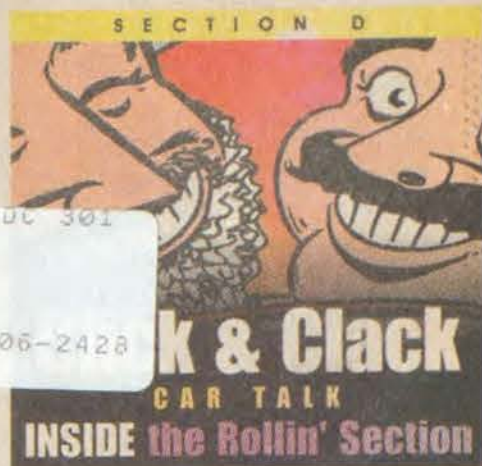


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#### Hueysville man killed on Christmas

MAYTOWN — A Hueysville man was killed on Christmas after the truck he was driving careened over an embankment.

According to police, Timothy D. Conley, 39, was traveling east Wednesday on Route 80 at Maytown when the 1995 Ford F150 he was driving left the roadway and went over an approximately 65-foot embankment before landing in an upright position. Conley was ejected from the vehicle during the accident. He was pronounced dead by the Floyd County Coroner's Office and was transported to the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Laverne Sexton, a passenger in the vehicle, was transported to Our Lady of the Way Hospital, where she is being treated for her injuries.

The fatal wreck was one of only two during a relatively uneventful holiday. The other fatality occurred in Graves County.

Last year, 10 people died in eight crashes during the holiday period.

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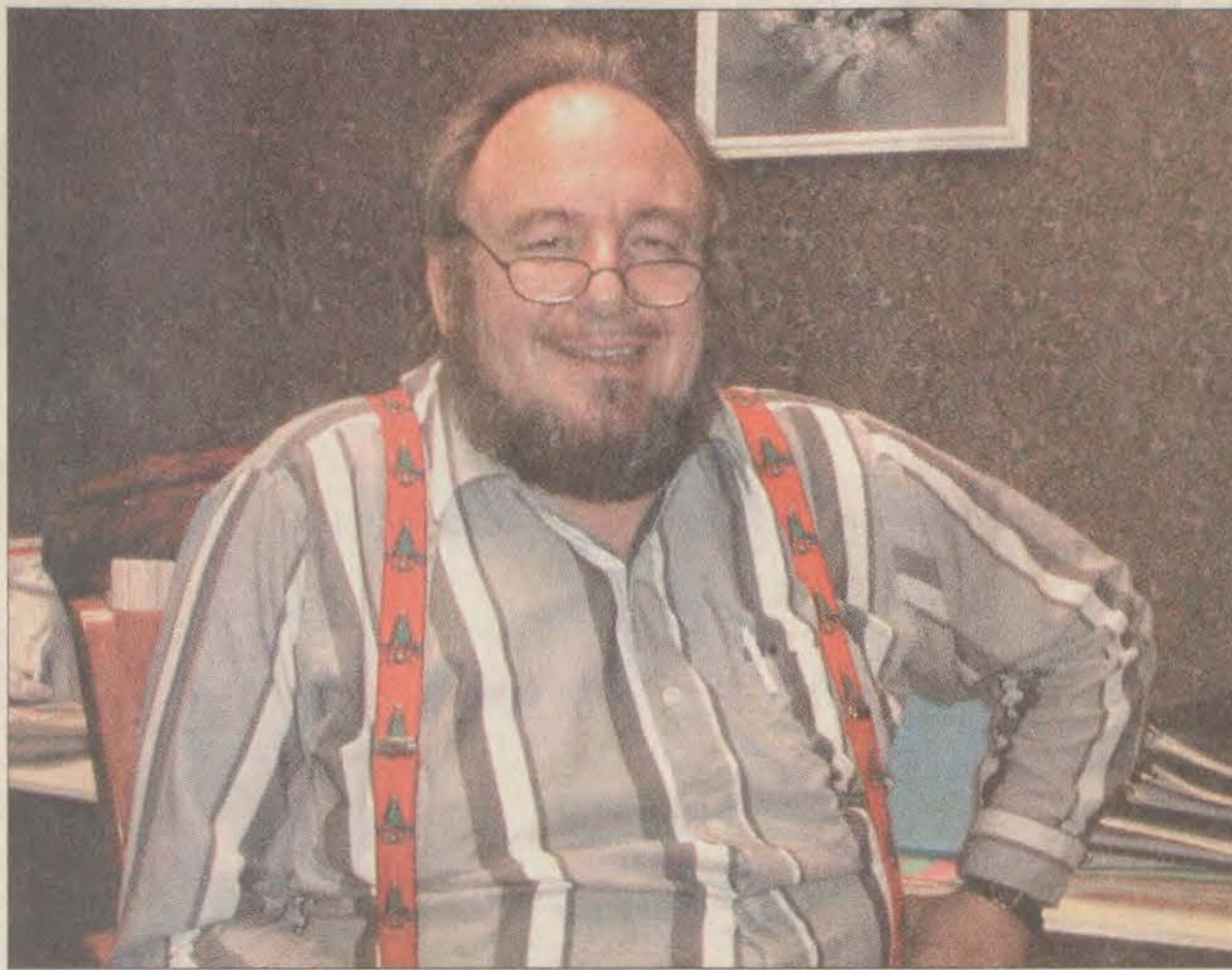


photo by Loretta Blackburn

Jim Recktenwald, certified alcohol and drug counselor, has joined forces with the Paintsville Professional Associates to bring Eastern Kentucky's first methadone clinic to Paintsville.

## Skyrocketing abuse brings once urban program to small town

by LORETTA BLACKBURN  
STAFF WRITER

PAINTSVILLE — The escalating abuse of prescription painkillers such as OxyContin has produced a dubious first in Eastern Kentucky, giving rise to a treatment once reserved for large cities in the throes of widespread heroin abuse.

Paintsville Professional Associates has established the region's first methadone treatment program, which is a government reg-

ulated, carefully structured method to fighting opiate addiction by using a drug that reduces withdrawal symptoms, but does not produce the "high."

Although this type of treatment program has raised controversy since first opening in the late 1960s, the number of patients in methadone clinics rose from four patients in 1964 to 179,000 in 2000. The drug methadone, an opiate itself, has effects that are more subtle and less intrusive than the effects of other opi-

ates, such as heroin, OxyContin and various other painkillers, which are highly addictive.

According to James F. Recktenwald, certified alcohol and drug counselor, methadone does not affect the cerebral cortex, therefore eliminating the "high" experienced by drug users. It keeps the person from becoming sick and can keep them from seeking drugs so that they can work and function more effec-

(See METHADONE, page three)

## Drift man arrested for rape, assault

by LORETTA BLACKBURN  
STAFF WRITER

DRIFT — A Drift man was arrested the day before Christmas on rape charges resulting from an alleged incident occurring Dec. 21, that landed a woman in the hospital.

According to court records, Danny R. Martin, 48, was charged with first-degree assault and first-degree rape for allegedly beating his girlfriend in the head with his fist and a telephone while he was raping her.

The criminal complaint states that the victim was hospitalized as a result of the incident. It further states that based on an investigation, sexual intercourse by forcible compulsion had occurred.

Martin was arrested on Thursday at the Floyd County Courthouse in Prestonsburg.

## Libel, slander suit transferred to Floyd

by JARRID DEATON  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A lawsuit filed against the Civil Air Patrol and six individuals by Denzil Allen of Prestonsburg has been moved to Floyd County.

The suit, originally filed in Johnson County in February 2000, alleges that Robert Morrison, a member of the Civil Air Patrol, prepared a complaint accusing Allen of illegal and unlawful acts and sent it to the Civil Air Patrol and several other individuals.

Allen's lawsuit does not specify the nature of the complaint, but instead says that it was false and calculated to injure Allen and cause him humiliation and mental suffering.

The suit also alleges that the individuals sent to conduct an investigation, Nicholas Knutz and Emmit Williams, were not qualified to do the job. The suit alleges that James C. Bobick appointed the men to con-

(See LAWSUIT, page three)

## Coal sludge lawsuit settled

The Associated Press

INEZ — Martin County Coal Corp. has reached a settlement with a group of Eastern Kentucky residents who claimed their property was damaged in a massive coal-sludge spill two years ago, an attorney for the plaintiffs said.

Ned Pillersdorf, an attorney in Prestonsburg, represents 23 residents whose lawsuit against the coal company was due to go to trial on Feb. 3. But Pillersdorf said he notified Circuit Judge Daniel Sparks on Monday that he and attorneys for Martin County Coal had reached a settlement.

Pillersdorf would not disclose the

amount of the settlement.

The lawsuit involved residents who live along Coldwater Creek outside Inez. Seven other lawsuits against Martin County Coal and its parent company, Massey Energy of Richmond, Va., have no trial date yet.

An estimated 300 million gallons of coal sludge spilled into the Big Sandy River and its tributaries when an impoundment operated by Martin County Coal collapsed in October 2000.

Last April, the U.S. Mine Safety Health Administration (MSHA) determined that the impoundment failed

(See SETTLEMENT, page three)

## Bust nets \$12K in cocaine

by JARRID DEATON  
STAFF WRITER

DORTON — Officers with Kentucky Vehicle Enforcement arrested two men Saturday, charging them with trafficking in a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia and carrying a concealed deadly weapon.

Keith Cavins, 37, of Shelbyana, and Michael K. Sanders, 21, of Shelby Gap, were arrested in the Food Haven parking lot located in Dorton, after officers discovered an estimated \$12,000 worth of drugs in their vehicle.

Officers Keith Justice, Kevin Belcher and Jamie Ross observed a suspicious

vehicle in the parking lot and approached to question the occupants. After talking with the subjects, the officers became more suspicious and conducted a search of the vehicle.

The officers discovered a quarter pound of cocaine, \$1,100 in cash and a handgun during the search of the car.

During the course of the investigation it was determined that the cocaine was to be distributed in the Dorton area. Michael K. Sanders, passenger in the vehicle, was charged with public intoxication. Both men were lodged in the Pike County Detention Center.

The incident is still under investigation by Kentucky Vehicle Enforcement.



Andrew "Jack" Whittaker, third from left, accepts a publicity check from West Virginia Governor Bob Wise. In actuality, Whittaker left with a payment of \$10 million and will receive the rest later.

## W.Va. man wins Christmas jackpot

by GAVIN McCORMICK  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — A 55-year-old contractor won the \$314.9 million Christmas Day jackpot — the biggest undivided lottery prize in history — and said the first thing he will do is turn over 10 percent to his church.

"I just want to thank God for letting me pick the right numbers — or letting the machine pick the right numbers," said

Powerball winner Andrew "Jack" Whittaker Jr., dressed in black with a big black cowboy hat.

Whittaker stepped forward Thursday with his wife, daughter and 15-year-old granddaughter and accepted an oversized facsimile check for \$314.9 million and a cashable \$10 million first installment on the multistate lottery prize.

He said he plans to lavish money on his

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# Odds and Ends

■ **MINA LAKE, S.D.** — P.J. Olson remembers the day she realized she had more Christmas presents than any 8-year-old needs.

It was Friday, P.J., a second-grader, had just exchanged gifts with classmates. She got a Barbie doll and clothing.

But she already had a Barbie doll.

So P.J. decided that someone less fortunate should get such a gift.

When her mother, Tammy Olson, picked her up from school on Friday, P.J. told her all about her concern. "That got the ball rolling," Olson said.

By Sunday, P.J. decided she would give away her Barbie doll, clothing, and several unopened gifts under the Christmas tree.

She and her mother called the local American Red Cross chap-

ter, and a single mother with three children was selected to receive P.J.'s presents.

To accommodate the whole family, extra outfits for the children were purchased, as were books, Christmas stockings and candy. The gifts were delivered Monday afternoon.

"It was wonderful," Olson said.

■ **DALLAS** — For some of North Texas' homeless, there was room at the inn this Christmas.

At a downtown hotel room Tuesday, some 150 homeless people took hot showers, watched TV and slept on beds instead of the streets. It was a gift from Mark Pfeiffer.

"All through the year, these people are treated like second- or third- or fourth-rate citizens. But not tonight," Pfeiffer said. "For one day, they're going to

get first-class treatment."

It was the sixth year that Pfeiffer, 50, and his unincorporated charity, the Homey Syndicate, has paid to provide lodging to homeless people on Christmas Eve. He has booked rooms at the downtown Hyatt Regency for at least three years.

Pfeiffer began handing out invitations Sunday. His guests converged on the hotel Tuesday morning, some wheeling their shopping carts before them. Most of the 70 rooms were filled by 9 a.m., though Pfeiffer was still scouring soup kitchens and streets a few hours later, trying to fill the last dozen rooms.

Pfeiffer paid about \$7,000 for the 70 rooms and paid for dinner at a restaurant.

"I've been outside for the last two years," said one happy recipient, Gwyn Darnell Jr. "It's pretty good."

■ **ALTOONA, Pa.** — A western Pennsylvania couple almost had to explain to their seven children that Santa Claus would be late on Christmas because their car - with gifts in the trunk - had been impounded.

Police in Altoona, about 80 miles east of Pittsburgh, seized Shonda and George Beck-Weatherwalk's car last week because a family friend apparently used it in a series of burglaries, the latest on Thursday, authorities said.

Deputy police Chief Mitchell Cooper said the department needed to impound the car so people could identify their stolen property.

After two days of worry, police returned the car and the gifts to the couple.

"It was my main goal to get the gifts back," said Shonda Beck-Weatherwalk. "They could have kept the car if they needed it for their investigation."

"Christmas will be a lot better than it could have been," she said.

■ **VERO BEACH, Fla.** —

Back in 1953, fed up with holiday cheer, Joe Staab bought coworker Gerry Champion an "ugly little Christmas card" that was green and brown with pinecones on the front.

Forty-nine years later, the same old tattered card keeps going back and forth between Staab and Champion around this time of year.

"It started as a joke," Champion said of the exchange that began when she and the then-21-year-old Staab worked at a naval accounting office in Atlantic City, N.J.

They have sent the card to each other almost every year since. Champion sends it on even years; Staab sends it on odd years.

"I didn't want to send Christmas cards," said Staab, now retired and living in Federal Way, Wash., with his wife Joan. "But she keeps sending it back."

Each year, whoever sends the card writes a brief message. With time, the messages have shrunk the available space, but there's still room for years to come.

"He lost it for a while at the very beginning," said Champion, who was in her early 30s and married when the card exchange began. "But he found it and we've managed to keep it going."

■ **TRENTON, N.J.** — Children, don't fear: State officials won't block Santa Claus and his reindeer from flying over New Jersey on Christmas Eve.

State Environmental Commissioner Bradley Campbell issued the edict last week after several first-graders at the High Bridge Elementary School sent letters to his office, concerned that the state's ban on the importation of deer and elk would be applied to reindeer.

The students feared that the ban, which was designed to guard against the spread of chronic wasting disease, would force Santa to bypass the state and, therefore, force Christmas to be canceled.

When their teacher, Lynn Hickey, could not ease their concerns, she urged them to seek a special reindeer dispensation from the state. She thought it would show her young charges that they have a political voice.

Campbell's decision was swift and direct.

"I have good news," Campbell wrote in a letter that Hickey read to her class. "The rules you were worried about only apply to reindeer on the ground. We made the rule to keep the reindeer that live in New Jersey from getting sick. But flying reindeer are just fine and are always welcome in New Jersey."

The pupils' response was also swift and direct.

"They all cheered when I read the letter," said Hickey.

■ **COLUMBIA, Tenn.** — Clifford Jones thought he'd be paying up when he went to traffic court last week.

Instead, he sang his way out of a fine.

He was among about 55 traffic violators who were given the opportunity to avoid a ticket by caroling.

"I'm a little shy, but not about saving a dollar. It was a pretty good Christmas present," said Jones, who sang "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer."

City Judge Tom DuBois followed a three-year tradition on the last court date before Christmas. Violators who sang a carol and donated five canned goods to the Harvest Food Share

had their tickets dismissed with no points put on their driving record.

"This is a good day to come to court," police officer Kenneth Lovet told the group. "I hope you like to sing."

Fines and court costs were waived in cases of speeding and running stop signs. Some violations were still assessed, including seat belt violations or child safety restrictions.

Donald Hatler, who sang "Jingle Bells," didn't expect the early Christmas gift.

"It was a little embarrassing," Hatler said. "I don't have the best singing voice in the world, but it was worth it."

■ **CARPINTERIA, Calif.** — Banished from a rooftop nine months ago, the giant St. Nick

that brought year-round Christmas cheer to Highway 101 travelers for a half-century is about to face another indignity.

The 22-foot Santa Claus, stored in a driveway after removal from a candy store roof in March, now faces further exile. If there isn't a savior to move the five-ton icon made of chicken wire and plaster by Jan. 23, Santa could be destroyed.

Robert Maxim, a historical preservationist, has investigated numerous potential relocation sites but found none with the desired combination of willing landowner and public view. The goal is to find a home where it can be admired by passers-by.

"We've been unable to find

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## Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Friday, Dec. 27, the 361st day of 2002. There are four days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Dec. 27, 1927, the musical play "Show Boat," with music by Jerome Kern and libretto by Oscar Hammerstein II, opened at the Ziegfeld Theater in New York.

On this date:

■ In 1822, scientist Louis Pasteur was born in Dole, France.

■ In 1831, naturalist Charles Darwin set out on a voyage to the Pacific aboard the HMS Beagle. (Darwin's discoveries during the trip helped to form the basis of his theories on evolution.)

■ In 1900, militant prohibitionist Carry A. Nation carried out her first public smashing of a bar, at the Carey Hotel in Wichita, Kan.

■ In 1932, Radio City Music Hall opened in New York.

■ In 1945, 28 nations signed an agreement creating the World Bank.

■ In 1947, the children's television program "Howdy Doody" made its debut on NBC.

■ In 1968, Apollo 8 and its three astronauts made a safe, nighttime splashdown in the Pacific.

■ In 1970, "Hello, Dolly!" closed on Broadway after a run of 2,844 performances.

■ In 1979, Soviet forces seized control of Afghanistan. President Hafizullah Amin, who was overthrown and executed, was replaced by Babrak Karmal.

■ In 1985, Palestinian guerrillas opened fire inside the Rome and Vienna airports; a total of 20 people were killed, including five of the attackers, who were slain by police and security personnel.

Ten years ago:

The United States shot down an Iraqi fighter jet during what

the Pentagon described as a confrontation between a pair of Iraqi warplanes and U.S. F-16 jets in U.N.-restricted airspace over southern Iraq.

Five years ago:

Billy Wright, Northern Ireland's most notorious Protestant militant, was shot to death by three members of the Irish National Liberation Army at the Maze Prison outside Belfast.

One year ago:

U.S. officials announced that Taliban and al-Qaida prisoners would be held at the U.S. naval base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. President Bush extended permanent normal trade status to China. India and Pakistan engaged in diplomatic tit-for-tat, ordering half of each other's embassy staffs sent home and banning overflights by each other's national airlines.

Today's Birthdays:

Former U.S. Senator James A. McClure, R-Idaho, is 78. Rockabilly musician Scotty Moore is 71. Actor John Amos is 61. ABC News correspondent Cokie Roberts is 59. Singer Tracy Nelson is 58. Actor Gerard Depardieu is 54. Singer-songwriter Karla Bonoff is 50. Rock musician David Knopfler (Dire Straits) is 50. Broadcast journalist Arthur Kent is 49. Actress Maryam D'Abo is 42. Country musician Jeff Bryant is 40. Musician Matt Slocum (Six Pence None The Richer) is 30. Actor Wilson Cruz is 29. Singer Olu is 29.

Thought for Today:

"Why must all the churches be closed at night? How often has the wanderer groaned in front of those closed doors?" — Paul Claudel, French author (1868-1955).

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# Kentucky concludes forest fire season

by ROGER ALFORD  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PIKEVILLE — Rain had the mountains of eastern Kentucky so damp through most of the fall season that woodland arsonists couldn't start fires.

The result was a relatively smokeless fall, with only 3,000 acres of forests burned in the past six months, said Leah MacSwords, director of the Kentucky Division of Forestry.

"I wish I could say all the arsonists have learned a lesson and chose not to start more fires," she said. "We owe it to Mother Nature. That's what we're attributing it to."

Last year, fires charred some 180,000 acres, at times shrouding the mountains in thick smoke, forcing some schools to cancel classes and causing motorists to drive with headlights on during daylight hours. Exposure to the

smoke also sent a flood of people to emergency rooms and clinics with breathing problems.

Calling the fires epidemic, state and federal foresters met in eastern Kentucky in October for a conference intended to help change the attitudes of Appalachian Kentucky residents about forest arson.

The idea was to focus attention on the damage caused by the arsonists who intentionally set more than half of the blazes, and to encourage eastern Kentuckians to report the culprits to authorities.

"We don't really know the real reason why they do it," MacSwords said. "It's kind of a mystery to us. We've heard everything, from 'we've always done this' to 'there's not much else to do.'"

State forester Dexter Conley said the damp weather offered a welcome break from firefighting, allowing him and his colleagues to

concentrate on other duties, whether inspecting logging sites, implementing forest management plans or leading conservation programs in schools.

During forest fire seasons, most of their time is devoted to fighting fires.

"When it's real busy, we may get as many as 10 or 15 fires in one day," said Conley, who oversees six counties from his base in Betsy Layne. "We have had as many as 26 fires in one day."

Conley said the wet weather through the fall forest fire season may have done little more than postpone the problem until the spring.

"If we have a dry spring, I expect it will be bad because the arsonists haven't been able to burn in the fall," he said. "It will depend on the weather."

## Methdone

tively.

Having worked at Mountain Comprehensive Care Center and the Carl D. Perkins Job Corps Center, Recktenwald said that, before arriving in his new job, he had been accustomed to treating drug addiction through programs that promote total abstinence. However, he said that few people return to counseling or go to 12-step programs, which are two ways of dealing with the problem.

Recktenwald said that the methadone treatment program is a way to detox patients from other opiates and keep them from seeking them by maintaining them on the lowest dose of methadone, which gives the patient access to a regular supply and is administered legally. The patient, who comes in each morning for a dose, is then

MacSwords said the state spent about \$4 million to fight forest fires last year. That money, she said, could have been used for other purposes if arsonists hadn't started the fires.

MacSwords said her agency will continue a campaign to try to persuade residents to report suspected woodland arsonists instead of resigning to the notion that they must live with the fires.

"We're still continuing with our efforts to try to get communities involved with arson prevention," she said. "We still think that's the most effective way to fight wild land fires."

MacSwords wants to develop a network of fire-prevention councils made of people who want to stop the senseless burning.

"We need to get people involved in this now," she said.

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able to work and learn skills in treatment to help them prepare for detoxing from the methadone, which is mandatory, with the time limit depending on the person.

The treatment includes education on how the methadone program works as well as how to remain drug-free after leaving the program. Recktenwald said that patients are screened for further drug abuse to make sure that they are refraining from using other drugs which can lead to drug overdose.

Patients are encouraged to build a support system and to develop thought-changing and relaxation techniques, such as those taught in other treatment programs. The treatment program also addresses cognitive behavioral problems through encouraging journaling, measuring emotions and working a 12-step program, the latter of which Recktenwald said state authorities encourage all methadone clinics to enforce.

Recktenwald said the program helps those people who reach "the bottom that most people don't survive to hit," and then to use that bottom to begin recovery.

Recktenwald said that the effects of the methadone compared to other opiates is minimal and most patients say they don't realize that they are on a drug.

"I have to remind them that for \$90 a week they are not drug-free," said Recktenwald.

However, Recktenwald pointed out that \$90 is not that expensive when compared to the prices that most of these people are paying for their fixes, as most of the patients in methadone clinics have already tried most of the other types of treatment and failed to remain drug-free.

Recktenwald said that recovery from opiate addiction is around 15 to 18 percent, as with all other chemical addiction recovery rates.

Although the methadone maintenance program does not offer the addicted person a "clean break" from chemical dependency, it does deal with some of the social problems related to addiction, such as crime and HIV contraction, and it is a step toward freedom for the opiate addict.

# Man charged with shooting brother

by LORETTA BLACKBURN  
STAFF WRITER

HUEYSVILLE — A Hueysville man accused of engaging in erratic gunfire was arrested on Christmas Eve on charges for allegedly shooting his brother in the leg with a .22 caliber.

According to court records, Colonel Lewis Bolen, 38, was arrested on Bosco Temple Road in Hueysville around 5:30 p.m. Tuesday. A police report states that he was discharging a .22

caliber pistol off the hillside and yelling at the neighbors below him, threatening to shoot them. Bolen also allegedly shot his brother, Jeffery Bolen in the right leg with the gun.

In addition, Bolen allegedly threatened the arresting officer, Deputy Brian Walker, at the Floyd County Detention Center, threatening to blow his head off when he got out of jail.

Bolen was charged with first-degree assault, disorderly conduct and second-degree terroristic threatening.

## Powerball

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family, expand his contracting business, maybe buy a helicopter, and give to the Church of God.

"The very first thing I'm going to do is sit down and make out three checks to three pastors for 10 percent of this check," he said.

He said he would provide \$17 million to the three pastors and let them control the money and perhaps establish a Christian school.

"Seventeen million in the state of West Virginia will really do good for the poor," he said.

Whittaker, who lives in the small town of Scott Depot, about 20 miles west of Charleston, and is president of three construction companies that build sewage plants and other water projects, opted to take a lump sum of \$170 million before taxes, instead of 30 annual installments.

"I've had to work for everything in my life. This is the first thing that's ever been given to me," he said.

Whittaker said he originally

thought he had lost the jackpot because the numbers came up wrong on the televised drawing Christmas night. It was not until Thursday morning that he realized he hit all six numbers and won.

It is the world's biggest jackpot ever won by a single ticketholder, West Virginia lottery spokeswoman Nancy Bulla said. It is also the third-largest jackpot in U.S. history.

Whittaker's daughter, Ginger McMahan, said she had cancer twice and had not worked for about a year. "I was getting ready to go back to work, but I think I'm retired now," she said.

Whittaker's wife of 36 years, Jewell, said she plans to go to Israel: "It's where Jesus walked."

Whittaker also said he wants to help "people who want to better themselves to have a better life."

"I'm getting really excited because of the good works I can do with this money," he said.

He said little about buying luxuries for himself — aside

from a helicopter he said he had had his eye on for a while.

"I have 25 people laid off right now at Christmas and I want more work so I can put them back to work," he said. He said he now employs 117 people.

He said he was not a regular lottery player but bought \$100 in tickets because the jackpot was so high. He said he plays only when it reaches \$100 million.

The ticket was purchased at the C&L Super Serve in Hurricane, a town of 5,200 people 25 miles west of Charleston.

Whittaker went back to the store Thursday morning to fill up on gas and buy some biscuits, as he does each day. The clerk was the one who sold him the ticket. He told her he won, but "she said, 'No you didn't, you're not excited enough to win the lottery.' And she just pushed me out the door," he said.

"It's so just that the poorest state in America wins the biggest Powerball in history," said Bob O'Dell, a 51-year-old resident of Hurricane, pronounced HER-ah-cun. (West Virginia's per capita income actually was second-lowest to Mississippi's in 2000.)

The Super Serve's owner, Larry Trogon, will get \$100,000 for selling the ticket.

"I have a daughter getting married this summer," he told NBC, smiling.

"I guess we're honeymooning in Hawaii," said his daughter, Amy, who manages the Super Serve and is getting married next summer to a clerk at the store.

"Heck, if you're going to Hawaii, I'm coming with you," Trogon answered, laughing.

Powerball, the nation's largest lottery game, is sold in 23 states, the District of Columbia and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Before the Christmas 2002 prize, the largest Powerball jackpot was \$295.7 million in July 1998.

The biggest lottery jackpot in U.S. history was a Big Game prize of \$363 million, won in May 2000 by two ticketholders in Michigan and Illinois. The second-biggest jackpot was a \$331 million Big Game prize split among three tickets in April.

Spain's annual Christmas lottery known as El Gordo — The Fat One — is billed as the world's richest. This year's jackpot is \$1.7 billion. But about 10,000 numbers win at least a piece of prize, from \$20 to \$200,000.

## Settlement

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because the company did not spread a layer of fine coal particles around its perimeter to block water seepage. The agency also found that the company failed to act in response to increasing seepage from the impoundment.

In August, the company agreed to pay \$3.25 million in penalties and damages to the state of Kentucky. Those penalties came on top of an earlier \$225,000 fine by the state Fish and Wildlife Service and a \$110,000 fine from MSHA.

The sanctions were the largest

related to coal-mining activities ever collected by Kentucky, according to state regulators.

At a pretrial conference in August, Jeff Woods, an attorney for the coal company, said he didn't think all of the plaintiffs in Pillersdorf's lawsuit suffered property damage. Woods added that the plaintiffs couldn't meet the requirement for liability that the coal company acted with "wanton or reckless disregard" in causing the spill.

But without elaborating, Pillersdorf described the settlement negotiations as "amicable."

## Lawsuit

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duct the investigation without having them complete the prescribed training certified by the regulations. The lawsuit alleges that Knutz and Williams conducted a defective investigation and issued a report that contained false allegations about Allen.

The lawsuit alleges that James C. Bobick conspired to appoint unqualified individuals to conduct the investigation and that he influenced the investigation itself. It is also alleged that Scott Hamilton influenced the investigation along with Bobick.

The suit also alleges that Jimmy Cantrell republished parts of the allegation as a retaliation of his removal from the

position of wing commander in the Kentucky Civil Air Patrol.

The Civil Air Patrol is accused of failing to enforce its own regulations and of publishing defamatory and false accusations about Allen.

The lawsuit asks for the reinstatement of Allen to the Civil Air Patrol, along with damages for libel and slander both jointly and separately against the defendants. The suit also asks that Allen be compensated for damages from humiliation, embarrassment and mental suffering in the form of punitive damages in the amount that a jury may decide is fair and equitable.

A date has not been set for a trial by jury in the case.

## Odds

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him a proper location along a public roadway," Maxim said. "I'm running out of people to call."

Property owners Steven Kent and Nancy Rikalo have the right to dispose of the massive figure if a new home isn't found by next month, but Kent said they prefer not to trash the holiday icon.

"We're still optimistic that there will be some individual or group that will help rehabilitate it," Kent said.

**MADISON, Wis.** — For Michael Buckalew and his employees, Santa Claus came in the form of a retired police detective.

Belle Stephenson found an envelope Saturday containing \$2,000 on a downtown street — money that Buckalew wanted to use to pay for Christmas bonuses and presents for his 12 employees.

"Obviously, \$2,000 isn't life-changing money, but it's definitely Christmas-changing money," Buckalew said.

Buckalew tore apart his car and retraced his steps in vain

after realizing he'd lost the cash. He didn't bother calling the police because he figured no one would return the money.

Instead, he headed to his favorite bar to console himself.

Stephenson, meanwhile, had spied the bank envelope in the gutter. She turned it over the police department. The police notified newspapers and broadcast stations about the found money.

The publicity paid off for Buckalew, who got bombarded by phone calls Monday morning from friends who heard of the found money. He quickly claimed it.

"It's unbelievable that there are still some honest people around," said Buckalew, who gave Stephenson \$300 as a reward.

Buckalew's luck extended beyond the Christmas bonuses. He lost his wallet and checkbook Saturday at the bar where he went drinking after losing the bank envelope. Someone returned them Sunday.

"So I'm willing to rub lottery tickets for free," he laughed.

# Suspect flees with daughter in tow

by LORETTA BLACKBURN  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Prior restrictions did not stop a Prestonsburg man from returning to Wal-Mart, where he was arrested on several charges, including endangering the welfare of a minor, for allegedly running from security with his 3-year-old daughter after he was caught shoplifting.

According to court records, James R. Henderson, of Prestonsburg, was arrested on

Dec. 23 at 11:44 p.m. at Wal-Mart after he allegedly ran from security while holding his daughter. Henderson was accused of taking over \$300 in goods and was charged with trespassing due to being told not to be at any Wal-Mart pursuant to prior shoplifting charges.

Henderson was charged with theft, third-degree criminal trespassing, alcohol intoxication, disorderly conduct, endangering the welfare of a minor and unlawful transaction with a minor.

# Theft of roosters prompts charges

by LORETTA BLACKBURN  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A Prestonsburg man has been summoned to court to face charges of theft, in which he is accused of stealing roosters.

According to court records,


Daniel Jarrell, 18, was summoned to court to face charges of theft.

Bill Hagans, of Langley, claims that Jarrell stole seven roosters that belonged to him on Nov. 29. The charges were filed on Dec. 11 in Floyd District Court.

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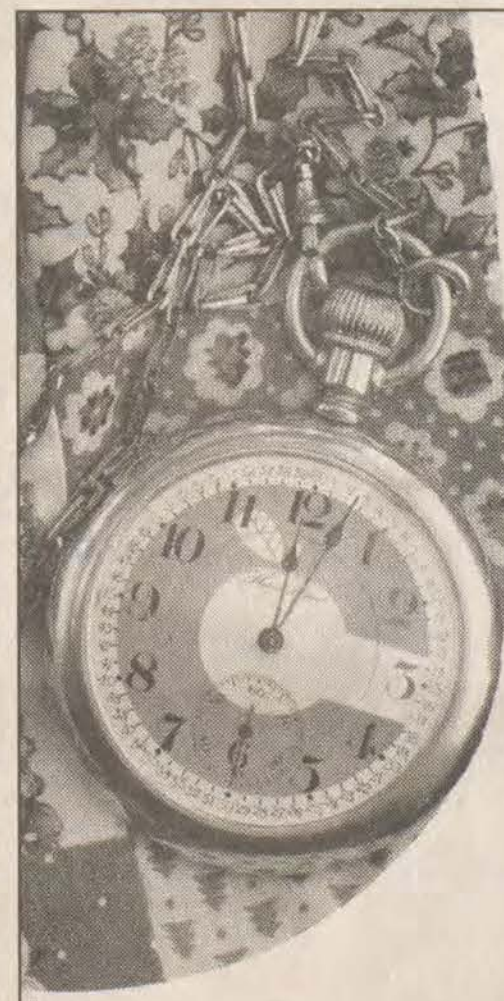
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# Viewpoint

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## Guest View

### Editorial roundup

*The Florida Times-Union, Jacksonville, on politically correct holidays:*

When a second-grade teacher in Massachusetts instructed her students to bring a Christmas book to share with the class last year, Laura Greska selected a Little Golden Book titled *The Christmas Story*. As soon as she started reading it, however, the teacher stopped her. Frosty, Santa and Rudolph were OK, but baby Jesus was not. ...

One New York school superintendent this month ordered teachers to take down all student art depicting Christmas trees, Hanukkah menorahs and, of course, the dreaded Nativity scene. ... There could be nothing related to any specific holiday. ...

This is politically correct foolishness at its worst.

Christmas means different things to different people ... and nothing to some. Regardless, it began as a celebration of a birth in a Bethlehem stable some 2,000 years ago. Christians believe Jesus was the ultimate gift - given by a heavenly father to his children on Earth. Everyone is free to believe or disbelieve that. Even if one disbelieves, it doesn't alter the fact that the holiday began as an act by Christians to honor their God for that gift. The first Christmas story is not subversive or in any way dangerous. It has inspired people to acts of charity and kindness. That is not something to be feared.

*The Washington Post, on the freedom to criticize American foreign policy:*

... There is a danger ... that people will become afraid to criticize any aspect of American foreign policy, lest they be branded "anti-American." That, at any rate, is the conclusion many will reach after reading of Sen. Patty Murray's experience.

Sen. Murray's (D-Wash.) crime, it seems, was to make an ill-worded and rather silly speech last week to a high school in Vancouver, Wash., that was then excerpted by the *Columbian*, a newspaper in Vancouver, Canada. ... By the weekend, the chairman of the Republican Party in Washington state had publicly questioned Sen. Murray's patriotism. ...

According to the *Columbian*, she said that Osama bin Laden has "been out in these countries for decades, building schools, building roads, building infrastructure, building day-care facilities, building health care facilities, and the people are extremely grateful. ... How would they look at us today if we had been there helping them with some of that rather than just being the people who are going to bomb in Iraq and go to Afghanistan?"

Sen. Murray got a few things very wrong. ...

Nevertheless, there is a deeper point that Sen. Murray, with extraordinary ineptitude, seemed to be trying to make — a point that is worth preserving: At the very least, it ought to be possible to discuss America's image in the Islamic world, and the kinds of mistakes the United States has made there. ...

This is a point worth debating, and no one should be called "unpatriotic" for bringing it up.

### AFTER-CHRISTMAS EXCHANGES



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## In the moment

### Standing your ground

It is amazing how emotions affect our ability to see a situation for what it is, as well as influence our decisions.

Last week I wrote of the woes of parenthood and how hard it was to let go of my son, which I perceived as necessary for his personal growth. However, my perception of the situation was influenced by my own guilt because I took his expressions of anger as a sign that I had not been doing something right and I couldn't give him what he needed. I thought that what he needed was a closer relationship with his father and that maybe he was blaming me for not having that. Therefore, I had to step out of the way and give him the opportunity to do that, consequently removing the

opening for him to blame it on me.

After staying with his dad a few days, he returned to visit and was still full of anger. Having had some distance from the situation, I had dealt with my emotions and had reclaimed the ability to be objective.

It suddenly became apparent to me that he was seeking to find a way to deal with the changes going on within himself and he was directing his frustration toward me because he felt that it was a safe place. Well, when I confronted him with this observation, he became even angrier and wanted to run back to dad.

I stood my ground and even though I was accused of being a hostage taker, I refused to let him go, reminding him that I was his mother and had the right to hold him hostage when it was for his

own good. I informed him that I would not let him run from his problems because the problem would keep coming up until he found a solution.

We are now communicating more effectively and, hopefully, we are working toward solutions together. I can only pray that my son has learned that running doesn't solve anything and that sharing the problem is easier than trying to handle it alone.

I was reminded of how important it is to let go and let God take control, because I am blind to the truth as long as I am trying to control the situation. I also learned that as

a parent, I have to stand my ground when it comes to making decisions that affect my children's lives, yet I can't demand that they stand there with me. I have to send an invitation, give directions, and patiently wait to see which way they will go.



LORETTA BLACKBURN

## Letter

### Kaul a 'liberal twerp'

Editor's note: The following letter was originally sent to columnist Donald Kaul.

I've just read "Lott reveals Republicans' inner feelings" which reveals right away that you are a liberal Democrat. Why is it so easily recognizable you may ask! It's because liberal Democrats are incapable of saying or writing anything unless they insult, complain or criticize.

It is appalling even coming from a liberal twerp like you to insult Senator Thurmond, or any other elderly person, calling him a "senile old fool unable to understand, let alone perform" and "Thurmond was even unfit for office in 1948." You should be so lucky to be as alert as Senator Thurmond at his age. I don't mind so much your typical insults regarding Republicans, due to your being an unquestionable "twerp" but the insult was

inexcusable.

It may come as a surprise to you but there are or were thousands upon thousands of people who did not like Harry Truman. Nobody can think of one redeeming quality of Truman (much like Clinton).

Since the 1960s much has changed, some for the better, most detrimental to the country. And I am not talking about racism. Where I am from I never heard anything derogatory said to or about black people until so called "freedom marches." The only words I ever heard were "colored or negra (short for Negro). While I am on the subject, I have traveled around the world, as well as USA, and the nastiest remarks and treatment to blacks came from you, you guessed it, New Englanders and mid westerners.

I am sick and tired, and I speak for millions, of "racism." All people like you do is to keep ill feelings, if not hatred, toward races of all ethnic groups. But I suppose,

if it wasn't for the unrest your comments cause you would be out of a job.

And then there is the underhanded insult to Iona W. Lott. Shame on you.

Don't bother with an email answer, I rarely check it and I am fond of the "delete" button.

Lois Bond  
Hueysville

### Increase tobacco excise tax

An excise tax is a fee determined by the government, levied towards a particular product or service that impacts only those who purchase or use that product. Some examples of current Kentucky excise taxes can be found on beer, wine, liquor, gasoline, tires and tobacco.

The revenues generated from excise taxes can be applied to any program seen

worthy by the state legislature. Generally, these taxes are used to offset public costs affiliated with the use of these products. An example of this is revenue generated by the excise tax on tires being used primarily for road maintenance and repair.

Kentucky has a 3-cent-a-pack excise tax on cigarettes, second lowest in the nation. It has been over 30 years since this fee has been raised in Kentucky. This current rate is more than 1,800 percent below the national average. More important, raising this tax is a proven means to reduce youth and adult smoking substantially, and thereby save lives.

Unfortunately, youth smoking is a huge problem in the state. Kentucky high school students' smoking rate is 37 percent, compared to the national average of 28 percent. That is the fourth-worst high school rate in the nation. Even more problematic,

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At the Movies:

# 'Catch Me If You Can'

by **CHRISTY LEMIRE**  
AP ENTERTAINMENT WRITER

Steven Spielberg's "Catch Me If You Can" is slick and stylish — the year's most flat-out fun movie, and one of its best.

It grabbed me from the title sequence — a spirited, '60s-styled montage, punctuated by John Williams' jazzy score. (The Henry Mancini-inspired theme is his least bombastic — and his catchiest.)

Based loosely on the true story of con man Frank Abagnale Jr., it's a giddy cat-and-mouse game between two infinitely talented players (Tom Hanks and Leonardo DiCaprio).

"Catch Me" traces the seemingly impossible rise and fall of Abagnale, who runs away from home in New Rochelle, N.Y., as a teenager in the mid-1960s, when his parents (Nathalie Baye and a nuanced Christopher Walken) announce they're getting a divorce.

Armed with a checkbook for an account his father opened for him on his 16th birthday, Abagnale starts writing away, and it doesn't take long for him to begin assuming identities to snag more cash. He poses as an airline pilot, a doctor and a lawyer, jumping from New York to Miami to Atlanta to New Orleans, and his supreme confidence compensates for his baby-faced features. By the time he's done, he's amassed \$2.5 million.

(Seeing a complete lack of airport security is almost quaint; Abagnale walks coolly onto a plane in a pilot's uniform, and not only does everyone assume he works for Pan Am, but the flight attendants unabashedly flirt with him.)

Chasing him across the country is FBI agent Carl Hanratty (Hanks), for whom Abagnale becomes an obsession, especially after an embarrassing series of misses.

We know Hanratty has to catch him eventually — the story is told in a series of flashbacks as Abagnale is being extradited from France to the United States — but it's hard not to root for Abagnale to get away. He's not a bad guy, just a kid who desperately seeks his father's approval, and hopes to reunite his parents by providing them a lush life.

This is DiCaprio's best work since his Oscar-nominated performance in 1993's "What's Eating Gilbert Grape," and a reminder of his capacity for oozing charisma in the right role. He's far more in command here than in "Gangs of New York," where he barely holds his own opposite scenery-chewing Daniel Day-Lewis.



"Catch Me If You Can," a Dreamworks Pictures release, is rated PG-13 for sexual content and brief language. Running time: 140 minutes

**Three and a half stars out of four.**

Hanks is clearly having a blast playing a broad comic character — though his nasal New England accent is often gratefully over-the-top — and the few scenes in which he and

DiCaprio spar are alternately madcap and poignant. Each of them recognizes something familiar and lonely in the other, even though they're adversaries. Even the supporting parts are

beautifully cast, including Amy Adams as a naive candy stripper who becomes Abagnale's fiancée, Martin Sheen as her unsuspecting father, and Jennifer Garner as a call girl Abagnale swindles in a brief, very funny hotel room scene.

"Catch Me" reunites Spielberg with Oscar-winning cinematographer Janusz Kaminski, with whom he's collaborated on movies including "Schindler's List," "Saving Private Ryan," "A.I. Artificial Intelligence" and "Minority Report." So it's no surprise that the film is flawlessly crafted. Kaminski works wonders with light, giving everything a glitzy glow.

The look is an ideal match for

(See **CATCH** page eight)

## Top actors are trying their hand behind the camera

by **DAVID GERMAIN**  
AP MOVIE WRITER

LOS ANGELES — Nicolas Cage, George Clooney and Denzel Washington are among a rush of big-name actors making directing debuts in movies.

The appeal of directing, they say, is partly to flex their muscles behind the camera and partly to use their clout to get unconventional projects into production.

"I loved the screenplay and thought it wasn't going to get made," Clooney said of his "Confessions of a Dangerous Mind." It features Sam Rockwell as game-show host Chuck Barris, who claimed in his fanciful "autobiography" that he doubled as a CIA hitman.

"There was a feeling that if I came on board and directed it for (bottom-scale wages) and got some A-list actors to work for virtually nothing, then we thought they'd make the movie," Clooney said.

Washington's "Antwone Fisher" is based on the true story of a volatile sailor (Derek Luke) struggling to overcome a troubled past. Cage's "Sonny" stars James Franco as a newly discharged soldier reluctantly drawn back into his pre-Army life as a gigolo.

Also opening before year's end is "Love Liza," starring Philip Seymour Hoffman in the directing debut of Todd Louiso, most recently seen as John Cusack's meek record-store

clerk in "High Fidelity."

Next year brings directing debuts by John Malkovich with "The Dancer Upstairs," Matt Dillon with "City of Ghosts," Steve Guttenberg with "P.S. Your Cat Is Dead" and Salma Hayek with the cable-TV movie "The Maldonado Miracle."

Even in the early days of film, performers such as Charlie Chaplin and Buster Keaton moved into directing to control their material better.

Some actors have directed with mundane results, including John Wayne ("The Alamo," "The Green Berets"), Jack Nicholson ("Goin' South," "The Two Jakes") and Sally Field ("Beautiful").

Yet many have succeeded brilliantly. Robert Redford ("Ordinary People"), Clint Eastwood ("Unforgiven"), Kevin Costner ("Dances With Wolves") and Mel Gibson ("Braveheart") won best-director Academy Awards. Others were nominated, including Warren Beatty for "Reds" and "Heaven Can Wait," Tim Robbins for "Dead Man Walking" and Kenneth Branagh for "Henry V."

"Actors tend to make the transition to directing fairly well, probably because they can communicate well with other actors," said Cage, who had hoped to star in "Sonny" in the 1980s but was unable to get the picture made. He sought out the script again years later when he decided to direct.

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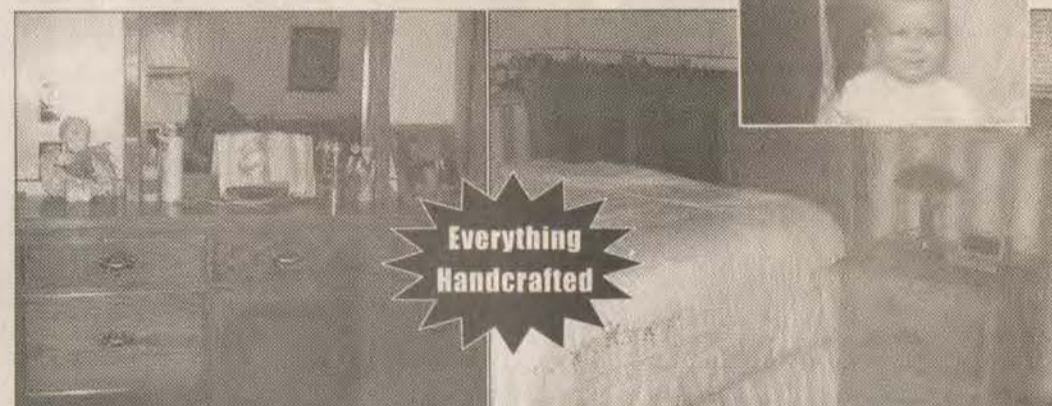
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# Gambling becoming business with hardships

The Associated Press

LOUISVILLE — Caleb Cooley, a 58-year-old Pikeville accountant, started gambling in 1977.

After one big win in Las Vegas — a \$100,000 win — Cooley began gambling compulsively — betting at the tracks and poker games, and taking more trips to Vegas.

"I thought, 'Man, this is great,'" Cooley said.

But if he got hot and won,

say, \$10,000, he'd gamble it all away and wind up in the hole. And when he could no longer get money from family and banks he began dipping into clients' funds. Eventually, his accounting practice went broke, his partners bailed out and so did his wife.

Cooley is an example of the human toll that gambling can take.

With the Kentucky General Assembly being urged to consider placing slot machines at

the state's racetracks, the threat of addiction and financial ruin lurks, according to an investigation by The Courier-Journal.

The act of buying a lottery ticket, playing the slots, betting the horses or filling out a bingo card has swelled to a \$3 billion-a-year business in Kentucky and neighboring Indiana.

And with it have come an estimated 204,000 problem gamblers, many of whose lives have intersected with addiction and despair, financial ruin, bro-

ken families and — for some — jail.

The Louisville newspaper spent six months examining the issue of problem gambling and its repercussions by looking at hundreds of public documents and interviewing dozens of treatment authorities, researchers, state officials and gamblers.

It found that calls to gambling help lines are up sharply in recent years and that Gamblers Anonymous has doubled the number of meetings in the Louisville area.

Area attorneys are handling increasing numbers of gambling-related bankruptcy cases, and prosecutors say crimes motivated by gambling debts also are on the rise.

Gambling critics say the social costs from a decade of explosive growth in legalized gambling have only now begun to surface.

"You can't count the cost to families," said the Rev. Nancy Jo Kemper, executive director of the Kentucky Council of Churches. "That is untold."

The casino industry, for its part, is committed to addressing problem gambling, said Judy Patterson, senior vice president and executive director of the American Gaming Association, a national industry trade group. Casinos train their staffs about the issue and offer voluntary eviction programs to allow problem gamblers to bar themselves from gaming establishments, Patterson said.

"Our members want to do the right thing," she said.

As recently as the mid-1980s, someone who wanted to gamble

legally in Kentucky had only two options: to play bingo or bet on a live race at a horse track.

But today there are lotteries — with jackpots that sometimes total hundreds of millions of dollars — and off-track betting parlors. Indiana has 10 riverboat casinos, half of them on the Ohio River across from Kentucky, and two horse tracks. Kentucky has eight tracks and numerous bingo halls. And Illinois has a floating casino on the Ohio across from Paducah.

"When you have more gambling opportunities, you have more gamblers," said Curtis Barrett, a University of Louisville professor emeritus and an adviser to the Kentucky Council on Problem Gambling. "When you have an increase in gamblers, you're going to have more problem gamblers."

That has been documented by research.

A 1997 Harvard Medical School study — funded by the casino industry — analyzed 134 gambling-prevalence studies from the United States and Canada.

From 1994 through 1997, the study concluded, 1.29 percent of all adults were compulsive gamblers, compared with 0.84 percent from 1977 through 1993, a period when there were far fewer opportunities to gamble legally. That's an increase of more than 50 percent.

It means that by 1997 roughly 2.5 million people nationally were compulsive gamblers.

The researchers said key factors in the trend were the widespread availability of gambling and its transformation as a socially acceptable form of

entertainment.

A study released this year in Nevada, by problem-gambling authority Rachel Volberg, underscored the trend. She found that about 6 percent of adults there — roughly 89,200 people — have gambling problems.

Treatment experts worry that Kentucky may be on that path.

"How many gambling boats do we have in this region? We're socially engaging people to gamble," said Alfred L. Perkins, a Louisville counselor.

One indication that more residents are getting addicted to gambling is that, in the past four years, calls to Kentucky's problem-gambling hot line has increased.

Calls to Kentucky's (800) 426-2537 hot line totaled 453 in 2000, the first year for which statistics are available. By 2001, the number had increased to 612, and it has already exceeded 700 this year. That's an increase of about 55 percent since 2000.

Gamblers Anonymous, the main private organization trying to deal with the problem, also has seen an increase in calls for help, though it keeps no records. The organization and a related support group for families now hold more than 20 meetings a week in the Louisville area — twice the number held in 1998.

And gambling-related criminal cases have become far more common than they were a decade ago, authorities say.

Prosecutors in Louisville, for instance, say they regularly subpoena player records from Caesars Indiana casino — just down the Ohio River from Louisville in Harrison County — to trace the path of money embezzled by admitted problem gamblers. As recently as a decade ago, such cases were rare, they said.

A Courier-Journal review of 11 criminal cases involving gamblers during the past five years showed that defendants were charged with stealing more than \$1.6 million from local businesses. Nine of the defendants were casino gamblers.

Todd Lewis, an assistant Jefferson County commonwealth's attorney, said it's impossible to provide an exact count of gambling-related criminal cases. But he said prosecutors have begun to see a "disproportionate" number of embezzlements in which gamblers have diverted funds at work to cover their debts.

Gambling "is a huge driving force behind embezzlements. Definitely a disproportionate number of embezzlements involve gamblers," he said.

Although the research is still in its relative infancy, a few truths are accepted: At least 15 percent of compulsive gamblers also are alcoholics, and people who suffer from depression and low self-esteem appear more vulnerable. Like alcoholics and drug addicts, problem gamblers suffer repeated relapses.

The disorder is known as the "hidden addiction" because most gamblers deny their problems, and loved ones avoid confiding in others out of shame and embarrassment.

Cooley, the accountant, is now president of the board of directors for the Kentucky Council on Problem Gambling.

He shares his story in hopes that it will encourage others. "I want people to get the help they need," he said. "They need to know the situation isn't hopeless."

## Governor says he's focused on budget, not 'personal problems'

by CHARLES WOLFE  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Gov. Paul Patton says he is focused on a budget crisis, not on the scandal of his extramarital affair, as his eighth and final year in office gets under way.

"My personal problems have not in any way changed my agenda for this remaining year," Patton told The Associated Press in an interview.

"The big part is to get a budget that will move the state forward, that we can live with. That is such a big objective that there's not anything else in that category," Patton said. "We're going to be fully engaged until the end of March in getting a budget."

Patton said it has been that way — business as usual — for

all but the first couple of weeks following his public confession to an affair with Tina Conner, a businesswoman who was his political contact person in Hickman County.

Conner went public with the affair in a television interview in September. She also said she ended the affair, and Patton retaliated by unleashing state inspectors on the nursing home she owned in Clinton.

Patton denies the accusation. At first he denied the affair, too, but acknowledged it after three days. He said he was "personally, totally devastated" and considered resigning but was dissuaded by his staff.

"I had basically decided ... that I just needed to give the lieutenant governor notice and give him maybe five or six weeks to put together an admin-

istration and, after the election, resign," Patton said.

"That was basically a decision that I had personally made, but we did a lot of talking and the staff was very adamant" that he should stick it out, he said. He never got to the point of notifying Lt. Gov. Steve Henry, Patton said.

Conner now is suing Patton in Franklin County Circuit Court. In addition, a federal grand jury is looking into the allegation that Patton caused the ruin of the nursing home, which Conner lost in a bankruptcy proceeding.

Other than fighting Conner's lawsuit, which he is doing at his own expense, the scandal "just doesn't occupy any of my time," Patton said. "It doesn't alter the

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**BEST IN FLOYD COUNTY**

- Area Attraction \_\_\_\_\_
- Church \_\_\_\_\_
- Civic Club/Organization \_\_\_\_\_
- College \_\_\_\_\_
- Community Festival Event \_\_\_\_\_
- Dining Atmosphere \_\_\_\_\_
- Elderly Care Facility \_\_\_\_\_
- Elementary School \_\_\_\_\_
- Entertainment \_\_\_\_\_
- High School \_\_\_\_\_
- Hospital/Medical Facility \_\_\_\_\_
- Local Band \_\_\_\_\_
- Middle School \_\_\_\_\_
- Place to camp out \_\_\_\_\_
- Place to lose weight \_\_\_\_\_
- Place to meet friends \_\_\_\_\_
- Place to spend Saturday night \_\_\_\_\_
- Place to take out of town guests \_\_\_\_\_
- Place to work \_\_\_\_\_

**BEST FOOD**

- Barbecue \_\_\_\_\_
- Biscuits \_\_\_\_\_
- Brand of Soft Drink \_\_\_\_\_
- Burgers \_\_\_\_\_
- Catering \_\_\_\_\_
- Chicken \_\_\_\_\_
- Chili \_\_\_\_\_
- Chinese Food \_\_\_\_\_
- Decorated Cake \_\_\_\_\_
- Desserts \_\_\_\_\_
- Donuts \_\_\_\_\_
- Fish and Seafood \_\_\_\_\_
- French Fries \_\_\_\_\_
- Fresh Meat for Grilling \_\_\_\_\_
- Home Cookin' \_\_\_\_\_
- Hot Dogs \_\_\_\_\_
- Ice Cream \_\_\_\_\_
- Kid's Meal \_\_\_\_\_
- Mexican Food \_\_\_\_\_
- Onion Rings \_\_\_\_\_
- Pizza \_\_\_\_\_
- Roast Beef Sandwich \_\_\_\_\_
- Salad Bar \_\_\_\_\_
- Sandwiches \_\_\_\_\_
- Shakes/Malts \_\_\_\_\_
- Steaks \_\_\_\_\_

**BEST PEOPLE**

- Accountant \_\_\_\_\_
- Attorney \_\_\_\_\_
- Bank Teller \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_

- Barber \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- Boss \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- Building Contractor \_\_\_\_\_
- Bus Driver \_\_\_\_\_
- Car Salesperson \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- Chiropractor \_\_\_\_\_
- City Employee \_\_\_\_\_
- Club President \_\_\_\_\_
- Coach \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- Dental Hygiene \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- Dentist \_\_\_\_\_
- Electrician \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- EMT/Paramedic \_\_\_\_\_
- Firefighter \_\_\_\_\_
- Funeral Home Attendant \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- Furniture Sales Person \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- General Physician \_\_\_\_\_
- Hairstylist \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- Heating/Air Service Room \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- Insurance Agent \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- Jeweler \_\_\_\_\_
- Law Enforcement Officer \_\_\_\_\_
- Loan Officer \_\_\_\_\_
- Mechanic \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- Nurse \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- Optometrist \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- Painter \_\_\_\_\_
- Paper Carrier \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- Pastor/Priest \_\_\_\_\_
- Pastor of \_\_\_\_\_
- Pharmacist \_\_\_\_\_
- Photographer \_\_\_\_\_
- Physical Therapist \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- Plumber \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- Politician \_\_\_\_\_
- Principal \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- Radio Announcer \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- Real Estate Agent \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- School Teacher \_\_\_\_\_
- Teaches at \_\_\_\_\_

- Secretary \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- Store Cashier \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- Sunday School Teacher \_\_\_\_\_
- Teaches at \_\_\_\_\_
- Surgeon \_\_\_\_\_
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- Sunday School Teacher \_\_\_\_\_
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- Surgeon \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- Waitress/Waiter \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- Veterinarian \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_

- Car Dealership \_\_\_\_\_
- Car Wash \_\_\_\_\_
- Commercial Printer \_\_\_\_\_
- Concrete \_\_\_\_\_
- Construction/Remodeling \_\_\_\_\_
- Convenience Store \_\_\_\_\_
- Crafts \_\_\_\_\_
- Daycare Center \_\_\_\_\_
- Deli \_\_\_\_\_
- Dry Cleaners \_\_\_\_\_
- Electrical Supplies \_\_\_\_\_
- Electronics \_\_\_\_\_
- Eyewear \_\_\_\_\_
- Exterminating \_\_\_\_\_
- Farm/Agriculture \_\_\_\_\_
- Financial Institutions \_\_\_\_\_
- Financing \_\_\_\_\_
- Floor Coverings \_\_\_\_\_
- Florist \_\_\_\_\_
- Funeral Home \_\_\_\_\_
- Furniture \_\_\_\_\_
- Garage \_\_\_\_\_
- Gas Station \_\_\_\_\_
- Gifts \_\_\_\_\_
- Grocery Store \_\_\_\_\_
- Guns/Ammo \_\_\_\_\_
- Hearing Aids \_\_\_\_\_
- Home Decorating \_\_\_\_\_
- Insurance Agency \_\_\_\_\_
- Janitorial Service \_\_\_\_\_
- Jewelry \_\_\_\_\_
- Landscaping \_\_\_\_\_
- Laundromat \_\_\_\_\_
- Manufacturing \_\_\_\_\_
- Mine Supply \_\_\_\_\_
- Mining Company \_\_\_\_\_
- Mobile Home \_\_\_\_\_
- Motel/Hotel \_\_\_\_\_
- Motorcycles/ATV \_\_\_\_\_
- Music Store \_\_\_\_\_
- Newspaper \_\_\_\_\_
- Office Supplies \_\_\_\_\_
- Oil Changes \_\_\_\_\_
- Pawn Shop \_\_\_\_\_
- Pharmacy \_\_\_\_\_
- Plumbing \_\_\_\_\_
- Real Estate Agency \_\_\_\_\_
- Rental Items \_\_\_\_\_
- Restaurant \_\_\_\_\_
- Retail Store \_\_\_\_\_
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- Tanning Salon \_\_\_\_\_
- Tire Store \_\_\_\_\_
- Tools & Supplies \_\_\_\_\_
- Truck Dealership \_\_\_\_\_
- Upholstery \_\_\_\_\_
- Videos \_\_\_\_\_

**BEST PLACE TO PURCHASE**

- Athletic Shoes \_\_\_\_\_
- Auto-Body Repairs \_\_\_\_\_
- Bath Towels \_\_\_\_\_
- Bed Linens \_\_\_\_\_
- Cabinets \_\_\_\_\_
- Carpet \_\_\_\_\_
- Dairy Items \_\_\_\_\_
- Dress Shoes \_\_\_\_\_
- Film Developing \_\_\_\_\_
- Frozen Foods \_\_\_\_\_
- Health & Beauty Aids \_\_\_\_\_
- Home Health Care Needs \_\_\_\_\_
- Home Mortgage Loan \_\_\_\_\_
- Kids Clothing \_\_\_\_\_
- Men's Clothing \_\_\_\_\_
- Penn \_\_\_\_\_
- Pet Supplies \_\_\_\_\_
- Produce \_\_\_\_\_
- School Supplies \_\_\_\_\_
- Seafood items \_\_\_\_\_
- Shoe Repair \_\_\_\_\_
- Snack Food \_\_\_\_\_
- Stereo \_\_\_\_\_
- TV-VCR Repair \_\_\_\_\_
- Used Automobiles \_\_\_\_\_
- Vinyl \_\_\_\_\_
- Women's Clothing \_\_\_\_\_

**BEST BUSINESS**

- Antiques/Collectibles \_\_\_\_\_
- Appliances \_\_\_\_\_
- Artwork/Framing \_\_\_\_\_
- Athletic Supply \_\_\_\_\_
- Auto Parts \_\_\_\_\_
- Bait/Tackle \_\_\_\_\_
- Beauty Salon \_\_\_\_\_
- Bookkeeping/Tax \_\_\_\_\_
- Building Supplies \_\_\_\_\_

- Car Dealership \_\_\_\_\_
- Car Wash \_\_\_\_\_
- Commercial Printer \_\_\_\_\_
- Concrete \_\_\_\_\_
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# For the Record

## Civil Suits Filed

Denzil Allen vs. Robert Morrison, Nicholas Knutz, James C. Bobick, Emmit Williams, Scott Hamilton, Jimmy W. Cantrell, John Doe One, John Doe Two and Civil Air Patrol; transfer case to Floyd County.  
 Jay Music vs. Melissa Sue Music; divorce.  
 Fabrina Miller vs. Christopher Miller; divorce.  
 Cheryl Lewis and Mary Fulford vs. Wilbur Skaggs and Kentucky Farm Bureau; compensation for injuries in automobile accident.  
 Pennie Dye vs. Billy Gene Dye; divorce.  
 Rena Michelle Thompson vs. Phillip Monroe Thompson; divorce.  
 Melissa Colleen Gilbert vs. Brian Keith Gilbert; divorce.  
 Ashley Akers vs. Jason Akers; divorce.

Legal Recoveries Inc. vs. Gerney D. Collins; debt collection.

Hershelle Baldrige vs. Tina Rae Marsilett Baldrige; divorce.

Robert M. Sexton Jr. vs. Opal P. Newsome; compensation for injuries in automobile accident.

Rual Virgil Mullins vs. Jesse M. Derosssett; compensation for injuries in automobile accident.

Phillip Ray Lyon vs. Twina Rodlyn Lyon; divorce.

Crystal Ann Pennington vs. Kenneth Pennington; divorce.

Stephanie Collins Holbrook vs. Larry Holbrook; divorce.

Michael Jo Hicks vs. Milissa Hicks; divorce.

Tameka Moore vs. Dewey Moore and Melissa Moore; petition for child custody.

## Small Claims Filings

Manpower vs. Regency School of Hair Design; debt col-

lection.

## Charges Filed

Christian Denise Salyer, 24, Salyersville, disorderly conduct.

Larry Isaac, 41, Grethel, alcohol intoxication.

Opal Butcher, 50, Van Lear, alcohol intoxication and permitting an unlicensed driver.

Kathryn Scott Prater, 39, Hueysville, harassment.

Michael D. Kimmel, 28, Pikeville, alcohol intoxication.

Robert D. Mcannich, 50, Prestonsburg, alcohol intoxication.

Lisa Paige, 22, Wayland, harassing comments, fourth-

## Letters

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Kentucky middle school students smoke at more than twice the national average - 21.5 percent compared to 9.2 percent. It's the single highest rate for any state in the nation.

I also should mention that hiking the state excise tax to 75 cents a pack will raise much needed money for our state during a time of revenue shortfalls and budget cuts. This could raise millions of dollars that are sorely needed for the continued maintenance and operation of state government.

There has been interest shown by legislators in the welfare of our children with major initiatives like KERA, KCHIP and, most recently, KIDS NOW. Interest in reducing youth smoking by our legislators will soon be made manifest, according to their decision in the need for a substantial increase in the excise tax on cigarettes. Let's see what they are most interested in, youth or tobacco.

Rose Floyd Martin

degree assault.

Ron Johnson, 42, David, harassing comments.

Jimmy Collins, 23, Wayland, harassing comments.

Robert L. Lafferty, 26, Prestonsburg, public intoxication.

Luther R. Turner, 20, Prestonsburg, two counts third-degree criminal trespassing.

Lisa Mills, 35, Ashland, alcohol intoxication.

Timmy Yates Jr., 23, Maytown, terroristic threatening.

Matthew Wells, 46, Van Lear, public intoxication.

Grace Goodman, 30, Prestonsburg, selling alcohol beverage to minor.

Bronis F. Yates, 32, Printer,

hindering prosecution.

Christine Jones, 43, Melvin, alcohol intoxication.

Bill Barnett, 24, Eastern, alcohol intoxication.

Heath Brown, 33, Langley, alcohol intoxication.

Tammy Den Scott, 42, Garrett, terroristic threatening.

Kathy Brown, 38, Garrett, theft by unlawful taking.

Roger Bates, 49, Hindman, terroristic threatening, carrying a concealed weapon.

Ronnie Dotson, 19, Prestonsburg, public intoxication.

Randy Slone, 19, Blue River, public intoxication.

Donna Caudill, 45, Martin, harassment.

Jeffrey Shepherd, 40,

Hueysville, fourth-degree assault.

Stephen Shepherd, 19, Hueysville, fourth-degree assault.

Rodney Thompson, 19, Harold, theft by unlawful taking.

Michael Dean Stacy, 32, Prestonsburg, fugitive/governor's warrant.

Jeremy Johnson, 27, Melvin, theft of identity.

Brian K. Castle, 46, Langley, intimidating a witness, harassment, and terroristic threatening.

Daniel Jarrell, 18, Prestonsburg, theft by unlawful taking.

Kimberly Greer, 46, McDowell, custodial interference.

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## Patton

view I take of state government. ... I don't think it's affected the way I run this office at all."

The General Assembly convenes its off-year "short session" on Feb. 4, continuing through March 25. It failed to enact budgets for the executive and judicial branches during its regular session and a special session earlier this year — the upshot of a bitter fight between Republican Senate and Democratic House on campaign finance.

Patton has been running the state since July 1 under his own, ad hoc spending plan. Getting a budget now means also doing something to offset a potential deficit. At current rates and under current commitments, spending through the remainder of this fiscal year and the next would exceed revenues by about \$500 million — something the Kentucky Constitution forbids. Patton has taken some dra-

matic steps, such as ordering the release of 576 state prisoners in local jails, to cut state spending.

He has not said whether he will submit a new budget bill to the legislature. Nor has he proposed a tax hike or anything else, such as legalizing casino gambling, to capture more money. That should be done only in concert with the General Assembly's leadership, he said.

"What I'm trying to do is to educate the public about the effects of a cut," Patton said. "Eventually we'll have to talk about the other side of that: Is there some way to raise revenue? I'm not making any decision. ... It's not up to me to dictate a solution."

Once such decisions are made, once a budget is enacted, Patton said he expects to fade from the spotlight.

"People are going to be talk-

ing about the new governor's race. The elections are going to be the dominant topic. ... From the public's standpoint I'm not going to be very visible as governor after we get the budget," he said.

Items on Patton's desk include an unusual calendar. It's the type from which a page is torn off each day. But this calendar counts down the "RDIO" — remaining days in office. Patton said his chief of staff, Skipper Martin, had it made up shortly after Patton's second term began. It had about 1,400 pages at the time. Now it's under 350.

Patton said the calendar is a reminder "that we've got to work until the last day."

"This is not counting the days until we get out of this office," he said. "It's making sure that we utilize every day to its maximum, to the last day."

# Obituaries

## Timothy D. Conley

Timothy D. Conley, 39, of Dwale, formerly of Hueysville, died Wednesday, December 25, 2002, at Maytown, following an automobile accident.

He was born October 29, 1963, in Martin, the son of Sandra Bentley Conley of Martin, and the late Elwood Conley. He was a welder/carpenter.

In addition to his mother, other survivors include one daughter, Tiffany Leann Prater of Hueysville; three brothers, Darin Conley and Ronald Conley, both of Hueysville; and Frank Conley of Louisville; one sister, Twila Barnett of Lexington; his paternal grandmother, Cordelia Conley of Hueysville; eight nieces and nephews, and a girlfriend, Laverne Sexton of Dwale.

He was preceded in death by his father; paternal grandfather, the late Milton Conley, and maternal grandparents, the late Norman and Mabel Moore Bentley.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, December 28, at 1 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin, with Jerry Manns and others officiating.

Burial will be in the Bentley Cemetery at Stone Coal in Garrett, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

(Paid obituary)

## Curtis Akers

Curtis Akers, 70, of Betsy Layne, died Tuesday, December 24, at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital.

Born June 5, 1932, at Amba, he was the son of the late Robert and Lillie Hall Akers Martin. He was a retired laborer for Elliott Glass and was a member of the Mouth of Mud Church of Christ, at Harold.

He is survived by his wife, Darlene Salisbury Akers of Betsy Layne.

Other survivors include one son, Billy Ray Akers of Pikeville; one daughter, Melanie Marie Bolden of Tram; two brothers, Roby Akers of Harold, and Jake Akers of Grethel; and two grandchildren, Makayla Dawn Bolden and Kenneth Preston Bolden.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by six sisters, Carlie Sturgill, Stella Salisbury, Pearl Thacker, Nancy Mulkey, May Akers and Ruby Akers.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, December 28, at 1 p.m., at the Church of Christ (Mouth of Mud), Harold, with Elbert Lawson and Johnny Pugh officiating.

Burial will be in the Roberts Cemetery at Harold, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

Visitation is at the church, with services nightly, at 7 p.m.

(Paid obituary)

## Camera

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behind the camera, but he agreed to a small role in "Sonny" to boost its commercial appeal.

Washington has a substantial part in "Antwone Fisher" as the Navy psychiatrist in San Diego who helps the title character work through the trauma of his hard-luck childhood in Cleveland.

"The one thing I made sure of was to not be in the picture the first three or four weeks," Washington said. "So we shot everything in Cleveland first, and I wasn't in any of that, so I could get some kind of rhythm and

sense of what it is I have to do."

The crew finished in Cleveland on a Friday, flew to San Diego over the weekend and started shooting there on Monday, "six days straight, and it was all scenes in the psychiatrist's office. By the end of that week, I was ready to give up," Washington joked. "I went, 'I want my mommy, I want to go home. I don't want to direct.' It's hard to be focused on the big picture as director, then suddenly have to step into a scene."

Cage, Clooney and Washington all say they're interested in directing again if the right projects come along. Through their production companies, Cage and Clooney also have nurtured other filmmakers' projects — Cage with "Shadow of the Vampire," Clooney and producing partner Steven Soderbergh with "Insomnia" and "Far From Heaven."

They view it as playing godfather to difficult projects that might not get made if not for their Hollywood clout.

"You look at it as protecting those films and filmmakers," Clooney said. "If you get to a place where you can use your power for good, why not do that? They take it away from you anyway eventually — whatever power you have is going to go away. But why not be able to say, 'You know, there was about nine years there where we really pushed the envelope and got some interesting stuff made?'"

## Catch

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the material: "Catch Me If You Can" is the perfect light counterpoint to Spielberg's darker "Minority Report," another of the year's top films.

My only complaint is that the movie may be too much of a good thing: Jeff Nathanson's script, based on Abagnale's autobiography, could have been 20 minutes shorter. But mostly it zips by like a 747, carrying Abagnale and his ill-gotten millions to some new and exotic location.

"Catch Me If You Can," a DreamWorks Pictures release, is rated PG-13 for some sexual content and brief language. Running time: 140 minutes. Three and a half stars out of four.

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### COMMENTARY

## Seeing red for a second straight weekend

by **BILLY REED**  
 TIMES COLUMNIST

LOUISVILLE – Only a week after seeing his good friend at Indiana University go over the brink and around the bend on national TV, Tubby Smith will return to the scene of the crime hoping that his team isn't in need of strait jackets and restraints at the end of an afternoon with Rick Pitino, who has made a career of causing opponents to have nervous breakdowns.

Last Saturday, with the Hoosiers trailing the Wildcats, 65-64, and only seconds remaining in their annual border war, third-year IU coach Mike Davis became so incensed by a no-call on freshman Bracey Wright's desperate drive to the hoop that he stormed onto the floor, seeking a confrontation with referee Bert Smith while the ball was still in play.

After dogging the official to the UK end of the floor, Davis

(See REED, page three)

### BENTLEY'S COMMENTS

## Champs...

by **RICK BENTLEY**  
 TIMES COLUMNIST

With today's being the final column of the year, I had decided to write about all the people and teams who have been champions in the last 12 months.

I thought I'd tell you a little about the Shelby Valley Wildcats, the Maryland Terrapins, the New England Patriots. I'd decided to tell you how impressed I was by people like Elizabeth

Baird, or Phillip Wireman, or Dusty Baker.

I wanted to do that, and all of it would be true.

But I decided to go in a different direction today because in thinking it through over the celebrations of the last week, I realized that the praises of all those people have been sung. And while they're still deserving of your admiration, there are plenty

(See BENTLEY, page three)

### H.S. BASKETBALL

## Runnin' Rebs earn split in Jenkins Holiday Classic

TIMES STAFF REPORT

JENKINS – Allen Central traveled to Jenkins High School last week for the Holiday Classic and came away with a loss in its first game and a win in its second contest.

The Runnin' Rebels lost 85-66

(See REBELS, page three)

# Hazard, Spurlock travel to South Floyd

by **STEVE LeMASTER**  
 SPORTS EDITOR

HI HAT – Floyd County boys' high school basketball fans in attendance at tonight's South Floyd-Hazard game will see a familiar face on the bench for the visiting Bulldogs. Hazard, a perennial 14th Region contender each and every season, has a new coach in his first year

at the helm of the Bulldog basketball program. He is Floyd County native Kevin Spurlock.

The Allen Central High grad came to Hazard over the summer after a one-year stint as the head coach at Trimble County High School. The Trimble County job was his first as a head basketball coach. He had served as a long-time assistant boys' coach at Allen

Central. Spurlock also served as both head baseball and football coach at the Floyd County school.

Spurlock's debut as head coach of the Bulldogs didn't go as planned. Hazard lost to Powell County in its opener and then went on to lose each of its next two games, each to 14th Region opponents – Perry County Central and Breathitt County.

Hazard's first win of the season came via an 87-57 triumph over Leslie County on Dec. 17. Hazard (4-3) travels to South Floyd tonight with a winning record for the first time this season.

South Floyd has just one loss, a setback to Elizabethtown, on its record this season. Senior Michael Hall scored his

(See SPURLOCK, page three)

## - COACHING CAROUSEL -



Former Pikeville College head football coach Zak Willis is now settled into his home state of South Carolina and his new school, Newberry College.

### CANDIDATE.....

**Shawn Thacker,**  
 Assistant Head  
 Coach/Defensive  
 Coordinator

Shawn Thacker served as the assistant head coach and defensive coordinator this past season after one season as linebackers' coach and strength coach. Thacker is from Raccoon, and graduated from Johns Creek High School.

He is a 1997 graduate of Sue Bennett College with a Bachelor Degree in Kinesiology with an emphasis in Athletic Training. He coached the defensive line at SBC in 1997 before playing one season of professional football for Fredrikssund Oaks in Denmark.

For two seasons prior to coming to Pikeville, he was the defensive lines and strength coach at Kentucky Wesleyan College in Owensboro.

Upon Willis being hired as the head coach at Pikeville College, Thacker joined the staff and has worked in several facets of the program since being hired.

### HONORS

## 4 Blackcats named Honorable-Mention All-State

### South Floyd's Martin, other area players honored

by **STEVE LeMASTER**  
 SPORTS EDITOR

LOUISVILLE – The 2002 Courier-Journal All-State Football Team features five Prestonsburg High football players as honorable-mention selections. All five

players selected, four seniors and one junior, were offensive players. Those honored from Prestonsburg were quarterback Joey Willis, running back Mikeal Fannin, center Andrew Burchett, junior receiver Nick Jamerson and offensive lineman Evan McNutt. Each of the five honorees also repeated as all-district team members this season following the appearance in the state finals in 2001.

Other area selections on the offensive side of the football included quarterback Justin McCurry (Pike County Central), Jonah Caudill (Belfry), offensive lineman Jordan Blankenship (Shelby Valley) and place-kicker Johnny Cavins

(See NAMED, page three)

# Willis back at home in South Carolina

## Pikeville's first grid coach takes step up to D-2

by **STEVE LeMASTER**  
 SPORTS EDITOR

NEWBERRY, SC – Newberry College announced the hiring of Zak Willis as the 17th head football coach in the history of the Division II institution at a press conference at the Newberry Opera House a little over two weeks ago. The small South Carolina school gains a coach, while one of Kentucky's

newest college football programs must search for a new leader.

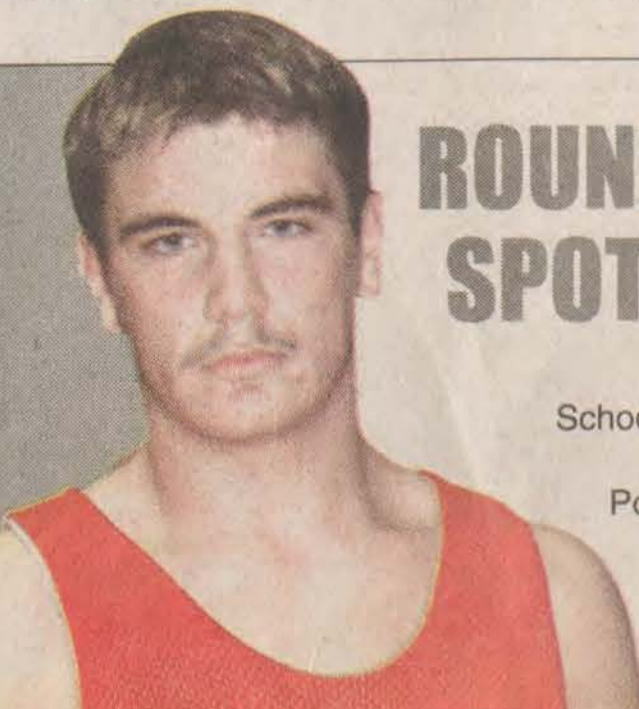
Willis comes to Newberry, SC from his three-year stint as the head coach at Pikeville College, where he helped start football in the 2000 season at the NAIA institution as its first-ever coach.

Newberry Athletics Director Andy Carter was head of the selection committee that brought Coach Willis south to South Carolina.

"Zak's connections and relationships with the coaches in South Carolina will be a great asset to our football program," said Carter.

"His greatest asset, however, is his enthusiasm and the energy he displays. Zak's attitude and expectation will generate a tremendous amount of excitement."

(See WILLIS, page three)



## ROUNDBALL SPOTLIGHT

Mike Slone  
 School: Allen Central  
 High School  
 Position: Forward  
 Class: Senior

### BLUEGRASSPREPS.COM

## Raiders enter poll; Tigers move up to No. 6

TIMES STAFF REPORT

UNION – Two area Class-A high school basketball teams are ranked in this week's BluegrassPreps.com Boys All A Rankings. Paintsville, a regular on the poll all season long, is now up to sixth in the poll. South Floyd comes in at No. 10 in the poll this week.

Fresh off of their win at the King

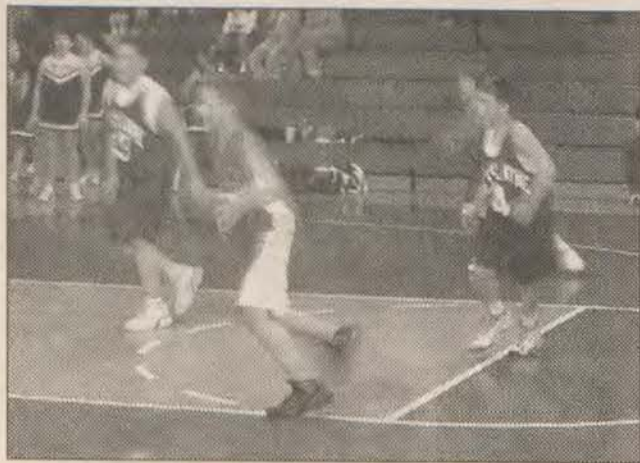
of the Bluegrass Owensboro Apollo moves all the way up to No. 2 in the overall poll. Lexington Catholic remains No. 1 in the poll.

Catholic is hosting its 2002 Fifth Third Bank Holiday Classic this week and along with No. 1 LexCath the Classic will feature No. 4 Mason County, No. 5 Rose Hill, No. 12

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S P O R T S B O A R D



**CHAMPIONS...**  
The Adams Middle School C-Team won the Karen Pack Memorial Tournament. The Christmas break now puts some grade school and middle school teams on hold as far as schedules and games are concerned.



COLLEGE FOOTBALL

# Louisville decides on Petrino

by CHRIS DUNCAN  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — Auburn offensive coordinator Bob Petrino was hired as Louisville's coach Monday, replacing his former boss who moved on to Michigan State.

Petrino follows John L. Smith, who left the Cardinals last week after five seasons, including a school-record 11 wins in 2001.

*"We're going to play an exciting brand of football and hopefully put some lights up on that scoreboard," Petrino said.*

"We're going to play an exciting brand of football and hopefully put some lights up on that scoreboard," Petrino said.

The 41-year-old Petrino signed a five-year contract with a base salary of \$450,000, plus up to \$250,000 a year in incentives.

Petrino was Smith's offensive coordinator during his first season at Louisville in 1998. The Cardinals went 7-5 and led the nation in total

offense (560 yards a game) and scoring offense (40 points).

This season, Auburn ranked third in the SEC in total offense (397 yards) and scoring offense (31 points).

Louisville was 7-6 this season, including a 38-15 loss to Marshall in the GMAC Bowl on Dec. 18.

Petrino also directed Smith's offenses at Idaho from 1989-91, and at Utah State from

(See **PETRINO**, page four)

HONORS

## Stone honored as C-USA, ESPN.com National Player of the Week

LOUISVILLE — University of Louisville center Marvin Stone was honored as the ESPN.com national player of the week and the Conference USA



Player of the Week for games between Dec. 15-22. A 6-10 senior from Huntsville, Ala., Stone produced consecutive double-doubles while averaging 20 points, 12 rebounds, three assists and 2.5 blocked shots in two U of L victories on the week. He shot 61 percent from the field, 81 percent from the line and played an average of just 26.5 minutes in the two wins.

In his first outing as a Cardinal, he totaled

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UK FOOTBALL NOTEBOOK

## Abney named First-Team All-America by The Sporting News

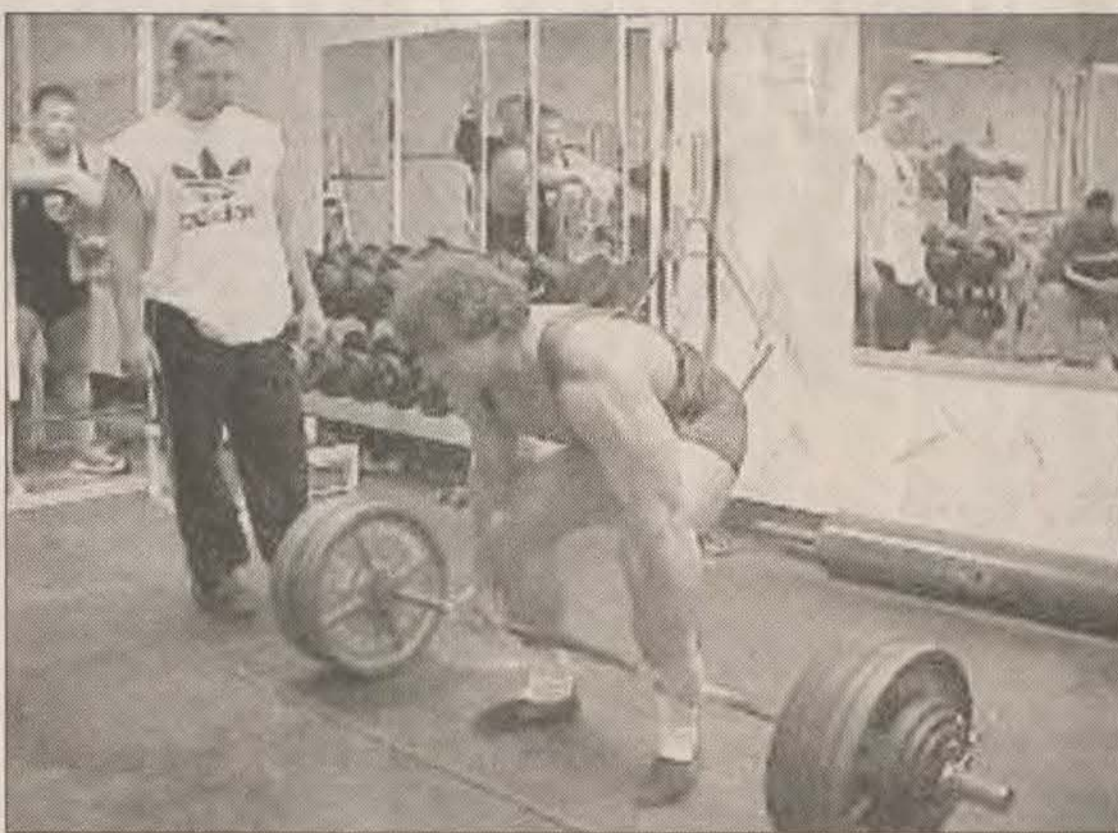
TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — Kentucky kick returner Derek Abney has been named first-team All-America by The Sporting News, the eighth organization that has given Abney that honor.

Abney returned six kicks for touchdowns this season and broke or tied five NCAA records, nine Southeastern Conference records and 10 school records for kick returns. He averaged 15.1 yards per punt return, including four touchdowns (at Florida, at Arkansas, two at Mississippi State). He averaged 26.8 yards on kickoff returns with touchdowns at Florida and vs. Vanderbilt. He became only the seventh

(See **NOTEBOOK**, page four)

### PRO-FITNESS



Multisports Pro-Fitness held its annual meet earlier this month. Below: (Bottom): HD Blackburn benchpressed 505 pounds. Below: (Top) Austin Fields dead lifted 245 pounds. Above: Randy Burruss dead lifted 575 pounds.

# Multisports holds powerlifting meet

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PRESTONSBURG — Austin Fields set his eighth Kentucky state record in the Pro-Fitness Multisports powerlifting meet earlier this month on December 14 by moving up one weight class from 114 pounds to 123 pounds, lifting in the 12-14 year old age group (Fields is 12). The only lifter in the meet successful on all nine attempts, he lifted well within his limits on the squat and the deadlift, only the bench press appeared heavy.

In the only contested weight class, the 198 class, lifting partners Wes Collins and Mike Roberts traded the lead after the squat, with Wes coming out five pounds to the good after the bench press, finally out deadlifting his counterpart to win by exactly 100-pounds. Mikes final deadlift of 480 would have been good for the win, but would not go up.

In the 220 class, Randy Burruss upped his state record tally to 8 for the year by lifting in the 45-49 age group. Burruss already has all four records in the 40-44 age group as well. Although his squat and deadlift were somewhat less than earlier this year, Burruss still managed to add five-pounds to his personal best bench press.

The 308 class saw HD Blackburn lifting in his first full meet. Everyone knows Blackburn can bench press, often going over 500-pounds in the gym, but his form on the squat and deadlift were equally impressive with good form and apparent ease. His 475-bench could have gone for reps but his 505-pound attempt at the 500-pound state record fell just short of lock out.

"We look for a big total from HD in the future," said Fields of Blackburn.

"Also, thanks to Wes Hamilton, owner of Security Plus (ADT Security) for helping with the meet by taking photos and producing a DVD of

the lifters and to Steve Jackson of Little Caesers, for feeding the judges pizza."

The next Pro-Fitness meet will be a bench press scheduled for February 2003. For more information, contact Pro-Fitness at 886-8604 or online at www.multisports.net.



Austin McKinney, 10, was all excited when he killed his first deer on October 19. He is the son of Charla and Johnny McKinney and the grandson of Phyllis McKinney of Martin and Mary Wilson of Lackey.



BOXING

## Pint-sized, pretty and potent with a punch

by RAY SCHAEFER  
THE KENTUCKY POST

COVINGTON — Terry O'Brien walks to the center of the 17-foot-by-17-foot ring, slips a pair of pads on his hands and hold-

(See **PUNCH**, page four)

GAMES ON TAP

Today's games: Boys

- Berea ..... Rowan County Berea Holiday Classic
- Boyd County ..... Rockcastle County Berea Holiday Classic
- Father Lopez, Fla. .... Betsy Layne Gallatin County ..... Letcher (Gallatin Steel Invitational) (Berea Holiday Classic)
- South Floyd ..... Hazard South Laurel ..... Oldham County South Spencer, Ind. .... Hancock County St. Henry ..... DeSales TBA ..... Jackson City (McDonalds Holiday Classic)
- TBA ..... Belfry (Massey Energy Invitational)
- TBA ..... Bell County (Holiday Classic)
- TBA ..... Pikeville (KSA Holiday Tournament)
- TBA ..... Pike County Central (Holiday Classic)

Today's games: Girls

- Danville ..... Magoffin County (Stuart Singleton Classic)
- Fairview ..... Piarist School Horace Mann, NY ..... Pikeville (KSA Holiday Tournament)
- Jenkins ..... Fleming-Neon (Lady Eagle Classic)
- TBA ..... Phelps (Burch Tournament)
- TBA ..... East Ridge (Somerset Invitational)
- TBA ..... Allen Central Ballin' at Ryle Challenge
- TBA ..... Powell County (Ballin' at Ryle Challenge)
- Wolfe County ..... Letcher

H.S. BASKETBALL

## JV: AC girls down Shelby Valley

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

EASTERN — The Allen Central High girls' junior varsity basketball team got outscored in each of the first two quarters against Shelby Valley, but rebounded with a 20-point third quarter en route to a 37-28 victory.

Each team scored eight points in the fourth quarter.

Amber Perkins scored eight of her game-high 12 points in the first quarter to lead Shelby Valley out to a 10-4 first-quarter lead. The Ladycats then outscored host Allen Central 6-5 in the second quarter to go into the half with a 16-9 lead.

Yumeka Hunter paced Allen Central with a team-high 10 points. Guard Mara Biliter chipped in nine for the Lady Rebels and Elizabeth Dingus finished with six points in off the bench. Starting forward Alanna Cline scored seven in the

(See **AC GIRLS**, page four)

## Ortega becomes three-sport athlete

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

DANVILLE — John Ortega is used to playing two, three, even four different sports. He has done that for most all of his life. From Little League on up through high school, Ortega's athletic plate was full of baseball, football and basketball.

The Prestonsburg High graduate entered Centre College to play football two falls ago. After one football season, he decided he wanted to play baseball on the collegiate level. He had a good season and then returned to the gridiron this past fall, when despite having some injuries to work

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**Reed**

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finally was whistled for two technicals that earned him an ejection and gave UK senior Keith Bogans five consecutive free throws, which he calmly drained to give UK a 70-64 win.

Had Davis not gotten the Ts, the Hoosiers conceivably could have regained possession with 2.6 seconds remaining and a slim chance to tie or win. But Davis extinguished his team's last flickering hope by doing what he coaches his players not to do — lose their poise under pressure.

Say what you will about Davis' predecessor at IU, and everybody usually has SOMETHING to say about him, but Bob Knight never did anything in the final seconds to affect the outcome a game.

Nevertheless, because Davis offered a heartfelt apology soon after the game, he didn't get roasted in the media nearly as

badly as Knight did for any of his various transgressions. But skimming a plastic chair across the floor, the signature moment in Knight's history of bad behavior, suddenly didn't seem quite so heinous.

**Bentley**

of others who deserve our recognition too.

I have come to the realization that the real winners are the folks who make the effort to play. They're the ones whose name you see in the papers, and the ones whose name you don't. They're the star of the basketball team or the bench-warmer on the volleyball squad. They dream not of playing for money someday, but of making the game-winning shot to win their varsity or junior varsity or junior

As one of Davis' mentors and role models, UK's Smith predictably refused to discuss the weirdest ending in the series' celebrated history, preferring to concentrate on the positive deeds that would help the Cats

get ready to face Pitino's special brand of non-stop pressure this Saturday in the same arena.

Just as the UK-U of L football game revealed both teams' character and set the course for their seasons, so might the Cats-

Cards basketball game be a defining event that will strip away pretense and exposes the flaws in both teams that must be addressed before March.

The feisty Cards will force the inconsistent Cats to prove

they can handle fullcourt pressure for 40 minutes. They'll make Keith Bogans prove that his improved game is for real.

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**Named**

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(East Ridge).

Class 2A State Champion Breathitt County wasn't without honorees. Bobcat senior quarterback Justin Haddix was named the Second Team's quarterback behind first-teamer Brian Brohm of Trinity. Haddix's favorite target, receiver Courtney Johnson, was also a second-teamer.

University of Tennessee signee Jared Hostetter, a

Lawrence County senior, was named to the First-Team Defense.

Belfry defensive end Zane Smith was an honorable mention selection. Joining Smith as honorable mention honorees were defensive lineman Ryan Brown (Paintsville), Justin Collier (Shelby Valley), Gerald Martin (South Floyd) and teammate Phillip Varney (Belfry).

**Kicker becomes first woman to play Division I-A football**

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LAS VEGAS — Katie Hnida became the first woman to play in a Division I-A football game when she attempted an extra point Wednesday following a New Mexico touchdown in the Las Vegas Bowl.

Hnida, a walk-on junior, had her kick blocked but by then she had already made history. With her blonde hair in a ponytail, Hnida kicked the ball low allowing a UCLA player to block it.

The 5-foot-9, 150-pound Hnida was on Colorado's roster in 1999 and suited up for the Buffaloes in the Insight.com Bowl. She joined New Mexico's team before this season.

Hnida got her big chance in New Mexico's biggest game of the season.

"I can replay in my mind seeing that hand block the kick, and that's going to be what I think about before I go to bed tonight," she said. "It's been a very long road to get here and I thought about it many times, but I really had no specific expectations as to what it would be like."

New Mexico coach Rocky Long said Hnida earned the opportunity.

"Katie is a valuable member of our team," Long said. "I think it's a very unusual situation and she's put in a position a lot of times that's very uncomfortable. I made the decision before the game that we were going to let her kick the first extra point."

Long said Hnida's presence has made for some interesting arrangements in the locker room.

"She has to dress different places, she has to join the team after everyone else is dressed," Long said. "She has handled it better than I could have imagined."

Heather Sue Mercer earned a spot on the Duke roster as a walk-on in 1995 but was cut from the team by then-coach Fred Goldsmith before the 1996 season.

Mercer, who graduated in 1998, claimed she was dropped from the team because she is a woman, and said Goldsmith wouldn't let her suit up for games or practice on a scrimmage team against Duke's first-string players.

She won a \$2 million sex-discrimination lawsuit, but lost the money on appeal two years later.

**Willis**

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Willis, 34, becomes the second youngest coach in the South Atlantic Conference, just a year older than fellow Furman Paladin alum Frankie DeBusk, who heads the Tusculum College program. The two were teammates at the Greenville, SC, Division I-AA program.

Willis guided Pikeville College in its first-ever varsity football game, an overtime loss on the road at Tusculum in 2001.

Willis begins his Newberry career with a 16-12 record as a head coach in three seasons, 9-11 in two years at the varsity level, including a 6-4 record a year ago at a school in its second year of varsity football. He inherits a Newberry football team that went 1-10 in the 2002 season, but returns all 11 offensive starters and seven defensive starters. Newberry begins its 90th season of collegiate football next fall.

Willis, a South Carolina native, hailing from McColl, which is just a few miles from the North Carolina/South Carolina border. While at Pikeville, it was no secret that Willis used his ties to South

Carolina and the southern region of the United States to recruit and bring in football players. In its first year as a junior varsity team, the Pikeville College grid roster was filled with players from out of state, many from South Carolina.

The outgoing Pikeville College coach was a graduate assistant at the University of South Carolina for the four years prior to his time at Pikeville, under head coaches Brad Scott and Lou Holtz. He served as tight ends coach and assistant to the recruiting coordinator.

Prior to his time at South Carolina, Willis was the defensive coordinator at Greenville (IL) College, leading that squad to league highs in turnover margin and rushing defense, while putting up number two total defensive numbers in the 1996 season, his last with the school. He coached eight All-Conference players and three All-Americans while at Greenville College. He then came to Pikeville from the Illinois college.

Willis began his recruiting duties for Newberry immediate-

high or little league game, making a winner of themselves, their team, their community.

Those are the winners.

So if you're the backup second baseman, the starting half-back on the soccer team, the relief pitcher on your Little League team, the long-snapper, the third runner on your 4x100 relay squad, the fourth player on your golf team or the freshman who barely made the cheerleading squad, I offer you congratulations. You made the effort, and you have succeeded. You should be proud of yourself today.

And it's not just congratula-

tions we offer, but our undying thanks as well. In a state absorbed by the basketball team at the University of Kentucky, more people get entertained on any given night of the week by high school athletes than would ever fit into Rupp Arena.

You give us a reason to come out of our houses on cold winter nights and gather in gymnasiums. And in the spring, you're why we bundle up and head down to the softball field to watch our local school play, or sweat out in the summer heat to watch you play baseball.

We wear the colors of our institutions proudly, and it's all

because of you.

We are forever grateful.

This has been a terrific year for us. Dozens of young men and women from our mountains have represented their hometowns in state tournaments, making for themselves memories they will never forget. While 10 years from now I may struggle to recall who won the 15th Region volleyball tournament, a group of young ladies from Belfry will never forget their experiences of this fall.

But it's not in the victory that we celebrate today; it's in the effort. We're proud of the young ladies from Allen Central who represented their school in volleyball, those from Shelby Valley who played on the first soccer squad. We want to pat them on the back, thank them for their service and tell them we hope to see them playing again next year.

In 2002, we saw three local high schools fold into one, and celebrated the memories of

Cougars, Vikings and Mustangs. Personally, I'll never forget the likes of Todd Conley or Darren Stapleton, of Rodney Fuller or Pat Hunt, of Barry Hopkins or Dillard Taylor.

But I also will be proud of those whose name doesn't come quickly to mind who gave up much of their free time to represent those schools and communities.

And I'll also remember what it was like when I was one of them.

We'll always remember the Lady Cougars of 1990, the Mustangs of 1984 and the Vikings of 1991. But we'd do good to remember those who played during the lean years as well, when wins were scarce and attendance was minimal.

It's been a terrific year in the world of sports. Many champions were congratulated in the last 365 days. Today, we want to acknowledge the rest.

Thank you, ladies and gentlemen.

**Raiders**

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Highlands, No. 14 Simon Kenton and No. 20 Wayne County plus several other quality teams.

Also, starting this week, the site released its first Girls' Top 10 Basketball Rankings of the season.

**BluegrassPreps.com Boys All A Basketball Rankings**

1. Rose Hill
2. Mayfield
3. Corbin
4. Frankfort
5. Saint Henry
6. Paintsville
7. Raceland
8. Bishop Brossart
9. Glasgow
10. South Floyd

**Bowl**

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Saturday, Aug. 23. That day's action will have Pikeville playing Lawrence County and Belfry taking on Boyd County at the W.C. Hambley Athletic Complex.

The 2003 edition will be the 19th Pike County Bowl.

**Rebels**

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to Whitesburg the first time.


Bo Cook led the way for Whitesburg, scoring 24 points. Winston Lee chipped in 11 points in the Whitesburg win.

Neil Allen led Allen Central in scoring with 16. Mike Slone scored 13 and guard Austin Francis added 10. Sophomore

Nathan Lafferty finished with eight.

Nine different Rebels scored in the loss.


Allen Central, after losing to Whitesburg, rebounded to beat Letcher 89-47 in its second and final game in the tournament.



**Dairy Queen**  
of Prestonsburg

# SPORTS FAN

## OF THE WEEK



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**Spurlock**

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2,000 point in the Elizabethtown loss. Michael Hall and Tyler Hall are each averaging over 20 points per game this season. South Floyd's last game resulted in a 76-68 win over Kentucky Country Day and Matt Endy, one of the state's top scorers.

The win came in the Jeffersontown Gaslight Holiday Tournament.

**Tip-off for tonight's varsity matchup between Hazard and South Floyd is scheduled for 7:30.**



Notebook

player in NCAA history to return a punt and a kickoff for a touchdown in the same game when he did it against Florida in "The Swamp." He is the only

player who ranks in the nation's top 11 in punt returns, kickoff returns, and all-purpose yardage. Abney also is a quality wide

Stone

In his first outing as a Cardinal, he totaled 19 points, 11 rebounds, three blocked shots and two assists while also connecting on his only three-point attempt as the Cards beat Manhattan in the championship game of the Billy Minardi Classic. He played just 25 min-

utes and hit seven of his nine shots in a 21-point, 13 rebound performance against Furman on Sunday.

Stone is the second Cardinal to earn the honor this season. Reece Gaines was named the league player of the week on Dec. 9.

Reed

They'll make Smith prove that he knows how to have the right players in the right roles with the right substitution rotation.

On the other hand, the Cats will force ex-teammate Marvin Stone to prove that he really has improved dramatically since he was banished from

Lexington. They'll force U of L to prove it can score out of its halfcourt offense as well as its transition game. And they'll force the Cards to prove just how deep their bench really is.

Because of tougher competition and more experience, UK probably will be a slight favorite. But the Freedom Hall that the Cats found so friendly in their 70-64 win over the Hoosiers won't be the same place they'll see Saturday. It'll be Freedom Hall, the place that Pitino has rocking. (This just in from Bloomington: Outgoing IU president Myles Brand, in one of his final acts, has put Davis under a zero-tolerance behavioral policy.)

Tickets to the UK-Indiana game are split 50-50, but UK-U of L is a regular home game for each team. That means UK diehards will need all their wiles, and their money, to pry valuable tickets out of U of L hands.

The heavily pro-Card crowd won't forget how loudly Pitino was booed last season when he made his first appearance in Rupp Arena as the U of L coach. Many Cat fans always will regard him as a "traitor" for daring to take the U of L job after he parted ways with the Boston Celtics.

(Update from Bloomington: Regarding that last bulletin. It was a joke hatched by Knight loyalists.)

Alas for UK fans, however, they're also well aware of how tough it is to beat Pitino in Freedom Hall.

In 1987, his Providence Friars upset Alabama and Georgetown in Freedom Hall to win the NCAA Southeast Regional. In eight seasons at UK, Pitino's Freedom Hall record was 10-2. Adding his 21-3 home court record so far at U of L, Pitino's career record in Freedom Hall is

33-5. On the other hand, of course, the Cats hold a startling 13-6 advantage over the Cards in regular-season games since 1983, including the last three in a row. In his eight years in Lexington, Pitino's teams had a 6-2 record against the Cards. The wins came by 8, 14, 20, 8, 23 and 20 points, the losses by 7 and 2 points.

While UK has seven times defeated U of L by 30 or more, the Cards' only double-digit win over the Cats was by 97-75 on Dec. 31, 1988, in Freedom Hall. That was the UK team that was decimated by the scandal that cost Coach Eddie Sutton his job and put the Cats on NCAA probation.

A few more Cat-Card factoids: The team that wins the football game has never won the basketball game ... two national championship teams (U of L in 1986 and UK in '98) lost to their arch-rival in the regular season ... the Cats twice drubbed Denny Crum teams by at least 30 points, two of the worst losses of Crum's 30-year U of L career.

This season's game will be won by whichever team is most able to dictate the tempo. If U of L forces the UK into a hurry-up game, the Cards could run the

Cats right into Mike Davis territory. But if UK is able to force a more deliberate game — such as the ones it played against Michigan State and Indiana — then U of L's poise might give way to mistakes born of impatience and immaturity.

The matchups will be interesting. The Cats appear to have settled on a starting lineup of Cliff Awkins at point guard, Gerald Fitch at shooting guard, Marquis Estill in the low post, Bogans on a wing, and either Chuck Hayes or Erik Daniels on the high post.

The others who figure to get a lot of playing time are Jules Camara, who will sub for Estill when he gets into foul trouble, and freshman forward Kelenna Azubuike. Antwain Barbour's broken hand could be well enough that he can be a useful swingman.

But who starts for U of L and who gets the most playing time is

receiver. He caught 40 passes for 569 yards and four touchdowns this season and ranks third in school history in pass receptions and pass receiving yardage.

In addition to The Sporting News, Abney has been named first-team All-America by The Associated Press, the Football Writers Association of America, the Walter Camp Football Foundation, ESPN.com, CBS SportsLine.com, CNN.com, and College Football News.com.

Home for the Holidays: The Wildcats have gone home for the holidays. The spring semester begins on Jan. 15.

anybody's guess. In last Sunday's 104-63 romp over Furman, Pitino used 15 players, nine of who played at least 10 minutes. He has more combos than McDonald's.

While UK is both deep and versatile, U of L is even more so. Pitino holds a lot of Cards. Only Stone seems set in granite. Everybody else can play two or three positions. And since there's not much dropoff in talent no matter who he puts on the floor, Pitino can match up with anybody in the country.

It's easy to see him opening with zone-buster Taquan Dean on Hawkins, the rangy Gaines on Fitch, Eddie Myles on Bogans, Stone on Estill, and Eddie Whitehead on Hayes. But since he has used six starting lineups in seven games, it's impossible to say what he might do with any degree of certainty. Heck, Hawkins might see a new man on him — Gaines, Dean, Northern, Prileu Davis, or Alhaji Mohammed — almost every possession.

Since Smith applied only token pressure to Michigan State and Indiana, who both are slower than U of L, it's difficult to see him trying to beat Pitino at his own game. He can only hope that Hawkins and Estill, the Cats' two indispensable players, stay out of foul trouble and aren't rushed into too many mistakes Pitino would love a game that gets into the 80s or 90s, but Smith would prefer to keep it in the 60s or low 70s. The Cats won last season's game, 82-62, the first time a former Pitino assistant defeated him. This season's game could have the same score, but with the Cards on top.

But history tells us it'll be closer. So make it Cards 78, Cats 71.

And if anybody goes berserk this Saturday, it won't be a coach or a player.

It'll be Dick Vitale, ESPN's Bombastic Bobblehead Blowhard. Unfortunately, announcers can't be ejected, even when they're guilty of same sins as Davis — Exaggeration, Screaming, Posturing, and Nonsense.

Was home-field win a good thing for Bengals?

by JOE KAY ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — As the Cincinnati Bengals pulled off their first home victory of the season, a small airplane flew over the stadium, towing a long, wordy banner through a gusty wind.

"Don't Change A Thing Mike, We Love Losing," the banner said.

The sarcasm was aimed at owner Mike Brown's private box and underscored the mixed feelings that accompany any good thing that the Bengals do these days. Even a 20-13 victory over New Orleans in the final home game left fans unsure how to react.

It's nice to win, but will it merely convince Brown to stay the course?

He was giving no hints Monday about what he'll do following a season-ending game at Buffalo on Sunday. Two weeks ago, Brown put front-office personnel off-limits to reporters, hoping to avoid questions about the future.

The coaching staff also is in the dark about what will happen once one of the worst seasons in fran-

chise history ends. A loss at Buffalo would leave the Bengals 2-14, the worst record in team history.

Coach Dick LeBeau said Monday that he hadn't talked to the owner about the staff's fate. LeBeau and Brown review film of the previous game every Monday morning.

"We've been really busy," LeBeau said. "Because it's Christmas week, our schedule's quite a bit different."

That was a tactful way of saying the staff will spend the week preparing for the game while trying not to think about what will happen after the season.

"That's a part of this business," LeBeau said. "If you can't deal with that, you're not going to be in coaching very long. We've always got plenty to do, believe me. We want to build on this success and go up there and play a good football game."

Fans are afraid that's exactly what they'll do. The Bengals (2-13) always win a few at the end, letting Brown conclude that no major changes are needed.

It has happened repeatedly during Cincinnati's 12-year run as the league's worst team. Only once has Brown fired a head coach, despite the 55-136 record since 1991.

After the Bengals once again showed a knack for winning their final home game, Brown had a big grin on his face as he walked through the locker room. Cincinnati is 18-3 in its final home games since 1982, including 10-2 in the last dozen.

Before he stopped talking to the media two weeks ago, Brown had indicated that he wasn't inclined to hire a general manager or retire and turn the team over to his daughter, Katie.

He is considering adding to the NFL's smallest scouting staff, and it's likely that there will be some changes in the coaching staff, even if LeBeau is retained.

The question is whether a few wins at the end of a terrible season will give Brown — who dislikes change — a rationale for staying the course. Everyone outside the front office seems to recognize that would be the worst that could happen.

Punch

them chest and shoulder high. With a loud "pop," a lightning-fast punch knocks his right hand backward. Another does the same to his left.

He feints this way and that, slowly turning around the ring. No matter where he moves, darting fists zero in on his hands.

"I love the crack when my gloves hit the target," says Kayla Kinker, who hasn't even broken a sweat.

Kayla is 14. She's 5-foot-2 1/2 and weighs 106 pounds. She used to model in North Carolina. Now she works out at O'Brien's Shamrock Boxing Club in Covington.

And she's gaining respect. "She hits you in the nose, you feel it," said fighter Torrance Jones of Avondale, Cincinnati, watching the Covington Holmes' eighth-grader work over O'Brien's mitts.

While the concept of a woman in boxing gloves might raise eyebrows and turn up noses in some quarters, at Shamrock, it's no big deal. About 10 women work out regularly at the old gym.

It's no place for Spandex and

glitz, either. With peeling paint and an old feel, it's the type of place where up-and-comers get their start and visiting champions stop by to spar.

Heavy bags, their covers split and patched with Duct tape, hang from the ceiling. Speed bags, sit-up boards, weight benches and other workout contraptions surround the ring. Pushing the limit with sweat and grunts are athletes of varying sizes and ages and backgrounds.

A former fighter himself, O'Brien has trained boxers on and off for about three decades, taking them to other countries, to national tournaments and to title fights.

In the fairly loose world of boxing, his old gym has touched its share of glory. Those who've sweat and bled there are recognizable the world over: Nate Tubbs, Darrin "School Boy" Van Horn, Aaron Pryor, Larry Donald.

Shamrock is the real thing, and its female boxers not only fit in, but also belong there, O'Brien said.

"It's serious with the girls," he emphasized. "They come in here to learn to box."

AC Girls

game. Amanda Thacker and Sara Johnson rounded out the scoring for Allen Central with three and two points, respectively.

Lucinda Varney added eight points and Jenna Johnson netted four in the loss for Valley. Rachel Thacker and Sasha Stanley each had two points apiece for the visiting team of Ladycats.

AC GIRLS' VARSITY: The Allen Central High girls' varsity basketball team is in northern

Kentucky today and this weekend playing in the Ballin' at Ryle Challenge. The tournament is hosted by the Ryle High School girls' basketball team. The Allen Central girls' were scheduled to play Bullitt East yesterday evening at 5:45. Powell County is also in the tournament along with Clay County. Other teams include host Ryle, Campbell County, Conner, and Estill County. Results from yesterday's games were unavailable at press time.

Petrino

1995-97. Idaho led Division I-AA in total offense in 1989.

"I think we have the finest offensive mind in the country, bar none," Louisville athletics director Tom Jurich said. "I could not be more ecstatic."

Before Smith took over following the 1997 season, Louisville had been to just five bowl games in its history. But he guided the Cardinals to five straight winning seasons and five straight postseason appearances, both unprecedented for the school.

Last year the Cardinals won their second straight Conference USA title and finished 11-2, including a victory over BYU in the Liberty Bowl.

Word of Smith's imminent departure leaked to his players during the GMAC Bowl loss. The next day, Smith was introduced at a news conference in East Lansing, Mich.

On Monday, Smith criticized fans who gave up on the team during a difficult season. A crowd of 42,660 watched Kentucky beat Louisville in the opener, but home attendance

dwindled to an average of 34,517 over the last four home games, and the school struggled to sell its allotment of tickets to the bowl game.

"It's like everybody turns on you," Smith said. "We're not a bad program. We've got some kids who had some problems. But you turn your back on them? You don't try to help them? There's no ownership there from the fans."

"People will say I'm turning my back on them, but gosh, that upset me."

Louisville went 41-21 under Smith, one of only three coaches since 1946 to leave the school with a winning record.

Petrino left Louisville for the NFL's Jacksonville Jaguars in 1999 and was the team's quarterbacks coach for three seasons.

"Deep down in my heart, I did not want to go," he said about leaving Louisville for Jacksonville. "But I'm very glad I did that. It made me a better coach. I'm glad I got the opportunity to come back to Louisville."

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Like the sport of boxing itself, women's boxing has long and sometimes seamy history.

According to an article by Vanessa Toulmin that appeared in a University of Sheffield newsletter in England, there was an account of women boxers in the 1803 publication "Famous Fights." The story recalled one pair of combatants who "standing up like men punched each other with their fists till (sic) the blood ran in streams down their faces and breasts."

Today, women boxing promotions range from the novel but legitimate to the downright silly, making it hard for some to take them seriously.

Muhammad Ali's daughter, Laila Ali, made headlines last year when she fought Jacqui Frazier, Joe Frazier's daughter, in Las Vegas.

But in the same year, former figure skater Tonya Harding fought Paula Jones, the alleged ex-lover of former President Clinton, on a Fox Network program.

Such farces matter little to the women who train at Shamrock Boxing Club. Some are there just to work out, others — like 20-year-old Jessica Gordon — want to fight for money. "I have to work at it, but my punches come natural," said Gordon, who has a 1-2 amateur record. "I'd like to turn pro."

She began boxing five years ago and acknowledges it was "different" at first.

"I didn't know what I was doing," she said. "It was scary. I felt awkward at first."

Kayla is also among those who seek the thrill of a real fight. She came to Shamrock two months ago and now works out a couple of hours a day.

"I've been a cheerleader since I was 4," she said. "I did gymnastics and dance team. It wasn't enough of a workout."

Ortega

through and around, was honored as all-conference for a second straight season. Now, he's a member of the Centre College men's basketball team. He's listed as a 5-11, 195-pound guard. In the spring, he also plans to play baseball again for the Colonels.

Centre basketball coach Greg Mason, a 1994 Centre College graduate was glad to welcome Ortega into his program. Mason himself has climbed to second all-time wins in Centre history in only his third year at the helm. His career record of 44-31 represents the highest winning percentage (59-percent) in school history, followed by two-time Final Four coach Tom Bryant's 53-percent. Mason's up-tempo style of play has helped the Colonels break 14 school records and 10 conference records in his brief stint. Last season's 16-9 record represents the best record at Centre since 1992. Centre (3-3) will host the Papa John's Country Hearth Inn Tournament this weekend.

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### THROUGH MY EYES

## Christmas 'thank-you's'

Whew! One down, one more to go. Did you get what you wanted? Now that it's over, the pursestrings are securely tightened and not a red cent more until the doors come bustin' through.

Yeah, right. Again, we're running close deadlines and besides, who really wants to work during the holidays? Well, not me, that's for sure, so, once again, I'm taking the easy way out with yet another little goody sent my way by sissy-in-law, Donna (I told you she keeps me in thought-provoking and heartstring-tugging materials).

This time, though, I think she's sending me a message. I love this poem and I think you will, too, especial-

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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.

### HO! HO!

Remember way back when Santa entered the house via the chimney?...Somebody said he was happy, even if he was all covered with ashes and soot, because that was his one escape, all year, from the dog-house.

### GREETINGS

Before I go a syllable—yea, a letter—further, let me wish each of you the very best of all the things that really count, this Christmas and for all the coming year.

### THEY TRUST THE GIVER

Grown-ups and some not so grown-up may not be satisfied with what Christmas brings. But do you recall ever hearing a little tyke whose faith in Santa was pure and unshaken voice one complaint? These tots may see other children with finer, more costly toys, but it doesn't occur to them to berate Santa for failing to make his

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The holidays are a great time to kick back and enjoy a variety of appetizing holiday foods and drinks.

photo by Kathy J. Prater

# Holiday Recipes

by Kathy J. Prater  
FEATURES EDITOR

Holidays provide excellent opportunities for entertaining and besides staying home by a roaring fire, there's no better way to spend New Year's Eve than to entertain friends and family. If you have a holiday get-together on your mind, the following recipes may find their way onto your party menu.

Have a safe and happy holiday celebration!

### Cocktail Nibbles

- Ingredients:
- 1/2 cup grape jelly
  - 1/2 cup ketchup
  - 2 tablespoons soy sauce
  - 2 tablespoons vinegar
  - 2 tablespoons cornstarch
  - 1 tablespoon water
  - 3/4 pound wieners, cut into bite size pieces
  - 3/4 pound garlic sausage, cut into bite size pieces

- 1.) Put first 4 ingredients into a 2-quart casserole dish. Heat, covered with waxed paper, in microwave, on high setting, for about 2 minutes.
- 2.) Remove. Whisk mixture to smooth consistency.
- 3.) Stir cornstarch and water together in small cup.
- 4.) Add to ketchup mixture. Stir.
- 5.) Cook, uncovered, on high, for about 4 minutes, until it boils and thickens, stirring each minute.
- 6.) Add wieners and garlic sausage.
- 7.) Stir to coat.
- 8.) Cover.

- 10.) Cook on medium, about 5 minutes to allow flavors to blend.

### Cheese Olives

- Ingredients:
- 25 ripe black olives, pitted\*
  - 2-3 green onions, minced
  - 1/2 cup flour
  - 1/4 teaspoon mustard
  - 4 oz. sharp cheddar cheese
  - 3 tablespoons butter, melted and slightly cooled
  - 1 tablespoon milk
  - 1-2 drops Tabasco

- 1.) Stuff olives with onion.
- 2.) Blend together flour, mustard, and shredded cheese. Add pinch of salt.
- 3.) Stir into mixture, the butter, milk and Tabasco.
- 4.) Using 1-teaspoon dough per olive, wrap dough around olive, place on baking sheet.
- 5.) Bake at 400 degrees F for 10-12 minutes.

\*May substitute green olives, if desired.

### Parmesan Wings

- Ingredients:
- 2 pounds chicken wings
  - 1/3 cup grated parmesan cheese
  - 1/3 cup fine dry bread crumbs
  - 1/2 teaspoon turmeric
  - 1 teaspoon paprika
  - 1 teaspoon salt
  - 1/4 teaspoon pepper
  - 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
  - water

- 1.) Remove and discard wing tips.
- 2.) Separate wings at joint.
- 3.) Dip in water to dampen.
- 4.) Stir parmesan cheese, bread crumbs, turmeric, paprika, salt, pepper, and garlic powder together in bowl.
- 5.) Roll wing pieces to coat.
- 6.) Arrange a few wings in circle on plate. (Will have to repeat this step until all wings are prepared.)
- 7.) Cover loosely with waxed paper.
- 8.) Microwave on high for 12 minutes, rotating dish 1/2 turn after 6 minutes.
- 9.) Let stand for 5 minutes.
- 10.) If juice runs clear when pierced, the wings are cooked, if some pink remains, cook, on high, for 1-minute intervals until meat is thoroughly cooked.

### Greased Poles

- Ingredients
- 12 bread sticks
  - 6 slices bacon, cut in half length-wise

- 1.) Wrap each bread stick diagonal with bacon strip from to bottom.
- 2.) Lay 6 on paper towel on plate.
- 3.) Cover with second paper towel.
- 4.) Microwave on high, for 3-5 minutes, or until bacon is cooked. Rotate plate 1/2 turn after 2 minutes.
- 5.) Repeat with remaining breadsticks.

### Shrimp Puffs

- 1/2 cup butter or margarine

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### POSTSCRIPT

## New Year blues

I don't think I dislike any holiday as much as I dislike New Year's.

For two days -- at best -- the pressure is overwhelming.

First, you have to be beautiful and charming for New Year's Eve parties -- despite the fact that you've been pigging out for at least a month and you're worn out from all the folderol surrounding

Christmas. Plus, you're likely agitated at the thought of having to get back to work, seriously, on January 2, as if nothing ever happened.

Then, the pressure is on to have someone of the opposite sex on your arm at those parties.

So, you have to be not only beautiful and charming, but you also have to be attached; otherwise you are looked upon with pity, even by those who are attached to someone they can't stand the sight of behind closed doors the rest of the year.

New Year's Eve is perhaps the most important day of the year when you must be with someone else, even more so than

Valentine's Day, when no one really notices if you stay in.

If you don't have a regular attachment, you have to dredge up the courage from somewhere to ask someone to accompany you to the party. You must steel yourself for rejection and hope you don't have to go to the second string of possibilities before you get a yes.

If you have a public companion who's good to take places but about whom you entertain no romantic notions, you have to pump yourself up to get in a party mode.

If you do have a significant other, you know the pressure is even greater to be your most beautiful and charming so that he/she won't be interested in the other beautiful and charming party-goers.

If you choose to stay in, or if staying in is thrust upon you, you have to trust your acting ability to see you through when people ask you -- as they always do -- what you did on New Year's Eve or why you weren't at the Doe party

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## Things to ponder: Resolve to love yourself

(Friends with talent do come in handy, especially when they are willing to share. A very special friend wrote the following article. "Thank you, Friend" for giving us the chance to think about positive changes in our lives.)

Did you ever wake up to new fallen snow, virgin snow, if you will? I love to see a snow with no tracks, no discoloration. A new pure snow is a beautiful sight that tempts the child in us to make snow angels, snow cream, and snow men. One of my favorite activities, to do in new snow, is to fill my garden

area with close packed footsteps, made by jumping wildly, and creating new lines, without having extraneous steps in the design. A new pure snow is a blank slate, just like a new year.

The week between Christmas and New Year's Day is a time of reflection, for many people. It is when we decide how we are going to improve ourselves for the coming year. Instead of visions of sugarplums, we are now looking in the mirror and seeing visions of ourselves 20 pounds lighter. We close our eyes and see all of our junk drawers

and closets cleaned out and neatly arranged. We envision ourselves working out, at least one hour a day, six days a week. We also see ourselves doing all of those things that we keep trying to put at the top of the list. For some of us, we might be seeing ourselves in a carnival mirror, a reflection of distortion.

New fallen, pure snow often lasts in Eastern Kentucky for a very short time. Between the diesel smoke from the stacks, and the coal dust that blows from the overloaded cars, pure, clean

snow is dirty after the first coal train comes through our neighborhood. Like that snow, the first of the year is a fleeting moment. The time for change is likely to be a short one, also.

My resolve for this year is not to lose 20 pounds, since at this point, I now need to lose closer to 50 pounds. I have accepted the fact that, typically when one area of the house is cleaned, another troubled spot miraculously appears. I have a new plan for this year.

(See PONDER, page two)



Mable Rowe Lineberger, Ph.D.



# Birthdays



## New Arrival

Kenny Ray and Terri Wells, of Prestonsburg, are happy to announce the birth of their daughter, Aryn Nicole Wells, who was born on December 3, 2002. She weighed 7 lbs., 12 oz., and was 20 and 1/2 inches long. She is the granddaughter of Amos Dotson, of Prestonsburg, Darlene Lewis, of Tucson, Arizona, and Kenny Paul and Velma Wells, of Sitka. Aryn is the great-granddaughter of Eliza Dotson and the late Greeley Dotson, of Middlecreek, and Polly Hall and the late William Hall, of Prestonsburg.

## Recipes

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- 3 ounces cream cheese
- 1 cup flour
- 1 cup shrimp, cooked, cleaned, rinsed and diced
- 1/4 cup finely diced celery
- 1/2 teaspoon lemon juice
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1/8 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- Dash of Worcestershire sauce
- Mayonnaise (optional)

- 1.) Mix butter and creamed cheese; blend well.
- 2.) Add flour.
- 3.) Form into a ball and chill for at least 1 hour.
- 4.) Roll thin and cut with round cookie cutter.

### Shrimp Filling

- 1.) Mix together all remaining ingredients.
- 2.) Add a little mayonnaise if mixture too thick.
- 3.) Place 1/2 teaspoon of mixture into each puff.
- 4.) Spread rounds with Shrimp Filling.
- 5.) Fold in half and pinch edges together.
- 6.) Bake on ungreased cookie sheet in preheated 400-degree oven for 10 minutes.
- 7.) Serve hot.

### Filled Mushrooms

- Ingredients:
- 24 medium-large mushrooms
  - 1/4 lb. ground beef
  - 1/4 cup finely chopped onion
  - 1/8 teaspoon garlic powder
  - Reserved mushroom stems
  - 1/4 teaspoon salt
  - 1 tablespoon butter or margarine
  - 3 tablespoons dry bread crumbs
  - 3 tablespoons ketchup
- 1.) Gently twist stems from mushrooms.
  - 2.) Chop stems and reserve.
  - 3.) Combine ground beef, chopped onion, garlic powder, mushroom stems, salt, and butter in bowl.
  - 4.) Microwave, covered, on high, for about 4 minutes or until no pink remains in

- 5.) Add bread crumbs and ketchup.
- 6.) Mix.
- 7.) Stuff mushroom caps.
- 8.) Arrange half in circle on paper towel lined plate.
- 9.) Cover with wax paper.
- 10.) Microwave on high for 3 minutes.
- 11.) Repeat with second batch.

### Sausage Snacks

- Ingredients:
- 1 lb. ground beef
  - 1 lb. pork sausage
  - 1 lb. Velveeta cheese
  - 1 tablespoon oregano
  - 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
  - 2 packages round cocktail bread

- 1.) Brown sausage and ground beef.
- 2.) Drain.
- 3.) Cut cheese and dice into meat mixture.
- 4.) Add other ingredients.
- 5.) Spread on bread.
- 6.) Bake for 5 minutes at 450 degrees.

For added fun, try this recipe for "Make-Believe Champagne":

- Ingredients:
- 1 33.8 ounce bottle carbonated water, chilled
  - 1 33.8 ounce bottle ginger ale, chilled
  - 1 24 ounce bottle unsweetened white grape juice, chilled
  - Ice cubes or Party Ice Cubes (recipe follows)

In large pitcher, combine carbonated water, ginger ale, and grape juice. Pour over ice cubes in chilled champagne flutes or wine glasses. Serve immediately. Makes about 20 (4 oz.) servings.

### Party Ice Cubes

Place small pieces of fruit (berries or tiny citrus wedges), small sprigs of fresh mint, or 1/2 inch strips of orange peel into the compartments of ice cube trays. Add enough water to fill, then freeze.

# School Happenings

## ADAMS MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH SERVICES CENTER

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 referral services 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.

## 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, 3-6 p.m., school days.

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

## SOUTH FLOYD YOUTH SERVICES CENTER

Jan. 10 - First aid and safety classroom presentations.

Jan. 14 - Epidemics classroom presentations.

Jan. 21 - Nutrition classroom presentations.

Jan. 24 - Genetics and Heredity classroom presentations.

Jan. 28 -Peer pressure/conflict resolution classroom presentations.

Jan. 31 - Drugs and Addiction Prevention & Awareness classroom presentations.

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

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## World

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gift to them something equally fine or costly. The gift is from Santa himself—his hands handled this toy. He sacked this candy—it's all good. Santa did his best—that's the little believer's reaction, however poor the gift.

Those of us who blame God for the untoward circumstances of life might take these children for an example. Somebody said, "No wonder that he said of little children, 'of such is the kingdom of heaven.'"

## EUREKA!

Remember our calls for help on tracing down the origin of "juberous?" Well, Dr. Russell L. Hall heard and answered. He writes:

"Regarding your query in THE TIMES about the origin of our good, old Mountain word, 'juberous'—so far as I can determine, it originated far off yonder, long, long ago, in Persia. Its origin was in the old Persian word, 'gabr,' which meant 'infinite!' or 'unbeliever.' Later, the French word for it was 'guebre,' defined the same as the English 'Gueber,' which means 'unbeliever.'"

"Juberous would have been pronounced 'gooberous' (I'm glad it wasn't!) except for misinterpretation of a letter in the style of writing, a century or two ago. The 'g' was written with an open lower loop very similar to 'j.' And the person who coined the word thought 'gueber' was 'jueber'—and so 'gooberous' became 'juberous.'"

(Juberous is a good word and was used correctly by our forefathers to mean 'suspicious of,' 'suspicious or distrustful of,' or, in modern prose, 'sir, I am skeptical of your scheme, I suspect you are not speaking the whole truth.'")

(Of which erudite opinion I am not the least bit juberous. Only, I do wish Doc would tell me where and how the mischief he got on the trail of this word.—Editor.)

## CAUSE FOR DELAY

It may be that Kentucky will invoke its so-called "Blue Laws" soon, which would require the closing of most businesses on Sunday. We favor this and I propose to write an editorial to that effect, just as soon as I can get in the habit of buying enough milk on Saturday to last over till Monday.

## CIVILIZED

The news item about the raid made by Sheriff Preston of Johnson County on that new rooster-fighting arena near Paintsville

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## Eyes

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ly all you "literary-type" aunts out there!

From the book, "The Family Read-Aloud Christmas Treasury."

## A Merry Literary Christmas

When Christmas shopping time draws nigh,  
And I am faced with gifts to buy,  
I think about one relative  
Who always had one gift to give.  
Year after year, her present came,  
And every year it was the same.

While other gifts were round and fat,  
(Their secrets hidden) hers was flat.  
Rectangular, the corners square,  
I knew exactly what was there.  
I'd pass it by without a look —  
My aunt had sent another book!

I'd only open it to write  
A "thank-you" that was too polite,  
But every year when Christmas went  
I'd read the book my aunt had sent.  
And looking back, I realize  
Each gift was treasure in disguise.

So now it's time to write her here  
A thank-you note that is sincere.

So, thanks for Alice and Sara Crewe,  
For Christopher Robin and Piglet and Pooch,  
For Little Nell and William Tell,  
And Peter and Wendy and Tinker Bell.

Thanks for Tom and Jim and Huck,  
For Robinson Crusoe and Dab-Dab the duck,  
For Meg and Jo and Johnny Crow,  
And Papa Geppetto's Pinocchio.

For Mary Poppins and Rat and Toad,  
King Arthur and Dorothy's "Yellow Brick Road,"  
For Kipling's Kim and tales from Grimm,  
And Ferdinand, Babar, and Tiny Tim.

I loved them all, I'm glad I met them.  
They're with me still, I won't forget them.

So I'll give books on Christmas Day,  
Though I know what all my nieces say

I know it from the way they write  
A "thank-you" that is too polite.

Written by Alice Low

## Ponder

It is one that I believe will be more doable and more likely to provide lasting results for what I want out of life.

My resolve this year is to have a reasonable goal each month that will help to create a better world, one person at a time, beginning with me. I am thinking that January's goal might be to learn to love myself. Because I have always heard that we need to love our neighbor as we do ourselves, I had never thought about first loving myself and then loving the next person, as suggested on the radio. I was reminded of the identical premise the same week, when I made a trip by airplane. "If during the flight the oxygen masks are released and you are traveling with someone who might need assistance put your mask on first so that you can better help your companion." I sure had a "light bulb" experience. "Wow! When I

get the same message twice in one week from two different sources, I really need to take heed."

Now, the big question is, how do I love myself? Is it learning something new every day? Is it caring for my physical needs—getting enough sleep, eating healthy, and getting reasonable exercise? Is it making new friends, but keeping the old? Is it telling others "no, not today," when I have planned a special time for myself of quilting, beading, painting, gardening, reading, or watching the birds at the feeders? I know that if I tell someone "yes", when I really wanted to say "no," that I will have some resentment during the doing of the deed. I know that boundaries are very important. The big catch phrase these days is that we are a mind, a body, and a spirit. They all need love and care.

Loving myself is looking like a hard choice for a New Year's resolution. January is looking more like a gutted house being remodeled, than just fresh paint and wallpaper. It looks like self-control and balance are the goals I need. What about my right to pursue happiness? Chocolate makes me happy. Chocolate and self-control don't usually happen in the same moment. I am hoping that they will, eventually, happen in the same day.

If loving myself is accepting myself, I could resolve not to resolve. Who says I can only decide to change on January 1? What if I resolve to change myself February 29th. That way I only have to deal with this every four years? That's a thought. I think I will go to the store and buy a large Hershey's Special Dark Chocolate bar, and toast it in the New Year on New Year's Eve!

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## Family Medicine

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



Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine

**Reader's Note:** For the last several years my predecessor John Wolf, D.O., has written a special recipe column this time of year. Dr. Wolf has told me that each year this Christmastime recipe column would get more comments from readers than any of his regular columns that dealt with the various human maladies to which we are all subject. This being the case, I felt it would be a good idea for this neophyte columnist to follow in the footsteps of my esteemed forerunner, who attributed the popularity of the annual recipe column to a simple fact: "We all eat,

while only some of us have concerns about any given health problem."

Before I give you this year's "nutty" recipe, I need to supply a little background information. A recent finding of the ongoing "nurse's study" of over 84,000 women by the Harvard School of Public Health demonstrated that women who ate nuts on a regular basis were less likely to develop Type 2 diabetes. Women who ate over five ounces of nuts per week weighed less, and exercised more than women who ate no nuts, or a minimal amount of them. The cause for this statistical find-

ing is unclear, but it does suggest that women should eat more nuts.

With that in mind, I will share one of my favorite holiday cookie recipes with you, Almond Crescent cookies. This dough can be made ahead and refrigerated for a few days. Small children will like to help with making the crescents without having to wait for the dough to be made.

### Ingredients

1 cup butter, unsalted  
1/4 cup sugar  
1/2 teaspoon Almond extract  
1/4 teaspoon salt  
2 cups sifted flour  
1 cup Almonds (whole, finely ground, blanched)

Soften the butter and then beat it together with the sugar and almond

extract until smooth. Premix the flour and salt and stir it into the mix. Finally, stir in the almonds. Wrap the dough in plastic wrap and refrigerate overnight.

When you are ready to bake the cookies, preheat your oven to 350 degrees Fahrenheit. To form the cookies, take a large teaspoon of dough and roll it into a short rope with the palms of your clean hands on a lightly floured surface. Then form the "rope" into a crescent shape. Place the cookies two inches apart on a greased cookie sheet, and bake for 15 minutes.

When the cookies have cooled slightly, sift some confectioner's sugar over the tops or drizzle with some melted semisweet chocolate chips, or BOTH!!

These are delicious, melt in your mouth, and in moderation, are good for "us girls"! We can share these cookies

with men and boys but the nut benefit has not been demonstrated for their gender. Make nuts available as snacks for your family. They are high in fiber, but should be consumed in moderation because they are also high in calories.

Enjoy your holidays, and thank you for allowing me to share this favorite of mine with you. Have a safe and joyous holiday season.

"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. You can also email questions of general interest to Dr. Simpson at simpsonm@ohio.edu Past columns are available online at www.fhradio.org/fm.

## Nutrition Wise

# American Institute for Cancer Research

by Karen Collins, MS, RD, CDN

### Q Are some cuts of steak lower in fat than others?

Steak can be high in saturated fat that, if eaten to excess, raises the risk of heart disease and some types of cancer. Several types of steak can be reasonably lean, like T-

bone, porterhouse and tenderloin (filet mignon). But when it comes to controlling fat intake, how well the steak is trimmed of exterior fat is more important than which cut you choose. A portion the size of a deck of cards (a standard serving) contains only 9 grams of fat and 175 to 190 calories—if the outside fat is trimmed off. But if untrimmed, the steak's numbers soar to about 275 calories and

more than 20 grams of fat. The other key issue is portion control. The three-ounce, deck-of-cards portion is the recommended standard serving for meat. That may not seem like much, but if you think of steak as a treat and eat it slowly, savoring every bite, you won't need a large portion. Enjoy your steak as part of a healthy, mostly plant-based meal. For the remaining part of the plate (ideally, two-thirds or more), include a starchy food like potatoes or pasta, if you like, plus lots of vegetables, fruits and whole grains.

### Q When I go off a high-protein, low-carb diet, I quickly regain several pounds. What should I do?

That rapid weight gain within the first few days after a low-carbohydrate diet is just water. When we limit carbohydrates, our bodies ability to maintain normal water balance is disturbed, and we often tend to become somewhat dehydrated. As soon as the body gets back to normal levels of

carbohydrate again, that lost water is restored. Don't worry—the weight gain due to readjusted water balance doesn't continue. For lower risk of cancer and other health problems, as well as for weight control, sound nutritional recommendations emphasize vegetables, fruits and whole grains, all of which contain carbohydrate. Your sense that you should be getting back to carbohydrates is right. It may take a few weeks for your body's water balance to completely normalize, so be patient (and avoid weighing yourself). Another problem with very low carbohydrate diets is that when people go off them, they often then, go to the other extreme, enjoying all the foods they've missed, but in larger amounts. Keep your focus on finding a "middle ground" that is healthy and enjoyable; watch your portion size, and you'll succeed.

### Q Does soymilk have the same nutritional value as cow's milk?

Compared to cow's milk, unfortified soymilk has only a third of the calcium. It also lacks the vitamins A, D and B-12 that cow's milk supplies. Many varieties of soymilk, however, are now fortified with these nutrients. Check labels, as amounts vary. Like cow's milk, soymilk is available with different levels of fat, which changes the calorie content. But remember that, unlike cow's milk, the fat in soymilk contains only a trace of saturated fat, and some varieties of reduced-fat soymilk also have reduced levels of protein. Whether soy or dairy, the milk we choose is an important source of protein. Especially if research continues to show health benefits from soy protein, reducing your protein levels would not be desirable. Soymilk also contains the natural plant phytochemicals being studied for a variety of possible health benefits, although further research is necessary in this area. Soymilk's clearest advantages are for people who are lactose intolerant, allergic to cow's milk, or vegan vegetarians, who use no dairy products.

## Montgomery selected as All-American Scholar

The United States Achievement Academy (U.S.A.A.) recently announced that Summa Cum Laude graduate, Pamela Kay Montgomery, of Prestonsburg, has been selected as one of their All-American Scholarship winners.

U.S.A.A. congratulates Pamela on all of her achievements. She has compiled a record of achievements of which she can be justly proud. It is the hope of the U.S.A.A. that Pamela will continue her pursuit of excellence in her graduate courses.

Pamela was nominated for the All-American Scholar

## School

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.  
-Auxiliary 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.

## World

reminds us that Floyd County has had one of these so-called sporting events going for several years, during which time it has been one of the county's least-kept secrets.

I also am reminded that, about 50 years after the birth of Christ, a Roman emperor packed the mob into an amphitheatre by advertising that a varied assortment of wild animals and 2,000 gladiators would battle to the death.

But we have come a long way since then. Now we let the roosters do the fighting till they drop. Let the blood fly and the dumb things die—lay your money on the line—we're civilized.

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saw and felt as it neared Venus...If one is to be so skeptical of everything he does not see and feel, why be so gullible about this matter? That signal seemed to my delicate ear only a repetition of monotonous, unchanging sound. How do I know the guy at the decoding machine isn't faking all this data that has the world pop-eyed?

Mind you, I'm not questioning anybody's veracity or the wonders of this gadget. But I'm not skeptical about those other truths, either.

## Postscript

or the country club or wherever. "Gosh, I was just getting over the flu and I figured I shouldn't get out in the cold," you say, suppressing a cough. "Honey, I had a stomach virus and I didn't want to give it to anybody else," you utter as you rub your belly and wrinkle your brow. "My plane was late getting back from Europe and I had to stay over in New York. Did you happen to see me in

the crowd at Times Square?" you ask with a smug shrug. "Our car had a flat on the way to the party, and I got mud all over my dress and had to go back home to change, and by then it was a quarter to 12 and I just said why bother," you say, sighing heavily, with the hint of a tear in the corner of your eye.

Of course, New Year's Day is even worse. That's when you're forced to take stock of your life, and I don't know about you, but I've never failed to find myself lacking. You get kind of caught up in the spirit of new beginnings, the clean slate. There it is, a whole new year that you haven't screwed up yet.

It's hard to avoid making resolutions, or at least pretending you did. When you get to work or church or wherever else it is you go, everyone is talking about resolutions and they're sure to press you for yours. It's simply expected.

So what are you going to say? Lose weight. Exercise more. Write a book. Win the lottery. Be a kinder, gentler person. Easier said than done. But you know that already. If you're like me, you're serious for a week, two weeks tops. Then, you settle back into your old slothful ways and you spend the next month berating yourself for having so little resolve.

I don't know about you, but I've just about decided to play groundhog this year. I think I may be sound asleep before the firecrackers start going off, and I may just spend New Year's Day in bed, resting up for the days ahead — when I'm going to lose weight, exercise more ... well, you know the rest.

May 2003 be the best year yet for all of us.

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## 'Top Scoring' Student of the Month

James Sherman Nunnery, the son of James H. Nunnery Jr. and Imelda Nunnery, was recently recognized as "Top Scorer of the Year" for his basketball team, the Red River Valley Elementary Indians, in Hazel Green. In addition, James received a 4.0 grade point average for the fall semester, 2001, and was named "Student of the Month" for the month of December. James, a fourth grader, resides in West Liberty with his parents. He is the grandson of the late James Nunnery Sr., formerly of Prestonsburg, and Sylvia Nunnery Purdy.

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# FLOYD COUNTY DEVOTIONAL PAGE

## Facts About The BIBLE BY JOHN LEHTI

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### PROVERBS---A WAY OF LIFE!

AMONG THE PEOPLE OF THE BIBLE, THE TEACHINGS FOUND IN THE BOOK OF PROVERBS WERE GIVEN SERIOUS ATTENTION! THE PURPOSE OF THIS BOOK WAS TO INSTRUCT THE PEOPLE IN THE PRACTICE OF WISDOM, THE SAME AND PRUDENT PURSUIT OF THEIR DAILY LIFE, THE ART OF LIVING WELL, AND THE VIRTUES BY WHICH THE GOAL OF HAPPINESS WAS TO BE WON! IT ALSO ADVISED AGAINST THE MANY PITFALLS THAT COULD COME TO A PERSON IN THEIR DAY-TO-DAY LIFE. THE IDEALS OF LIFE ARE ALSO TOUCHED UPON: HONESTY, INDUSTRY, CHARITY, CONSIDERATION FOR OTHERS, HELPFULNESS, AND MANY OTHER VIRTUES, BUT AGAIN AND AGAIN THE BOOK SEEMS TO CALL TO OUR ATTENTION THE SEARCH FOR WISDOM AND KNOWLEDGE!

"WHOSO LOVETH INSTRUCTION LOVETH KNOWLEDGE, BUT HE THAT HATETH REPROOF IS BRUTISH!" **PROV. 12:1**

"A WISE SON HEARETH HIS FATHERS INSTRUCTION, BUT A SCORNER HEARETH NOT REBUKE?" **PROV. 13:1**

SAVE THIS FOR YOUR SUNDAY SCHOOL SCRAPBOOK

This devotional and directory is made possible by these businesses who encourage all of us to attend worship services.

**ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
 First Assembly of God, Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Lorie Vanuud, Minister.  
 New Bethel Assembly of God, Burning Fork Rd., Salyersville; 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.  
 Auxier Freewill 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, Slick 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 Keg 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 Worldwise Expt. on Rt. 1428; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Buddy Jones, Minister.  
 First Baptist, Garrett; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Randy Osborne, Minister.  
 First Baptist, Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. Sunday Evening Service 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Greydon Howard, Minister.  
 First Baptist, 54 S. Front St. (Irene Cole Memorial); Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Dr. Floyd Price, minister.  
 Fitzpatrick First Baptist, 2656 West Mt. Parkway, Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Jennings West, Minister.  
 Free United Baptist, West Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.  
 Grethel Baptist, State Rt. 3379, (Branham's Creek Rd.); Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.  
 Highland Avenue Freewill Baptist; Sunday School, 9:50 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; David Garrett, Minister.  
 Jacks Creek Baptist, Bevrieville; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Jeff Barnett, Minister.  
 Katy Friend Freewill Baptist, 2 miles up Abbott; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Jim Price, Minister.  
 Lackey Freewill Baptist, Lackey; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Johnny J. Collins, Minister.  
 Lancer Baptist Church, 71 Cooley St., Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m., Evening Worship, 6:00 p.m., Wednesday Prayer Meeting and Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor Bobby Carpenter.  
 Liberty Baptist, Denver; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Marie Little, Minister.  
 Ligon Community Freewill Baptist, Ligon; Sunday School, 11:00 a.m. Thursday 7 a.m.  
 Martin Branch Freewill Baptist, East; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11:15 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; James (Red) Morris, Minister.  
 Martin Freewill Baptist, Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; John L. Blair, Minister.  
 Maytown First Baptist, Main St., Maytown; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Bob Varney, Minister.  
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 Lighthouse Baptist, 2194 KY Rt. 1428, Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Donald Crisp, Minister.  
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 Salt Lick United Baptist, Salt Lick, Huysville; Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.; 4th Sunday, Thursday, 6:30 p.m.; Pastor Chester Lucas.  
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 St. Martha, Water Gap; Mass: Sunday, 11:15 a.m.; Saturday, 5 p.m.; Sunday; Father Robert Darnon, pastor.

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 First Christian, 580 North Arnold Avenue; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Jim Sherman, Minister.  
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This is to notify certain unknown defendants of the nature and predecency of a certain Complaint filed on or about August 10, 2001. Said lawsuit has been filed in the Floyd Circuit Court, and is styled as Civil Action No. 01-CI-00815, Michael Dwayne Shortridge and Jodie Shortridge vs. Ricky Johnson and Unknow Defendants. The basis of this suit is a personal injury action filed against the Defendants by Michael Dwayne Shortridge and Jodie Shortridge arising out of an automobile accident which occurred August 12, 2000, along KY RT 1428 in Prestonsburg, Floyd County, KY. The Plaintiff's are seeking damages as the result of medical expenses, impairment to earning capacity, pain and suffering, loss of use of motor vehicle and loss of consortium by Jodie Shortridge.

**The Unknow Defendants** shall have 50 days from the date of the filing of the complaint to Answer with the Floyd Circuit Court Clerk, if he/she desires to do so. If the Defendants do not appear in the lawsuit and present a defense, then a Judgement may be entered against them, at the Court's discretion.

Sue Ellen Prater Warning Order Attorney 120 North Front Avenue, Prestonsburg, KY 41653

**LEGAL NOTICE**

This is to notify Defendants James and Patsy Griffith of the nature and pendency of a certain Complaint filed on or about October 10, 2002. Said lawsuit has been filed in Division II of the Floyd Circuit Court, and is styled as Civil Action Number 02-CI-01065, Conesco Finance Servicing Corp, FKA Green Tree Financial Servicing Corp. vs. James Griffith and Patsy Griffith. The basis of the suit is a foreclosure action filed against the Defendants by the Conesco Corporation. The complaint alleges that the Defendants have defaulted on their obligation to pay per the terms of the

**finance contract.**

The Plaintiff is seeking to foreclose on the mobile home which is the subject of this action, and damages in the amount of the entire balance due under the finance contract. The Defendants, James and Patsy Griffith, shall have 50 days from the date of the Complaint to file an Answer with the Floyd County Circuit

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Lana Gresham Warning Order Attorney 120 North Front Avenue Prestonsburg, KY 41653

**Court Clerk,** if they desire to do so. If the Defendants do not appear in the lawsuit and present a defense, then a Judgement may be entered against them, at the Court's discretion.

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Application Number 836-5416, Renewal

This is to notify Defendant Kristin Nicole Dotson of the nature and pendency of a certain Complaint filed on or about November 15, 2002. Said lawsuit has been filed in the Floyd Circuit Court, and is styled as Civil Action Number 02-CI-01193, Greenwich Capital Financial Products, Inc. vs. Rhonda Clay et al. The basis of the suit is a foreclosure action filed against the Defendants by Greenwich Capital Products, Inc. The Complaint alleges that the Defendants have defaulted on their obligations to pay per the terms of the finance contract. The Plaintiff is seeking to foreclose on the home and property which is the subject of this action, and damages in the amount of the entire balance due under the finance contract. The Defendant, Kristin Nicole Dotson, shall have 50 days from the date of the Complaint to file an Answer with the Floyd County Circuit Court Clerk, if she desires to do so. If the Defendant does not appear in the lawsuit and present a defense, then a Judgement may be entered against her, at the Court's discretion.

Lana Gresham  
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Attorney  
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**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE**

Pursuant to

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that DS Energy, Inc., P.O. Box 2864, Pikeville, Kentucky 41502, has applied for renewal of a permit for an underground coal mining operation, located 0.90 mile west of Woods in Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 1.55 surface acres and will underlie 853.86 acres, and the total area within the permit boundary will be 855.41 acres.

The proposed operation is approximately 0.25 mile East from KY 194's junction with KY 1428, and located adjacent to Cow Creek.

The operation is located on the Lancer U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Coal-Mac, Inc., Dick & Faye Burchett, America Frasure and John Gordon Goble. The operation will underlie land owned by Jimmy Joe Burchett, Charles & Darvin Burchett, Brad & Sally Goble & Marwood Land Co.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, No. 2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

For Final Advertisement:

This is the final advertisement of the application. All comments, objections or requests for a permit conference must be received within thirty (30) days of today's date.

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE**

Pursuant to Application Number 836-5341, Renewal

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Czar Coal Corporation, HC 64, Box 915, Debord, Kentucky 41214, has applied for renewal of a permit for an underground coal mining operation, located 2.7 miles south of Odds in Floyd, Martin and Johnson Counties. The proposed operation will disturb 42.50 acres of surface area, and will underlie 123.00 acres, and the total area within the permit boundary will be 165.50 acres.

The proposed operation is approximately 2.70 miles southwest from Daniel's Branch Road's junction with KY State Route 3, and located 0.1 mile south of Dick's Creek.

The proposed operation is located on the Lancer U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Pocahontas Development Corporation. The operation will underlie land owned by Pocahontas Development Corporation.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, No. 2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

ation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objection or requests for a permit conference, must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that Tex Mitchell, 42 Mitchell Drive, Harold, Kentucky 41635, has filed an application with the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet to construct a fill. The property is located approximately 1.6 mile southwest of the community of Harold on Route 979, on Mud Creek, in Floyd County. 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, Kentucky 40601. Phone: (502) 564-3410

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE**

Pursuant to Application Number 836-0295 Amendment No. 1

In accordance with KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that Frasure Creek Mining, LLC, 1051 Main Street, Suite 100, Milton, West Virginia 25541, has applied for an amendment to a permit for a surface

coal mining and reclamation operation, located at Craynor in Floyd County. The amendment proposes to add 74.08 acres and delete 2.52 acres of surface disturbance, and add 28.10 acres and delete 21.21 acres of auger area for total of 288.28 acres within the total permit boundary.

The proposed operation is approximately 0.5 mile southwest from KY 680's junction with KY 979, and located on Hamilton Branch of Mud Creek.

The proposed operation is located on the McDowell USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by The Elk Horn Coal Corporation, Curt Hall Heirs, Richard P. Hall Heirs, Charles Hall, Walker Tackett et al., Robert or Marlene Howell, Frank and Ivalee McKinney, William L. Hall Heirs, and Barbara Hall. The operation will underlie land owned by Charles Hall, Walker

Tackett et al., Robert or Marlene Howell, and Frank and Ivalee McKinney. The operation will use the area, contour, and auger methods of surface mining.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for

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Date of Appointment	Case Number	Estate of:	Fiduciary	Attorney
11/19/02	02-P-00445	Lucille Ousley Box 42 Allen, KY 41601	Sonja Rattliff Box 42 Allen, KY 41601	Jerry Patton 119 East Court St. Prestonsburg, KY 41653
11/20/02	02-P-00446	Sherry Gail Ray P.O. Box 183 Beaver, KY 41604	Mary Alice Ray P.O. Box 183 Beaver, KY 41604	Anthony C. Davis P.O. Box 220 Betsy Layne, KY 41607
11/21/02	02-P-00447	In Re: Kyle Stephen Webb 292 Henry's Branch Rd. Langley, KY 41645	Earl S. Webb, Gdn. 292 Henry's Branch Rd. Langley, KY 41645	Anthony C. Davis P.O. Box 220 Betsy Layne, KY 41607
11/21/02	02-P-00448	In Re: Justin Thomas Webb 376 Henry's Branch Rd. Langley, KY 41645	Thomas E. Webb 376 Henry's Branch Rd. Langley, KY 41645	John T. Chafin Box 700 Prestonsburg, KY 41653
11/22/02	02-P-00449	James Martin P.O. Box 111 Minnie, KY 41651	Darlena S. Martin P.O. Box 111 Minnie, KY 41651	Keith Bartley P.O. Box 1378 Prestonsburg, KY 41653
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11/26/02	02-P-00451	Katherine R. Salisbury Gen. Del. Hunter, KY 41641	Vernon Salisbury 839 Salyers Br. Rd. Hunter, KY 41640	John C. Collins P.O. Box 457 Salyersville, KY 41465
11/27/02	02-P-00453	In Re: Zachary Hopson 104 Shannon Way Sebring, FL 33870	Geisella Sue Rodebaugh, Gdn. 104 Shannon Way Sebring, FL 33870	
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12/10/02	02-P-00466	Stella B. Akers 109 Stone Hollow Betsy Layne, KY 41605	Donald L. Whitely 2940 Runnymede Way Lexington, KY 40503	
12/10/02	02-P-00467	Tom Wright Green Meadow Br. Abbott Prestonsburg, KY 41653	Tom T. Clark P.O. Box 1603 Prestonsburg, KY 41653	
12/10/02	02-P-00468	Clyde Blackburn 2632 KY Rt. 3385 Endicott, KY 41653	Janice B. Allen 1135 So. Lake Dr. Prestonsburg, KY 41653	Cassie Allen P.O. Box 722 Prestonsburg, KY
12/13/02	02-P-00471	Anna Ray Boyd P.O. Box 39 Dana, KY 41615	Lenore Rowe P.O. Box 43 Dana, KY 41615	
12/13/02	02-P-00472	Maggie Dotson Riverview Nursing Home Prestonsburg, KY 41653	Willard Dotson 820 Ruff & Tough Br. Prestonsburg, KY 41653	John Earl Hunt P.O. Box 960 Allen, KY 41601
12/16/02	02-P-00474	Fannie Adams 809 Golf Course Rd. Wheelwright, KY 41669	Joyce Davis Burke 809 Golf Course Rd. Wheelwright, KY 41669	
12/19/02	02-P-00475	Lewis Dotson KY Rt. 114 Prestonsburg, KY 41653	Mary Ann Dotson KY Rt. 114 Prestonsburg, KY 41653	Cassie J. Allen P.O. Box 772 Prestonsburg, KY 41653
12/19/02	02-P-00476	James Dwayne Hall 1339 Doty Br. Rd. McDowell, KY 41647	Diana Lynn Hall 935 Henry's Branch Langley, KY 41645	
12/20/02	02-P-00478	Richard Lewis 255 Merritt Branch Prestonsburg, KY 41653	Cheryl Lewis 255 Merritt Branch Prestonsburg, KY 41653	C.V. Reynolds 112 W. Court St. Prestonsburg, KY

**NOTICE  
(OF FINAL SETTLEMENT)**

I, Douglas Ray Hall, Clerk of the Floyd District Court, do hereby certify that the following settlements of estates have been filed in my office. Anyone desiring to take exceptions to said settlements must do so on or before January 30, 2003, at 9:00 a.m.

Settlement	Case Number	Estate Of:	Fiduciary	Date Filed
Final	02-P-00215	Margaret J. Kidd	Henry Kidd	11/25/02
Final	00-P-00177	Darrell Irick	Harry Irick	11/25/02
Final	02-P-00002	Champ Gibson	Dennis Gibson	11/26/02
Final	02-P-00260	Kenneth A. Campbell	Rita K. Campbell	11/27/02
Final	02-P-00092	Bill Webb	Barbara Spradlin	12/02/02
Final	00-P-00366	Jerry Hall Mitchell	Derek Hall Mitchell	12/04/02
Final	00-P-00398	Leanna Briggs, minor	LaDonna Briggs, guardian	12/11/02
Final	00-P-00352	Wanda Hayes	Glenda Landenberger	12/10/02
Final	00-P-00352	Wanda Hayes	Glen I. Hayes	12/10/02
Final	02-P-00168	James A. Campbell	Kelli Campbell	12/11/02
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Did her mechanic jerk her around?

by TOM and RAY MAGLIOZZI

Dear Tom and Ray:

I was told by three different mechanics about a month ago that the knock in my '97 Grand Cherokee was an engine about to go. After comparing options, it seemed the best route was a new \$2,500 engine with a three-year warranty. The mechanic told me the installation would take two days. It ended up being a week, at which time I received a phone call saying I didn't need an engine at all. I was told that instead, I needed a power-steering pump (an additional \$75 for the part). This is AFTER he had completed the engine install. As I sit typing this, I am livid and really at a loss as to what I can do. According to him, I can't even have the old parts (that weren't bad), because they have to be returned. Am I really out \$2,500, and does he bear no responsibility for charging me and installing something I didn't even need??? Finally, how the heck do you confuse a power-steering pump and an engine repair?? I'm not a mechanic, but isn't this in "Car Repair 101"? — Michelle



RAY:

I don't think he took Car Repair 101, Michelle. If he had, he never would have admitted that you didn't need the engine! He would have said, "By the way, you ALSO needed a new power-steering pump, Michelle. I'll just add it to your bill."

TOM:

So we have to give him credit here for at least being honest.

RAY: On the other hand, assuming he was one of the three mechanics who gave you the diagnosis (assuming you didn't just come to him and say, "I need a new engine"), he was grossly incompetent to mistake a bad power-steering pump for a failing engine.

TOM:

Whenever we hear an engine noise, the first thing we do is take off all of the belts. That takes all of the accessories —

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## Behind the Wheel The Mazda 6

by ANN M. JOB  
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The busy mid-size, family sedan segment just got busier — and sportier-looking.

Just arriving in showrooms, the 2003 Mazda 6 brings youthful, sporty styling to a market segment where adult practicality typically reigns.

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OPTIONS: Leather seat trim \$860;

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TEST DRIVE by Greg Zyla

## 2003 Subaru Legacy GT Wagon

This week, we test drive Subaru's 2003 Legacy 2.5 GT Wagon, which receives power from a 2.5-liter, 165-horsepower horizontally opposed (boxer) four-cylinder engine.

Subaru targets consumers looking for all-wheel-drive motoring who may be working on tighter budgets. From less than \$18,000 for the entry-level Impreza to the higher-dollar Foresters, Legacys,

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Wheel

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And it builds on Mazda's newfound commitment to vehicles that provide a bit of fun and

spirit.

Why, the Mazda 6 even is offered in a bright Speed Yellow paint and can be had with a sport package — for \$860 — that adds sizable rear spoiler, rocker panels, front air dam and bigger

wheels, just like the customized touches seen these days on young drivers' cars.

No wonder Mazda North American Operations spokesman Jeremy Barnes said targeted buyers for the 6 are

more likely to be single than the usual buyers in the mid-size sedan category. Median age is expected to be in the mid to late 30s, with household income of about \$75,000.

Single folks won't mind that the 6 is a bit smaller than major competitors like the 2003 Honda Accord sedan and 2003 Nissan Altima.

The 6 has a shorter wheelbase, shorter overall length, slightly skinnier width and isn't quite as tall as the Accord and Altima.

As a result, the 6's interior dimensions for riders are a bit less, too.

For example, front headroom of 38.7 inches in a 6 without moonroof is less than the 40.4 inches in a comparable Accord and the 40.8 inches in an Altima.

The 36.5 inches of legroom for back-seat riders is quite competitive, though, to the Accord's 36.8 inches and the 36.4 inches in the Altima.

Indeed, the interior of the test Mazda 6, in "s" trim level and with optional moonroof, didn't feel confining, even with four adults inside. It would, however, be a snug fit for three adults to sit in the back seat.

A bright reddish-orange color for the instrument cluster and top-of-dash display added a

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Old car needs work

Q: Greg, I have a 1978 Dodge Aspen Special Edition. It has a 225-inch Slant Six with a Carter 2-barrel carburetor. It stalls out on me, and I have to use the brake and gas to keep it running. It wants to go fast on me even when my foot is off the accelerator.

I think I need some parts like a vacuum diaphragm and schematic. I need parts like the orange gas sensor on the fire-wall, too. I also need a heater core and brake boosters. Any recommendations?

I like this car because it does not have any electronics and no air bags. I also want to get the car repainted and restored. What is your advice? — Mary B., Apopka, Fla.

A: Mary, it sure sounds like a vacuum leak or perhaps a bad carburetor choke to me. Also, if you have water in your car's gas tank, it will have a tendency to stall out when it comes to a stop

sign. As for your parts needs, check any of the major auto parts companies, like NAPA, Advance Auto, Pep Boys or major parts houses. They should be able to help you out easily.

As for repainting and restoring, I would recommend you do not spend much money in this area, since this car is not worth anything to car collectors. Put your money in only what is needed mechanically and cosmetically.

Your best bet is to rely on a good local mechanic who operates a well-respected repair shop. He or she can guide you through all of this and not allow you to spend too much where it isn't necessary. Good luck.

Write to Greg Zyla in care of King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475, or send an e-mail to letters.kfws@hearstsc.com.

Test

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tem, which it helped pioneer some 31 years ago, assures excellent traction in all road conditions, while the compact "boxer" engine helps distribute the power to all four wheels better than other four-cylinder designs.

Built in Lafayette, Ind., all Legacys feature a five-year, 60,000-mile powertrain warranty and three-year/36,000 mile roadside assistance.

New for 2003 is the introduction of Subaru's AWD Variable Torque Distribution system when equipped with the optional automatic transmission. The latter also features a Sportshift feature for more "manual" control of the transmission.

Our Legacy Wagon came equipped with lots of standard equipment, as the only options listed were the aforementioned four-speed automatic transmission, which added \$1,000 to the base price of \$25,695, and a \$172 Cross Bar kit. With the \$525 destination charge, the final price rang up at \$27,392.

Things like Red Pearl paint, all the powers, air conditioning, AM/FM/weather band with nine-disc CD changer and nine-speaker sound, heated mirrors and a windshield-wiper defroster came built-in. Additionally, leather-trimmed upholstery, ignition switch illumination, child-safety features, keyless entry, security system and daytime running lamps all came as no-cost features.

Occupants indulge in a host of other luxurious standard appointments, including an eight-way power driver's seat, front and side air bags, 16-inch alloy wheels and all-season radials.

The cabin is well-done, and the station wagon motif offers a cargo capacity of 34.3 cubic feet with rear seat up and 68.6 with rear seat down. There is ample

room for five, although the center adult in the back seat will be a bit pressed.

The 2.5-liter four-cylinder performed adequately, but it is nowhere near as powerful as the six-cylinder that is standard in the "HO" Outback line, and optional in some of the Legacy models. However, its clever boxer layout produces inherent smoothness and a quieter ride. The four-cylinder can be ordered with a five-speed manual, which would no doubt improve some of the car's acceleration aspects. We timed our Legacy from zero to 60 mph in a bit over 9 seconds.

All Legacy models come equipped with four-wheel disc brakes and ABS to assure quick, straight stops. We tested our Subaru on wet roads in an emergency stop from 55 mph and were very impressed. The vehicle also corners well, thanks to a lower center of gravity.

Important numbers include a wheelbase of 104.3 inches, curb weight of 3,535 pounds and EPA numbers of 20 mpg city and 26 mpg highway on regular unleaded. For off-roaders, a generous ground clearance of 6.3 inches awaits.

On the road, Legacy looks good and drives well. Our tester had some road noise seeping in the rear tailgate at speeds above 5 mph. We're sure it can be remedied, as one of the foam insulators may be out of adjustment. Other than that, this Legacy was pure pleasure to drive and is comfortable in all aspects.

This car will surely be one of the top Legacy models, although cost-conscious consumers can take comfort in the knowledge that the base four-cylinder AWD Impreza Sport model starts at just \$17,495.

We continue to recommend Subaru Legacy as a best buy in the all-wheel-drive class.

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sporty flavor inside. So did the circular, maneuver-any-way-you-like vents on top of the dashboard.

But there were smart family sedan touches, too. These included well-sized map pockets with

cupholders molded into them and a roomy glovebox whose inside was illuminated at night.

Note that the Mazda 6 has a traditional car stance, which is to say riders drop down into the seats, and the driver can't see

much around vans, trucks and other cars on the road.

Maximum horsepower is 220 with the V6, while torque tops out at 192 foot-pounds at 5,000 rpm. The 6 also has a 160-horsepower, 2.3-liter, four-cylinder engine that's in the base i model.

There was noticeable road noise in the test 6 with sport package that included 17-inch tires and wheels.

The front-drive 6 doesn't come with a suspension that's labeled sport.

But the ride in the tester still was firm, helping the car feel well-planted to the pavement at all times and quite stable.

Steering and braking are admirable. The power rack-and-pinion steering is quick-acting and doesn't require a lot of small corrections when the car is in curves.

There is strong braking performance, too, with brake discs front and rear that are at least 11 inches in diameter. Antilock brakes are standard, though, only on the higher-priced s model.

The starting price for the 6 with four-cylinder engine and manual transmission is \$255 less than last year's base Mazda 626. But it's still higher than Altima, which starts at \$17,189 for a four-cylinder model with manual transmission. And it's higher than the \$16,260 starting MSRP, including destination charge, for an Accord DX sedan.

# Cruisin': AMC Concord

Q: I have a 1982 AMC Concord with 55,000 miles. It's in very good condition and has no scratches or dents. They don't make this car anymore, so can you give me an idea of what to sell it for? The car is kept in Florida, as we spend our winters there and live the rest of the year here in Wisconsin. Thank you very much. — Evelyn M., Monroe, Wisc.

A: Evelyn, your AMC Concord is not a collectible car, so if you want to sell it, ask in the neighborhood of \$1,350 to \$1,575 for a quick sale. It's been cared for very well, and since it has no rust, you'll probably be able to sell it fairly easy.

I personally owned several AMC vehicles during my advertising sales days back in the '70s and early '80s, starting with a '74 Hornet X and then moving to a '76 Gremlin X. Later, I bought a '79 Spirit with the VW-built four-cylinder engine, which was an excellent car. I also ran a '74 Matador V-8 sedan for several years after my first child was born.

I never had any real problems with any of them, and I wish American Motors Corp., which was a merger between the Hudson and Nash car

lines, had survived as a company. Good luck, and I hope you sell your Concord.

Write to Greg Zyla in care of

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like the power-steering pump, water pump and alternator — out of the equation. If the noise then goes away, we know it's one of the accessories. If the noise is still there, then we look at the engine. Your mechanic obviously skipped that crucial first step.

RAY:

So he screwed up badly, and he's absolutely responsible. But what to do now? On the one hand, you didn't need an engine at all, so the argument could be made that he should eat the whole thing, and you should just pay him for the power-steering pump. And don't let him tell you that the pump is \$2,500.

TOM:

But on the other hand, you do have a rebuilt engine now, which is worth quite a bit. Even though you didn't want it, it will prolong the life of your car, or at least make it worth more when you sell it.

RAY:

So if you think he's a decent guy and he just made an honest mistake, I would make a deal with him. I'd say, "Look, you completely misdiagnosed this and put in an engine when I didn't need one at all. So here's what we'll do. You donate your labor, and then we'll split the wholesale cost of the engine." That's going put you out about \$750, Michelle. But you'll have a new engine.

TOM:

If he refuses, you can always take him to small claims court, and you'll easily win. But try to settle it with him first. It sounds like he's an honest guy — even if he has been taking too many moron pills lately.

### Power-steering problem might require new rack

Dear Tom and Ray:

I've got a problem I'm sure you guys can help me fix. The power steering on my 1996 Volvo 850 Wagon doesn't seem to work on cold mornings. The steering is very stiff until I reach the first traffic light on the way to work. Then it works fine. The dealer's mechanic says the seals are fine and the pump is working OK. The belt is also OK, and the reservoir is full of fluid. This problem only shows up when it's below 40 degrees outside, and it gets bad below 30. This is a real safety hazard, and I'm afraid to let my wife drive the car. Help! — Bob

RAY:

Geez, Bob. I hope it's not what it sounds like.

TOM:

My brother thinks you have a bad steering rack, Bob.

RAY:

Unfortunately, you have the classic symptoms. I still remember when the first car with these symptoms presented itself to us, back around 1982. It was a GM X-body car, like a Chevy Citation. And we wondered, what can this be? This is unusual ...

TOM:

And a decade and a half later, about 14 zillion GM owners had new power-steering racks, at 600 bucks a pop. And wait 'til you see what it costs on a Volvo!

RAY:

But before you panic and take out a home equity loan, have your Volvo mechanic check out the pump more thoroughly. The only way to really check the pump is to put a gauge on it and measure how much pressure it's putting out. So insist that your mechanic do that. And even if the pump seems to be OK, you might ask him to try a new one anyway, since it's relatively inexpensive.

TOM:

But if all else fails, start saving your pesos, Bob, because a new Volvo rack is in the neighborhood of a thousand bucks. Yeah. Ouch.

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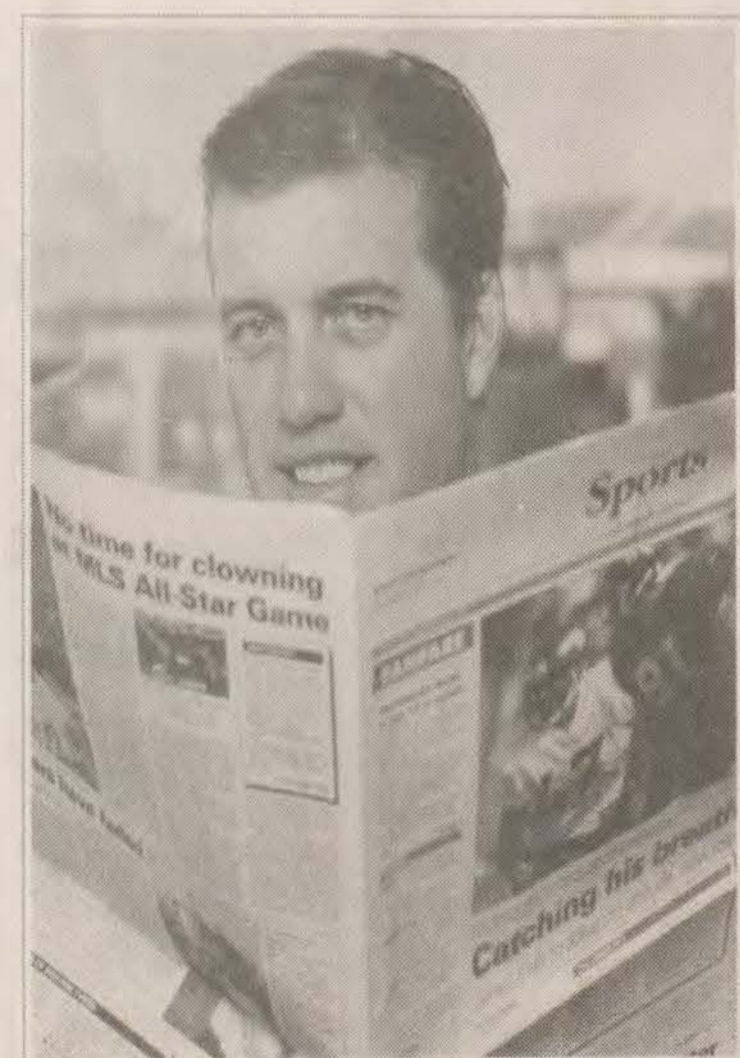
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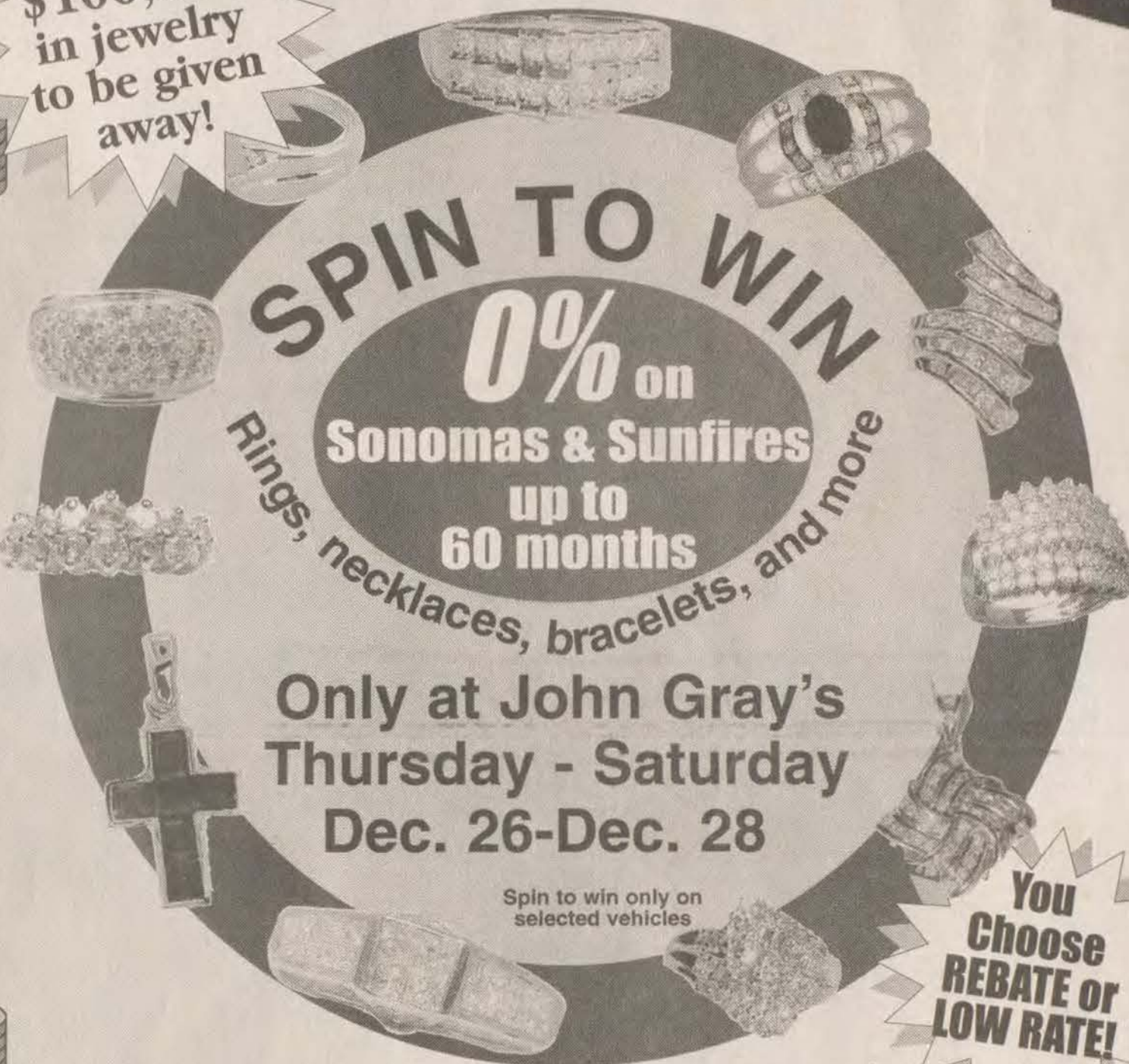
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