



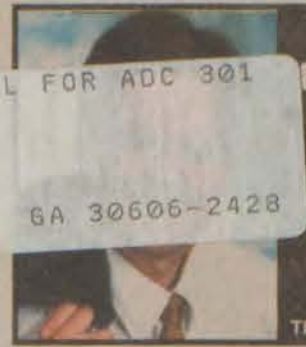
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Judge asked to block mining fill permits

The Associated Press

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — A federal judge has been asked to stop the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers from issuing permits that would allow a coal company to bury six miles of Eastern Kentucky streams under mining wastes. The case specifically seeks to block a permit for Beechfork Processing Inc. in

Martin County.

The group Kentuckians for the Commonwealth filed its petition Thursday with U.S. District Judge Charles H. Haden II in Charleston. In October 1999, Haden ruled that all fills, except those covering streams that flowed because of snow melt or rain fall, violated federal mining and water pollution laws.

Haden's ruling said such fills violated the 100-foot buffer zone requirement in federal mining law.

Since the ruling stemmed from a lawsuit that challenged the state of West Virginia's regulation of the mining industry, a federal appeals court overturned Haden saying the case should have been decided in state court.

Haden's ruling on buffer zones, how-

ever, has not been addressed by an appeals court.

The Kentucky group contends that the corps "has no legal authority under the Clean Water Act to issue permits to dispose of waste rock from surface coal mining activities in streams."

Since the corps is a federal agency, the proper venue for the case is federal court, the group said.

The case was filed in federal court in West Virginia because the corps' district office is located in Huntington. Federal regulators and industry lawyers sought to have the case moved elsewhere, but Haden declined to do so.

In Thursday's filing, the group's lawyers said, "without an injunction,

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Judge denies new trial for second Lillelid killer

The Associated Press

MORRISTOWN, Tenn. — A judge has denied a new trial for another of the six defendants sentenced to life in prison for the roadside murders of a 6-year-old girl and her parents.

Criminal Court Judge James E. Beckner has ruled that Crystal Sturgill, of Betsy Layne, had competent attorneys and does not deserve a new trial.

Beckner made a similar ruling in December for Natasha Cornett. Five of the six of the Kentuckians sentenced to three terms of life in prison without the possibility for parole filed petitions seeking new trials.

Sturgill and five other young Kentuckians from Floyd, Pike and Johnson counties were convicted of first-degree murder in the 1997 shooting deaths of Vidar and Delifina Lillelid and their daughter, Tabitha.

The Lillelids, who were headed home from a Jehovah's Witnesses conference, were taken hostage from an Interstate 81 rest area in Greene County, gunned down and left for dead. The couple's 2-year-old son, Peter Lillelid, was seriously wounded but survived.

The six were caught in the Lillelids' van two days later in Arizona.

Sturgill argued in her petition that her attorneys were ineffective and her plea agreement that spared her from the death penalty violated her rights.

Both the Tennessee Court of Criminal Appeals and the Tennessee Supreme Court have denied appeals of their life sentences. The appeals court modified Sturgill's sentence to three concurrent life terms without the chance for parole, saying she was a "follower" who had a lesser involvement.



photo by Loretta Blackburn
Sgt. 1st Class Mark Mounce, left, and Sgt. Dusty L. Hunt, right, of the U.S. Army Recruiting Center were recruiting brave young students at Pikeville College on Wednesday.

Number of new recruits on the rise in East Ky.

by LORETTA BLACKBURN
STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — It appears that patriotism is a characteristic that can be attached to the youth of Eastern Kentucky as well as those who have previously expressed their desire to serve their country.

According to U.S. Army Recruiter Sgt. Dusty L. Hunt of the Pikeville recruiting station, there has been an increase in high school recruits from the Eastern Kentucky area since Sept. 11.

Hunt said that although he could not say it was directly related, it was what the numbers show.

Shortly after the events of Sept. 11 sank into the awareness of Eastern Kentuckians, the phones at the Pikeville recruiting station began to ring. Sgt. Hunt

said that the office was flooded with calls of people wanting to join.

A majority of these calls came from men who had served their country before and were eager to once again answer to the call of duty. Hunt said that most of the men had to be turned away because of ineligibility due to the age limit, but some did meet the requirements of 35 years and under and enlisted to once again serve their country.

According to Hunt, a lot of the people interested in joining prior to the terrorist attacks backed out, while others showed a new interest in the military.

"People join for different reasons," said Hunt.

He said that many join because of the college

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Family upset with suspect's release on bond

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Knott County resident John Brian Smith was released from the Floyd County Detention Center the same day as his arraignment after posting a \$25,000 cash bond. Smith, 28, a resident of Decoy in Knott County, was indicted on one count of first-degree rape and one count of first-degree unlawful imprisonment last week for allegedly raping a Floyd County teen.

The family members of the alleged victim have expressed extreme disappointment in Smith's release, but realize that little can be done.

A close relative of the alleged victim told The Floyd County Times that on New Year's Day, the girl was driving from a friend's house at approximately 12:30 a.m. when she stopped at a gas station in Martin before continuing on to a nearby hollow.

While traveling along the long stretch of road, the relative claims she noticed bright lights from a vehicle behind her and pulled to the side of the road to allow the

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Swiped prescription nets year in jail

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A Toler Creek man was sentenced Friday to one year in jail by Floyd County Circuit Judge John David Caudill for stealing a prescription medication pad while being treated at the Our Lady of the Way Hospital's emergency room.

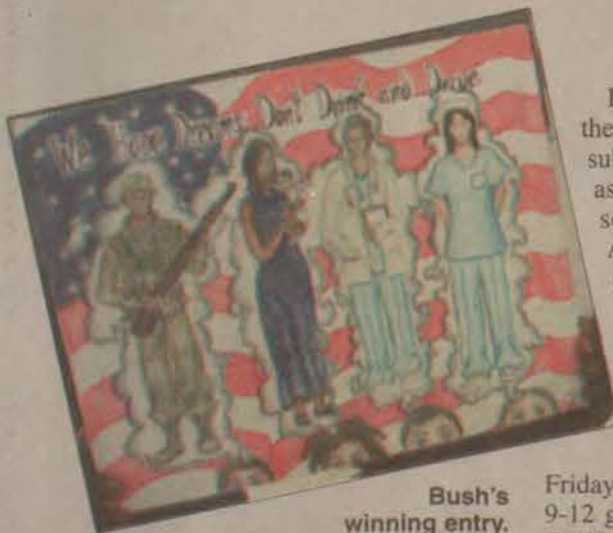
Jerry Lee King, 34, of Toler Creek near Harold, will spend one year in jail after being found guilty of one count of theft of a prescription blank while a patient at the Martin hospital.

According to Commonwealth's Attorney Brent Turner, King apparently was admitted to the emergency room at Our Lady of the Way for undetermined problems, at

(See PRESCRIPTION, page six)

Perkins Academy student wins statewide poster contest

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER



Bush's winning entry.

PRESTONSBURG — A sophomore at the Carl D. Perkins Academy was the subject of much praise Friday morning as faculty at the newly-formed high school and representatives of the American Automobile Association (AAA) met to congratulate the young student for having placed first in a statewide poster essay contest, the first such competition the school has entered in its first four months of existence.

Christopher Bush was recognized Friday for his first-place achievement in the 9-12 grade category of AAA's 58th annual Traffic Safety Poster Contest for his work,

which was based around the theme and message, "Don't Drink and Drive."

Bush met with Lilla Mason, director of the AAA Safety Foundation, at the Perkins Center Friday morning where she presented him with a \$250 savings bond, two free tickets to a University of Kentucky basketball game and informed him that he would now have an opportunity to compete in the national competition for a possible \$5,000 first-place scholarship award.

Bush's poster, which depicts a drawing of four children dreaming of future plans for careers against a background of the American flag and bears the message, "We Have Dreams, Don't Drink and Drive," will also be placed on display on channel 36 in

(See CONTEST, page six)



photo by Sheldon Compton

Christopher Bush, a sophomore at the Carl D. Perkins Academy, was presented with a \$250 savings bond and an invitation to enter his work in a national competition Friday at the Prestonsburg center. Bush won the state poster contest sponsored by AAA's Traffic Safety Foundation and will now be entered into a field of nearly 60,000 artists to compete nationally for a \$5,000 scholarship.

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Odds and Ends

■ YORK, Pa. — York County Prison officials have set down a new policy for inmates: Condiments will cost you.

Starting Monday, prisoners will have to purchase items like ketchup, mustard, salt, pepper and sugar if they want to spice up their meals.

Warden Thomas Hogan said the policy is being implemented to save money, and because prisoners often trash the condiments.

"They just throw them away," Hogan said. "They're wasted."

Hogan didn't have a price list for the items, but a letter sent to The York Dispatch by prisoner Leroy Freeman and signed by 20 inmates said the prison will charge 8 cents for a ketchup or relish packet, 10 cents for a mustard or tartar-sauce packet, \$2.10 for 100

sugar packets, 25 cents for 10 salt or pepper packets and 6 cents for an Equal packet.

"Now the county is attempting to serve such a meal that my dog would refuse, without salt, pepper, ketchup, mustard, and etc.," Freeman wrote.

The inmate called the measure a "blatant display of not recognizing our human rights."

Larry Frankel, executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union's Pennsylvania chapter, isn't sure the inmates have a case.

"I don't think anybody has a right to condiments," he said.

■ SINGAPORE — For Valentine's Day, Singapore's Night Safari is hoping local couples will go wild.

Night Safari, a wildlife park that features nighttime rides through eight geographical

zones with more than 1,000 nocturnal beasts, will offer a "love tram" for the Valentine holiday.

The \$163 Gourmet Safari Love Express package lets amorous nature lovers dine on a tram outfitted with candlelit tables for two as it trundles slowly past the wildlife.

Recession-struck Singaporeans may find the price tag a little steep. Of the 12 tables available, only eight have been reserved, said Robin Goh, a spokesman from the zoo.

The handful of couples that board the love tram will cruise along a two-mile trail past sloth bears, swamp deer, one-horned rhinoceroses and screw goats, so named for their unique spiraling horns.

The nocturnal animals will be taking part in their nightly rituals, which typically include

eating, playing and grooming, said Goh.

"If they do mate it's a bonus for the couples, of course," he said.

■ JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. — State Sen. David Klindt considers himself a down-to-earth type of guy. So much so that he thinks Missouri should have an official state soil.

As a House member a couple of years ago, Klindt sponsored legislation to designate a variety of dirt called "Menfro soil" as Missouri's official soil. The bill never came to a vote then, but on Thursday his proposal went before a Senate committee.

"Menfro soil is one of the more widely known soils in the state," said Klindt, a farmer from northwest Missouri. "In fact, the state Capitol sits on it,

and it runs along the Missouri River bluffs."

Menfro is a deep, well-drained, moderately permeable soil found along the Missouri and Mississippi rivers and their major tributaries. It makes for prime farmland for soybeans, corn, grains, hay and pastures.

Klindt's proposal is backed by the National Association of State Soil Scientists and the soil and water conservation districts, which promote soils nationwide.

"It will be educational, talking to students about the importance of soil and conservation," Klindt said.

■ SALT LAKE CITY — If you're going to the Winter Olympics, bring a warm coat — preferably with deep pockets.

With the games opening Friday, prices in downtown Salt

Lake City are soaring like an Olympian off the 90-meter ski jump.

A pint of beer almost doubled to \$6.25 at the Port 'O Call restaurant. A downtown parking garage is boosting its day rate to \$30, from \$5. And dinner specials at the Metropolitan are \$95 a person — triple what its most expensive entree used to cost.

"It's called Olympic greed," said Michael Taylor, who runs the garage, located two blocks from the Salt Lake Ice Center. "It's all about making money."

While Olympic organizers have discouraged price gouging, Salt Lake City Chamber of Commerce President Larry Mankin makes no apology for the dramatic markups.

"Free enterprise is a wonderful thing," said Mankin. "You can charge what the market will pay. Isn't this a great country?"

Kentucky is a February show n' tell

by ANN LATTA

KENTUCKY SECRETARY OF TOURISM DEVELOPMENT

As the cold winds of winter blow into the Commonwealth, it's time to move indoors and enjoy some of the great activities kicking off at convention centers, museums and parks across the state. From the shopper to the adventurer, Kentucky has the hot spots to melt away the chill and cure the cabin fever.

National Farm Machinery Show

America's largest indoor farm show, the 37th Annual National Farm Machinery Show, returns to Louisville on Feb. 13-16. With its comprehensive exhibits, displays and seminars, the show emphasizes the importance of combining agricultural basics with the technological advances that are revo-

lutionizing the industry.

Nearly 800 exhibitors and thousands of items are featured at this premier agricultural exposition, filling the more than 1 million square feet of space available at the Kentucky Fair & Exposition Center. Virtually every major line of equipment, seeds, chemicals, services, electronics and livestock supplies are accessible for product comparisons. Farmers, dairy operators, livestock producers and agribusiness professionals of every sort will have hands-on access to the newest and most innovative products on the market today.

According to Harold Workman, Kentucky State Fair Board President and CEO, more than 286,500 people are expected to attend the show.

With more and more of today's farmers making strategic business decisions to assist them in meeting

the agricultural demands of the new millennium, the farm machinery show becomes a necessary resource in their plans to flourish during future industry changes.

When the exhibit floor closes, though, the show is really just beginning. Each night the 34th Annual Championship Tractor Pull, the oldest large-scale indoor pull in America, revs up a ground-pounding, high-energy competition in Freedom Hall. America's top drivers and their battle-tested muscle machines compete in semi-final classes, including Pro Stock, Super Stock, Super Farm, Modified and Alcohol Tractors, plus Two- and Four-Wheel Drive Trucks, for a share of \$207,300 in prize money.

This event runs each evening of the show at 7:30 p.m. with an additional showdown on Saturday at 1 p.m. Tickets are subject to

availability and can be purchased at the KFEC Ticket Office or through any TicketMaster outlet. Friday and Saturday nights are sold out.

The Family Living Center, a calmer addition to the machinery show featuring unique and quaint gift ideas for friends and family, offers an assortment of items for the farm and home. Shoppers can find unusual gadgets, home accessories, arts and crafts, handmade clothing, jewelry and souvenirs.

The Kentucky Fair & Expo Center is located at the junction of I-65 and I-264, five miles south of downtown Louisville. Exhibits are open daily from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. (EST). Admission is free and parking is \$3. For additional show information, call the hotline at 502/367-5004, or visit www.farmmachineryshow.org.

South Kentucky Sport, Boat and Fishing Show

If farm machinery isn't your thing, the South Kentucky Sport, Boat and Fishing Show might float your boat. Here, you can hone your fishing skills and view the latest in boating equipment.

The Show, which takes place in Somerset, Ky., on February 22-24, will offer a variety of ideas and events pertaining to fishing, boating and outdoor sports. Bass tubs will be set up for fishing demonstrations, and educational seminars and professional fishermen will share their fishing tips so that you're well prepared for the season.

When you're not learning about fishing, you can roam the convention center and take in the latest family pleasure boats and fishing boats that local and regional boat dealers will have on display.

According to Ron Shumard, the Center's director of sales and events, there are also plenty of activities for children. The show will have trout tanks where kids can fish for free. And, kids of all ages can take advantage of the 22-foot "Rock Wall Challenge." There, they can rappel and climb to their hearts' content.

Now in its fourth year, about 5,000 visitors are expected to attend the show at the Center for

Rural Development, Somerset's convention center.

Hours: 4 - 9 p.m., Feb. 22; 10 a.m. - 9 p.m., Feb. 23; noon - 5 p.m., Feb. 24. Admission is \$4 for adults; children 12 and under are free. For more information, call 606-677-6000 or visit www.cen-tertech.com.

Mammoth Cave

Now that you know a little about the shows going on in February, I'd like to tell you about some of the state attractions heating up this winter.

When it's cold outside, where can you go to ensure constant weather? At a consistent 54 degree temperature, Mammoth Cave National Park offers plenty of exciting activities both under and above ground during the winter months.

Whether you tour the cave, hike the forest trails, canoe or fish, experts say that combining a cave tour with a surface hike is the best way to get the full picture of this magnificent wonder.

Home to 52,830 acres, Mammoth Cave is open year-round to visitors. The Park was established to preserve the cave system, including Mammoth Cave, the scenic river valleys of the Green and Nolin rivers, and a section of south central Kentucky. It is the longest recorded cave system in the world with more than 336 miles explored and mapped.

The winter months are ideal for visiting Mammoth Cave because of shorter wait times and smaller crowds. In addition to camping, the Park offers hotel accommodations. Camping facilities are available March through November.

A schedule of ranger-led walks, campfires, evening programs and auditorium programs are available at the Visitor Center. For more information on ranger-led tours, call 502/758-2328, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday - Friday (CST).

Visitor Center hours are 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. (CST) daily. Admission is free but a fee is charged for cave tours, and reservations are encouraged. For more information, call 800/967-2283 or 270/758-2328. Mammoth Cave is located about 35 miles northeast of Bowling Green.

Recruits

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money available to members of the U.S. military organizations, while others that may be interested in the generous amounts of college funds available wanted first to be of service to their country.

Sgt. Hunt and Sgt. 1st Class Mark Mounce have been visiting the local high schools and colleges in the area. Mounce is a native of Whitley County and came to the Armed Forces Recruiting Station in Pikeville in January.

He will be working for the next two-to-three years with the area east of Magoffin County.

The Army does have an enticing package of enlistment incentives for those who qualify. It is possible to earn up to \$20,000 enlistment bonus in selected Military Occupational Specialties, plus either up to \$50,000 toward college for qualification of the Montgomery GI Bill and the Army College Fund, or up to \$65,000 toward college loan

repayment for an enlistment of three years or more if recruits went to school on an approved Perkins, Stafford or other Department of Education-guaranteed student loan.

The army literature challenges one to look at the skills attainable through service to the country. With praises from former army personnel such as the late Dave Thomas, founder of Wendy's, U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell, country music artist Craig Morgan, and founding chief executive officer James V. Kimsey of America Online, it is easy to see the benefits that are possible in serving your country.

Sgt. 1st Class Mounce gave a statement about the benefits of enlistment that was directed toward the youth.

"It's an opportunity to get out on your own and travel, obtain new job skills, and be of service to your country," said Mounce.

National Corvette Museum

If you're a car enthusiast, then the National Corvette Museum in Bowling Green, Ky. is just for you. This 68,000 square-foot facility is a tribute to America's sports car. From the minute you walk in the lobby and eye the cherry-red 2000 Corvette, you know you're somewhere special. You can even sit behind the wheel and pretend you're fast approaching - or surpassing - the speed limit.

The Museum, which was conceived, built and sustained independently by Corvette enthusiasts worldwide, stands unique as the world's sole tribute to the dynamic sports car. More than 60 beautiful Corvettes from the past, present and future are displayed. All of the cars are either on-loan or donated.

The museum houses the only 1983 Corvette made in the world, said Bobbie Lee, the Corvette museum's communications coordinator. It also has the first 1953 model year and several prototypes that were never produced.

Every Corvette made today is produced nearby at the General Motors Corvette Assembly Plant. Free group tours are available on a reservations only basis at this time. Public tours currently are not available. There's also the Corvette store for souvenirs.

Mark your calendars this Spring for the Porsche Weekend Event that takes place April 25-27 on the grounds of the museum. This exciting, fun-filled weekend honors Porsche's design, engineering and race heritage. Many unique Porsches will be on display, including a concourse-restored 1959 Porsche 356 Speedster.

Admission to the museum is \$8 for adults and \$4.50 for children age 6-16. Children five years or younger are free. There also is a \$20 family rate and \$6 senior citizen rate.

The Corvette Museum, on I-65 at Exit 28, is located 60 miles north of Nashville and 100 miles south of Louisville. Hours: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. (CST), seven days a week, year-round. Museum guided tours are given weekdays at 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. For more information, call 270-781-7973 or 800-53-VETTE, or visit www.corvette-museum.com.

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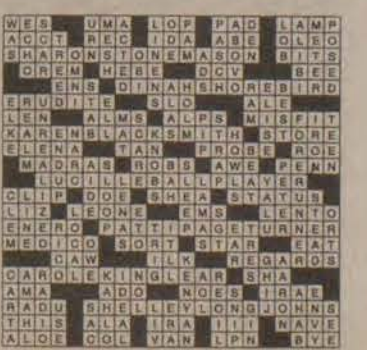
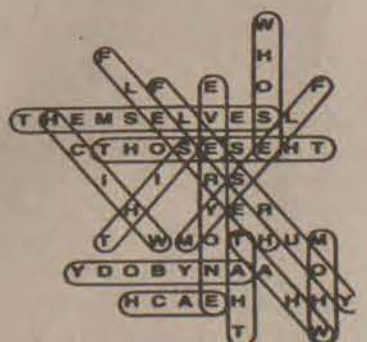
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Proposed Kentucky mountain park would offer 120-mile view of Appalachia

by ROGER ALFORD
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WHITESBURG — When Jim Webb looks out his windows, he sees his version of paradise.

His front door opens to the top of Pine Mountain. Sometimes, he sees bears on his lawn. Wild turkeys are common. And deer graze along the edges of a lake so clear that it mirrors the fluffy clouds just overhead.

Giant rhododendrons and laurel join with pine and hemlock to keep portions of the mountaintop green year-round.

"One of the great things about living here is that everyday the view is different and everyday it can be more spectacular," Webb said. "I've traveled quite a bit, and I've seen as much of the world as I need to see. This is the place that always pulls me back."

Local officials and Gov. Paul Patton's administration are banking that it will pull tourists into the area as well. State lawmakers are considering legislation to acquire land to create a trail along rugged Pine Mountain.

The trail, which would tra-

verse the summit of Pine Mountain from Elkhorn City to Pineville, would become a "linear state park," 120 miles long and 1,000 feet wide.

Patton said the legislation, if enacted, would protect a unique geological feature. He first proposed the plan in his State of the Commonwealth address in January and drew praise not just from local residents but from people across the nation who see the mountain as a place of refuge. Besides backpackers and hunters, writers flock here to reconnect with nature.

Scott Goebel, a poet from Decatur, Ill., said the variety of scenery on the mountain is astounding, including rock formations that appear to be from another part of the world.

"It has the most beautiful pink sandstone, surrounded by pink sand," Goebel said. "It's just one of the most spectacular things I've ever seen."

Goebel said he looks forward to his visits with Webb and other friends on the mountain.

"That's a very spiritual place for me, and I can't explain why," he said. "It's a magical place, incredibly quiet and detached just enough from humanity."

We're missing so many places like that. Every time I come down that way, there's another strip mine or someone has taken 30 tons of dynamite to level out a place for another Wal-Mart. There will come a time when that happens to the last mountain. Only after we lose these things do we appreciate what we had."

Former President Clinton opened a trail along Pine Mountain to federal funds in 1999 when he designated it a Millennium Legacy Trail. That designation made the trail eligible for grants from the National Endowment for the Arts and the U.S. Department of the Interior.

Patton said funding for developing the park would come from \$1 million in federal grants and \$600,000 from the Kentucky Land and Water Conservation Fund. That money will be used to begin mapping and acquiring land.

Kentucky Tourism Secretary Ann Latta said she doesn't know how long it would take to purchase property on the mountain. But she said she hopes it can be done quickly and easily.

The park would stretch from Elkhorn City to Pineville and eventually connect with the 280-mile Cumberland Trail State Park being developed in Tennessee. About 30 percent of what would be Pine Mountain Trail State Park already is in public ownership as a state park, nature preserve, wildlife management area or national forest.

Latta said some mining, logging and drilling companies that own land on the mountain have offered easements for the proposed park.

Even so, Bill Caylor, president of the Kentucky Coal

Association, said his group is concerned the park could adversely affect the mining industry.

Mining opponents, Caylor said, might be able to oppose future surface mines in the area by arguing that they would adversely affect the view from the mountaintop. Such claims halted mining near the Pine Mountain Settlement School in Kentucky last year and the Fall Creek Falls State Park in Tennessee in 2000.

Caylor said the coal association won't oppose the legislation, but will push for wording to stop opponents from using it in the future to stop mining in areas visible from the mountaintop.

"It's just such a beautiful stretch of mountain going across there, and fairly untouched," Latta said. "It's just like nothing else we have in this state. We want to preserve that for future generations to enjoy and visit."

Patton had been contemplating the park for some time. In September, with a debate raging over whether gas drilling would be allowed in the nearby Breaks Interstate Park, Patton placed a moratorium on non-coal mining operations and ordered any gas or oil drilling permits in the area be reviewed to ensure they didn't do anything to harm ecotourism.

Webb said the mountain should be protected at all costs.

Standing at an overlook, people look down at the world, taking in miles of valleys and lesser mountain peaks along the border of Kentucky and Virginia.

"Sometimes it looks like an ocean out there, with the mountaintops sticking out of the clouds like islands. The sunsets

are just spectacular. Sometimes, when they're really orangy or fiery red, I just stop and look in awe."

Sometimes, though, Webb said distant coal mining operations catch his eye as they turn the earth inside out. Mountaintops are stripped away

to get to the coal beneath, a process that yellows the view with patches of yellowish dirt and rock.

"It's like a creeping crud taking over things," he said. "If we can keep that from happening on this mountain, everyone will benefit from it."

Officer who drank off duty, then crashed on duty, loses appeal

by CHARLES WOLFE
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

FRANKFORT — A police officer unexpectedly called to work after drinking, then severely injured in a high-speed crash, lost an appeal for workers' compensation Friday.

The Kentucky Court of Appeals, in a 2-1 decision,

upheld an administrative law judge's ruling that the officer was ineligible for compensation because of his "voluntary intoxication."

The dissenting judge said the case cried out for a hearing to settle some questions: If the officer drank while off-duty, could

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York is portrayed by Hasan Davis. The performance is set for Tuesday, Feb. 12, at 7:30 p.m. in Booth Auditorium, located on the Pikeville College campus.

Kentucky Chautauqua presents York, Explorer

PIKEVILLE — In the expedition Meriwether Lewis and William Clark led to the Pacific Ocean in 1803-1806, one man stood out from the rest. His name was York (c. 1774-c. 1818), and he was distinguished by his black skin and by the fact that he had not volunteered for this duty. York was a slave, the body servant of expedition co-leader and (and Louisville resident) William Clark.

We don't know whether York wanted to be the first African American to cross the country, but he was, and it was a liberating experience. In the wilderness, many of the usual constraints of slavery didn't apply. Expedition journals make it clear York pulled his weight and won the respect of his fellow adventurers. He was a major asset in dealing with the Indians, who regarded his blackness as "big medicine." But the return to civilization was bitter. William Clark refused to free York immediately - he had to wait more than five years, and little is known of his life as a free man. In 1832, Clark told an interviewer that he had set York up in a hauling business, which failed, and that

he died of cholera in Tennessee.

York is portrayed by Hasan Davis, who holds degrees from Berea College where he appeared in several major theatrical productions, and from the University of Kentucky College of Law. Davis is a professional storyteller, performance artist, and poet. He is also the founder of Youth Empowerment Solutions, which offers consulting services to schools and community groups.

York, Explorer is part of Pikeville Concert Association's 2001-2002 concert season. The performance is set for Tuesday, Feb. 12 at 7:30 p.m. in Booth Auditorium, located on the Pikeville College campus. Tickets are available at the door. For more information, call the concert association at (606) 432-5407 or (606) 437-7878.

Kentucky Chautauqua is an exclusive presentation of the Kentucky Humanities Council, Inc. with regional funding from Toyota Motor Manufacturing North America, Inc., Brown-Forman Corporation, and National City Banks in Lexington, London, and Owensboro.

Two more Kentucky counties may be added to Appalachian region

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Two more Kentucky counties are expected to get economic assistance from the Appalachian Regional Commission.

The Senate on Friday approved a bill that would include Hart and Edmonson counties, in the central part of the state, in the ARC region. The House is expected to approve the measure next week, according to Sen. Mitch McConnell, R-Ky.

The agency, established in 1965, seeks to boost the economy of counties in a 13-state area.

The Senate bill authorizes funding for the agency through

2006. It recommends that House appropriators allocate nearly \$100 million annually for the agency for non-highway projects. Right now, the agency gets about \$70 million.

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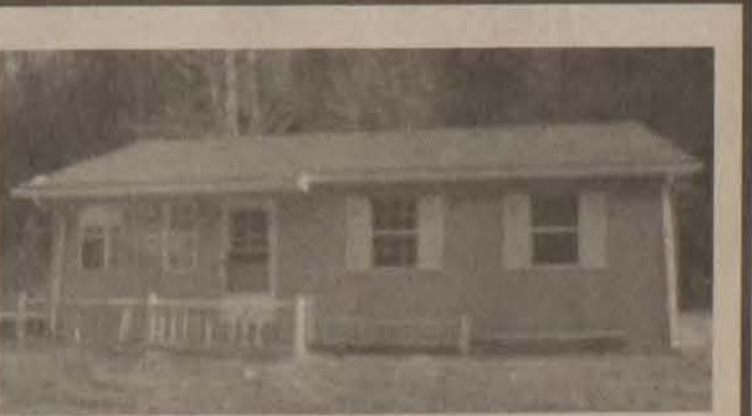
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Guestview

Unfunded mandate cheats schools

The key to state government asking local school districts to foot the bill for a 2.7 percent pay hike for teachers and other school personnel is in not making the raise mandatory.

It would be unconscionable for the Kentucky General Assembly to order local school boards to give their employees a raise without providing one dime in new revenue to finance that increase. To do so would make a sham of Gov. Paul Patton's claim that the state's biennium budget does not reduce funding for elementary and secondary education.

There is a reason why Patton's proposed budget does not include any money for local school employee raises for the first year of the two-year budget: Even without the increase, the budget spends more money than the state anticipates in revenue during the biennium. But any pay increases awarded by local school districts should be optional, based on local spending priorities and the amount of revenue available.

In anticipation of the governor's request, the Boyd County Board of Education already has sought input from the Boyd County Education Association. Teachers have been asked to vote on whether to take the entire 2.7 percent raise and possibly lose some staff members, eliminate workers with 100-day contracts, accept a smaller raise or get no raise at all.

Given the money problems faced by both state government and local school districts, that's the best way to handle the situation. But that won't be an option if Frankfort mandates the pay hike.

No one likes to go more than a year without at least a cost-of-living pay increase. To do so means spending power actually decreases. But employees of private industries facing difficult economic times have had to forego raises or accept smaller ones, and now may be the time when some teachers and other school employees will have to do the same — as painful as that might be and despite comparisons with salary scales in other parts of the country.

Since local school districts are being asked to pay the entire amount for raises, whether those raises are awarded and just how large they will be should be entirely up to local school boards. To attempt to solve a funding problem by transferring an expense from state government to local school districts is no solution at all.

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— guest column

KCTCS assists in preparing Eastern Kentuckians for jobs

by MICHAEL B. MCCALL

PRESIDENT

KENTUCKY COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM

The Kentucky Postsecondary Education Improvement Act of 1997 clearly defined the challenge that faces the Commonwealth's higher education system: to raise Kentuckians' quality of life at least to the national average by the year 2020.

Much of that responsibility was assigned to the Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS). Governor Patton and the General Assembly created KCTCS to respond quickly to the training needs of existing businesses as well as to assist in efforts to create high-skill, high-wage jobs.

Less than five years after it was

established, KCTCS is exceeding expectations. The 28 community and technical colleges in the system have created nearly 500 new academic and technical programs to educate students to fill jobs that are relevant to the economy. Students are learning that a KCTCS education can change their lives — enrollment has increased more than 37 percent in the last two years.

While KCTCS serves the entire Commonwealth, nowhere are our colleges' efforts stronger than in Eastern Kentucky. Recent discussion of the quality of the Eastern Kentucky workforce makes it relevant to focus on what KCTCS colleges are doing to serve Appalachian counties.

Exactly half of the colleges in KCTCS provide service to at least some Eastern Kentucky counties. They are Maysville Community College and Rowan Technical College, which compose the Maysville Community and Technical College District; Central Kentucky Technical College (Bluegrass District); Ashland Community and Technical colleges (Ashland District); Mayo Technical College and Prestonsburg Community College (Big Sandy District); Hazard Community and Technical colleges (Kentucky River District); Southeast Community College and Cumberland Valley Technical College (Southeast District); and Laurel Technical College, Somerset Community College and Somerset Technical College (Somerset District). Excluding Central Kentucky

Technical College (which primarily serves residents of the Bluegrass region), the aforementioned colleges enrolled more than 21,000 students in fall 2001 in traditional credit courses. In the 2000-2001 fiscal year, KCTCS colleges in Eastern Kentucky served more than 40,000 customers through various other services, such as workforce training, adult education, community and continuing education and employment assessments.

Through workforce training initiatives such as Kentucky WINS (Workforce Investment Network System), KCTCS is assisting employees in acquiring world-class skills that transfer from job to job and industry to industry.

And through its more than 60 sites and the resources of the Kentucky Virtual University, KCTCS is partnering with companies and economic development agencies to provide workforce training:

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— guest letters

Budget would hurt local schools

Most of you have heard something about Gov. Paul Patton's two-year budget plan, but as a member of your Floyd County Board of Education, I think you should know more. If our legislators approve the governor's plan, it will result in serious consequences for the children of Floyd County and will once again place our school district in serious danger fiscally.

In order to help cover a revenue shortfall this fiscal year, the governor has already cut more than \$50 million in state spending for Kentucky's students through his decision not to release funds previously spent on education. Using last year's figures for Floyd County, that means expected losses of \$423,540 in local dollars from no excess SEEK and \$125,548 in unclaimed flexible spending money — a total of more than one-half of a million dollars.

If the legislature passes the governor's budget as submitted, the Floyd County Board of Education will be left with a collection of bad choices, for this money

has previous been used to:

■ Fund extra instructional and administrative staff for our elementary and middle schools.

■ Match the coal severance tax money for the construction of a football fieldhouse at Dr. J.H. Allen Central High School.

■ Replace leaking roofs on existing school buildings.

■ Purchase two additional buses for an already aging school transportation system.

■ Make up for losses in Title I funding that took teachers directly from our classrooms in many schools.

■ Provide canopies for our schools so that our children did not have to walk out in the weather during adverse weather conditions, could wait on their bus without getting wet, and transport their school projects from the bus into the school without the rainfall ruining them.

I would be the first to agree that these are indeed tough economic times and that our staff deserves a salary increase. But over the last several years Kentucky has reduced the portion of total state revenues going to elementary and secondary education even when the economy was strong. If state spending on schools had kept pace with the commitment made when Kentucky's educational reform passed, there would be as much as an additional \$160 million supporting student learning annually — an increase that

would have occurred without raising taxes!

Perhaps the worst part is the governor's budget plan is to shift a proposed \$69 million salary increase for teachers, secretaries, bus drivers, cafeteria workers and other school personnel from a state expense to a local expense. If approved, this shift in fiscal responsibility will cost Floyd County an additional \$800,000 in expenditures. Couple that increase with the \$313,000 in step and experience increases and Floyd County faces a \$1.1 million dollar budgetary impact. Further, the governor's budget plan includes a 2.7 percent unfunded and mandated salary increase for both certified and classified staff. In the past, when the governor himself funded these increases, it was for a modest 2.2 percent and applied only to certified staff. The 2.7 percent proposed increase currently in the governor's budget plan applies to every employee in the school district and offers no funding to assist local school boards in meeting this additional financial burden. I believe our employees deserve higher pay, particularly those who work directly with our children in the classroom, and this board has done and will continue to do everything it can to make its philosophy about salary increases a reality.

But people, this unfunded mandate

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Religion

Federal judge orders end to Bible classes in public schools

by BILL POOVEY
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CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. — A federal judge Friday ordered an end to Bible classes that have been taught for more than 50 years in the public elementary

schools of Rhea County, where the "Scopes Monkey Trial" was held.

U.S. District Judge Allan Edgar's order, which cancels a scheduled Feb. 19 trial, said the classes taught by students from Bryan College, a private

Christian college in Dayton, violate the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

Edgar ruled after allowing a Rhea County couple with two children attending the schools to challenge the Bible classes without disclosing their identities. The couple filed affidavits that remain sealed.

The Wisconsin-based Freedom From Religion Foundation Inc. was also a plaintiff.

The judge said Rhea County school officials "acted with both purpose and effect to endorse and advance religion in the public schools."

"It has never been held that there is a ban on all religious activity in public schools," the judge wrote. "For example, a student may voluntarily pray at school. Also, religious organizations may use public school facilities under some circumstances."

"... But the government, through its public school system, may not teach, or allow the teaching of a distinct religious viewpoint. That is what the Rhea County School Board has done by allowing the teaching of the Bible through the Bible Education Ministry program in the elementary schools of Rhea County."

Rhea County school superintendent Sue Porter said last

month that the biweekly, 30-minute Bible classes for about 800 K-5 students in the three elementary schools have been taught for 51 years.

Porter said she wanted a trial to show that the classes include "character education."

Deep attachment to religion

has gotten attention before in Dayton, a rural town about 40 miles north of Chattanooga.

School teacher John T. Scopes was prosecuted in 1925 for teaching evolution instead of creationism. The trial, known as the Scopes Monkey Trial, pitted two of the country's best attor-

neys against each other, Clarence Darrow and William Jennings Bryan. Scopes was convicted and fined \$100, but his conviction was thrown out on a technicality by the Tennessee Supreme Court.

Bryan College is named after William Jennings Bryan.

Federal judge orders to allow 5-year-old to pray

The Associated Press

SARATOGA SPRINGS, N.Y. — A federal judge has ordered school officials to let a kindergartner say grace out loud before eating lunch.

Kayla Broadus, 5, had been stopped from praying with friends on Jan. 15 at her elementary school in Wilton, 36 miles north of Albany.

The girl's lawyer argued it was her First Amendment right to say grace, but the Saratoga Springs school system said the prayer, because it was audible, violated the constitutional separation of church and state.

U.S. District Judge David Hurd issued a temporary restraining order Tuesday, saying the school may not interfere with the girl's praying. He set a hearing for Feb. 15.

In a statement, the school system said the Constitution "sometimes puts a school in a difficult position."

"The school must respect the religious rights of students and parents, while also protecting the rights of others to be free from religious interference during school hours on school premises," the district said.

King's Chapel mixes of history and religion in downtown Boston

by JUSTIN POPE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BOSTON — King's Chapel has survived both war and religious dispute in its three centuries of existence and still manages to thrive in modern, downtown Boston.

A stop on the Freedom Trail, Boston's popular pathway of historic sites, the chapel is one of the finest examples of Georgian architecture in New England.

It also has a burying ground next door where visitors can see the gravestones of history book figures like John Winthrop, Massachusetts' first governor, and Mary Chilton, the first woman to step off the Mayflower.

The chapel is more than a tourist attraction — it also has an active congregation of some 400 members. And if visitors stop in for a service, they'll hear an unusual — indeed unique — mix of Unitarian theology and Anglican liturgy, a product of the chapel's strange history.

In 1686, England's King James wanted an official Church of England presence in the Puritan-leaning Massachusetts Bay Colony. He had to seize the land for King's Chapel by eminent domain because no one in Boston would donate land for an Anglican Church.

There was more awkwardness following the colonies' revolution against the monarchy a century later.

King's Chapel found a spiritual home by combining the Anglican liturgy of the church's founders with the theology of the Unitarians — then an emerging, breakaway wing of Massachusetts' Puritan settlers.

The instigator was James Freeman, a young Harvard divinity graduate whom the congregation invited to read the Anglican morning prayers and give occasional sermons.

Freeman became uncomfortable with the prayers, and expressed his objections in a series of sermons in 1785.

"He preached these sermons

"That's the basis for King's Chapel's claim to be the oldest Unitarian church."

The worship is conservative by Unitarian standards; it is one of only a handful of Unitarian churches that use a prayer book at all.

Holt, who spent 27 years at a Unitarian church in St. Louis before coming here last May, says the style is growing on him.

"This is a place that combines those (Unitarian and Anglican) traditions," he said. "At first, I took it on faith. But the more I participate in it the more meaningful it becomes."

Given the delicate politics and the mostly wooden structure, Holt says, it's remarkable the church survived, both as an institution and a building.

Originally, there was just a small, wooden structure on this now busy street corner in Boston's financial district, a few steps from Government Center.

In 1749, Peter Harrison of Newport, R.I., considered by some to be America's first professional architect, designed a more splendid Georgian building around the old one.

Many members were loyalists who opposed the Revolution, and the story is they fled with the wood from the original church to Nova Scotia during the Revolution.

Among those who have worshipped here are Oliver Wendell Holmes, both father and son. The chapel bell and communion silver came from silversmith Paul Revere, who claimed the bell was his largest ever. The pulpit, Holt says, is the oldest one in continual service in the country.

There is also a rich musical tradition at King's Chapel. The original organ — the chapel is now on its fifth — was the first in New England (the Puritans were then opposed to instrumental music). The chapel was the site of the first New World performance of a number of noted choral works, including Handel's "Messiah." Now, there are monthly Tuesday concerts.

Hundreds of Freedom Trail visitors pass through King's Chapel and the burying ground

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on the full expectation that he would be fired," says the Rev. Earl Holt, the minister at King's Chapel. Instead, the congregation voted to adopt some of his changes and keep a more liberal prayer book, which is essentially still in use there today.

"It wasn't anything radical, but it does basically reflect the Unitarian concept of one God rather than the Trinitarian concept of three in one," Holt says.

Haven of Rest to hold groundbreaking ceremony

INEZ — Director Eileen Mullins and the advisory board of the Haven of Rest Family Ministries Inc. will hold a groundbreaking ceremony Monday, Feb. 18, at 2 p.m. at the facility site on Airport Road in Inez.

The Haven of Rest Ministries Inc. is a non-profit, faith-based, interdenominational Christian ministry. It will provide temporary food and lodging for the visiting families of the 1,000 prison inmates at the Big Sandy Federal Prison which is located on Airport Road off Route 3 on the Johnson-Martin county line.

The ministry was born out of tragedy and need. In January 1996, Mullins, the wife of Southern Baptist Pastor Carl Mullins, endured the pain of watching her 32-year-old son begin a 20-year prison sentence for killing his wife.

As the Mullins' visited their son in prison, she saw the desperate need for a ministry to help hurting families who come to visit their imprisoned loved ones, often with no money for food or lodging.

When word came that a high-security prison would be built in her area, Mullins said she realized that her prayers that some good would come from her family's tragedy were being answered. Her vision is to build a facility that will furnish free lodging and meals for the visitors, and will also be a means of offering a Christian witness and encouragement to them.

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Region-wide unity

by DEBRA ZABAWA

Churchgoers across the Tug Valley will once again unite for what has the potential to be a record-breaking turnout for a regional church meeting. A growing group of pastors is planning for a Region-wide Worship Service to be held at the Williamson

Memorial Field House at 7 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 24.

In the late summer of 2001, Williamson Fire Department's Banquet Hall served as the setting for a Summer Celebration, where 479 people gathered from a variety of churches for song and worship. In the wake of the Sept. 11 tragedy, over 600 people from all walks of

life and denominations gathered at the Williamson Memorial Field House in a monumental time of prayer for the nation.

Several area pastors say they are being used of God to help propel what just may be the most exciting time in history for the body of Christ. Never before in the mountains of Appalachia has there been such a vast diversity of churches coming together in the bonds of unity as that which has been taking place in the Tug Valley region.

"I find the church in the mountains knows no color, no denomination, no boundaries, just souls," expressed Robert Settles, pastor of St. James A.M.E. Church in Williamson, W.Va.

For the past few years, God has been weaving a common thread among pastors that is believed to eventually penetrate every area of the region. Pastors began sharing with other pastors their vision for spiritually transformed communities.

In September of 1999, ministers gathered for a prayer retreat at Chief Logan State Park, an event that sparked the fostering of unity and personal commitment of ministers among each other. Since that time, the growing group of pastors has been meeting each Tuesday morning at 9 in one another's churches for a time of prayer and rich fellowship.

Speaking on unity in the body of Christ, Pastor Arnold Damron of Calvary Temple in Lovely said, "Until we learn to relate to one another in the love of Christ — regardless to our church affiliation — walls of separation will remain, in spite of our efforts."

Invitational post cards are mailed out in advance each month to every pastor for whom the prayer group has an address. Operating in the spirit of wisdom and humility, the pastors believe the Tug Valley community will enable them to move forward as the answer to Jesus' prayer for unity, which is found in St. John 17.

"When we pastors pray together, we come to the realization that we have the same hopes and the same challenges; we are no longer competitors, but fellow-workers with the same goals for expanding God's Kingdom," stated John Mazarella, pastor of First Baptist Church in Williamson.

Concurring that unity will champion the cause of Christ in the region, Mitchell Bias, pastor at Regional Church of God in Delbarton said, "Diversity is celebrated because of the understanding that each person plays a specific

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The Dorsey Brothers Orchestra will be playing the music made famous by Tommy and Jimmy Dorsey on Saturday, Feb. 16, with a 6 p.m. dinner and 8 p.m. concert/dance at Hazard Community College's First Federal Center. For information about group rates for these performances, contact Tammy Duff, performing arts series coordinator, at 436-5721, ext. 8067 or 800-246-7521, ext. 8067 or Sandy Campbell at ext. 8003.

Dorsey Brothers to perform Saturday

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In big band history, Tommy Dorsey's Orchestra is recognized as one of the best all-around dance bands. It would swing with the best of them, and no other band could come to Tommy's when it came to playing ballads.

Tommy Dorsey, "The Sentimental Gentleman of Swing," was a master at creating warm, sentimental, and always musical moods, at superb dancing and listening tempos. Tommy sustained these moods through the arrangements of Paul Weston, Alex Stordahl, and Sy Oliver, and showcased singers who could

project them brilliantly.

Program selections on Feb. 16 may include some of the following: Once in a While, Marie, Song of India, Opus No. 1, Stardust, Night Train, Swanee River, Chicago, On the Sunny Side of the Street, I'll Never Smile Again, Skylark, One Mint Julep, For Sentimental Reasons, For You, Embraceable You, and Yes Indeed.

The Series Grand Benefactors are ARH Regional Medical Center, Bank of Hindman, Citizen Bank & Trust Co. of Jackson, Hazard Clinic & Jackson Clinic, and The First National Bank of Jackson. Sponsors for the Dorsey Brothers Orchestra are Hazard Rotary Club and Kiwanis Club of Hazard.

For information about group rates for these performances, contact Tammy Duff, performing arts series coordinator, at 436-5721, ext. 8067 or 800-246-7521, ext. 8067.

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vehicle to pass. However, when the vehicle pulled in behind her, the relative said the alleged victim stepped from her car, believing the vehicle to be friends of hers.

According to accounts from the relative, it was at this time that Smith allegedly rushed the girl and forced her at gunpoint to re-enter her vehicle before getting in and driving to a secluded off-road within the hollow.

It was there that authorities allege Smith handcuffed the girl and then raped her before returning her to her vehicle.

According to accounts given, the alleged victim then drove to the home of her father, who took her to the hospital.

She told her family later that she had managed to remember a portion of her alleged assailant's license plate number.

With both family members and Kentucky State Police Det. Phil Bowersock following the lead built from the portion of remembered plate number, it was a matter of days before Smith was asked to meet with Bowersock to give a statement, the relative said.

At that time Smith wrote a three-page statement concerning

the incident, according to the family, and provided the statement to Bowersock.

Both the statement and Smith's attorney in the case, Prestonsburg attorney Ned Pillersdorf, contend the encounter was of a consensual one.

"From my investigation of the case, the allegations being made by the young lady are false," Pillersdorf said Friday. "If this matter comes to trial, I would expect my client to be acquitted."

One aspect of the alleged incident which the girl's family has said they find to be particularly disturbing is the claim that she had never seen Smith before the supposed encounter on Jan. 1, something which would be indicative of a predatory nature, as opposed to a "date rape" type of situation in which the two parties know one another if found to be true.

However, Pillersdorf maintains that Smith has made statements which would indicate a different story.

"I understand that my client has advised the police the encounter was consensual," said Pillersdorf.

Result of accused killer's competency hearing unclear

by **SHELDON COMPTON**
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Commonwealth's Attorney Brent Turner said Dwayne Bishop's competency hearing Thursday was a display which further served to reveal the existing strain between Bishop and his court-appointed attorney in the case, Harolyn Howard, and admits he cannot easily say what direction the case will take in light of Thursday's findings.

Bishop was arrested in September 2000 and charged with the murder of his estranged wife, Carolyn Bishop of Grethel.

During the hearing Thursday, Dr. Simon Smith, a physician who performed a mental evaluation of Bishop at the Kentucky Correctional Psychiatric Center, said the murder suspect seemed competent to stand trial in all aspects except in relation to his attitude toward his representation in the case.

Bishop, who has been

imprisoned since his arrest in 2000, made public his attitude toward Howard in statements claiming a "conspiracy" to frame him for the murder of his wife, as well as saying his attorneys were not fulfilling their duties and had not sufficiently pursued leads which he claimed to have provided them that could lead to evidence to support his statements.

Smith said Thursday that Bishop, although competent to stand trial, seemed to have "serious" problems with his attorney, adding that he felt Bishop may be better served by a new lawyer and that he seemed to be nearly incompetent when around Howard, according to Turner.

"The doctor said he seemed to be incompetent when he was with his counsel [Howard] because he just can't work with her," said Turner. "I have no idea what's going to happen, but he [Bishop] is set to be evaluated again."

Floyd Circuit Judge John David Caudill gave Turner 10 days to file a motion which

would determine whether a judge can have Howard removed from the case, and, likewise, gave Howard 10 days to file a motion to have Bishop scheduled for an independent mental evaluation.

Despite the apparently ill feelings toward Howard from Bishop, she continued to

address the court in his interest Thursday, asking for a second time in the case that his \$250,000 cash bond be lowered, considering he had been imprisoned since his arrest in 2000.

However, her attempts were unsuccessful as Caudill again denied the request for bond reduction.

Prescription

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which time he was taken to a treatment room to be seen by an attending physician.

Turner said King was treated, but when the nurse left the treatment room, he snatched one of the prescription pads left in the room to be used for other patients who would be brought in later.

The nurse returned to the treatment room after King was released to see to another patient, at which time she noticed the pad was missing, said Turner.

"They suspected he had taken the pad but couldn't be sure," said Turner after court Friday. "They kept the pad in there to treat people because they don't figure they'll have anybody trying to steal it."

King was apprehended in Pike County trying to pass one of the prescriptions which he had apparently forged. The pharmacists found something that "didn't look right" about the prescription and told King he would need to call the doctor, Turner explained.

"When the pharmacists went to call the doctor, the guy (King)

ran," said Turner. "They knew then he had possession of it (the pad) because he had tried to pass it."

In court Friday, King offered what Turner said was a story about a "strange, mystery" man King claimed he had bought the prescription pad from outside the hospital.

"He tried to make a statement that he bought it from some strange, mystery man outside the hospital, but we were ready to try the case when we came to court," said Turner. "We were prepared to try the case when he (King) came in a few days before in January and plead to the charges."

Turner said the the pad and remaining prescriptions were not recovered in the investigation and its whereabouts could only be left to speculation.

"The rest of the pad was never recovered," said Turner. "A lot of times people who steal these things will forge them themselves or, in some cases, they may sell them to other people, but they didn't get back the pad, and all they know of is the one he tried to pass."

Contest

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Lexington.

Bush's poster was chosen from roughly 800 other entries from across Central and Southeastern Kentucky and will now be placed in the national competition along with approximately 60,000 other possible winners.

Bush's teacher, Pauline Baldrige also received \$50 for her part in guiding Bush to develop his idea for the competition. She has said she plans to use the money to give her students a well-deserved pizza party.

"I'm just so pleased with these students," Baldrige said. "I'm going to take the money I've got and do something or them. They really worked hard at this and I just couldn't be more thrilled."

Perkin's Center director Deborah Burchell expressed a great deal of pride in Bush's accomplishment and another academy student — Carolina Herrera — who also finished with honorable mentions in the

competition.

"I couldn't be more proud of these students," said Burchell Friday. "It's just something that we've only been a high school since October of 2001 and we already have this to show for it."

The Carl D. Perkins Academy is one of 119 such centers in the nation and ranks, according to Burchell, 27th among them all, with a number-two ranking in the Philadelphia region.

"That's just something, I think," said Burchell. "Here we are, this little place in Prestonsburg, and we've got these types of talented students and no one really knows."

Burchell said the academy anticipates being placed in the top 25 centers in the nation before the year's end.

The poster competition was sponsored by the the Blue Grass Auto Club Safety Foundation, a nonprofit organization founded by AAA to promote traffic safety awareness in Central and Eastern Kentucky.

KCTCS

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cabinet-making company in the United States, has announced plans to open a plant in Hazard. A key factor in American Woodmark's decision was the development by KCTCS of computer-based training modules. The new facility in Hazard will train more than 200 employees using these modules.

Through participation in technical training programs provided by Prestonsburg Community College and Mayo Technical College, companies in the Big Sandy District have improved efficiency, customer service, and profits. Employees have benefited through development of skills that make them competitive with other workers across the country.

KCTCS has partnered with BellSouth to develop curriculum focusing on customer service, computer and life-skills training, as well as a service technician program. To date more than 100 graduates of the programs have gained employment. Colleges in the Kentucky River and Big Sandy districts are involved in this project.

The Maysville District has formed a partnership with Mitsubishi Electric to provide funding and training for employees' development during a five-year expansion that is adding approximately 140 jobs.

The Ashland District is training employees for a Cingular Wireless customer service call center. The project is creating more than 800 jobs at a minimum salary of \$9 an hour. More than 500 employees have been trained.

The Kentucky School of Craft, located in Hindman and a program of Hazard Community College, aspires to become an international model for craft education as part of community development.

Cumberland Valley Technical College and Southeast Community College have facilitated the development of a training consortium among five industries in Bell County. This collaboration has allowed the companies to pool their efforts and access grant funding for training.

Somerset Community College and Somerset Technical College are strategic partners in a project by the Somerset/Pulaski County Development Foundation to develop Valley Oak Business and Technology Park on a 250-acre site.

Through the Southeast and Kentucky River districts, training programs have been developed for employees in the coal-mining industry.

Companies can access the services and programs of KCTCS by contacting the System Office in Lexington or campus presidents/CEOs. Each campus employs a community and economic development coordinator available to assist companies.

Also, the KY WINS program sponsors field consultants to work with economic development agencies, chambers of commerce and elected officials. In Eastern Kentucky, the KY WINS representatives are located in Kentucky River, Big Sandy and Southeast districts.

KCTCS makes higher education a proactive resource for statewide economic growth. From designing large-scale programs to providing smaller, customized training sessions, KCTCS works closely with employers and employees to enhance the skills of Kentucky's workforce.

Better work skills change lives, and help build businesses. KCTCS links Kentucky employers and workers with the education and training they need to compete in the global economy.

Mining

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Beechfork will resume cutting trees, blasting and excavating rock, destroying wildlife habitat and filling streams with mining spoil."

The motion said that U.S. Environmental Protection Agency studies have found that "the more headwater streams in a given watershed which are filled, the more difficult it will be to protect the aquatic ecosys-

tems downstream."

EPA studies have found that stream-filling in four Appalachian states totals 563 miles, with 331 miles in Kentucky, the group said.

Lawyers for the corps and the Kentucky Coal Association, AEI Resources Inc. and Pocahontas Development, which intervened in the case, have 14 days to respond.

Senate leaders say 'unfunded mandate' for school raises won't pass

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — A proposal to make school districts give their employees a pay raise next year without state funding will not get through the Senate, two leaders said Friday.

"I do not see that passing. ... I didn't see us mandating it," Senate President David Williams said in an interview.

Gov. Paul Patton has proposed a no-frills budget that would fund no school raises until the second year of the biennium. In the first fiscal year, which begins July 1, local school boards would be expected to scrape up the money for a 2.7 percent cost-of-living raise. The Kentucky School Boards Association estimates that would cost at least \$63 million. Superintendents have been

lobbying against the mandate, and the school boards association plans to marshal its members to do the same.

Williams, R-Burkesville, said he favored giving school employees a raise, and legislators would try to find the money.

Another leader, Majority Caucus Chairman Charlie Borders, predicted "we will find a way" to fund school raises "but not a way at any cost."

In that vein, Borders, in a floor speech, advised senators to be wary of expanded gambling as a cure for the state's budget problems. He said casinos would pull money away from local businesses.

Borders said later that he was afraid of "issues getting on a runaway track. I wanted our people, early on, to start giving thought to that."

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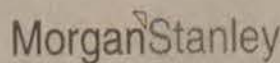
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Regional Obituaries

Floyd County

Mousie Jane Jarrell Boyd, 93, of Dana, died Thursday, January 31, at the Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, February 3, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Reva Fitzpatrick Caudill, 77, of Melvin, died Saturday, February 2, 2002, following an extended illness. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, February 5, at 11 a.m., under direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

James Winnie "Dee" Caudill, 77, of Auxier, died Thursday, January 31, at his residence. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, February 3, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Beatrice Carroll, 76, of Allen, died Sunday, February 3, following an extended illness. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, February 6, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Dickie Ron Hall, 26, of Dwale, died Thursday, January 31, following an extended illness. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, February 3, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Aika Bentley Johnson, 85, Wheelwright, died Wednesday, February 6, following an extended illness. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, February 9, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Clifford Martin, 72, of Baltimore, Maryland, and formerly of Floyd County, died January 24, after an extended illness. At Mr. Martin's request; a memorial fund was established at his alma mater, Alice Lloyd College in Pippa Passes. Contributions in his memory can be sent to Alice Lloyd College, 100 Purpose Rd., Pippa Passes, Kentucky 41844, in his name.

Clyde Mosley, 89, of Weeksbury, died Monday, February 4, following an extended illness. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, February 6, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Alex Prater, 78, of Left Fork of Abbott, Prestonsburg, died Saturday, February 2, following an extended illness. He is survived by his wife, Velvia Watkins Prater. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, February 5, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Sarah Elizabeth Robinson, 79, of Louisville, formerly of

Prestonsburg, died Monday, February 4, following an extended illness. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, February 6, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Helen M. Short, 68, of Harold, died Sunday, February 3, at Mountain View Health Care Center, Elkhorn City. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, February 6, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

Clifton Steele, 74, of Harold, Ky., husband of Edith B. Steele, died Sunday, February 3, at his residence. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, February 6, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Celia Jane Burchwell Taylor, 83, of Auxier, died Sunday, February 3, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, following an extended illness. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, February 6, under the direction of Carter Funeral Home.

Odin Terry, 64, of Hueysville, died Wednesday, February 6, following an extended illness. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, February 9, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Martin County

Richard Horn, passed away. He is survived by his wife, Stella Horn. Funeral services were under the direction of the Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

Stella M. Stepp, 97, died Thursday, January 24. Funeral services were conducted Monday, January 28, at O.R. Woodyard Co. Chapel, Columbus, Ohio.

Leah Testerman, 46, of Inez, died Saturday, February 2, at her home. Funeral services were conducted, Wednesday, February 6, under the direction of Phelps & Son Funeral Home.

Melinda Sue Mollett White, 33, of Lenore, West Virginia, died Thursday, January 31, at Williamson, West Virginia. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, February 2, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

Magoffin County

Beatrice Reed Beatty, 87, of Bound Brook, New Jersey, died Thursday, January 31, at Woods Edge - Harborside Healthcare, Bridgewater, New Jersey. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, February 2, under the direction of Taggart-Chamberlain Funeral Home.

Berry "Junior" Bailey Jr., 77, of Gunlock, died Friday, February

1, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Monday, February 4, under the direction of Salyersville Funeral Home.

Hannah Maxine Kazee Conley, 77, of Salyersville, died Wednesday, January 23, at Paul B. Hall Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, January 26, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

Sadie Cook Hall, 77, of Salyersville, died Sunday, January 27, at the Paul B. Hall Medical Center in Paintsville. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, January 30, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

Jane E. Howard, of Leesville, Louisiana, formerly of Ivyton, died Thursday, January 24, in the Community Care Center.

Theada Mae Howard, 54, of Fountaintown, Indiana, died Wednesday, January 30. She is survived by her husband, Ronnie Howard. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, February 3, under the direction of Hendryx Funeral Home.

Ellis Ingram, 62, of Gunlock, died Thursday, January 24, at the Central Baptist Hospital in Lexington. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, January 27, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

Greathel Coffey Walters, 84, of New Carlisle, Ohio, died Friday, January 25, at Grandview Hospital in Dayton, Ohio. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, January 29, under the direction of Herald and Stewart Funeral Home.

Pike County

James L. Akers, 53, of Jeremiah, died Sunday, February 3, at Central Baptist Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, February 6, under the direction of R.S. Jones & Son Funeral Home.

Temam Bentley, 80, of Columbus, Ohio, native of Pikeville, died Monday, February 4. Funeral services were conducted Friday, February 8, under the direction of Schoedinger Hilltop Chapel.

Karen Sue Bertrand, 50, of Lookout, died Sunday, February 3, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, February 6, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

William Chapman, 69, of Freeburn, died Sunday, February 3, at the South Williamson

Appalachian Regional Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Dreama Blankenship Chapman. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, February 7, under the direction of R.S. Jones & Son Funeral Home.

Burnard Collier, 63, of Sidney, died Monday, February 4, at the South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Ethel Byron Collier. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, February 7, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Lloyd Carson Collier, 62, of Dorton, died Friday, February 1, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Monday, February 4, under the direction of Polly & Craft Funeral Home.

Clifford Daniels, 67, of Pikeville, died Sunday, Feb. 3, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, February 6, under the direction of Thacker Memorial Funeral Home.

Wilda "Midge" Williamson Harmon, 73, of Forest Hills, died Monday, February 4, at the South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, February 7, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

William E. Hatfield, 54, of McAndrews, died Wednesday, February 6, at the South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Kim Hatfield. Funeral services were conducted Friday, February 8, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Mae Dotson Irick, 86, of Stone, died Sunday, February 3, at the South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital. Graveside services were conducted Friday, February 8, under the direction of Hatfield Funeral Chapel.

Christine Tackett Little, 77, of Louisville, formerly of Robinson Creek, died Wednesday, February 6, at Meadowview Health & Rehab Center. Graveside services were conducted Saturday, February 9, under the direction of Arch L. Heady & Son Funeral Home.

Unity

ic role in the Body of Christ." Bias added, "The church is the place for folks to celebrate and be celebrated; God-given abilities make each person's contribution not only unique, but also necessary for the common good of the church."

With outstretched arms across diverse backgrounds, the pastors say they can better be servant-leaders in their communities. Arm-in-arm, congregations and pastors are the Church in the Mountains, the body of Christ.

A steering committee was formed for Church in the Mountains consisting of pastors Mitchell Bias (Regional Church of God), Arnold Damron (Calvary Temple), Hal Hevener (Matewan United Methodist), John Mazarella (First Baptist), John Morrison (Memorial United Methodist), Robert Settles (St. James A.M.E.), Allen Shouse (East Williamson Baptist), Lowell Sparks (Matewan Assembly of God), and Greg Whitlow (Chattaroy Church of God). It is the belief of these pastors, and others alike that sustained personal renewal, followed by rapid improvements in the political and social fabric of the Tug Valley will take place as pastors come together to do their part.

"God wills to bring about changes in and through pastors," said Doug Small, southeast representative for International Renewal Ministries (IRM). "Prayer is a central part of the mission to see our communities transformed."

Small related that IRM is excited to serve Church in the Mountains through "relevant, enriching services," such as the Feb. 24 Region-Wide Worship Service and a Pastors' Prayer Summit, planned for April, both of which he will facilitate.

In January, appeals were mailed to pastors asking them to make the necessary preparations with other churches for the Feb. 24 Region-

Trudy Maynard, 96, of Pikeville, died Monday, February 4, at the Pikeville Health Care Center. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, February 7, under the direction of Community Funeral Home.

Edward Murphy, 81, of Belfry, died Sunday, February 3, at Parkview Manor Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Robinson Creek. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, February 6, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Wiley Riddle, 89, of Williamson, West Virginia, died Monday, February 4, at Williamson Memorial Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Friday, February 8, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Earl SESCO, 69, of South Williamson, died Wednesday, February 6, at St. Mary's Hospital, Huntington, West Virginia. He is survived by his wife, Ruth SESCO. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, February 9, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Officer

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he be considered voluntarily drunk on the job? Or should he have known he might be called back to work?

The case involved Gary Campbell, a police officer in Booneville in Owsley County. On the night in question — March 2, 1999 — Campbell was off duty but had worked his second job as an emergency medical technician.

At the end of his shift, Campbell drank five or six beers at home, then was called to investigate a report of a reckless driver in town.

Campbell initially declined to go, but no other officer was available. The calls continued, and one caller threatened to report him to the City Council, according to the majority opinion by Judge Joseph Huddleston of Bowling Green.

Campbell eventually chased and exchanged gunfire with a fleeing suspect, reaching speeds of nearly 100 mph. "At times, he was driving with one hand while using the other to

Helen M. Short, 68, of Harold, died Sunday, February 3, at Mountain View Health Care Center, Elkhorn City. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, February 6, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

Sammy Spano, 59, of Chattaroy, West Virginia, died Friday, February 1, at the Cleveland Clinic in Ohio. He is survived by his wife, June Woolum Spano. Arrangements were under the direction of Weaver Mortuary of Williamson, West Virginia.

Clyde T. Stepp, 71, of Hatfield, died Wednesday, February 6, at the South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, February 10, under the direction of Hatfield Funeral Chapel.

Glassie Mullins Wagner, 65, of Lagrange, Ind., died Sunday, February 3, at her home. She is survived by her husband, Alan Wagner. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, February 6, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

reload his revolver. Not surprisingly, Campbell lost control of and crashed his cruiser," Huddleston wrote.

The workers' compensation law precludes payment when an employee's injury or death is "caused primarily by voluntary intoxication." The administrative law judge's ruling mentioned no other causes, so "one can logically conclude that it must have been the primary cause," Huddleston wrote.

Judge John D. Miller of Owensboro joined in the opinion. In her dissent, Judge Sara Walter Combs of Stanton said Campbell was "unquestionably foolhardy" in driving at high speed after a bout of drinking.

But "he neither contemplated nor desired a return to work to answer an emergency call," Combs wrote. "These facts — that he was off duty and that he was perhaps coerced into a return to work — certainly bear upon the 'voluntariness' element of the statute."

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wide Worship Service, for a time of praise, worship, prayer, special music, a powerful message and rich fellowship.

Colorful brochures and letters also mailed to pastors detailed plans for the Pastors' Prayer Summit and invited pastors to "come experience personal renewal and discover [their] own spiritual challenge." The summit is open to pastors only, and will reward those in attendance with personal enrichment, sustained renewal, common vision, along with building blocks for strong relationships with other pastors, and help to impact their geographical area. A bus chartered for the three-day summit will depart from the Williamson area Monday, April 15 at noon for the Ramada Inn accommodations in Paintsville, Kentucky. Pastors were encouraged to mark their planners and make early reservations through the steering committee for CITM.

Registration information for the Pastors' Prayer Summit and the Region-Wide Worship Service may be obtained by calling Pastor Bias at (304) 475-4377 or Pastor Whitlow at (304) 235-3006. Enthusiasm is great and the momentum is building as the Steering Committee of Church in the Mountains conducts registration of pastors wishing to attend the Prayer Summit.

Not willing that any pastor should be deprived of registration, the committee is offering scholarships for pastors needing financial assistance.

Published on IRM's website is the following inspiration, which reads, "The flow of God's grace begins with the fresh revelation of His holiness. Holiness produces humility. Humility is the precursor of unity. When unity is present, the citywide Church can be a community. Where there is community, there is impact."

A sustained work of God and

community impact of their geographical region serves as an impetus for the growing pastoral group and congregations of Church in the Mountains. The non-profit, non-denominational, non-exclusive team of pastors senses the need for rich fellowship, prayer and networking, for the greater wealth of the Kentucky and West Virginia region of Appalachia and its people.

Church in the Mountains has issued a challenge to the community at-large to attend the Region-wide Worship Service and be part of "history in the making."

Chapel

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next door each day during the summer tourist season.

To the modern churchgoer, the chapel has an unusual arrangement of pews that are more like boxes. Each family had its own box, and often brought small heaters with them to place in the center.

"Apparently the families tried to outdo each other in terms of fabric quality and that sort of thing," Holt says.

The burying ground, the first public one in Boston, also gets its share of visitors. Among those buried there are Hezekiah Usher, Boston's first bookseller; John Proctor, a "writing master" at once-next-door Boston Latin School; and a pair of fiery Puritan ministers, John Cotton and John Davenport.

Fiona Schuette and John Young, from nearby Brookline, found a recent, brief visit rewarding.

"You read about all these people in school, and it's fun to find they're just right here," he said.

"And watch them come to life," she added. She hesitated, then said, "Well, maybe not come to life..."

Letter

from Frankfort, if passed by the Kentucky General Assembly, is just one more way that state government avoids its legal responsibility to adequately fund educational opportunities for all our children. Don't you let it happen!

These are indeed tough times, but in confronting tough times I am reminded of the words of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., that, when combined with those of former Gov. Wendell Ford's speak most profoundly to this situation. Let us use "tough minds and tender hearts" in confronting the various challenges of our common life, remembering that "a cut in education never heals."

Please contact your legislators and others leaders in the House and Senate. Ask them to vote against H.B. 402 and to defeat the unfunded mandate for employee raises that appear in the governor's proposed budget. Do it on behalf of our children, on behalf of your community, and do it today! Urge the politicians in Frankfort to support our children through adequate funding for education and pray that God will lead them into a different decision. And finally, support local efforts that increase the salary for classroom teachers, bus drivers, secretaries, cafeteria workers, and other school personnel. For every dollar spent in education, reaps a lifetime of rewards.

Johnnie E. Ross
Chairman
Floyd County Board of
Education

Abortion causes pain

As a physician, I am always concerned about the level of pain my patients have. One group of people who never receive attention to their level of pain are unborn children.

Many scientists have discovered that unborn children experience pain as early as 7 weeks gestation. This has been shown by accelerations in their heart rate and brain waves during an abortion. There is no question that a baby in the 2nd and 3rd trimester experience pain during an abortion.

I would like to see legislation passed that makes women aware of fetal pain and give them the option of receiving some sort of pain medicine during the procedure for the baby.

Saline abortions are used after 16 weeks of pregnancy, when enough fluid has accumulated in the amniotic sac. A needle is inserted through the mother's abdomen and about a cup of amniotic fluid is withdrawn

and replaced with a solution of concentrated salt. The baby breathes in, swallowing the salt, and is poisoned. The chemical solution also causes painful burning and deterioration of the baby's skin. Usually, after about an hour, the child dies. The mother goes into labor about 30 hours later and delivers a dead, burned, and shriveled baby.

The "Dilation and Extraction" is sometimes referred to as Partial Birth Abortion. This procedure is used to abort women who are 20 to 32 weeks pregnant. Guided by ultrasound, the abortionist reaches into the uterus, grabs the unborn baby's leg with forceps, and pulls the baby into the birth canal, except for the head, which is deliberately kept just inside the womb. Then the abortionist jams scissors into the back of the baby's skull and spreads the tips of the scissors apart to enlarge the wound. After removing the scissors, a suction catheter is inserted into the skull and the baby's brains are sucked out. The collapsed head is then removed from the uterus.

Animals in research labs are not allowed to suffer like this. Why do we let members of our own race suffer in this fashion 1.5 million times a year? Let's make it a law that these victims receive anesthesia. Thank you.

Thomas V. Messe, M.D.
Groton, Conn.

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The Floyd County Times

wants to encourage and acknowledge excellence in the Floyd County Area. The Floyd County Times is conducting its annual ballot of readers so they can let us know whom they consider to be best in the county. Winners receive a certificate suitable for framing and will be featured in a **SPECIAL SECTION** in March titles...



Reader's Choice

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- 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 _____
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- General Physician _____
- Hairstylist _____
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- Heating/Air Service Room _____
- Employed at _____
- Insurance Agent _____
- Employed at _____
- Jeweler _____
- Law Enforcement Officer _____
- Loan Officer _____
- Mechanic _____
- Employed at _____
- Nurse _____
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- Optometrist _____
- Employed at _____
- Painter _____
- Paper Carrier _____
- Employed at _____
- Pastor/Priest _____
- Pastor of _____
- Pharmacist _____
- Photographer _____
- Physical Therapist _____
- Employed at _____
- Plumber _____
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- Politician _____
- Principal _____
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- Radio Announcer _____
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- Employed at _____
- School Teacher _____
- Teaches at _____

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

- Car Dealership _____
- Car Wash _____
- Commercial Printer _____
- Concrete _____
- Construction/Remodeling _____
- Convenience Store _____
- Crafts _____
- Daycare Center _____
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- Eyewear _____
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- Financial Institutions _____
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- 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 _____
- Motocycles/ATV _____
- Music Store _____
- Newspaper _____
- Office Supplies _____
- Oil Changes _____
- Pawn Shop _____
- Pharmacy _____
- Plumbing _____
- Real Estate Agency _____
- Rental Items _____
- Restaurant _____
- Retail Store _____
- Security _____
- Sewing/Alterations _____
- 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 _____
- Pern _____
- 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 _____

Ballot Rules:

1. Only ballots from the Floyd County Times will be counted. No copies accepted.
2. Businesses nominated have to be in the Floyd County area and individuals nominated have to live and work in Floyd County.
3. Entries may be mailed to The Floyd County Times, P.O. Box 390, Prestonsburg, KY 41653 (Please allow 7 days for mail delivery) or drop off at our office at 263 South Central Avenue.
4. All entries must be at The Floyd County Times by Friday, March 15, 2002 (mailed or delivered)
5. Limited to 5 copies per person available for sale at front desk, up to normal press run copies. No extra forms will be printed.

YOUR VOTE COUNTS!!!

Schools, Churches, Clubs...anyone...do all you can do, see that your favorite people and places win! It's part of the fun! Remember, vote as many times as you wish using an original ballot. No copies of this ballot will be accepted. **Winners to be in the Friday, March 29th edition of the Floyd County Times.**