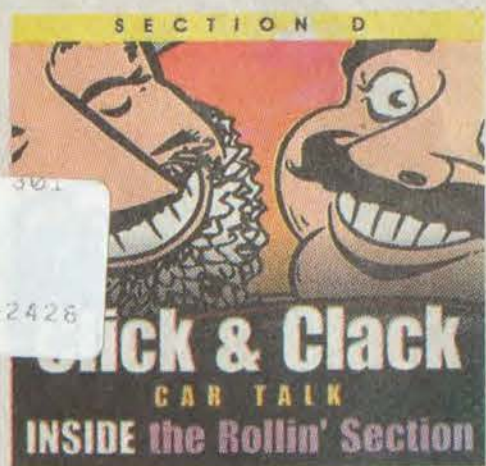


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Two charged following Pike murder

MOUTH CARD — Two Pike County men were arrested on and charged with murder on Tuesday.

According to Kentucky State Police, they were notified at 11:15 p.m. on Monday that Ronald Skeens, 46, had been shot at his home in Mouthcard. The suspects allegedly fled the scene and were later located at Haysi, Va.

The suspects, David Dotson, 42, and Donald Stiltner, 35, were arrested by the Dickenson County, Va., Sheriff's Office at 4:30 a.m. and lodged in the Dickenson County Jail. Both suspects were later transported and lodged in the Pike County Detention Center. Skeens was pronounced dead at the scene by Pike County Coroner Charles Morris.

The incident is still under investigation by Kentucky State Police Detective David Maynard.

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Testimony leads officials to question bust

by LORETTA BLACKBURN
STAFF WRITER

Although drug charges against Fawn Young, 46, of Tram, were referred to a grand jury for consideration, the unclear circumstances surrounding the drug bust itself have elicited questions from officials in regard to their validity.

Young appeared in Floyd District Court on Wednesday to face several charges, including trafficking in cocaine, which resulted from a drug bust on Nov. 26.

As previously reported, Young was arrested at her home in Tram on several charges, including four counts of trafficking in a controlled substance and trafficking in marijuana. The arresting officer,

Brian Hall, was present to testify on behalf of the commonwealth and told the court the drug bust occurred as a result of a phone call from two unnamed men. Hall said that a phone call made to the sheriff's office at approximately 9:30 a.m. on Nov. 26, prompted the department to send Deputy Matt Varney to investigate.

It seems that the two men, one of whom

Hall said owned a deputy card — a signed card given to certain citizens by the sheriff — had been looking at a truck that they had heard was for sale at Young's home. They alleged that they spotted what appeared to be bags of marijuana in an open toolbox and called the sheriff's

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The first flakes of snow, along with the threat of even more to come, had snow plows busy working roadways early Wednesday afternoon.

photo by Steve LeMaster

Snow, ice pack wallop on roads, electric lines

by JARRID DEATON
STAFF WRITER

The snow and ice which made for treacherous driving on Wednesday also had other effects on the area.

According to the state Department of Highways, Floyd County had a problem with trees that had fallen due to branches laden with ice. The department reported blockage in West Prestonsburg, Arkansas Creek and McDowell. Trees were also down in Johnson, Knott, Martin and Pike Counties.

American Electric Power Company reported damage in the wake of the snow and ice storms that left more than 12,000 customers without electricity.

AEP reported that more than 3,600 customers in the Hazard area remained without power at 4 p.m. on Thursday. The

(See SNOW, page three)



photo by Ralph B. Davis

While beautiful to see, ice covered trees and branches were responsible for knocking out power to several homes in Floyd County. Across Kentucky, American Electric Power reported 12,000 families without power.

Hospital holds opening for new cancer center

by JARRID DEATON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Highlands Cancer Center held its grand opening on Wednesday.

Highlands Regional Medical Center CEO Bud Warman began the event by giving some background information on the facility.

"This has been a long-standing dream from 15 years ago," Warman said.

The center is a joint venture between Highlands and Dr. Kirti Jain. "Eastern Kentucky has a high rate of cancer and some people are too weak and sick to travel long distances for care," Jain said.

Jain also explained some of the equipment that the center has acquired.

"Only a few centers in the country have the technology that we have,"

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The new equipment that will be used at Highlands Cancer Center in Prestonsburg include this linear accelerator. The machine is used to precisely target areas of the body that have cancerous tumors.

photo by Jarrid Deaton

MSU-P'burg director dies in car wreck

by JARRID DEATON
STAFF WRITER

MOREHEAD — An accident in Rowan County on Wednesday claimed the life of the director of Morehead State University's Prestonsburg campus.

According to the Kentucky State Police, Margaret Lewis, 54, of Prestonsburg, was returning from Morehead when she lost control of her 1998 Mazda 626 on snow-covered Route 519 near Route 801 and slid into the northbound lane, striking a 1998 Pontiac Sunfire driven by Stephanie Tackett, 20, of Salyersville.

Rowan County Rescue had to use the Jaws of Life to remove Lewis from her vehicle.

Lewis was pronounced dead at the St. Claire Medical Hospital by Rowan County Coroner John Northcutt. Tackett was treated and released.

According to Northcutt, Lewis died from multiple injuries sustained in the accident.

"The car was hit in the side, that is why the air bag did not deploy," Northcutt said.

In a statement, MSU President Ronald Eaglin said that the university was

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Dr. Margaret Lewis

Teen testifies against alleged abductor

by LORETTA BLACKBURN
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The alleged 16-year-old victim in a case involving charges against an Ocala, Fla., man took the stand during a preliminary hearing on Wednesday, testifying that he had abducted her from Betsy Layne High School.

Cynthia Salisbury, the legal guardian and mother of the minor girl, of Harold, had filed charges of custodial interference, unlawful trans-

action with a minor and assault against Everett Douglas Salisbury, 25, on Nov. 8.

Cynthia Salisbury testified Wednesday that she had been told that her daughter had left Betsy Layne High School on Nov. 8, 2001, and that she knew she was in Florida, due to phone calls that Howell made to people in Floyd County.

Ned Pillersdorf, Everett Salisbury's attorney, ques-

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Odds and Ends

■ BEVERLY HILLS, Calif.

— The city has barred limousines from parking on some Beverly Hills streets because of residents' complaints about limos loitering near luxury hotels.

A new ordinance, passed unanimously Tuesday, limits "staging" of limousines on some residential streets.

"When we have the limos parking in front of residential areas, the drivers smoke and talk and it bothers the residents," said City Manager Mark Scott.

The city is "definitely not anti-limo," he noted.

The half-dozen limousine companies that serve the city were concerned when the ordinance was first presented, but later agreed to the restrictions. So did the Chamber of Commerce.

"We need to strike a balance between the needs of our business and our residents," Scott said.

■ ASHWAUBENON, Wis.

— The spirit is willing but the village budget won't provide holiday lights for this Green Bay suburb.

"The ones we had were quite old," village administrator Steve Kubacki said. "It was hard to see them when they were out, because

they got lost in the lights of Oneida Street."

"We wanted to replace them, but there was no money in the budget to replace them."

The village found out at the last minute that new lights it planned to buy this year were too large for

the utility poles, Kubacki said. By then, it was too late to regroup.

Village resident Barbara Ings said she wasn't disappointed.

"There are so many private people with decorations that I really didn't notice," she said.

■ NILES TOWNSHIP, Mich.

— Authorities were on the lookout for two elusive but most definitely unarmed escapees. A trio of emus — large, flightless birds that resemble ostriches and are native to Australia — ran off Monday from the home of their owner in Niles Township. One of the birds, named Andy, was caught Wednesday.

"They are fast. They have good traction in the snow," township police Officer Jeff Dunlap said. "They are definitely a hard one to catch."

Two police officers, with help from three employees of the Southwest Michigan Community Ambulance Service, surrounded Andy after he was spotted in a yard. They bound his legs with duct tape and loaded him into a trailer donated by a veterinarian.

The bird suffered minor injuries, including a gouge on his knee.

Though generally docile, emus can become dangerous if they feel threatened, said Dr. Jeremy Goodman, a veterinarian at the Potawatomi Zoo in South Bend. He said anyone who sees the missing birds should call the police.

"If they were cornered and someone was trying to hold them down, they could certainly kick pretty hard," Goodman said. "I would not try to restrain them or approach them."

■ DAVENPORT, Iowa

— Ice-cold beer was flowing in a Davenport neighborhood, but it was on a city street and heading for the city's storm sewers, police said.

A beer delivery truck driver was ticketed after his trailer smacked into a low-clearance bridge Tuesday.

The accident ripped off the top of the Budweiser truck's trailer, collapsing the trailer and spilling beer onto the street.

The driver, from Dubuque, was

ticketed for disobeying a traffic sign that warns of the 11-foot bridge, police said.

It's the ninth time a truck has struck the bridge since Jan. 2001, authorities said.

Crews spent most of the day cleaning up the accident that left beer trickling toward a storm sewer and frozen on the city street, police said.

■ PHILADELPHIA

— A Steinway grand piano caught in an accidental downpour inside the Kimmel Center for Performing Arts may be permanently out of tune. Philadelphia Orchestra musicians had to run offstage with their instruments after the fire safety sprinklers above the stage accidentally went off during a late-morning rehearsal in Verizon Hall on Tuesday.

The piano, worth roughly \$80,000 to \$85,000, was left with

its top open and collected "quite a bit of water," Kimmel Center President Janice Price said.

The water damage extended from the stage into the first five rows in the audience, but Tuesday evening's performance was able to continue as scheduled. Dry chairs for the 104 musicians were borrowed from the Academy of Music.

"Within about one hour and a half, we were bringing the percussion section of the orchestra back on the stage," said Price.

The Kimmel Center's second Steinway piano was used in place of the damaged piano.

Price said Kimmel Center officials are still investigating the cause of the accident. Steinway experts are evaluating the damage to the piano and did not yet know whether it could be salvaged, she said.

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Owners claim land illegally mined

by LORETTA BLACKBURN
STAFF WRITER

GRETHEL — Three Floyd County couples have filed a complaint against Levisa Fork Resources in which they claim that the company continued to mine their property after they

were notified that they had no right to do so.

On Nov. 22, Thomas L. and Casey Hall, of Van Lear, Jennifer and Keith Hall, of Teaberry, and Cortnee and Craig Morris, of McDowell, filed a complaint against the limited liability company stating that the parties discovered that surface mining was taking place on their property at Mink Branch of Big Mud in Oct. 22.

The plaintiffs allege that they directed the defendant to cease all mining operations, but the company unlawfully removed coal after the notice. The plaintiffs claim that the continued operation damaged their realty and are seeking compensatory and punitive damages.

Thomas and Casey Hall allege that they own four-fifths undivided interest in the property, which they obtained by virtue of an affidavit of descent of Town Hall dated March 9, 1991. Jennifer and Keith Hall and Cortnee and Craig Morris, allege they own one-tenth interest in the property which was obtained in the same manner.

A civil summons was issued to D.B. Kaze, of Prestonsburg, who is an agent for service of process for Levisa Fork Resources, whose business address is located in West Virginia.

Herman Lester, the plaintiff's attorney, said that the company violated a constitutional amendment that says the landowners' permission is required before a company can surface mine.

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Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Friday, Dec. 6, the
340th day of 2002. There are 25
days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On Dec. 6, 1889, Jefferson
Davis, the first and only presi-
dent of the Confederate States
of America, died in New
Orleans.

On this date:

■ In 1790, Congress moved
from New York to
Philadelphia.

■ In 1884, Army engineers
completed construction of the
Washington Monument.

■ In 1921, British and Irish
representatives signed a treaty
in London providing for crea-
tion of an Irish Free State.

■ In 1923, a presidential
address was broadcast on radio
for the first time as President
Coolidge spoke to a joint ses-
sion of Congress.

■ In 1947, Everglades
National Park in Florida was

dedicated by President Truman.

■ In 1957, America's first
attempt at putting a satellite
into orbit blew up on the
launch pad at Cape Canaveral,
Fla.

■ In 1957, AFL-CIO mem-
bers voted to expel the
International Brotherhood of
Teamsters. (The Teamsters
were readmitted in 1987.)

■ In 1973, House minority
leader Gerald R. Ford was
sworn in as vice president, suc-
ceeding Spiro T. Agnew.

■ In 1982, 11 soldiers and
six civilians were killed when
an Irish National Liberation
Army bomb exploded in a pub
in Ballykelly, Northern Ireland.

■ In 1989, 14 women were
shot to death at the University
of Montreal's school of engi-
neering by a man who then
took his own life.

Ten years ago:

Bowing to anti-foreigner
sentiment, Germany's main
political parties agreed to tight-
en postwar asylum laws. In
India, thousands of Hindu
extremists destroyed a mosque,
setting off two months of
Hindu-Muslim rioting that
claimed at least 2,000 lives.

Five years ago:

At least 69 people were
killed when a Russian military
cargo plane crashed in the
Siberian city of Irkutsk seconds
after takeoff.

One year ago:

The House of
Representatives, by a one-vote
margin, gave President Bush
more power to negotiate global
trade deals. Yasser Arafat's
intensified crackdown on
Islamic militants met angry
resistance as 1,500 Hamas sup-
porters battled Palestinian riot
police outside the home of the
group's leader. President
George W. Bush dedicated the
national Christmas tree to those
who died on Sept. 11 and to
GIs who died in the line of
duty.

Today's Birthdays:

Jazz musician Dave
Brubeck is 82. Country singer
Helen Cornelius is 61. Actor
James Naughton is 57. Sen.
Don Nickles, R-Okla., is 54.
Actress JoBeth Williams is 54.
Actor Tom Hulce is 49. Actor
Kin Shriner is 49. Talk show
host Wil Shriner is 49. Actor
Miles Chapin is 48. Rock musi-
cian Rick Buckler (The Jam) is
47. Comedian Steven Wright is
47. Country singer Bill Lloyd
is 47. Singer Tish Hinojosa is
47. Rock musician Peter Buck
(R.E.M.) is 46. Actress Janine
Turner is 40. Rock musician
Ben Watt (Everything But The
Girl) is 40. Rock musician Ulf
"Buddha" Ekberg (Ace of
Base) is 32. Former "Survivor"
cast member Colleen Haskell is
26. Actress Lindsay Price is 26.

Thought for Today:

"Each and every one of us
has one obligation, during the
bewildered days of our pilgrim-
age here: the saving of his own
soul, and secondarily and inci-
dentally thereby affecting for
good such other souls as come
under our influence." —

Teen

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tioned Cynthia Salisbury as to whether her daughter left home due to complications in their relationship. She denied that this was possible.

Cynthia Salisbury testified that she had started warning Everett Salisbury to stay away from her daughter when she was a 12 because he was allegedly making sexual advances then. She said that Everett Salisbury, who is her nephew by marriage, had abducted her other daughter when she was younger, but she could not get anybody to do anything about it.

The girl testified that she was pushed into the vehicle with Everett Salisbury by him and his cousin and was later assaulted by him when she rejected sexual advances. She alleged that he threatened her, caused her to take drugs on the way to Florida and, upon reaching their destination, he molested her.

Pillersdorf questioned the girl about whether she actually

obtained a ride to Florida from a truck driver, to which the girl responded that she made up that story and told it to authorities in Florida who placed her in foster care. She said that she first told foster care authorities about her ordeal with Salisbury when she was later transferred back to Floyd County.

The girl claimed that she was afraid to tell them about Salisbury, a fear she related to memories from stories told to her by her sister about how he had treated her.

Juanita Wood, Everett Salisbury's mother, was in district court with other family members on Wednesday. Wood alleged that the girl was having trouble at home and that her son had advised the girl to leave home if that were the case, but had nothing to do with her actually leaving.

Salisbury's bond was dropped from \$15,000 to 10 percent of \$16,500 and the case was referred to a grand jury.



photo by Ralph B. Davis

In addition to snapping trees and breaking power lines, Jack Frost showed no mercy for this Christmas decoration in Prestonsburg. The extra weight of a coating of ice brought this tinsel tree crashing to the road below.

Snow

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company estimates that some will not be restored until Friday afternoon because of the widespread damage.

The company reported that nearly 1,300 Paintsville customers were without power on Wednesday and approximately 500 of those were without service on Thursday.

Most of the outages in the Pikeville area have been cleared, but the company said that there could be some isolated cases that would remain without service until Friday.

Big Sandy RECC reported numerous outages in Floyd County but did not have any statistics to release.

Ownership of Allen 'Y' disputed

by LORETTA BLACKBURN
STAFF WRITER

ALLEN — A complaint and petition for declaration of rights, filed Nov. 19 in Floyd Circuit Court, claims that the purchase of a large portion of land known as "the Y" in Allen, which includes a dental clinic and supermarket, is null and void.

On behalf of the estate of Florence Hall, Danny Hall filed the complaint against Kinhag Development Company, an agent for J.W. Kinzer, of Allen, after learning that one of the heirs had sold her share of the property. Lona Prater Hall sold her share of the land that was bequeathed to her late husband,

Cecil Hall, to Kinhag on June 23, 2000, without first giving the family an option to buy.

According to the last will and testament of Riley and Florence Hall, if any member of the family desires to sell any of the property, the other children are to be given the first opportunity to buy it. The complaint alleges that Lona Hall failed to do that and in so doing, the transaction between her and Kinhag is null and void.

According to a deed of conveyance dated June 23, 2000, Kinhag paid Lona Hall \$9,800 for the piece of property which Ned Pillersdorf, attorney for Danny Hall, says is a "very valuable piece of property."

The property consists of over 36 acres and encompasses what is known as "the Y" at Allen, including the hay barn and dental office, as well as the property known as the bus station building, a home adjacent to it, the former Little Bear Supermarket, and the hillside property located long former Route 23.

Pillersdorf said that Hall's transaction violated the terms of the will and when the family found out they sought legal assistance. They are requesting that a declaratory order declaring the Deed of Conveyance between Hall and Kinhag null and void.



photo by Jarrid Deaton

Highlands Cancer Center held its grand opening in Prestonsburg on Wednesday.

Center

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Jain said. According to Jain, the center should begin treatment on the first patient within a week.

The center was in the plan-

ning stages for two years and took 18 months to complete.

According to Warman, construction costs for the center were approximately \$2 million.

Few fatalities, lots of tickets mark holiday

by JARRID DEATON
STAFF WRITER

The number of Thanksgiving holiday traffic deaths are down from last year according to the Kentucky State Police.

Preliminary statistics show that two people died in separate accidents on Kentucky's roadways during the holiday. The number of fatalities decreased from the 2001 holiday period, when 10 people died in nine crashes.

The single fatality crashed occurred in Fayette and Hardin counties.

Kentucky Vehicle Enforcement Post 10 which covers Floyd and eight other counties, reported a fairly busy holiday in terms of traffic violations. The department issued 218 speeding tickets, 17 drunk driving arrests, three child restraint violations, 87 seat belt violations, and 355 other violations including license and registration infractions. The officers also made five drug arrests and

apprehended one fugitive during the holiday period.

The Floyd County Sheriff's Department did not have statistics calculated for the holiday period at press time.

Lewis

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shocked and saddened by the event.

"Dr. Lewis was deeply committed to our students and her duties at the Prestonsburg center. She will be greatly missed," Eaglin said.

Word of Lewis' death also prompted remorse throughout Floyd County.

"I think everybody who knew her just loved her," said attorney John Rosenberg, who was scheduled to teach a class with her today.

Lewis came to Kentucky in 1992 from North Lake College in Irving, Texas, to take the position of director for Morehead's Prestonsburg campus. She had

previously held positions at East Central University in Ada, Okla., and the University of North Texas at Denton.

Lewis received a doctoral degree in adult and higher education from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and a bachelor's degree from the University of New Mexico. She is survived by two sisters and a brother.

Funeral arrangements for Margaret Lewis are pending at the Northcutt and Son Home of Funerals in Morehead.

Questions

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department.

Hall testified that Varney called him when he saw the substance in the toolbox. Hall said that the truck was locked upon arrival and that after they obtained a consent to search, deputies found four small bags of what appeared to be cocaine, four OxyContin tablets, and 13 bags of marijuana, as well as Lorcets, Lortabs and needles wrapped in aluminum foil. He testified that Young claimed the truck but did not claim the drugs.

The truck containing the drugs is the same truck that Jeffrey Young, Fawn Young's husband who sought an emergency protective order against, testified he and Paul Roberts, accused of kidnapping and attempted murder, were going to look at when he was kidnapped by Roberts and Neil Ratliff.

After Wednesday's testimony, the situation sounded a bit odd to court officials, since Hall testified that the truck was locked with the hood chained, yet the toolbox was open with drugs

inside. Jimmy Marcum, assistant county attorney, stated that his office didn't want to prosecute anyone who wasn't guilty and therefore, they are going to "trace everything down."

Hall said that the department was going to make sure that everything pointed to Fawn Young.

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
(PURSUANT TO 401 KAR 5:006 SECTIONS 4 & 5; KRS-424, AND 40 CFR 25.5 & 6)

To all interested citizens of Wayland, Kentucky: The Southern Water and Sewer District, P.O. Box 610, McDowell, KY 41647, has drafted a 201 Facilities Planning Document (Plan) detailing wastewater collection and treatment. The Plan proposes to sewer the Wayland/Garrett area and to extend service to the surrounding communities. Interested citizens may obtain further information by viewing a draft copy of the Plan by contacting Bob Meyer, at the above given address, or by calling 606/377-9296, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

A public hearing will be held on Tuesday, January 7, 2003, at 6:00 p.m., at the Wayland Community Center. The purpose of the hearing is to discuss the Plan and its contents, specifically the collection and treatment alternatives, project cost, financing sources, user charges, and hook up/tap fee. The public is encouraged to attend this meeting and shall have a right to comment on the Plan for a period of 30 days from the date of publication of this notice, by writing to the above address, or before the termination of the hearing, whichever is later. A longer comment period may be requested in writing. All persons who believe any condition of the Plan is inappropriate, inaccurate, incomplete, or otherwise not in the best interest of the public and environment, must raise all reasonable issues and submit all reasonable arguments, facts, and comments with supporting documents to the above given contact person.

Additionally, the Kentucky Department for Local Government is accepting pre-submission forms under the 2002 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. Wayland intends to submit a pre-submission form for assistance to the Wayland Sewer Project. The City must hold a public hearing prior to submitting the pre-submission form; it will be held in conjunction with the above referenced 201 Facilities Planning Document public hearing. The purpose of this hearing is to obtain views on housing and community development needs, review proposed activities, the proposed application, and to solicit public comments. Technical assistance is available to help groups representing low and moderate-income persons in developing proposals. Any persons requiring special needs assistance for the public hearing, should contact Betsie Carroll at 606/432-1447, or the state number, 800/247-2510, prior to the meeting.

The following information concerning the CDBG program is available for public inspection at the above referenced address during regular business hours:

- A. Amount of funds available and range of activities that may be undertaken.
- B. Estimated amounts of funds proposed to be used for activities benefiting persons of low and moderate-income.
- C. Plans for minimizing displacement of persons as a result of activities associated with CDBG funds, and plans for providing assistance to those persons to be actually displaced as a result of CDBG-funded activities.
- D. Records regarding the past use of CDBG funds.
- E. A summary of other important program requirements.

COMMENTS ON APPLICATION

A copy of the CDBG pre-submission form will be on file at the above referenced address for citizens' review and comment during regular business hours, from December 30, 2002, through January 7, 2003. Comments on the proposed application may be submitted at the public hearing, or to the attention of Mayor Thomas Murphy, until the close of business, January 7, 2003.

Viewpoint

Worth Repeating ...

"The best government is not that which renders men the happiest but that which renders the greatest number happy"

—Charles-Pinot Ducloux

Amendment 1

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people to peaceably assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.

Guest View

Editorial roundup

The Leader-Herald, Gloversville, N.Y., on campaign finance reform:

The Federal Elections Commission has taken the quite remarkable step of allowing federal candidates to draw salaries from their campaign funds. While this surely will make great fodder for late-night comedians, it's not a bad idea. Federal campaigns in particular have become dominated by people of significant personal wealth for the simple reason that most ordinary people cannot afford to take a year off from income-producing work in order to campaign full time.

"Why should the only people running be incumbents or multimillionaires?" asked Michael Toner, the FEC commissioner who brought the proposal. ...

The FEC's move undoubtedly will lead some people to decide to run for office who otherwise would be held back by personal financial circumstances - if they are willing to take the inevitable hits from incumbents for accepting campaign salaries. ...

On balance, given a complex web of campaign finance regulations, candidate salaries may be a reasonable way to, of all things, democratize politics.

South Florida Sun-Sentinel, Fort Lauderdale, on photo warnings on cigarette packs:

American smokers would need strong stomachs to look at a pack of cigarettes if some members of Congress get their way.

A bill now in a House subcommittee would require a huge, often gory, close-up color photo on packs and cartons, to illustrate grisly written warnings about smoking health hazards. The bill says those photos could show a diseased lung, heart or mouth, someone suffering tobacco addiction, children watching an adult smoke, or a pregnant woman or infant suffering the adverse effects of secondhand smoke.

The photos would have to cover 50 percent of the front and back panels of every cigarette pack and carton, with the warning labels in much larger type than now required.

Similar photos and labels have been required by Canadian law for 20 months. ... Skeptics may scoff, but Canadian Cancer Society officials credit the picture warnings with helping encourage 600,000 Canadians to quit in 2001, about 10 percent of the total. Their studies show high approval ratings, among both smokers and nonsmokers, and agreement among smokers that the photos increased their motivation to quit. ...



In the moment

To expose the truth

I'm sure that someone has already introduced the theory that exposure breeds knowledge. I observed this theory in action by looking at those things that I came into contact with on a regular basis. The more I expose myself to something, the more I learn about that something. It is an amazing thing to pay attention to how the truth changes as I learn more about any particular subject and how I develop a sense of comfort from the knowledge that I internalize.

From this observation I derive that the truth is found through exposure and it evolves over a period of time. Therefore, if you want someone to know the truth about something, you have to find a way to expose them to it. Which brings to mind the age-old philosophy of the parent who wants to stop a child from behaving in a certain manner but acts that way themselves. "Do as I say,

not as I do," they say. Well, the problem is that the child doesn't have exposure to the truth. Without exposure, a person can't truly learn anything.

I kept this in mind when my car broke down yesterday for the third time in two months. I solicited help from three men who graciously helped me get the stalled car from the restaurant drive-thru to the parking lot. I entered the establishment with plans to call a cab to take me to my destination, but sitting at a table having breakfast were two friends, who offered to transport me to the college. Later in the day, I reluctantly called my boyfriend to request that he pick me up one more time.

After worrying about how I was going to get to where I need to be and how much it was going to cost to fix the car this time, I tried to find some type of comfort in this situation. Being stranded "again", I started to think about what I had learned from this experience.

Well, I learned that things seem to work out whether I worry about them or

not and I eventually get what I need. I discovered a truth about myself and that is that I don't like to depend on other people and I become defensive when I have to. I don't know, maybe this is God's way of making me depend on others so that I can learn how to do that, because, the truth is, I can't survive without others.

I was not as upset over the situation as I have been in the past, so maybe I am accepting the "truth" that I just don't have control over some things.

But what is the truth? What is true today may not be true tomorrow. It is constantly changing as I discover more from the situations that I am exposed to. Therefore, I suppose you could say that I am constantly being exposed to the truth.

When considering the way this process works, I can be grateful for the life experiences that I have gathered, even though I don't like it at the time of exposure. I have certainly learned a lot from the exposure that I have had. There are truths derived from my experiences that otherwise would not be mine. From this perspective I suppose the way to expose the truth is to just live.



LORETTA BLACKBURN

Letter

Holiday spirit alive

Having relocated from an area known for extraordinary snow falls and frozen tundra, it became a wonder how I might possibly get in the Christmas spirit without the climate prompting my memory of the season.

It happened that I needed to look no further than First United Methodist's "Hanging of the Greens." On Sunday evening, the church rang in the holiday season with a fabulous celebration of singing, candle lighting, and, of course, hanging of the greens. Each child and adult involved — choir members, candle bearers, readers and countless others out front and behind the scenes — can be so proud of bringing in the Christmas season with such a joyful event.

Snow or no, the holiday spirit is alive and well in

Prestonsburg!
Sherry Bruckner
Prestonsburg

Kaul a liar

Having written a very harsh tirade against Mr. Donald Kaul concerning his atheist views, I found some things in his next few articles I could actually agree with. However, one of his most recent articles was again filled with lies, half-truths and hypocrisy.

But being delayed by factors beyond my control, namely the telephone rang, I broke a guitar string and the governor with his woman came along. Oh, what a line! Anyway, I'm somewhat late with this letter as usual.

So let's address some of his views that he so vividly expressed in a recent column. As he kept going on and on about how the large corporations have the Republican Party in their hip pockets, I

could not help from thinking, "Hasn't he and does he not make a very good living from writing and selling his nonsense to a 'corporation,' of all things? Man, oh man, ain't this the 'beast' that he is vehemently opposed to?"

I would venture to say that most politicians, not all of them, but most of them, from the least to the greatest, are in the hip pocket of corporations or some other high dollar entity. If this is not so, why don't the Democrats when they are in control of Congress and/or the White House do something to tame this monstrosity that calls corporations?

Which of our families here in Eastern Kentucky has not lost many of our loved ones to the large companies, corporations, if you will, in the industrial states of the north? Ohio, Michigan and Indiana, for example. Take note that these states are largely Republican states.

When my family left Kentucky in the early 1960s, along with thousands of other "hillbillies," including folks from Tennessee, West Virginia and eastern Virginia, we were very glad to work for some corporation. And we didn't care whose pocket they were in or who was in their pocket. All we knew was that we needed to go somewhere to work and be able to live a better life. This move also brought us to better health care, roads, housing, education and many things that we still don't have here, such as a decent and civil political system.

I wish some large American corporations would bring some industries to our area so that our sons and daughters and their children could have a better chance to make good livings at home and not have to leave home to be able to live a decent life.

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At the Movies: 'Analyze That'

by DAVID GERMAIN
AP MOVIE WRITER

There's a real sense of been there, analyzed that to Robert De Niro, Billy Crystal and Harold Ramis' second mobster-in-therapy comedy.

"Analyze That," the sequel to the 1999 hit "Analyze This," is a tired and forced farce that could scarcely have been less creative had a gang of wiseguys kidnapped Ramis and co-writers Peter Steinfeld and Peter Tolan and compelled them to write something funny at gunpoint.

Preposterously contrived, this couch-potato trip banks solely on the comic clash of its mismatched leads, but Crystal's neurotic blathering and De Niro's latest spoof of his menacing persona fail them in the absence of anything fresh or witty about the story.

As reheated leftovers go, "Analyze That" will provide a handful of broad, cheap laughs for those who relished the original and just want a second session of De Niro mocking De Niro and Crystal being Crystal.

Absurd as the premise behind these comedies is, "Analyze That" still strains credulity with an opening sequence in which imprisoned mob boss Paul Vitti (De Niro) feigns lunacy to get free and strike back against rivals on



"Analyze That," a Warner Bros. release, is rated R for language and some sexual content. Running time: 95 minutes.

Two stars (out of four).

the outside who are trying to snuff him.

Inexplicably, the feds decide that releasing a bloodthirsty, demented mobster into the keeping of his twitchy ex-analyst Ben Sobel (Crystal) will somehow help them bust up organized crime in New York City.

Early on, De Niro goes over the top trying to stretch his newfound comic flair as Vitti puts on a show to convince Ben and the prison shrink that he's a nutcase. Let's just say the sight of De Niro bellowing tunes from "West Side Story" in a padded cell is not pretty.

Once Vitti's sprung, the hoodlum and the therapist settle into a dreary retreat of their "Analyze This" dynamic, Vitti acting out,

Sobel freaking out.

Key players return from the first movie, including Joe Viterelli as Vitti's teddy-bearish bodyguard and Lisa Kudrow, whose caustic wit is wasted this time in a diminished role as Sobel's reproachful wife.

The movie reunites De Niro with his "Raging Bull" co-star Cathy Moriarty-Gentile as a mob widow who's taken over the family since Vitti went to the big house, but the scenes they share are purely pedestrian.

Under the guise of going straight, Vitti tries his hand at regular jobs - car salesman, jewelry clerk, restaurant host. He eventually lands a gig as consultant to a "Sopranos"-like TV show, and its set becomes his staging area to reunite his gang for a caper (Anthony LaPaglia appears in an uncredited role as star of the TV series).

Director Ramis has talked high-mindedly of wanting to explore morality and redemption as a murderous criminal flirts with the straight life.

Little of that winds up on screen, though. "Analyze That" mainly offers a string of flimsy comic sketches and repetitive chatter.

"You, you're good," Vitti tells Sobel several times in a reprise from the first movie. And it's not funny the first time Sobel mutters, "Grieving, it's a process," let alone the sixth.

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Odds

■ **COUNTRYSIDE, Kan.** — The mayor of this tiny Kansas City suburb finally got what he wanted — he got Countryside voted out of existence.

After a divisive campaign that pitted neighbor against neighbor in the six-square-block enclave, the city's residents decided overwhelmingly Tuesday to merge with neighboring Mission.

The election drew voter turnout of 71 percent, with consolidation prevailing by an unofficial margin of 127 to 69. Official results will be released Friday.

"It's a landslide," said Mayor Ken Davis, the merger's leading supporter. "In the long run, people are going to be happy with their lower taxes and ability to participate in the bigger community."

Voters last rejected a merger initiative in 1998 by a 2-to-1 margin.

Mission and Countryside must now schedule a joint meeting of their city councils, Davis said, and Mission must adopt a resolution stating an intent to merge.

Mission Mayor Laura McConwell had urged Countryside voters to choose consolidation, calling their city — bounded by Mission on all sides — "the hole in the doughnut."

■ **SCRANTON, Pa.** — A man charged with theft didn't have the money to pay for a rehabilitation program that would clear his criminal record, so he stole a courthouse computer to pawn off, police said.

Police said Ernesto Valdez, 32, arrived Monday at the Lackawanna County Courthouse to enroll in the Accelerated Rehabilitative Disposition program, which expunges the criminal record of first-time offenders.

Valdez did not have the \$685 enrollment fee, so he stole a court stenographer's laptop computer to pawn, according to police.

The pawn shop refused to take the computer because the power cord was missing, so Valdez returned to the courthouse to retrieve it, police said. He was arrested after a stenographer spotted him in the office with a wire dangling from his pocket, police

said. ■ Continued from p2

Valdez appeared before Judge Trish Corbett twice Monday — first she accepted him into the rehabilitation program, and later she revoked his bail and ordered him to the county prison.

Valdez had been accepted into the program after being charged in connection with theft of stereos from several cars in Scranton in June.

■ **DUPONT, Wash.** — A trash can containing as much as \$10,000 in cash was unearthed by crews preparing a forested site for a transit park-and-ride lot, officials said.

The most recent mint date on the bills and coins in the plastic garbage can was 1985, Police Chief Michael Pohl said Monday.

"The coins are so badly eroded, they're green. Some of it you can't

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Santa's no slouch in bestowing holiday TV programs

by LYNN ELBER
AP TELEVISION WRITER

LOS ANGELES — Maybe we don't really, really good this year, given that Santa's bag is overflowing with holiday television shows both classic and new.

The investment in fresh programming does not represent peanuts. Well, actually, that's just the word for a new ABC special about the Peanuts gang, "Charlie Brown's Christmas Tales."

A White House tour on HGTV, a CBS film about toy inventor A.C. Gilbert and music shows galore are among other goodies in store for well-behaved TV viewers. The highlights (all times EST):

ANIMATION

■ "A Charlie Brown Christmas," 8 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8, ABC. The late Charles M. Schulz's 1965 treasure celebrating the true meaning with Christmas with Charlie and the gang. It's followed by "Charlie Brown's Christmas Tales," based on Schulz's work, features "Peanuts" characters in vignettes.

■ "A Christmas Carol," 12:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8, Nickelodeon. Charles Dickens' tale of a stingy old man trying to reclaim his Christmas spirit features the voices of Tim Curry, Whoopi Goldberg and Ed Asner.

■ "The Christmas Orange," 8:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 9, ABC Family. A 6-year-old puts Christmas in peril when he takes Santa to court because of the paltry gift that St. Nick delivered.

■ "SpongeBob

SquarePants/SpongeBob Christmas," 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 11, Nickelodeon. SpongeBob takes the blame when Santa fails to pay a visit to Bikini Bottom.

■ "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer," 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13, CBS. The tale of a shy reindeer and his trademark nose, based on the song by Johnny Marks, is narrated by Burl Ives.

■ "How the Grinch Stole Christmas," 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13, WB. The 1966 Dr. Seuss classic about a mean Grinch who tries to deprive Whoville of Christmas.

■ "A Scooby-Doo Christmas," 8:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13, WB. The Scooby Gang tries to bring the spirit of the holiday back to a small town that is terrorized by a ghostly headless snowman.

■ "Robbie the Reindeer in Hooves of Fire," 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13, CBS. Ben Stiller, Hugh Grant and Britney Spears are among those providing the voices as Robbie tries to join Santa's sleigh team. "Robbie the Reindeer in Legend of the Lost," a new special, follows at 9:30.

■ "Frosty the Snowman," 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14, CBS. The cheerful snowman treks to the North Pole to avoid melting, pursued by evil Professor Hinkle. "Frosty Returns" follows at 8:30 p.m.

■ "Rugrats Chanukah Special," 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14, Nickelodeon. The Rugrats try to reconcile Grandpa Boris with an estranged friend after the two perform in a play about the meaning of the Jewish holiday.

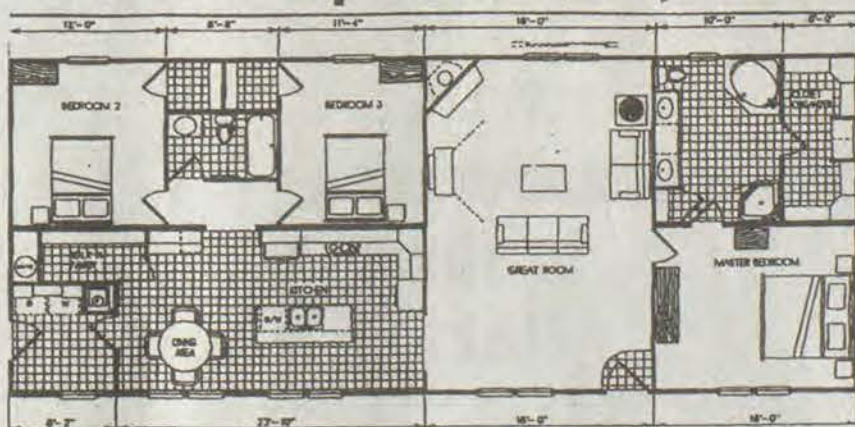
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Jack Darriel Rowe vs. Jefferson Burke; property damage.

Charges Filed

Fawn Young, 46, Tram, two counts of first-degree trafficking cocaine, second-degree trafficking, third-degree trafficking, use/possession of drug paraphernalia, prescription in improper

container, and trafficking in less than eight ounces of marijuana.

Timmy Yates, 23, Martin, fourth-degree assault.

Jessica Erin Mitchell, 21, Drift, prescription in improper container.

James Kevin Rister, 26, Garrett, first-degree criminal mischief, terroristic threatening.

Jeffrey Clark Young, 34, Allen, fugitive/governors warrant.

Stanton Con Grass, 48, Van Lear, two counts of first-degree wanton endangerment, second-degree wanton endangerment, menacing, fourth-degree assault.

Timmy Douglas Hall Jr., 21,

Grethel, second-degree assault, first-degree unlawful imprisonment.

Brian C. Sellards, 37, Prestonsburg, alcohol intoxication.

Roy Prater, 32, David, third-degree criminal trespassing.

Maria Crider, 27, Salyersville, public intoxication, disorderly conduct, resisting arrest.

Destry Len Woodard, 26, Royalton, alcohol intoxication, possession open alcoholic beverage container.

Clydetta Jean Perkins, 22, Salyersville, alcohol intoxication, possession open alcoholic beverage container.

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Denver Hall, 19, Printer, fourth-degree assault.

Lisa Kay Caudill, 31, Garrett, alcohol intoxication.

Mitchel Gibson, 51, Garrett, menacing, terroristic threatening.

Teddy Hamilton, 42, Teaberry, possession of marijuana.

Civil Suits Filed

Barbara Hamilton vs. Todd Hamilton; petition for child support and health care insurance.

Reno Hamilton vs. Melissa Hamilton; petition for child support and health care insurance.

Juanita Smith vs. Bobby F. Smith; petition for health care insurance.

Gladys Victoria Fletcher vs. Thomas Ray Fletcher; divorce.

Vivian Morgan vs. David P. Allen; petition for child support and health care insurance.

Inspections

Kentucky Fried Chicken, Prestonsburg, regular inspection.

Violations noted: Cooler has broken thermometer, food stored on floor, scoop not easily cleanable, paper towels not in dispenser, receptacle not covered. Score: 92.

Super 8 Motel, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Light out above ice machine, stair banister in poor repair, single service item not stored properly. Score: 92.

Champ's Country Cookin, McDowell, regular inspection. Violations noted: Thermometers not conspicuous, wiping cloth not properly stored, single service containers used for food storage, coats and purse not properly stored. Score: 95.

Osborne's Restaurant and Pizza, McDowell, regular inspection. Violations noted: Thermometers not conspicuous, wiping cloth use not restricted, plumbing leak, floors in disrepair, walls and ceilings in disrepair. Score: 94.

Newman's Market, Grethel, regular inspection. Violations noted: No violations observed during inspection. Score: 100.

Prestonsburg Senior Citizens, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Wooden countertop in some disrepair. Score: 99.

Property Transfers

Stephen Pinson Coburn to Ryan Powell Coburn and Meredith Carroll Coburn, property located on Abbott Creek.

Daina Purvis and William Purvis to Lesley Bryon Scott and Stephanie Dawn Scott, property location not listed.

Julia Francis Stansberry and Bobby Lynn Stansberry to Danny E. Francis and Katie C. Francis, property location not listed.

Eric Lee Shepherd, Freddie Shepherd and Recilla Shepherd to Eleanor Shepherd, property location not listed.

Programs

Special," 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 21, NBC. Fat Albert (voice of Bill Cosby) and pals offer their clubhouse as shelter for a needy family, but a landowner threatens to demolish the shack.

"A Freezerburnt Christmas," 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 21, NBC. Shy Freezerburnt tries to thwart evil toy Magnate's plan to destroy Santa, with voices by Darrell Hammond and others from "Saturday Night Live."

"Santa Baby," 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 24, Fox. The voices of Gregory Hines, Patti LaBelle, Vanessa Williams and Eartha Kitt are featured in the story of a girl (Kianna Underwood) who uses a wish to help her songwriter dad.

STOCKING STUFFERS

"The Blockbuster Hollywood Christmas Spectacular," 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8, NBC. The 71-year-old Hollywood Christmas Parade is the star of a special that includes performances by LeAnn Rimes and Destiny's Child.

"Christmas in Aspen," 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8, ABC. John Ritter, Bonnie Hunt and George Lopez are among the ABC stars singing holiday tunes. A special Andy Dick version of "Oh Christmas Tree" is promised.

"Tradicion: A Holiday Celebration," 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 10 (check local listings), PBS. A look at 1940s and '50s Christmas celebrations in Cuba with memories shared by Celia Cruz, Cristina Saralegui and others.

"America's Greatest Christmas Decorations," 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15, NBC. A coast-to-coast celebration of holiday ingenuity, including videos submitted by proud homeowners and a look at computer-aided decorating.

"The White House Christmas 2002," 9 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15, HGTV. A peek inside the holiday-bedecked White House, with the State Dining Room and other areas transformed by artisans and volunteers.

"Christmas in Washington,"

8 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15, TNT. The concert at the historic National Building Museum is set to include Allison Krause and Union Station, the Brian Setzer Orchestra and Lee Ann Womack.

"The Anna Nicole Holiday Special," 10 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15, E! Entertainment Television. Anna Nicole and pooch Sugarpie throw a party for guests including Kathy Griffin, Margaret Cho and Rip Taylor.

"The Christmas Truce," 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 17, The History Channel. The documentary recounts a World War I Christmas Day truce in which German and British soldiers came together in peaceful celebration.

"Saturday Night Live Christmas 2002," 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 17, NBC. Jimmy Fallon and Tina Fey are the hosts for a 28-year collection of the comedy show's holiday themed sketches.

"A Home for the Holidays," 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20, CBS. The fourth annual special presenting stories of adoption, told by celebrities, to bring public attention to the issue.

"Christmas Across America 2002," 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 24, HGTV. Willard Scott is the host of a 39-city tour showing the regional diversity of holiday celebrations.

"Walt Disney World Christmas Day Parade," 11 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 25, ABC. Regis Philbin and Kelly Ripa are the hosts of the parade, which features the Cirque du Soleil as well as Disney and ABC stars.

MOVIES:

"It's a Wonderful Life," 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, NBC. A special airing of the 1946 Frank Capra classic film includes, for the visually impaired, a narration by former President George Bush available through the SAP TV set function.

"Mary Christmas" 9 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8, Pax. A TV reporter's life changes when she is assigned a story about a little girl who's asked Santa for a new mom.

Cynthia Gibb and John Schneider star.

"The Locket," 9 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8, CBS. Vanessa Redgrave and Mary McDonnell star in a "Hallmark Hall of Fame" special about a young man inspired by a new friend to fight for love and fulfillment.

"The Santa Trap," 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13, Pax. A child's quest to prove Santa is real creates a comedy of errors for her family and Mr. Claus (Dick Van Patten) himself. Robert Hayes and Shelley Long co-star.

"The Man Who Saved Christmas," 9 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15, CBS. Jason Alexander and Ed Asner star in a drama based on the life of toymaker A.C. Gilbert and his effort to keep Christmas alive during World War I.

"National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation," 9 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15, NBC. The Griswolds (Chevy Chase, Beverly D'Angelo) round up the kids for a holiday trip to the Walley World amusement park.

"I'll Be Home for Christmas," 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 22, ABC. A Santa-suited college student (Jonathan Taylor Thomas) embarks on a comic odyssey to win his girlfriend back and earn a car. Jessica Biel co-stars.

"A Christmas Story," 8 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 22, TCM. The 1983 comedy starring Darren McGavin is part of a three-day TCM holiday movie showcase that includes "The Greatest Story Ever Told" at 4:30 p.m. on Christmas Day.

"A Town Without Christmas," 9 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 22, CBS. A reporter and a novelist find love as they search for a child who has written Santa a disturbing letter. Stars Patricia Heaton, Peter Falk and Rick Roberts.

FOR AULD LANG SYNE:

"New Year's Eve Comedy Cure," Tuesday and Wednesday, Dec. 31 and Jan. 1, TBS Superstation. Comedy films including "The Wedding Singer" at 8 p.m. Tuesday followed by "Dumb and Dumber" at 10 p.m. are packaged as a mock telethon to help the humorsless.

"Dick Clark's Primetime New Year's Rockin' Eve 2003" 10 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 31, ABC. Clark begins the celebration with a prime-time special featuring James Taylor, Alabama, Coldplay and John Mayer.

"Dick Clark's New Year's Rockin' Eve 2003," 11:35 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 31, ABC. The countdown to midnight and the partying continues with Missy Elliott, Nelly, Rod Stewart, Justin Timberlake and Kelly Clarkson.

Odds

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even make out any more," Pohl said.

"Obviously, there was a crime committed somewhere," Pohl said. "We're estimating 10 to 20 years ago. We're doing the best we can to try to get it back to its rightful owner."

Police have yet to count all the money but estimate the total at \$6,000 to \$10,000. Some of the bills have been sent to the Washington State Crime Laboratory to test for fingerprints and to try to trace the money.

If the owner cannot be found, the money goes to the regional transit authority.

"Probably the speculation is more interesting than the real story," said Lee Somerstein, a Sound Transit spokesman. "Maybe it was some old cumudgeon who buries his money because he doesn't trust banks."

Obituaries

Monroe Lewis

Monroe Lewis, age 56, of West Liberty, husband of Ruby Lewis, passed away Tuesday, December 3, 2002, at West Liberty.

He was born December 24, 1945, in Floyd County, the son of Rosina Boyd Lewis of Stanville, and the late Samuel Preston Taulbee Lewis. He was the owner of Lewis Sanitation Co., a Vietnam veteran, attended the Freewill Baptist Church, graduated from Frankfort Police Academy, was a former police officer in West Liberty, businessman and farmer, and belonged to the Woodmen of the World Lodge No. 722 at West Liberty.

In addition to his wife and mother, he is survived by one son, Fredrick Monroe Lewis of West Liberty; one daughter, Loretta Ruby Lewis (Danny Brian) Slone of West Liberty; three brothers, Eddie Dean Lewis of Westfield, Indiana, Roscoe Lewis of West Liberty, and Marvin Lewis of Tram; four sisters, Meleathie Harmon of Cornersville, Tennessee; Elmo Hunt of Tram, Della Faye Martin of Stanton, and Doris Jean Hunt of Stanville; four grandchildren, Chasity Necole Lewis, Brittney Shae Slone, Alexandria Danielle Slone, and Alyssa Faith Slone, all of West Liberty, and a host of friends.

He was preceded in death by his father; eight brothers, and four sisters.

Funeral services for Mr. Lewis will be held Saturday, December 6, at 2 p.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, Martin.

Burial will follow at Davidson Memorial Gardens, at Ivel, with Dennis Kidd, Dan Boyd, and Clyde Lewis officiating.

Visitation is at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

Mary Lou Newsome Walters

Mary Lou Newsome Walters, 53, formerly of Paintsville, went to be with the Lord on December 3, 2002, at 4:20 p.m., after a long battle with breast cancer. Mary Lou was a charter member of Cornerstone Baptist Church in Lexington. Her father, Ralph Newsome, preceded her in death.

Survivors include Lula Newsome of McDowell; her husband of more than 35 years, Ed Walters, of Lexington; two daughters, Amy Mulfinger of Louisville, and Amanda Wall of Lexington; two sons-in-law, Rob Mulfinger and Bryan Wall; a granddaughter, Sydney Wall; the little boy she thought of as a grandson, Keaton Smith; eight sisters, Alicetene Ward of McDowell, Inis Jean Grimm of Prestonsburg, Christina Simpson of Prestonsburg, Barbara Tuttle of Auxier, Vada Sue Savage of Smithland, Ruth Ann Williams of Paintsville, Brenda Henson of Auxier, and Dottie Spradlin of Denver; one brother, Ralph Newsome Jr. of McDowell. Mary Lou is also survived by many loving brothers and sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews and friends.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Friday, at Cornerstone Baptist Church in Lexington. Interment will follow at Lexington Cemetery. Visitation was Thursday at Kerr Brothers Funeral Home, Main St., Lexington, and will be held Friday, from 12 to 1 p.m., at the church.

Memorials are suggested to Cornerstone Baptist Church, in memory of Mary Lou Walters, 4451 Winchester Road, Lexington, KY 40505. (Paid obituary)

Raymond Zemo

Raymond Zemo, age 77, of Prestonsburg, passed away Wednesday, December 4, 2002, at his residence, after an extended illness.

He was born February 6, 1925, a son of the late Michael and Justina (Sokoloski) Zemo. He was married to Mary (Mullins) Zemo, who survives him.

He was a retired retail marketer and mechanic for Gulf Oil and I.C.I. Explosives; was a World War II veteran, having served in Army Air Corps; and was a member of Zebulon Lodge No. 273, F&AM, in Prestonsburg. In addition to his wife, he is survived by one son, Allen Ray Zemo of Pikeville; one daughter, Amy Broadhurst of Louisville; three sisters, Sophia Shockey of Pikeville, Dorothy Martinez of Pahump, Nevada, and Francis Hedges of Midlothian, Virginia; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, December 7, at 11 a.m., at the Burke Funeral Home Chapel, Prestonsburg, with Evangelist Tim Blankenship officiating.

Burial will be in Davidson Memorial Gardens at Ivel.

All arrangements are under the direction of Burke Funeral Home, Prestonsburg. (Paid obituary)

Stella E. Crum Whitely Akers

Stella E. Crum Whitely Akers, age 97, of Betsy Layne, passed away Saturday, November 30, 2002, at the Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg.

She was born October 6, 1905, in Red Jacket, West Virginia, the daughter of the late Samuel Crum and Maude Nunnery Crum.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Raymond Whitely, and her second husband, Grant Akers. She was a former storekeeper for Pike-Floyd Coal Company at Betsy Layne.

Survivors include two sons, Raymond Whitely of Hemet, California, and Donald Whitely of Lexington; one brother, Joe Crum of Hemet California; two grandchildren, Michael Whitely of Betsy Layne, and Randy Whitely of California.

Funeral services for Stella E. Akers were conducted Wednesday, December 4, at 11 a.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, Martin, with the clergyman, Gary Mitchell, officiating.

Burial was in the Davidson Memorial Gardens, at Ivel, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

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COMMENTARY

Ticket prices a sign of the times

by BILLY REED
 TIMES COLUMNIST

Earlier this week, my daughter Susan and her husband, Nick Kosko, went to New York City for a few days of vacation and shopping. I got the bright idea that, as part of their Christmas present, I would buy them two



Billy Reed
 Columnist

tickets to last Monday's game between the Knicks and the Cleveland Cavaliers. "What kind of seats do you want?" the ticket broker said.

"The best available," I replied. "I've got a couple at court-side," he said. "Great," I said, envisioning Susan and Nick sitting next to Spike Lee or Regis Philbin. "How much are they?" "They're \$280 per ticket," he said.

Once recovering from my fainting spell, I ordered two tick-

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BENTLEY'S COMMENTS

Notes, notes, and more notes

by RICK BENTLEY
 TIMES COLUMNIST

Today, we have the IDEA to do notes, and dedicate them to one of Pike County's finest, Leon Huffman.



Rick Bentley
 Columnist

■ Hard to believe, but it's high school basketball season already. Welcome back, my friends.

While we at the college are 1/3 of the way through

our schedules already, the prep players are just getting things started. It will be interesting to see how the season plays out.

There are three keys to the season, I believe. The first is how the established powers fare. Teams like Paintsville, Shelby Valley and Allen Central seem to be in the hunt each year for the regional crown, and I see no reason why this should be any dif-

(See BENTLEY, page four)

ON TAP

Raiders-Patriots rescheduled for tonight

The South Floyd-Knott County Central boys' basketball game scheduled for Wednesday night was canceled due to inclement weather. It has been rescheduled for tonight, weather permitting. The junior varsity game is scheduled for a 6 p.m. tip. The varsity game is slated for a 7:30 start. The game will be a season-opener for Raiders.

ALC 64, Virginia Intermont 60

by STEVE LeMASTER
 SPORTS EDITOR

PIPPA PASSES - Looking to go over the .500 winning percentage mark on the season, Alice Lloyd's men's basketball team entertained Virginia Intermont Tuesday night in the second game of a men's-women's doubleheader. The Virginia Intermont

men entered the contest with a 3-7 mark on the season. Alice Lloyd stood at 4-4, but would eventually improve its standing in the win-loss column, downing the visiting Virginia school 64-60.

The Eagles went into the halftime break with a 33-36 lead. Eight Eagles broke into the scorebooks under the total points heading, led by Tommy

McKenzie with 20. McKenzie also led Alice Lloyd in assists with five and shared game-high rebounding honors with teammates Kent Campbell and Nick Samons. All three ALC men had six boards apiece.

Samons tossed in nine points, while Campbell finished with eight.

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Tommy McKenzie (Johnson Central) led the Eagles in three offensive categories in Tuesday night's win.

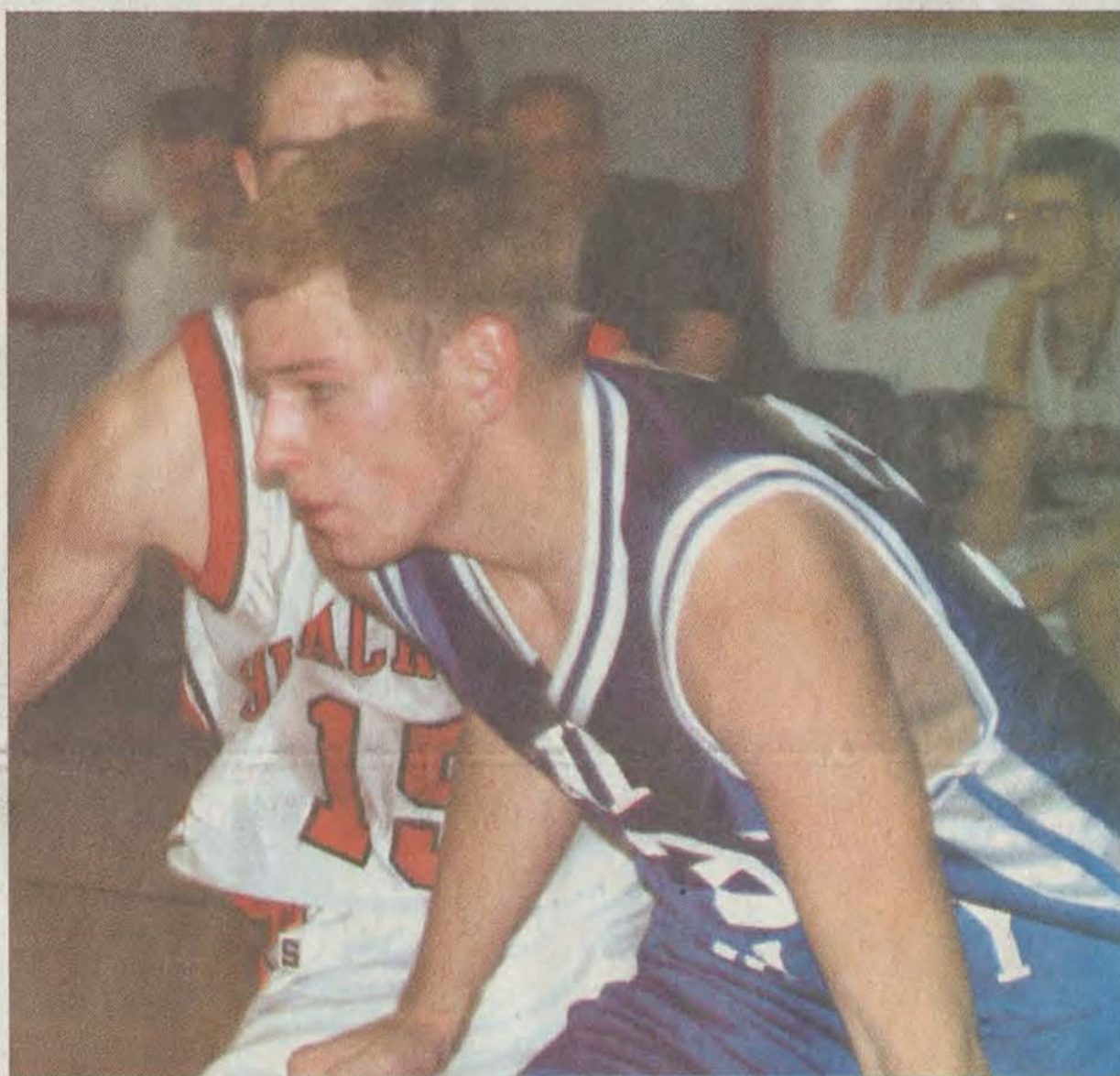


photo by Jamie Howell

Shelby Valley's Paul Terry Fleming drove against Prestonsburg junior Nick Jamerson.

Super sophs power Valley past P'burg

by STEVE LeMASTER
 SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG - Last season could be chalked up as a successful one for the Prestonsburg boys' basketball team and head coach Jackie Day Crisp. The

Blackcats finished second in the 58th District during the 2001-02 campaign and earned a trip to the regional tournament where Shelby Valley was eventually crowned as the top team. Valley visited Prestonsburg on Tuesday night and after toiling with the Blackcats

through a 20-15 first quarter pulled away for a 83-67 win.

The sophomore duo of Seth Kiser and Kelsey Friend finished with 18 and 24 points respectively, to lead the defending 15th Region

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SCOREBOARD

SHELBY VALLEY (83) - Akers 16, Fleming 15, R. Tackett 5, Kiser 18, Friend 24, T. Tackett 6, Newsome 1.
 PRESTONSBURG (67) - Bentley 11, Kidd 15, Jamerson 11, Compton 16, Morrison 9, Willis 5.

H.S. BASKETBALL

Bobcats drop opener to Magoffin

by STEVE LeMASTER
 SPORTS EDITOR

SALYERSVILLE - For the second time in the last three seasons, the Magoffin County Hornets are victorious in a season-opener. Bad news for the Betsy Layne boys' basketball team is the fact that

Magoffin's wins have come at their expense. The latest Magoffin County win over a Betsy Layne team came Tuesday night in a 77-66 home victory over Coach Brent Rose and the Bobcats. The win was very good news to Magoffin County head coach Danny Adams.

The veteran Hornet coach saw his team suffer through a dismal single digit win season last winter. Now, he already has one victory on the season, thanks to

(See BOBCATS, page three)

H.S. FOOTBALL

Kentucky All-State Football Team

by CHRIS DUNCAN
 ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE - The careers of Trinity junior quarterback Brian Brohm and Male senior quarterback Michael Bush keep coming together.

The two were both featured in a recent Sports Illustrated article and Saturday they will meet for the third straight season in the Class 4-A championship game.

Their paths crossed again Wednesday when they were both named to the Associated Press All-State First Team at their position.

Brohm and Bush each received seven votes from a panel of 19 sports writers and broadcasters.

The 6-foot-4, 195-pound Brohm, the younger brother of former Louisville Cardinals Greg and Jeff Brohm, has com-

(See TEAM, page three)



The Allen Elementary boys' varsity cheerleaders competed in the East Kentucky Dance and Cheer Competition held at Prestonsburg High School on Saturday, Nov. 16. The cheerleaders were crowned grand champions. The Allen squad won first-place in both the simple cheer and gymnastics cheer divisions. Allen finished second in the pom routine portion of the competition. The three finishes qualified Allen as the Grand Champion of the event.

High School B'ball Roundup

Paintsville tops Pike Central

BUCKLEYS CREEK - Paintsville proved to be just too much for Pike Central in this opener, a 59-46 win for the Tigers.

"We were able to get back into the game at that point," Rowe said. "I thought overall defensively

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S P O R T S B O A R D



Left: Driving and Training title champions of Thunder Ridge 2002, Josh Sutton (left) and Clint Binkley. The two harness racers enjoyed a successful fall stint at the Prestonsburg track.



Right: Co-leading driver Chris Loney took a turn around the track. Loney and Sutton shared the driving title this fall with 37 wins each. Magic After Dark is the horse in the win photo following the fastest time of 157.3. The 9-year old son of Albert Albert is trained by Brian Loney. This fall's live harness racing season at Thunder Ridge ran through mid-November.

NAIA WOMEN

Lady Bears enter NAIA rankings

TIMES STAFF REPORT

Five weeks ago, the Lady Bears of Pikeville College were the only Mid-South Conference team to not get votes in the pre-season basketball poll. Today, the Lady Bears got enough votes to enter the national ratings.

Pikeville College is ranked 25th in this week's national poll thanks to an 8-2 record through the first month play. This came on the same day as the newest poll reveal the Bears had moved from No. 25 to 12th. It is believed that this is the first time both teams have been ranked the same week.

"Our young ladies have worked very hard, and hopefully they'll see this as a reward for it," said Bill Watson, head coach of the Lady Bears. "We play some very good teams in the near future, but hopefully we'll be up to the task. We're also very happy that both of our teams are in the poll. Hopefully it speaks highly of what we're trying to do."

The Lady Bears are only three points behind No. 24 Georgetown College.

The Lady Bears opened their season with five straight wins, including the championship of their own Mr. Gatti's Invitational with a 69-58 win over Vanguard (Calif.) University. They suffered their first loss to Shawnee State (Ohio) University a week later 62-57 in the finals of their tournament.

NAIA MEN

Intermont beats Alice Lloyd

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PIPPA PASSES - Get outrebounded 49-24 and your chances of winning are likely be cut at least in half. Gather in just nine offensive rebounds compared to 24 defensive boards from your opponent and things look even worse. The Alice Lloyd College women's basketball team got outrebounded by 25 Tuesday night and suffered a 76-66 loss to visiting Virginia Intermont in the process.

Visiting Virginia Intermont led the host Lady Eagles 35-27 at the half and won the second half 41-39 to post the win.

ALC was successful on more than half of its free-throw attempts, hitting on 11 of 19 tries from the charity line.

Sarah Gooding was the leading scorer for Alice Lloyd with 19 points. Leah

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CHEERLEADING



CHEERLEADERS HONORED

Left: Allison Hamilton won the individual cheer competition held during the East Kentucky Cheer and Dance Competition at Prestonsburg High School. The competition was held in November. Hamilton is an eighth-grader at Allen Elementary.

Above: Congratulations goes out to a group of Allen varsity cheerleaders for winning the stunt group competition. Allen cheerleaders pictured, in no particular order are Jackie Joseph, Eden Johnson, Kassie Prater, Ashley Moore and Allison Hamilton.

GRADE SCHOOL

Allen rolls over Stumbo in Shag Campbell Tournament

by JAMIE HOWELL
SPORTS WRITER

ALLEN - The Allen Eagles seem to always play on another level during the Shag Campbell Tournament and on Monday evening the Eagles put on quite a display cruising past John M. Stumbo 60-26 in A-Team play. Tyler Hamilton led the host Eagles in scoring with 12 points on the

night. Allen jumped out in front 17-6 after one quarter and increased the lead to 35-9 at the half.

Thomas Samons scored seven of his 11 points in the first quarter and Brennan Case netted six of his eight points in the first half. Chad Conn scored the only three points of the second quarter for Stumbo.

Conn finished the game with five points. Allen continued to increase the lead in the third quarter behind the play of Justin Collins who netted seven of his nine points in the quarter. Josh Rodebaugh finished with eight points all coming in the second quarter for Allen. Stumbo would trail 50-18 after three quarters and Allen would coast home in the final period.

Scoring totals for the game follow. Allen - Tyler Hamilton 12, Thomas Samons 11, Justin Collins 9, Josh

Rodebaugh 8 points, Brennan Case 8, Justin Robinson 4, Nick McManus 4, Jacob Couch 2, Jarred Harmon 2. John M. Stumbo - Colby Hayes 8, Chad Conn 5, Adam Gillespie 4, Kory Henry 3, Jeremy Osborne 2, Adam Slone 2, Casey Tackett 2.

B-Team: Allen 61, Stumbo 25
Josh Rodebaugh led the way for the Allen Elementary B-Team, scoring 11 points in a 61-25 win over John M. Stumbo. Tyler Hamilton and Adam Gearheart had 10 points

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H.S BASKETBALL

Cordia 96, Piarist 27

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

MARTIN - Things got off to a rocky start for Piarist Coach Darnella Bradley in her first regular-season game back at the helm of the girls' program. The Lady Knights dropped a 96-27 decision to Cordia earlier this week.

Cordia dominated the entire contest, running out to a 35-2 lead by the end of the first quarter. The visiting Lady Lions led 47-12 at the break. The score stood Cordia 74, Piarist 17 at the end of three quarters.

Rachel Williams, Prestonsburg, was the leading scorer for Piarist with nine points. Lauren

Preston, also of Prestonsburg, chipped in eight. McDowell's Mary Bentley, a junior, finished with six. Lakita Lykens, Auxier, chipped in with three and newcomer Jessica Pate, another student-athlete from Prestonsburg, had a free-throw.

Weather permitting, Piarist is scheduled to host Jackson City in a game tonight at 6 p.m. The last win notched by a Piarist School girls' basketball team came over Oneida Baptist Institute on January 7, 2000. The Lady Knights won 40-34. Since that triumphant January day, the Piarist girls have went winless over two seasons. Both of the winless seasons came under former head coach Gary Kidd.

photo by Jamie Howell

Michael Morrison lofted a free-throw in the second half against Shelby Valley.

DIRT TRACK

Ridge sends out open invite to banquet

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG - Dave Bokleman and the staff at Thunder Ridge Raceway invite members of the media to attend the annual Thunder Ridge Stock Car Banquet.

This year's banquet will be held at the Thunder Ridge Entertainment Complex in the clubhouse. The banquet will begin at 7 p.m. on Monday night.

The annual banquet is held every year to honor the Track Champions as well as all the drivers that competed at Thunder

Ridge Raceway over the past season.

Several items will be discussed about the 2003 season including schedules, rules, and other topics.

Also, Thunder Ridge is asking that everyone please bring a toy to

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YOUTH SOCCER

EKYSA league refs complete training

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PRESTONSBURG - The league referees of the East Kentucky Youth Soccer Association just recently just completed their re-certifica-

tion course. The Four officials from Johnson County completed the course. Don Parker, Melinda Parker, Don Salyer and Dexter Allen were the four who tended from



photo by Jamie Howell
Michael Morrison lofted a free-throw in the second half against Shelby Valley.

Cats scorch nets but had to hold off High Point

by ED TAYLOR
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

After the University of Kentucky dismantled a gamed High Point University team last Tuesday night, and defeated a very good Gonzaga team earlier, it is clear that the inside game will carry the Cats this basketball season. I like Marquis Estill and the way he plays without the ball around the basket. When I



saw him play in the State Tournament some years ago, I never really thought he would make it as a college player. Shows you how

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Roundball

we played well."

Rutledge was a dominant force. The Pike team pulled to within six at 44-38 behind the hot-shooting of Barry Sanders, but Rutledge and Paintsville answered each and every trip back down the floor.

"He's an outstanding player," Rowe said. "Barry did a nice job of keeping us in the game, but he (Rutledge) just kept making one big play after another for them."

Senior Adam Collins tossed in 10 points and junior Peyton Conley chipped in eight for the Tigers.

"Rutledge just keeps coming up with big games for us," Runyon said. "Our kids just kept fighting and fighting out there and we were able to get out of here with the win."

Sanders was the only Hawk

to score in double figures. Ben Pugh followed with eight and Adam Prater tossed in eight.

Paintsville made good on 19 shots from the floor — four were three-pointers. The Tigers made good on 17 of 23 foul shots.

The Hawks (0-1) hit 17 field goals, one trey, and 11 of 17 free throws.

"We made just one of 13 shots from three-point range for the game," Rowe said. "They did a nice job of forcing us to take some hurried shots."

Pike Central will return to action on Saturday at Lawrence County.

Paintsville will play at Betsy Layne on Tuesday.

SCORING:

Paintsville (59) - Adam Rice 0 4-5 4; Stuart Rutledge 10 6-8 26; Adam Collins 1(2) 2-4 10; Shane

Simpkins 2(1) 0-0 7; Peyton Conley 1(1) 3-4 8; Ryan Jarrell 1 2-2 4. Totals: 15(4) 17-23 59.

Pike Central (46) - Barry

Sanders 7 2-5 16; Adam Prater 2 3-5 7; Bobby Mullins 2 0-1 4; Chase Lyons 1 4-4 6; Justin McCurry 0(1) 0-0 3; Ben Pugh 3 2-2 8; John Williamson 1 0-0 2. Totals: 16(1) 11-17 46.

May floats in layup, gives Cards win

ASHLAND — Freshman standout Brandon May scored on a layup with 5.2 seconds remaining Tuesday night as visiting Sheldon Clark escaped with a close 59-57 season-opening win over Ashland Fairview.

pleted 207 of 310 passes for 3,225 yards with 40 touchdown passes and just one interception this season. The Shamrocks have won 23 games in a row, including last year's 4-A championship game.

Bush, named Kentucky's Mr. Football on Wednesday, has completed 157 of 257 passes for 2,423 yards and 29 touchdowns. He's also rushed for 795 yards and six touchdowns.

Brohm and Bush each had two teammates on the first team. Trinity senior receiver Tashawn McBroom earned 11 of 19 votes, the most for a pass-catcher. The Mr. Football nominee caught 52 passes for 915 yards and nine touchdowns during the regular season. Trinity senior offensive lineman Dylan Thiry was the third Shamrock on the first team.

Male senior running back Sergio Spencer garnered six votes after rushing for 930 yards and scoring 29 touchdowns during the regular season. Male senior offensive lineman Casey Shumate also made the first team.

Paducah Tilghman junior Joe Casey was the other running back on the first team, tying Spencer with six votes. Casey rushed for 1,612 yards and 24 touchdowns during the regular season.

Lexington Catholic's John Logan was the other receiver named to the first team. The 5-11, 170-pound Logan caught 38 passes for 1,023 yards and 13 touchdowns this season.

Lexington Dunbar tight end Clint Keller also made the first team after catching 43 passes for 741 yards and eight touchdowns this season.

Mayfield junior Micah Jones, Hopkinsville senior Ricky Abren and Henderson County junior Thomas Leinenbach rounded out the first-team offensive line.

Lexington Catholic's Tripp Eckerline, who converted a state-record 73 straight extra-point kicks, was the first-team kicker.

Boyle County senior defensive back Jacob Tamme, who

had 10 interceptions in 2001 and had eight in this regular season, was the top vote-getter on the first team defense, with 14.

Louisville Manual senior Byron Tinker and Louisville Trinity junior Blake Nix joined the Louisville St. Xavier duo of Dan Bick and Danny Zepp on the first-team defensive line.

Lawrence County senior Jacob Hostetter, who will play at Tennessee, led all linebackers with 10 votes. Boyle County's Michael Paul Webb and Mayfield's Jay Burgett joined Hostetter on the first-team line-backing corps.

Boyle County and Mayfield will both play for state championships this weekend in Louisville.

Louisville Manual senior Keenan Burton, Louisville St.

the break.

The game was close throughout as Ashland Fairview held a slim 42-41 lead going to the final quarter. It was also tied at 51 all.

Steven Howell chipped in nine points for the Cardinals (1-0). Braxton Lafferty added in eight.

Zack Moore led a trio of players in double-figure scoring for Fairview with 15 points

to share game-high honors with May.

Brett Cooksey added 14 and Cody Fanning hit for a baker's dozen in a losing effort.

Sheldon Clark is scheduled to return to the tonight at Ashland Paul Blazer.

The Cardinals will play their first home game on Tuesday against Pikeville High

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Reed

ets, but at a much, much less expensive area of Madison Square Garden.

After this bit of culture shock, I began thinking that our state was lucky that University of Kentucky and University of Louisville tickets were so relatively inexpensive. But then I had another thought: Are they really?

For good season tickets, the printed price is only the tip of the iceberg.

Hefty donations are required to the UK Blue-White Fund and the Cardinal

Athletic Fund. Floor-level seats, located in the area formerly known as the press table, sell for such astronomical amounts that I wouldn't be surprised if it worked out to an average of \$280 per ticket per home game — or even higher.

And that's the good news. The bad news is that the ticket prices and donation levels at both universities are only going in one direction. In a multiple-choice quiz where the answers are either "up" or "down," give yourself a gold star if you correctly guessed "up."

I understand that both universities must raise prices and donations to keep up with the ever-rising costs of education and big-time college athletics.

They're not trying to "gouge" the public as much as they are trying to stay on the same competitive level with their rivals. That's why both UK and U of

L are planning to build new basketball practice facilities.

At the same time, it seems that both UK and U of L have a moral obligation to at least give the fans as much bang for their bucks as they possibly can.

This is where I think the ticket-buying public is being exploited. As evidence, I offer the 2002-03 non-conference ome schedules for both programs.

At UK, the menu consists of two exhibition games (Athletes in Action and Team Nike), three benefit games for Coach Tubby Smith's friends (High Point, Tennessee State, and Alcorn State), and two decent games (Michigan State and Notre Dame).

As has been the recent custom, the "home" game against Indiana will be played in Louisville's Freedom Hall, where tickets are split 50-50 between the schools, and the "home" game against Ohio U. will be played in Cincinnati.

At U of L, the home non-conference schedules consists of two exhibitions (EA Sports and One World All-Stars), two games against teams coached by former Rick Pitino players at UK (South Alabama and Eastern Kentucky), two less-than-formidable foes (Air Force and Furman), and two good games (Kentucky and Indiana).

But at least U of L fans get a

couple of consolation prizes: There are no "home" games scheduled for "neutral" sites, and they'll get first crack at good seasons for the Conference USA tournament in Freedom Hall.

If this were a story for Consumer Report, I'd have to say that season tickets at Western Kentucky, Murray State, Eastern Kentucky, Morehead State, and Kentucky State all will give the fans far more entertainment value for their dollars than either UK or U of L.

The trend toward providing less quality for more money started 10 or 15 years ago. For example, compare this year's UK home non-conference schedule with the one played 25 years ago by the 1977-78 NCAA champs: Southern Methodist, Indiana, South Carolina (then a Metro member), Portland State, St. John's, Iona, and Nevada-Las Vegas.

No exhibition games and no "home" games at neutral sites. (Those were the days when UK-Notre Dame was a holiday staple in Freedom Hall.)

At U of L that same season — and, remember, this was before the Cards had won their first NCAA championship — the home non-conference schedule consisted of Vanderbilt, Michigan, Robert Morris, Purdue, Dayton, Marquette (then an independent), LaSalle, Georgia, Southwest Louisiana, and Ball State.

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As a further example of the less-for-more principle, consider the following list of attractive non-conference opponents and the last time they played UK in Lexington: Arizona (never), California (1979), Cincinnati (1987), Dayton (1967), DePaul (1970), Duke (1969), Illinois (1982), Indiana (1988), Kansas (1990), Michigan (1968), Minnesota (1957), Missouri (1971), N.C. State (1985), Ohio State (1980), Oklahoma State (1974), Purdue (1979), St. John's (1977), Texas Tech (1986), UCLA (1961), Virginia (1966), West Virginia (1991), and Xavier (1968).

Unfortunately, U of L doesn't provide such information in its media guide, but here are some worthy non-conference foes that haven't played the Cards at

Bobcats

Tuesday night's win.

"It's good anytime you can start the season out with a win," said Adams. "But we still have some things we need to work on."

Clifton Barker and Jason Arnett scored 26 points apiece to lead Magoffin to the win. The host Hornets started slow out of the gates, trailing 15-13

at the end of the first quarter. However, the lead would be short-lived for the Bobcats. Magoffin County doubled up the Hornets 22-11 in the second quarter to lead 35-26 at the break. Magoffin County won the third period 20-16. Rose's Bobcats cut into the Hornets' lead in the fourth quarter before falling. Magoffin County won the final stanza 24-22.

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Virginia Intermont in scoring with 20 points. Chris Wise turned in a double-double for the visiting Cobras, adding 13 points and 13 rebounds on the night.

The Alice Lloyd men's unit was scheduled to be back in action last night against Milligan College, in a 7:30 p.m. game, weather permitting. Results from that contest were unavailable and will appear in a future edition.

ALC

Jimmy Stumbo finished with seven points and Shannon Akers and Hondo Hearne each chipped in six. Ryan Shannon added five points off the bench and Matt Spencer, a starting guard for the Eagles, along with McKenzie and Samons, rounded out the scoring for the host team with three digits. Jason Knott, Jeremy Daniels and Jimmy Burchett played for Alice Lloyd, but did not score.

Derrick Kaufman led

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ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Trevor Compton,
Prestonsburg High School



Valerie King,
South Floyd High School



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Talented grid players honored

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

Doug Ormay, former voice of Minor League baseball in Paintsville, currently of the Kentucky News Network has released winners of the Roy Kidd Football Player of the Year. The banquet will be at the KHSAA Office on Monday, Dec. 9.

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Johnson County. A list of all of the officials attending from all area counties was not available at press time.

The 2003 EKYS spring season is expected to start in either March or April.

Alice Lloyd

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Whitley tossed in 12 points and Erica Webb finished with 11. Belicia Mullins flipped in six points and Devon Reynolds added five.

Nine of Gooding's team-best 19 came on a three of five performance on three-pointers. The senior had game-high in totals in assists (5) and steals (4).

Ashley Booker posted a double-double for Intermont, scor-

ing 20 points and rounding up 15 rebounds.

Each team turned the ball over 31 times in the game.

The ALC women's team was scheduled to be back on the court yesterday evening against Milligan. Results were unavailable at press time. The ALC women will travel to Brevard on Saturday for a game at 5:30 p.m.

Banquet

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be donated to a charity for the Kids of Eastern Kentucky for the Christmas season.

The schedule for the 2003 dirt track racing season at Thunder Ridge has been a very highly debated subject since the final race of the 2002 season at the Prestonsburg track. The Miller Brothers Coal/Pepsi-sponsored race drew a huge crowd of fans. The 2003 season promises even more. The very competitive Battle of the

Bluegrass dirt series is expected back, possibly for more than one race.

A finalized schedule could be released at the Monday night banquet.

For more information or for reservations to the banquet, call Mary at 606/886-7223(RACE).

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Cats

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much I know.

Although they have struggled when on the floor, I am impressed with some of the younger players and I see some confidence building for them as they get more time on the hardwood. Brandon Stockton, a former Mr. Basketball, may be too short, but remember a player by the name of "Baby Magic" who played above his stature on the court? I look for Stockton to be a good player off the bench for the four years he is there.

UK shot a sizzling 70 percent the first half of the game but still High Point hung around. They are a much improved ballclub from last year.

BOWL BIDS

Every college team at one time or another hopes for a bowl bid, any bowl bid. But for the University of Florida Gators, it is almost like an insult that they were invited to play in the Outback Bowl against Michigan

(9-3) on New Year's Day. The Wolverines were ranked 13 in the latest poll while the Gators held the number 23 spot in the top 25.

Florida finished with an 8-4 mark, something that most schools would love to have. But Gator fans here are still scratching their heads, wondering what went wrong this season. While the Gators are used to finishing in the top 10, they will do well, even with a win, to make the final 15 in the last poll.

BIG SEC MATCH UP

The Arkansas Razorbacks and Georgia Bulldogs will kick things off for the SEC championship this Saturday, but the Razorbacks fell to UK earlier in the season. That is a plus for the Cats, to have a team they beat, playing for the championship.

Georgia, a team the Cats played tough the first half, should take home the coveted crown. Athletics at Georgia has

quarterback Adam Schott.

MARTY REAGAN, Rockcastle County - Heading into this year's 3-A championship game, Reagan has rushed for 2,141 yards on 260 carries, an average of 8.2 yards per attempt. The 5-7, 155-pounder has caught 11 passes for 164 yards

and scored 38 touchdowns. During his career, Marty has rushed for 4,203 yards, intercepted 24 passes and scored 536 points.

JUSTIN HADDIX, Breathitt County - The 6-1, 190-pound Haddix has completed 67-percent of his passes this season for 4,110 yards and 55 touchdowns. He's also ran for 1,094 yards and 19 touchdowns. For his career, Haddix has thrown for 6,698 yards and 87 touchdowns. He's also been a three-year starter on defense.

ADAM SCHOTT, Danville - The Admirals quarterback com-

pleted a 38-6 record as a starter and was a key member of two Class A State Championship teams.

This year, in leading Danville to the Class A semifinals, he threw for 1,939 yards and 18 touch-

downs. He also holds the school records for yards passing with 6,330, and touchdown passes with 66.

The presentation of the awards will be made by former Eastern

Kentucky University football coach Roy Kidd on Monday at 7 p.m. at the Kentucky High School Athletic Association Head-quarters, 2280 Executive Drive, in Lexington.

photo by Jamie Howell



Prestonsburg head coach Jackie Day Crisp had his players gathered around him during a timeout against Shelby Valley Tuesday night.

Tournament

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apiece. Allen held a commanding lead at the half en route to the victory.

Adam Slone led Stumbo in the scoring category with eight points. Jeremy Osborne and Nathan Martin chipped in four points apiece for the Mustangs in

the short effort. Kory Henry, Colby Hayes and Dakota Hall all had two points apiece for Stumbo.

Adams 35, Blaine 28

The Adams Middle B-Team held off a scrappy Blaine 'B' unit

Bentley

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ferent.

Next we'll see who will step up this year and try to grab the brass ring. It will be interesting to see which of the teams without as much history of success can get things rolling in the right direction and try to make this their special winter in these mountains.

Finally, the third thing to watch will be the play of the new kids on the block, the Warriors of East Ridge High. Both basketball teams spent much of the summer trying to mesh their squads, and we'll soon see how much success they will have in their first go-round in the 15th Region.

Whatever happens, it will be a winter with magic in the air. The folks at ESPN didn't spend the majority of last season driving around the hills and hollers for nothing. The best basketball in the country is played right here, and this season should be no different.

On the same day the Philadelphia Phillies unveiled new first baseman Jim Thome, the other object of their affection was back home in Atlanta.

Word has it that neither Philly nor the New York Mets have posted the right numbers to land Tom Glavine, so he spent Tuesday meeting with the Braves administration in an effort to get the deal done.

Inside word has it that while Glavine is seeking a four-year deal, only Atlanta could get him for three. I believe if the Braves laid out a package worth three years and a reasonable option for the fourth, Glavine would agree to finish his career in the Deep South.

In case you were wondering, says here the most complete player in the NBA is Dirk

Nowitski of the Dallas Mavericks. The 7-foot West German is averaging 21.7 points and an even 11 rebounds per game while shooting 44.6 percent from the field and 35.4 percent from the arc.

A 7-footer making more than 1/3 of his three-point shots? And, his team enters play tonight in Los Angeles with a 17-1 record as they approach the quarter-pole.

Sensational. Michael Bush was named Mr. Football on Wednesday, and the Male product is on the short list of candidates for Mr. Basketball in the state this year as well.

Should he pull that off, he would be the first to do so. The last serious candidate for both was Tim Couch. The Pride of Leslie County who was taken with the top pick in the 2000 NFL draft was named Mr. Football in 1995, and lost out in the Mr. Basketball race to Greenwood High's Daymeon Fishback despite averaging around 28 points per game for the Eagles.

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Champion. Following the game, Shelby Valley head coach Rodney Rowe was pleased but not at all content with his team's win in the first game of the season.

"We're happy to be able to go on the road and win in the first game of the season," said Rowe, "but we have a long way to go to get back to where we were last season."

After trailing 20-15 through the first quarter, Prestonsburg was outscored 23-15 in the second period to go into the half

with a 43-30 deficit to try and overcome.

The 13-point deficit at the break wasn't very indicative of Prestonsburg's second-quarter effort. The final minute of the second quarter saw Shelby Valley (1-0) go on a run that would eventually be just the beginning of the end for the host Blackcats.

Trailing by 18 points in the third frame, the Blackcats (0-1) mounted a valiant comeback bid, outscoring the Wildcats 18-12 in the period. Rebounding failures and an experienced Shelby Valley offense, pushed the Blackcats away in the final quarter. The Wildcats outscored host Prestonsburg 28-19 in the last quarter

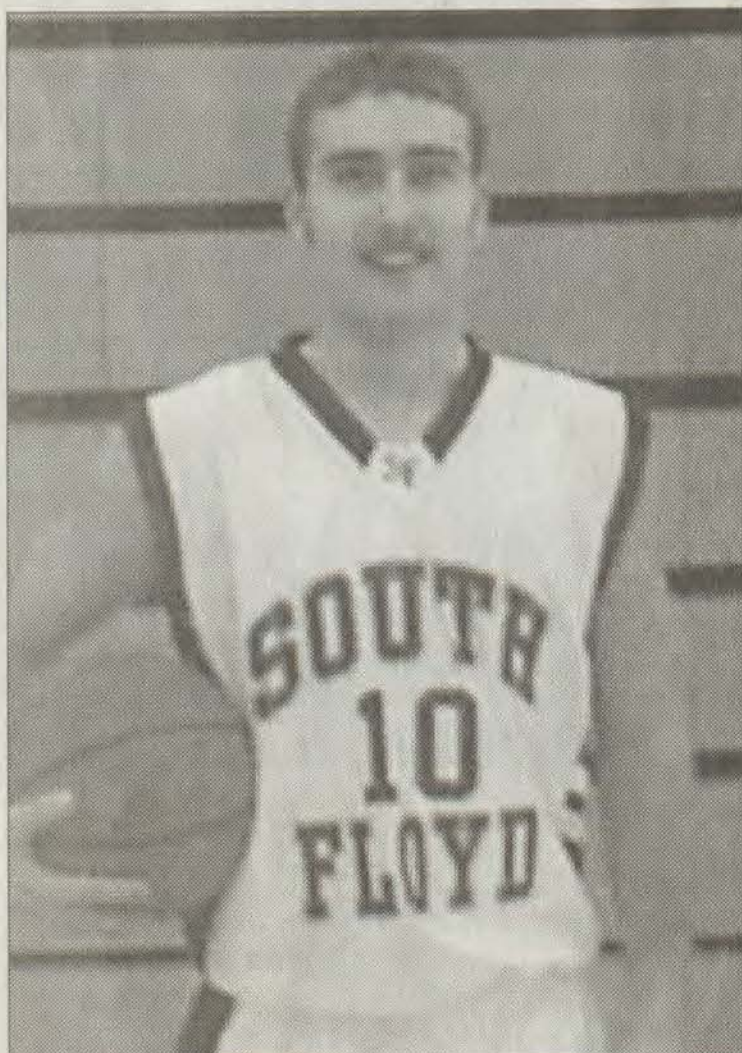
Veteran players Paul Terry Fleming and Philip Akers finished with 15 and 14 points, respectively for Shelby Valley.

Sophomore guard Trevor Compton had an excellent scoring night with 16 points. Compton drew his fourth foul in the early goings of the second half. If not for that, Compton would have likely scored well over 20.

Prestonsburg senior Chris Kidd scored 15 points and junior teammate Nick Jamerson finished with 11. Sophomore Kris Bentley also had 11 points for the Blackcats. Michael Morrison, another sophomore, added nine points. Senior Joey Willis chipped in five points.

Prestonsburg, weather permitting, was scheduled to play in the Central Bank/Clark County Tip-Off Tournament this week in Winchester.

Shelby Valley is next back in action at home on Tuesday against Knott County Central. Varsity tip-time is 7:30 p.m.



ROUNDBALL SPOTLIGHT - MICHAEL HALL
Senior Michael Hall (5-11) returns to the South Floyd High boys' basketball team this season as one of the state's top players.

'NOLES LOVE HAMILTON

He is only in his first season at Florida State, but the Seminoles have found a basketball coach they actually like. Former UK assistant Leonard Hamilton is at the helm of the program this season and has his Florida State team off to a 3-0 start.

OTHER STUFF

It is good to read that Darnella Bradley is back at The Piarist School coaching the girls' team. Darnella was a very good player for Coach Bonita Compton at Allen Central.

There was a little kid who used to always take part in the events of Kids Day at the Park, sponsored by WMDJ and Food City. Austin Francis used to win all the events in his age group. Now he stands 6-1 and is playing for the Rebels at Allen Central. Where has time gone?

But the same also with one Shannon Sizemore, who is playing well for Alice Lloyd College. Shannon was one of those dribble-down-the-floor, fire-it-up players at Martin Elementary. She hit a lot of her shots, but she turned into a complete basketball player at Central and is shows with her play at ALC.

My old buddy, Tim Rice, is at the helm of the girls' basketball program at Alice Lloyd. Tim was a very good baseball coach at Betsy Layne High School and coached a couple of seasons of boy's basketball at the school.

The Lady Raiders of South Floyd are off to a 1-0 start (as of Wednesday) and they should have an excellent season. Ashley Johnson and Megan Ousley were two of my favorite players when I covered the middle school season. Boy, those were good days. I always said the one person South Floyd needed to handle the girls' basketball program was Melinda Osborne. She has done an excellent job.

Until Sunday, good sports everyone and be good sports!

Roundball

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School.

SCORING:

Sheldon Clark (59) - Nathan Moore 10, Brandon May 15, Reggie Sammons 4, Greg Evans 1, Daniel Cornette 6, Steven Howell 9, Braxton Lafferty 8, Asher Maynard 5, and Jay Lindsey 2.

Ashland Fairview (57) - Zack Moore 15, Brett Cooksey 14, Phillips Meeks 7, Billy Terry 2, Cody Fannin 13, and Chris Jennings 3.

Johnson Central opens with win over Russell

PAINTSVILLE - Now in his third season at the helm of a program then head coach Johnny Ray Turner left following a 15th Region championship season, Les Trimble has what shapes up to be a very strong region contender in the form of the Johnson Central High boys' bas-

ketball team. Johnson Central opened its season at home against Russell on Tuesday night, successfully, posting a 77-70 win.

Host Johnson Central got out on an early run and was able to hold off a very talented Russell team.

Russell tied the game up at 24 early in the second quarter, but could get any closer.

It was 24-22 after one, with Russell still within a basket. The host Golden Eagles led 40-32 at the half and 54-49 after three periods.

Lawrence County transfer Brandon Wheeler led host Johnson Central in scoring with 30 points. Fellow seniors Chris Hurt and Justin Woods finished with 13 and 12 points, respectively. The three seniors combined for 55 points in the season-opening victory.

Jared Ferguson led Russell in scoring with 22 points. Six-foot-six Kent Robinson added 11. A pair of other players chipped in 10 apiece for the visiting Red Devils.

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THROUGH MY EYES

White stuff

Brrr...baby, it's cold outside! How about a little snow to get you in the mood for Christmas? I, like George Washington, cannot tell a lie (well, at least I try awfully hard not to), and, I have to admit, I love snow.

But, I love snow most when I can stay home and forego the treacherous driving conditions. Growing up, my family lived smack in the middle of town and so snow

posed no real problems for us. Daddy's office was in town and the grocery store was on the corner, and I don't remember any problems with power outages, so, snow days for me were always pleasant surprises.

I suppose if you grew up in the country and found yourself and your family literally stranded for days on end due to winter's snow

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THIS TOWN, THAT WORLD

Editor's Note: For years, Floyd County Times founder and former publisher Norman Allen wrote a weekly column that looked at Floyd County through his eyes. His columns are being reprinted due to request. The following column was written in 1961.

We still await information on the origin of that good, old Mountain word, "juberous." Maybe it's like the grapevine—it just grew...Come to think of it, have you ever known any news medium that works so unfailingly and so fast as the aforesaid grapevine?

OFFENSE OF THE CROSS

U. S. postal officials have admitted they rejected a proposed design for the special Christmas stamp, because it suggested a cross. This particular design showed a candle burning in a window framed by a wreath, but—horrors!—the window panes resembled a cross!

This, we maintain, is among the saddest of the 1962 Christmas stories. Christian America—so-called Christian America—cannot countenance a postage stamp on which there is a hint of the Cross. Thus the Post Office Department of the land which boasts on its coins that "In God We Trust" says, in effect, Christmas is not Christian—

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photo by Kathy J. Prater

Beth Chauncey, who works as a volunteer for Christian Appalachian Project in Maytown with her husband, Dan, gives youngster Will Scarberry a few tips on how to make a Christmastime placemat at a recent community gathering.



Christmas in the Community - Maytown Center

by Kathy J. Prater
FEATURES EDITOR

"Where are you in the Christmas scene," she asked? "Are you hustling and bustling, looking for gifts and food, or are you standing quietly, offering yourself as a gift on this special holiday?", she said.

Often in eastern Kentucky, it takes a non-native or two to open our eyes and show us just how special the small communities dotting our valleys really are. In the case of the Maytown, also referred to as Langley, community, a couple of folks from the nation's northeastern sector have committed themselves to revitalizing the once busy community. Dan and Beth Chauncey, he from New Jersey and she from Pennsylvania, are a young married couple who came to Floyd County via volunteer

service with the Christian Appalachian Project.

"We signed on for two years," said Beth Chauncey, "but we have already decided that we are staying. We're not just here now and gone later and we'd like for folks to know that."

The Chaunceys have played an instrumental part in refurbishing the old Maytown school buildings. Buildings that were once focal points of daily lives and learning for members of the tiny community now house a fitness center and gymnasium, a lending library, dormitories for visiting volunteers, and a community gathering center, among others.

The buildings, old and all but abandoned

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Neighbors from among the Maytown community gathered together to enjoy a potluck meal and one another's company.



photo by Kathy J. Prater
Jacob McKinney was one of the youngsters to try his hand at placemat crafting this week in Maytown.

POSTSCRIPT

Button up

Is anyone else as tired as I am of seeing other people's bellies? I keep asking myself: Am I just becoming an old fogey, the person I never wanted to be? Worse, am I really a closet prude, another person I never wanted to be? Or, am I, deep down, jealous of these modern younguns with



Pam Shingler
Contributing Writer

their wash-board stomachs and smooth, Coke-glass lines?

Well, perhaps. Well, OK, yes.

Nevertheless, I think I've seen more than

enough of other folks, bellies and belly buttons in the last year or so. You can't avoid them on TV, and, amazingly, you can't even avoid them on local streets with winter coming on.

Correct me if I'm wrong, but the old prude in me believes those are parts of the anatomy best left to intimacy, much like the oft-ridiculed cracks displayed because of low-riding pants on some men's behinds. What further amazes me is how much people pay for clothes that end long before the abdomen begins.

I was watching a TV show recently with a segment on "affordable" fashions (affordable, that is, if you work for a major network and take home six-figure or more salaries). A tall (of course) woman, who, if the camera adds 10 pounds, weighed maybe 92 pounds, strutted to the audience in a modest shell hemmed well above the bottom of the rib cage and a slick pair of leather pants that started well below that same spare rack.

With I'm guessing less than half a

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Diner remembers loved ones

The management and staff of the Red Light Diner invite the community to join them in decorating their "Tree of Love" memorial Christmas tree. The tree will stand in the dining area of the restaurant where all may visit and place a photograph of their deceased loved ones on the tree as a remembrance of their lives. The photographs will each be framed by the staff of the restaurant and the person's name will be added. Unfortunately, the restaurant will not be able to return the photographs but, they will keep them and re-use them year after year. Wallet size photographs will work best in order to fit the decorative frames, other pictures may be trimmed to fit. For more information about this community project, call 886-1111 and ask for either Melissa or Becky.

THINGS TO PONDER

Do you really want a pet for Christmas?

The clock is really counting down for the days left until Christmas. Some folks brag about how they finished their shopping a couple of months ago. In the meanwhile, others are still struggling with what to buy for this person or the other. While some gifts lend themselves to being a last-minute choice, such as fancy perfumes, other possible gift items to be thought about and discussed, before the final decision

to buy is made. One gift that probably needs a lot of forethought, as to whether or not it is a "good" idea, is that of a pet. Do you want a cat, a fancy fish, a dog, a hamster, a snake, an iguana, or perhaps a pig?

A major issue in buying a pet, as a Christmas gift, is the overall need or probable benefit of the pet to the person. Research has shown that pets can contribute significantly to the function-

ing of all ages and types of groups—children, people with disabilities and senior citizens. Another special group studied was men with AIDS, and a positive impact of having a pet was found. For example, AIDS-infected men who owned pets, were 50 percent less likely to suffer from depression. The benefits of pet ownership were strongest for men who had few confidants, but a close attachment to their pets, such as

sleeping in the same room as their pets at night, and cuddling them frequently. A conclusion was that pet companionship helped to reduce the isolation that can accompany AIDS. "The attachment and tactile comfort that a pet provides can reduce feelings of stress and loneliness."

Typically, the benefits for adults have

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Mable Rowe Lineberger, Ph.D.

if it were, we would have nothing to do with it."

NEVER GET IN A HURRY

I have, on occasion, been described, as a sportswriter spoke of the speeds at which old Tom Zachary threw the ball, when he was with the Washington Senators — "slow, slower, slowest." But I do sometimes get in a rush, and a couple of weeks ago was one of those times.

I was in a Lexington barber shop for a haircut (go ahead and call it, "hairs cut," if you like), and it was important that I get away in 15 minutes. Two chairs were in operation, but one was out of the question—the guy in it was getting the works. So I fixed my attention and hopes on the other.

All was going along pretty till this old codger getting the haircut remarked that he planned to go to Alaska, next summer.

The scissors paused in mid-air. "You are?" gasped the barber in awestruck tones. "Why?"

Well, that did it. While the man bent on wandering North rambled on, the bloke with the scissors listened. Said just enough to keep the outline of next summer's plans going in the most minute detail. Occasionally, he would lift a lock and gently snip it, then bend to ask about the projected pilgrimage.

Well, those two old sourdoughs did everything but recite "The Shooting of Dan McGrew" before the tonsorial artist (boy, it's been a long time since I've heard one of them called that!) patted the last speck of powder on, flecked away the last hair, folded the cloth and whined, gently, "Hope you have a nice trip."

Now, that's what being in a rush can do to a-body. I should have been interested in an old man's plans to go to a faraway place for the first time in his life, to see friends he had not seen in 45 years. But I wasn't, and all I felt like doing was to hop into the chair, remind the solicitous one that there wasn't a whole lot to do on or for, my noggin, and suggest that he try to do all that in the next five minutes.

AN OLDTIMER WRITES

This is a good time of year to print the following, and this may be as good a spot as any for it. It was written by Joseph H. Burke, of Halo, a miner, who will be retiring from work at the end of this year.

"December 30, 1962, at the age of sixty-five. I will have to retire. As well as I can remember, I started working, for Elkhorn Coal Co. at Wheelwright in 1916. When I started working I remember making 17 1/2 c an hour, which paid me \$1.75 a day for a ten-hour shift.

"Then I got started working on the inside. I made 47c a ton loading coal and I made 36c a carload of slate. So I want to say to the young men, you don't know what hardships our old men went through with to raise our families.

"Then, after Inland Steel Co. took over at Wheelwright, I spent many years working for them. So I want to say to all managers and foremen and working men, that it has been a pleasure to work with you.

"So I hope when I retire I can draw enough pension to keep my companion and me with food and raiment, as the Good Book tells me. And to have food to feed my many friends that come to my home. So I hope this will be long remembrance of me after I have to depart from this life. May God bless one and all, is my last hope."

Eyes

falls, your perception of "snow days" may be a little different from mine.

Which leads to my point - I now live "in the country," so to speak. So, I'm finding myself wondering how snow days will affect my family's lives this year. No matter which direction I choose to take home, I have to travel for a spell on a winding, two-lane country road. Then, once home, I have to make it up a slight incline to my driveway.

Time to consider the purchase of a snow shovel or two, I'm thinking. (Oh, my son's aching back!) And what about snow tires? How about one of those big, mud-slingin', snow-blowin' heavy duty SUV's? I think I'm getting carried away, but seriously, my love for snow may be put to the test this year. Especially in light of the fact that we have some serious white stuff comin' down this very minute and it's only the fourth day of December.

Guess we'll see if my love is true, once put to the test, huh?

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Weddings



Ousley-Hacker

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Ousley, of Prestonsburg, are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter, Shannon Elizabeth, to Darrell Hacker, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Hacker, of McKee. The couple were wed in a private ceremony that was held on October 26, 2002. The newlyweds reside in Morehead.

New Arrivals

Highlands New Arrivals

Anthony Estep

November 9, 2002

A daughter, Jillian Renee Link, to Laura Elizabeth and Mark Allen Link

November 11, 2002

A son, Connor Luke Thacker, to Rebecca Joyce and Shawn O'Dell Thacker

November 11, 2002

A daughter, Jenna Renee Crace, to Sherry and David Crace

November 11, 2002

A son, Keygan Brian Pelfrey, to Mindi Mchelle and Brian Ray Pelfrey

November 13, 2002

A son, Elishe Ray Scott Hobson, to Angelina Catherine and Bobby Darrell Hobson II

November 13, 2002

A son, John Jacob Cook, to Robbi Lashina and John Langley Cook

November 13, 2002

A daughter, McKenna Jane Varney, to Lucrecia Lynn and Freddie Dwayne Varney

November 13, 2002

A daughter, Megan Nicole Smith, to Angela and Timothy Smith

November 13, 2002

A daughter, Mackenzie Elizabeth Hayden, to Melissa Terry

November 13, 2002

A daughter, Emily Nicole Goble, to Barbara Bernice and Aaron Douglas Goble

November 13, 2002

A son, Wesley Dalton Everage, to Suzanne and Jackie Ray Everage

November 14, 2002

A son, Cameron Lee Cole, to LeeAnn Michelle and Daniel Lee Cole

November 14, 2002

A son, Noah Evan Watson, to Rachel Gail and Clint Evans Watson

November 17, 2002

A son, Ethan Douglas Wright, to Shonda and Joey Wright

November 18, 2002

A daughter, Madison Dawn Stambaugh, to Patricia and Donald Stambaugh

November 18, 2002

A son, Anthony Ray Estep Jr., to Johnndia and

ADAMS MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH SERVICES CENTER

■ Dec. 9 - Youth Services Center Advisory Council meeting, 4 p.m., in Teacher's Lounge. Meeting open to public.

■ Dec. 10 - Parent Support Group meeting, 11 a.m. Topic: "Nutrition and Eating Disorder." Refreshments and door prizes.

■ Dec. 17 - Presentation on "Dangers of Body Piercing and Tattooing," for 7th graders. Sponsored by Our Lady of the Way Hospital.

Any individual or business interested in sponsoring a needy AMS student for Christmas, please contact the center at 886-9812.

■ Center distributes school activity calendars and newsletters on the last day of each month to all students. Parents please be advised to be watching for these informational materials as a way of staying informed with your school's happenings.

■ Health Records Update: Parents who have health records to bring in to the school may bring them to the Youth Services Center any weekday between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

■ Homework Hotline - 886-9314 - Homework information available from 4 p.m. to 7 a.m. Updated each day after 4:00 p.m.

■ Center is open each day from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. or later by appointment. For more information about the center or any listed activities, call 886-9812. Center coordinator, Michelle Keathley, Assistant coordinator, Sheila Allen. Center offers services to students regardless of income. Center telephone: 886-9812.

ALLEN CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH SERVICE CENTER

*Each Monday, 8:30-9:25 a.m., "Respect Class," for 7th grade girls.

Collect Food City receipts and turn them in to home room teachers.

ALLEN ELEMENTARY AND FAMILY RESOURCE YOUTH SERVICE CENTER

■ Call Allen Elementary Youth Service Center at 874-0621 to schedule your child's 6th grade entry physical, Hepatitis B vaccination, immunizations, and WIC appointment.

■ G.E.D. classes offered-

FREE-each Friday, beginning 8:30 a.m. and lasting through 11:30 a.m. Instructor: Linda Bailey

BETSY LAYNE ELEMENTARY

■ The Family Resource Youth Service Center provides services and referrals to all families regardless of income. The center is located in the middle building of the Betsy Layne Elementary School. Office hours are Mon. - Fri., 8 a.m. until 3 p.m.

■ Open enrollment for After School Child Care is available through the Family Resource Center. Service hours are 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

■ Contact the center at 478-5550. Contact persons are Brian Akers and Charlotte Rogers.

CLARK ELEMENTARY

■ A nurse from the Floyd County Health Dept. is in the center weekly. Please call to schedule an appointment. The center is currently scheduling Hep B immunizations and physicals for students who will enter the 6th grade in the upcoming school year, kindergarten entrance exams and TD boosters for sophomores. Also scheduling appointments for WIC services. These nursing services are available to anyone in the community.

■ The Clark Elementary Family Resource Center provides services for all families regardless of income. We are located in the Clark Elementary School building and can be reached by calling 886-0815.

DUFF ELEMENTARY

■ School is collecting Food City receipts that will be used toward receiving free computers and other educational items. Please send your receipts to school with your child or drop them off at the Family Resource Center, or the school's front office. Any help with this valuable school project is very appreciated.

MAY VALLEY ELEMENTARY

■ Floyd Co. Health Dept. is at the school each Wednesday. Services include 6th grade physicals and immunizations; WIC; well-child physicals; Kindergarten and Head Start physicals; blood pressure checks; and more. Must call the FRC at 285-0321 for an appointment. Donna Samons-Bartrum, FRC Director.

MCDOWELL ELEMENTARY AND FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

■ School is collecting Food City receipts. Have your students turn receipts in to their homeroom teachers. Community members may also turn receipts in to school office. Help McDowell Elementary receive computers, audio visual equipment, etc. through the "Apples for Students" program.

■ SBDM Council meets on the 3rd Tuesday of every month.

■ FRC Advisory Council meets first Thursday of each month in FRC office at 5:30 p.m.

■ GED classes are held in FRC each Monday and Wednesday from 8-11:30 a.m. Classes are FREE. Please bring paper and pencil. Instructor, Teresa Allen, David School.

■ Parents of fifth-graders should call now to have their child scheduled for school physicals and immunizations. A series of three HEP B vaccines are required for entry into sixth grade next fall. Students should begin the series now in order to be ready by next fall. Call 377-2678 for appointment.

■ Floyd County Health Department Nurse Joy Moore, is at the center each Monday to administer immunizations, T.B. skin tests, well-child exams, WIC, prenatal and post-partum services, and school physicals. Call 377-2678 for an appointment.

MUD CREEK FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER / JOHN M. STUMBO ELEM.

■ The Bridges Project is in the school Monday thru Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

■ Center is open weekdays 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Telephone: 587-2233.

PRESTONSBURG ELEMENTARY AND FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

■ *PES is collecting Food City receipts. Have your child turn in receipts to their homeroom teachers. Community members may also turn in receipts to the school office or Family Resource Center.*

■ MCCC services available at the center. Call for additional information.

■ Center is open weekdays 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

■ After School Child Care,

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Ponder

reflected the interaction of the social, physical, and psychological aspects. Results have shown that pet ownership can reduce stress, and even lower mortality rates after a heart attack. More recent outcomes have identified how one's reactions to stressors are influenced by whether or not the pet is present at the time as the stressor.

Examples were that the reacting individuals' heart rate and blood pressure were quick to recover to baseline levels, if their pet was with them. In addition, the pets being present also helped to lower the owners' baseline levels of cardiovascular arousal, and increased the possibility that the owners described the stressors as "challenging" instead of "threatening."

An interesting aspect to the above study, about how pets influence their owners' reactions, related to comparisons between the pets or their spouses being present, when the stressor was presented. Folks without pets were least reactive when they were alone, and pet owners were least reactive with their pets with them, rather than spouses. Researchers concluded that pets lower stress by providing nonjudgmental companionship. The idea was that the spouse being present, when the stress was, created the possibility that even the most encouraging spouse or friend might be evaluating the reacting individual. This study also included comparisons between the impact of dogs and cats upon the owners' reactions, and no

significant differences were evident. The cats were part of the study to address the stereotype of cats being considered to have "aloof, impersonal behaviors."

There are times that Christmas gifts are used to serve many purposes, such as providing benefits all year long. Some people have the perception that children growing up with pets have the chance to learn various important life lessons. An expectation is that pets provide companionship and pleasure, while teaching children the values of gentleness, responsibility, and respect for life. In the process of keeping the family dog healthy, happy, and in control of itself, children learn to respect, understand, care for, and successfully control a dog, which contributes to a dramatic uplift to any child's self-esteem. Also, it would seem that children feeling loved unconditionally by their own pet would be a great experience for them. An impression is that some children chose as unusual pet in an effort to be "different" themselves. Just think of all of the attention the proud owner of an iguana or snake receives when they talk about their special pets and heads turn. Of course, it cannot be forgotten how pigs really do make a "good" pet, and do not necessarily have to live in mud. Pigs, supposedly, are very clean as a house pet.

Now, before you dash off to buy a pet for someone for Christmas, there are other aspects to consider about

whether or not it would be a wise choice. Even thought every child would like to hold and cuddle a small, soft, furry puppy, a big concern is, if the child can deal with the pet in a reasonable way. A "good" guess is that the child, who has difficulty following the rules about other things, such as picking up toys, will also have difficulty acting acceptably with a pet. A child that is young, immature, and/or impulsive might be apt to unknowingly be unkind to the pet. Examples would be pulling the cat's tail, and squeezing the dog too tightly. A thought is that the child needs to be able to control himself, before he is likely to interact with a pet correctly.

To be on the safe side, it would probably be the best thing to discuss the buying of a pet for children with the adult in charge. It would also go for an adult. There are many adults, who might have had pets in their previous years, but as they have become older, do not want the responsibility of caring for a pet, especially if arrangements would have to be made whenever the owners are going out of town. This brings up the amount of financial expenses a pet can be, and concerns about if the individuals would want to assume responsibility for such costs. It seems, at times, that the medical care of animals can be similar to that of humans, with regard to expenses.

The original question returns, "Do you want to buy a pet for Christmas?"



Family Medicine

By Martha A. Simpson, D.O., M.B.A.



Q I am a 77-year-old man diagnosed last May with polycythemia vera. I was experiencing shortness of breath and felt very tired most of the time. Since then I had a phlebotomy four different times. Before this treatment my hematocrit was 63 — it's now 46. I still get shortness of breath, but it's not as bad as it was. Before I was diagnosed I was very active, walking two miles, dancing on weekends and exercising three to four times a week. Now I am very limited in all of those activities. What is the prognosis? Will I get better over time? Or, will I have to be satisfied with my condition?

A You have given a very good description of the symptoms of polycythemia vera. This is a condition that strikes men more frequently than women and usually occurs in people over 50. In polycythemia vera, the bone marrow produces too many red blood cells, white blood cells and platelets. The cause is not well defined, but this condition has been associated — in some cases — with radiation exposure. There is also some evidence that it may run in families.

The primary symptoms of polycythemia vera are itching after bathing,

Too much blood that's too thick— Polycythemia Vera

shortness of breath, easy bruising, headaches, fatigue and blood clots. An enlarged, tender spleen is very common. Many people with polycythemia vera have a ruddy complexion, and elevated blood pressure. The primary cause of these symptoms is increased viscosity — or "thickness" — of the blood, as well as increased volume of blood. This diagnosis is easily made with a complete blood count (CBC), and a bone marrow biopsy may also be indicated in some cases.

Having too much blood can cause a number of medical problems, such as blood clots, heart attacks and strokes. Nosebleeds and intestinal bleeding are frequent complications of polycythemia vera. Gout is also a common complication of polycythemia vera and should be treated if it arises. While having too much blood that is too "thick" can predispose a person to blood clots, it can

also make surgery riskier, as this increased blood often doesn't clot well after surgery.

The good news is, this is a very treatable illness. The primary treatment is the one you mentioned — phlebotomy. This procedure is simpler than its Latin name may imply. It simply involves removing blood from the body in a manner similar to what you may have experienced when you donated blood at the Red Cross. Generally, blood is removed when the hematocrit is elevated — above 52 for males and 47 for females. These hematocrit figures, by the way, represent the percentage of the volume of a blood sample that's occupied by cells (e.g., red and white blood cells). As you can see, your pretreatment 63 was elevated, but your current 46 is within the normal range for men. The frequency with which you will have to undergo

future phlebotomies will be determined by how quickly your hematocrit returns to an elevated level.

There are also medications that can be used to decrease the bone marrow activity, but phlebotomy is the mainstay of treatment. People are able to live comfortably with this disorder, but some of the symptoms, such as fatigue and shortness of breath, may persist. Check with your physician first, but trying to regain your prediagnosis exercise and activity levels is probably worth the effort.

"Family Medicine" is a weekly column. To submit questions, write to Martha A. Simpson, D.O., M.B.A., Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine, P.O. Box 110, Athens, Ohio 45701. Past columns are available online at www.fradio.org/fm.

Maytown

in years past, have undergone major renovations and upgrades under the watchful eye of the Chaunceys and Father Ralph Beiting, the founder of Christian Appalachian Project.

"We try to respond to the community in terms of what they are looking for from the center," said Dan Chauncey. "For instance, response from the community toward our computer center sort of dwindled down and we had a request to use the space for an exercise, or dance, center, so we moved the computers upstairs and now we have a beautifully redecorated room that people are using for dance and exercise classes."

The Chaunceys regularly schedule community meetings and projects that originate in the center's community center building, once the cafeteria for the old elementary and high schools. This past Tuesday evening, a crowd gathered in the center's halls to enjoy a pot luck dinner, a family craft activity, and, most importantly, fellowship with their neighbors.

Folks of all ages attended the family night gathering, from seniors to teenagers and on down to a toddler or two.

Following dinner, Beth Chauncey took the opportunity to read a "birthday" story on the subject of the true meaning of Christmas to the assembled crowd. "Where are you in the Christmas scene," she asked? "Are you hustling and busting, looking for gifts and food, or are you standing quietly, offering yourself as a gift on this special holiday?", she said.

After sharing some thoughts and reflections, the group became engrossed in the activity of the night — designing their own Christmas placemats from assorted pieces of fabric, poster board,

markers and other decorative items.

As children and adults alike displayed their finished products and gathered up compliments from their neighbors, the crowd slowly began to diminish into the cold, dark December evening, back to their individual homes and families.

But, just as a new day dawns

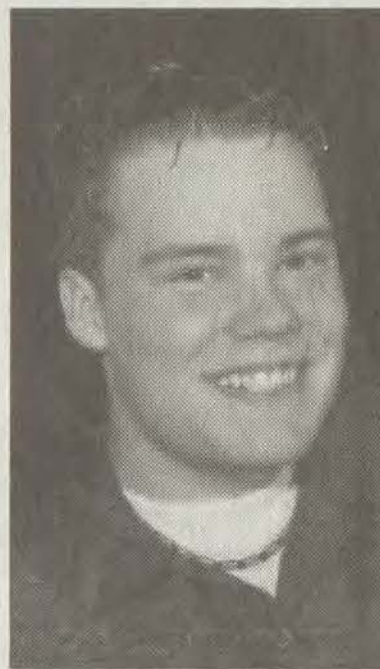
each morn, they'll return again to their community center, and to the positive influences of community development and regional pride.

Editor's Note: The next community gathering scheduled at the Maytown Center is a hot dog dinner, followed by Christmas caroling throughout the community, on Tuesday, December 10. The Allen

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Central High School Honor Choir will also visit on this date to perform as well as to join in the caroling fun. All are invited to join in the Maytown Center's Gathering Place "Celebrate the Season" dinners and activities. For more information, contact either Dan or Beth Chauncey at 285-0539. Dinner will begin at 6 p.m.

Brock named Outstanding Student of America



Lowell Brock, the son of Lowell and Rita Brock, of Prestonsburg, has been selected as an Outstanding Student of America. This achievement is a prestigious honor bestowed to less than one percent of students nationwide. Brock, a senior at Prestonsburg High School, has now been named as a semifinalist with the Outstanding Students of America scholarship committee which could award him a \$1000 college scholarship. Additionally, Brock will be featured in the Outstanding Students of America annual publication, which highlights selected students and their achievements.

Economic status of Ky women analyzed

The Governor's Task Force on the Economic Status of Kentucky's Women has unveiled its preliminary findings from a year-long effort to examine the challenges facing Kentucky women. Task Force co-chairs First Lady Judi Patton and former Governor Martha Layne Collins, along with Task Force members, presented the findings to the public at a recent press conference in the Capitol rotunda.

"I am very proud to have co-chaired this Task Force made up of so many outstanding Kentuckians. The work of hundreds of volunteers on this ground-breaking project will allow us to benchmark progress in Kentucky for years to come," said Mrs. Patton.

Based on the reports generated by volunteers from across the Commonwealth, the Task Force identified five broad areas affecting the economic status of Kentucky women. "For Kentuckians to achieve a standard of living at or above the national average by 2020, we must address the barriers facing 51 percent of our population, Kentucky's women. Addressing these crucial areas for women will improve the quality of life for ALL Kentuckians," said Governor Collins.

The five areas are as follows:

■ **Economic Sufficiency**—Not all women have adequate opportunities to secure quality employment that will lead to self-sufficiency.

■ **Education**—Too many Kentuckians, especially females, are undereducated. Although Kentucky has made improvements in its public schools and colleges, the resources of its educational system are underutilized.

■ **Equity-Discrimination** persists in many Kentucky workplaces, schools, and all facets of society.

■ **Leadership**—Women are drastically underrepresented in positions of power in both the public and private sectors.

■ **Well-being**—For many women basic living concerns such as safety, housing, and health care take precedence over getting a better education or a higher-paying job.

The Task Force further noted that women working in state government still face challenges such as discrimination in the workplace and inconsistent application of employment rules and practices.

These five themes serve as the framework for the full report of the Task Force, which will include specific recommendations for improvement in these areas. The full report will be released at the first Summit on the Economic Status of Kentucky's Women to be held June 20-21, 2003 in Frankfort.

In 2000, the Institute for Women's Policy Research (IWPR) reported that Kentucky was the sixth-worst state for women—a ranking which prompted the Kentucky Commission on Women to hold

Town Meetings across the Commonwealth. Following the Town Meetings, Governor Paul E. Patton appointed the Task Force on the Economic Status of Kentucky's Women on November 16, 2001. According to the 2002 rankings released just three weeks ago by the IWPR, Kentucky has now slipped to the third-worst state for women.

In October 2001, the Kentucky Commission on Women called for volunteers to serve on five issue committees reporting to the Task Force. Over the last year nearly 300 women and men from over 55 counties traveled monthly to Frankfort to examine obstacles to the economic progress of Kentucky women, identify solutions, and develop a plan of action. To date an estimated 51,000 volunteer hours have been invested in this nationally recognized project.

"The effort and dedication of the Task Force and work of the committee members have far exceeded our expectations," said KCW Executive Director Betsy Nowland-Curry. "The next vital step to the improvement of the economic status of all Kentuckians will be the Summit on the Economic Status of Kentucky's Women in June."

This Summit will provide a forum for the official announcement of the findings and recommendations of the Governor's Task Force on the Economic Status of Kentucky's Women. Citizens of the Commonwealth will come together to develop strategies for implementation of the recommendations.

A copy of the preliminary findings can be found at <http://women.state.ky.us/PrelimFindings.pdf>

Golden Key International Honour Society inducts Contessa Sheena Brock



be recognized by Golden Key," said Kali Boatright, Golden Key assistant executive director. "Our members are inspired and motivated by the challenge not only to be recognized for their outstanding accomplishments but also to make a positive impact on our world through the Society's commitment to service."

Golden Key International Honour Society is a non-profit, academic honors organization that provides academic recognition, leadership opportunities, community service, career networking and scholarships.

The Society has more than 300 chapters in the United States, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Australia, Canada, Malaysia, South Africa and New Zealand. Membership into the Society is by invitation only to the top 15 percent of juniors and seniors in all fields of study.

For additional information, visit the Society's web page at <http://goldenkey.gsu.edu> or contact Contessa Sheena Brock at home at 150 Music Street, Prestonsburg, KY 41653, or telephone at 886-0620.

"It is only fitting that a high academic achiever like Sheena

Postscript

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yard of material, the shell cost "only" \$125. The pants, which contained no more than a calf's leg of leather, were a little more pricey, but still "a great deal" at \$340. Unfortunately, I couldn't tell if the thread on either garment was gold.

This model was so thin the strip of abdominal flesh she showed didn't strike me as being particularly provocative. In fact, I wonder if the navel is truly a sexual stimulant, especially now when it's seen as often as the naked arm.

The trend toward bare and barer bellies is not new. I remember Cher back when she was with Sonny on TV, back when we all were young. Her designer frequently put her in low-cut pants and high-cut tops or in strategically holey gowns.

But I don't recall everybody and her mother and brother dressing like that. I don't recall a lot of people thinking they could pull off the same look. Today, bare-belly pants and tops are being worn by all kinds of people — short ones, tall ones, lean ones, fat ones, those with innies and those with outies.

I'm hoping that now that cold weather is here, we'll see fewer nude midriffs, but I'm not overly optimistic. I'm afraid that someone at this writing is coming up with some kind of see-through insulator that would-be belly bezazzlers can wear in Arctic temperatures.

I've thought about carrying around cummerbunds to pass out to the naked masses, but I reckon I'll just have to keep my shirt pulled down and my sunglasses on.

School

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3-6 p.m., school days.

■ Call 886-7088 for additional information regarding the Prestonsburg Elementary Family Resource Center or its programs.

STUMBO ELEMENTARY/MUD CREEK FRYSC

The Bridges Project is located in the school, Mon.-Fri., 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Resource Center hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Mon.-Fri. Center Coordinator, Darren Newsome. 587-2233.

SOUTH FLOYD YOUTH SERVICES CENTER

■ Walking track open to public (except during special event).
■ Center has a one-stop career station satellite station that is available to the community, as well as students.

■ Anyone interested in Adult Ed may contact the center for information.

■ All new students and visitors, stop by the Center, located on the South Floyd campus, Room 232, and see Mable Hall.

■ The center is located on the South Floyd campus in room 232. For more information call 452-9600 or 9607 and ask for Mable Hall, ext. 243, or Keith Smallwood, ext. 242, or Donna Johnson, ext. 153.

THE DAVID SCHOOL

■ Adult Education Class Schedule - Fall 2001:

*Monday
-McDowell Family Resource Center, 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. Call 377-2628. Instructor: Theresa.

-Betsy Layne Youth Service Center, 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. Call 478-3389. Instructor: Chrissy.
-MSU Prestonsburg Campus, 12:30-3:30 p.m. Call 886-2405. Instructor: Chrissy.

*Tuesday
-Allen Elementary Family Resource Center, 12:30-3:30 p.m. Call 874-0621. Instructor: Chrissy.

-St. James Episcopal Church, 5-8 p.m. Instructor: Chrissy.
-Auxier Family Learning Center, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Instructors: CAP.

*Wednesday

-McDowell Family Resource Center, 8:30-11:30 a.m. Call 377-2628. Instructor: Theresa.

-Betsy Layne Youth Service Center, 8:30-11:30 a.m. Call 478-3389. Instructor: Chrissy.

-MSU Prestonsburg Campus, 12:30-3:30 p.m. Call 886-2405. Instructor: Chrissy.

*Thursday

-Allen Elementary Family Resource Center, 12:30-3:30 p.m. Call 874-0621. Instructor: Chrissy.

-St. James Episcopal Church, 5-8 p.m. Instructor: Chrissy.

-Auxier Family Learning Center, 1-4:30 p.m. Instructors: CAP.

WESLEY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

■ School is participating in Food City "Apples for Students" program. Please send your register receipts to school with your student, or drop them off or mail them in to school office at: P.O. Box 454, 103 Methodist Lane, Allen, KY 41601.

■ Weekly Chapel Services, each Wednesday morning, 10 a.m.

W.D. OSBORNE RAINBOW JUNCTION FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

■ TBA- Recycling program, all grades.

■ Anyone interested in receiving cleaning supplies for the 2002-2003 school year may visit the center and fill out an application to see if they qualify.

■ "Lost and Found" located in the Center. Parents need to pick up their children's items within two weeks. Any items not claimed within two weeks, becomes the property of the FRC.

■ Rainbow Junction Family Resource Center is located in the W. D. Osborne Elementary School. Hours of operation - 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, or later by appointment. Call 452-4553 and ask for Cissy or Karen. Parents/community members free to visit any time.

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Minimum Requirements: Bachelor's degree and three years experience, or equivalent on a college campus, significant experience with student information systems and spreadsheet applications (Access/Excel), strong organizational skills, communication skills, interpersonal skills, and customer service skills. The preferred qualifications include a Master's in college student personnel or related field, a minimum of 5 years experience in admissions and/or records, experience with PeopleSoft student information systems, knowledge and experience using Excel, and college level student affairs experience.

Monthly salary range: \$2515-\$3332.

Procedure: Formal applications are available at Prestonsburg Community College, Office of Human Resources, Johnson Administration Building, Room 105 and Mayo Technical College, Administration Building, or via email request: jackie.cecil@kctcs.edu or by phone: (606) 886-3863, Ext. 6339/6341, or on our website: www.prestonsburgcc.com. Applications accepted until position is filled. Applicants must submit a completed application, current resumé with list of references, three letters of recommendation and all graduate and undergraduate transcripts to:

Jackie B. Cecil, Director of Human Resources, Prestonsburg Community College, One Bert T. Combs Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653.



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130-Cars

'99 TOYOTA CAR-OLLA: 37,000 miles, auto., AC, one owner, has warranty. \$7,950. 606-523-6227.*

1988 BUICK REGAL, 2 Dr. tinted windows. V6- \$300. Can be seen at Music's Video in P'burg. 886-6606.*

150-Miscellaneous

1994 FORD EXPLORER XLT, 4 WD, AC, 154,000 miles, \$4200. 1997 Honda Odessey EX, AC, 91,000 miles, \$10,500. 1988 Mercury Grand Marquis, AC, 118,000 miles \$1,000. Call 874-2972*

160-Motorcycles

2000 Custom Road King, Fuel injection. \$15,500. Garage kept. 874-8158.

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Applications will be accepted at:
 Kentucky Department for Employment Services
 138 College Street
 Pikeville, KY 41501

Premier Elkhorn Coal Company is an EOE.

210-Job Listings

AVON
 Make your own money, sign up for \$10, for limited time. Call Jancy at 886-2082.

220-Help Wanted

HEAVY EQUIPMENT MECHANIC NEEDED: Minimum of 5 yrs. experience on Cat Equipment. Must be able to trouble shoot equipment & must have own tools. Must have Miners Surface Certification & CDL license. Send qualifications to: 1674 Watergap Road, Prestonsburg, KY 41653.*

EMPLOYMENT AVAILABLE: at Child Care Facility. Call for appointment. 886-9291.*

MOUNTAIN MANOR OF PAINTSVILLE is taking applications for a LPN (7 p.m.-7 a.m. shift) & Certified Nurse's aides. Excellent salary benefits. Apply in person at 1025 Euclid Ave. Paintsville, Ky. Monday thru Friday between 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.*

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380-Services

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480-Miscellaneous

FIREWOOD FOR SALE: Call 886-8350.

SET OF FLOYD COUNTY SCHOOL ANNUALS, 1937-1990. Call 358-2876.*

FOR SALE: MEN'S DRESS PANTS size 42-30, \$5.00 pair. Home Interior pictures, \$5.00 each. Seahawk & Chiefs jackets, size large, \$10.00 each. Comforter & drapes. \$25.00 886-3326.

CHRISTMAS SPECIAL FREE VACATION Get-A-Way While supplies last w/purchase of Wolff Tanning Bed. Payments from \$25/month. FREE Color catalog 1-800-781-5173 www.np.etstan.com

STEEL BUILDINGS: Fall Clearance, 25x34, 35x56. Repo's, Cancellations, Lowest Prices, America's Largest. Make Offers. financing. 1-800-222-6335.*

495-Want to Buy

Want To Buy: 40-50 + acres in Floyd or Johnson County with or with out house. 606-642-3388.*

REAL ESTATE

510-Comm. Property

OFFICE FOR SALE: PRIVATE LOT: Ample parking 1/2 block from courthouse in Prestonsburg. Call 886-3159 after 5:00

530-Houses

BRICK HOUSE, 2000 SQ. FT. ON PRIVATE 2.5 ACRES. 3 B.R. 2 BA. 1 mile from Paintsville City limits on Rt. 460. Call 297-1306 for an appoint.*

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Absolute Auction

Saturday, December 7, 2002, 10 a.m. Pike County Government Surplus

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Vehicles and Equipment

- 1982 Blaw Know (Kohler Engine) Paver • 1985 Case (Cruzar Drott) Excavator
- 1985 & 1986 Dodge Diplomat Autos • 1986 GMC (7000 Engine) Cab & Chassis
- 1987 Pontiac Bonneville Auto • 1987 Dodge Ram Pickup
- 1988 Mack RD686SX Truck • 1988 GMC 8.2 Liter 7000 Dump Truck
- 2-1989, 1-1990, & 1-1992 Chevrolet Caprice Autos • 1989 Ford Crown Vic Auto
- 1990 Chevrolet Pickup • 2-1990 Jeep Cherokee Wagons
- 2-1990 & 1-1997 Ford F-150 Pickups • 1991 Dodge Power Ram 350 Van
- 1992 Ford F-350 Mini Packer • 1992 Chevrolet Fleetside Pickup
- 1992 Chevrolet S-10 Pickup • 3-1993 Chevrolet Autos • 1995 GMC 3500 Pickup
- Three Six-yard Garbage Beds

Sellers Have Stated They May Add Other Miscellaneous Surplus Items To Auction

Note: Seller reserves the right, to add or remove, vehicles, equipment, and items listed above, to be auctioned, before auction begins. There may be typographical errors in above list.

Terms: Cash or Check. Payment due in full, day of auction. There will be a ten percent (10%) Buyer's Premium added to successful bid to establish final price of each item, plus six percent (6%) sales tax as KY Law requires.

Notice: Prospective purchasers will make, any and all, inspections so desired, prior to auction, and waive any additional inspections. All property sold "AS IS" with all faults, and no warranty is expressed or implied.

Announcements: Announcements made day of auction take precedence over previous announcements or advertising.

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3 B.R. 2 B.A. House at Drift, large fenced yard, with pool. 377-0602. *

550-Land/Lots

HOUSE SEAT AND WOODED LAND FOR SALE: 1 mile On State Rd Fork, Rt 1427, access to natural gas, city water, electric, cable. 606-886-8962. *

35 ACRES UP OLD HOUSE BRANCH, off Rt. 114 across from Middle Creek Fire Dept. 419-757-0449. *

FOR SALE : 4 1/2 ACRES LOCATED APPROX. 2 MILES ON ABBOTT CR. BESIDE CREEKSIDE SUBDIVISION. 606-478-5173. *

590-Sale or Lease

FOR LEASE LARGE LOT FOR BUSINESS will build to suit. Rt. 80 close to Mtn. Enterprise. 886-8366.

RENTALS

610-Apartments

2 NEW TOWN-HOUSES: 2 B.R. 1 1/2 Bath. Across from Lancer Storage Buildings. No Pets. 886-8991. *

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1 B.R. APARTMENT, in quiet country neighborhood. Route 850 area. (606) 886-3146, after 9 p.m. Amenities include kitchen, utility room, large walk-in closet & carport, city water, \$400 mth.

APT FOR RENT: 1 B.R. FURNISHED: Util. furn. Laundry Rm. No pets. \$425 mth. \$150 dep. 874-5577 or 454-5577. *

2 B.R. Duplex, stove, refrig, Central H/A. W/D hookup. City limits at Rt. 23 & Rt. 80. \$425 month. + util. \$250 dep. 1 yr. lease. No pets. 237-4758 or 886-7237

1 B.R. APT: \$375 month, includes all utilities. Also 2 B.R. Trailer \$275. Located 4 miles West of P'burg. 886-6061

FOR RENT: TOWN-HOUSE, located one mile from PCC. 2 BR., 1 1/2 baths, built-in kitchen, w/stove, side by side refrigerator, dining room, w/ dinette set, washer /dryer, living room, & large deck. \$550 per month plus utilities. Call: 606-886-1997 (after 5:30 pm).

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GREETINGS FROM LIGHTHOUSE MANOR, Terry & Sharon Smith. We have apartments for rent that are efficiency apartments, all utilities paid. For more info call 606-886-2797.

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630-Houses

2 B.R. HOUSE FOR RENT: on Cracker Bottom Rd. at Martin. 285-3670. *

HOUSE FOR RENT: 2 B.R. 1 BA. in P'burg, No pets, \$450 mth. \$250 dep. 1 yr. lease. *874-5577. 454-5577. *

1 B.R. HOUSE, partially furnished. Utilities paid. Off street parking W/D hookup. \$425. Mth. + dep. 886-0010 or 886-2922. Call 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

FOR RENT: LONG TERM OR SHORT TERM: FURNISHED RENTAL HOME IN DAYTONA BEACH AREA, in Ponce Inlet. This Beachside home is, 2 B.R. 1.5 baths, newly remodeled. Central heat & A.C. within walking distance of 3 marinas, ocean, & river. Call 606-447-2192 or 606-454-2170.

3 B.R. BRICK HOME. AT DAVID: 1 1/2 Bath. 889-0897. *

2 B.R. HOUSE, kitch. furn. lease & ref. req. \$325 mth. \$300 dep. 886-3154. *

2 B.R. HOUSE: AT HAROLD in quiet neighborhood suitable for family or working men. 1 car garage, storage, large fenced yard. 886-9158. *

650-Mobile Homes

2 B.R. MOBILE HOME: total elect. Located between P'burg & Paintsville. No pets. 889-9747 or 886-9007.

SMALL 1 B.R. TRAILER: W/D, suitable for 1 or 2 people. 886-8724. *

2 BR., 2 BA. MOBILE for rent located at Minnie. Appliances included. \$400 deposit, \$400 rent. 606-478-5173. *

FOR RENT: Excellent cond. 1999 Clayton 3 B.R. 2 BA. mobile home. Near all Prestonsburg city conveniences. HUD approved. Sewer, water & garbage furn. \$435 mth/\$300 deposit. This very nice mobile home will be available to the first depositor on 01/15/03. Call 606-874-2162 or 606-874-9852 evenings. *

510-Comm. Property

FOR LEASE, 3,800 SQ. FT. OFFICE WAREHOUSE, on US 23 halfway between Prestonsburg & Pikeville store front, blacktop parking etc. Call 1-800-264-4835. *

OFFICE SPACE FOR LEASE: 1,500 sq. ft. Located on US 23 halfway between Prestonsburg & Pikeville. Consists of reception area, 4 offices & conference room. Handicap accessible & blacktop parking. Call 1-800-264-4835. *

SERVICES

705-Construction

ALL TYPES: Remodeling & additions, garages, decks, etc. Also concrete work. Robie Johnson, Jr., call anytime, 886-8896.

714-Elderly Care

CAREGIVER NEEDED: M-F, for elderly lady in P'burg. Ref. required. 789-1306. *

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Need Computer Support??? Available evenings & weekends. Call for an appointment. 424-4886.

780-Timber

WE BUY TIMBER, can cut immediately. Call 606-789-4035. *

NOTICES

805-Announcements

Coal Mine Electrical Retraining Classes offered Dec. 14, & Dec. 21 Call today to schedule 285-0999

812-FREE

FREE PALLETS: Can be picked up behind The Floyd County Times.

815-Lost/Found

REWARD Lost Boxer, Fawn color with white chest. Last seen Thursday Morning in Cliff area of Prestonsburg call 886-7065 or 424-7065

850-Personals

When responding to Personal ads that have reference numbers, please indicate that entire reference number on the outside of your envelope. Reference numbers are used to help us direct your letter to the correct individual.

Roommate Wanted in Prestonsburg Area to share expenses, Male or Female, prefer non-smoker. Send to: Attn: Roommate P.O. Box 390 Prestonsburg. *

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INVITATION FOR BIDS

Seeking bids to repair and install storm drains. Bids must be in by December 15th. Send bids to:

David Community Development Corporation
P.O. Box 129
David, KY 41616

For more information call 886-2583, after 9:00.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is a Notice of a Divorce complaint being commenced against Ronald Gillis Goodson, by Plaintiff Angela Jean Goodson, in Forsyth County, North Carolina, in the General Court of Justice District Court Division with file#02 CVD 5751.

NOT RESPONSIBLE

Upon and on this date, after publication of this notice, I will no longer be responsible for any debts incurred by anyone other than myself.

Roy Ousley
P.O. 812,
Prestonsburg KY
41653

PRELIMINARY NOTICE OF POTENTIAL CONVERSION OF FLOODPLAIN

The USDA, Rural Utilities Service has received an application for financial assistance from the City of Prestonsburg. The proposed project consists of the construction of a new and larger raw water intake structure, conversion of disinfection system at the Water Treatment Plant from Chlorine Gas to a mixed Oxidant System, and install sludge handling facilities. If implemented, the proposed project could affect the floodplain. The purpose of this notice is to inform the public of this proposal and its possible effect and request comments concerning the proposed project, alternative sites or actions that would avoid these impacts, and methods that could be used to minimize these impacts.

The environmental documentation regarding this proposed project is available for review at USDA Rural Development, 220 West First Street, Morehead, Kentucky 40351. For questions regarding this proposal, contact Joseph C. Frazier, Rural Development Manager at (606) 784-6447.

Any person interested in commenting on this proposal should submit comments to the address above by 1/3/03.

NOTICE OF SEALED BIDS

Sealed Bids Wanted for three (3) creek crossings as follows:

- 1. 3" Force Sewer Main, 7 ft. long
- 2. 3" Force Sewer Main, 7 ft. long

3. 6" Water Main — 70 ft. long
Sealed bids should be submitted to the Wheelwright Utility Commission, P.O. Box 353, Wheelwright, Kentucky 41669, and will be opened 11/19/02, 7:30 p.m.
For details, call (606) 452-4273, Wheelwright, Kentucky.

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

(1) In accordance with KRS 350.0093 notice is hereby given that FCDC Coal, Inc. 750 Town Mountain Road, Pikeville, Ky 41501 has applied for Phase 3 bond release on permit No. 836-5427. Increments 2,3 & 4 which was last issued on 10/17/2001.

The application covers an area of approximately 1150.5 acres located located .8 mile South of Blue Moon in Floyd County.

(2) The permit area is approximately .80 miles South from Little Mud Creek junction with Morga Fork Rd located 10ft South of Morgan Fork Road. The latitude is 37°-29'-33" The longitude is 82°-42'-21".

(3) The bond now in effect for the Permit 836-5427 Inc. 2 is a surety bond in the amount of \$2,600.00. And increment 3 \$8,500.00 and increment 4 15,400.00. Approximately 100% of the original bond amount

of \$23900.00 is included in the application for release.

(4) Reclamation work performed includes Final Backfilling, Grading And Seeding.

(5) This is the final Advertisement of the application. Written comments, objections, and request for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Div. of Field Services, # 2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601 by November 25, 2002.

(6) A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for November 26, 2002 at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite #6, Prestonsburg, KY 41653.

The Hearing will be canceled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by November 25, 2002.

NOTE: THIS IS THE CORRECTED VERSION OF THE APPLICATION THAT RAN 10/4 OF THE FLOYD COUNTY TIMES.

and highway 1101. The proposed site is located on the north side of the Left Fork of the Beaver Creek of the Levisa Fork of the Big Sandy River. The site is located at latitude 37°28'45" N and longitude 82°44'58" W. Any comments or objections concerning this application shall be directed to: Kentucky Division of Water, Water Resources Branch, 14 Reilly Road, Frankfort Office Park, Frankfort, KY 40601. Phone: (502) 564-3410

PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that Raymond and Christine Kidd, Drift, KY 41619, has filed an application with the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet proposing to construct a 32'x56' Modular Home in an area in the floodway, located southeast of the city of Drift in Floyd County, located approximately 1500 feet southeast of the intersection of KY Rt. 122

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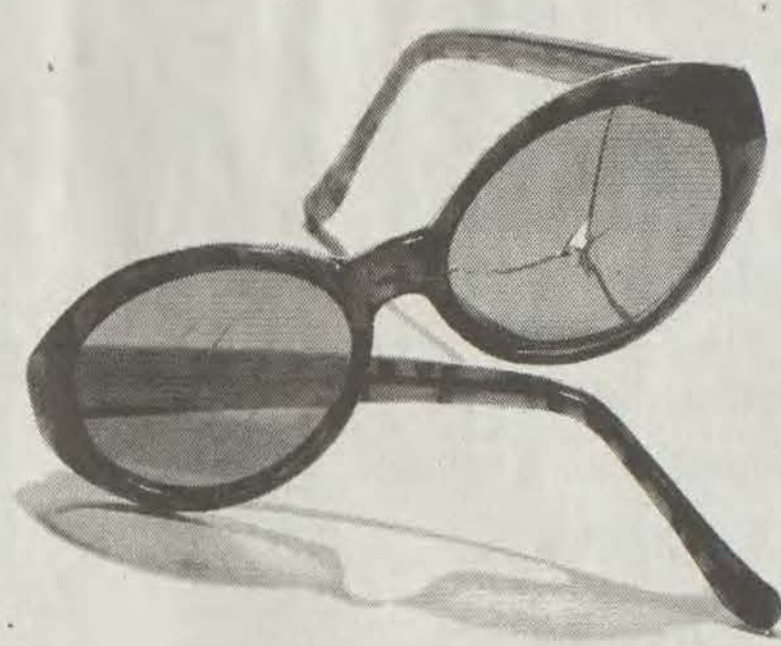


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THE DEMON OF JEALOUSY

IN THE BIBLE, AS IN MODERN TIMES, JEALOUSY HAS BEEN A MOST DESTRUCTIVE FORCE. TAKE THE CASE OF SAUL, FIRST KING OF ISRAEL. SAUL HAD NO REASON TO BE JEALOUS OR WORRIED ABOUT HIS KINGDOM UNTIL HE DISOBEYED THE PROPHET SAMUEL. THE DISOBEDIENCE STEMMED FROM A VICTORY SAUL HAD SECURED OVER A PHILISTINE KING. SAMUEL HAD ORDERED HIM TO WAGE A WAR OF EXTERMINATION AGAINST THESE ENEMIES OF ISRAEL, INCLUDING THEIR KING. BUT SAUL SPARED THE KING, SAMUEL THEN TOLD SAUL (1 SAM. 15:11) THAT HE WAS REJECTED OF GOD...AND THEN THE TROUBLE STARTED! SAUL WENT INTO GREAT FITS OF MELANCHOLY AND DAVID WAS CALLED ON TO PLAY MUSIC UPON THE HARP TO SOOTHE HIM. BUT LO AND BEHOLD WHEN DAVID SLEW GOLIATH, AND BECAME A NATIONAL HERO, VICIOUS JEALOUSY TOOK POSSESSION OF HIM AND FROM THAT TIME ON HE WAS SUBJECT TO EVEN WORSE FITS OF DEPRESSION AND INSANE BEHAVIOR...UNTIL HIS DYING DAY!



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New Bethel Assembly of God, Burning Fork Rd., Selyersville; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m. Arthur (Sam) Smith, Minister.
Praise Assembly, 1 mile S. of Prestonsburg, intersection of Rt. 80 and U.S. 23; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; J.M. Sloce, Minister.
- BAPTIST**
Allen First Baptist, Allen; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Arnold Turner, Minister.
Auxiliary Baptist, Auxier; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Thursday, 7 p.m.; Bobby Spencer, Pastor.
Benedict Baptist, Silk Rock Branch, Cow Creek; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Gordon Fitch, Minister.
Betsy Layne Free Will Baptist, Betsy Layne; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Tracy Patton, Minister.
Bonanza Freewill Baptist, Abbott Creek Road, Bonanza; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Jimmy D. Brown, Minister.
Brandy Kog Freewill Baptist, Corn Fork; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Roger Music, Minister.
Calvary Southern Baptist, Betsy Layne; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Doug Lewis, Minister.
Community Freewill Baptist, Goble Roberts Addition; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Paul D. Coleman, Minister.
Cow Creek Freewill Baptist, Cow Creek; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Nathan Lafferty, Minister.
Daniels Creek Baptist Fellowship Church of God, Banner; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 7 p.m.; Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.; Drift Freewill Baptist, Drift; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 6:30 p.m.; Thursday, 6:30 p.m.; Randy Turner, Minister.
Endicott Freewill Baptist, Buffalo; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; James H. Smith, Pastor.
Faith Freewill Baptist, 1/4 mile above Worldwides Egypt on Rt. 1428; Sunday Service, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Buddy Jones, Minister.
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Friday, December 6, 2002

Eliminating that pesky blind spot

by TOM and RAY MAGLIOZZI
KING FEATURES SYNDICATE

Dear Tom and Ray:

I have a stupid little question. My Honda Odyssey has a bad blind spot created by the B-pillar (I think that's what it's called — the pillar behind the driver). It's caused me to have several near misses when trying to change lanes to my left. I've thought about buying one of those little, round, wide-angle convex mirrors to glue onto my regular side-view mirror on the left side. Will that solution work? Is there any good reason not to proceed that way? — Gary

RAY:

Yes, it will work, and no, there is no reason not to do it.

TOM:

But before you do that, you might want to try one other thing. We've discovered that it's possible to set your three mirrors (rearview and both side views) so that they eliminate almost any possible blind spots.

RAY:

For years, we'd been setting our side-view mirrors so they gave us a view of the back corner of our cars. This is the way it's been passed down from grandfather to father to us. But we finally discovered something very interesting. The back corner of the car never moves. It always stays in the same exact place. So there's really no reason to keep an eye on it.

TOM:

And by moving the side mirrors farther out, you can line up all three of your mirrors so they have minimal overlap — and you can see everything behind you and beside you.

RAY:

Here's how to do it. Start by setting your rearview mirror as you normally



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Behind the Wheel Toyota Matrix

by ANN M. JOB
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Consumers may not agree on what to call the 2003 Toyota Matrix — a small wagon, a hatchback, a little car. But many of them use the word "fun" to describe how the Matrix looks.

It's quite a compliment for the new

(See WHEEL, page two)

2003 Toyota Matrix XR 4WD

BASE PRICE:

\$14,670 for base Matrix 2WD; \$16,180 for Matrix XR 2WD with manual transmission; \$16,980 for Matrix XR 2WD with automatic; \$17,115 for base Matrix 4WD; \$18,445 for Matrix XR 4WD.

AS TESTED:

\$20,350.

TYPE:

Front-engine, full-time four-wheel drive, five-passenger, mid-size, five-door hatchback.

ENGINE:

1.8-liter, twin-cam, four-cylinder.

MILEAGE:

26 mpg (city), 31 mpg (highway).

TOP SPEED:

129 mph.

LENGTH:

171.3 inches.

WHEELBASE:

102.4 inches.

CURB WT.:

2,965 pounds.

(See MATRIX, page two)

TEST DRIVE by Greg Zyla



2002 Hyundai XG350

This week, we test drive Hyundai's flagship, the full-size sedan dubbed XG350. A consumer success since its debut at dealer showrooms, the \$23,999 price tag has attracted new buyers and allowed other Hyundai owners to move up and still stay in a prearranged monthly payment window.

The exterior design finds the Hyundai XG350 at home in parking lots ranging from the golf club resort to the grocery store. The sizeable front grille attracts instant attention, and then takes the viewer's eye aerodynamically along

the hood to the luxury-style roofline of the four-door sedan. The rear deck is also well done, and it features larger and more sculptured taillights than previous Hyundai models.

Several times during our test drive, the XG350 was mistaken for a Lincoln and even a Mercedes-Benz, proving that Hyundai stylists are getting it right. Remember, too, that the XG350's retail price of \$23,999 doesn't mean these cars are sold at this level, as rebates, incentives and leftover discounts regularly push the car's price way lower.

The car comes with lots of standard equipment, featuring leather seating, four-wheel disc brakes with ABS, traction control, 16-inch alloy wheels, Michelin tires, single-disc CD stereo radio, side and front air bags and a host of other amenities and safety equipment often found as options on other cars in its class. Passenger capacity is listed as five, although the rear-seat middle adult passenger is in tight quarters. Trunk capacity is a generous 14.5 cubic feet.

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model, which is based on Toyota's long-running Corolla and carries a starting manufacturer's suggested retail price, including destination charge, of \$15,155.

In fact, where the median age of Corolla buyers is 45 and a majority are women, the targeted customers for the Matrix are younger, in the 20- to 30-year range, and male.

Matrix is the result of listening carefully to what is most important to young, new-car buyers, Alan DeCarr, group vice president of sales at Toyota Motor Sales U.S.A. Inc., said in introducing the Matrix early in calendar 2003.

Whether they are singles, couples or families, young buyers want vehicles that are high in image and high in functional utility, he said.

The Matrix combines the Corolla platform, with 102.4-inch wheelbase, and Corolla suspension with a short wagon/hatchback body.

The Matrix is expressive, looking like it's moving forward even when it's parked. And when jazzed up with optional sport plus package that adds fog lamps and front and rear underbody spoiler, the Matrix exterior looks like it has some customized touches, too.

All of it is done with smartly styled body panels. There's no cladding or roof rack here as there are on the Matrix sibling, the Pontiac Vibe. The two vehicles were developed together as part of the continuing Toyota-General Motors Corp. relationship at a joint manufacturing factory.

But where the Vibe has sport utility styling cues — the cladding, for example — the Matrix takes on a more urban youth flavor.

Inside, the Matrix continues the theme with three expressive, deep circles in the instrument panel that highlight the gauges. Each circle is accented by a surrounding ring of shiny silver trim that, unfortunately, reflects onto the windshield in a distracting way, even on cloudy days.

The gearshifter for either manual or automatic transmission Matrix vehicles is up off the floor here, positioned at the lower edge of the center dashboard.

Stereo and ventilation controls are highlighted in a gray plastic area above the shifter. Four circular air vents across the dashboard are extremely adept at directing and controlling air flow.

Seats in the test XR model didn't come with quite as much bolstering on the cushions as I expected in such a fun-looking car.

But the high seat position in the tallish, nearly 61-inch-tall Matrix made entry and exit easy and allowed me to see through and around other cars. I couldn't see around trucks or SUVs, though.

And if you're my size — 5 feet 4 — or shorter and riding in the back seat, you may feel that the sheet metal of the rear doors rises up quite high, to chin level. I noticed this as I looked out the rear-door windows.

I also noticed, though, how generous the headroom is in the Matrix. There are 40.6 inches of headroom up front and 39.8 inches in back.

This is the same as in the Vibe and a tad more than what's in the Chrysler PT Cruiser.

Legroom is an impressive 41.8 inches in the front seat of the Matrix. This is as good as in some sport utilities and better than the 40.6 inches in the Cruiser.

But Chrysler's Cruiser has more rear-seat legroom — 40.8 inches vs. the 36.3 inches in the Matrix.

The Matrix is available in two- and four-wheel-drive. There are two four-cylinder engines offered, too, and three trim levels.

The test model had full-time, four-wheel-drive, which required no input from the driver.

I drove normally, with front wheels pulling the Matrix along, and the viscous coupling between the rear differential and driveshaft worked to sense any wheel slip and would redistribute the power to the rear as needed.

It's not an off-road kind of

system; it's more for helping maintain traction on slippery roads as it did during a heavy rainstorm one evening during my test drive. I didn't lose a bit of traction and felt well-connected to the road at all times.

The ride in any weather is quite pleasant in this affordable vehicle. The Matrix feels nicely put together, with a surprising number of road bumps muted.

I sort of felt like I was riding above the bumps and only had sharp jolts a couple times on major road expansion cracks that were poorly patched.

The Matrix uses a MacPherson strut front suspension and torsion beam at the rear. Tires on the test XR were 16-inchers and conveyed some road noise to the interior. Wind noise, though, was minimal.

A 130-horsepower, 1.8-liter four-cylinder is the engine in all base and XR models and was in the test Matrix.

It had some spunk but also could sound buzzy when pressed. I didn't make highway passes very quickly, but the Matrix didn't feel like a laggard, either. I noticed that I heard the engine just about all the time.

Peak torque is 125 foot-pounds at 4,200 rpm.

The Vibe has this same engine and performance numbers as the Matrix, while the base PT Cruiser engine is a 150-horsepower, 2.4-liter four- with 162 foot-pounds of torque at 4,000 rpm. Chrysler also added a 215-horsepower turbocharged four-cylinder to the Cruiser for 2003. Note that the Cruiser weighs more than the Matrix.

There is a second engine available in the Matrix. The top-of-the-line Matrix XRS comes with a 180-horsepower, 1.8-liter four- and six-speed manual transmission for a more sporting ride. But the XRS isn't available with four-wheel drive.

Fuel economy can be quite good in the base Matrix with two-wheel drive and manual transmission. It's rated at 29 miles a gallon in the city and 36 mpg on the highway.

But the ratings drop on models with four-wheel drive and on the sportier Matrix XRS.

With an emphasis on functionality, the Matrix includes easy-to-fold rear seats, so cargo room grows from 15.1 cubic feet with the seats up to a maximum 53.2 feet.

The taller Cruiser has more cargo space — up to a maximum 64.2 cubic feet.

Still, I have to admit I dislike the hard plastic that covers the floor of the Matrix cargo area. It's in the Vibe, too, and makes items back there — from suitcases to grocery bags — slide around noisily.

Toyota and Pontiac sell optional cargo kits that attach to the plastic and help customize the area, but I'd prefer a standard carpet or vinyl mat that could be removed easily for cleaning.

Matrix sales have totaled more than 48,000 through October. The Matrix went on sale in February.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has not released crash test results on the new Matrix. And there are no reports of safety recalls.

Because the Matrix is a new model, Consumer Reports does not list reliability history.

The 2003 Vibe has a starting MSRP, including destination charge, of \$16,925, and the 2003 PT Cruiser starts at \$17,310.

Matrix

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OPTIONS:
16-inch aluminum wheels and tires \$410; sport plus package (includes fog lamps and underbody spoiler) \$270; driver and front-passenger side airbags \$250; cruise control \$250; premium AM/FM stereo with six-disc, in-dash CD changer and six speakers \$240.

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Test

Powered by a 3.5-liter DOHC V-6 engine, the XG350 has no problems passing, merging or cruising along. The engine develops 194 horsepower at 6,000 rpm and easily moves the 3,651-pound vehicle. Although mostly quiet, the engine is a little nosier than other V-6s we've tested, yet it responds with authority in the 2,500 to 4,500 rpm range. EPA numbers are good at 18 mpg city and 26 mpg highway.

The smooth ride comes from a generous 108.3-inch wheelbase and fully independent suspension mechanicals. Featured are double wishbone coils up front and multi-link coils in the

rear. Gas-filled hydraulic shocks dampen the road bumps as anti-roll bars at both ends helps keep the Hyundai level in the turns.

A five-speed automatic is the only transmission available on the XG350, and it shifted well enough during our weeklong drive. Although we'd like to see a five-speed manual offered in the future, there is a "manual" shift gate that allows the driver to determine the shift points instead of the computer. We like this feature, as shifts from first to second were too early in the auto mode.

Only one option is listed — a "Package Two" for \$500 that

includes a fine-sounding multi-disc CD changer, which our model did not have. Add \$495 for freight, and you arrive at our bottom line of \$24,494.

We like Hyundai and are happy that the company is experiencing success with the XG350. Hyundai Elantra owners should be easy to sell "up," but convincing Honda, Toyota and Nissan buyers to move over may be more difficult.

Regardless, Hyundai has a nice car on its hands at a very attractive price and a great 10-year, 100,000-mile drivetrain warranty. It's worth a look for sure.

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Clank

would. Then, lean your head all the way to the left so it touches the driver's window. From that position, set your left side-view mirror so you can see the back corner of your car. Now lean the same distance the other way, and set your right side-view mirror the same way. Now, here's what happens.

TOM:
When a car comes up behind you, you should first see it in your rearview mirror. But as it passes you (let's say on your left), you'll see it move to the left side of your rearview mirror. And as its left headlight disappears from your rearview mirror, it should instantly show up in your left side-view mirror. There should be no delay. It should slip from one to the other, so you can always see it.

RAY:
If you're having trouble visualizing this, we've posted a diagram and instructions on our Web

site, the Car Talk section of www.cars.com.

TOM:
After you make the initial rough settings, you might need to make some slight adjustments to your side-view mirrors to make everything line up perfectly. And pulling up next to a line of parked cars (to simulate another lane of traffic next to you) is a good way to do that.

RAY:
Driving with the mirrors this way takes some getting used to. You have to learn to rely on your rearview mirror first. And you'll have to get used to what your side-view mirrors are now looking at.

TOM:
But once you get used to it, you'll find that if there's no one in your rearview mirror, no one in your side-view mirror and no one immediately next to you, you can confidently change lanes without

worrying about a blind spot.

RAY:
Just don't do what my brother did. He was so intrigued by how well his three mirrors were working that he forgot to look forward, and he almost drove into the back of a manure truck.

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Downshifting to stop is bad for clutch

Dear Tom and Ray:

I recently moved to France (adventure No. 1), got married (adventure No. 2) and have subsequently begun driving (adventure No. 3) my wife's Renault (adventure No. 4). Without getting into French driving habits, my wife regularly yells at me because when I stop the car, I depress the clutch and step on the brake, as I learned in the United States in a Ford Probe. She INSISTS that regardless of the stopping distance, I should shift back through all of the previous gears and thus use engine braking. Obviously, I downshift to go around a corner or down a hill, but on regular stops? Is my wife nuts? Or, more importantly, is she wrong? — Justin

TOM:
Justin, it sounds like you've been willing to go through quite a few inconveniences for this woman. You've moved to France. You're driving a Renault. She must be some woman, huh?

RAY:
So just consider this another little inconvenience that you have to put up with to keep her happy. After all, would you rather be right, or would you rather be happy? I thought so.

TOM: She's probably nuts, Justin. And wrong, too. There's absolutely no reason why you should shift back down through the gears to make a routine stop. It sounds like some kind of obsessive-compulsive behavior to me. All it does is wear out your clutch. And clutches — at least in the United States — are more expensive than brake pads.

RAY:
Maybe the European Union subsidizes clutches, in which case you should smile, say "Yes, dear" and shift back down through the gears. And if it doesn't, you should just smile, say "Yes, dear" and shift back down through the gears. You catching on, Justin?

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