Labonte, who grew up in Corpus Christi. Labonte, a two-time Winston Cup champion, followed it up in 2000 with a pole at the 1.5-mile track, located north of Fort Worth near the small town of Justin. Labonte hasn't won since that race in his home state but is coming off a sixth-place finish Sunday at Bristol.



## Dance Cats

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performed against more technical groups from all over the U.S., in Tennessee, Ohio, South Carolina, California and here in our home state of Kentucky.

I would like to thank...

My mom, dad, bub (Brandon), both of my grandparents, Paula Goble, the faculty at P.H.S. for their support, as well as the other dance team members and their parents. Our

sponsor Jody Shepherd and Jamie Adams; Sharon Vaughn and Kaye Willis. The community of Prestonsburg (They helped us out a lot with everything); Jerry Fannin.

Being dedicated to this sport really takes patience, time and a lot of effort! I, for one, have made the dance team challenging and fun for myself. Looking in the past, my freshman year, I can remember how scary it was,

to be a novice on the team. From the first practice on, I have pushed to make myself better!

And now that the practices are over with, as well as the competitions, I've begun to realize how much I will miss this team and all the people new and old I got the opportunity to meet. I just hope somewhere on down the line the girls and audience I performed with and for will see me against out on the dance floor — bustin out!

I want to wish next year's team good luck and to always remember me!

Name:  
Ashleigh Dehnea  
Greene

Parents: Philip and Lynette  
Greene of Allen, Ky.

Grandparents: Lizzie and the late McKinly Caudill; Lois and the late Phil Jenkins

G.P.A.: 3.8

Future Plans: To attend  
Morehead State University

What like best about being a Dance Cat is... Being with friends, getting to meet new people, and traveling to many different competitions. I also enjoy performing for our fans and supporting our boys and girls varsity teams.

I would like to thank... I would like to thank my parents for all of the time and effort they've put into my career as a Dance Cat. I love my mom and dad. I would also like to thank Jody Shepherd for all of her time and effort in helping us become nationals champs.

(See DANCE CATS, page six)



photo by Steve LeMaster

Nathan Leslie (93), a freshman from Emma, went through a drill during Friday's Marshall football practice. Leslie's former high school coach John DeRossett was present at the practice. Prestonsburg assistants James DeRossett and Jackie Bush also made the trip.

## Marshall

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lot of noise before their college playing careers are over.

The three east Kentucky grid warriors at Marshall are Prestonsburg's Nathan Leslie, Sheldon Clark alumnus Joey Stepp and Johnson Central grad Jesse Peck.

Leslie, a freshman, has seen the most amount of playing time out of the three. The versatile Leslie has played offense, defense and special teams. Marshall coaches have lined Leslie up at tight end on offense, when injuries persisted; while on defense, he started out at a defensive end position, but this spring has been moved down inside to a defensive tackle position. The Prestonsburg graduate confides that it doesn't matter where Herd coaches put him. Wherever they put him, he's ready to go. "It doesn't really matter to me where they put me," said Leslie. "I just want to

get the chance to play."

The move down inside to a defensive tackle position is a different look for Leslie. "It's different playing down inside," added Leslie. "But I think I'm starting to get it down."

The irony in Leslie, a defensive lineman and Stepp, an offensive lineman playing college football together is the fact that both squared off against each other in the high school ranks a couple years back. Stepp is an offensive lineman the Marshall coaches are very high on. He has moved from guard over to center and seems to be making a comfortable transition.

"I feel pretty good," commented Stepp. "I've started to learn the system and I'm happy to be getting some reps in. I love it here, it's a great place to be."

A series of other battles were waged in the high school ranks between the trio. Stepp and Peck

did battle with each other on both the wrestling mats and the gridiron.

Peck, who was recruited heavily by Michigan at one time, is rehabbing from a couple of severe injuries. The six-foot-six, 290-pound guard is looking forward to getting back to full participation with the team in the fall.

"The rehabbing with the injury has come along real well," said Peck. "I ran my first mile today (Friday). They said I was ready to go but that it would be better to wait and get a fresh start in the fall."

Picture this: Stepp at center, Peck at a guard and Leslie at a d-line position, all starters. Or, how about the former Blackcat inserted back into the offense at a tight end position. If that happened, and all three were in at once, a trio of three of the finest football players to come out of eastern Kentucky would be gracing the college gridiron. The trio of young football players have a lot of football left to play. Anything is possible. They are young talents, all well-coached coming out of the high school ranks. All three know how to win and therefore anything can happen. Good things usually happen to winners. Nathan Leslie, Joey Stepp and Jesse Peck are winners.

### Nathan Leslie

Height - 6-4  
Weight - 250  
Position - Defensive Tackle/  
Defensive End  
Class - Freshman  
Jersey # - 93  
Hometown - Emma, Ky.  
High School - Prestonsburg  
High School Coach - John  
DeRossett

### Joey Stepp

Height - 6-2  
Weight - 285  
Position - Center  
Class - Freshman  
Jersey # - 70  
Hometown - Warfield  
High School - Sheldon Clark  
High School Coach - Jim Matney

### Jesse Peck

Height - 6-6  
Weight - 290  
Position - Guard  
Class - Freshman  
Jersey # - 69  
Hometown - Auxier  
High School - Johnson Central  
High School Coach - Bill Musick

## League

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tion.

Paintsville could quite possibly be the site for a qualifying game for series, as it is being looked at very closely as a possible site.

Bob Lyons is the Paintsville Little League President. He is in his fourth year at the head of the league.

"Each year the Paintsville Little League Board of Directors strive to make sure that each player has an enjoyable summer," said Lyons.

Over the last 48 years, the league has literally thousands of volunteers that have helped shape the program into what many consider to be the best program in the state.

The league's 'Major League Field' is named after Dr. Paul B. Hall, a Paintsville physician who donated the land where the current complex is located. "Dr. Paul B. Hall Field opened play in 1976 and our Little League program has prospered, thanks to his kind generosity," Lyons added.

Every year the league has opening ceremonies, highlighted by an annual parade with all players, coaches and parents participating. After marching to the field, all participants are then introduced, with additional ceremonies also taking place. The 2001 season will begin on Saturday, April 14 and will continue through June 8.

Guidelines for all involved with Paintsville Little League are enforced. Each coach or manager must participate in coaching certification meetings and be approved by the board of directors. League umpires also attend meetings. The league makes every attempt to use KHSAA certified umpires during the regular season, which essentially allows for over 100 games of experience each.

"We strive to have the best umpires available during our regular season," said Lyons, "and I sincerely appreciate these gentlemen."

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photo by Steve LeMaster  
The Paintsville Little League facilities are some of the finest in the state. Bob Lyons serves as Paintsville Little League President.



photo by Steve LeMaster  
Paintsville Little League has sent several teams to state tournaments. The 1993 11-12 year-old all-stars finished fourth in the state.

## Dance Cats

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Thanks Jody.

**Name:**  
Lyndsay  
Stewart

Years as a Dance Cat: 4

Parents: John and Denise Stewart of Prestonsburg

Grandparents: Roxanna Bently and the late Claude Bentley; Alice William and Jimmy Vickers

G.P.A.: 3.3

Future Plans: As of now, I'm planning on starting out at L.C.C. (Lexington Community College), then transferring to a university to major in occupational therapy.

What I like best about being a Dance Cat is... I enjoy performing for school-related activities. It's so awesome knowing that I'm part of a group of 21 girls that has so much talent. We always perform for our community — it makes me feel proud. I also love to travel and perform for other people.

I would like to thank...

I would like to thank my parents first off, because without their time, effort money and support, such a great honor would not be possible. They've helped me through each and every year. I would also like to thank our faculty, staff and all the PHS fans for supporting us

in every way. I also thank our community for support and recognizing us in each and every way. Jerry Fannin has also been a huge help. Each year he has donated \$500 to take on our trips as a littler extra spending money. He has also offered to do anything to help us out and gave us quite a surprise party when he returned from San Diego.

Paula Goble is also to thank. She has taken pictures of myself and the dance team for four years that I know of, and has done a wonderful job. After winning NDA Nationals, she took our pictures in our new jackets for free!

Sharon Vaughn has also given her time and effort. I thank her so much for being our sponsor up until last year. She was great. She always had a smile on her face.

Jamie Adams, our new sponsor, is great as well. She's been

there for us. I'd also like to thank Kaye Willis. She's done a whole lot for the dance team. She's done collages and many other things for us.

I'd also like to thank and recognize the other dance team members and their parents for giving there all and helping us to be who we have become.

Last but certainly not least, I would like to thank our coach Jody Shepherd. She has been the most wonderful coach anyone could ever want or ask for. She has totally devoted all her time to us.

Our long practices and her patience paid off. Jody can never be replaced.

## Raiders

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seniors on the South Floyd roster. South Floyd has four juniors, one sophomore while the rest of the 24-player roster is made up of freshman and eighth-graders. A young team, but more than likely a highly competitive team. The Lady Raiders have their sights set on a 58th District softball championship.

Freshmen Ashley Johnson and Megan Ousley lead a talented freshman class. Both also starred on the hardwood this past season. Four eighth-graders: Tab Tackett, Miranda Gregory, Amber Swope and Candice Hall will be on the South Floyd varsity roster.

The Lady Raiders are coached by Greg Johnson and Susan Damron.

## Sideline

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'powers that be' push for a move to the Big East Conference. If they get in the Big East and say, finish at or near the top, which would be a hard task to say the least, they would have a legitimate argument when it came time to go bowling. They could do it. They could play Big East Football. Marshall has the horses, now the higher-ups must lobby for the move. Would West Virginia, the Herd's biggest rival stand for this? We may never know, but hopefully we will.

## Sad

Every time it comes up, I can't help but get a sick feeling inside. Sometimes, my tear ducts even swell up. I'm talking about when someone mentions the Marshall plane crash that took the lives of so many. It was a sad, sad day. It was a day that still lives in the hearts of so many. It's good to see young football players like Nathan Leslie prospering at Marshall. It's good to know that a university, a whole community, and so many people were able to pick

up and move on after such a shattering tragedy. Marshall University Football is the spirit of so many. If you don't believe me, just take in one of Herd Coach Bob Pruett's practices. Everyone is so into the tasks at hand. The entire practice ran like a well-oiled machine. Come top think of it, it runs better than a well-oiled machine. If your ever in Huntington, W. VA, and a MU football practice is going on, I recommend taking it in. I can guarantee you'll be glad you did.

## Hazard

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Prestonsburg Blackcats, the team that beat Middlesboro out of the playoffs last season, tangle with Bell County in the other game. Games two and three in the 2001 season have Hazard playing district foes Fleming-Neon and Pikeville. The fourth game of the season pits Hazard with county rival Perry Central. The fifth game on the schedule has the Bulldogs tangling with Mike Holcomb's Breathitt County Bobcats. Game six has Hazard doing battle with South Floyd and second-year coach Nate Jones. Just six games into the season

and Hazard has already faced three district opponents, two state powers and their county rival.

The basic are often emphasized in football. Spring allows coaches to touch on the basics of the game, things like form tackling.

"We've got anywhere between 18-21 boys out right now," said Dixon. "We teach them the base-type stuff. At the same time, we've been going in full gear five days a week."

Several of Hazard's student-athletes are

three-sport stars. Two of Dixon's returning players who will likely be relied on heavily are quarterback Steven Sizemore and running back Derrick Combs. Both played a big role in the success of this past year's team. Gone from spring practice and spring football is Jamal Howard. Howard, a senior, is busy on the baseball diamond.

When the start of the 2001 high school football season arrives, one Bulldog on the football side of things, 'The Head Bulldog' Maurice Dixon, will be ready.



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INSIDE THE PRO FISHING TOUR

# Tidwell Joins Winners' Ranks

Hometown angler Leon Tidwell and legendary pro Roland Martin both won big Saturday at the Alabama BASSMASTER Eastern Invitational on Wilson and Pickwick lakes, as Tidwell claimed his first BASS victory and Martin earned his 23rd invitation to the prestigious BASS Masters Classic.

Tidwell's three-day total of 55 pounds, 2 ounces easily outdistanced the field, giving him the \$51,000 top prize in the fourth and final Eastern Invitational competition.

"I'm thrilled to win this," Tidwell said. "It was tough going out there today, but I'm proud of the catch I had. Because it was St. Patrick's Day, I used a green jig on green line, and even wore a green jacket. I caught all of my fish on a smoke-colored H&H 3-inch grub on a 1/2-ounce jighead. If the bass hadn't bitten that smoke-colored grub, I would have been in trouble."

South Carolina's Jason Quina finished second with 49-12, while Robert Robbins of Missouri placed third with 41-7. North Carolina's Chris Baumgardner was fourth with 40-11, followed by Marty Carter of Alabama with 35-10.

The tournament sent five pros to the coveted Classic in August, including Martin, who holds BASS records for tournament wins (19) and Angler of the Year titles (nine). Although qualifying for the Classic was once practically automatic for the Florida pro, this will be his first appearance in fishing's Big Show since 1998.

"It's great to be going back to the Classic," said Martin, who finished 11th with 18-15 to win the Eastern points title and claim his Classic berth. "The Louisiana Delta is an excellent fishery, and I'm looking forward to going back there."

Others qualifying for the Classic, to be held in New Orleans, were Rufus Johnson, Tennessee; Dwayne Horton, Tennessee; Mark Menendez, Kentucky; and Gerry Williams, Florida.

**Rolling the Dice.** Jack Gadlage rolled the dice in Saturday's final round to come up with the largest catch of the Nevada BASSMASTER Western Invitational on Lake Mead near Las Vegas.

Gadlage's final-round five-bass limit weighing 15-13 gave him a three-day total of 43-12 and earned him the \$35,000 top prize.

Fishing a pattern of steep banks that bottomed out in 15 to 20 feet of water, Gadlage was a model of consistency using a 5-inch smoke-colored Zipper worm fished on 20-pound P-Line. Sensing that his fish were running out, Gadlage made a gutsy decision to change to another area for the final round.

"Even though I knew this water, there was certainly no guarantee of what it would produce," the resident of nearby Logandale, Nev., said. "I simply made a calculated decision, and it paid off."

California's Mark Tyler finished second with 38 pounds, followed by Mark Kile of Arizona (32-14), Dean Rojas of Arizona (32-13) and California's Rich Tauber (32-12).

With one final Western Invitational tournament remaining, California's Skeet Reese leads the way to the Classic, followed by Tyler. That last event will be held on the California Delta area around Stockton, which is Tyler's home water.

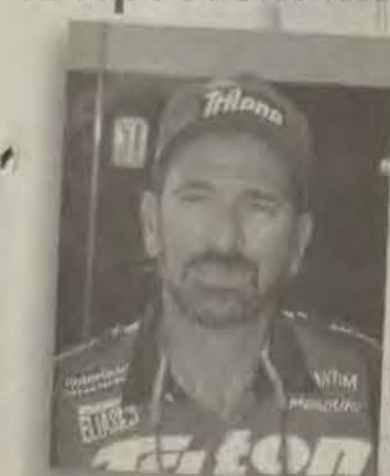
## Pro Power Ratings

Star indicates a pro who is coming on strong.

This Last	Wks	Wk	on List	Angler, Hometown
1	1	90		Kevin VanDam, Kalamazoo, Mich. <i>In hot pursuit of third BASS Angler of Year title</i>
2	2	73		Tim Horton, Spruce Pine, Ala. <i>Reigning BASS Angler of Year</i>
3	3	90		Rick Clunn, Ava, Mo. <i>Made FLW Miss. finals</i>
4	4	6		David Fritts, Lexington, N.C. <i>Back-to-back victories end dry spell</i>
5	5	8		Dean Rojas, Lake Havasu City, Ariz. <i>Won consecutive Top 150s at Fla. and La.</i>
6	6	90		Denny Brauer, Camden, Mo. <i>Back after surgery; runner-up in Tracker Legends</i>
7	7	68		Aaron Martens, Castaic, Calif. <i>Breakout season for California phenom</i>
8	8	54		Shaw Grigsby, Gainesville, Fla. <i>Finals of Fla. Top 150</i>
9	9	40		Gary Klein, Weatherford, Texas <i>Won two FLW events, Tracker Legends, WCF</i>
10	10	90		Larry Nixon, Bee Branch, Ark. <i>Won Top 150 season opener, FLW Miss. finals</i>

These ratings of America's top tournament bass pros are based on Tim's opinion of their talent, knowledge, experience and most recent tournament performances.

## Tips From the Pros



PAUL ELÍAS is a former BASS Masters Classic champion. He lives in Pachuta, Miss.

### Deep Cranking Is Worth the Work

"Cranking deep structure is not for everybody. Throwing those big-lipped crankbaits and powering them through the water is the most physically taxing technique in bass fishing. But if you want to discover some untapped schools of bass — including some big bass — it is worth the effort to learn.

"It begins with using the proper equipment. Smooth-functioning, balanced tackle is the key to getting maximum depth out of these diving plugs, as well as conserving your strength. For medium-running crankbaits like the Mann's 10+, 15+ and Loudmouth, I use a 7-foot Quantum Tour Edition popping action rod. With deep-diving lures like Mann's 20+ and 30+, I switch to a 7 1/2-foot Tour Edition cranking action rod.

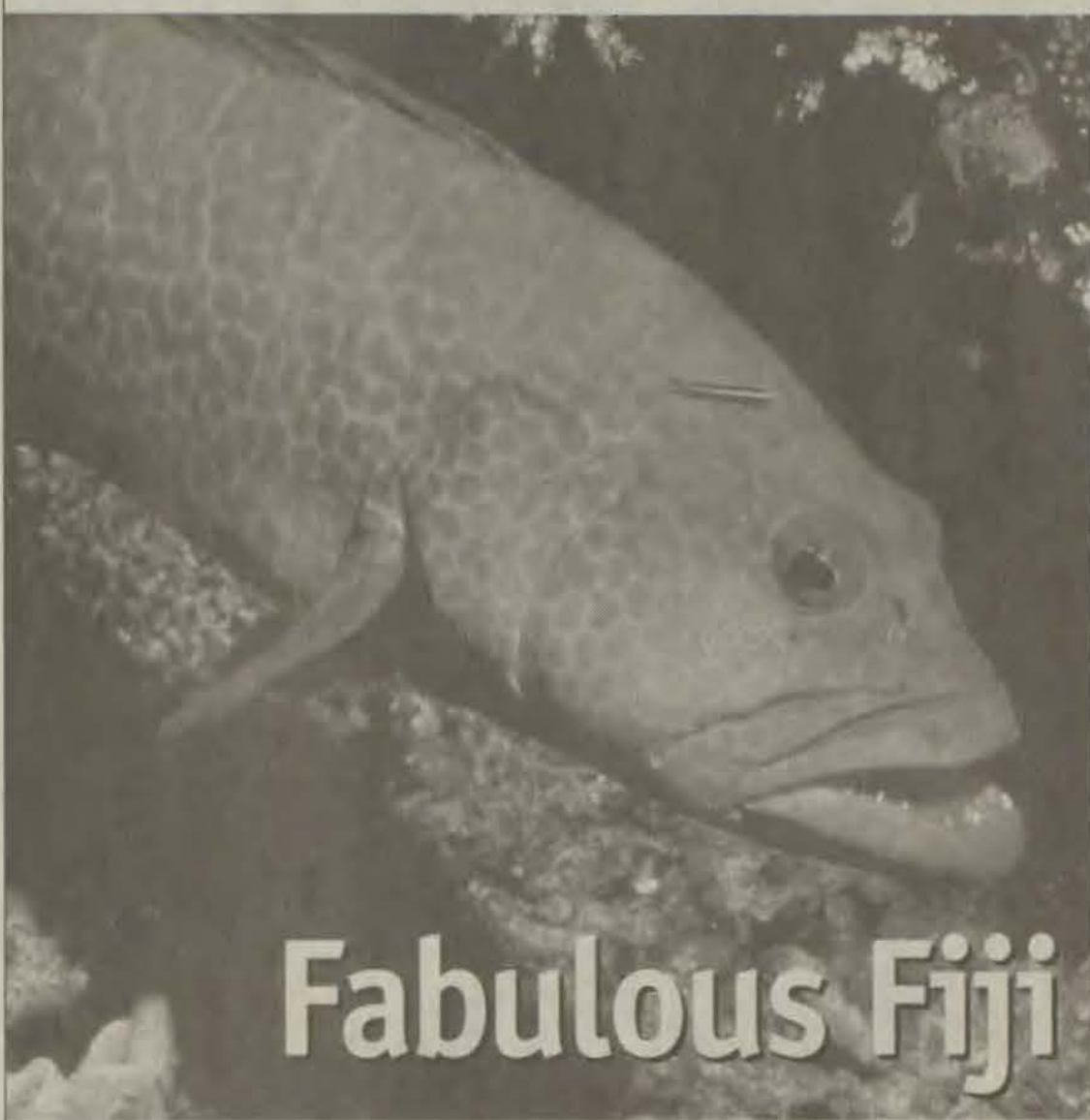
"I use a Quantum Energy baitcasting reel, which features a 5-to-1 gear ratio retrieve for the power you need to bring these big crankbaits through the water. When it comes to selecting a lure, the 30+ is absolutely the deepest-running plug of all. But after throwing it all day, it will take its toll physically."

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## TRAVEL



## Fabulous Fiji

A tiger grouper stops for a cleaning by a tiny goby in a coral reef off Fiji.

## Divers Discover an Unspoiled Realm

By LINDA GETTMANN

The calendar says it's March, but that doesn't always mean the end of winter. In the Fiji Islands, it means the end-of-summer, an ideal time to escape from the rain and snow and dive into Fiji's teeming underwater world. Let's go down under, experiencing the kaleidoscope of colorful scenery in the southern Pacific Ocean.

Begin the day in a swimsuit, grab a quick cup of coffee, then slip on a wetsuit (usually still damp from the previous day's activity), and load pounds of gear onto your body. Air tank on, mask in place, you take a giant stride off the stern platform of the dive boat. It's such a relief to be in the water again; all the heavy gear becomes lighter as you slowly descend through the clear, warm water. Drifting down, you stay alert for any chance encounters with cruising sharks or manta rays. Once at the bottom or agreed-upon depth, you establish your buoyancy control and check in with your dive buddy that everything is OK.

If this is your first peek into tropical Pacific waters, you won't believe the profusion of colorful marine life. Fiji's reefs are some of the most diverse and untouched in the world, with hundreds of species of coral and fish clamoring for space on every reef and dropoff.

Floating effortlessly along the reef wall, you examine soft corals in a rainbow of colors protruding from hard coral outcroppings, their waving fingers reaching out for the plankton-rich current. Clouds of orange, blue and purple anthias engulf the coral heads as you swim by. Giant clams open and close their blue, green or brown mantles, feeding on tiny unseen organisms. A large anemone is home to several clownfish darting in and out of its protective fingers, curious about the large bubbling divers hovering overhead.

Bright blue parrotfish forage the reef for food, biting off big chunks of coral and algae. A queen angelfish glides by, shimmering iridescent blue

and yellow in the filtered sunlight. As you poke along the coral ledges, a big brown moray eel greets you with a toothy grin and a silent warning to stay back.

As the visual sensations bombard you, the only sound you hear is your own breathing. Bubbles gurgle to the surface each time you exhale. The silence is peaceful as you float weightlessly among schools of fish and giant orange sea fans. Curious fish come right up to your mask and look you in the eye. You reach out to touch them and realize they are not as close as they appear. Distance in the water column is distorted. Objects look closer and larger than they really are, magnifying the beauty you see all around you.

Drifting upward from 60 feet, you explore the wall and coral reef habitat nearer the surface. At 30 feet deep, more light results in a different assortment of fish, and schools of juveniles. A quick look out in the blue water over your left shoulder reveals a lone reef shark patrolling the wall. It keeps a respectable distance, cruising to find a school of snapper or grunt for lunch.

Up ahead you notice a "cleaning station" where a large orange tiger grouper hovers motionless while tiny black and yellow gobies clean parasites from its mouth, gills and body. You can see such symbiotic relationships all over the reef if you look closely. The grouper opens its mouth and gills wide so the little cleaners can work. Darting in and out, they feed themselves while performing a valuable service to the larger fish. A silvery, sleek barracuda glides overhead watching the action from a distance.

All too soon it is time to surface. You reluctantly drift upward and clamber into the boat.

The Fijian divemasters welcome you aboard as you shed your gear and exchange accounts of critter sightings with your buddy. You dry quickly in the warm sunshine, enjoying a snack before donning wet gear and taking another dive into Fiji's fabulous underwater realm.

### MORE INFO

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## BIG BASS

# 10-Pounder Is Fishing's Hole-in-One

By TIM TUCKER, Outdoors Writer

It is the standard by which bass fishing accomplishments are judged. It is fishing's equivalent to the undefeated season, a fisherman's crowning achievement. Some see it as an angler coming of age. Others see it as the dream of a lifetime.

There is truly something special about catching a 10-pound bass, the mark of excellence in terms of size. In this day and time, it is remarkable for a bass to escape fishing pressure long enough to grow to 10 pounds, and equally remarkable for an angler to catch one.

Sure, a 9-pound, 15-ounce largemouth may be a magnificent specimen, but in subsequent conversations and memories, it pales in comparison to a bass that weighs an ounce more. There is almost something magical about that 10-pound mark.

"By their very being, 10-pound bass are special," said Doug Hannon of Florida, the country's foremost big-bass expert with more than 500 10-pound-plus bass to his credit. "It is a special experience to catch one.

"I have always looked at fish of this size as different and tried to analyze what it took to become what they are. One of the biggest breakthroughs for me was getting beyond the idea that a 10-pound bass is smart, which is why it has grown that big. But that's not true. That fish has no more intelligence and is no harder to catch than anything else. What is difficult about it is figuring out how its environment has changed and how it has responded to our assault on big fish. We have selectively harvested the biggest fish, and therefore we can't think in terms of where the fish should be, but in terms of where man might allow them to still exist. That is the very basis of fishing for big bass."

A shallow-water fisherman by nature, Doug Hannon concentrates on locating bass that are, largely, unmolested. To do that, he has followed an interesting progression over the years.

In the early 1970s, intelligent fishing pressure was minimal in the weedy Florida waters that Hannon called home. He was able to catch big bass almost at will, so he simply concentrated on the areas that were easiest to fish — the edges of shoreline vegetation. In the mid-70s, the bass were not nearly as abundant in the emergent shoreline cover (a result of both being selectively harvested and moving to avoid fishing pressure), so Hannon moved out to submerged weed lines in 8 to 10 feet of water. In 1978, he began fishing lakes that had slightly off-colored water. The big bass in clear-water lakes had been plundered by the sight-fishing techniques of bed fishermen.

As the 1980s began, Hannon started fishing deeper vegetation, the kind of habitat that the shallow-water native Floridians despised. As a result, he was able to continue catching 10-pound fish. But that changed around 1985 when Florida fishermen began learning how to fish deeper hydrilla and other vegetation.

"Where I am right now is fishing the heaviest, thickest stuff in the lake — the places that other people avoid, which requires completely different techniques to fish it," Hannon said. "It has been a true evolutionary process for me as a fisherman to be able to continue to catch big fish over the last two decades."



Doug Hannon lands a big bass.

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# 14th Region Baseball Preview

by TONY McGUIRE  
SPORTS WRITER

With basketball season officially in the books, baseball players around the region have taken to the field. Each of these teams began the season with one goal in mind, winning the 14th Region title. To obtain this goal

they must unseat defending regional champions, the Lee County Bobcats. The hard-hitting Bobcats lost five starters off last year's squad and will be struggling to fill the void.

A couple of Perry County teams will be looking to knock off the defending champs and make the trip to the sectionals.

Hazard and Perry Central hope to be in contention come May and continue playing well after school has let out for the summer. Both the Bulldogs and the Commodores lost key players to graduation last year, but deep benches should be able to fill the empty spots in the lineups.

Other area teams that figure to be in the mix come May include, Breathitt County, Leslie County, and Fleming Neon. Of these teams the Fleming Neon Pirates seems to be the front-runner in the bid for a surprise championship. The Pirates always field a disciplined defensive team and may be only one pitcher away from contention.

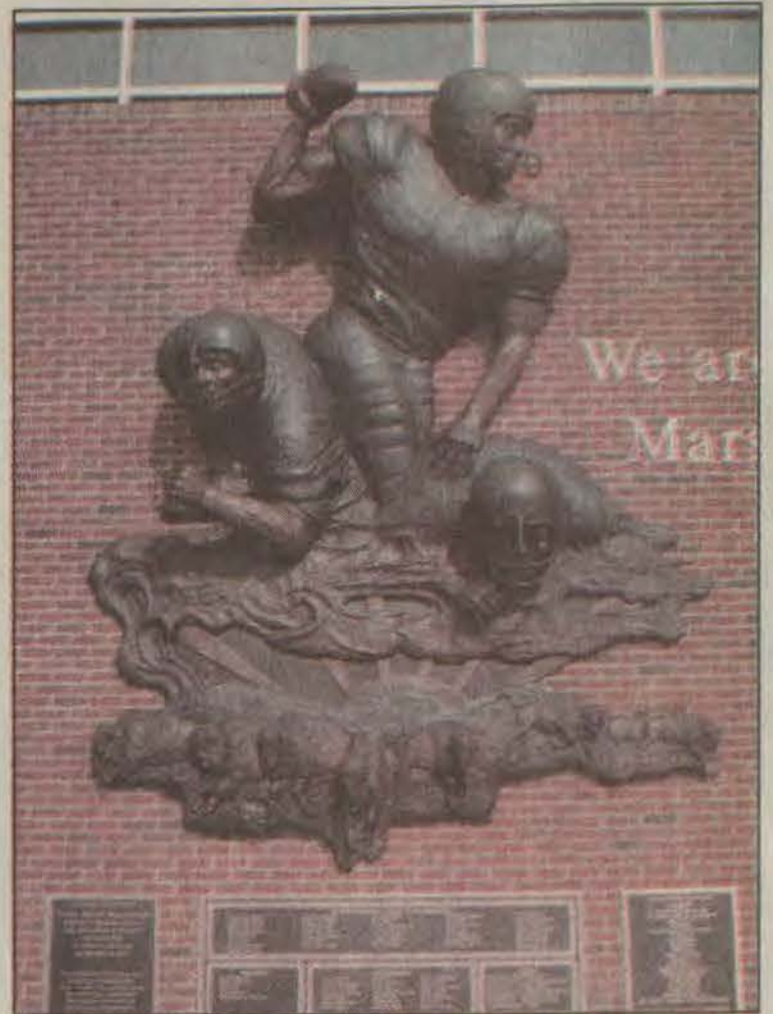
Further down the road, the Powell County Pirates can never be counted out. They always put a good team on the field and are consistently in the mix come tournament time.

The key to the 14th Region will be pitching. Which team will be able to put three quality and consistent pitchers on the mound. Hazard was to get the nod with their pitching. The key

to their winning will be their defense. On the other side of town, Perry Central has a wealth of untried young pitchers, but will have to replace their offense after losing five of their top six hitters. Lee County is in a similar situation in that they too will have to replace much of the power in their offense.

## Preseason ratings (14th Region)

1. Hazard
2. Perry Central
3. Lee County
4. Powell County
5. Breathitt County
6. Leslie County
7. Fleming Neon
8. Knott County
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The memorial honoring fallen Marshall football players and coaches that lost their lives in a tragic plane crash was dedicated last season.

## Paintsville ranked No. 13 in state coaches poll

TIMES STAFF REPORT

The Paintsville Tigers enter the 2001 baseball season ranked number 13 in the state. Paintsville, under the guidance of veteran coach Charlie Adkins, will rely heavily on an experienced mix of players returning from last season. The Tigers won a state championship with Adkins at the helm back in 1990.

This year's team is led by leadoff hitter Matt Brown. A Pikeville College football and baseball signee, Brown, an outfielder, hit 11 home runs last season. He will leadoff for Paintsville this season.

Adkins in closing in on the 700-win plateau. Adkins, an Oil Springs High School graduate, has one son, Keith. He is the head men's basketball coach at Campbellsville University.

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**Questions  
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Always looking out for your best interest, The Sunday Times Herald has graciously agreed to allow me to submit a column about Medicare. I am the Medicare beneficiary outreach coordinator for AdminaStar Federal, the agency that processes your Medicare claims when you receive medical services in Kentucky. My job allows me to travel all over our great state and meet with people who want to know about Medicare.

In this and future columns, I will share with you the questions we get — and the answers we give — from people like yourself that call our Customer Service Department daily. I hope what you find here helps you better understand your Medicare benefits!

**Q. How do I know if I am eligible for both Part A and Part B?**

If you have Medicare at this time you probably have a red, white and blue Medicare card. The card shows if you have Medicare Part A (Hospital Insurance) and Medicare Part B (Medical Insurance). If you are age 65 or over, or have been receiving disability benefits from Social Security for 24 months or longer, or have permanent kidney failure you might be eligible for Medicare. The Social Security Administration handles enrollment and eligibility for Medicare. The staff there can tell you if you are eligible for Part A and Part B.

**Q. Do I have to pay a premium for Medicare Part B? How are these premiums paid?**

Yes, you must pay a monthly premium for Medicare Part B. The 2001 premium is \$50 per month for most beneficiaries. Medicare Part B premiums will be deducted from your Social Security, Railroad Retirement or Civil Service Retirement benefits. If you do not receive any of these, Medicare will bill you every 3 months for your Part B premium. You should call the Social Security Administration for more specific questions on your premium. The monthly premium may be higher than \$50 for those beneficiaries who originally delayed filing or declined Part B coverage when they first became eligible.

**Q. What types of services are covered under Medicare Part A and Part B?**

Medicare Part A covers

(See **MEDICARE**, page three)**Unemployment rate edges upward**

## STAFF REPORT

Unemployment rates increased in 117 Kentucky counties between December and January, fell in two and stayed the same in Webster County, according to the Department Services, a Cabinet for Workforce Development agency.

The statewide unemployment rate underwent its usual January jump — increasing to 4.8 percent from December's 3.7 percent. The jobless rates this time of the year in Kentucky have risen the past 23 years.

Breathitt County currently has 4,300 in its civilian labor force, 3,830 employed, 470 unemployed. The unemployment rate has risen 2.0 percent since December, from 8.9 percent to 10.9 per-

cent, leading to an increase of 1.4 percent in unemployment rates since January 2000.

In Floyd County, of the 13,264 in the civilian labor force, 12,333 are currently employed, and 931 are unemployed. The unemployment rate has risen 1.4 percent from 5.6 percent in December to 7 percent in January. Statistics, however, show a 2.1 percent decrease in the unemployment rate since January 2000.

Johnson County currently holds 9,289 civilians in its labor force, 8,656 are currently employed, 633 unemployed. The unemployment rate in Johnson County has also risen 1.4 percent since December, but there is a 1.8 percent decrease since January 2000.

In Knott County, 5,614 currently make

up the civilian labor force, with 5,276 employed and 338 unemployed. Unemployment rates have risen 1.9 percent since December, but have decreased 1.6 percent since January 2000 from 7.6 percent to 6 percent.

Leslie County currently has 4,257 in its civilian labor force, with 4,090 employed and 167 unemployed. The unemployment rate has risen 0.3 percent since December, showing an overall decrease of 1 percent since January 2000.

Of the 7,845 in Letcher County's civilian labor force, 7,232 are currently employed, 613 unemployed. There has been a rise of 0.6 percent since December, and an overall decrease of 4.2 percent.

Magoffin County shows 5,067 in its

current workforce with 4,415 employed and 652 unemployed, a 2.4 percent increase from December to January, and an overall decrease in unemployment of 1.9 percent.

Of the 3,080 in Martin's civilian labor force, 2,851 are currently employed, and 229 unemployed. The unemployment rate has risen 1.2 percent since December, from 6.2 percent to 7.4 percent, but statistics show, however, that there has been a 1.6 percent decrease overall in Martin from January of last year.

Pike County currently holds 26,142 in its labor force, 24,859 currently employed, 1,283 currently unemployed. The unemployment rate has risen 0.8 percent since December, but has dropped 2 percent since last January.



photo by Kathy J. Prater

Staff and management of the Floyd County Housing Authority, Section 8. From left to right: Diane Pennington, FSS Coordinator; Patsy Ryan, executive director; Anna Howell, property manager; Donna Combs, property manager; Martha White, property manager; Judy Flanery, Section 8 coordinator; William Conn, Section 8 inspector; Dewana Tackett, clerk.

**Housing Authority receives awards**

The Floyd County Housing Authority was honored by the Department of Housing and Urban Development at the Kentucky Mid-Year Housing Conference held February 18-20 in Louisville. The authority received the award for the

Section 8 Program of the Year in recognition of outstanding performance.

The authority also received a Certificate of Excellence in management performance for its public housing programs and a Certificate of Achievement

in resident initiative.

The awards were presented to Patsy Ryan, Executive Director of the Floyd County Housing Authority by Art Wasson, Director of Public Housing for Kentucky.

**KMHI  
scholarship  
awards**

KMHI accepting applications for six \$1,000 scholarship awards.

The Kentucky Manufactured Housing Institute (KMHI) is currently accepting applications for six \$1,000 scholarship awards. Entries must be post-marked no later than April 7, and winners will be announced May 7. Eligible graduating high school seniors or GED recipients must currently reside in manufactured/mobile homes in Kentucky and have the desire to further their education at a university, college, technical or vocational school. To get an application, students should contact their local KMHI Member Retail Sales Center or Community, or call Betty Whittaker at (502) 223-0490.

Since 1997, KMHI has awarded twenty-one \$1,000 scholarships to deserving students. Members of the Kentucky Manufactured Housing Institute are pleased that they can help make continuing education possible for young people living in manufactured homes in Kentucky.

The Kentucky Manufactured Housing Institute is an industry trade association that represents retailers, manufacturers, service/supply companies and community operators involved in the manufactured housing industry, and doing business in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. For the KMHI retail sales center or community nearest you, call (502) 223-0490.

**The best of bad times**

Despite the Great Depression still going on, representatives of the Big Sandy Grocery Company posed for a group photograph while at a convention at the Knickerbocker Hotel in Chicago on September 8, 1934. The photo is from Frank Fitzpatrick, via Robert Perry. No identifications are provided. As Perry said, "They look like a pretty prosperous bunch for 1934."

**Sunshine Coin Laundry and Tanning  
expands commitment to serving customers**

Phillip and Alma Stumbo, owners of Sunshine Coin Laundry and Tanning, 6499 Rt. 1428, at Allen, recently added U-Haul® truck and trailer rentals to the services currently available.

The Stumbos have operated Sunshine Coin Laundry and Tanning since 2000 and are valued area business people. Phillip and Alma chose to make U-Haul rentals part of their business, because of the international company's well established name and reputation among customers.

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feet—the largest in the industry; trailers ranging in size from 4 feet-by-6 feet to 6 feet-by-12 feet; car-top carriers and trailer rental hitches. U-Haul is also the world's largest installer of permanent trailer hitches.

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U-Haul also offers sales items designed specifically for moving, such as heavy-duty boxes in a variety of sizes. Tape, rope, protective-wrapping materials, locks and even mattress covers are available.

(See **LAUNDRY**, page three)**Tips on successfully  
handling office  
grievances**

Office conflicts can take on many forms. However, when they reach the point that someone must be brought in to settle the problem, most employees don't have a clue as to where and how to get the process going. Many government or government-funded organizations are required by law to have grievance procedures in place. However, in the private sector, it's up to the individual organization. The following tips serve as a guide if you ever find yourself in that circumstance.

■ Check within your organization to see if there is a grievance procedure in place.

■ Always try and resolve the conflict before taking it to the next management level.

■ Recognize that filing a complaint will cause tension between you and that individual.

■ Remember that discrimination and sexual harassment issues are handled differently than other work-related complaints—*Best Jobs USA.com*.

**Pike bank top  
lender to  
businesswomen**

Women are starting businesses at a faster rate than any other segment of our population. In Kentucky, there are approximately 90,000 self-employed women, representing one-third of total self-employed entrepreneurs, according to U.S. Bureau of Labor statistics.

"Women mean business," said Willia Federhofer, district director, of the Kentucky SBA District Office, and SBA is delighted to provide lending programs that help women entrepreneurs obtain the capital needed to start or expand small businesses.

Women business owners in Kentucky received 136 loans worth 11.6 million dollars through U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) loan programs during federal fiscal year 2000. The top SBA lenders to women business owners in Kentucky were: Fifth Third Bank, Bank One Kentucky, Community Trust Bank in Pikeville, Louisville Community Development Bank, National City Bank, PNC Bank, N.A., Stock Yards Bank & Trust Co. and Traditional Bank in Mt. Sterling.

Studies by SBA's Office of Advocacy have shown that the number of woman-owned business ventures has doubled since 1987, from 4.5 million nationwide to more than 9.1 million, generating \$3.6 trillion in revenue and employing more than 27.5 million people.

Midway College, partnering with SBA, has established a Women's Business Center in Midway. The Women's Enterprise Institute, located at the college, is Kentucky's only SBA Women's Business Center serving women entrepreneurs with training and programs in marketing, management, finance, and governmental procurement.

Small Business Development Centers (SBDCs) and Service Corp of Retired Executives (SCORE) chapters are located throughout the state. These resources provide business counseling, training and advice on obtaining small business loans. For a list of these resources in your area, visit the SBA web page [www.sba.gov](http://www.sba.gov) or call the Kentucky District Office at 502/582-5971. SBA also manages the Online Woman's Business Center, a free, interactive web site, [www.onlinewbc.org](http://www.onlinewbc.org), for beginning and established business owners.

For more information, call: Carol Hatfield, SBA women business owner's representative in the SBA Kentucky District Office at (502) 582-5971, ext. 238 or e-mail at [verna.hatfield@sba.gov](mailto:verna.hatfield@sba.gov).







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- 2 WHEN.**  
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- 3 WHERE.**  
Where the sale will be held, with directions or phone number for directions.
- 4 WHY.**  
Reason for sale, especially if it is a "moving" sale, since these tend to attract more customers.

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## USDA to award \$25 million in grants to promote value-added ventures

USDA Rural Development recently announced that \$25 million in grants is available for the development of agricultural producer-owned processing businesses. The new Value-Added Agricultural Product Market Development Grants program is designed to encourage independent producers of agricultural commodities to process their raw products into marketable goods, thereby increasing farm income.

Of the total amount, \$20 million will go to help associations of independent producers establish value-added business ventures. The remaining \$5 million will be awarded to establish a pilot project known as the Agricultural Marketing Resource Center.

Ventures in which agricultural producers add value to their products by processing, packaging, or other means, are eligible to apply for grants. Grants can be awarded for such activities as conducting feasibility analyses, developing business and marketing plans, or using working capital while the venture develops cash flow.

Grant funds cannot be used for the development or acquisition of buildings or other facilities, or to purchase, rent, or install fixed equipment. The maximum allowable grant amount is \$500,000, and grant recipients must provide 1-to-1 matching funds.

Grant applications for this purpose will be accepted in two rounds. Applications for the first round must be received by 4 p.m. Eastern Time, April 23. The deadline for the second round is 4 p.m. Eastern Time, June 27.

Nonprofit corporations and institutions of higher learning are eligible to apply to establish the Agricultural Marketing Resource Center. The center will collect and make available information on value-added processing to independent producers and processors. It will also develop a strategy to establish a nationwide market information and coordination system.

The recipient of the \$5 million grant must supply an additional \$5 million in matching funds. All applications for this grant must be received by 4 p.m. Eastern Time, April 30.

This program is administered by USDA's Rural Business Cooperative Service. Further information is available at USDA Rural Development state offices, or at the following Web address: [www.rurdev.usda.gov/rbs/coops/vadg.htm](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rbs/coops/vadg.htm)

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- Medical Equipment
- Blood
- Home Health Care (if you don't have Medicare Part A)

Part B also covers some preventive services such as mammograms, flu shots, colorectal and prostate cancer screenings that help you stay healthy.

On a personal note, I encourage you to talk to your doctor about the preventive services Medicare Part B helps to pay for. Until next time, stay healthy and be happy!

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# Comic Page...

**MAN! THESE GAMES ARE NOTHING LIKE MY OL' ATARI 2600...** ...IT NEVER NEEDED GORE, VIOLENCE, OR EVEN REALISTIC 3D CHARACTERS...

**...THE GAMES WERE GREAT! AND I WAS JUST A LITTLE SQUARE.** OH YOU WERE MORE THAN JUST A LITTLE SQUARE.

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AND THIS ONE'S FOR MY BARN OFFICE!

FROM THE DESK OF... SIM ROLE

FROM THE MILKING STOOL OF... SIM ROLE

NAUKI! NAUKI!

HAROLD, I WANT YOU TO MOW THE GRASS TODAY!

WHY? OUR LAWN IS ABSOLUTELY PERFECT.

YA... EVERY BLADE OF GRASS IS EXACTLY THREE FEET HIGH.

## POPEYE

...IS WHERE DID I LEAVE ME THINGAMAJIG?

WOT I WANNA KNOW...

DID ANYBODY HERE SEE THAT THING I WUZ USIN'?

SOMEbody MUST'VE SEEN ME USIN' TH' THINGAMAJIG.

Y'KNOW...WHERE I LEFT ME...UH...ME DOOHICKEY?

ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT...ER...THAT...UH...DOODAD?

YEAH

I THINK I SAW IT ON YOUR WHATCHAMACALLIT!

BOY! WOT YA GOTTA GO THROUGH TA GET AN ANSWER 'ROUND HERE.

### MAGIC MAZE

Y C N E G E R L J G E C N L N  
 Z X V T (C A M B R I A N) A A R  
 P S N L J N H N E C A A I D Y  
 W V T T R P A Y N I C M R U L  
 K I G O E I R S R I R C U E B  
 Z X W U N A S O S E G A L F R  
 P O M O I E T S P I L J I G  
 E D V T B C A J U R A S S I C  
 A E R Y I I E G A E Z N O R B  
 D E X V R S U O E C A T E R C  
 T W U T T N A I C I V O D R O

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Bronze Age	Feudal	Regency	Tertiary
Cambrian	Jurassic	Renaissance	Triassic
Cretaceous	Ordovician	Silurian	Victorian
Devonian	Permian	Stone Age	

### HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Moustache is different. 2. Spoon is missing. 3. Chef's hat is taller. 4. Water's bowl is larger. 5. Book's lettering is different. 6. Water's shirt sleeve is missing.

## Henry

BY DON TRACHTE

## FLASH GORDON

BY JIM KEEFE

LEAPING PRINCE BARIN'S TROOPS, FLASH AND SECRET AGENT X-9 STORM MING'S STRONGHOLD.

WHERE IS SHE, MING? WHERE'S DALE?

FLASH...LOOK OUT!

YOU OHAY?

NOT A CONCERN NOW...MING'S GETTING AWAY!

NOT THIS TIME!

TO BE CONT'D...

## Super Crossword

<b>ACROSS</b>	1 Summer stinger	5 Sailor's quaff	9 In the sack	13 Master, in Madras	18 "Dies —"	19 Melodious McEntire	20 — Valley, CA	21 Walked confidently	22 Tenured?	24 Ex-wife, sometimes?	26 Roman official	27 Umps	28 Bus, bigwig	30 Plant part	31 Writer Blyton	33 Tabula —	37 At full tilt	40 Violin bows?	44 Evils	45 Terry-cloth inscription	46 Cookbook author Rombauer	47 Deed	49 Wraps up	52 Incompetent	55 Neighbor of Latvia	57 TV's "The — Game"	59 Melo-dramatic	60 Progress	61 Chaka Khan's group	63 Pigeon English?	64 To boot	66 Spud bud	67 Bulldog, for one	68 "Blame — Rio" ('84 film)	69 Capone impersonator?	73 Hire a private eye?	75 Landed	76 Palm Sunday animal	77 Humbug lead-in	79 Act like an antelope	80 Oxford figure	81 Vote in	83 "Watership Down" author	85 Delft a dictator	89 Salad veggie	91 Geronimo's birthplace	93 Draw	94 Donated	95 Swedish currency	96 Mardi —	98 It may be white	89 Signor Ferrari	101 Stock-brokers?	105 Petite pet	108 Blood components	109 Kid at court one	110 Former govt. agcy.	111 Carpenter —	113 Wine valley	116 Exit	120 FDA-approved snack?	126 "Equus," for instance?	132 Blackboard	133 Type of chalcedony	134 Holler	135 Odense denizen	6 Keep the shelves stocked	7 Crumhorn cousin	8 Sail support	9 Furniture wood	10 Jacket info	11 Big bird	12 — brakes	13 Canonized Mile	14 — you for real?	15 Was an optimist	16 Unimprovable	17 Juicy fruit	21 Toast word	23 Await judgment	25 Macabre	28 — Lanka	32 Tennis pro Nastase	34 Moss Hart's autobiography	35 — Game" ('71 film)	36 Up and about	38 Requests	39 Ain't right?	40 Spanish sherry	41 Author Dinesen	42 "Peter Pan" pirate	43 Tried a mouthful	45 "What?"	48 Crack up	50 Proclamations	51 A nose that shows	53 Coat-of-arms figure	54 Lovett or Waggoner	56 Italian greyhound, e.g.	57 Ignoramus	58 Used up	60 Gaggly gal	62 Wood and gas	65 Sedimentary stuff	68 Force	69 Lose luster	70 — Comes Mary" ('66 song)	71 Dano or Darnell	72 Messy Madison	73 Nickels and dimes	74 Designer Lagerfeld	77 Church sale	78 Bustle	81 Happening	82 Latin class no-nos	84 Scratches the surface	86 Zodiac animal	87 Buffalo waterfront	88 Actor Horsley	90 Currier's partner	92 Memo start	93 On a whale watch, perhaps	95 Asian nation	97 Clothes African	100 African equine, e.g.	102 Quayle or Blocker	103 Eye appreciatively	104 Acted like a chick	105 Garden supplies	106 In the slightest degree	107 "GoodFellas" group	112 Return address?	114 "Hi, sailor!"	115 Battery part	117 — mater	118 Self-smitten	119 Thornfield governess	121 Cornerstone abbr.	122 "Evita" character	123 — "Tiki"	124 TV Tarzan	125 King's handle?	127 Costa del —
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