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briefs

Pike drug store robbed

A drug store at Dorton in Pike County was robbed at gunpoint Tuesday, according to reports from the Kentucky State Police.

KSP reports said that at 5:22 p.m. Tuesday afternoon a man entered the Care More Pharmacy along Jenkins Highway in Dorton with a handgun and forced the store employees and one customer to the back of the store.

Police said he demanded the painkiller OxyContin, but was told the pharmacy did not stock the highly addictive and often abused medication.

At that point, the man then asked for other prescription medications which reports did not specify and was given an undetermined amount of prescription drugs before fleeing the scene on foot.

Police describe the man as being white, approximately six feet tall with a slender build. Reports indicate that he was wearing a green army jacket, blue work pants and tennis shoes at the time of the incident.

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Today

Mostly cloudy

High: 61 • Low: 35

Tomorrow

Cloudy

High: 45 • Low: 27

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Missing boy found stranded on bus

by LORETTA BLACKBURN
STAFF WRITER

A May Valley Elementary Head Start student was found at 10 a.m. Thursday on a school bus where he had been since 8 a.m. that morning.

According to the child's grandmother, Bessie Jenkins, of Hyte, she put 5-year-old Lonnie Ray Hall III on the school bus at 8

a.m. Thursday morning before she went to Prestonsburg to run errands.

She said that the boy's mother, Jackie Hall, also of Hyte, had called the school to find out what was needed for a Valentine's Day party and was told by the child's teacher, Kim Grubb, that the child was not at school.

Jenkins said that her daughter assumed that the child was still with her and called

her around 10 a.m. when she returned from running her errands.

When Hall learned that Jenkins had put her son on the bus that morning she called the school and prompted a search for the boy.

According to Jenkins, the boy was found on the school bus where he had been since 8 a.m. that morning.

"I went to to the school to check on him

and he said he was scared and cold," said Jenkins.

Jenkins said that she can't understand why the bus driver or monitor didn't check the bus.

According to Hall, her son has seizures and takes Deprakote for them.

"He does sleep a lot," said Hall. "But I

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Melvin resident Helen Kendrick stood still for one of four pictures taken as part of her license renewal Wednesday at the Floyd County Justice Center's Department of Licensing. Kendrick was the first Floyd Countian to be issued the new license which has, among other new features, a black-and-white photograph of the card holder stored within the bar code along the back of the card.

Driver's licenses get high-tech makeover

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

Floyd Countians who came to receive driver's licenses and license renewals Wednesday at the Floyd County Justice Center's Department of Driver Licensing were met with an unexpected change in both procedure and finished product when they stepped up to get their picture snapped.

The procedure was part of a new system officially put in place Wednesday which will provide a new identification card for county drivers.

The new cards, which have spread statewide since first being implemented in October, are the first digital licenses made available for Kentuckians and are expected to ultimately serve as a highly effective tool for identity protec-

tion. Helen Kendrick of Melvin became the first Floyd Countian to receive one of the new licenses just after 1 p.m. Wednesday. Kendrick began the procedure by signing her name and paying the \$8 fee. Her signature was then taken and placed into the photo tower, in order to register both her picture

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Officials begin training for drug court

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

The goal of initiating a drug court in Floyd County began last summer when funding was approved from the U.S. Department of Justice.

The pursuit of that goal has continued since that time as Floyd District Judge Eric D. Hall recently completed the first phase of training during an intensive session in Phoenix, Ariz., in January, along with Scott Walker, a substance abuse treatment specialist with Mountain Comprehensive Care.

The two embarked on the first of three training sessions which spanned a three-day series of workshops that Hall called the most intensive training he has ever been involved with.

"It was the most intensive session I've been to," said Hall Tuesday. "And each one is going to become more and more intense and focused."

Hall, who said that realization of a drug court for Floyd County remains roughly a year down the road, said the court is an attempt to find a more effective way to deal with drug offenders.

"Studies have shown that a 90-day treatment or less is just not enough to help people

who suffer from addiction," said Hall. "Typically, treatment for a given offender will last about a year and half, but can go longer. One year is a minimum because once you've passed that 90-day treatment point, the chances improve of the person not falling back into the same habit."

It is extended and intensive treatment efforts for repeat drug offenders which are the primary focus of a drug court, said Hall, who will oversee the court along with fellow District Judge James R. Allen.

Hall has said the drug court for Floyd County will follow suit in some ways with the neighboring Pike County Drug Court, which he sat in on Monday evening, by not allowing violent drug offenders into the drug court system. Those will be individuals who have been sentenced in connection to violent charges but who happen to have substance abuse problems.

Drug court will be a post-sentence entity, in that the system will be set up for those who have already been sentenced and who have jail time in their future. But rather than offenders having the option of treatment or jail time, the drug court system would uti-

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AIA looking for tenant, second site

by LORETTA BLACKBURN
STAFF WRITER

The Appalachian Industrial Authority met for its monthly business meeting on Wednesday at the Big Sandy Area Development District office in Prestonsburg to discuss its next industrial development project.

The AIA, like Honey Branch, the organization that brought Sykes to the area, gets its funding from the Local Government Economic Development Fund.

The organization applied for and received a \$640,000 Economic Development Administration grant to finance its most recent project. The AIA will match 20 percent of this amount from state money awarded to the authority in 2000 by

House Bill 502. Charles Byer, a representative of Summit Engineering, proposed that 85 percent of the design is complete for a 40,000 square foot building that the organization is constructing at Gateway Business Park, which is located in Jenkins and adjoins the Raven Rock Golf Course.

The total cost of the building project is \$800,577.

According to Charles Dixon, the chairman of the board of directors, the AIA has been developing the site in the hope of recruiting industry and creating jobs for Eastern Kentucky residents.

In addition to the current project, the organization is trying to

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Floyd County Times Publisher Rod Collins, right, awarded gift certificates to Vernon and Easter Salisbury of Hueysville yesterday. The Salisburys were the winners of The Times' Valentine's Day subscriber contest, entitling them to dinner for two at May Lodge in Jenny Wiley State Resort Park and a bouquet of flowers.

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Odds and Ends

■ **DURHAM, N.C.** — Police are searching for a criminal Cupid who sawed a hole in a wholesale florist's warehouse and made off with about 6,000 roses.

The deed was done early Monday at Spell Wholesale Florist.

"They crawled through like a rat," co-owner Barry Spell said as he pointed out the tire-sized hole. The suspect then kicked in a wooden interior wall and headed straight for one of two walk-in coolers inside the large warehouse.

The cooler held roses of all shapes, sizes and colors, and the thief seemed to know to take only the very best, Spell said.

The roses may be easy to trace. Spell is the exclusive distributor within a 100-mile radius of the brands of roses called Durham for Rio and Arbusta.

Spell and his brother, Mark, are asking residents to keep a lookout for street vendors hawk-ing those brands.

"If they're standing there with roses, they better have a receipt," Barry Spell said.

■ **LYNNWOOD, Wash.** — It's bad enough getting telemarketing calls, but Ann Hutton and her husband are getting annoying pitches for someone else.

The Huttons, who have lived in this suburb north of Seattle for seven years, have the phone number once assigned to Omar A. Johnson. He moved out of Snohomish County 30 years ago but is still listed at his old address and number in the Verizon phone book.

Hutton said she was getting 10 calls for Johnson on "a good day" from sellers of siding, home loans, hearing aids, auto glass, carpeting, pagers, vacation homes, windows, newspapers, water purifiers and chiropractors, as well as requests for donations to charity and medical research.

"We keep telling them there are no Johnsons here," she said last week.

At one point, Hutton said, she was unable to call her sick mother because a telemarketing call had the line tied up. When she hung up and picked the phone up again, the spiel was still going.

Verizon says it's a database error. "an isolated event" that can't be fully corrected for months.

The next reissue date for the magnetic tape of telephone customer names and numbers that includes her phone is Aug. 15, and the new Verizon directory comes out in December.

■ **ANCHORAGE, Alaska** — A young cow moose took a walk on a roof and made Anchorage history.

The 8-month-old moose crashed through the fiberglass roof of a storage shed at Bell's Nursery and got stuck, dangling 8 feet off the ground for three hours until rescuers got her down safely.

Rick Sinnott, a biologist with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game said it is thought to be the first rescue of a moose from a roof in the city's history.

"Hopefully the last, too," Sinnott added.

At about 9 a.m. Tuesday, greenhouse owner Mike Mosesian got a call from a neighbor who reported a moose was in the greenhouse. Mosesian raced to work, fearing the animal was eating a prized fig tree. There was no sign of a moose.

"All of a sudden I looked up in the air," Mosesian said. "I thought, My God, there's this moose, 8 feet in the air up on the roof."

The 400-pound cow had walked onto the deck of a house next to the shed. Then she stepped onto the shed's snowy roof and three of her legs punched through the roof.

Sinnott tranquilized the animal and freed it with the help of a backhoe. After the drugs wore off, the animal walked off "pretty gingerly" and headed up a

snowy slope out of sight, Sinnott said.

"I don't know what this moose was thinking," he said.

■ **CLEVELAND** — Democratic gubernatorial candidate Tim Hagan was caught off-guard when his appearance on a radio show to talk about politics turned into an X-rated event.

Hagan was a guest Tuesday on WMJI-FM when, midway through his appearance, the show shifted to its annual Breast Fest contest comparing women from different Cleveland neighborhoods.

As Hagan sat with his radio hosts, five women paraded by to have their breasts judged.

"If I was looking for the 'Jerry Springer' vote, that's it," said Hagan, who left when the segment ended. "I could have got up and made a scene. But what can I do? It was beyond my control."

Show producer Doc Thompson said Hagan's appearance at Breast Fest was coincidental. "It had nothing to do with Tim," he said.

Coincidence or not, Hagan was besieged by at least eight angry callers: His seven sisters and his wife, actress Kate Mulgrew.

■ **PENSACOLA, Fla.** — A school crossing guard last year discovered he could slow down speeders by taking aim at them with a hair dryer resembling a radar gun.

Now, he's got the real thing.

Six fifth-grade students at Suter Elementary School sold lemonade and collected donations to raise \$93.93 for the radar gun that they presented to Dale Rooks on Monday.

"It looks just like a hair dryer, and I don't mean that to be funny," Rooks said.

Rooks still cannot write tickets, but he can tip police to any habitual speeder he identifies with the radar gun, police Capt. John Mathis said.

"We'd try to assist in actually

clocking that individual," Mathis said. "Any effort he can do to assist us is certainly welcome."

■ **LITTLE FERRY, N.J.** — A man who allegedly stole dozens of lottery tickets from a Little Ferry store was captured several hours later when he tried to cash in a winning ticket at another local business.

Tyrone Bennett, 39, of Paterson, allegedly took the tickets from the Village Market store on Saturday after he used a rock to break a window. Investigators recorded the serial numbers of the stolen tickets and alerted state lottery officials about the theft.

Several hours later, Bennett allegedly brought the winning ticket to another unidentified store and tried to claim a \$12 prize.

The store's lottery computer recognized the stolen ticket and told the clerk not to pay the money. The clerk, though, asked Bennett to fill out a claim form and he complied, listing a local address where he was staying.

Bennett was arrested within the hour and charged with theft, burglary and possession of stolen property.

■ **MADRID, Spain** — The government couldn't help but chuckle last week when students

opposed to reforms aimed at raising education standards released a flier calling for demonstrations with a glaring spelling mistake.

Now it's the government's turn to blush.

A letter written in Catalan, signed by Environment Minister Jaume Matas and sent to tens of thousands of homes in north-eastern Spain, contained 13 spelling errors and two geographical errors.

The letter defends a controversial hydrological project in which water is to be diverted from the Ebro River, which flows through the Aragon and Catalonia regions, to the Mediterranean coast.

Education and Culture Minister Pilar del Castillo, the architect of the education overhaul, reacted to the flier by saying, "Students who call demonstrations are the ones who get the worst grades." She has said repeatedly in recent days that Spain's schools are churning out uneducated young people.

Responding to minister Matas' multiple slip-ups, a Socialist Party leader in Catalonia, Jaume Antich, said: "Are you trying to prove Pilar del Castillo right when she talks about low cultural levels? In view of this letter, I don't know if you'd pass the exam she wants to reinstate."

■ **STUART, Fla.** — A jury has awarded \$50,000 to a couple who sued officials in the town of Sewall's Point for displaying a picture of their house at City Hall with the words: "Our view of the hillbilly hellhole."

Residents Blaine and Sally Rhodes had asked jurors to award them more than \$15,000 in the defamation lawsuit against Mayor Don Winer and clerk Joan Barrow.

The suit claims Winer and Barrow ridiculed and harassed the Rhodesees and invaded their privacy by displaying an 8-by-10 photo of their house, given to the officials for Christmas in 1998.

The photograph of the back of the Rhodes house showed a damaged floating dock hanging from a tree.

"It's a great burden off my shoulders," Blaine Rhodes told television station WPTV. Government officials "have to be held accountable for their actions, just like you and me."

The Rhodesees' neighbor, Jann Levin, took the photograph and wrote the caption. She has reached an undisclosed settlement with the couple.

Michael Piper, attorney for Sewall's Point, said the caption was "a classic statement of opinion, and opinion is not defamation."

Corps of Engineers adding staff to review strip mine permits

by **MARTHA BRYSON HODEL**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. — The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will add staff to begin reviewing permits for mountaintop removal strip mining, even though a pending lawsuit asserts that the agency has no authority to issue the permits.

Steve Wright, spokesman for the Huntington District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, said the agency reviewed and issued 83 permits for activities related to strip mining in 2001, most of them involving the process known as mountaintop removal.

The agency expects that many or more in 2002, Wright said.

A new rule published in the Federal Register of Jan. 15 "greatly increases the oversight role of the Corps of Engineers," Wright said.

"It is telling us we have to evaluate each application individually and cumulatively," he said.

In addition to filling out its technical staff, the agency's regulatory chief, Michael D. Gheen, retired at the first of year, Wright said.

"We're in the process of filling his job and when we finish that we will take a look at the new requirements we have and meet those with the appropriate amount of staff," Wright said.

"We haven't fully evaluated the impact on the district, but we will meet the requirements that are placed on us," he said.

Mountaintop removal mining differs from other forms of strip mining in that the land does not have to be restored to its original contour — steep hills and narrow valleys — after mining is complete.

Instead, the excess rock and dirt is deposited in nearby stream beds, a process known as valley fill, leaving a post-mining landscape that is flat or gently rolling.

It is a high efficiency mining technique that allows a company to recover the maximum amount of coal at the lowest cost, and has become prevalent in Appalachia over the last five years. At least 90 percent of all mountaintop removal mines are in southern West Virginia and eastern Kentucky, according to Wright.

Opponents of the practice claim that it violates the federal Clean Water Act, which says that stream beds cannot be used to dispose of industrial waste. Supporters contend that it is no different from allowing the burial of stream beds to create dry land for new construction,

which is legal.

A lawsuit challenging the practice was filed in August against the Corps of Engineers by a group known as Kentuckians for the Commonwealth. It is being heard in Charleston by U.S. District Judge Charles H. Haden II, who has heard other mountaintop removal lawsuits.

"We have asked Judge Haden to rule that you can't put fill in streams," said James M. Hecker of Trial Lawyers for Public Justice, a public interest law firm based in Washington, D.C.

The corps' responsibility for strip mining is the result of a memorandum of understanding among several federal agencies and the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection, which were defendants in an earlier lawsuit over mountaintop removal.

Pine Mountain tunnel could qualify for special funding

The Associated Press

WHITESBURG — State officials are considering a new method for financing the proposed Pine Mountain tunnel that could speed up construction by making funding available as soon as next year.

A federal highway program called Grant Anticipated Revenue Vehicles — or GARVEE bonds — could hold the key.

The Kentucky General Assembly would have to pass legislation allowing the state Transportation Cabinet to use the GARVEE bond system.

Mike Hancock, deputy state highway engineer, said Kentucky could sell bonds based on the money it anticipates receiving from the Appalachian Regional Commission for road construction. The state receives about \$45 million a year in ARC highway money, which it matches with about \$10 million in state money.

Hancock told The Mountain Eagle of Whitesburg that several states have used GARVEE

The Clean Water Act says the corps can issue what is known as a nationwide permit — an expedited permit that requires only minimal review by regulators — in cases where the mining is found to have only "minimal impact" on the environment.

According to Wright, the nationwide permit was intended only to apply to minor construction activities, such as installing culverts to build a haul road across a stream, or repairing bridges or other facilities already under permit.

The memorandum of understanding, however, declares that a valley fill in a watershed of less than 250 acres has, by definition, only minimal impact on the environment.

"That's how we got into this business of regulating what has become a highly polarized issue," Wright said.

bonds to finance highway projects, but none have used federal money, such as that from the ARC, to pay the debt on those bonds.

U.S. 460 in Pike County and U.S. 119 in Letcher County are the only highways in Kentucky still eligible for ARC money.

"In total, were looking at something in the \$650 million to \$700 million cost range for completing these roads," Hancock said.

The 12 miles of U.S. 460 are expected to cost \$450 million. The four miles of highway, including the tunnel, on U.S. 119 would cost an estimated \$200 million.

Spot improvements to be made on the existing road across Pine Mountain are estimated at \$35 million, but those improvements do not qualify for ARC money. Hancock said the cost of the spot improvements illustrate why the tunnel is so important.

"I believe if we were building a new road over Pine Mountain, the cost would be tremendously higher than tunneling through it," Hancock said.

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Chief: Derby likely won't get special event status

by DYLAN T. LOVAN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — The Kentucky Derby won't get the same special federal treatment that guarded the Super Bowl and is keeping the Winter Olympic Games secure.

Louisville Police Chief Greg Smith said Thursday that he was "unofficially" told that the Derby won't receive the National Security Special Event designation that track and city officials asked for in December.

The designation was

extended to sporting events after the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11. So far, only the Feb. 3 Super Bowl in New Orleans and the Winter Games in Salt Lake City have been granted the federal money, security expertise and added manpower that comes with the status.

"I was told today informally by the local Secret Service office that the designation won't come," Smith said Thursday at a press briefing on Derby security. Mayor Dave Armstrong said he has received no official word from Washington on the designa-

tion.

More than 250,000 fans, along with international dignitaries, wealthy thoroughbred owners and celebrities turn out at Churchill Downs each year for two days of nationally televised races. Along with events at the track, Thunder Over Louisville and the Pegasus Parade draw hundreds of thousands of spectators to the riverfront and downtown Louisville.

Those two events, each "a security nightmare," will be handled much in the same way they were last year, Smith said.

Churchill officials say security is still in the planning

stage, though this year, safety has become a top priority.

"We're confident that, if 150,000 people show up on Kentucky Derby Day, we're going to be able to handle it," said Churchill spokesman John Asher.

Smith said he'll increase the number of city officers on patrol at the track from last year's 80. There will be a focus on police visibility; many of the undercover detectives that usually patrol the track will be in uniform, Smith said.

"We're not going to place a priority on some of the detective work that they've done in the past," Smith said.

CDC: Half of heart disease deaths happen before patients get to hospital

by ERIN McCLAM
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ATLANTA — About half of all deaths from heart disease happen before the patient can get to a hospital, the government reported Thursday, a finding health officials called alarming.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said the study, timed for release on Valentine's Day, shows the need for a new national push to recognize the early warning signs of heart attacks.

Heart disease is the nation's leading cause of death.

The study examined the 729,000 heart disease deaths reported in the United States in 1999. About 47 percent were sudden deaths that happened before the patient could get to a hospital, the CDC said.

In 17 percent, the patient was dead on arrival or died in the emergency room.

"These high numbers of sudden deaths from heart disease, and the fact that they occur outside of the hospital, are alarming," CDC director Dr. Jeffrey Koplan said.

Sudden cardiac deaths remain high despite years of advances in prevention and

treatment, and improvements in emergency medical response. The CDC said many people still don't recognize early signs of heart failure.

Those include cold sweat, nausea, lightheadedness and shortness of breath, in addition to pain in the chest, arms, back, neck, jaw or stomach.

People can reduce their risk years in advance by eating low-fat foods, staying active and not smoking.

Dr. Douglas Zipes, president of the American College of Cardiology, said the study also shows the need to train more people in CPR and make exter-

nal defibrillators more available.

Women were more likely to die quickly of cardiac arrest, with 52 percent of their heart disease deaths happening before they could reach a hospital. The figure for men was 42 percent.

The risk of quick heart-disease death appeared to increase with age. For people over age 85, 61 percent of the deaths happened too soon to get to a hospital.

Altogether, cardiovascular disease, which includes heart attacks, stroke and high blood pressure, kills about 1 million Americans a year.

Senate passes legislation to ban interstate transfer of birds for cockfighting

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Senate Wednesday approved legislation that would ban the interstate transfer of birds for cockfighting.

The House passed the same cockfighting legislation last year when it passed its version of the farm bill. It is part of the farm bill again this year.

Federal law prohibits the shipment across state lines of most animals for fighting purposes, but birds can be

shipped to one of the three states where cockfighting is still legal — New Mexico, Oklahoma or Louisiana.

Supporters of the bill say the loophole gives illegal cockfighters in the other 47 states an easy defense when confronted by police: They were merely raising the birds for shipment.

The legislation would also ban exports of birds or dogs for fighting, and increase penalties for animal fighting violations.

Power plant bill changed to steer plants toward river ports

by CHARLES WOLFE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — A House committee chairman got a power plant regulation bill amended Thursday to make it easier for plants to be developed at river ports.

Rep. Steve Riggs, who heads the House Local Government Committee, said he hoped to steer power plant projects toward the ports, many of which have coal loading facilities.

To that end, Riggs attached an amendment to a bill that would bring "merchant" power plants under state regulation. The amendment would require a 500-foot buffer or "setback" around the smokestack of an electric generator at a river port, as opposed to a 3,000-foot setback at most other sites.

Otherwise, Riggs said, he feared "only the most rural of rural areas would qualify" as a plant site.

The amendment came near the end of the committee's hearing, after which the bill was approved and sent on to the full House.

The bill by Rep. Jon Draud, R-Crestview Hills, still faces opposition, especially from the electric utilities already under state regulation. In addition to going through the Public Service Commission, their future projects would have to pass muster with a new, seven-person "siting board" that would judge the appropriateness of a proposed plant location.

"It's not necessary to have an extra process," Hayden Timmons, representing the Kentucky Association of

Electric Cooperatives, said in an interview. The existing regulatory scheme has been "honed over many years. It has proven itself in giving ratepayers in the state fair and reasonable rates," Timmons said.

Draud said the regulated utilities would not be greatly inconvenienced. "I just don't see the terrible, adverse effect when we're weighing this against the public interest," Draud said.

One part of the bill that raised eyebrows would require the siting board to deny an application if it determined that the transmission line "will result in degradation of ... scenic factors."

Riggs said that sounded like an automatic veto, adding: "I've never known a power line to win any awards for beauty." Draud and Tom Dorman, execu-

tive director of the PSC, said the clause was intended to cover something not yet seen in Kentucky — for-profit transmission companies that do nothing but build power lines.

"This is a very serious public interest problem," Draud said. "We need to be careful or we're going to have 20, 30 plants out there that are not in the public interest. ... Someone, some board, somewhere needs to look at these things."

The bill is aimed mainly at merchant plants, which are unregulated because they sell power on the open market. The state is holding up applications for permits for 29 generating plants, all but four of which would be merchant plants. Kentucky's proximity to coal supplies and to natural gas, which many of the plants would burn, makes it attractive to plant developers.

If the bill became law, project proposals would have to be aired at a public hearing where the plant would be located. Under current law, regulatory hearings take place at PSC headquarters in Frankfort.

Merchant plants would be subject to local planning and zoning laws, where they existed. Regulated utilities have always been exempted.

In addition, plant developers would have to go to the Natural Resources Cabinet to obtain a "statement of environmental compatibility" for their proposed site. The statement would be taken to the siting board, which would have up to 120 days in which to rule on a project.

Critics of the bill, like Republican Rep. Brandon Smith of Hazard, said the PSC could be enhanced, if necessary, to accomplish the bill's goals.

"I don't think the public interest has ever been served by a new bureaucracy," Smith said. (The legislation is House Bill 540.)

Committee opens hearing on mandatory local land-use planning

by CHARLES WOLFE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Counties without land-use planning are "operating in the 19th century," an aggressive proponent of "smart growth" told a House committee Thursday.

The Local Government Committee opened hearings on a bill to require every local government in Kentucky to have, or be part of, a "planning unit" and

to produce a comprehensive land-use plan. Actual zoning would be optional.

Twenty-eight Kentucky counties have comprehensive planning. The other 92 have no planning at all, reflective of a bygone, agrarian era, Rep. Jim Wayne, lead sponsor of the bill, told the committee.

"When you don't have that planning, you're essentially operating in the 19th century," Wayne, D-Louisville, said.

The bill, whose co-sponsors include House Majority Leader Greg Stumbo and the Local Government Committee chairman, Rep. Steve Riggs of Louisville, is one of two "smart growth" initiatives floating in the House. Gov. Paul Patton is backing a milder version that encourages local planning but contains no mandates.

Wayne and Stumbo said communities, especially those with rapid growth, often have snarled development because of an absence of coordination among utilities, school boards, subdivision builders and the like. The bill envisions "strategic planning, the way a business would do it," Wayne said.

The Homebuilders Association of Kentucky does not support the bill, nor does the Kentucky League of Cities.

Bob Weiss, executive director of the homebuilders, said everything in the bill can be done already if the local government wishes. Mandatory planning often is done poorly, "and poor planning is worse than no planning," Weiss said.

Rep. Brandon Smith, R-Hazard, said his city has been "extremely aggressive" in setting building codes and otherwise planning its growth.

"We haven't tried to impose it on anyone else," Smith said, adding that local people resent being made to feel they "can't do anything without Frankfort telling us because we're too ignorant."

(The legislation is House Bill 465.)

Hundreds of school children don't generate much heat on cigarette tax

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — Supporters rounded up hundreds of school children, many sporting headwear that proclaimed "Kick Butts," to highlight their proposal to increase Kentucky's tax on cigarettes.

The notion of adding 44 cents to the 3-cent per pack tax on cigarettes generates some light, but not much heat among the General Assembly, which remains a bastion of support for tobacco.

Although the bill has biparti-

san support, it was also considered dead before it was introduced.

Supporters said it could raise \$200 million a year to finance teacher raises and other initiatives at a time of severe revenue shortfalls.

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— Sir Arthur Helps

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Guest View Editorial roundup

The Tribune-Democrat, Johnstown, Pa., on Enron and pension laws:

President Bush has called on Congress to get to work immediately on his proposal to enact pension law changes that would prevent another Enron-style scandal.

That's sound advice. Thousands of Enron Corp. employees have had their nest eggs wiped out because they weren't permitted to dump rapidly falling company stock in their 401(k) plans. Nonetheless, executives profited handsomely because they were under no such restrictions.

The president's plan would give workers 30 days' notice before their accounts could be frozen, allowing them to more easily sell stock in their company. It would also give employees greater freedom to diversify their portfolio. ...

... Other bills before Congress call for more changes in 401(k) plans. One measure ... would bar employees from holding more than 20 percent of their retirement portfolios in any one stock.

Whatever plan Congress eventually adopts, it needs to focus on dealing with the president's recommendations quickly. Because of the shaky economy, there's more potential for corporate failures and with them, the potential for swiftly wiping out the retirement hopes and dreams of America's workers. ...

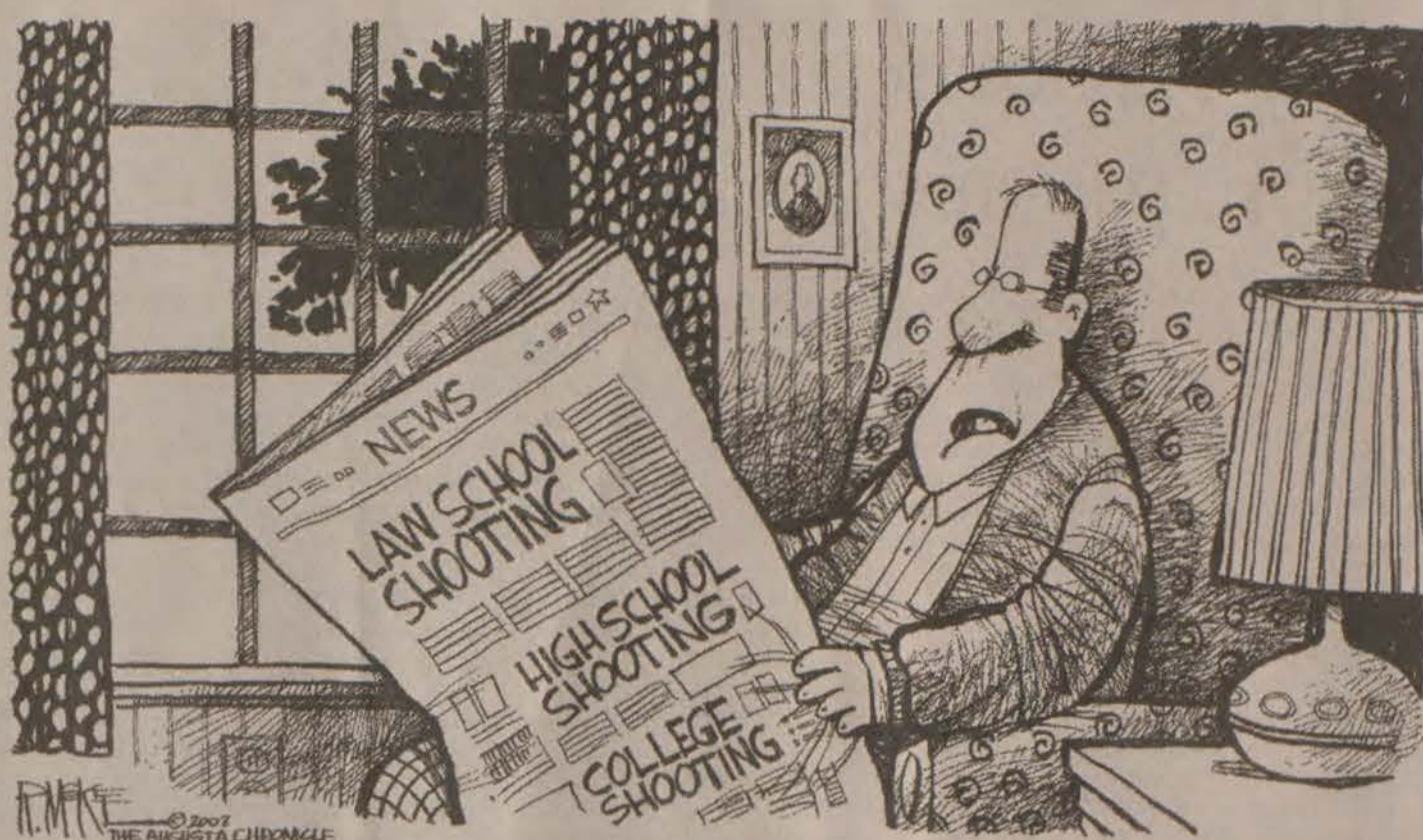
The News-Sentinel, Fort Wayne, Ind., on targeting Iraq: If the United States next targets Iraq in its war on terrorism, the government needs to lay out a stronger, more specific case to its allies and its own citizens than it has thus far.

Despite some mixed signals — for example, German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder said President Bush told him the United States wouldn't attack Iraq — the signs are that Iraq is next on the list. Secretary of State Colin Powell has told congressional panels that President Bush is considering "the most serious set of options that one might imagine" for confronting Iraq and its president, Saddam Hussein. He even said the United States might have to oust Saddam on its own.

But before the United States delivers an ultimatum to Iraq, with an obligation to follow through with military action, the world needs to know more. As always, this will chafe intelligence agencies, which always strive to conceal any hints of the sources and methods they use in spying.

There's always reason to be concerned about Iraq. More than 20 years of evidence proves that Saddam doesn't flinch from astonishing brutality in governing his own country and waging war against others.

But if we can't convince a single government to support us in a fight with Iraq, Americans ought to wonder whether the case against Iraq is too weak to merit their support.



"LOOKS LIKE THINGS ARE GETTING BACK TO 'NORMAL'..."

Think About It

Hollywood buys rights to opening ceremonies

My brother was upset that the Winter Olympics canceled out an episode of Saturday Night Live recently, a gripe I can certainly relate with, but nonetheless obligated me to explain the reasons for the switch in programming.

"Saturday Night Live has been around, what, 25 years or so?" I asked my brother.

He nodded. "Yeah, so how can they just cancel a show that's been on the air for 25 years, every Saturday?"

The Olympics have been around awhile. I told my young brother, several thousands of years, actually, and that will give you seniority every time out the gate. No contest.

He understood the reasoning, but maintained that he didn't have to be happy about the decision, and I can hardly blame him, honestly.

The extent of my viewing of this year's Winter Olympics has been about five minutes of opening night while here at work. I was shifting through the break-room in search of a stray nickel to complete my quest for a Pepsi, the nectar of the gods, when I glanced around and saw a group of people carrying the Olympic flag.

There was about six or seven of those flag-carrying Olympians, all dressed in the proper garb and patched and covered in any number of advertisements. They each had a corner of the flag and then a couple were just crowding their way along the stretched sides like bone-thin, starved piglets.

I saw John Glenn. Hello, John. I saw a former gold medal winner whose name surprisingly eludes me. Hello, former gold medal winner with a hard name to remember.

And then I saw him. He was smiling from ear to ear, hair neatly combed and beard trimmed perfectly for the occasion.

Steven Spielberg. The guy who directed E.T., the guy who directed Jaws.

Spielberg, the guy who has never won a medal of any kind in any Olympics and who has never done anything remotely as impressive as attempt space travel on a cane or have Ed Harris play him in The Right Stuff.

In addition to Glenn, Spielberg was joined by none other than Desmond Tutu, the South African Nobel Prize winner, and two Jeans — environmentalist Jean-Michel Cousteau and French skier Jean-Claude Killy.

Spielberg and the Jeans comprised what coordinators referred to as a three-prong attempt at representation. Cousteau to represent the environment, Killy to represent sports and Spielberg to represent culture.

It almost makes sense. In fact, it probably does in today's world.

Culture no longer takes on the same meaning as it may have once boasted. Today, if you know the top five grossing movies of all time, you have culture my man!

But wait, Hollywood's infiltration into this year's opening ceremonies is not over. Coordinators, if you take the handy, flag-carrying Spielberg, you will also receive, at plenty of extra cost, the musi-

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Letters

Whatever happened to November elections?

If reference to your Jan. 30 edition of The Floyd County Times, listing the names of candidates and offices sought, I was greatly disappointed, but definitely not shocked, to see six very important

offices — county judge-executive, county attorney, coroner, district judge and two state representatives — go unchallenged.

Somehow, our one-party system has been very dominant for approximately half a century, but it is a very serious blow to a democracy when six key offices can be secured at 4:01 p.m., Jan. 29, approximately four months before a

primary election intended for nomination purpose for each political party. Then the election comes in November, in which the winner must receive a majority of the votes cast at that time.

How long before the election ballot will consist of incumbents only?

It's a very awakening thought!
Curtis Hall
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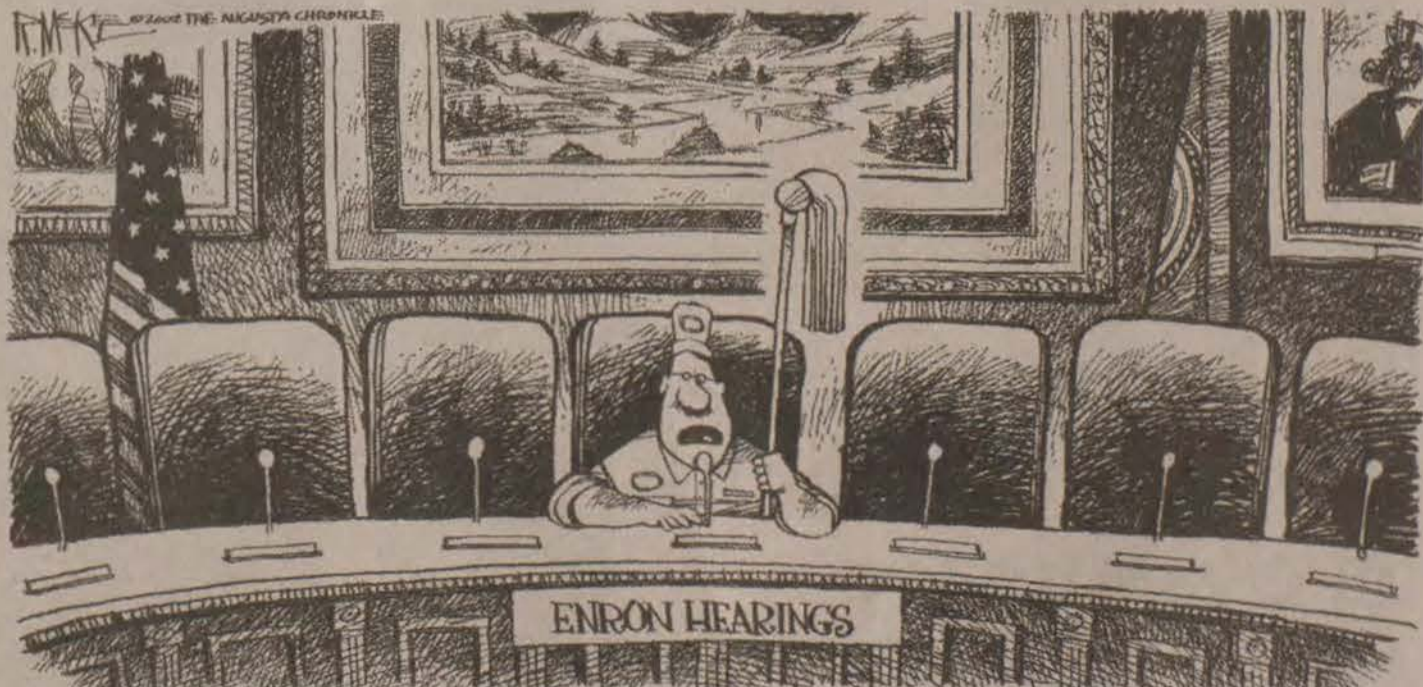
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Movie review: 'Crossroads'

by **CHRISTY LEMIRE**
AP ENTERTAINMENT WRITER

Britney Spears doesn't care what I think.

"Because everything the critics like I hate, and everything that they hate I like," she said in an interview with The Associated Press. "I like lighthearted, girl-flick, love story movies. It's easy to watch, not that ... deep."

No. "Crossroads" is not that ... deep.

Spears' film debut is corny but tolerable for the first two-thirds. Then it collapses into soapy teen melodrama in the final act, which includes laugh-out-loud moments that rival the unintentional hilarity of Mariah Carey's "Glitter."

Yet the 20-year-old Spears has an undeniable presence. She's cute; she's likable. She makes you want to like this movie.

But "Crossroads" strains credulity. We're supposed to believe that her character, Lucy, is the uptight valedictorian. The first time we see Lucy, though, she's dancing around her bedroom in a tight tank top and panties on the morning of her graduation, singing along to "Open Your Heart" by Madonna — Spears' idol.

From that moment on, it's

impossible to separate the character from the ubiquitous pop star who plays her. We are watching Britney Spears, in all her tanned, toned glory, who has too much sex appeal to be an unpopular nerd.

Lucy and two classmates at her small-town Georgia high school — childhood best friends who've had a falling out, which is never explained — run into each other on prom night and reluctantly agree to dig up a box of keepsakes they buried in a field as kids.

Mimi (Taryn Manning of "crazy/beautiful"), who grew up in a trailer park, is five months' pregnant and evasive about the father's identity. Beautiful, popular Kit (Zoe Saldana) only dreams of marrying her boyfriend, who's studying at UCLA.

After eight years of not speaking to each other, the three agree to drive across the country to Los Angeles. Mimi wants to enter a contest for a recording contract. Kit wants to see her fiancé, who's grown increasingly elusive on the phone. And Lucy wants to stop in Tucson to meet her mother (Kim Cattrall), who abandoned her and her father (Dan Aykroyd) when she was 3.

They get a ride with Mimi's cute, older friend, Ben (Anson Mount), who's heading to L.A.

with his own dreams of stardom as a musician.

Because it's a movie road trip, of course they have to drive in an old convertible (a '73 Buick) with the top down the whole time. And they couldn't possibly take the highway — they have to travel on empty, two-lane roads, so that when the car breaks down, they're stranded in the middle of nowhere.

Thankfully, when that happens, they're near New Orleans. So to get the money to fix the car, they simply trek to the French Quarter and enter a karaoke contest at a bar — which they win, naturally.

(It's mildly amusing to see Spears unsure of herself during the first verse of Joan Jett and the Blackhearts' "I Love Rock 'n' Roll," but by the second verse, tearing up the stage.)

Britney fans will be happy to know that she sings again later — the latest single from her new CD, "I'm Not a Girl, Not Yet a Woman." Britney haters, meanwhile, will double over laughing at how the song is conceived — as a poem Lucy writes in front of a campfire, for which Ben writes a tune to go with the words. She just looks so darn earnest and wistful, looking out the window as she sings the song for the first time, it's hard not to cringe.

Of course the three friends reconcile — we knew that would happen before they got in the car back in Georgia. And Lucy finds her first love with Ben, who's cute and not much else.

But the movie takes some twists toward the end that are supposed to be dramatic, but are merely ridiculous, teen-weepee fodder.

What I think doesn't matter, though. All that matters is the opinion of Britney fans who will flock to the multiplexes. Based on their reactions at a recent screening, where they left the theater singing her songs, they think big-screen Britney is da bomb.

"Crossroads," a Paramount Pictures release, is rated PG-13 for sexual content and brief teen drinking. Running time: 94 minutes. One and a half stars.

Think

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cal talents of John Williams, a must for any opening ceremonies and always a great match.

Spielberg and Williams had worked together before, as you might know. The music of Indiana Jones was Williams', what you saw was Spielberg. Jaws, ditto. Schindler's List, the same thing. Those recognizable initials E.T. and A.I., more of the same.

Don't get me wrong, I enjoy Spielberg's films and Williams' scores, but I have to wonder is Hollywood magic really the lasting impression we want to give to the rest of the world during the most celebrated, worldwide event in all of history?

And then maybe it's a moot point. Maybe the rest of the world already thinks Hollywood glamour when the U.S. is mentioned. Maybe this commercial superpower is our staple, and maybe having members of this business represent us was the right thing to do.

But, in the words of a younger sibling, I don't have to like it.

Bluegrass sidesteps radio with television exposure

by **JIM PATTERSON**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Television is the new best friend of bluegrass music, which was boosted by a hit film soundtrack last year but still gets scant radio airplay.

Video play on the Country Music Television cable channel played a key role in the 2001 success of the "O Brother, Where Art Thou?" soundtrack, and the breakthrough of photogenic young trio Nickel Creek.

Both acts were well represented on the last year's nationally televised music awards shows, and Ralph Stanley will sing his "O Brother" song "O Death" at the Grammys on Feb. 27.

Now, the Public Broadcasting Service is adding to bluegrass' TV exposure with

"All-Star Bluegrass Celebration," which will anchor its March pledge drives across the country.

Filmed last month at the Ryman Auditorium, which was home of the Grand Ole Opry from 1943 to '74, the show features Stanley, Ricky Scaggs, Patty Loveless, Vince Gill, Alison Krauss & Union Station, Nickel Creek, Earl Scruggs and Travis Tritt.

"We want to show what is going on in bluegrass right now," said Skaggs, the show's host. "We want to show that Vince is out singing and playing bluegrass. We want to show that Patty has done a bluegrass record. We want to show that Ralph Stanley is a hot commodity right now, in his 70s."

"We want to show Alison Krauss in all her radiance. But we also want to show a new

side of bluegrass, a youthful side with Nickel Creek."

The spring pledge drive is the most important of the year for PBS, said Neil Mahler, a former PBS executive who was instrumental in getting "All-Star Bluegrass Celebration" made. Public stations are counting on the show to help raise up to \$60 million.

"I think bluegrass and PBS is a good fit, and certainly well worth this test," said Mahler, who now works in independent television production. "The most popular fund-raising program of all time for PBS is a doo-wop show, and we've also done well with other music theme shows."

Bluegrass — acoustic music featuring fast-paced musicianship and bluesy, "high-lonesome" vocal harmonies — has long had a small but devoted following. The soundtrack for "O Brother" gave it a massive commercial boost, despite most of the music on the album actually being Depression era music that predates bluegrass.

Even with the "O Brother" success, country radio stations have resisted the bluegrass single "I Am a Man of Constant Sorrow," and haven't shown much interest in Nickel Creek or recent bluegrass projects by established stars such as Loveless and Dolly Parton.

"For some reason there seems to be a fear about it, that it doesn't sound like everything else that's come out in the last decade that passes for commercial country," said Brian Phillips, a former radio programmer who now programs CMT. "And we're getting a lot of audience feedback that they're looking for something exactly like that."

Phillips said a recent week-long CMT promotion of bluegrass-themed programs drew 7.1 million viewers, as good a week as the station has ever had.

CMT is planning more bluegrass programming. The "Down from the Mountain" tour, featuring performers from "O Brother," is selling out in many cities. And Skaggs said bluegrass will soon anchor a Disney animated film titled "My Peoples" about the Appalachian region. It's scheduled for a 2005 release.

"I really think that this music can continue to get onto the silver screen, can continue to get on television," Skaggs said. "All we have to do is get past the stigma that it's not commercial music. Who is the person that said that, anyway?"

"I'd like to meet that person and say 'Who told you that this is not commercial music? Who told you that this can't be accepted on country radio? You're stupid!'"

'Freddy Got Fingered' gets big thumbs-down in movie dishonors

by **DAVID GERMAIN**
AP MOVIE WRITER

LOS ANGELES — Tom Green got fingered by the Razzies, a movie-award spoof that singled out his "Freddy Got Fingered" with a leading eight nominations, including worst picture of last year.

Joining Green's tacky comedy in the worst-picture category were Sylvester Stallone's racing flick "Driven," Mariah Carey's pop-star bomb "Glitter," the war epic "Pearl Harbor" and Kevin Costner's Elvis-impressionator heist thriller "3000 Miles to Graceland."

Contenders for the 22nd annual Razzies, organized by the Golden Raspberry Award Foundation, were announced Monday, a day before Oscar nominations came out. Razzie "winners" will be announced March 23, the eve of the Academy Awards ceremony.

Green and Stallone tied for most individual nominations with four each. The foundation's 500 members cited Green for worst actor, director, screenplay and worst screen couple ("Tom Green and any animal he abuses").

Razzies founder John Wilson said he expects "Freddy Got Fingered" to be the front-runner for worst picture.

"The movie has no redeeming value," Wilson said. "If his point was to be offensive and stupid and obnoxious, then my gosh, he made a masterpiece. But then, it still is offensive and

stupid and obnoxious."

Stallone was nominated for worst supporting actor, screenplay and screen couple (with co-star Burt Reynolds) and shares the worst-picture nomination as a producer of "Driven." Named worst actor of the century by the Razzies in 2000, Stallone holds the group's record with 29 nominations and nine "wins."

Up against Green for worst actor are Ben Affleck, "Pearl Harbor"; Costner, "3000 Miles to Graceland"; Keanu Reeves for both "Hardball" and "Sweet November"; and John Travolta for "Domestic Disturbance" and "Swordfish." Travolta received worst-actor dishonors last year for "Battlefield Earth" and "Lucky Numbers."

Carey is the clear favorite for worst actress, named on 93.3 percent of the nominating ballots, Wilson said. The singer's cleavage also was nominated for worst screen couple.

Other worst-actress nominees are Penelope Cruz ("Blow," "Captain Corelli's Mandolin," "Vanilla Sky"), Angelina Jolie ("Lara Croft: Tomb Raider," "Original Sin"), Jennifer Lopez ("Angel Eyes," "The Wedding Planner") and Charlize Theron ("Sweet November").

Besides Green, worst-director nominees are Michael Bay for "Pearl Harbor," Peter Chelsom (with Warren Beatty) for "Town & Country," Vondie Curtis Hall for "Glitter" and Renny Harlin for "Driven."

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James David Nelson

James David Nelson, 57, of Fostoria, Ohio, formerly of Floyd County, died Monday, February 11, 2002, following an extended illness.

Born on January 5, 1945, in Williamson, W.Va., he was the son of the late James J. Nelson, and Josephine Goodman Nelson. He was a disabled truck driver, and a member of the Living Water Worship Center, Paintsville, Ky.

He is survived by his wife, Patty Prater Nelson.

Other survivors include two sons, Harry Poe and Johnny Poe, both of Findlay, Ohio; one daughter, Dava Nelson of Fostoria, Ohio; and seven grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Terry Robbins; and a sister, Joyce Marslett.

Funeral services will be conducted Friday, February 15, 2002, at 1 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, with Andy Dillon officiating.

Burial will be in the McGuire Cemetery, Big Branch, Abbott, Ky., under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin, Ky.

Visitation is at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

(Paid obituary)

Hassel Watson

Hassel Watson, 68, of Pippa Passes, Ky., died Wednesday, February 13, 2002, following an extended illness.

Born on February 17, 1933, at Pippa Passes, Ky., he was the son of the late Noah Watson and Victoria Slone Watson. He was disabled.

Survivors include two brothers, Harvey Watson of Martin, Ky., and Frank Watson of Pippa Passes, Ky.; one sister, Velva Hall of Prestonsburg, Ky.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Hobert Watson, and two sisters, Nola Watson and Delta Watson.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, February 16, 2002, at 12 noon, at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin, Ky., with Mt. Olive Old Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial will be in the Noah and Victoria Watson Cemetery, Pippa Passes, Ky., under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin, Ky.

Visitation is at the funeral home.

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Every family can help make Utah's olympics cleaner and greener

With the start of the Olympic games, the Kentucky Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet is inviting individuals, families, organizations and businesses in Kentucky to participate in the Cleaner and Greener Program. "This voluntary program encourages energy efficiency actions to help offset environmental emissions that are occurring during the games," said John Davies, director of the cabinet's Division of Energy. "Each of us can make a difference."

It has been estimated that the thousands of visitors attending the Salt Lake City Olympics will result in an additional 32 million vehicle miles being traveled. The Cleaner and Greener Program offers Kentuckians a way to participate in offsetting these increased emissions.

Individuals and families can

learn more about reducing energy use and emissions, with the Cleaner and Greener Home Energy Saving Checklist, which can be downloaded from the Cleaner and Greener web site. "Some things that people can do to help, are to replace incandescent lamps with compact fluorescent lamps; turn off unneeded lights, computers and appliances; upgrade to a high-efficiency furnace; and join a carpool," said Davies. One compact fluorescent bulb can last as long as 10 incandescent bulbs, with a savings that add up to about \$42 per bulb. Fluorescent bulbs reduce greenhouse gasses by three-quarters of a ton over the life of the bulb.

Organizations and businesses can also easily participate by signing up to report monetary savings and emissions reductions from energy efficiency actions.

Davies says, "Saving energy to help offset emissions is a great way for each of us to contribute something to the games and a legacy of cleaner air for our communities. Reducing energy use not only helps make a healthy environment, but it saves money, increases the reliability of energy supply and helps conserve our natural resources."

For more information about

the Cleaner and Greener program, contact John Davies at the Kentucky Division of Energy, (800) 282-0868, or visit the Cleaner and Greener web site at <http://www.cleanandgreener.org>. For more information about saving energy, visit the Kentucky Division of Energy's web site at <http://www.nrs.state.ky.us/nrepc/dnr/energy/dnrdoc.html>.

Study says kids in day care may have fewer colds later

by TAMMY WEBBER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHICAGO — There may be a payoff to all the sniffing and coughing by children who attend day care: A study suggests they will probably get fewer colds in elementary school.

Children in large day-care centers — those with six or more children — appear to develop immunity to many of the viruses responsible for the common cold, according to the study.

The findings support a long-held theory among some pediatricians.

The study, published in February's Archives of Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine, found that children in day care had almost twice as many colds at age 2 as those cared for at home. But from ages 6 to 11, children who had attended large day-care centers as toddlers had about one-third as many colds as those who stayed home.

The advantage disappeared by age 13, and both groups appeared to have the same

degree of protection.

The study's lead author, Dr. Thomas M. Ball, associate professor of pediatrics at the University of Arizona College of Medicine, said the findings should help relieve the guilt and anxiety parents often feel when putting their children in day care.

"Personally, I've been telling people this for years because there is so much angst on the part of parents," Ball said. "I would like to reassure parents of preschoolers that, when their child has colds, they should know the child's immune system is learning from this experience, and that will come back to protect them later."

The researchers followed 991 children.

In an accompanying editorial, Dr. Abraham B. Bergman of Harborview Medical Center and the University of Washington said the study proved "there is a silver lining to early viral illnesses."

"The benefit to colds in the toddler years is that kids miss less school later, when it counts," Bergman said.



Betsy Layne High School senior and National Honors Society member Kimberly Tackett is scheduled to open for the explosive musical group Exile at the Mountain Arts Center in Prestonsburg on April 20. Kim, the 17-year-old daughter of Ernie and Vivana Tackett of Teaberry, will be performing four songs to begin the night's event. Tickets are \$20 and will go on sale Monday, Feb. 18. A percentage of the ticket sales will go to the BLHS National Honors Society, which is currently fundraising for the construction of an outside dining area at BLHS. For further information, contact Ernie Walker at the high school.

Card of Thanks

The family of Matilda V. Johnson wishes to gratefully acknowledge the thoughtfulness and kindness of friends, relatives, and neighbors in the loss of our loved one. Thanks to all who sent food, flowers, prayers, or spoke comforting words. We are especially grateful to Pastor J.M. Sloce and Pastor Randy Damron for their comforting words; the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control; and the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home for their kind and professional service.

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and her signature for the license.

Advanced computer technology, including a printer for the cards which cost an estimated \$10,000 alone, then helped aid clerks in taking three photos of Kendrick while at the same time saving an image of her signature.

The new procedure took approximately five minutes, displaying the potential for increased efficiency as well.

In addition to having a more pastoral and colorful background, depicting white picket fences and the open green fields of farmland, the new card also sports the slogan, "Kentucky — It's that Friendly," and will have quick identification features.

Those features will be both new and traditional, such as height, eye color and age, as well as the Transportation Cabinet's web address and overt and covert security features, including holograms, to prevent fraudulent licenses.

Deputy Secretary of Transportation Cliff Linkes cited the increased need for security in light of the Sept. 11 attacks during opening remarks about the switch in licenses in October, saying that because of the event personal identification was "more important than ever before".

There are to be four different

types of cards, identified by color — driver licenses, identification cards, commercial driver's licenses and instructor permits. Cards issued to those under 21 will be in a radically new vertical format to allow for quick identification of those individuals, with dates when those particular drivers will turn 18 and 21 printed clearly on the front of the card.

Two bar codes on the back of the card will provide the same information as the front, as well as a black-and-white photograph

of the cardholder, making Kentucky the first state in the nation to place an image within a bar code.

The new licenses will help law enforcement officials throughout the county and the rest of the state as well. Officers will now be able to obtain driver history information, an image of the driver and the driver's signature immediately from their own vehicles by quickly scanning the card for the appropriate information.

There will be an increase in

cost for producing the new cards — roughly 60 cents, according to the cabinet. But officials advised citizens that this extra cost would not be inherited by the drivers.

Although several drivers were on hand Wednesday to receive new cards, it is not required for everyone to switch now. The cards will be phased in over a four-year period, which means most drivers will only be required to be issued the new card at their regularly-scheduled renewal date.



photo by Loretta Blackburn

Sula Harmon, 84, left, and Mack Harmon, 89, of the Prestonsburg Health Care Center celebrated their 67th Valentine's Day together. The nursing facility celebrated Valentine's Day with colorful decorations, including a red and white balloon arch, special music and refreshments.

Robbed

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A more accurate description of the armed robber could not initially be determined by store employees or the customer also held at the pharmacy. Reports received from the victims informed police the man was disguised by a hood he had pulled over his face which exposed only his eyes.

Reports did not indicate that anyone was injured during the course of the robbery.

The incident is still under investigation by the KSP.

Anyone with information regarding the robbery is encouraged to contact the Kentucky State Police Post 9 in Pikeville at 433-7711.

Court

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lize what is referred to as "coerced treatment."

"With this situation you're taking the choice away from them," said Hall, who added that those who enter plea agreements will often be given the option of seeking treatment. "In this case you just have to take them by the collar and say, 'Okay, either you complete treatment in this amount of time or you're going to jail.'"

Hall admitted that some offenders might flatly turn down the drug court's offer and take the jail time, as he had seen occur in Pike County, but remains optimistic that there will be those who will ultimately be helped through the very personal and intensive system.

With the drug court system, offenders will be required to enter into a three-phase process. During the first part of the process, they will be required to attend drug court weekly and take three drug tests a week. A second phase will lessen the number of times to attend and be tested, while a third allows even more looseness, cutting back on visits and tests.

Hall said that counties across the nation who have implemented a drug court system reflect only a 4 to 8 percent rate of offenders returning to the court on drug-related charges.

"This rate is good, to say the

least," said Hall. "The sad thing is that if you look at the big picture of drug abuse, we can only help a small number — we can't save the world with this, but we can help as many as our resources allow."

One group which most drug courts tend to deny into the system are offenders who were charged with trafficking or selling drugs, but Hall is skeptical of that exclusion.

"A gray area for me is in dealing with someone convicted for selling or trafficking drugs," said Hall. "Some try not to have that in drug court, but around here it's hard to find someone who has been convicted of a drug offense who hasn't sold at least some drugs."

Hall said he intends to follow suit with Pike County's drug court, which does allow those charged with selling or trafficking to enter drug court proceedings.

However, before a drug

court can officially get underway for Floyd County, Hall has said he and Allen must attend two more training sessions — one in Albuquerque, N.M., and one in Virginia Beach, Va.

"These next two training sessions will become even more intense than the first," said Hall. "But I'm committed to doing this and so is Judge Allen."

The second session will be focused on skills-based workshops and will be conducted April 22-24, while the final session will deal with operational workshops and will be carried out Oct. 6-9.

The full team must attend the final two sessions, including representatives from the County Attorney's Office, Department of Public Advocacy, Mountain Comprehensive Care, Department of Social Services, Department of Probation and Parole and a law enforcement agency.

Stranded

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thought that is what a bus monitor is for."

Hall said that her son told her that he yelled for someone to come get him, but no one could hear him. He told her that he tried to open the door, but it was locked.

"There is something going to be done about it," said Hall.

According to Hall, the boy's father, Lonnie Hall II, had contacted the Floyd County Board of Education and set up a meeting to discuss the matter.

According to Tonya Williams, assistant principal at May Valley Elementary School, the transportation director and other school officials are investigating the incident.

Corrections

It was printed on Feb. 13, that Michala Walters was sentenced to 30 days, 90 probated and two years of supervised probation. The correct sentence was 12 months suspended for time served and 24 months supervised probation.

In Wednesday's issue of "Lifestyles," in the feature story "Creating a Valentine Specialty," a few mistakes were made in the recipe for "Fusilli with Rose sauce." Incorrect ingredients listed are 1 lb. of fusilli pasta, 1 cup heavy cream, and 1 cup tomatoes. The correct amount of each of these ingredients is one-half cup. The Times apologizes for this error.

A story concerning charges brought against Lonnie R. and Joshua R. Allen for allegedly improperly hunting and disposing of a deer incorrectly stated that the two had been arrested. Instead, they were only served with summonses to appear in court to answer the charges.

In a report Feb. 8 concerning the nomination of 17 students as finalists for the 2002 Governor's Scholars Program, the name of the mother of nominee Ashley M. Steven was incorrectly listed Rhonda Stevens. Her name is Wanda Stevens.

Industrial

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photo by Loretta Blackburn

Charles Byer, representative of Summit Engineering, is proposing a possible development site for Appalachian Industrial Development Authority at Scottsgap in Pikeville.

locate property in Pike or Floyd County for its next development.

During the meeting James Whited, CPA and finance director for Big Sandy ADD, brought to the board's attention the fact that the organization is not exempt from federal taxation.

Out of concern for the organization, Whited shared his own experience from handling the finances of Big Sandy ADD and suggested that AIA hire a CPA because they are a taxable corporation.

Annette Napier of Kentucky River ADD said that the AIA is exempt from state taxes because they are a non-profit organization.

The money collected from industries that are interested in a development site goes back into the organization to be used for future developments.

David Pelphrey, director of economic and workforce development at Prestonsburg Community College, made it known that he is a resource for them to use for economic development purposes.

Phelphrey suggested that PCC and Mayo Technical College could offer training for employees of a new business, which would make the area even more appealing to interested businesses.

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Community Calender

Calendar items will be printed as space permits

Editor's note: Due to rising costs and space limitations we will no longer be accepting items for our Community Calendar that contain a revenue-producing nature. If your organization is holding a fundraising event, please contact our classified or advertising departments to announce your event. The Floyd County Times will continue its practice of posting meeting dates and public service announcements, up to seven lines of type. These submissions must be received in writing no later than 5 p.m. Monday for Wednesday's publication, and 5 p.m. Wednesday for Friday's publication. Items may not be taken over the telephone. Community Calendar items are subject to editing according to space limitations.

Housing Authority of Martin
A regular meeting of the Housing Authority of Martin will be held on Friday, February 15, 2002, at 4 p.m., in the Community Room at Town Center.

Highlands Supports
 ■ Stop Smoking* - Feb. 26 - Meeting Place A - 5:30-6:30 p.m.
 ■ Stop Smoking* - Feb. 19 - Meeting Room C - 6-7 p.m.
 ■ Mended Hearts* - Feb. 12 - Meeting Place B - 6-7 p.m.
 ■ Senior Advantage* - Feb. 12 - Meeting Place A & B - 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
 ■ Childbirth Class* - Feb. 16 - Meeting Place A & B - 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
 ■ Highlands S.H.A.R.E.* - Feb. 19 - Martin Room - 7-9 p.m.

■ Laryngectomy Support Group* - Feb. 21 - Meeting Place B - 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
 ■ Save Your Sweetheart Basic CPR Class* - Feb. 23 - Meeting Place A & B - 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 ■ Living Well with Diabetes* - Feb. 26 - Floyd Room - 5 - 6 p.m.
 For additional information, contact Highlands Human Resources Department at 1-606-886-7530.

4-H Family Photography Workshop
Workshops will be held on Monday, February 18, from 6-8 p.m., at the Floyd County Cooperative Extension Service Educational Building, located at 921 South Lake Drive. All Floyd County 4-H'ers may attend - if under 18, please bring an adult with you. If have own camera, please bring. Call 886-2668, or e-mail to: cstamper@uky.edu by February 8 to register. Workshop provided in conjunction with Porter Studios.

Democratic Woman's Club
The Floyd County Democratic Woman's Club will meet on February 11, 2002, at 6:00 p.m., at the May Lodge, Jenny Wiley State Resort Park. The public is invited to attend.

Child Passenger Safety Week
February 10-15 is National Child Passenger Safety Week. In recognition of this week, FREE car seat check-ups will be given by trained technicians at Music-Carter Auto Dealership, South Lake Drive, from 3 until 6 p.m. Event sponsored by Drive Smart Kentucky, Safe Kids, Kentucky Injury Prevention Center, and the Floyd County Health Department. For more information, call the FCHD at 886-2788.

Floyd County Conservation District
The Floyd County Conservation District will hold their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 19th at 10 a.m. at the District Office located on Mayo Branch of Brandykeg. The public is welcome to attend. For more information please call 889-9800 or email conserve@eastky.net

Co-op Extension Services
 ■ The office is currently taking orders for strawberry plants. Varieties available are Earliglow, Surecrop, and Tribute. Plants arrive in bundles of 25 that will be shipped in mid-March. Order forms and money due in office by February 25. Make checks payable to the Floyd County Extension Office. Call 886-2668 for more information.
 ■ Spring Beekeepers Workshop/Bee Give-A-Way to be held on Thursday, February 21, at the Floyd County Extension Office at 6:30 p.m. Participants will be eligible to win one of ten 3-lb. packages of bees (with queen) that will be given away. Bees will be shipped in April. Must be present to win. Sponsored by the Floyd County Farm Bureau Federation.
 ■ 2002 Floyd County Horse Course to be offered in a 3-part series. Each course will be held at the Floyd County Extension Service Office and will begin at 6:30 p.m.
 *Thursday, March 21 - Health and Feeding of your horse;
 *Thursday, March 28 - Selecting the Recreational Horse; and
 *Thursday, April 4 - Fencing and Facilities. For more information call Ray Tackett at 886-2668.

Notice to all veterans
If you are a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces, you may be entitled to VA benefits that

you are unaware of. Visit the Disabled American Veterans office located at Ivel, or call (606) 478-9810 during regular office hours, Monday - Friday. Our mailing address is DAV, Betsy Layne Chapter #169, 480 Conn Street, Ivel, KY 41642. There is never any charge for our services.

Maytown Lifetime Learning Center
Basic Computer course to be taught. Learn to use mouse, settings and other basic functions. Begins March 4. Call 285-0539.

Free training offered by Mt. Comp Care
Mt. Comprehensive Care Center's Victim Service's Program will be offering free training sessions to become a volunteer advocate for victims of child abuse, domestic violence and sexual assault. The training will be held on March 23 and 30 and April 6, 13, and 20 in Prestonsburg. If you would like to become a volunteer victim's advocate, call Linda Hutchinson, Volunteer Coordinator/ Advocate, at 886-4323.

Historic Cemeteries
"Exploring Floyd County Cemeteries and Historic Sites" class meets each Saturday at 9 a.m. in the Samuel May House parking lot. From here, the class travels to a chosen site to explore local history. Class is conducted by Dr. Robert Perry. For more information, call (888) 641-4132, or 886-3863, ext. 258.

Auxier Lifetime Learning Center
Computer and Literacy training course for those persons who have never used a computer and have little or no reading ability. Course will be offered free of charge and only if a minimum of three partici-

pants enroll. For more information, call 886-0709.
 *Free G.E.D. classes every Thursday from 1-4 p.m.
 *Free private tutoring - call 886-0709 for an appointment.
 *Basic and Intermediate computer classes beginning in February. Call the center to enroll.

Attention "Earn while you learn"
The Big Sandy area C.A.P. is taking applications for the senior training program. You must be 55 or older to apply. We are located in six counties. Floyd: 886-2929; Magoffin, 349-2217; Pike, 432-2775; Lawrence, 638-4067; Martin, 298-3217; Johnson, 789-6515.

BLHS class of 1982 reunion
Are you a graduate of or would you have graduated with the Betsy Layne High School Class of 1982? Class reunion plans are being made now! Please, contact us as soon as possible. Class reunion committee, call 587-2404 or 478-1980 or 478-1861.

Jenny Wiley AARP offers free tax service
AARP Tax-Aide volunteers will provide free tax assistance for elderly (60 and over) and low income persons at the Floyd County Library, each Tuesday, beginning February 5, through April 9, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Bring you last year's income tax return and current tax information.

2002 Girl Scout Cookie Campaign
Community Girl Scouts are currently taking orders for the 2002 Cookie Sale event. Past

favorites, as well as the new "Friendship Circle" cookie are all available at a minimal cost of \$3.00 per box. To place an order, call toll-free 1-800-475-2621. Thank you for supporting your local Girl Scouts.

Red Cross moves to new location
The American Red Cross, Big Sandy Area Chapter has moved to a new location. We are now located at the Big Sandy Area Development District Building, 100 Resource Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. Phone 886-8330.

Earn college credits before graduation
Don't let the lack of a high school diploma keep you from earning your college degree or diploma. Students who do not have a high school diploma or GED may still qualify for financial aid while attending college level courses. Contact Jennifer Leedy at Mayo Technical College for more information. 789-5321 extension 291.

PHS grads of 1992 plan reunion
The 1992 graduates of Prestonsburg High School are now planning their 10th reunion. Phone numbers and addresses of all graduates are needed. Please contact Alan Derossett at (606) 874-9514.

Quilt Guild to meet
The Nimble Thimble Quilt Guild meets on the first Wednesday of each month at the Floyd County Co-op Extension office. New membership is encouraged. Hand quilting techniques taught and shared, new ideas welcomed. Bring: Two - 18" sq. muslin; batting, hoop, needle, thimble, thread, and scissors. More info. call 886-2668.

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Praise Assembly, 1 mile S. of Prestonsburg, intersection of Rt. 60 and U.S. 23; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; J.M. Stooz, Minister.

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Auxier Freewill Baptist, Auxier; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Thursday, 7 p.m.; Bobby Spencer, Pastor.
Benedict Baptist, Slack Rock Branch, Cow Creek; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Gordon Fish, Minister.
Betsy Layne Free Will Baptist, Betsy Layne; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Tracy Patton, Minister.
Bonanza Freewill Baptist, Abbott Creek Road, Bonanza; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Jimmy D. Brown, Minister.
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Cow Creek Freewill Baptist, Cow Creek; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Nathan Lafferty, Minister.
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Endicott Freewill Baptist, Buffalo; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; James H. Smith, Pastor.
Faith Freewill Baptist, 1/4 mile above Worldwide Egl. on Rt. 1428; Sunday Service, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Buddy Jones, Minister.
First Baptist, Gamett, Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Randy Osborne, Minister.
First Baptist, Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Sunday Evening Service, 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Graydon Howard, Minister.
First Baptist, 54 S. Front St. (Inne Cole Memorial); Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Dr. Floyd Pric, Minister.
Fitzpatrick First Baptist, 2656 West Mt. Parkway, Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Jennings West, Minister.
Free United Baptist, West Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.
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Gretzel Baptist, State Rt. 3379, (Barham's Creek Rd.); Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.
Highland Avenue Freewill Baptist; Sunday School, 9:50 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; David Garnett, Minister.
Jacks Creek Baptist, Benview; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Jeff Bamsit, Minister.
Katy Friend Freewill Baptist, 2 miles up Abbot; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Jim Pico, Minister.
Lackey Freewill Baptist, Lackey; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Johnny J. Collins, Minister.
Lancor Baptist Church; 71 Cooley St., Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m. Evening Worship, 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday Prayer Meeting and Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor Bobby Carpenter.
Liberty Baptist, Denver; Sunday Service, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Merle Little, Minister.
Ligon Community Freewill Baptist, Ligon; Worship Service, Sunday, 11:00 a.m.; Thursday, 7 p.m.
Martin Branch Freewill Baptist, East; Sunday Service, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11:15 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; James (Red) Motts, Minister.
Martin Freewill Baptist, Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; John L. Bink, Minister.
Maytown First Baptist, Main St., Maytown; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Bob Verner, Minister.
McDowell First Baptist, McDowell; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Harry Hargis, Minister.
Middle Creek Baptist, Blue River; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Vernon Stone, Minister.
Lighthouse Baptist, 2194 KY Rt. 1428, Prestonsburg; Sunday Service, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Donald Crap, Minister. home phone 285-3385.
Pleasant Home Baptist, Water Gap Road, Lancor; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Mark Tackett, Pastor.
Prater Creek Baptist, Banner; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Gary Fish, Minister.
Prestonsburg Community College Baptist Student Union, J 102; Wednesday, 11:30 a.m.; French B. Harmon, Director; Ella C. Goble, President; 874-9468/478-2978.

Rock Fork Freewill Baptist; Gamett; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Wendell Cager, Minister.
Rock Fork Regular Baptist; Gamett; Worship Service, 9:30 a.m.; East Stone, Minister; Jerry Mann, Assistant Minister.
Salt Lick United Baptist, Salt Lick, Haysville; Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.; 4th Sunday; Thursday, 6:30 p.m.; Pastor, Chester Lucas.
Sammy Clark Branch Freewill Baptist; Danz; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; Tony Hall, Assistant Minister.
Stephens Branch Missionary Baptist, Stephens Branch; Sunday Service, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 8 p.m.
The Third Avenue Freewill Baptist; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; Manfred Fannin, Minister.
Tom's Creek Freewill Baptist, U.S. 23 (north of Layne Brothers); Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Chuck Ferguson, Minister.
Tom Moore Memorial Freewill Baptist; Cliff Road; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Youth Service, 5:00 p.m.; Evening Service, 6:00 p.m.; No Service the 1st Sunday of each month; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Joey Spencer, Minister.
Trimble Chapel Freewill Baptist; Intersection of U.S. 23 and KY 80, Water Gap; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship Service, 11 a.m. and Evening Worship Service 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study, 7 p.m.; Youth Services 7 p.m.; Everyone Welcomes.
United Community Baptist, Hwy. 7, Haysville; Worship Service 2 p.m.; Friday, 7 p.m.; Carlos Beverly, Minister.
Wheelwright Freewill Baptist, Wheelwright Junction; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Louis Forrest, Minister.

CATHOLIC
St. Martha, Waldr Gap; Mass: Sunday, 11:15 a.m.; Saturday, 5 p.m.; Sunday, John Marthy, Pastor.

CHRISTIAN
First Christian, 580 North Arnold Avenue; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Jim Shuman, Minister.
Garrett Community Christian, Route 550, Garrett; Worship Service, 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; Donnie Hackworth, Minister.
Victory Christian Ministries, 1428 E.; Sunday School, 11:30 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Shym Williams, Minister.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Betsy Layne Church of Christ, Betsy Layne; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Tommy J. Spars, Minister.
Church of Christ, South Lake Drive; Worship Service, 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Benny Blankenship, Minister.
Harold Church of Christ, Harold; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; James H. Harmon, Minister.
Highland Church of Christ, Rt. 23, Hager Hill; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.
Haysville Church of Christ; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Chester Varnay, Minister.
Lower Toler Church of Christ, Harold; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; Lonnie Meads, Minister.
Mare Creek Church of Christ, Stanville; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.
Martin Church of Christ, Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Gary Mitchell, Minister.
Upper Toler Church of Christ, 3.5 miles up Toler Creek on right; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Tommy Dale Bush, Minister.
Weeksbury Church of Christ; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Mike Hall, Minister.

CHURCH OF GOD
Betsy Layne Church of God, Old U.S. 23; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Judith Caudill, Minister.
Community Church of God, Arkansas Creek, Martin; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Friday, 7 p.m.; Bud Crum, Minister.
First Church of God, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Steven V. Williams, Pastor.
Garrett Church of God, Gamett; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Donald Bragg, Minister.
Landmark Church of God, Goble Roberts Addition; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11:10 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Kenneth E. Prater, Jr., Minister.
Little Point First Church of God, 671 Little Point Road, East Point; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Charles Heister Jr., Minister.
The Church of God of Prophecy, H Hst; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Don Friley, Jr., Minister.

EPISCOPAL
St. James Episcopal; Sunday Service, 9:45 a.m.; Holy Eucharist 11:00 a.m.; Wednesday Study Group 8:00 p.m.; Holy Eucharist & Healing 7:30 p.m.; Father Johnnie E. Rose, Pastor.

LUTHERAN
Our Savior Lutheran, Step Baynes Ploom Carriage House Motel, Paintsville; Sunday Service, 11 a.m.; WKLV (600 a.m.) 12:05 p.m.; Roland Bernus, Minister.

METHODIST
Auxier United Methodist, Auxier; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Doug Lawson, Minister.
Betsy Layne United Methodist, next to B.L. Gymnasium; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Randy Blackburn, Minister.
Christ United Methodist, Allen; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Kenneth Lemaster, Minister.

Community United Methodist, 141 Burke Avenue (off University Drive and Neeley St.); Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Steve Peccozzolo, Minister.
Elliot's Chapel Free Methodist, Rt. 973, Beaver; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Philip T. Smith, Minister.
Emma United Methodist, Emma; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Paul Alkin, Minister.
First United Methodist, 256 South Arnold Avenue; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:55 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Wayne Sayre, Minister.
Horn Chapel Methodist, Auxier Road, Auxier; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Garfield Potter, Minister.
Martin Methodist; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Roy Harlow, Minister.
Maytown United Methodist, Langley; Sunday Service, 11 a.m.; Worship Service, 9:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Roy Harlow, Minister.
Salisbury United Methodist, Printer; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Bobby G. Lawson, Minister.
Wayland United Methodist, Rt. 7, Wayland; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Brad Tackett, Minister.
Wheelwright United Methodist, Wheelwright; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Bobby Isaac, Minister.
Drift Pentecostal, Drift; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, Saturday/Sunday, 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Ted Shannon, Minister.
Free Pentecostal Church of God, Rt. 1428, East Point; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Thursday, 6:30 p.m.; Buster Hayton, Minister.
Free Pentecostal Church of God, Westbury; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 7 p.m.; Wednesday/Saturday, 7 p.m.; John "Jay" Patton, Minister.
Free Pentecostal Deliverance, East 46 off Mt. Parkway at Campion; Worship Service, Saturday and Sunday, 7 p.m.; Patricia Coker, Minister.
Free Pentecostal Holiness, Rt. 122, Upper Burton; Sunday School, 11 a.m.; Worship Service, 6 p.m.; Friday, 7 p.m.; Louis Serlin, Minister; David Pike, Associate Minister.
Goodloe Pentecostal, Rt. 860, David; Worship Service, 6 p.m.; Melissa Stone, Minister.
Parkway First Calvary Pentecostal, Floyd and Magoffin County Line; Worship Service, 6:30 p.m.; Mike D. Caldwell, Minister; 297-6262.
Trinity Chapel Pentecostal Holiness, Main St., Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 7 p.m.; 2nd Saturday, 7 p.m.; Thursday, 7 p.m.; Ellis J. Stevens, Minister.

PRESBYTERIAN
Drift Presbyterian, Route 1101, Drift; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Mary Alice Murray, Minister.
First Presbyterian, North Lake Drive; Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; George G. Love, Minister.

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST
Seventh-Day Adventist, 5 miles West on Mountain Parkway; Sunday School, 9:15 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.; Gary Shepherd, Minister.

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints; Relief Society/Preschool/Primary, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.; Sacrament Mtg., 11:20 a.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Church Meeting House address, Hwy. 80, Martin, KY 41649; Meeting House telephone number: 285-3133; E.P. Grigsby, Bishop.

OTHER
Drift Independent, Drift; Sunday 11 a.m.; Thursday, 6:30 p.m.
Dwale House of Prayer, Dwale; Worship Service, 7 p.m.; Sunday, 6 p.m.; Woodrow Gurn, Minister.
Grace Fellowship Prestonsburg (next to old flea market); Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m.; Bill Stukenberg, Pastor 889-0905.
Faith Bible, Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Faith Deliverance Tabernacle, West Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.; Thursday, 7 p.m.; Don Shepherd, Minister.
Faith Revelation Ministry, 1/4 mile above Worldwide Equipment; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Randy Hagens, Minister.
Faith Worship Center, US 460, Paintsville; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Thursday, 6 p.m.; Buddy and Maude Frye, Minister.
Full Gospel Community, (formerly of Martin) moved to Old Allen; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Sunday evening, 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; Lavonne Lafferty, Minister.
Lighthouse Temple, Main St. and Hill St.; Worship Service, 12 p.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday/Friday, 7 p.m.; Roy Cosby, Minister.
Martin House of Worship, Old Post Office St.; Worship Service, 7 p.m., Saturday/Sunday.
Old Time Holiness, 2 miles up Arkansas Creek, Martin; Sunday School, 11 a.m.; Worship Service, 7 p.m.; Friday 7 p.m.; John W. Patton, Minister.
Spartan Bible, Sparta; Fork of Middle Creek, Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Dan Heintzelman, Minister.
Town Branch Church; Sunday School 10 a.m. except for first Sunday in each month; Worship Service, Sun. morning 10:00 a.m.; Evening 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; No Sunday night services on first Sunday of each month. Tom Nelson, Minister.
The Father House, Big Branch, Abbott Creek; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 6 p.m.; J.J. Wright, Minister.
Youth Fellowship Center, Wheelwright, Monday-Tuesday, 6 p.m.; Thursday, 7 p.m.
Zion Deliverance, Wayland; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday/Saturday, 7 p.m.; Prayer Line: 358-2001; Ernest Warren, Pastor.
Taylor Chapel Community Church, formerly the old Price Food Service building, located 1 quarter mile above Worldwide Equipment, Rt. 1428, Sun. Bible Study, 10 a.m.; Sun. Morning Service, 11 a.m.; Sun. Evening, 6:30 p.m.; Kerry Vanderpool, Pastor.

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MARRIAGES

Sheila Kay Taylor, 46, to Larry Edward Taylor, 55, both of Prestonsburg.

Janice Carol Thornberry, 20, of Martin, to Dwayne Ray Osborne, 28, of Wayland.

Mary Etta Ray Smith, 33, of Stanville, to Mickey Jerome Conn, 31, of Dana.

Dawn Oliver Layne, 23, to Shane Damian Hicks, 26, both of Langley.

Dorothy Harris, 55, to David D. Harris, 61, both of Crossville, Tenn.

Terri Lynn Crum, 29, to Jerry Chaffins Jr., 31, both of Martin.

Rebecca Sue Moore, 17, to Virgil Wayne Howell, 20, both of Wayland.

Misty Dawn Jackson, 24, of Langley, to Earl Christopher Walker, 31, of Garrett.

Crystal Lynn Hall, 16, to Tracy Robert Gore, 21, both of Chapmanville, W.Va.

Linda Yvonne Bush, 27, to George Lantz, 32, both of Prestonsburg.

LAWSUITS

Steve Castle vs. Coleman Oil Company Inc.; complaint.

Charles C. Albright vs. Delana Albright; divorce.

Billy Joe Johnson vs. Tamy Johnson Buchanan; complaint.

Olivia Johnson, Jessica Sexton and Jackie D. Hall vs. Jason Hicks; complaint.

William Hall vs. Elizabeth Walker; petition for health care insurance.

Edith Flanery vs. Michelle Newsome; petition for child support and health care insurance.

Edith Flanery vs. Marcus Newsome; petition for child support and health care insurance.

Barbara Slone vs. Timothy Slone; petition for child support and health care insurance.

Harry Lawson and Tina Vance vs. Robert B. Hughes; complaint.

Reynold Dillion and Keith Webb II vs. Danny Carmon and Black Diamond Produce; complaint.

Debbie Smith vs. David Smith; divorce.

Greenpoint Credit LLC vs. Robert A. Simpson and unknown spouse of Robert A. Simpson; complaint.

Tami Wireman vs. Dale Wireman; petition for child support and health care insurance.

Michelle Newsome vs. Marcus Newsome; petition for health care insurance.

Arthur Hughes and Virginia Hughes vs. Jeannie Hughes; petition for emergency custody.

Melissa Hammonds vs. Charles Hammonds; order to transfer.

CHARGES

FILED

Joey Lowe, age unlisted, Prestonsburg, fourth-degree assault, criminal mischief.

Billy Joe Johnson, 43, Bevinsville, theft by unlawful taking.

Darrell G. Hall, 47, Prestonsburg, selling alcoholic beverage to minor.

Sandra Todd, 36, Inez, selling alcoholic beverage to minor.

Billy E. Frasure, 50, Prestonsburg, selling alcoholic beverage to minor.

Henry L. Mullins, 41, Betsy Layne, alcohol intoxication.

Ricky Turner, 44, Garrett, alcohol intoxication.

Brent Douglas Bentley, 29, Martin, fourth-degree assault.

Jennifer L. Rowland, age unlisted, Prestonsburg, theft by unlawful taking.

Owen Shepherd, 45, Hueysville, unlawful transaction with a minor.

Tony Tackett, age unlisted, Teaberry, criminal mischief.

Glenda M. Gilbert, 26, Staffordsville, alcohol intoxication.

Kenneth N. Holbrook, 20, Harold, minor entering a premises to purchase alcohol.

Stephanie R. Jent, 22, Isom, alcohol intoxication.

Audrey D. Craft, 30, Garrett, fourth-degree assault.

Nikki N. Blackburn, 18, Prestonsburg, theft by unlawful taking.

Michael D. Caldwell, 51, Staffordsville, criminal trespassing, third-degree sex abuse.

Grady J. Brooks Jr., 57, West Van Lear, possession of a police radio.

Marion Kilburn, 41, Dwale, alcohol intoxication.

Mica J. Patrick, 31, Lexington, theft by unlawful taking.

Brandy Lynn Terry, 20, Langley, public intoxication.

Delora L. Holbrook, 24, Prestonsburg, alcohol intoxication, prescription in an improper container.

Jason H. Jenkins, 23, Martin, no insurance, leaving the scene of an accident, criminal mischief.

Johnny Scott Johnson, 27, East Point, theft by failure to make required disposition of property.

Johnny Scott Johnson, 27, East Point, fourth-degree assault, theft by failure to make required disposition of property.

Malcom Wallen Jr., 30, Prestonsburg, violating a protective order.

Lisa Shepherd, 24, Martin, violating a protective order.

Charles Moore, age unlisted, Ivel, terroristic threatening.

Michael Caldwell, 50, Staffordsville, harassment.

Michael Caldwell, 50, Staffordsville, harassment.

John Walker, 39, Inez, criminal trespassing.

Deborah Thornsbury, 34, Wheelwright, theft by unlawful taking.

Danny McCown, age unlisted, Melvin, harassing a witness.

Kathy Holbrook, 48, Auxier, harassment.

Jimmy L. Nelson, 29, Prestonsburg, fourth-degree assault.

INSPECTIONS

Christ United Methodist

Wesley School, Allen, regular inspection. Violations noted: Facility appears clean and well organized. Score: 100.

J & W Trailer Park, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: No violations found. Score: 100.

George's Trailer Park, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Lots are numbered, however, they are not numbered in a clear, systematic order, all units need to maintain a 15 foot distance from other structures. Score: 96.

Wheelwright Country Inn, Wheelwright, regular inspection. Violations noted: Lighting in front of mirror in room A is not adequate in foot-candles, there is a small hole in the wall at the top of the steps between rooms A and B. Score: 96.

Red Light Diner, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: All thermometers not easily seen, hair restraints not in use during food preparation, shelves in walk-in constructed of untreated wood, most cabinets in food preparation area at front counter in heavy disrepair, hand sink in food preparation area not set up correctly, trash containers in food preparation need to be covered, ceiling in back storage is disrepair, light shield missing in food preparation area. Score: 89.

Dairy Cheer, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Personal drink stored with public food items, hair restraints not in use during food preparation, door seals on walk-in in disrepair, door panels on reach-in in disrepair, trash container in back storage does not have cover, thermometer not easily seen in ice-cream freezer. Score: 93.

Country At Heart, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Thermometers not located in all units used to maintain temperature, hair restraints not in use during food preparation. Score: 98.

Betsy Layne High School Cafeteria, Betsy Layne, regular inspection. Violations noted: Container with food not labeled in freezer, proper hair restraints not in use, single service article used to store sausage in walk-in freezer, clothing observed stored on food equipment in dishwashing room. Score: 95.

Bigfoot Food and Fuel, Grethel, regular inspection. Violations noted: Outdated over-the-counter drugs on display shelves, not all refrigeration units have easily seen thermometers, proper hair restraints not in use, facility does not have proper chemical test strips for sanitizing, foam trays stored or placed on the floor, no towels or hand drying device at hand wash sink in food preparation area, walk-in refrigerator has no light. Score: 94 restaurant, 94 retail.

Christ United Methodist Church Cafeteria, Allen, regular inspection. Violations noted: Ham stored in upright refrigeration unit not properly

covered, single service item being used as food scoop. Score: 96.

K & E Market, Teaberry, follow-up inspection. Violations noted: All items corrected. Score: 100.

Riverview Manor, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Food containers not properly labeled, ware washing rinse was found to have no sanitizing solution in final rinse, ware washing racks observed stored on the floor, automatic mechanical ware washing unit leaking, upright refrigeration unit has no light, coat stored on food equipment. Score: 94.

Riverview Manor, Prestonsburg, follow-up inspection. Violations noted: All critical and non-critical violations have been corrected except adequate lighting provided. Score: 99.

Betsy Layne High School, Betsy Layne, regular inspection. Violations noted: Hallway water fountain not draining properly and one fountain has no mouth guard, one hand drying unit each in girls' locker room and boys' main restroom not working, boys' restroom has no soap dispenser, hallway appears to have some structural problems with the floor and wall, room 403 has some moderate disrepair to the wall, student desks in almost all classrooms in moderate to bad disrepair, also should be noted that the risers in the bandroom are becoming a problem, structural integrity and hard to keep clean. Score: 83.

Pleasant Living Trailer Court, Route 1428, regular inspection. Violations noted: Lots are not clearly numbered according to placement, lots are not meeting the correct spacing of 15 feet from other structures, some trailers are missing the protective underpinning, construction material laying around in areas of park. Score: 92.

H2O Construction Company Trailer Park, regular inspection. Violations noted: Sites are not numbered correctly in a clean manner, lot not meeting the required 15 feet of space from other structures, trailers missing underpinning. Score: 94.

May's Trailer Court, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Lot are not clearly numbered. No score given.

Save-A-Lot, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Thermometers not working properly or easily located in all units used to maintain temperature, employees working in meat processing need to wear hair restraints, some food items found stored on floor, seals on doors of walk-in units have damage, ceiling in restroom

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has heavy damage from water, all lights within 12 inches of food product need shields. Score: 91.

Dinosaur Playland, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: No violations recorded. Score: 100.

Family Dollar, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: No violations recorded. Score: 100.

May Valley Elementary School, Martin, regular inspection. Violations noted: One stall in the boys' restroom of the primary hallway is not working due to having no latch, door frame is loose in handicap stall in the girls' restroom in the primary hallway, restrooms for adults have waste cans that do not have tight fitting lids, room C-67 has a large stain in the floor. Score: 94.

May Valley Elementary School Cafeteria, Martin, regular inspection. Violations noted: Some canned food items are dented, some foods stored under condenser lines in the walk-in freezer, some food utensils are noted to be cracked and damaged. Score: 91.

May Valley Elementary School Cafeteria, Martin, follow-up inspection. Violations noted: Dented canned food items has been corrected. Score: 96.

Season's Inn, Allen, other. Violations noted: Inside lid of horizontal freezer in the rear storage room is cracked, there are no chemical test kits provided to check levels of sanitizing agents. Score: 97.

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Wilma L. Martin to Nicholas J. Martin, property located, Mud Creek.

Rita Mathews and Martin Mathews, Buffie Hall and Jody B. Hall to Sandra Donnellan, property located on Big Mud Creek.

Forrest Joseph Stewardson and Patricia Stewardson to Sharon Goble, property located on Mud Creek.

Ted N. McDonald and Stephanie A. McDonald to Bobby J. Spencer, property located on Abbott Creek.

Roy Thornsbury, and Donna Thornsbury to Betty Conn, property located on Right Fork of Middle Creek.

Roger May and Sandy May to James Gregory Allen and Beverly O. Allen, property located on Prater Creek.

Franklin D. Fitzpatrick to Toy Anne Sammons Reardon, property located Richmond Memorial Cemetery, Prestonsburg.

Vernon Cornett to Southern Water & Sewer District, property located on the John Hall Branch of Frasure Creek.

Coleman Oil Company Inc., to Childers Oil Co., property located on Kentucky Route 80.

Jimmy R. Blackburn II and Shirley A. Blackburn to John Harris and Melissa Harris, property located Copperas Lick.

Joe Tucker and Jeanette Tucker to Denzil Ray Hall, property located on Henson Branch on Big Mud Creek at Beaver.

Clyde Phillip Robinson and Bonnie S. Robinson to N. Roger Jurich and Sheryl Jurich and Beverly Blackburn, property located at East Point.

Arthur Fannin and Gaylena Fannin to Katrina Lee, property location not listed.

Helen Short to Chester Anderson, property location not listed.

Philip Dale Greene and Lynette Greene to Lois Fay Greene Jenkins, property location not listed.

Floyd Skeans to Floyd Anthony Skeans and Mary G. Skeans, property located on Abbott Creek.

Herbie Bailey and Teena Bailey to Jamey Matthew Tomlinson, property located at Betsy Layne.

John L. Whitaker and Mildred Whitaker to Herbert L. Whitaker, property located, Jenny's Creek.

Allen F. Stewart and Rita Stewart, Ken Gayheart and Anna Gayheart to Hollie Conley and Minnie Martin Conley, property located on Right Beaver Creek.

Roxie Crum to Joey Ross Crum, property located on Arkansas Creek.

Edgar Cruey and Joyce D. Cruey to Steven L. Case and Sharon Case, property located at Harold.

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Mud Creek Clinic

A social security representative will be at the Mud Creek Clinic, Grethel, each Tuesday (except holidays) January, February and March. This representative will assist in filing retirement and disability claims, and survivors benefits, in addition to SSI, Black Lung, and accepting applications for social security numbers.

Housing assistance in Wayland area

HOMES Inc. has opened an office in the Wayland Community Center to assist low income persons in the Right and Left Beaver areas with housing needs. Nelson Hopkins is in the office on Wednesdays from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. to help persons who need repairs on their existing homes or with securing new housing. Area persons may call 358-9473 on Wednesdays to speak with Hopkins or leave a message on other days. Or they may call the HOMES Inc. headquarters in Neon, toll-free, at 1-877-271-1791, ext. 10.

Attention Veterans!

The Kentucky Dept. of Veterans Affairs has moved their veterans field representative office from the Prestonsburg Courthouse to the Kentucky National Guard Armory on Rt. 321 North, just outside of Prestonsburg. Services remain free of charge and phone number remains the same—(606) 886-7920.

"Looking for a Support Group?"

■ Fibromyalgia Support Group—Meets first Tuesday of each month, at 6 p.m., at the Betsy Layne Senior Citizens Building on Pike-Floyd Hollow Road, just above the Betsy Layne Fire Dept. For more info, call Sharon at 478-5224, or Phyllis at 874-2769.

■ Alzheimer's Association Caregiver Support Group—Meets on the second Tuesday of each month at the First Presbyterian Church (near Jerry's) at 7 p.m. For more info., call Dana Caudill at (606) 886-0265.

■ The Ups of Down's Syndrome Support Group—Meets the 1st Sunday of each month from 2-4 p.m., at the

Pikeville YMCA, beside the Pikeville Independent School. For more info., call (606) 377-6142, or (606) 478-5099.

■ Narconon—Free assessment, evaluation and referral services can help you to overcome your drug addiction problems. Call 1-800-468-6933, or visit www.stopaddiction.com.

■ Domestic Violence—24 hour Crisis Line manned by Certified Domestic Violence Counselors—Call 886-6025, or 1-800-649-6605. "Love Doesn't Have to Hurt."

■ Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children—Free, confidential assistance for unplanned pregnancy concerns. Talk with someone who cares about you and your baby. Call 1-800-928-5242.

■ Prostate Cancer Support Group—Group is for all men with prostate cancer and their families. Group meets every third Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at the Ramada Inn, Paintsville. For more information, contact Susan Campbell, Kentucky Cancer Program, P.O. Box 1208, Hazard, KY 41702, or call (606) 487-8360, or 1-800-401-4287.

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Winter Olympics Kentucky style

by **BILLY REED**
TIMES COLUMNIST

As the Winter Olympics keeps schussing along out there in picturesque Utah, I can't help looking forward to the Kentucky Winter Follies, which will be held next year at various venues around the commonwealth, provided we still have some money left in the state treasury. This event will "put us



on the map," to borrow one of the Louisville NBA pursuit team's favorite phrases, because it

will be open to athletes from around the world, except those who live in Indiana, Ohio, Tennessee, or Iraq. You get the common theme, I'm sure.

Because of the revenue generated from tickets, concessions, souvenirs, hotels, restaurants, moonshine, and cockfights, the Kentucky Winter Follies are expected to jump-start our economy and save us from deportation to (ugh) Minnesota. In strict accordance with

(See **REED**, page seven)

Sideline Shots

Macy's Eagles inching closer and closer

by **STEVE LeMASTER**
SPORTS EDITOR

Kyle Macy was a great basketball player for the University of Kentucky. If you were an aspiring basketball player after Macy's heyday at UK, and you wanted to learn how to shoot free throws from one of the best, then you attended one of his many camps. His free throw shooting was outstanding, and now, he takes all of his basketball skills, now best

taught to his young Morehead State University players, to the tough coaching ranks of the Ohio Valley Conference. Weaker than most other basketball conferences of its kind, the OVC continues to produce some good teams and some great players who rise above mediocrity.

Macy looked to be turning the corner this season, but ran into a huge stumbling block just a couple of nights back. But, the Eagles are doing well, sparked by the play of a well-balanced attack on both ends of the floor.

Tennessee Tech outscored Morehead State 13-5 in the final three minutes of action Tuesday night to claim a 75-68 victory and clinch their second consecutive Ohio Valley Conference regular season championship.

The victory pushed the

(See **SIDELINE**, page seven)

Little League

H.A.P. LL meeting rescheduled

The H.A.P. Little League will hold an organizational meeting, Sunday at the Betsy Layne Dome. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 6 p.m.

Anyone interested in coaching or helping with the league is urged to attend. New officers will be elected at this meeting. Player signups will not be held at this meeting.

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Raiders flex muscle late, beat Blackcats 82-71

South Floyd wraps up conference with win

by **JAMIE HOWELL**
SPORTS WRITER

The South Floyd Raiders came into this basketball season as defending 15th Region champs and are looking

to make the return trip to Rupp Arena again this year.

The Prestonsburg Blackcats were all that stood in the way of the Raiders claiming a Floyd County Conference title last Friday night at Hi Hat, and a large crowd was on hand to see the Raiders come away with the hard fought 82-71 win over in-county rival Prestonsburg on homecoming night.

The Raiders would take control of the game in the early stages as the tandem of Michael Hall and Rusty

Tackett burned the Blackcats in the first quarter combining to score 15 points in the period.

Prestonsburg also lacked the usual strong performance from Chris Kidd who was held to only two points on the evening by a suffocating Raider defense.

The Raider duo of Hall and Tackett outscored the entire Blackcat team by themselves in the first eight minutes to

(See **SOUTH FLOYD**, page seven)



photo by Jamie Howell

South Floyd senior Rusty Tackett (20) fired a shot up and over an out-stretched Nick Jamerson.

Kidd nets 22 in setback for host Prestonsburg



Sheldon Clark owns boards in defeat of Blackcats

by **JAMIE HOWELL**
SPORTS WRITER

The Sheldon Clark Cardinals came calling on the host Blackcats Tuesday night at Prestonsburg High School in a 15th Region matchup.

Prestonsburg found themselves trailing throughout the contest until the final 1:24 when the cats took their first lead. Since the score was 2-0 in the opening minute.

The Blackcats would struggle with the bigger Cardinal lineup all evening long as Sheldon Clark

would have the luxury of second and third attempts at the basket. The undersized Blackcats were pummeled on the boards which really was the difference in the outcome. Sheldon Clark's Adam Brown led all scorers on the night with 29 points and 11 rebounds, and the Cards also placed two other players in double figures, as Alvin Fletcher netted 15 and Ryan Howell 14.

The first quarter belonged to Adam Brown of Sheldon Clark as the Cardinal bigman poured in

(See **BLACKCATS**, page seven)



Pikeville cruises past Knoxville

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE - All 13 players scored at least two points and grabbed at least two rebounds as the Pikeville College Lady Bears knocked off Knoxville College 95-60 Tuesday night.

The win was the 91st in the five-year career of Lady Bear head coach Bill Watson, moving him past Wayne Martin into third-place on the all-time win list for basketball coaches. Watson, who is second on the women's win list, trails only Roy Cutright (217 wins) and Paul Butcher (153) on the all-time basketball list.

Pikeville (14-14) put four players in double figures in the scoring column, led by Amanda Collins, who had 14 points. Jill Kimberlain had 13, Nicole Stanley 11 and Tecco Gallion 10.

Pikeville dominated the glass, winning 67-36. Freshman Selena Williams, a Johnson Central grad,

getting only her second start, led the way with 12 boards, a game-high effort in that category. She added six points, six assists, two blocks and two steals for very good measure. Courtney Mercer added eight rebounds and six assists, while teammate Charity Burke added eight points and four boards. Stanley shared second-best game-high rebounding honors with Mercer, pulling down eight.

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Watson



Stanley



Williams

Pike County teams unkind to Rebs

by **STEVE LeMASTER**
SPORTS EDITOR

BELFRY - Coach John Martin and the Allen Central Runnin' Rebels traveled to Belfry on Tuesday night and came away smarting with a 65-45 loss to the host Belfry Pirates. The 20-point loss

dropped the Runnin' Rebels to 10-12. Belfry improved to 13-8.

Sophomore forward Zane Smith, 6-4, led the way for Belfry with a team-best 17 points. Boo Hager, Adam Reed and Steven Duty all had 12 points apiece for the homestanding Pirates.

Allen Central senior Shawn

Newsome, the state's leading scorer heading into Tuesday night's contest was held to 23 points, but was his team's leading scorer and the only Rebel to score double figures. Rossi Samons finished with seven points and teammates Neil Allen and Daniel Sazabo finished with five points apiece.

Justin Hall had three points and freshman Tim Griffith, a player who came to ACHS from Allen Elementary, finished with two tallies.

The Pirates led 27-21 at the half, as seniors Boo Hager and Adam Reed each flipped in

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Molly Burchett (10)

Raiders gallop away from Mustangs

by **STEVE LeMASTER**
SPORTS EDITOR

MILLARD - Senior Rusty Tackett hit for 25 points and junior teammate Michael hit for 26, one better, as the South Floyd Raiders scored a road victory over the Millard Mustangs on Tuesday night. Tyler Hall added 13 as South Floyd beat host Millard 89-72.

The visiting Raiders jumped out on Millard early,

leading 25-14 at the end of the first quarter. The Raiders held a 10-point lead (41-31) at the break. A total of 10 different Raiders broke into the scoring column led by the trio of Tackett-Hall-Hall.

Jarrod Adkins netted 24 points to lead the way for Millard. Adam Coleman finished with 14 points and Robbie Spears netted 10 for the Mustangs.

Millard played inspired basketball in the third period,

pulling to within 11 of the Raiders at 65-54. However, the hot-shooting South Floyd team proved to be too much late as they tacked six more points on to their 11-point cushion to score the 17-point victory.

South Floyd got help off the bench in the form of reserves Josh Johnson and Jack Stone. Both key reserves tossed in six points apiece.

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Prestonsburg High School Homecoming representatives, grades 9-11 are juniors (front row, left to right) Taryn Harris, Stephanie Webb and Amber Marsillett. Sophomores (second row, left to right) Heather Gray, Tiffany Goble and Samantha Goble. And in the back row (left to right), freshmen Blair Hall, Kelsey Goble and Emily Jamerson. Pictures of senior candidates appear inside.

Briefs

BASEBALL

WASHINGTON—The Florida Marlins and Tampa Bay Devil Rays were among the original candidates for elimination this year, baseball's top lawyer told the Senate Judiciary Committee on Wednesday.

Bob DuPuy, chief legal officer of major league baseball, said as many as 18 teams were at first on the list considered for folding. The Minnesota Twins and Montreal Expos later were picked as the two target teams.

The 21/2-hour hearing was far less contentious and far more informative than a similar session held Dec. 6 by the House Judiciary Committee, which also is considering legislation to further restrict baseball's antitrust exemption.

MINNEAPOLIS—Major league baseball and the Metropolitan Sports Facilities Commission are heading back to court Friday for more arguments over the Twins' lease with the Metrodome.

Lawyers for the facilities commission, which operates the Metrodome, say the threat of folding the Twins after this season undermines its ability to craft a new lease with the team. The commission also said it complicates efforts to build a new ballpark and find a new owner for the Twins.

NEW YORK—Rickey Henderson and the Boston Red Sox reached agreement on a minor league contract.

If Henderson makes the Red Sox — it would be his eighth big league team in 24 seasons — the 43-year-old outfielder is expected to back up Manny Ramirez in left and be a part-time DH. If Henderson is not on the major league roster by March 28, he could become a free agent.

SAN FRANCISCO—Right-hander Mark Gardner, a 13-year veteran who spent the past six seasons with the San Francisco Giants, announced his retirement.

Gardner went 90-93 with a 4.56 ERA in a career with San Francisco, Montreal, Kansas City and Florida.

KANSAS CITY, Mo.—Modern players' lack of appreciation for their athletic ancestral roots was a frequent topic of conversation at the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum as people gathered for the second annual Legacy Awards.

Presented by the museum, the awards honor both current and past players and administrators for their achievements and contributions to baseball. But for the second straight year, almost no current major league players bothered to show up to get their awards.

AUTO RACING

INDIANAPOLIS—Safety equipment manufacturer Bill Simpson sued NASCAR, claiming it wrongly blamed Dale Earnhardt's death on his company's seat belt.

Simpson, the former owner of Simpson Performance Products, Inc., filed the defamation of character suit in Marion County Superior Court four days before NASCAR's biggest event, the Daytona 500.

He is seeking \$8.5 million in actual damages plus an unspecified amount for damage to his reputation, attorney Robert Horn said.

SOCCER

CATANIA, Sicily—For the first half, a lively United States team kept the Italian superstars at bay, wasting several chances to score a stunning upset.

Then Alessandro Del Piero came on in the second half and quickly scored to lead Italy to a 1-0 victory in the World Cup warmup.

Until then, a surprisingly offensive-minded U.S. team had dominated, even drawing cheers from many in the capacity crowd of 25,493.

TENNIS

MARSEILLE, France—Australian Open champion Thomas Johansson lost in the first round of the Open 13 tournament, eliminated in three sets by Greg Rusedski.

In a rematch of a Davis Cup encounter won by Johansson over the weekend, Rusedski won 6-4, 3-6, 6-3.

Defending champion Yevgeny Kafelnikov moved into the second round by beating Max Mirnyi of Belarus, top-seeded Juan Carlos Ferrero beat Michel Kratochvil, while third-seeded Sebastien Grosjean topped Noam Okun. Tim Henman pulled out because of a stomach ailment.

ANTWERP, Belgium—Venus Williams powered past Anna Kournikova 7-5, 6-0 to reach the quarterfinals of the \$585,000 WTA Diamond Games tournament.

Williams will face the winner of a match between fifth-seeded Silvia Farina Elia and qualifier Marie-Gaïane Mikaelian.

Elsewhere, second-seeded Justine Henin beat fellow Belgian Els Callens, sixth-seeded Magdalena Maleeva beat Meilen Tu, and Danish qualifier Eva Dyrberg defeated seventh-seeded Arne Kremer.

COPENHAGEN, Denmark—South African qualifier Neville Godwin advanced to the second round of the Copenhagen Open by beating third-seeded Nicolas Pietrangeli of Germany 6-3, 3-6, 6-4 in two hours.

Magnus Larsson of Sweden, who won the tournament 1992, ousted Mikhail Youzhny of Russia, and fourth-seeded Davide Sanguinetti beat Spaniard Juan Balcells.

DOHA, Qatar—Fourth-seeded Tamarine Tanasugarn of Thailand and Alicia Molik of Australia easily reached the quarterfinals of the \$170,000 WTA Qatar Open.

Tanasugarn beat Kristie Boogert of Netherlands 6-2, 6-3, while Molik defeated Bahia Moutassine of Morocco 6-1, 6-1.

SAN FRANCISCO—Andre Agassi confirmed that he will work with new coach Darren Cahill.

Agassi split with longtime coach Brad Gilbert earlier this month. Cahill, an Australian who parted ways with top-ranked Lleyton Hewitt in December, is expected to join Agassi this month.

FOOTBALL

MIAMI—Quarterback Jay Fiedler, who has played for four teams in six seasons, decided against testing the free-agent market and instead signed a five-year, \$24.5 million contract to remain with the Miami Dolphins.

Coach Dave Wannstedt signed a one-year contract extension through 2004.

HOCKEY

NEW YORK—Carolina forward Craig Adams was suspended for 10 games for leaving the Hurricanes' bench during a fight Sunday against San Jose.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

BATON ROUGE, La.—LSU football coach Nick Saban, coming off a Southeastern Conference title and Sugar Bowl victory, signed a new contract subject to university board approval March 8.

Basketball

NBA standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

Table with columns: Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Rows: New Jersey, Boston, Washington, Philadelphia, Orlando, New York, Miami.

Central Division

Table with columns: Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Rows: Milwaukee, Toronto, Detroit, Indiana, Charlotte, Atlanta, Cleveland, Chicago.

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

Table with columns: Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Rows: Dallas, Minnesota, San Antonio, Utah, Houston, Denver, Memphis.

Pacific Division

Table with columns: Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Rows: Sacramento, L.A. Lakers, Portland, Seattle, Phoenix, L.A. Clippers, Golden State.

Tuesday's games

Table with columns: Game, Location, Score. Rows: Utah vs Indiana, Cleveland vs Toronto, Atlanta vs New Jersey, Phoenix vs Detroit, Orlando vs New York, Chicago vs Milwaukee, Houston vs Memphis, Boston vs Detroit, Dallas vs Seattle, Sacramento vs San Antonio, L.A. Lakers vs Washington.

Wednesday's Games

Table with columns: Game, Location, Score. Rows: Charlotte vs Chicago, Miami vs Orlando, New York vs Toronto, Minnesota vs Phoenix, Cleveland vs Milwaukee, Portland vs Dallas, Golden State vs Boston.

Last night's games

Table with columns: Game, Location, Score. Rows: Utah at Philadelphia, Detroit at New Jersey, Denver at Memphis, Washington at Sacramento, L.A. Lakers at Seattle, San Antonio at L.A. Clippers.

SPORTSBOARD

Table of Final Driver Standings for NASCAR Winston Cup. Columns: Driver, Points. Rows: Sterling Marlin, Ricky Rudd, Dale Jarrett, Michael Andretti, Helo Castroneves, Cristiano da Matta, Max Papis, Dario Franchitti, Bruno Junqueira, Scott Dixon, Tony Kanaan, Patrick Carpentier, Alex Tagliani, Jimmy Vasser, Roberto Moreno, Paul Tracy, Christian Fittipaldi, Bruno Junqueira, Memo Gidley, Adrian Fernandez, Oriol Servia, Michel Jourdain Jr.

FORMULA ONE

The 2002 Formula One schedule, and 2001 final driver point standings:

March

March 3—Australian Grand Prix, Melbourne.
March 17—Malaysian Grand Prix, Kuala Lumpur.
March 31—Brazilian Grand Prix, Sao Paulo.

April

April 14—San Marino Grand Prix, Imola, Italy.
April 29—Spanish Grand Prix, Barcelona.

May

May 12—Austrian Grand Prix, Spielberg.
May 28—Monaco Grand Prix, Monte Carlo.

June

June 9—Canadian Grand Prix, Montreal.
June 23—European Grand Prix, Nurburgring, Germany.

July

July 7—British Grand Prix, Silverstone.
July 21—French Grand Prix, Magny-Cours.
July 28—German Grand Prix, Hockenheim.

August

Aug. 18—Hungarian Grand Prix, Budapest.
Sept. 1—Belgian Grand Prix, Spa-Francorchamps.
Sept. 15—Italian Grand Prix, Monza.
Sept. 29—United States Grand Prix, Indianapolis.

October

Oct. 13—Japanese Grand Prix, Suzuka.

Final 2001 Driver Standings

Table of Final 2001 Driver Standings. Columns: Driver, Points. Rows: Michael Schumacher, David Coulthard, Rubens Barrichello, Ralf Schumacher, Mika Hakkinen, Juan Pablo Montoya, Nick Heidfeld, Jacques Villeneuve, Jarno Trulli, Kimi Raikkonen, Giancarlo Fisichella, Eddie Irvine, Heinz-Harald Frentzen, Jean Alesi, Olivier Panis, Pedro de la Rosa, Jenson Button, Jos Verstappen.

MIDWEST

Table of Midwest Standings. Columns: Team, Points. Rows: Alma, Allegheny, Augustana, Bethel, Capital, Defiance, E. Michigan, Franklin, Goshen, Grand View, Gustav Adolphus, Hastings, Hope, Illinois, Kent, Mac Murray, Macalester, Marian, Missouri Western, Mount Mercy, Mount St. Joseph, Mount Union, Nebraska, North Central, Northwest, Notre Dame, Ohio, Ohio Northem, Ohio Wesleyan, Oklahoma, Pittsburgh, St. Olaf, St. Thomas, St. Xavier, Sterling, Trinity, Viterbo, Washburn, Wis.-Oshkosh, Wis.-Platteville, Wis.-Stevens Pt., Wittenberg.

SOUTHWEST

Table of Southwest Standings. Columns: Team, Points. Rows: Arkansas, Baylor, Incarnate Word.

FAR WEST

Table of Far West Standings. Columns: Team, Points. Rows: Cal Poly-SLO, Colorado, Missouri.

Auto racing

NASCAR WINSTON CUP

The 2002 NASCAR Winston Cup schedule, and 2001 final driver point standings:

February

Feb. 17—Daytona 500, Daytona Beach, Fla.
Feb. 24—Subway 400, Rockingham, N.C.

March

March 3—UAW-DaimlerChrysler 400, Las Vegas.
March 10—Atlanta 500, Hampton, Ga.
March 17—Carolina Dodge Dealers 400, Darlington, S.C.
March 24—Food City 500, Bristol, Tenn.

April

April 7—Samsung/RadioShack 500, Fort Worth, Texas.
April 14—Virginia 500, Martinsville.
April 21—Talladega 500, Talladega, Ala.
April 28—NAPA Auto Parts 500, Fontana, Calif.

May

May 4—Pontiac Excitement 400, Richmond.
May 20—Coca-Cola 600, Concord, N.C.

June

June 2—MBNA Platinum 400, Dover, Del.
June 9—Pocono 500, Long Pond, Pa.
June 16—Michigan 400, Brooklyn, Mich.
June 23—Dodge/Save Mart 350, Sonoma, Calif.

July

July 6—Pepsi 400, Daytona Beach, Fla.
July 14—Tropicana 400, Cicero, Ill.
July 21—New England 300, Loudon, N.H.
July 28—Pennsylvania 500, Long Pond, Pa.
Aug. 4—Brickyard 400, Indianapolis.

August

Aug. 11—Watkins Glen International, Watkins Glen, N.Y.
Aug. 18—Pepsi 400, Brooklyn, Mich.
Aug. 24—Sharpie 500, Bristol, Tenn.

September

Sept. 1—Southern 500, Darlington, S.C.
Sept. 7—Chevy Monte Carlo 400, Richmond.
Sept. 15—New Hampshire 300, Loudon, N.H.
Sept. 22—MBNA America 400, Dover, Del.
Sept. 29—Protection One 400, Kansas City, Kan.

Oct. 6—EA Sports 500, Talladega, Ala.
Oct. 13—UAW-GM Quality 500, Concord, N.C.
Oct. 20—Martinsville 500, Martinsville, Va.
Oct. 27—NAPA 500, Hampton, Ga.

November

Nov. 3—Pop Secret 400, Rockingham, N.C.
Nov. 10—Checker Auto Parts 500K, Avondale, Ariz.
Nov. 17—Homestead 400, Homestead, Fla.

Final Driver Standings

Table of Final Driver Standings. Columns: Driver, Points. Rows: Jeff Gordon, Tony Stewart.

Final Driver Standings

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Olympics

Winter Olympic Medals Table

Table of Winter Olympic Medals Table. Columns: Nation, G, S, B, Tot. Rows: Germany, United States, Austria, Norway, Russia, Finland, Italy, Switzerland, France, Netherlands, South Korea, Estonia, Canada, Japan, Poland, Sweden, Spain, Bulgaria, China, Czech Republic.

Pairs controversy overshadowing events like Miller's medal, Ohno's debut

by JAIME ARON ASSOCIATED PRESS

SALT LAKE CITY—Even on a day when Bode Miller stormed back from 15th to a silver and Apolo Anton Ohno began his bid for four medals, there was no escaping the dominant story of these Winter Olympics: the judging scandal in pairs skating.

The head of the French Olympic team said Wednesday night that a judge from his country was pressured to "act in a certain way" before she voted to give the gold to the Russians over the Canadians.

The admission came after the International Olympic Committee made the unusual move of telling the International Skating Union to settle the mess that began Monday night and settle it fast. Hours earlier, the ISU president said he received "certain allegations" from the American referee who oversaw the judging and that he was trying to protect the integrity of his sport.

The controversy surely will be on the minds of everyone at the Salt Lake Ice Center on Thursday night when the men's pairs title is decided.

Miller's comeback was a great start on getting the focus back on the action.

Actually, it was a bad start that made it so memorable. He fell during the downhill part of the combined and came out 15th, roughly 2 1/2 minutes behind Norway's Kjetil Andre Aamodt.

Then the event moved to slalom. Miller's specialty and his run of 49.73 seconds is sure to become a staple of future Olympic highlights.

His dash was more than a second faster than the next-best time even though he shattered a gale en route. Aasmold held on for the gold, his sixth Olympic medal, the most by an Alpine skier.

"I really didn't feel I had anything else I could do," Miller said. "I'd been trying to ski how I needed to ski all day and it wasn't working. So I decided to ski how I wanted to ski."

Miller's medal was the only one Wednesday for the United States, upping the host's total to 10. Germany earned six, vaulting to top of the overall list with 12.

Ohno could help make up the difference.

The short track speedskating star got off to an electric start Wednesday by advancing to the 1,000-meter quarterfinals and by helping the U.S. team move into the semifinals in the 5,000 relay, his every glide cheered by 15,000 fans at the Salt Lake Ice Center.

"This is the opportunity of a lifetime," he said. On Thursday, medals were to be awarded in men's cross country 10K freestyle, women's combined slalom, women's 500 meter speedskating and men's figure skating.

SHORT TRACK SPEEDSKATING: South Korea's Ko Gi-hyun became the youngest individual Olympic medalist in short-track history, winning the women's 1,500 meters at age 15. Teammate Choi Eun-kyung got silver and Evgenia Radnova of Bulgaria got bronze.

The South Korean men, however, were disqualified from the 5,000 relay because star Min Pyoung took out an Italian on a spectacular crash. Min was treated at a local hospital, then released.

America's women skaters didn't fare well. Amy Peterson, the U.S. flag bearer during the opening ceremony, "ran out of juice" in the 1,500 meter semifinals and failed to advance. Eric Portor was disqualified after causing an opponent to fall.

Ohno's teammate Rusty Smith also advanced in the men's 1,000, setting an Olympic record in the process.

BIATHLON: Now that Ole Einar Bjoerdalen has become the first biathlete to win three gold medals, he can set his sights on his next target — becoming the first biathlete to win three golds at one Olympics.

Don't bet against him. Bjoerdalen hit all 10 targets to win the 10-kilometer sprint Wednesday, two days after nailing 18 of 20 to win the 20K biathlon.

Germany's Sven Fischer was second in the 10K, while Austria's Wolfgang Perner won the bronze.

In the women's 7.5K sprint, Germans Kati Wilhelm and Uchi Disi went 1-2, with Sweden's Magdalena Forsberg, the sport's dominant woman for the past five years, winning her second bronze of the games.

SKI JUMPING: Simon Ammann of Switzerland — an engaging Harry Potter lookalike — added to his gold-medal collection by winning the 120 meter championship Wednesday in addition to his victory in the 90 meters.

Poland's Adam Malysz, who was third to Ammann at the shorter distance, finished second this time. Finland's Matti Hautamaki was third.

The United States team still has a long way to go. With Alan Robb coming 34th and Clint Jones 42nd, no American has been in the top 25 at the last three Olympics.

HOCKEY: Canada and Sweden will play Saturday to settle their round-robin group in women's Olympic hockey. Both improved to 2-0 with victories by the same score: 7-0. Canada beat Russia, eliminating the bronze medalist from last year's world championships, and Sweden beat Kazakhstan.

On Thursday, the U.S. women played China and Finland faced Germany.

In men's action, Switzerland beat Belarus 2-1 and Ukraine beat France 4-2. None of those teams are headed to the medals round, which begins today when the U.S. men play Finland.

CART

The 2002 CART schedule, and 2001 final driver point standings:

March

March 10—Tecate Telmex Grand Prix, Monterey, Mexico.

April

April 14—Toyota Grand Prix, Long Beach, Calif.
April 27—Bridgestone Potenza 500, Motegi, Japan.

June

June 2—Miller Lite 225, West Allis, Wis.
June 9—Grand Prix of Monterey, Monterey, Calif.

July

July 7—Molson Indy, Toronto.
July 14—Marconi Grand Prix, Cleveland.
July 28—Molson Indy, Vancouver, British Columbia.

Aug. 11—Mid-Ohio Grand Prix, Lexington, Ohio.
Aug. 18—Road America Grand Prix, Elkhart Lake, Wis.
Aug. 25—Molson Indy, Montreal.

September

Sept. 1—Dewar Grand Prix, Denver.
Sept. 14—Rockingham 500, Corby, England.
Sept. 21—German 500, Lausitz.

October

Oct. 13—Mexican Grand Prix, Mexico City.
Oct. 27—Honda Indy 300, Surfers Paradise, Australia.
Nov. 3—CART 500, Fontana, Calif.

Baseball

2002 Reds tickets on sale Saturday

CINCINNATI—Tickets for Cincinnati Reds 2002 regular-season home games — excluding the final

Transactions

BASEBALL

American League

BOSTON RED SOX — Agreed to terms with OF Rickey Henderson on a minor league contract.

TEXAS RANGERS — Released RHP Mark Pelkovsek.

TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Agreed to terms with RHP Chris Carpenter on a one-year contract.

National League

HOUSTON ASTROS — Named Todd Fedewa director of business communications, and Jimmy Stanton and Lisa Ramsperger assistant directors of media relations.

ST. LOUIS CARDINALS — Agreed to terms with INF Placido Polanco on a one-year contract.

SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS — Announced the retirement of RHP Mark Gardner.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

CHARLOTTE HORNETS — Placed F Matt Bullard on the injured list.

MINNESOTA TIMBERWOLVES — Placed G Terrell Brandon on the injured list. Activated G Will Avery from the injured list.

PHOENIX SUNS — Activated F Tom Gugliotta from the injured list. Placed F Alton Ford on the injured list.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

CAROLINA PANTHERS — Promoted special teams coach Scott O'Brien to assistant head coach. Named Sal Sunseri defensive quality control coach.

MIAMI DOLPHINS — Signed Dave Wannstedt, coach, to a one-year contract extension through the 2004 season, and OB Jay Fiedler to a five-year contract through the 2005 season.

MINNESOTA VIKINGS — Named Jay Hayes special teams coach.

PITTSBURGH STEELERS — Named Kevin Spencer special teams coach.

SAN DIEGO CHARGERS — Signed RB Vaughn Sanders to a one-year contract.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

NHL — Suspended Carolina Hurricanes F Craig Adams 10 games without pay for leaving the bench during a fight in a Feb. 10 game.

CAROLINA HURRICANES — Traded C Greg Koehler to the Philadelphia Flyers for RW Jesse Boulerice.

DALLAS STARS — Claimed F Brent Gichtel off waivers from the Detroit Red Wings. Placed D Dave Manson on waivers.

NASHVILLE PREDATORS — Reassigned C Steve Dubinsky and RW Nathan Perrott to Milwaukee of the AHL.

SAN JOSE SHARKS — Assigned D Jeff Jelinek to Cleveland of the AHL.

VANCOUVER CANUCKS — Assigned D Bryan Allen, G Alex Auld and F Mike Brown to Manitoba of the AHL.

Horse racing

Standardbred horses, owners in competition

TIMES STAFF REPORT

This past week, the normally successful Floyd County owners of Standardbred race horses didn't have a very successful week. Out of all of the horses that were raced that were owned or trained by Floyd Countians, there was only one horse that finished in the money. Results were as follows:

Date: Feb. 8
Track: Northfield Park
Location: Northfield, Ohio
Horse: Megans Marvel
Class: FMW250PS
Gait: Pace
Purse: \$3000.00
Finished: Third
Actual Time: 1:57.0
Owner: Harla Renae Conn
Place of residence: Martin
Driver: Ryan J. Allen
Trainer: Todd R. Jones

Horses purchased

The following is a list of horses purchased by Floyd Countians at the Blooded Horse Sale Company which was held in Delaware Monday and Tuesday of this week.

Hip Number: 296
Name of Horse: Angel Avenger
Name of Buyer: Jim Gobie
Place of residence: Prestonsburg

Hip Number: 545
Name of Horse: MUH Goble
Name of Buyer: Jim Gobie
Place of residence: Prestonsburg

Hip Number: 674
Name of Horse: IMACATCH
Name of Buyer: Harla Renae Conn
Place of residence: Martin
Driver:

Prestonsburg Homecoming scheduled for tonight

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

Prestonsburg High School will hold its homecoming ceremonies tonight when the Blackcats play host to the Elkhorn City Cougars.

The 2001-02 PHS Homecoming Court is comprised of the following representatives:

■ Emily Ann Jamerson, freshman, daughter of Dewey and Tracie Jamerson of Banner. Her organizations and honors include PHS varsity cheerlead-



Tabitha Hughes

ing, peer mediation, track, talented and gifted program, and member of First Baptist Church of Allen. She will be escorted by Trevor Compton.

■ Kelsey Goble, freshman, daughter of Pat and Jimmy Goble of Prestonsburg. Her organizations and honors include dance team for one year, and Basketball Statcat. She will be escorted by John Mark Stephens.

■ Blair Hall, freshman, daughter of John C. and Gloria Hall of Martin. She is a peer mediator and will be escorted by Kristofer Bentley.

■ Heather Nicole Gray, sophomore, daughter of Tammy and Rolan Gray Jr. of Prestonsburg. She is a two-year member of the PHS Dance Cats, a two-year KYA participant, honor roll student, and has been recognized by the National Honor Roll. She attends Irene Cole First Baptist Church. Her escort will be Michael Morrison.

■ Tiffany Goble, sophomore, daughter of Bradis Goble of Ivel and Jackie Goble of Banner. She is a member of the boys' varsity cheerleading squad (two years,) and Y Club (two years). She will be escorted by Joey Willis.

■ Samantha Brooke Goble,

sophomore, daughter of Greg and Carol Goble of Banner. She is a two-year member of the dance team. Football Statcat for two years along with track team, Who's Who Among American High School Students, peer mediator, 2001 football homecoming attendant, talented and gifted program, and Y Club member. Nicholas Jamerson will serve as her escort.

■ Stephanie Aileen Webb, junior, daughter of Johnny and Ella Webb of Prestonsburg. Her organizations and honors include National Honor Society, girls' varsity basketball, tennis team, honor choir and National Honor Roll. She will be escorted by Jesse Chaffin.

■ Amber Nicole Marsillett, junior, daughter of John and Carol Marsillett of Prestonsburg. During her three years at PHS she has been involved with KYS, Y Club and powderpuff football. She will be escorted by Chris Kidd.

■ Taryn Harris, junior, daughter of Paul and Terri Harris of Prestonsburg. Her organizations and honors include girls' varsity basketball, volleyball, tennis, PHS annual staff, Who's Who Among High School Students and National Honor Roll. Justin Allen will

serve as her escort for the night's ceremonies.

The following young ladies will vie for PHS Homecoming Queen:

■ Megan Barber, senior, daughter of David Allen and Margo May-Barber of Prestonsburg. Her various organizations and honors include Y Club - where she serves as president, Football Statcat, annual staff, prom committee, Leadership TAG, Dance Etc. Senior All-Star Dance Team, National Honor Society, 2001 KYA Chief Justice, 2001 Kentucky Governor's Scholar, Who's Who and WYMT Student-Achiever. Her future plans include attending Lexington's Transylvania University. She is scheduled to be escorted by Matt Slone.

■ Bridget Lynn Bellamy, senior, daughter of Jerry and Sandra Bellamy of Prestonsburg. She is a member of the PHS dance team, tennis team, Y Club, annual staff, pep club, talented and gifted program, National Honor Society and Who's Who. She also served as a PHS Football Statcat and a wrestling mat maid, and currently attends First Baptist Church Irene Cole Memorial of Prestonsburg. Her future plans include attending college. She will be escorted by Jeremy Dustin Clark.

■ Courtney LeSha Collins, senior, daughter of Tommy and Pam Collins of Emma. Her organizations and honors include PHS majorette for three years, FFA member for one year, FBLA for one year, National Honor Roll, Spanish Club and All-American Scholar. She attends 3rd Avenue Freewill Baptist Church in Prestonsburg. Her future plans are to attend college. She will be escorted by T.C. Hatfield.

■ Breanne Gabrielle Harmon, senior, daughter of Bob Harmon of Hueysville and Gary and Gwen Hale-Frazier of Prestonsburg. She is the captain of the boys' varsity cheerleading squad, and is also involved with the tennis team, annual staff, National Honor Society, and attends Auxier Freewill Baptist Church. The PHS senior is also a Governor's Scholar in addition to being a UCA All-Star, and a member of Who's Who and the National Honor Society. Her

(See HOMECOMING, page five)



Corvette Museum exhibit honors Earnhardt

by CHRIS DUNCAN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BOWLING GREEN - Chris Brown walked carefully, keeping his home-video camera steady as he and his wife approached a replica of Dale Earnhardt's black No. 3 Monte Carlo.

"Pretty cool," said Audra Brown, 27, as she peered into the driver's side window.

The NASCAR fans from Milwaukee heard about the National Corvette Museum's tribute to the late seven-time Winston Cup champion while touring Daytona International Speedway.

Since it was on the way home - just off Interstate 65 outside this Kentucky town 60 miles north of Nashville, Tenn., - the Browns decided to stop.

They were glad they did. They still pause for a moment when they remember the end of last year's Daytona 500, when the No. 3 car swerved into the wall on the final lap, killing Earnhardt. "It's kind of eerie. I mean, he was the sport," said Chris Brown, sporting a black Daytona T-shirt as he toured the collection of cars and Earnhardt memorabilia.

Parked next to Earnhardt's racer is a replica of his son's red No. 8 car. Across the corridor is a more conventional black 1995 Monte Carlo, complete with Earnhardt's signature on the dashboard in white marker and an official North Carolina registration.

The museum also has Dale Earnhardt Jr.'s own fire-engine red 1999 Corvette and one of his racing suits.



Alicia Slone



Breanna Harmon



Bridget Bellamy



Courtney Collins



Megan Barber



Stephanie Dye

■ MARSHALL

Slay named First-Team NABC/Pontiac All-District

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

OVERLAND PARK, Kan. - The National Association of Basketball Coaches announced today that Marshall University senior guard Tamar Slay is a First-Team NABC All-District 4 selection. Slay, a native of Beckley, W.Va., joins

Georgetown's Kevin Braswell as this year's only repeat First-Team selections in the district.

"We are very pleased for Tamar," Marshall Head Coach Greg White said. "Hopefully, Tamar can continue his strong play and help our team down the stretch."

The NABC announced all 15

NABC/Pontiac Division 1 All-District Teams today. These teams recognize the best men's collegiate basketball student-athletes in the country. Selected and voted on by member coaches of the NABC, the student-athletes from the 15 districts, are now eligible for the NABC/Pontiac Division 1 All-American Team to be announced at the conclusion of the 2001-2002 NCAA men's basketball season.

In addition to Slay and Braswell, the District 4 First-Team selections include Georgetown's Mike Sweetney, Virginia Military Institute's Jason Conley, and George Washington's Chris Monroe.

Willie Taylor of VCU, Chris Moss of West Virginia, Tommy Adams of Hampton, David Fanning of James Madison and Andrey Savtchenko of Radford were named to the district's second-team.

Slay, currently leads Marshall in scoring with 18 points per game. He ranks among Marshall's Top-10 all-time scorers with 1,621 career points and he is second all-time at Marshall with 235 career three pointers. Slay's MU teammate, Paintsville native J.R. VanHoose, was also considered for the award.

■ PRO WRESTLING

More names added to AWF Ashland card

ASHLAND - AWF Commissioner has updated the talent for the Ashland, Ky event on March 23, 2002. Stars scheduled to appear include, The Green Brothers, J.T. Funk, Venus, B.J. the D.J., Bobby Storm, The Rodfather, plus the debuts of Shawn Adams, Kid Apollo and The Interns. More names are to be added in the coming weeks before the show.

The AWF invites trained professional wrestlers to submit resumes and tapes for future employment

If you are a pro wrestler and currently not working for another

promotion in the Eastern Kentucky area and would like to work for the AWF, send tape and pricing information to: Joe Clark, 385 E. Campbell Branch, Morehead, Ky, 40351

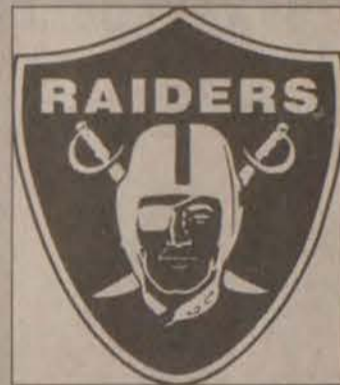
If your club, school, civic organization, police or fire department would like to sponsor live AWF wrestling and make a big profit by doing so, please call Joe Clark at 606/784-9186.

You can also email AWF Promoter Joe Clark at jbc00le@excite.com This email address will only be used for AWF purposes.

Athletes of the Week



Randy Little, Prestonsburg, State Tournament Wrestler, 215-pound class

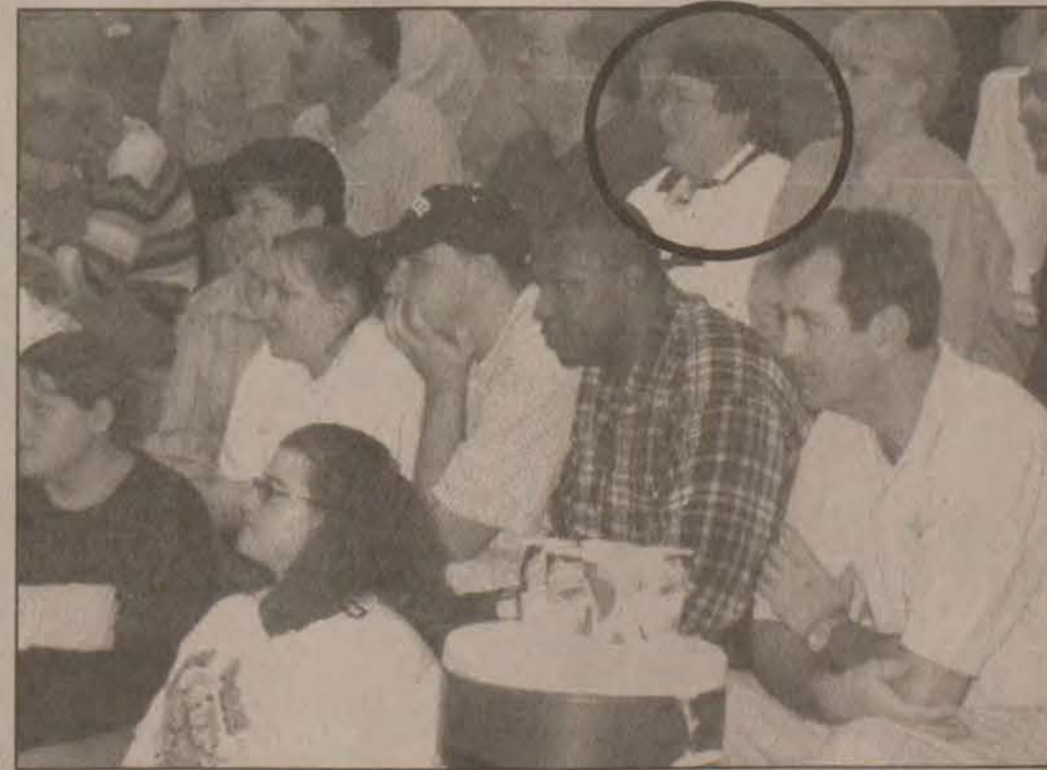


Tabitha Trammel, South Floyd, 11 points vs. Shelby Valley



of Prestonsburg

SPORTS FAN OF THE WEEK



If you are the sports fan circled here... it's your lucky day!

Bring this photo to The Floyd County Times office at 263 South Central Avenue (down the street from the courthouse) to claim your Gift Certificate, which will entitle you to a free 8-inch ice cream cake of your choice, redeemable at DAIRY QUEEN OF PRESTONSBURG, and choice of a Times hat or coffee mug.

NEW AT THE TIMES...

EACH FRIDAY, THE FLOYD COUNTY TIMES WILL DEVOTE A PAGE TO AUTO RACING. THE TIMES WILL FEATURE NEWS AND NOTES FROM AREA DIRT TRACKS AS WELL AS THE LATEST FROM NASCAR ALONG WITH SOME OF THE SMALLER RACE GROUPS. THE TIMES WILL ALSO FEATURE PROFILES ON LOCAL RACERS.

RACING

DAYTONA
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SUNDAY

Rookie Riggs has lofty goals in Busch Series

MOORESVILLE, N.C. — Scott Riggs is preparing to make his mark in the 2002 records books as the first driver in NASCAR Busch Series history to win the rookie of the year and the championship titles in the same season.

Scott begins his quest, as the 2002 season gets under way with the EAS/GNC Live Well 300 February 16th at Daytona International Speedway.

No driver in NASCAR Busch Series history has held dual titles in the same season, but Riggs has set his sights on being the first. "We have set some very lofty goals for this season," Riggs said. "We want to be a potential winner in every race, and we have our sights set on both Rookie of the Year and the Championship. Daytona is the first steppingstone to reach those goals. We plan on going out there, sitting on the

pole and winning the race." Riggs and the No. 10 Nesquik Racing team tested at Daytona International Speedway on Jan. 24-25, and posted the 18th fastest speed with a fast lap of 182.341 mph. However, neither Riggs nor his team is discouraged.

"Speedway testing is one of the hardest things," Riggs said. "You can't really put your hand on something and fix it. It's trial and error. You go out

there and make three laps and come in, go out there and make three laps and come in. You continue this cycle until you find some speed."

"We learned a lot while testing in Daytona. Despite some initial frustration, we were able to find a set-up that will keep us running competitively and keep us up front during the race. While it's unfortunate that the Fords are at such a disadvantage on the superspeed-

ways, I am more than confident that we have a great chance of winning this race and more importantly, setting the tone for the entire season."

Crew chief Harold Holly agrees wholeheartedly.

"We are really looking forward to Daytona. This team is ready to go back out there and pick up where we left

(See RIGGS, page five)

Waltrip returns to Daytona with renewed confidence

by JENNA FRYER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Michael Waltrip needed 17 years to prove he could win a Winston Cup race. He still hasn't shaken all his doubters.

Waltrip won the season-opening Daytona 500 last season, the only victory of his career, but followed it with an inconsistent season. He had only two more Top 10 finishes, went through two crew chiefs and finished 24th in the final standings.

His performance led to whispers that the Daytona victory was a fluke, a product of the strong equipment at Dale Earnhardt Inc., and had nothing to do with his driving abilities.

But he wiped the slate clean and returned to Daytona confident he can successfully defend his title in Sunday's race.

"The confidence I had when

I started Daytona, I could feel it last year," Waltrip said. "For whatever reason, it didn't last."

It certainly didn't, and Waltrip, the driver who went his first 462 races without a win, was once again the driver who couldn't reach the winner's circle.

And once again, he was just the kid brother of three-time Winston Cup champion Darrell Waltrip.

"Most people even today introduce me as his brother, or his son, and it will always be that way," Michael Waltrip said. "He preceded me. He accomplished many great things. I

think the young fans will know me because I'm Michael, but the older fans will know me because I'm Darrell's brother.

"That doesn't bother me a bit because I was the biggest Darrell Waltrip fan growing up."

But Waltrip is ready to win some races again and expand his fan base.

It's vital that he does.

It's no secret that DEI, which fields his Chevrolet, was disappointed with last year. But they're sticking by Waltrip, who was hand-picked by Dale

Earnhardt to drive the team's third car, because Earnhardt always believed Waltrip could win races.

Earnhardt was killed in the final turn of last year's Daytona 500, never seeing his buddy cross the finish line first for the first time.

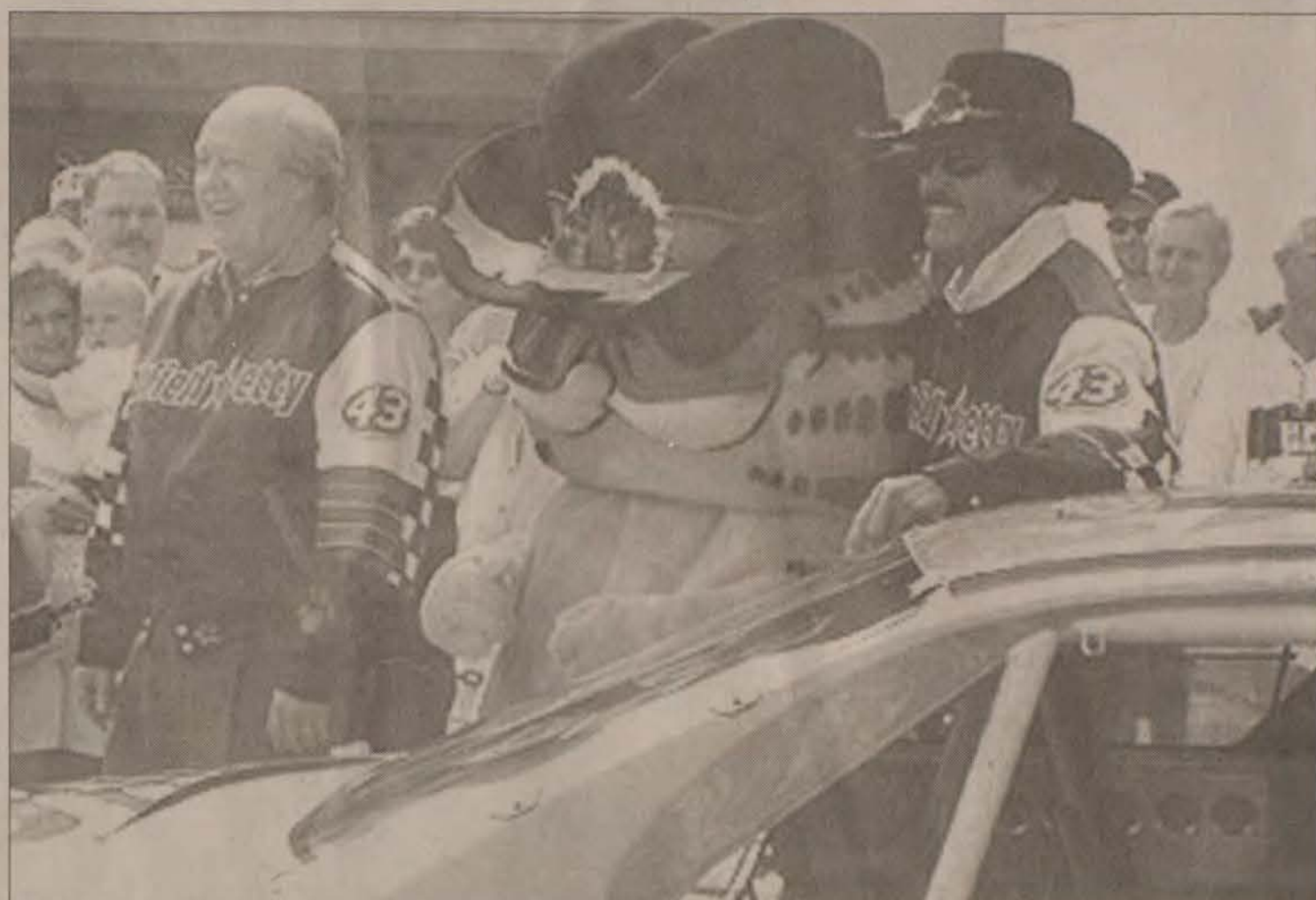
"That was a pretty tough deal," Waltrip said. "I kept waiting in Victory Lane for him to come up behind me and

wrap me up in a big hug and say 'Now that's what I'm talking about.' He never came."

Waltrip is eager to put that lone win behind him, but also wants to rely on his experience from it to defend his title. He's no stranger at Daytona, finishing in the top 10 of the Twin 125 qualifiers 11 times, capturing five top 10s in the Daytona 500 and three top 10s in the Pepsi 400.

"I've always felt like I knew how to drive here," Waltrip says. "If I qualified last, I knew I could come to the front

(See WALTRIP, page five)



NASCAR 'King' Richard Petty played the part of a cool cat along with his pal Garfield.

Petty, Garfield team up

DAYTONA BEACH — The coolest cats in their fields have come together for an exciting licensing program.

Richard Petty, the seven-time NASCAR Winston Cup champion, and Paws Inc., the corporation that handles Jim Davis' Garfield series of newspaper comic strips and television cartoons, have announced a two-year licensing agreement that will surpass anything the sport has seen. The announcement was made today at Daytona USA.

"Garfield has been a part of my life and part of my family's life for his 25 years. In talking with (creator) Jim Davis, I found out that the Petty family and NASCAR racing have been something he has been following too," said Petty. "We obviously think this is going to be a great deal for all of us, and especially for the race fans."

"But I'll tell you right now it's as big a deal as it gets for my grandchildren and their

friends," he added. "They are jumping up and down over this one."

Petty Enterprises and Paws Inc. will collaborate in a series of souvenir merchandise, specialty cars, events and promotions. Much of the proceeds will go to the Victory Junction Gang Camp for chronically ill children and the Kyle Petty Charity Ride.

"The main thing is it's going to be a lot of fun for everybody," said Kyle Petty, CEO of Petty Enterprises. "Here we have the two 'coolest cats' in racing and in comics working together. Where else would you find two 'cooler dudes with an attitude?'"

Said Davis, who has seen Garfield grow from a daily comic strip to the most successful cat in the world, "I'm all revved up about Garfield's relationship with Richard Petty and Petty Enterprises. The 'Cat In The Hat' (Richard Petty) is the perfect partner for 'The Fat Cat.' They're both larger than life charac-

ters with king-sized appetites for fun. I know we're all in for a great time, and with the added benefit of helping Victory Junction, there's bound to be a lot of grinnin' and winnin' ahead."

Petty Enterprises is the most successful stock car racing team in history with more race victories and more championships than any other. Current NASCAR Winston Cup teams include the No. 43 Cheeris/Betty Crocker Dodge of John Andretti, the No. 44 Georgia-Pacific Dodge of Buckshot Jones and the No. 45 Sprint Dodge of Kyle Petty.

As a marketing entity, Petty Enterprises continues to lead the stock car racing teams with its creative and unique programs. The organization was the first to successfully coordinate marketing programs between car sponsors and to assist in the development and implementation of successful marketing programs for all of its business partners.

Jarretts support breast cancer awareness

DEARBORN, Mich. — Race fans this season can once again join Dale and Kelley Jarrett, Ford Credit and the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation in their endeavor to eradicate breast cancer as a life-threatening disease.

The first opportunity starts Thursday at Daytona International Speedway. By visiting the Race Fans for a Cure display booth at the Ford midway tent located outside of turn four of the speedway until Sunday, fans can play an important role in the continued fight against breast cancer.

Race Fans for a Cure — a joint initiative involving Ford Credit, Dale and

Kelley Jarrett and the Komen Foundation — will be at Daytona International Speedway between 7 a.m.-5 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, and 7 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Sunday.

Fans can also make donations through www.racefansforcure.com. Race Fans for a Cure display booths received \$51,458.93 in donations from race fans in 2001. With a matching donation from Ford Credit, the total presented to the Komen Foundation last year was \$102,917.86.

Ford Credit, associate sponsor of the No. 88 NASCAR Winston Cup Taurus driven by Dale Jarrett, sponsors a Race Fans for a Cure display booth at various

NASCAR events and Ford Racing Fan Appreciation Days during the season. Race Fans for a Cure is an initiative designed to increase awareness of breast cancer and the importance of early detection. The display booth offers information about the Komen Foundation, its mission, the three steps to early breast cancer detection and is equipped to accept donations from fans.

For a \$1 donation, fans can personalize a pink paper ribbon and receive a keepsake enamel ribbon pin to show their support. In addition, Race Fans for a Cure offers an exclusive, collectible tin to generate funds for the fight

against breast cancer. This tin, containing two Dale Jarrett No. 88 die-cast cars, is available to those making a donation of \$20 or more. All proceeds go to the Komen Foundation to support the fight against breast cancer through funding of innovative research and community-based outreach programs.

In addition, since 1998, Ford Credit has donated money to the Komen Foundation for every top-three finish and pole position (fastest qualifying time) that Dale Jarrett collects during the season. Since its inception, Ford Credit has donated \$585,000 to the Komen Foundation based on Jarrett's on-track performance and end-of-sea-

son bonuses — including \$92,500 in 2001. Ford Credit gives the Komen Foundation \$10,000 for each of Dale's victories, \$7,500 for each second-place finish, \$5,000 for each third-place finish, and \$5,000 for each pole won.

To learn more about Race Fans for a Cure, the Komen Foundation, Ford Credit and their efforts to help raise awareness of breast cancer and the importance of early detection, fans can log on to www.racefansforcure.com.

The Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation was established in 1982 by Nancy Brinker to honor the memory of

(See JARRETT, page five)



photo courtesy of varsity.com

The Pikeville High School boys' varsity cheerleaders captured a national championship, finishing first in the Small Varsity division in the UCA Championships last weekend.

■ UK BASKETBALL

No. 10 Kentucky 67, Vanderbilt 59

by STEVE BAILEY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — Struggling to score consistently, the Kentucky Wildcats again turned to their smothering defense when they needed to put an opponent away.

Tayshaun Prince had 20 points, and No. 10 Kentucky held Vanderbilt to 36 percent shooting in Wednesday night's 67-59 victory over the Commodores.

The Wildcats (17-6, 7-4 Southeastern Conference) shot only 39 percent themselves, but forced 17 turnovers and blocked eight shots. They are 11-1 this season when they limit opponents to less than 40 percent shooting.

"The next two weeks, we have to play defense like we did," said Keith Bogans, who had 12 points, four rebounds and three assists. "We also need to make some shots, but the main thing is defense."

The victory was the second in a row for the Wildcats and fourth in five games as they try to keep pace with Florida and Georgia in the SEC's Eastern Division.

Gerald Fitch and Jules Camara each added 10 points for Kentucky, which beat the Commodores for the 18th straight time.

Kentucky coach Tubby Smith covets hard-nosed, pressure defense above all else. Although disappointed by his team's lackluster showing on offense, he was thrilled with its defensive intensity.

"It took us playing good defense to pull this one out because Vanderbilt did a good job controlling the tempo," Smith said. "We just aren't scoring points. We were at the beginning of the season, but we haven't been lately."

Matt Freije and Chuck Moore each scored 17 points to lead the Commodores (14-10, 4-7), who have never won at Rupp Arena in 25 games.

"They have the ability to turn it up defensively when they need to," Vanderbilt coach Kevin Stallings said. "Few teams have that ability. They get offense from their defense, which is what good teams do."

Other than on the defensive end, Kentucky's big advantage came at the foul line. The Wildcats were 23-of-32, while the Commodores went 10-of-14, and Kentucky needed just about every free throw as it kept misfiring from the field.

The Wildcats went more than four minutes without scoring in the first half and made just three field goals in the final 15:24.

Vanderbilt was even worse. The Commodores went scoreless for nearly eight minutes in the first half and were 7-of-22 from 3-point range. Freije and Moore combined to make just 12 of 28 shots.

"We obviously didn't shoot it very well, but our defense was strong," Camara said. "Going into these last few games, we've got to become a tight circle and play like we're going into a war."

Bogans hit consecutive jumpers, including his first of three 3-pointers, to spark a 13-0 run that gave Kentucky a 19-8 lead at the seven-minute mark.

Bogans made another 3 to put the Wildcats up 44-30 with 15:20 to play.

A 7-0 Vanderbilt run cut it to 44-37 with 12:22 remaining, and Moore's 3-pointer pulled the Commodores to 56-52 at the three-minute mark.

They got no closer.

"We seem to be making a lot of turnovers at the wrong times, when teams are trying to come back," said Prince, who was 7-of-12 from the field and 6-of-6 from the line. "We've got to start establishing a better inside game. When we get the ball inside, positive things happen."

Homecoming

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future plans include attending college and majoring in medicine. Brad Bevins will serve as her escort.

Stephanie Michelle Dye, senior, daughter of Michael and Patricia Dye of Prestonsburg. Her organizations and honors include Who's Who, wrestling mat maid, Governor's Scholar, National Honor Society (Chaplain, track team, National Honor Roll, Future Christian Athletes of America (FCA), and PHS dance team (three years). She is a member of the Prestonsburg Church of Christ. Future plans are to attend Georgetown College where she will pursue a career in the field of medicine. She will be escorted by Brandt Brooks.

Tabitha Jeanann Hughes, senior, daughter of Randall and Cheryl Hughes of Martin. Organizations and honors include co-captain of the dance team, Spanish Club, National Honor Society, E.D.A. All-American and Who's Who. Future plans include to stay in her home state and attend the University of Kentucky. Her escort will be Craig Fleener.

Alicia Marie Slone, senior, daughter of Charles and Estalene Slone of Blue River. Organizations and honors include National Honor Society, National Honor Roll, Who's Who, All-American Scholar, Spanish Club, PSI and peer mediation. She is a member of the Middle Creek Baptist Church. Her future plans include attends college where she will pursue a career in medicine. Josh Murdock will serve as an escort.

High School Hoops Notebook

TIMES STAFF REPORT

BOYS

Johnson Central head coach Les Trimble, a former Golden Eagle player himself, registered his first-ever coaching win over rival Paintsville Saturday night at Golden Eagle Fieldhouse.

Monticello's Terry Brown got plenty of practice shooting free throws in a 75-49 loss to North Laurel last Tuesday. Brown was fouled on four different three-point attempts in the game. Teammate Luke Bristow pulled down 16 rebounds in the contest.

Ohio County's Travis Tong scored a career-high 35 points and pulled down a career-high 12 rebounds in 91-87 win over Apollo last Tuesday. Tong was hot from the field, nailing 15 of 17 shot attempts.

South Oldham's Travis Foley was a perfect 15 of 15 from the free throw line in last Tuesday's 73-70 loss to Woodford County.

Ryan Cochran of St. Mary scorched the nets for 40 points

last Tuesday in a 92-87 win over Massac County, Ill. Cochran was seven of 11 from three-point range. The performance marked the third time this season the senior has surpassed the 40 points plateau. Heading in to last Friday's 81-46 loss to regional power Paducah Tilghman, Cochran was just 84 points shy of establishing a new school scoring record.

Jerome Givens of Woodford County tied his personal best as well as the school record with 42 points in a 73-70 win over South Oldham last Friday. Givens now has two 42-point efforts with the first coming against Pulaski Southwestern back in December.

GIRLS

Cassie Shemwell of Todd County Central posted a double-double last Tuesday in a 58-38 win over Trigg County. Shemwell scored 28 points and pulled down 20 rebounds in the contest.

Angela Mullins of Hopkins County Central has

become the fastest player to post 1,000 career points in the six-year history of the school. She achieved the mark with a 27-point, 17-rebound performance, in a 63-48 win over Webster County last Monday. The performance marked Mullins' 19th double-double effort on the year and gave her 790 career rebounds. Mullins is a junior center for The Storm.

Destiny Mattingly of Woodford County recorded her 1,000th career point last Monday night in a 63-35 win over Lafayette. A varsity player since the seventh grade and now a freshman, Mattingly has 1,008 points and is sixth among the school's all-time scorers.

Belfry's Jessica Lovell scored a career-high 28 points in a 62-52 win last Monday over district rival Elkhorn City.

Boyle's Courtney Baines recorded 11 steals against North Laurel last Monday. The Lady Rebels won, 49-39.

Ashley Broady of Christian Academy (Louisville) surpassed the 1,000 career points mark last week.

■ NAI A TRACK AND FIELD

NAIA outdoor track & field comes to Olathe, Kan.

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

OLATHE, Kan. — The NAIA Outdoor Track & Field National Championships will call Olathe home from May 23-25. An estimated 1,600 coaches and student-athletes across North America will travel to the area to compete in the three-day competition being held at the Olathe District Athletic Complex, bringing thousands of fans to the Kansas City Metro Area.

An economic impact study estimates that athletes will spend a total of more than 6,500 "visitor days" in the Kansas City area and 5,000 spectators will spend another 10,000 "visitor days." Together they will likely spend \$2.8 million in hotels, restaurants, and businesses,

according to the Johnson County Economic Research Institute.

"The economic impact is great news for Olathe and the entire metropolitan area," said L. Franklin Taylor, president of the Olathe Chamber of Commerce. "This event underscores the emergence of sports as an economic development tool and a draw for the area, and it attracts more national recognition for the community."

Organized by the Chamber's Olathe Sports Advisory Council, the event will feature the 51st Annual NAIA Men's Outdoor Track & Field National Championships and the 22nd annual for the women. Held in locations such as Canada, California and Georgia, Olathe will provide a centrally located

venue for the event.

Among those expecting to compete will be more than a dozen Olympic hopefuls:

Marlon Baranaby, McKendree College (Ill.) — Sprinter

Mathew Boyles, University of Rio Grande (Ohio) — Race Walker

Melocia Clarke, Central State University (Ohio) — Sprinter

Bryan Clay, Azusa Pacific University (Calif.) — Decathlon

Betty-Ann Haywood, McKendree College (Ohio) — Sprinter, Triple & Long Jump

Robby Hughes, Life University (Ga.) — Sprinter

Anthony Kabara, Cumberland College (Ky.) — Middle Distance

Sharline Maxwell, Briar Cliff University (Iowa) — Long Jump

Ricardo Melbourne, Central State University (Ohio) — Sprinter

Emilie Mondor, Simon Fraser University (B.C.) — Distance Runner

Shannon Mihaltan, Hastings College (Neb.) — Heptathlon

Vida Nsiah, Central State University — Sprinter

Tonya Thomas, McKendree College (Ill.) — Shot Put

Agne Visockeite, McKendree College (Ill.) — Sprinter

A Hall of Fame luncheon on May 22, inducting former Olympian Dave Johnson from Azusa Pacific University (Calif.), registration and the NAIA Head Track Coaches Association business meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn-Olathe, which will serve as the event headquarters.

"Thirty-one current or former athletes from NAIA institutions competed in the 2000 United States Olympic Track & Field Trials in Sacramento, Calif.," said Steve Baker, NAIA president. "The competition is breath-taking."

Jarrett

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her sister, Susan G. Komen, who died from breast cancer at age 36. Today, the Foundation is an international organization with a

Riggs

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off," Holly said. "The chemistry with Scott and this team is solid. We all share the same drive and determination for success and that will keep our momentum moving forward to put the No. 10 Nesquik Ford in victory lane again, which is exactly where it belongs."

Waltrip

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because I could get my car handling well — which is always important — and I could play the draft game as well as anyone.

"I really feel that there isn't anyone better than me. Because of that, I've been successful."

His team at DEI is sure he'll be successful on Sunday. Waltrip has been working hard all winter to make sure this sea-

network of over 70,000 volunteers working through local Affiliates and Komen Race for the Cure events to eradicate breast cancer as a life-threatening disease by advancing research, education, screening and treatment.

The Foundation runs one of the most innovative, responsive grant programs in breast cancer today. In addition to funding research, the Foundation and its Affiliates fund community-based breast health education and breast cancer screening and treatment projects for the medically underserved.

son will be better than last and the results are expected to show immediately.

"I challenge anyone in this garage to show me someone who worked harder than Michael Waltrip," said Ty Norris, vice president of DEI. "Coming to the shop every day, bringing breakfast for the guys, he wants this to work, and we think it's going to"

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Bentley's Comments: A season of a different flavor

by RICK BENTLEY
TIMES COLUMNIST

LEXINGTON — I've been there. I know what it's like.

I've been in Rupp Arena when it happened, when the roof seemed to raise right up off the place. When the crowd has exploded in appreciation, leaping to their collective feet. When there was screaming, clapping and whistling.

When it was hug-your-friend, high-five-the-stranger-next-to-you loud.

I've seen it. I've experienced it. I know what it looks like, what it feels like.

Wednesday night, all signs pointed toward it. Lexington Center authorities were already burning up their cell phones in an effort to find contractors to repair the roof damages in time for the Sweet Sixteen and the NCAA South Regional.

The problem was, it didn't happen.

Imagine that. Wednesday night, 20,173 of us sat on the edge of our seats — except for Brad Lockard and I, who were wedged into ours between David Gross and The Wife — and begged, encouraged, cajoled and otherwise implored Tubby Smith's Kentucky Wildcats to give us just a fraction of a reason to make enough noise to register Richter Scale.

It didn't happen. Sure, we got what we ultimately wanted. Kentucky beat Vanderbilt by the unimpressive score of 67-59. It was an unimpressive night. The Cats managed to hit only 39.2 percent of their shots, and Vandy was worse, getting 36.2 percent of theirs to go.

Kentucky could get nothing going offensively, and Smith was only partially right when he credited Vandy's vaunted defense. Keith Bogans earned the praise of his coach for his efforts, and while he did work hard on the floor, he wasn't terribly impressive a good

part of the night.

Tayschaun Prince treated us to a solid night. The senior had 20 points and four rebounds, but even he seemed a shade off on Wednesday, probably because he missed all four of his three-pointers.

Here's what kind of a night it was in Rupp on Wednesday. Here's what it's like when 20,173 people are looking for any reason to jump to their feet and let out some pent up wintertime anxiety. Here's how bad it was:

Two of the loudest cheers on the night were for Rashaad Carruth, the troubled freshman who had been glued to the bench the last two games and has openly debated as to whether he wants to stay in Lexington past this season.

Two of the biggest ovations were for a guy who played nine minutes, missed all three of his shots from the field and half his free throws. He had one rebound and no assists.

Two of the chief opportunities to applaud on Wednesday came about simply because Carruth got up out of his seat and trotted down to the scorer's table.

How bad is that.

So on Wednesday, 20,173 of us came in from the cold to watch what is supposed to be a big-time basketball team play one of its longtime whipping boys. We came in to watch Kentucky move

Vanderbilt to a winless 0-25 in Rupp Arena.

We thought we'd see something warmer than the weather outside. Instead, we saw some frigid shooting and were sent back out onto the even colder streets of Lexington to find our ways home.

I suppose we shouldn't complain. The Cats did win, even if it wasn't terribly impressive. The way they've played this season, it wouldn't be too much of a stretch to imagine Vandy ending its three-decade-long miserable showing in Rupp.

But in the end, it didn't happen.

I guess it's kind of like when you finally get to eat at a new restaurant, one you've been looking forward to for a long time. You keep hearing about what a great experience it is, how nice the service is, how good the food can be.

Then you get there, and for some reason, things aren't quite right. The waitress was nice enough, but you've had better. The food is on time, but nothing you haven't had better at a place across town.

In the end, you leave full, but not quite satisfied.

Like not having dessert. Wednesday night, we went to Rupp Arena looking for steak and lobster, but were served grilled chicken and ham. There's nothing

wrong with chicken and ham, unless you were looking for steak.

Wednesday night, there was no sizzle in Rupp. I've been there.

I've had the steak, and know how good it can be.

But this year, it seems to be a down year for steak.

BOYS' VARSITY

Betsy Layne beats Jackson City, falls to Shelby Valley

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

BETSY LAYNE — The homestanding Betsy Layne Bobcats defeated the Jackson City Tigers 73-49 Friday night at the D. W. Howard Field House in Betsy Layne. The win improved the Bobcats' record to 14-11 on the season. Struggling Jackson City's fell to 4-15.

Betsy Layne outscored the Tigers 17-6 in the first quarter and 17-14 in the second to take a 34-20 lead in at the half.

Jackson City played much better in the third quarter, outscoring the host Bobcats 15-10 to cut the lead to nine, 44-35.

Betsy Layne exploded for 29 fourth-quarter points and held the Tigers to 14 final stanza marks to pull away 73-49.

Senior forward Jeremy Daniels led the Bobcats in scoring with 15 points. Junior guard

Bobo Hamilton and sophomore guard Jordan Kidd each had 10 points apiece, while senior guard Wes Senters added nine points. Sophomore forward Brandon Hall chipped in with seven points, senior guard Wes Meade scored six, junior forward Chris Cochran finished with five and sophomore Brent Akers added three. Sophomores Brent Newsome and Jordan Scarberry, senior Josh Allen, and junior Wes Howell rounded out the Betsy Layne scoring with two points each.

Betsy Layne returned to action Tuesday night, playing host to Shelby Valley. The Bobcats got blasted by the visiting Shelby Valley team, falling 88-50. The Bobcats still have some regular season games to play but will enter the upcoming 58th District Tournament as a No. 3 seed, taking on No. 2 Prestonsburg in the opening round of the tourney.

Prestonsburg JV pounds Sheldon Clark

by JAMIE HOWELL
SPORTS WRITER

Prestonsburg junior varsity coach Bobby Hackworth always knew that Kris Bentley could shoot the basketball and on Tuesday night the Blackcat guard proved he could by connecting on 11 three-pointers on his way to 39 points on the night as Prestonsburg defeated Sheldon Clark 75-50. Basketball players dream of the game that Bentley had Tuesday, as the

young man was in the zone.

Prestonsburg fell behind early in the contest as the Cardinals found the range from the outside by hitting six treys in the first quarter. Sheldon Clark would take a 22-18 lead after one quarter of play as Asher Maynard, Brandon May, and Jason Hammonds all would contribute six points each to stake the Cards to the early lead.

Prestonsburg would battle back in the second quarter behind the hot shooting of Bentley and Trevor Compton as the two combined for 15 of the Blackcats 16 second-quarter points.

The defense of the cats in the second quarter forced the cards to take the bad shot, which led to easy transition baskets for Prestonsburg.

At the half Prestonsburg held a slim lead at 34-32.

The second half would prove to be the Cardinals demise as they were outscored by the Blackcats 21-7.

The Blackcats would only allow Sheldon Clark five shots at the goal in the third period as the pressure really got to the Cards who turned the ball over seven times in the third quarter. Prestonsburg's Michael Morrison tossed in five third quarter points for the cats on his way to double figures as he finished the game with 13 points and five rebounds.

The final quarter would also belong to Prestonsburg as they outscored Sheldon Clark 20-11 in the quarter to post the final tally of 75-50.

The Blackcats only allowed the Cardinals to attempt ten shots in the second half and that was the difference in the game as the Blackcats came away with the lopsided win.

SCORING

Prestonsburg (75) — Bentley 39, Compton 15, Morrison 13, J. Chaffin 3, H. Chaffin 2, Allen 2 points, John Mark Stephens 1.

Sheldon Clark (50) — May 22, Steven Howell 11, Hammonds 6, Maynard 6, Moore 5.

Team Free Throws
Prestonsburg 6-of-9
Sheldon Clark 7-of-8

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District Tournaments (Feb. 25-March 2)

- 1 — Fulton City; 2 — Lone Oak; 3 — Mayfield; 4 — Marshall Co.; 5 — Crittenden Co.; 6 — Henderson Co.; 7 — Hopkins Co. Central; 8 — Hopkinsville; 9 — Apollo; 10 — Muhlenberg North; 11 — Trinity (Whitesville); 12 — McLean Co.; 13 — Logan Co.; 14 — Warren East; 15 — Edmonson Co.; 16 — Clinton Co.; 17 — North Hardin (Boys), Central Hardin (Girls); 18 — Caverna; 19 — Bethlehem; 20 — Campbellsville; 21 — Shawnee; 22 — Western; 23 — Valley; 24 — Iroquois; 25 — Male; 26 — Atherton; 27 — Jeffersonstown; 28 — Eastern; 29 — Bullitt Central; 30 — Shelby Co.; 31 — Oldham Co.; 32 — Scott Co.; 33 — Simon Kenton; 34 — Dixie Heights; 35 — Holmes; 36 — Dayton; 37 — Bourbon Co.; 38 — Pendleton Co. (Boys), Bracken Co. (Girls); 39 — Fleming Co.; 40 — Montgomery Co.; 41 — Western Hills; 42 — East Jessamine; 43 — Henry Clay; 44 — EKV McBrayer Arena; 45 — Casey Co.; 46 — Harrodsburg; 47 — Site of #1 Seed; 48 — Pulaski Co.; 49 — Clay Co.; 50 — Lynn Camp; 51 — Pineville; 52 — Cawood; 53 — Whitesburg (Boys), Letcher (Girls); 54 — Hazard; 55 — Knott Co. Central; 56 — Lee Co.; 57 — Johnson Central; 58 — Prestonsburg; 59 — Millard; 60 — Phelps; 61 — Morgan Co.; 62 — West Carter; 63 — Russell; 64 — Rose Hill.

Boys' Regional Tournaments (March 4-9)

- 1 — Murray State University; 2 — Madisonville-North Hopkins; 3 — Apollo; 4 — Western Kentucky University; 5 — Central Hardin; 6 — Louisville Gardens; 7 — Louisville Gardens; 8 — Henry Co.; 9 — Conner; 10 — Mason Co.; 11 — Farnham Dudgeon Civic Center, Frankfort; 12 — Russell Co.; 13 — Rockcastle Co.; 14 — Perry Co. Central; 15 — Pike Co. Central; 16 — Morehead State University.

Girls' Regional Tournaments (March 4-12)

- 1 — Murray State University; 2 — Caldwell Co.; 3 — Muhlenberg North; 4 — Western Kentucky University; 5 — Nelson Co.; 6 — Louisville Gardens; 7 — Louisville Gardens; 8 — Bullitt Central; 9 — Ryle; 10 — Mason Co.; 11 — Bryan Station; 12 — Pulaski Co.; 13 — Rockcastle Co.; 14 — Hazard; 15 — Pike Co. Central; 16 — Morehead State University.

Adams Middle School honors eighth-graders

Eighth-grade members of the Adams Middle School boys' basketball team were honored at a recent game. Those honored included Josh Newsome, Nick McGuire, Zack Ousley, Ronnie Stephens, Joey York, Patrick Henderson, James

Hale, Joe Martin, Andrew Shepherd, Justin Spears, Michael Stephens, Brooks Herrick and Michael Lackey. The boys are coached by head coach James DeRossett and assistants Rodney Ousley and Dennis Walker.



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Marlins and Devil Rays were contraction candidates

by RONALD BLUM
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Florida and Tampa Bay were among the 18 teams originally considered for elimination this year, baseball's top lawyer told the Senate Judiciary Committee.

"There were a number of teams that were contraction candidates, including teams from the state of Florida," Bob DuPuy, baseball's chief legal officer, said when questioned Wednesday by committee chairman Patrick J. Leahy, D-Vt.

Montreal and Minnesota eventually were chosen as the targeted teams, a move that dominated the offseason until contraction was blocked for this year in the courts.

Wednesday's 2 1/2-hour hearing was far less contentious and far more informative than a similar session held Dec. 6 by the House Judiciary Committee, which also is considering legisla-

tion to further restrict baseball's antitrust exemption.

Baseball commissioner Bud Selig, who frustrated members of the House panel with evasive answers, did not testify this time.

Among Wednesday's revelations:

■ Union head Donald Fehr committed to increasing revenue sharing, but management officials said the players' initial proposal was to raise the amount of locally shared revenue from 20 percent to 22.5 percent, rather than the 50 percent in the owners' plan.

■ DuPuy said Alabama businessman Donald Watkins "submitted at least a preliminary offer to acquire the Minnesota Twins."

■ Fehr said the union would consider accepting a competitive-balance draft in the next labor contract.

■ DuPuy said owners never

discussed using contraction to get leverage to obtain new ballparks for the threatened teams.

Sen. Jeff Sessions, R-Ala., claimed that just a week before Selig said Jan. 17 that Washington was a "prime candidate" for getting a relocated team, baseball officials had told Watkins "it was a waste of time to discuss relocation of a team to Washington, D.C."

Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., railed against "exorbitant" player salaries, and Leahy brought along a cap from his home-state Vermont Expos, a Class-A team.

Florida Attorney General Bob Butterworth, who in 1992 sued to try to get the San Francisco Giants to move to Tampa Bay, joked with Feinstein, who pointed out he was now suing to prevent possible moves of Florida teams.

"We'll trade the Marlins for the San Francisco Giants," he

said.

The legislation to eliminate baseball's antitrust exemption was proposed in November after the sport decided to eliminate two teams. The contraction plan was blocked for this year by a Minnesota injunction obtained by the Twins' landlord.

The House committee was to debate the bill Wednesday, but its sponsor, Michigan Democrat John Conyers Jr., asked for a postponement. The committee's Republican majority claimed it was because he didn't have sufficient votes for approval, a committee official said on the condition of anonymity.

Its prospects on the Senate side also are unclear. Both Feinstein and the ranking minority member, Sen. Orrin G. Hatch, R-Utah, said they were opposed at this time.

The final 35 minutes of the hearing were spent with Sen. Mike DeWine, R-Ohio, going over baseball's labor proposals in intricate detail. DeWine backed management's claim of a lack of competitive balance.

"I want a solution to this problem so that every year I can look

forward to spring training with a realistic hope that the Indians and the Reds both have a realistic shot of winning the pennant," he said.

With contraction no longer an issue for this year, collective bargaining will resume soon. Baseball's labor contract expired Nov. 7, but neither side has threatened what would be the sport's ninth work stoppage since 1972.

"Why we're here is an inability to get a labor deal that works," DuPuy said.

Owners, according to DuPuy, would prefer an NFL- or NBA-style salary cap but have abandoned hope of getting it in these negotiations, realizing it would lead to another work stoppage.

Instead, owners proposed on Jan. 9 to more than double the amount of shared local revenue, after a deduction for ballpark expenses, and to have a 50 percent luxury tax on the portions of payroll above \$98 million.

"Our 30 years of bargaining history suggests we're not going to get a salary cap, we're not going to get 50 percent revenue sharing, we're not going to get anywhere close to that," DuPuy

said.

Revenue sharing transferred about \$160 million last year from the teams with the highest revenue to those with the lowest.

Fehr, when pressed by DeWine, said the union was in favor of more revenue sharing, but DuPuy said the players' plan would have increased that total by just \$20 million to \$30 million. Fehr said it was only an initial proposal and that the union was awaiting a response.

A year ago, owners contemplated asking for a competitive-balance draft, in which teams with the eight lowest winning percentages in the previous three years would be allowed to make selections from the eight with the highest winning percentages. Owners shelved it because they thought players would object, DuPuy said, but would now reconsider because Fehr seemed amenable.

Washington's attempt to get a major league team came up repeatedly. Sessions, a law-school classmate of Watkins, seemed to be probing whether baseball would allow him to buy the Expos and move them.

Construction complete on BMS infield pedestrian tunnel

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

Construction on the \$400,000 infield pedestrian tunnel at Bristol Motor Speedway now is complete. The eight-foot-tall, nine-foot-wide tunnel passes under the turn three section of

the Speedway, opening near a television camera platform in the infield, and exiting under the Darrell Waltrip Grandstand at the turn three cross-over.

Construction also added a wider turn three cross-over gate, making it easier for NASCAR

team haulers to enter the Speedway's infield. Fantasy In Lights guests also will appreciate a wider opening for the drive-through holiday light attraction.

Construction included cutting the track and retaining wall, digging a large trench, and installing a series of eight-foot-long, pre-formed reinforced concrete boxes that make up the tunnel's passage.

"Our most important challenge," said Scott Hatcher, BMS Director of Operations and Development, "was restoring the track surface of NASCAR's most popular speedway."

But wait, that's not all.

Construction of a new infield building is under way and fans will benefit as Bristol's victory lane will be relocated to the top of the new structure. The new and improved victory lane, set to be ready for the Food City 500 race weekend, is just another way BMS continues to reach out to its fans.

Millard

Raider center Charles Ray flipped in five.

South Floyd will go into the upcoming 58th District Tournament as the No. 1 seed, having finished the regular sea-

son district war with a 6-2 mark.

The Raiders return to the hardwood or Raider Arena tonight when they play host to Coach Rodney Rowe and the Shelby Valley Wildcats.

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Pikeville hit 40-of-73 from the field (54.8-percent) and made 6-of-13 from the arc.

Knoxville (4-17) was led by Jennifer Miller, who tossed in 17

points. Erica Harthorne had 12, and Samia Dixon had a double-double with 10 points and 10 rebounds.

Rebs

seven first half points.

Both teams were cold in the first two quarters, as each team shot around 34 percent from the field. Hatfield knew his team missed some easy opportunities in the opening minutes and told his squad to relax and concentrate on putting the ball in the basket during the second half.

Belfry shot much better in the second half, hitting for 56-percent from the floor. For the game, The Pirates shot 25-of-56 for 45-percent. They were 5-of-12 from three-point land and 10-of-16 at the charity stripe for 63-percent.

Allen Central was 6-of-9 at

the foul line for 67-percent. The Rebels shot a cold 32-percent from the field, hitting 18-of-56 shots.

Belfry is now 13-8 and will host Sheldon Clark tonight.

Allen Central took on Millard Friday night and came up short. The Runnin' Rebels enter into play in this year's 58th District Tournament as the No. 4 seed, taking on No. 5 Piarist first, with the winner moving on to face the No. 1 South Floyd Raiders.

Allen Central returns to action tonight when it plays host to a 15th Region frontrunner as the Paintsville Tigers

come to Eastern.

This time last year...

This time last season, point guard Larry Mullins was guiding the Runnin' Rebels into contention in both the 58th District and the 15th Region. Seniors Rodney Scott, Travis Francis and Jeremy Hayes were also adding to the charge along with then-junior Shawn Newsome. Last season's edition of the Allen Central boys' basketball team finished second in both the 58th District and the 15th Region, second to the South Floyd Raiders in each.

Sideline

TTU Golden Eagles to 19-5 overall and 12-1 in the conference. Morehead State, which came into the game in second place in the OVC with a 7-4 ledger, fell to 13-10 on the year and 7-5 in the conference. The victory was Tech's 25th consecutive home win.

Damien Kinloch led the Golden Eagles to victory with 19 points and seven rebounds. The junior from Charleston, S.C., also contributed two assists and two blocked shots. DeAntoine Beasley added 14

points, eight assists, one block and five steals. Joey Westmoreland chipped in with a strong 13 points, five rebounds, three assists and two thefts. Cameron Crisp added 12 points.

As a team, the Golden Eagles shot 46-percent, hitting 23-of-49 shots from the field and a blistering 91-percent (22-24) from the charity stripe.

Morehead State was led by sophomore Ricky Minard with 21 points and eight rebounds. Chez Marks chipped in with 16 points, while Marquis Sykes had

eight points, nine assists and three steals.

Morehead shot 50-percent from the field on 24-of-48 shooting and 50 percent from behind the arc (12-24).

No, Coach Macy can't shoot free throws for his players, but his team will be trying to do all it can during the upcoming last-of-February games, to go into the upcoming OVC Tournament with as much momentum as it possibly can. The former Wildcat coaches much like he used to play. Aggressive.

South Floyd

give South Floyd the lead after one quarter, 22-12. The Prestonsburg defense made adjustments between quarters which helped to slow down Hall and Tackett in the second quarter and enabled the Blackcats to shave four points off the Raiders lead at the half. Brad Bevins began to heat up for the Blackcats in the quarter as well scoring nine points in a six-minute span helping to erase the South Floyd double-digit lead and the Raiders led 35-29 at the half.

Prestonsburg would come out firing in the third quarter as Justin Allen pumped in 12 points and Joey Willis owned

the boards in the quarter pulling down seven rebounds. Prestonsburg would go on a 12-2 run in the third to take a 48-46 lead at the 3:23 mark of the third quarter.

South Floyd Coach Henry Webb had seen enough of the Prestonsburg run and called a timeout with 2:56 left in the third and let his team know that he was not pleased with their effort. After the timeout, South Floyd came out in the full court press and caused the Blackcats to completely unravel as the Cats turned the ball over seven times in the final 2:56 of the third quarter and watched their two point lead turn into a five

point deficit heading to the final eight minutes.

South Floyd would rule the final stanza as once again Michael Hall and Rusty Tackett would lead the Raider charge combining for 25 points in the fourth quarter to seal the deal for the Raiders. Prestonsburg would not go away easily as Nick Jamerson and Bevins would keep the Cats within striking distance, but in the end it was just too much Raiders.

South Floyd now holds the No. 1 seed going into the 58th District Tournament to be played at Prestonsburg High School.

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NCAA and IRS rules, donations also

will be accepted at each site. Just make sure you don't mistakenly put your money in a Mitch McConnell fund-raising box or a UK football laundry hamper. The free entertainment will include Adolph Rupp impersonators, daily concerts by the General Assembly glee club, bullhorn sermons by the Rev. Louis Coleman, gum-chewing exhibitions by Denny Crum, and tap-dancing by Larry Ivy.

As a public service, we now will release the events so you can begin making your plans. You're advised to order your tickets as soon as possible because many of the events will be sold out quicker than you can say "How 'bout them Cats?" So here we go:

HOCKEY-PUCK SPITTING

Modeled after courthouse tobacco spitting, long a favorite Kentucky pastime, this event requires only a big mouth (husbands and wives are not allowed to enter their spouses). Held in the lovely parking lot of the Waddy-Peytona truck stop, this popular event will include competitions for distance (the world record is 20'6" by Rush Limbaugh) and accuracy (bring your own targets, especially if a loved one is involved).

BOBSLEDDING

This event, which will be held at the scenic Bob-O-Link golf course in Anderson County, is open only to Bobs, or some derivation thereof (women named Bobbie or Roberta will be allowed to compete). The grand marshal of the parade will be Billy Bob Thornton. Among the expected participants are the Bobbey twins, Buffalo Bob Smith's namesake, Bob Knight, Bob Lanier (with an X-L sled), John Wayne Bobbit, Bob Pettit, Robert Redford, Roberta Flack, Bob Baffert, Bobby Joe Hill, and the red, red robin, who keeps bob-bob-bobbin' along.

DOWNHILL BASSETT ROLLING

Claude Bassett, who sent UK football downhill faster than a Muhammad Ali jab, will be imported from Texas and placed in an oil drum big enough to hold a 400-pound man. Each contestant will be allowed to roll Bassett off Natural Bridge. The winner will be whoever can make Bassett squeal about the scandal. He, or she, will receive season tickets to Claude's high school games and a ride from London to Russellville on the golf cart that Claude drove at UK practices.

OUTDOOR FREE-THROW SHOOTING

A huge crowd is expected to show up at Lexington's Woodland Park to see who can make the most free throws wearing mittens. The favorites are coaches Kyle Macy of Morehead and Travis Ford of Eastern. Expected to vie for last place are the current players at UK and U of L, who actually might be helped by the mittens. The winner gets an old pair of Macy's sweat-socks, the loser gets a brick.

DANIEL BOONE BIATHLON

The contestants at the Cumberland Gap competition will be required to ski on specially-made Louisville Sluggers and stop every few miles to shoot their old-fashioned long rifles at cardboard

targets made to look like Dick Vitale (bonus points for hitting his good eye), Phillip Fulmer, Al Gore, Britany Spears (bonus points for a hit in the navel), Pamela Anderson (bonus points for...never mind), and Mike Tyson.

Whoever has the fastest time will get his, or her, choice of a round-trip ticket to Pakistan or a week-long hunting trip with Charlton Heston.

TWO-MAN DUNK SKATING

This competition on the Ohio River (or a Louisville skating rink if the river isn't frozen) will feature teammates taking turns dunking and trash-mouthing the opposition. Everyone will be trying to do the rare triple-axel dunk (the degree of difficulty is three times Billy Packer's IQ). Contestants who dunk with Nike skates will get a discount, and everyone must show proof of insurance if they don't want to spend the next month filling out hospital forms.

CROSS-COUNTRY VARMINT CHASING

Armed only with slingshots, the contestants will try to round up as many varmints as possible in an hour.

Extra points will be awarded for possum and coons. The winner gets to cook the varmints, and pass them off as Kentucky Fried Chicken at a UK or U of L pre-game meal. This competition will be held in every county where the Dairy Queen is considered a gourmet restaurant.

RUN FOR THE HOSES

Limited to volunteer fire departments from around the state, this mile-and-a-quarter classic at Churchill Downs promises some

of the Follies' hottest competition. The competitors must negotiate the distance on snowshoes, then bolt for their hoses and trucks. The team which raises its hose first will win win tickets for six in the lovely Kentucky Derby infield, a CD of Roseanne singing "Light My Fire," and a year's supply of one-size-fits-all galoshes.

BRIDGE JUMPING

Going back to the Nixon administration, the residents of Jefferson County have been arguing about how many new bridges to build over the Ohio River — none, one, or two — to alleviate traffic problems.

In this competition, both sides will put 20 of their loudest advocates on the sides of the Sherman-Minton Bridge. At the count of three by starter Bob Domine (he can, too, count that high, I don't care what you say), everybody will jump. The winner will be the team with the most surviving members.

They'll all receive the right to buy luxury boxes for \$170,000 each, if Louisville ever gets an NBA team.

MAKER'S MARK LUGE & CURLING

These events have been combined because they are unique in Kentucky, where a "luge" is what a falling-down drunk does when tries to grab somebody for support and "curling" is what the drunk does when he gets home and finds his bed. The contest will be held in the ballroom of the Seelbach Hotel. The winner will be the first who can drink a liter of Maker's Mark, "luge" out the door, and crawl to the Hyatt-Regency, where he will "curl." The winner's prize will be a year's supply of aspirin and a reserved cell in the local jail.

Blackcats

13 first quarter points.

The Blackcats found themselves trailing 21-12 after one quarter of play, but the Blackcats would not go away easy. Chris Kidd would lead the way for Prestonsburg tossing in 22 points on the night.

Prestonsburg would trim two points off the Cardinal lead in the second stanza as Justin Allen would heat up for the Blackcats, scoring seven points in the quarter.

The game would begin to really tighten up in the second half as the Blackcats would go to Brad Bevins, and the senior would come through in a big way, scoring 18 points, with all in the second half.

The play of Bevins is often overlooked, but the young Blackcat puts forth 110-percent worth of effort every night out.

Prestonsburg Coach Jackie Day Crisp would also look to his bench in the game and the Blackcats Jeremy Clark would step up for the Cats scoring 10 points off the bench.

Sheldon Clark would still cling to their lead at 56-54 after three quarters of play, but the host Cats seemed to have the momentum in their corner heading into the final eight minutes as Brandt Brooks shot at the buzzer to end the third quarter brought the Blackcats within two. The teams would exchange

baskets in the fourth quarter as neither team could take control and with 2:03 left Prestonsburg found themselves trailing 73-68.

After a Cardinal turnover, the Blackcats would take advantage of their opportunity as Justin Allen and Brad Bevins would connect on back-to-back threes.

The Blackcats would take the lead at 74-73 with 1:24 remaining. The final minute of action saw the Cardinals control the glass and make their free throws down the stretch to post the 80-74 win. Prestonsburg was forced to foul trailing 76-74 and the Cards would hold on in the closing seconds for the big road win.

SCORING...

Sheldon Clark-Adam Brown 29 points, Alvin Fletcher 15 points, Ryan Howell 14 points, Reggie Sammons 5 points, Greg Evans 4 points, Daniel Cornette 4 points, Gary Hinkle 4 points, Nathan Moore 3 points, Brandon May 2 points. Prestonsburg-Justin Kidd 22 points, Brad Bevins 18 points, Justin Allen 10 points, Jeremy Clark 10 points, Brandt Brooks 6 points, Nick Jamerson 5 points, Joey Willis 2 points, T.C. Hatfield 1 point.

Team Free Throws
Sheldon Clark 22-of-32
Prestonsburg 13-of-19

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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

BEST IN FLOYD COUNTY

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

BEST FOOD

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

BEST PEOPLE

- Accountant _____
- Attorney _____
- Bank Teller _____
- Employed at _____

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

- Secretary _____
- Employed at _____
- Store Cashier _____
- Employed at _____
- Sunday School Teacher _____
- Teaches at _____
- Surgeon _____
- 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 _____
- Deli _____
- Dry Cleaners _____
- Electrical Supplies _____
- Electronics _____
- Eyewear _____
- Exterminating _____
- Farm/Agriculture _____
- Financial Institutions _____
- Financing _____
- Floor Coverings _____
- Florist _____
- Funeral Home _____
- Furniture _____
- Garage _____
- Gas Station _____
- Gifts _____
- Grocery Store _____
- Guns/Ammo _____
- Hearing Aids _____
- Home Decorating _____
- Insurance Agency _____
- Janitorial Service _____
- Jewelry _____
- Landscaping _____
- Laundromat _____
- Manufacturing _____
- Mine Supply _____
- Mining Company _____
- Mobile Home _____
- Motel/Hotel _____
- 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 _____

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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.**

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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.
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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.

by KATHY J. PRATER
FEATURES EDITOR



Home sweet home...

I've been on a "house hunt" of late. Actually, since about the middle of last summer. I think I may have finally located one that my kids and I can manage to live with. It's out of town, but not too far out; it offers privacy, but not seclusion; but mostly, it's way bigger than what we've been making do with.

Finding a large house within the affordability range of my limited income has been no easy task, believe me. I'd like to have something like five bedrooms and three bathrooms with a large family room, spacious kitchen, and an attached "sun" room with maybe a hot tub or something thrown in for good measure.

I'd also like to continue feeding my family.

With that said, I've settled on three bedrooms and "one-point-five" baths. But, the kitchen is spacious and everything seems to be in good working order, so at least for now, I've ended my search for the "perfect home." If all goes well within the next few weeks, I'll have my kids busy packing boxes - if not, then I guess it's back to the drawing board.

In the meantime, wish me luck.

The saga continues with the "Battle of the Teens" in my home. I'm telling you, if I don't start really winning very soon, I'm going to consider throwing up the white flag.

I'm really beginning to wonder just how smart it was of me to allow my daughter to have that little pink play phone when she was a tiny toddler. I'm thinking I may

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Compulsive gambling an illness requiring treatment

"When I first started, it wasn't a big deal. I guess I realized I had a problem when I lost a lot of money and my family."

Drug addiction? Alcoholism? Neither! A thirty-year-old woman who had lost everything, including her self-respect, playing bingo, made the statement. She would cash her paycheck and play throughout the week. On Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, and into Sunday, she would play bingo around the clock, only going home to

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by MABLE ROWE
LINEBERGER, PH.D.

As with most bad habits, many parents are often unaware of what they really say to their child or how often it is said. Examples would be, "Oh, my year old is such a picky eater!" and "Why, my 8 year old would eat all the time, if I'd let him!" It seems that each time the child hears statements like these, the permission to continue to do so, is reinforced. The major drawback with parents making statements such as these is that children are accepting what a loved one

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C O - O P E X T E N S I O N N E W S

Pruning fruit trees has many advantages

by Ray Tackett

Some of your fruit trees' best friends are pruning shears and loppers. Using these tools properly will help you control pests and promote production of high-quality fruit.

Fruit trees benefit from an annual pruning from the time they're planted on for years to come.

Prior to spring growth, prune out dead, diseased or insect-infested wood to

reduce pest problems during the growing season. Pruning increases air movement within the tree canopy. This reduces the amount of time foliage remains wet from rain or dew and lessens the likelihood of diseases that develop under wet conditions. You also will get better spray coverage in an open canopy than a heavily shaded one.

Pruning also promotes high-quality fruit production. Moderate pruning each year helps open up the tree and allows

sunlight to penetrate the plant canopy, encouraging formation of fruit buds for next year's crop and promoting high quality fruit this year.

Wait to prune fruit trees until the worst of winter weather is over. Late February or early March usually is the best time to prune.

Don't leave stubs because they serve as an entry point for diseases and can slow down the healing process. Contrary to popular belief and advertising, wound

dressings don't promote more rapid healing of pruning cuts. The wound will heal just fine if left untreated.

Remember, the extent to which you prune young fruit trees will influence the onset of fruiting. Trees need foliage to grow and develop so pruning too severely will delay the time trees start to produce a crop.

However, taking time to properly

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Missionaries representing The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in the Floyd County area. From left to right, are: Elder King, from Manassa, Colorado; Elder Talbott, from Broomfield, Colorado; Elder Ward, from Orem, Utah; Elder Fish, from Oregon City, Oregon; and, Elder Copelin, from Tallahassee, Florida.

Commonly referred to as "Mormons," a name stemming from The Book of Mormon, another testament, or witness, to the life of Jesus Christ, church members are commonly asked such questions as "Are you Christians?," "Do you have your own Bible?," and "Don't you worship Joseph Smith?"

What do Mormons BELIEVE?

by KATHY J. PRATER
FEATURES EDITOR

This past Sunday morning awoke the city of Martin and surrounding areas with warm rays of gentle sunlight - a most welcome sight after weeks of snow, rains and dreary weather conditions.

Just as the morning's light awakens us to the gift of yet another day, I will attempt this week to shed light on some of the common misconceptions of yet another of our Floyd County religious minorities.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints sits atop a small hill on Route 80, near Martin. The church has an extensive history in Floyd County, with organizational efforts in the county dating as far back as the late 1890's.

In speaking with various members of this church, I found that most will agree that one of the most difficult obstacles they face as members of the church lies in the many misconceptions that prevail in the area in regard to their beliefs.

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Elder Bill Hughes, left, and Bishop Ken Carriere, stand in the Family History Center located in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Martin.

Things to Ponder

says about them. "After all they are the ones that take care of me and they're bound to be right." The result is the same as with most labeling, the child lives up to the label. Exploration brings its own fulfillment.

Thoughts about children's nutrition and physical risks especially came to the top when the Today Show reported that kids from 6 to 12 years of age were having extremely high cholesterol levels and heart attacks. It was so hard to believe. The quote of the day is, "Teaching your kids good habits when they're young will

set them on the right track toward maintaining good health in adulthood."

Nonetheless, 1 in 5 American children are overweight, while 12.5 percent are classified as obese. The number of obese teenagers has increased from 15 to 21 percent over the past 10 years. Also the number of overweight adults has grown upward to one in three from one in four during the 1970's. Not surprising, children's food choices become increasingly unhealthy as they hit the teens, with 99 percent eating breakfast in the third grade and 85 percent in the

eighth grade. The older ones also ate fewer fruits and vegetables and drank three times the number of soft drinks than the younger ones. It was reported that athletic girls who drank soda are five times as likely to have fractures as girls who don't drink any soda. The scientific belief was that the phosphoric acid in these drinks decreases the body's ability to absorb the calcium needed for healthy bones. By all means, children should not be "put on a diet." Children's bodies need goodies that many "limited" diets do not provide. In addition, it is best that youngsters

not get caught up in "yo-yo dieting," with the habitual going on and off of diet programs that can begin a lifetime of physical and emotional damage, including eating disorders. Besides, over the years, it has been consistently found that most children are very good regulators of how much food they need. Eating various healthy foods will give them the nutrients they need to provide for normal growth and development and to maintain a healthy weight.

Exercise of all types is the key to controlling a child's weight. One of the major con-

tributing factors is thought to be that physical activity decreases significantly during childhood and adolescence. The numbers show that 25 percent of kids get vigorous daily activity. An international study found that American kids exercise less often and eat more junk food than kids in other countries. Two-thirds of these kids in the U.S. exercised less than two hours per week, while 31 percent ate French Fries every day. Needless to say, the children's preoccupation with computer games and television

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This Town That World

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

The Ides of March once was a time of foreboding. To us in Floyd County, the time of dread is the "tides" of February.

At a time such as this, when so many are facing property damage and deep discouragement from the ravages of floodwaters, we struggle harder than usual to come up with a column that is neither dreary nor over-carefree. But we can find solace in the fact that things could be, and have been, worse...that better days are ahead, and the clouds will part.

The busiest woman in Floyd County during times of flood or other disaster is Dame Rumor. Some of the tales we've heard are lulus.

Now comes one to contribute something of a lighter nature, saying, "George Washington, I will agree never told a lie—but he never had to fill out Form 1040."

IT WORKS!

Here's a little formula this column may have printed years ago, but lest you have as much trouble as I do remembering it, we hurry to get it down in print again. Try it:

1. Put down your age.
2. Double it.
3. Now add five.
4. Multiply by 50.
5. Subtract 365, the number of days in the year.
6. Add the amount of loose change in your pocket less than \$1.00.
7. Add 115.

The first two figures of your answer will be your age, and the last two will be the amount of loose change in your pocket.

I'M STRUGGLING

Temptation appears in the most unusual forms, and so pleasing. This week's tempter is Walter Hall, who spoke at length of the stripers in the Ross-Santee reservoir, down in South Carolina, of the big bass, the record crappie, et cetera, et cetera, of how little it would cost a fellow to go fishing there if he camped out—and then extended the invitation...I appreciate

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ciate the invitation, but to tempt a fellow after a long, hard winter and just when the fishing fever has him in its grip, is sort of slipping up on his blind side, so to speak.

Postscript: Not Today...

by PAM SHINGLER
COLUMNIST

The Today Show has been a part of my morning start-up for at least 25 years, perhaps longer.

I remember that when I moved to Arkansas in the 1970s, I was surprised to find that there in the Central Time zone, the order of the then-two-hour show was reversed. In CST, we saw the live broadcast of the eastern 8 a.m. segment live at 7 a.m. The first hour of the New York



show was taped and we saw it at 8 a.m. our time.

I pouted and cut Today off for about a year when Debra Norville replaced Jane Pauley, not out of disdain for the new co-host, who was herself a victim, but because of the ageism that drove the network to make the switch. If Jane was disposable in her 30s, what did that say

about all women?

I eventually came back around. I was a fan of Bryant Gumbel and later of Matt Lauer. Who could not like Katie Couric, at least back when she was one of us, back before her transformation into a plastic sophisticate?

A couple of weeks ago, however, I decided to give up the Today Show again, probably for good this time. I'd been concerned with the move toward celebrity worship, but I admit I often was caught up in it, too.

What totally ticked me off was an out-and-out, shameful, public relations piece about Ken Lay, the former top executive of Enron. The energy company that's now being investigated by Congress for its creative accounting practices, its misuse of employee pensions, and a rash of other inept, unethical and/or illegal business choices.

I believe strongly in fairness, in giving voice to all sides. I could understand – and agree – if the Today Show producers wanted to make sure that Mr. Lay got a fair hearing.

But, whoa, what the Today Show people broadcast was a puff piece that should have been a paid advertisement. It was, in fact, close to vomit-inducing to anyone who values fairness and impartiality in journalism. There should have been a warning message at the beginning of this segment, like the ones you see on infomercials.

Among those trotted out to declare Lay's uprightness was his son, who avowed that his dad is the most ethical man he knows. Uh, oh, he must be running with a pretty sad crowd.

Then there was Lay's minister, who pronounced the executive to be almost holy, a good, honorable man who's been done wrong. You have to wonder how much the church will lose if Lay does lose a gross of silk shirts.

Lay's present wife allowed as how her husband has been devastated by the downfall of his company, something he, of course, never saw coming, to hear her tell it. Which is he, evil or incompetent?

The missus, in a blatant, but unsuccessful, plea for sympathy, said the family now has nothing. They are, God forbid, poor – or as we who know what the word means generally say, pore. The Lays, we learn, may have to sell some of their seven or eight multi-million-dollar residences. They might even have to live on the money her husband quite possibly socked away in foreign safes, where it can't be taxed or confiscated by the US government.

Perhaps the Lays could come to eastern Kentucky and see what it really means to have nothing.

Still, by far the worst part of the segment on the Lays featured the ex-wife of the energy lion. The first Mrs. Lay swore that the Ken Lay she knew could not have done what he has been accused of.

In the interest of presenting a balanced picture, the Today Show narrator did mention, as an aside, that Lay married his present wife shortly after divorcing his first one. Ahem.

A couple of days later, an article in the Lexington Herald-Leader reported that the first Mrs. Lay had, indeed, been coached by a public relations firm for her TV interview. Excuse me. You have to be coached to say someone you have known intimately is an honest person?

The fact that Lay refuses to take responsibility for his company's disintegration and its impact on the political, economic and personal tenor of this country is shameful.

The Today Show's use of this laughable public relations piece is unforgivable. To my mind, the show's integrity has been irreparably breached. It may continue to be the top-rated morning show, but not because of me.

Garden

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prune and train a young fruit tree will pay off with production of high-quality fruit later.

For more information on producing and maintaining fruit trees, contact Ray Tackett, Floyd County Extension Agent

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has led to

the decrease in exercise over two years. The American Academy of Pediatrics recommend that parents limit their child's television time to two hours or less a day. A big drawback to television watching is that boredom sets in and sets up a great situation for snacking on foods high in sugar, fat, and calories. In addition, watching television interferes with the children finding other things to do with their time. Their creative juices are hampered.

One report talked about the probable benefits for the family that eats together. I recommend everyone sitting down together in the evening without the television; parents would be very interested in all of the different "things" that might be heard. Besides, the kids learn manners, taking turns, talking with each other, and etc. It was really sad to think that less than 50 percent of 16,000 children said that they ate a family meal on a daily basis. Kids having supper regularly with their families eat more fruits and vegetable and less junk food than kids who are left to their own resources. When eating with Mom and Dad, the children ate significantly more calcium, folate, iron B, vitamins and vitamins C and E. This way, parents can model healthy eating habits.

In contrast to overweight children, the young child labeled by her mother as a "picky eater" might also be set up for problems now and in the future. It really brings up concerns about the creation of the child's body image, self-worth, and

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other self-perceptions. An observation has been that the picky eater develops out of the mother and/or father emotional need to try to keep the child happy. However, that will never happen, since the child is responsible for her feelings. Often, when the child is allowed to be a picky eater, there is a strong possibility that the child's desires are in control of the family to a greater or lesser degree. The latest I heard was one of the 5 year old boy who was allowed to have a "Kid's Meal" on the way home from school three days a week. Then the mother seemed to proudly announce several times that her child was a picky eater. The same mother also seemed surprised at the suggestion that the child be taught to eat a variety of foods by having the family rule of each person needed to eat two tablespoons of each item prepared for supper. In addition, it was stressed that a parent needed to prepare a dish that the child would eat. An idea is that a child at any age, who worries about food details and eating and/or not eating, might be prone to having eating disorders as they go from childhood, to puberty, and being a teenager, if there has been a negative focus on the need to eat and its relationship to body size.

One last suggestion, involve the children in planning and preparing the meals. I know, I know! You can do it better and faster without their help. Getting the meal on the table is only one of your goals. What could possibly be some of your other goals?



photo by Kathy J. Prater

Katina Spurlock, left, and her sister, Kindra, prepare for a "Daddy-Daughter Date" held for the church's young women and their fathers in honor of Valentine's Day. The girls are the daughters of Barry and Janie Spurlock.

Mormons

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Commonly referred to as "Mormons," a name stemming from The Book of Mormon, another testament, or witness, to the life of Jesus Christ, church members are commonly asked such questions as "Are you Christians?" "Do you have your own Bible?" and "Don't you worship Joseph Smith?"

To begin, The Book of Mormon contains the writings of ancient prophets who Mormons believe lived in Jerusalem around 600 B.C. One of these prophets was commanded by God to lead a small group of people to the American continent. Here, according to Mormon beliefs, the people flourished and developed great civilizations. The Book of Mormon is named after Mormon, one of the prophets that lived during this time. Mormons do not believe that the Book of Mormon replaces the Holy Bible in any way, conversely, it is used in conjunction with the Holy Bible as further testimony to the life, teachings and divinity of Jesus Christ. As members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints march into Sunday services, they carry with them both the Holy Bible and the Book of Mormon.

To the question, "Are Mormons Christians?" Blanche Dingus, a retired Floyd County educator and member of the L.D.S. (Latter-Day Saints) Church since her baptism in 1926, says, "I could never quite understand that question. Why, our very name contains the name of the Savior."

"We do believe in Jesus Christ," said Elder Ward, a missionary currently serving the Prestonsburg area, "we believe that He is the Son of God and the Savior of the world. We live by his example."

"We do not worship Joseph Smith," said Elder Talbott, another young missionary serving the Prestonsburg area along with Elder Ward, "we have a great respect for the work that Joseph did, and we believe he was a prophet of God, but we do not worship him. Christ is our Savior, it is Christ that we worship."

The young missionaries were eager to share their message and they spoke of how their lives have changed upon their entry into the world of missionary work. "We sometimes face rejection," said Elder Ward, "but we know that it is not something that we should take personally. We do

come to offer a message, and it is a bold message, but it is a message with a promise. A promise that all who sincerely pray will receive an answer that the message is true."

"Missionary work has changed our lives," said Elder Talbott, "before, we lived for ourselves, now we live for others."

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints emphasizes the importance of the family unit. "Families have a purpose and an eternal nature," said Elder Ward, "we believe that children are gifts from God and that children afford us the opportunity to teach others the way to return to God."

"Our families provide our greatest joys in this life," he continued, "so it makes sense that we will find joy in our families in the life to come, also."

Following in line with this belief on the importance of family, the L.D.S. Church contains and maintains extensive records of genealogical histories. The Martin church itself contains a Family History Center that is open to the general public on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 10:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

According to Bill Hughes, an elder in the church, the center receives many visits from both members of the church and those who are not. "Lots of people are interested in their family histories," he said, "and we have an extensive amount of records here. We have records that have been sent to us from the state as well as numerous cemetery records. Keeping these records is an important part of the work we do as church members."

Mormons, by and large, also tend to be very health-conscious. They abstain from the use of tobacco, alcohol, coffee and tea, as well as illegal drugs. They strive to be chaste and they believe that their bodies are vessels in which the spirit of God may dwell, therefore, they strive to maintain good health and to remain spiritually clean.

"The Church and its message are true gifts from our Heavenly Father, who loves us very much and wants very much for us to return to Him," said Carriere, "our services are always open to those who wish to investigate and seek for truth and answers."

Sunday School at the church begins at 9:30 a.m. each Sunday morning with chapel services beginning at 11:20 a.m.

School Happenings

Adams Middle School Youth Services Center

■ Feb. 20 – Parent Support Group – to meet at Clark Elementary School – 9 a.m.

■ Feb. 23 – Peer Mediation Training.

■ Feb. 25 – PTO meeting – 6:30 p.m. – school library.

■ AMS is looking to offer a beginner's computer class for AMS parents and community members. If interested, please call 886-9812 to register.

■ **Recycle and Earn Money for AMS** - AMS has implemented an inkjet cartridge recycling program. To help, save your empty inkjet cartridges and bring them to AMS, or give them to an AMS student or faculty member. (Businesses may call for pick-up.) For further information, call the school at 886-2671 and ask for Lana Wicker, or e-mail to lwicker@floyd.k12.ky.us Participation in this program will help raise funds for our school.

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

■ Center is open weekdays, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. or later by appointment, for more information about the center or any of the listed activities, call 886-9812.

Allen Central Middle School and Youth Service Center

■ School Committee meetings schedule:

*Curriculum Committee – Every third Wednesday of each month at 3:00 p.m.

*Budget Committee – Fourth Wednesday of each month at 4:00 p.m.

*Attendance/Discipline Committee – First Thursday of each month at 4:00 p.m.

*Extra-Curricular Committee – First Tuesday of each month at 3:00 p.m.

*Public Relations Committee – First Monday of each month at 3:30 p.m.

*Consolidated Planning Committee – Fourth Wednesday of each month at 3:00 p.m.

■ School is currently collecting Food City receipts. Students may turn them in to their homeroom teachers.

■ Hours are 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., or later by appointment. Call 358-0134 for more information.

Allen Elementary Family Resource Youth Service Center

■ Service Center Hours: Mon.-Fri., 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Telephone: 874-0621

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

■ G.E.D. classes offered-FREE-each Friday, beginning 8:30 a.m. and lasting through 11:30 a.m. Instructor: Linda Bailey

Clark Elementary

■ Feb. 20 – "Time Out for Parents," support group meeting – 9:00 a.m.

■ Feb. 22 – "Manners" presentation, 5th grade – 12:00 p.m.

■ Feb. 27 – FCHD Dental Health presentations, K-3.

■ Dairy Queen "buy one, get one free" cards still on sale through the Family Resource Center.

■ After School child care hours are 3:00 - 5:30 p.m., school days.

■ FCHD nurse in the center on Thursdays. Please call the center at 886-0815, to schedule an appointment. Appointments are currently being scheduled for Hep B immunizations and 6th grade physicals for the 2002 fall school term.

■ MCCC services are available at the center. Call for more information, or to schedule an appointment.

■ The Family Resource Center provides services for all families regardless of income. Center is located in the Clark Elem. school building. Hours are Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Office phone is 886-0815.

May Valley Family Resource Center

■ Each Wednesday - Health Dept. Nurse. Services offered: WIC, blood pressure checks, immunizations, TB skin tests,

and Head Start, Kindergarten, 6th grade, and well-child physicals. Must call center at 285-0321 for appointment.

McDowell Family Resource Center

■ Floyd County Health Department nurse, Joy Moore, is at the center each Monday. Services provided include: immunizations, T.B. skin tests, school physicals (Head Start, kindergarten, and sixth grade), WIC appointments, prenatal and postpartum care and others. If you are in need of an appointment, call 377-2678 to schedule.

■ GED classes each Monday and Wednesday - 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Instructor - Linda Bailey, of the David School.

■ McDowell Family Resource Center hours are 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. If you are in need of assistance, call the center at 377-2678.

Mud Creek Family Resource Center / John M. Stumbo Elem.

■ The Bridges Project will be at the center each Wednesday and Thursday, from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. and each Friday from 12:30 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.

■ Center is open weekdays 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Telephone: 587-2233.

Prestonsburg Elementary and Family Resource Center

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

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

■ After School Child Care, 3-6 p.m., school days.

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

South Floyd Youth Services Center

■ Mar. 18 – Sexual Harassment Awareness classroom presentations.

■ Feb. 25 – Nutrition classroom presentations.

■ Feb. 25, Mar. 6, Mar. 13 – CPR classes.

■ Mar. 25, April 8 – Careers classroom presentations.

■ Child Abuse Awareness booth set up in school foyer for distribution of information to students, staff, employees and community.

■ Adult education classes available.

■ Walking track open to public.

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

The David School

■ Adult Education Class Schedule - Fall 2001:

*Monday and Wednesday: McDowell Family Resource Center, 8:00 - 11:00 a.m. Call 377-2678.

*Monday and Wednesday: Morehead Big Sandy Campus, 12:30 - 3:30 p.m. Call 886-2405.

*Tuesday and Thursday: Betsy Layne High School Family Resource Center, 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. Call 478-3389.

*Tuesday: Cliffside Housing Project Community Center, 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. Call 886-9860.

*Wednesday: Floyd County Detention Center, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

*Thursday: Auxier Lifetime Learning Center, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Call 886-0709.

*Thursday: St. James Episcopal Church, 5:00 - 7:30 p.m. Call 886-8046.

*Friday - The David School, 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Call 886-8374.

W.D. Osborne Rainbow Junction Family Resource Center

■ Feb. 20 – "Time our for Parents" – 9:00 a.m. until 10:30 a.m.

■ "Lost and Found" located in the Center. Parents need to pick up their children's items within two weeks.

■ "Clothing Closet" available to all students.

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

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Family Medicine

John C. Wolf, D.O.
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Keep working with doctor to find the cause of "Dizzy Spells"

Question: For the last 12 years I've had spells where I get dizzy, disoriented and break into a sweat. I sometimes also have blackouts that last less than one minute and leave me feeling extremely fatigued. I've gone to numerous specialists who have tested my heart, blood sugar, brain activity and other things. After my last episode I had a CAT scan that showed I have a severe sinus infection. I know that this is a long shot, but could sinusitis possibly cause my blackouts?

Answer: You probably already know that sinusitis is an infection of the mucous membrane lining of the sinus areas. This creates pressure and dis-

comfort in the face or behind the eyes, but it doesn't cause dizziness or episodes of passing out.

Your blackout spells may also be described with other terms that mean the same thing. Passing out, drop attacks and fainting are common terms, but doctors prefer to call it "syncope." Regardless of the label applied to it, the temporary loss of consciousness is both frightening and potentially dangerous. Your doctor would probably call the dizziness you experience "near-syncope" since no other explanation of it has been found. This line of reasoning implies that both your mild dizzy spells and your more intense episodes, when you lose consciousness, are produced

by the same underlying disorder.

Syncope is a common complaint. It is the reason for about 1 percent of hospital admissions and 3 percent of emergency department visits. Its frequency increases with age, as it affects about 6 percent of those 75 or older.

Syncope is actually only a symptom, and as you know, symptoms can have many causes. Syncope can occur when there is an abnormality of the brain. Seizures — that is, epilepsy — are a good example of this cause of syncope. During the seizure the normal predictable electrical impulses of the brain are disrupted. This can cause dizziness or a loss of consciousness. The "brain" test you mentioned was testing for this disorder, and apparently that isn't the cause of your symptoms.

Syncope commonly results from a momentary lack of sufficient oxygen reaching the brain. This can happen from a lung problem such as a pulmonary embolism, but this is unlikely in your situation because of the many repeated episodes you have experienced

over the last 12 years. If your lungs were the culprit, you would show signs of lung injury, too. A more likely cause is a lack of oxygen to the brain as a consequence of a momentary disruption in the blood supply to it. This is the most common cause of syncope, and it's often due to an irregular heartbeat or as a consequence of medicine, particularly heart or blood pressure ones. Since your many tests have failed to show this as the cause, it's probably wise to continue our search.

Coughing, laughing, sneezing, urinating or having a bowel movement can trigger what is called vasovagal syncope. It is a momentary loss of oxygen to the brain produced by a complex physiologic mechanism related to these activities. When this same physiologic event is the consequence of extreme fright or excitement we call it fainting. This could be what is happening to you. Another possibility is that you have a momentary drop in blood pressure when you stand up. This condition — called orthostatic hypotension — is

seen in some neurologic diseases and as an undesirable effect of some medicines.

I know that this is beginning to seem like an unmanageable list of possibilities. We doctors feel somewhat overwhelmed by the task of sifting through the possibilities, too. This is compounded by our knowledge that people with syncope are often discovered to have some subtle disturbance of heart rhythm — but this abnormality may or may not be the cause of the syncope.

I know you want answers ASAP, but so does your doctor. Keep working with him or her until the solution is found. Frequent doctor shopping will probably result in rehashing the most common three causes — the ones you've already ruled out.

"Family Medicine" is a weekly column. To submit questions, write to John C. Wolf, D.O., Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine, P.O. Box 110, Athens, Ohio 45701. Past columns are available online at www.fhradio.org/fm.

Birthdays

Ashley is 10!

Ashley Martin, the daughter of Shawna and Peter Martin, of West Prestonsburg, celebrated her 10th birthday on February 11, 2002. Ashley entertained friends at her home with a "sleep-over" birthday bash. The group enjoyed lots of birthday cake, pizza, soda, music and videos. Ashley is the granddaughter of Bonnie and Donnie Shepherd and Geneva and Vernon Martin.



Something different

Happy (Chinese) New Year

by Dana Jacobi for the
AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR CANCER RESEARCH

February 12th marked the start of the Year of the Horse (Ma) in the Chinese 12-year lunar calendar. If you were born under this sign, in 1930, '42, '54, '66, '78, or '90, you are thought to be cheerful, popular, talkative, headstrong and energetic.

Eating foods for symbolic reasons is common in Chinese culture, according to Dr. Jacqueline Newman, co-president of Advancement of the Science and Art of Chinese Cuisine. To celebrate the New Year, slurping long strands of noodles assures longevity. So start the Year of the Horse auspiciously, with this Cantonese-style soup, a big bowl of steaming, rich broth crammed with oodles of noodles, crisp Chinese vegetables and lean, authentic-tasting roast pork.

Cantonese Noodle Soup with Roast Pork

- 2 Tbsp. brown sugar
- 1 Tbsp. hoisin sauce
- 2 Tbsp. apple juice concentrate
- 2 Tbsp. reduced-sodium soy sauce
- 1/2 tsp. Chinese "Five Spice Powder"*
- 8 oz. pork tenderloin
- 1 tsp. wildflower or clover honey
- 4 cups low-sodium, fat-free chicken broth
- 1/2-inch fresh ginger, thinly sliced
- 4 oz. (1 pad) thin Chinese wheat noodles
- 1 large bok choy leaf
- 1 large napa cabbage leaf
- 1 tsp. roasted sesame oil
- 1/4 tsp. ground white or black pepper

Salt and ground white pepper, to taste
Prepare roast pork: Combine brown sugar, hoisin sauce, juice concentrate, soy sauce and Five Spice Powder in resealable plastic bag. Add pork. Marinate meat in refrigerator, 4 to 24 hours.
Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Position two oven racks so one is at the lowest level and the second at the highest.

Remove pork from marinade and dry with paper towels. (Discard marinade.) Rub top of meat with half the honey. Place a pan on lower oven rack. Set meat, honey side up, directly onto upper rack and directly above the pan below so drippings will fall into pan.

Roast 30 minutes. Turn meat. Rub top with remaining honey. Roast until meat thermometer registers 180 degrees in center of meat, about 30 minutes. (Meat may still look pink when sliced.) Cool meat on a rack. Pork keeps up to five days in the refrigerator. It can also be frozen.

To make soup, place broth and ginger in deep pot over high heat and bring to boil. Reduce heat to gentle boil and cook until reduced to three cups, about five minutes.

Meanwhile, cook noodles in boiling water until tender, about three minutes. Drain in colander. Rinse with cold water.

Cut bok choy and cabbage diagonally into 1/2-inch slices, including dark green top of bok choy. When broth is reduced to three cups, add vegetables and simmer three minutes. Remove from heat.

Cut roast pork into thin slices, then into bite-sized pieces. Divide equally between three deep soup bowls. Divide noodles equally between bowls. Stir oil into broth. Add salt and pepper to taste. Ladle soup over noodles, dividing between bowls, and serve.

*The following can be substituted: 1/4 tsp. ground cinnamon, 1/4 tsp. ground fennel seed, 1/8 tsp. ground anise seed, 1/8 tsp. ground ginger, 1/8 tsp. ground white pepper and a pinch of ground cloves.

Makes three servings.
Per serving: 344 calories, 7 g. total fat (2 g. saturated fat), 43 g. carbohydrate, 26 g. protein, 2 g. dietary fiber, 507 mg. sodium.

"Something Different" is written for the American Institute for Cancer Research (AICR) by Dana Jacobi, author of *The Joy of Soy*, and recipe creator for AICR's Stopping Cancer Before It Starts.

Illness

eat, change clothes and maybe take a short nap. Afterward, the depression would set in, fed by the guilt over the money lost, but especially about the time. She would not see her children, and the scant few moments they did spend together, she had no patience with them. She would yell at her children over the slightest thing, things that she used to see as sweet or funny.

Bingo is gambling. Throughout the day, night, and into the wee hours of the morning, bingo parlors across this state are at capacity. They are filled with men and women who would never bet a horse race or walk into a casino. For the majority of these people, bingo is a pleasant social distraction, and provides them a way to support local charities while being entertained, but for the others, it is a self-destructive compulsion, every bit as dangerous as drug addiction. How does a person know when they've crossed the line? Take the following test.

1. Have you ever played bingo longer than you intended to?
2. Have people ever criticized you for the time and

money you spend on playing bingo?

3. Do you go back to play bingo to win money back that you had lost?

4. Have you ever claimed to win at bingo, when actually you lost money?

5. Have you ever felt guilty about the money or time you spend playing bingo?

6. Have you ever thought about stopping, but didn't think you could?

7. Have you ever lied to family or friends about the amount of money or time you spent playing bingo?

8. Have you ever lost time from work, school, or other important activities due to playing bingo?

9. Have you ever borrowed money to play bingo? If so, did you pay the money back?

10. Have you ever considered suicide as a result of pain or guilt associated with bingo?

One to three yes answers indicate the onset of compulsive gambling. Three or more yes answers indicate a serious problem. For help or treatment information, call 1-800-422-1060.

Submitted by Sherrie Tibbs, Mt. Comp. Care

Eyes

have been planting seeds that have now reached full maturity and have manifested themselves by sending little curling offshoots of growth of telephone wire that wind their way out of the very center of my daughter's ear. It's a terrible sight for a parent to behold as this parasitic plant envelops about my daughter's head, pinning her neck into an obtuse angle.

At the same time, I fear that this alien plant is feeding upon her very brain cells as she seems to repeat the same phrases over and over again — "No, I didn't," "That's not true!" and "Omgosh, no way, no way!". Her words are punctuated by giggles and whispers and when I attempt to bring her back into reality, she refuses to come.

"My darling daughter, a colleague of mine recently informed me that she tried to call our house over the weekend and was unable to get through for a period of two and a half hours," I said.

"Well, I wasn't on the phone," she replied. (Denial, it's tough.)

"Sweetheart, you are always on the phone," I said.

"No, I'm not," she replied. (Again the denial thing.)

And then, "Well, if I am, it's because people call and they won't hang up!". (Uh-huh. Do we need a twelve-step program here?)

This situation, as have many others I've encountered while raising children, takes me back to a time in my own young life when I, too, could not understand why my mother got so upset when I was "only talking on the phone, Geez."

I guess "what goes around comes around" — at least if we live long enough to experience it.

I've already bought one of those little pink phones to give my yet unconceived granddaughter one day.

You know what they say about "pay-backs."

Everlasting Valentine's Day flowers

Your sweetheart may have cared enough to send you a stunning floral bouquet this Valentine's Day. Now, you can keep this loving memory around long past the holiday, simply by drying your roses. Whether used in arrangements, wreaths, or even as potpourri, dried flowers can be enjoyed all year round. Julie McCann-Mulligan, creative director of 1-800-FLOWERS.COM, offers some drying tips:

• The easiest method is air-drying. Place the flowers in a dry, warm room that has plenty of circulating air. The stems can be dried individually or in small bunches. Make sure that they are bunched loosely and that there is enough air circulating around the stems. When the stem is dry and

rigid, the flowers are ready to be stored or used.

• A drying rack can even be created to decorate a home. Connect extra long cinnamon sticks with raffia, spacing them anywhere between six to 12 inches apart, depending on the lengths of the stems. Tie the hanging raffia piece to the top stick. Hang several bunches of flowers upside down on each stick with raffia or a colorful ribbon, and turn it into a memory rack, with each little cluster of flowers representing a special moment in your life.

The natural life of a dried flower should be one to two years, after which it should be thrown away. For more Valentine's Day fun and beautiful girls, visit 1800flowers.com

New Arrivals

Highlands New Arrivals

Jan. 29, 2002

A daughter, Brooke Alexis Boggs, to Larry & Marquetia Boggs.

Jan. 29, 2002

A son, Stephen Isaiah Burke, to Charles & Melinda Burke.

Jan. 30, 2002

A son, Dalton Scott Duty, to Eric & Melissa Duty.

Jan. 30, 2002

A son, Samantha Raelyn Fitch, to Gary & Jenny Fitch.

Jan. 30, 2002

A son, Christopher Jacob Helton, to Tina & Chris Helton.

Jan. 30, 2002

A daughter, Tiffany Caroline Pratt, to Chris & Elbert Pratt

Jan. 30, 2002

A son, Shannon Joseph Music, to Susan Burchett.

Jan. 31, 2002

A daughter, Annabelle Rose Silva, to Sonny & Lisa Silva.

Jan. 31, 2002

A daughter, Leighann Nashae Creek, to Donald & Loia Creek.

Jan. 31, 2002

A daughter, Hannah Mane Jarrell, to Jason & Jessica Jarrell.

Jan. 31, 2002

A son, Connor Reese McGlone, to Carala Jo & Craig Allen McGlone.

Feb. 01, 2002

A daughter, Voda Lashea Howell, to Jessica R Moore.

Feb. 01, 2002

A daughter, Asya Gayle Jarrell, to Mary & Marshall Jarrell.

Feb. 01, 2002

A daughter, Libby Ann Hughes, to Jennie & William Hughes.

Feb. 01, 2002

A son, Gavin McCaye Sexton, to Kristi & Ellis McCaye Sexton.

Feb. 01, 2002

A son, Donovan Grant Justice, to Sandra & Arlin Justice.

Feb. 02, 2002

A son, Steven Dewayne Howard, to Felicia White.

Feb. 03, 2002

A daughter, Alexis Hope Newsome, to Derrick & Jeannie Newsome.

Feb. 03, 2002

A son, Brian Dylan Bentley, to Bobbi Setser.

Feb. 04, 2002

A son, Gary Jeremiah Tackett, to Rhonda Fairchild.

New Cancer program to begin in March at HRMC

Tell A Friend is an American Cancer Society (ACS) program, started in 1999, and conducted among friends, family, and acquaintances. Trained volunteer callers contact five friends or other women they know to encourage them to get a mammogram. This strategy is called "peer counseling" because the volunteers are contacting other women much like themselves. The goal of *Tell A Friend* is to increase the number of women who receive regular mammograms according to ACS guidelines, which will increase the number of women diagnosed in Stage One breast cancer disease, when chances of long term survival are greatest.

On Thursday, March 7 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., in the Food Court at Highlands Regional Medical Center, a formative meeting will be held for the *Tell A Friend* program. Brenda Felty, group leader, and representatives from the American Cancer Society will explain how the all volunteer advocacy program works.

Volunteers deciding to become members of *Tell A Friend* will receive training by ACS personnel in how to make contacts to friends and family encouraging women to have a mammogram. The *Tell A Friend* program nationally has over 30,000 active volunteers. It is credited with 184 estimated diagnoses of breast cancer in women that had been previously

undetected. Breast cancer is the second leading cause of cancer-related deaths among women in the United States. The earlier cancer is detected and treatment begun the better the chance for a good outcome. Mammography is still considered the best method for the early detection of cancer when it is most curable.

But only about one third of women 40 and older have mammograms as often as they should. This year over 192,000 women in the US will be diagnosed with breast cancer and 40,000 will die as a result of breast cancer. It is unknown how many women have breast cancer and are not aware of it, meaning they are undiagnosed. Sometimes a few words of

encouragement may be all that is needed to get a woman to have a mammogram. That is where volunteers can help. The ACS helps volunteers find the right words to say to friends, answers questions they may have, and calls are made from the volunteer's own home.

Highlands Regional Medical Center is sponsoring the *Tell A Friend* program.

If you are interested in learning more about this volunteer breast cancer advocacy group, plan to attend the formative meeting on March 7 in the Food Court at Highlands. Call Brenda Felty, group leader at 886-7565 for more information.

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

Pursuant to Application Number 836-5425

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Clark Elkhorn Coal Company, 2000 Ashland Drive, Ashland, KY 41101, has applied for permit for an underground coal mining and reclamation operation located 1.0 miles east of Betsy Layne in Floyd and Pike County. The proposed operation will disturb 21.28 surface acres and will underlie 314.48 acres, and the total area within the permit boundary will be 335.76 acres.

The proposed operation is approximately 0.64 miles northwest from CR-1509's junction with CR-1510, and located along Pike-Floyd Hollow.

The proposed amendment is located on the Broadbottom and Harold USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by the East Kentucky Energy Corporation. The operation will underlie land owned by East Kentucky Energy Corporation; Oakie & Eunice Lawsoni Jeffery Bentley; James & Aileen Maynard; Jimmy & Karen Crum; William T. & Diana L. Patton; James Gunnels; Williams Maynard; Bobby & Joyce Stone; Mike & Sandy Brooks; Robert Hughes; Tom & Martha Keathley; Jane S. Clark; Leonard J. Sturgill; Rhodes W. & Virgie Lynch; Adis & Emma Lou Clark; Ella Jean Compton; Toba M. Owens; Charles R. Owens; Maudie Flack; Billy & Betsy Steward; Jimmy & Joyce Smith; Gary & Renee Keathley; Gary & Dottie Duncan; Jane I. Syck; John G. Ratliff; Gary & Linda Bevins; James W. Allen; Wanda Compton; Stanley Stratton; Mary Belle Lewis; Neely Jane Lewis; S.S.S. & P., Inc.; Lois Cline; KY Department of Transportation; Paul & Linda Gearhart; Glendle M. Adkins; Lisa Lynn Howell; Velva Stratton; George Hall, Jr.;

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The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 2705 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653-1397. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director of the Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, US 127 South, Frankfort, KY 40601. This is the final advertisement for this application; all comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference, must be received within thirty (30) days of today's date.

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

Pursuant to Application Number 836-0295

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Frasure Creek Mining, LLC, 1149 Newmans Branch Road, Milton, West Virginia 25541, has applied for a permit for a surface coal mining and reclamation operation, located at Craynor in Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 299.14 surface acres and will underlie 55.78 acres of overlying auger, all of which are included in the surface acres, and the total area within the permit boundary will be 299.14 acres.

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

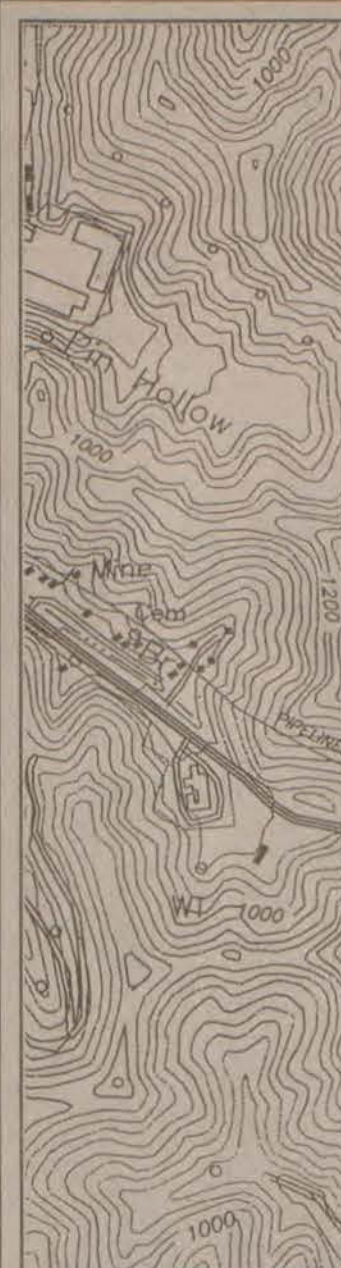
The proposed operation is located on the McDowell USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by The Elk Horn Coal Corporation, Arnold Howell, R. S.

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The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director of the Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow Complex, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. This is the final advertisement of the application. All comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be received within 30 days of today's date.

LEGAL NOTICE

Resident voters or owners of real property within the limits of the territory contained in the Big Branch area of Abbott Creek proposed to be annexed as set forth in Ordinance No. 2-2002, may within 60 days of February 15, 2002, petition Mayor Jerry Fannin against such annexation. In order to place the matter on the ballot at the next regular election, fifty percent (50%) of the resident voters or owners of real property within the area proposed for annexation must present their petition opposing annexation to the Mayor at the Prestonsburg Municipal Building, 200 North Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653.



Proposed

This Map of the Prestonsburg corporate boundary addition to the city of Prestonsburg, State of Kentucky, was prepared under my supervision based on available information, including, but not limited to, actual surveys, boundary lines shown on U.S.G.S. topographic maps and existing Prestonsburg city zoning maps. This map is not intended for actual transfer of property and is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.

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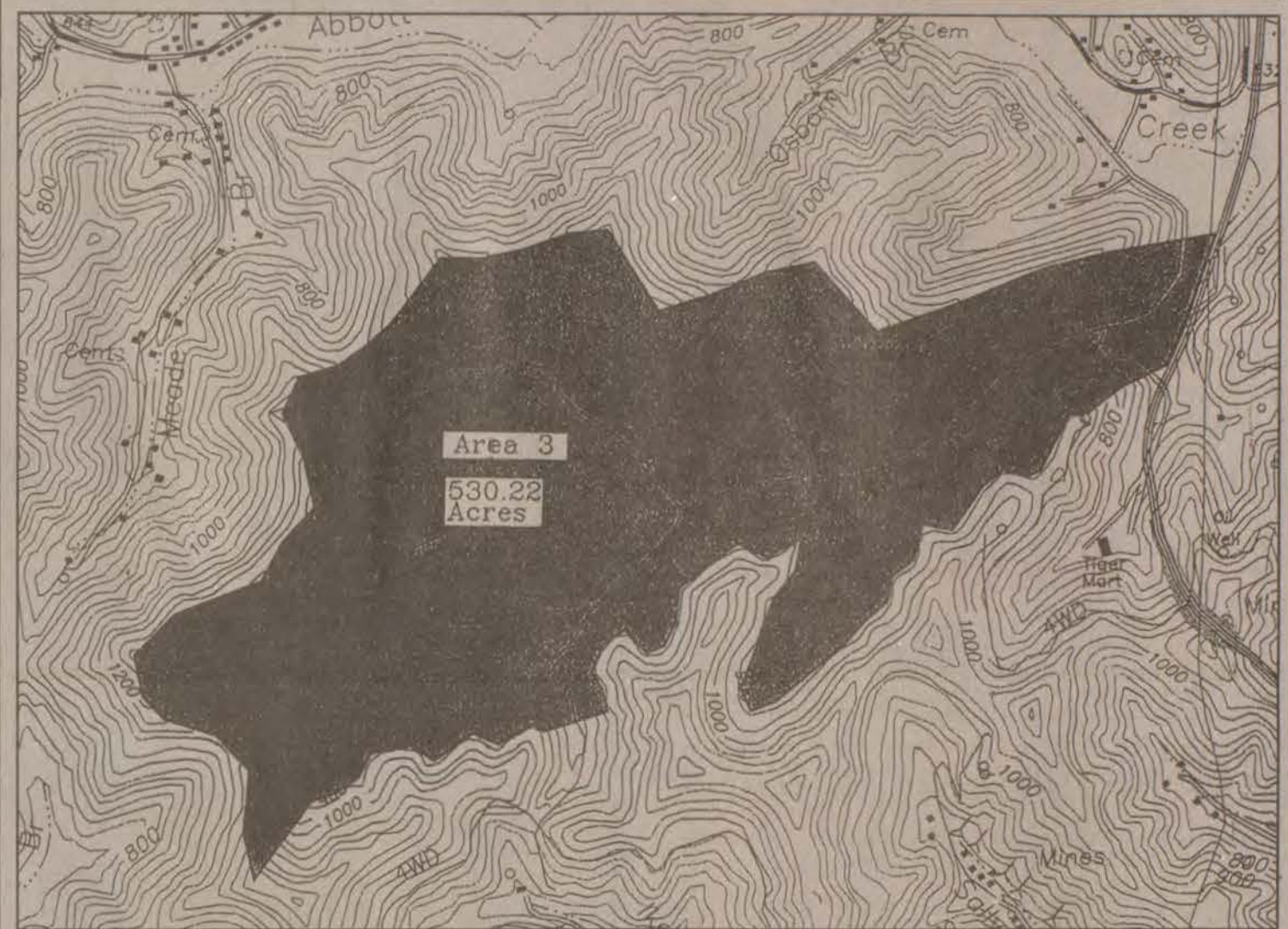
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Proposed Annexation Map

Area 3

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ORDINANCE NO: 2-2002

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PRESTONSBURG, KENTUCKY, BY WHICH THE CITY PROPOSES ANNEXING INTO THE CITY CORPORATE LIMITS CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY AT THE MOUTH OF BIG BRANCH OF ABBOTT CREEK AND EXTENDING UP BIG BRANCH SO AS TO INCLUDE THE AREA CONTAINED IN THE BIG BRANCH OF ABBOTT CREEK WATERSHED

WHEREAS, owners of property contained within that certain tract and boundary of unincorporated territory as more specifically described hereinbelow, and as reflected by the Proposed Annexation Map hereto attached as Exhibit A, have expressed a desire and interest to be annexed and incorporated into the city limits of Prestonsburg; and,
WHEREAS, the area as hereinbelow more particularly described, and reflected in Exhibit A hereto (Proposed Annexation Map) lies adjacent to or is contiguous to the City's current boundaries; and,
WHEREAS, the Prestonsburg City Council having considered the matter and determined after due discussion and deliberation that it is in the best interest of the City and best interest of those property owners whose property is contained within the area proposed to be annexed; and,
WHEREAS, the City Council, through passage of this resolution and the ordinance set forth hereinbelow, declares it desirable to annex into the corporate limits of the City of Prestonsburg that certain area more fully described below:

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED AND IS HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF PRESTONSBURG, KENTUCKY, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: The City of Prestonsburg does hereby declare its intent to annex into the municipal corporate limits the property described as follows:
Beginning at a point on the right-of-way of US 23, said point being North of the mouth of Big Branch of Abbott Creek; thence following said right of way South 16-02-09 West, 643.65 feet to a point; South 19-37-52 West, 579.77 feet to a point on said right-of-way; thence leaving said right-of-way and running up high ground of point South 61-57-07 West, 426.47 feet; thence South 49-59-12 West, 337.38 feet to a point on spur, said point being a corner to Area #1 of the proposed city annexation; thence South 82-1942 West, 162.06 feet to the approximate 900' elevation; thence following said elevation; South 26-11-02 West, 226.38 feet; South 25-13-16 West, 319.83 feet; South 62-07-07 West, 106.22 feet with 900' elevation; North 77-01-12 West, 219.47 feet; South 49-07-50 West, 220.91 feet; South 32-39-37 West, 457.87 feet; North 78-59-15 West, 265.52 feet; South 10-28-47 West, 316.36 feet; South 49-09-24 West, 232.67 feet; South

08-37-28 West, 225.72 feet with said 900' elevation; South 46-33-30 West, 229.79 feet; South 39-12-29 West, 243.37 feet; South 46-39-44 West, 790.86 feet; South 68-17-00 West, 222.11 feet; North 24-17-42 West, 212.09 feet; North 17-16-10 East, 816.64 feet; North 34-26-45 East, 317.17 feet; North 07-09-12 East, 290.60 feet with 900' elevation; South 56-35-58 West, 329.07 feet; North 64-24-46 West, 278.37 feet; South 49-52-58 West, 612.69 feet; South 04-07-09 West, 298.18 feet; South 23-13-51 West, 223.04 feet; South 65-16-32 West, 158.77 feet; North 42-40-17 West, 270.96 feet; South 53-30-55 West, 217.59 feet; South 20-07-37 West, 260.03 feet; South 30-59-23 East, 173.78 feet; South 14-56-03 East, 206.96 feet; South 70-26-08 West, 565.09 feet; North 56-22-33 West, 114.45 feet with said 900' elevation; thence South 57-48-52 West, 340.05 feet; North 66-46-54 West, 234.11 feet; South 53-15-59 West, 392.56 feet; North 54-19-58 West, 223.23 feet; South 78-27-25 West, 343.19 feet; South 24-08-10 West, 236.30 feet; South 53-28-34 West, 241.23 feet; South 70-32-46 West, 203.56 feet; thence leaving 900' elevation and running up a drain South 34-08-41 West, 831.59 feet to a point on a small knob at the head of Sally Stevens Branch and Fitzpatrick Branch; thence North 13-31-20 West, 417.60 feet to a point on ridge between Big Branch and Meade Branch of Abbott Creek; thence North 04-55-56 East, 544.23 feet; North 44-07-12 West, 416.71 feet; North 72-08-19 West, 457.19 feet to a point on ridge; North 42-49-18 West, 263.16 feet; North 12-27-07 West, 378.87 feet; North 41-46-19 East, 474.17 feet; North 67-24-04 East, 778.68 feet to a point on ridge between Big Branch and Meade Branch; thence North 26-11-07 East, 379.72 feet; North 39-47-51 East, 399.99 feet; North 14-15-05 West, 442.82 feet; North 26-35-19 West, 415.48 feet; North 23-21-36 East, 344.19 feet; North 71-16-36 East, 329.71 feet; North 51-31-41 East, 313.38 feet; North 45-01-46 East, 236.45 feet to a point on ridge between Big Branch and Meade Branch of Abbott Creek; thence North 34-10-13 East, 718.91 feet to a point on knob between two said Branches; thence North 89-59-31 East, 320.35 feet to a point between Big Branch and Main Abbott Creek; thence North 76-36-55 East, 366.04 feet; North 68-25-29 East, 402.94 feet; North 83-22-27 East, 337.94 feet; South 31-38-02 East, 833.50

feet to a point on ridge line between Osborne Branch and Big Branch; thence North 70-47-21 East, 445.23 feet; North 65-25-21 East, 508.92 feet; North 76-32-53 East, 607.07 feet; South 41-39-46 East, 805.27 feet to a point on spur between Osborne Branch and Big Branch; thence running down point North 69-04-10 East, 751.91 feet; thence North 65-32-35 East, 767.00 feet; North 74-42-56 East, 568.11 feet; North 78-14-50 East, 890.80 feet to the point of beginning containing 530.22 acres.

Section 11: The Proposed Annexation Map attached hereto as Exhibit A reflects the description as herein stated above and is incorporated herein by reference as a part hereof.

Section 111: Publication of this ordinance and notice of the proposed annexation shall be provided in accordance with the Kentucky Revised Statutes as contained in Chapter 81A.420 and 81A.425.

Section IV: In accordance with KRS 81A.420; KRS 424.130(1)(b); and, KRS 424.140 resident voters or owners of real property within the limits of the territory contained in the Big Branch area of Abbott Creek proposed to be annexed as set forth in Ordinance No. 2-2002 may within 60 days of February 15, 2002, petition Mayor Jerry Fannin against such annexation and in order to place the matter on the ballot at the next regular election, fifty percent (50%) of the resident voters or owners of real property within the area proposed for annexation must present their petition opposing annexation to the Mayor, at the Prestonsburg Municipal Building, 200 North Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653.

So resolved, ordained, and adopted, this 11 - day of February, 2002.

Jerry Fannin
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Latest styles for 'The Dress'

The Associated Press

It's the Dress. It's the visual center of a wedding, outshone only by the bride and groom themselves.

It can be frothy or sleek, have period details or avant garde funkiness, depending on the choice or mood of its wearer. But this season look especially for bare-armed styles with fitted bodices and spaghetti straps.

■ Most period pieces seem to come from 18th and 19th century styles, but a draped ivory jersey strapless dress from Kleinfeld Couture goes back even further, recalling ancient

Greece. It's a gently flowing column, caught with satin bands under the bosom and at the knees and decorated with silk roses.

■ A French fantasy is an asymmetrical strapless silver dress covered with multiple white mesh gazar squares, also from Kleinfeld Couture. Its effect makes it seem like the bride is literally floating down the aisle.

■ A slim, confident bride will look sensational in Amsale's silk crepe column dress, cut deeply at the back with a cowl and suspended with long spaghetti straps. There's a

beaded and embroidered insert framed by the cowl, and a sweep train trails the full-length skirt.

■ Another gown from Amsale that has back interest features a bateau neckline on a sleeveless bodice and a deep V-cut backline. The waist is encircled with a ribbon of hand embroidered scrollwork with seed pearls, crystals and French knotting. Soft pleating in the back of this otherwise smooth dress frames a chapel train.

■ Some brides still prefer the romantic full skirt, like the strapless matte satin with lace trim in a

contrasting color, from David's Bridal. This dress has a softly pleated full skirt with a chapel train and comes with a matching shawl. Choose from a variety of color combinations, such as ivory with rum pink embroidery.

■ The bride with a full figure hasn't been forgotten. There's a gently proportioned A-line gown with beaded lace overlay and chapel train, also from David's Bridal. The dress features spaghetti straps and modest scooping at the neckline and back. A matching headpiece and veil are available.

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Books help write the wedding chapter of your life

by **KAROL STONGER**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Since she opened her shop in New York in 1990, Vera Wang has become the bridal gown guru for the rich and famous, and during fittings she has been privy to a plethora of wedding plan

woes.

"Five months or five weeks, I talk with them and know what can go wrong," she says of her brides-to-be.

Now, in the manner of Heloise and Amy Vanderbilt, she has written a book of advice ("Getting married is a process, just like life is a

process") and etiquette (the only reason to return gifts from the bridal registry is if you call the whole thing off).

The large-format book, "Vera Wang on Weddings" (HarperCollins, \$60 hardcover) is richly illustrated with lavish weddings — think Sharon Stone, William Baldwin, Pete Sampras — and beautiful brides.

It was Wang's pursuit to personalize her 1987 wedding that led her to bridal design and to offer advice to her clients. "This is your day," she tells each bride. "You should express yourself in your own way."

But even the author admits it is easier said than done: He wants a small wedding, her parents want to invite the world. She wants an afternoon ceremony, the in-laws want an evening bash.

"One of the most fascinating things for me is that a wedding takes on a life of its own," Wang says. "It's a great rehearsal for the rest of life," Wang said in a telephone interview.

Yes, the book is a showcase of Vera Wang gowns in every shade of white and a few pastels. "These are real weddings," she says. "It's like a wedding diary." And although most of the book is given over to creating the well-dressed, well-scrubbed, well-coiffed bride, there are 70 topics relevant to a wedding, with pearls of practical advice tucked among the splendor (no diamonds at morning weddings, for example).

The bridegroom's attire warrants a mention. He defers to the dress code preferred by the bride, and the ushers and best man should follow his cue. While a wedding on the beach may call for a navy blazer, white pants and bare feet, other venues and the time of the ceremony

may demand a morning coat or cutaway or a well-tailored suit.

For evening weddings, the options are white tie and tails, the white dinner jacket and the tuxedo.

Some tips for dressing the bridal attendants: If there are several body types, use the same fabric to create a flattering style for each. If some bridesmaids stand tall and others are short, make adjustments by varying their heel heights.

Most of the Vera Wang collection ranges from \$2,000 to \$10,000, with custom gowns much higher — not for every bride's budget, perhaps. The book is more reasonable. "Even if they can't buy my dress," Wang said, "they can use my expertise."

For example, she says an

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The language of flowers speaks volumes about the bride

by **MARY MARTIN NIEPOLD**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Queen Victoria, for her wedding in 1840, tucked a sprig of orange blossom in her décolletage.

Much earlier, the Romans had opted for the magical power of herbs to dress the bridal chamber.

In the last several decades, wedding flowers have ranged from a single sunflower for a hippie bride in the 1960s to gilded and beaded roses in bouquets of excess in the 1980s.

Currently, there is no one trend in bridal flowers, rather a general agreement that flowers are the most visible way to create a personal imprimatur for the celebration at hand — from the simplest themes of wildflowers in the summer or harvested fruits and mums in autumn to classical sprays of orchids, lilies or roses in any season.

"The details of the wedding are the ways you present your personality and think about design and entertaining, so flowers are just one of the many details of a wedding that give voice to what you love, who you're marrying, who you are," says Maria McBride-Mellinger, New York-based wedding stylist and author of several books on weddings. Her newest is "The Perfect Wedding Reception" (HarperCollins \$40 hardcover).

"One of the real interesting things today is that we're getting married two or three times. We're getting married a little older than our mothers did when they first married. And most women today have a real understanding of what they like, what their style is. We're not having our mother's wedding any longer."

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Flowers

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The opportunity to individualize one's wedding is the overwhelming option for brides today — everything from their gown and slippers to the flowers they choose the festoon the event. McBride-Mellinger's advice: "Go with what you love."

Group launches ad campaign to fight rise in teen use of Ecstasy

by KEN GUGGENHEIM
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Ecstasy use is rising among American teen-agers, many of whom are unaware of its dangers, an anti-drug group said Monday.

The Partnership for a Drug Free America said it is starting an advertising campaign to warn teens about the dangers of Ecstasy, which has been linked to damage to the brain, heart and kidneys.

The group's annual survey found that overall drug use remained steady last year except for Ecstasy, which became popular over the past decade at dance parties known as raves. The number of teens who said they've ever tried the drug rose by 20 percent last year and has increased 71 percent since 1999.

John Walters, director of the White House drug policy office, said anti-drug officials are trying to counter an impression among teens that Ecstasy is harmless.

"This is about heading off a problem before it gets out

(See **GROUP**, page five)

For Leah Weinstein and her husband Frank, both teachers and lovers of nature, wildflowers were their choice for their wedding last summer in an 18th century country Episcopal church in Queen Anne Parish, Maryland.

Weinstein says, "Our theme for the wedding was simplicity. We wanted our wedding to be about the marriage. We didn't want the decorations to overshadow. When guests look back on our wedding, we didn't want them to remember the flowers or the dress, but what the wedding was about — our union."

Weinstein's bouquet, like those for her bridesmaids, was a multi-colored, long-stemmed cluster of daisies, hydrangeas, heather, phlox, viburnum and lavender roses, with stems in full view. Not even streamers or ribbon detracted from the natural beauty of the hand-held bouquet.

McBride-Mellinger agrees. "Flowers should complement, never upstage, your look."

Bouquets are more personalized today, and proportion is what determines the right bouquet for your gown, according to McBride-Mellinger. The rule: the bigger the dress, the bigger the bouquet.

"Bouquets over the years keep pace with whatever the bride was wearing," she explains. Early in the 20th century, brides' bouquets were "lavish arrangements made of gardenias, lilies and roses." In the 1920s, when dresses became short and streamlined for flapper brides, a simple nosegay was appropriate. In the wartime 1940s, fresh flowers were rare, so fabric flowers frequently replaced them. Bouquets became larger in the 1950s, simpler in the 1960s. Larger bouquets returned in the 1970s and affluent 1980s (Lady Diana Spencer's elaborate bouquet cascaded with orchids, stephanotis and roses).

Now, as in the 1990s, both gowns and wedding flowers offer a wide array of choices. The key is to choose a bouquet that doesn't overpower the gown and then, to continue the theme of the bouquet in the flowers for the wedding party, the church, the reception hall.

"Everything that you do for your wedding, from the invitation to the cake and flowers, should all feel like it belongs together," explains McBride-Mellinger. "It doesn't have to be the same flowers, or even the same colors, but it has to feel like it fits."

At the Weinstein wedding, for instance, lavender echoed the roses in the bouquet to appear in the linen dresses of the bridesmaids, the silk ties of the groomsmen, and the lavender hydrangeas in centerpieces at the reception and church.

Choosing wedding flowers, however, is not so simple as designating a few special varieties you've seen in magazines, of letting a florist do all the work, or of going over the mark with Las Vegas-styled bouquets and garlands. To make your wedding as beautiful and personal as you want it, planning for flowers takes time. Experts recommend a year.

McBride-Mellinger says, "Do your homework. Find out what is available for you. I recommend that if you're in a town with a wholesale flower market or farmer's market, walk around and see what kinds of flowers are available. It's good to do this as soon as you're engaged, and visit in the season that your wedding will be held."

Tap the knowledge of experts. Ask salespeople in the markets about which flowers are hearty and which are fragile. Generally, those with thicker leaves (such as orchids) last longer, whereas lilacs

and wildflowers droop quickly. Roses, if properly conditioned by a florist (not your street or supermarket variety) will last for the day. A properly conditioned bouquet should last four to five hours, if not longer.

McBride-Mellinger recommends booking your florist up to a year in advance, and begin strategizing about the actual look at least three months before the wedding. Discuss you likes and hates. Choose a few signature varieties and use them in abundance. She also suggests ordering a sample bouquet or arrangements for pre-wedding parties as test runs.

On the day of your wedding, flowers should arrive well misted and wrapped in cellophane. Never put them in sunlight or near a heat source, and keep them away from the cold and drafts. Bouquets with fresh stems should be kept in cold water until the last moment.

If you've planned well, your flowers will be exactly what you want, and you'll be free to focus on what your day is all about.

"I can tell you this," remembers Weinstein, "that when I was standing at the altar, I wasn't thinking about my dress or how the flowers looked. I was just focused on the vows."

Books

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inexpensive gown can look elegant with proper fitting, and an extraordinary bouquet can enhance a plain dress. Select the right shade of white for your skin tone and the most flattering style for your shape. There are plenty of styles to choose from among the sketches in the back of the book: 26 necklines, 23 sleeves, 13 waistlines, 16 skirt shapes and 11 skirt lengths.

Ultimately, she says, "It's not just the dress. It's the rest of the wedding that makes the dress come alive."

More books to help you write the wedding chapter of your life:

■ If you think weddings today

look pretty much the same and



you'd like yours to look a bit differ-

ent, take a trip down memory lane, urges Nancy Eaton in "Your Vintage Wedding" (Harper Vintage Resource, \$27 hardcover, January). She's surveyed wedding styles through all decades of the 20th century and has come up with suggestions about how to create your own period wedding look, whether it be art deco styles from the 1920s or post-war glamour of the 1950s. One of the wittiest examples is the idea of outfitting the fellows for a 1940s-style wedding in zoot suits, complete with hanging chains.

■ Mother, whose wedding is it, anyway? Well, now's the time to use the wisdom of your experience to help your daughter have the wedding of her lifetime. "The Mother-of-the-Bride Book" (Citadel Press,

\$18.95 hardcover), by Sharon Naylor, helps you negotiate the fine line between being an indispensable helpmeet or what Naylor calls a guilt-tripping Runaway Mother of the Bride.

■ You're declaring your intention of sharing your life with this other person. Whether your ceremony is religious or secular, you are asserting your vows, preferably in your personal voice. "Wedding Vows: Beyond Love, Honor and Cherish" (Warner Books, \$12.95 paperback), by Susan Lee Smith, will help you find the right words.

■ "Viva el Amor" (Fireside Books, \$12 paperback), by Edna R. Bautista, reminds us that the language of love is international. Subtitled "The Latino Wedding

Planner," it has text in both English and Spanish. Bautista also explains the significance of Latina traditions, such as the 13 coins used in the ceremony and the practice of carrying three bridal bouquets.

■ A reality check instead of a checklist is promised by Lara Webb Carrigan in "The Best Friend's Guide to Planning a Wedding" (Regan Books, \$13.95 paperback). Carrigan wrote this book after surviving, and relishing, her own dream wedding, and she comes up with real-life answers to the dilemmas faced by couples, many of whom are financing their own festivities. She interviewed her peers in the wedding stage of their lives instead of "experts" and came up with some fairly expert advice.

Making sure your jewelry investment is rock solid



The Associated Press

You're paying a lot for your new family jewel. Do you know what you're getting?

If you're a novice, you can be taken by the glitter or brilliance of a stone. Or you can just be taken.

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cate, for any worthwhile diamond purchase, says Gregory Sherman, director of marketing and education for EGL USA, one of the country's largest and oldest gemological institutions.

That certificate will give you, essentially, the product information you need to make an informed purchase. It will attest to the stone's

genuineness and evaluate the factors that affect quality, beauty, and value. The certificate also will help you identify your gem if it is lost or stolen, so you can receive an equivalent gem as replacement.

EGL USA (EGL stands for European Gemological Laboratory) suggests what you should look for in a reliable diamond certificate:

■ **Date of report.** There's a possibility that the diamond has been damaged since the report was issued. Ask your retailer to show how your diamond matches the certificate offered.

■ **Identification number.** Consumers can check out individual certificates online via <http://www.EGLUSA.com>. Often this identification number can be found laser-inscribed on the diamond itself. If your stone doesn't have an inscribed number, ask your jeweler to have it done.

■ **It's the genuine article.** Look for a statement that says that the diamond is genuine and whether it has been enhanced — meaning if it has been treated to fill fractures. Labs will not grade fracture-filled diamonds, though reports are issued about laser-drilled dia-

monds.

■ **Weight.** The exact carat measurement must appear on the report.

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■ **Measurements.** Most

labs measure diamonds in millimeters, most often to the hundredth. These exact dimensions are important for identification; it's unlikely that two diamonds will have identical weight and dimen-

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WEDDINGS



Children and remarriage:

THE FAMILY WEDDING

ARA Content

You've found the man of your dreams and you've set the date. There is, however, one nagging dilemma: the children (both yours and his). How can the traditional wedding, which focuses exclusively on the bride and groom, be reconfigured to recognize the critical role that children play in the remarriage relationship?

That question plagued mother and bride-to-be Laura Clemmer, who spent months scouring wedding magazines. "My fiancé Paul (Kotz) and I wanted to do something concrete during our wedding to show my children — 2-year-old Allison and 5-year-old Nathan — that we were creating a new family," she says.

Laura and Paul were discouraged when the initial search for a family-oriented wedding ceremony proved fruitless. They were concerned that Nathan, who had early on been enthusiastic

about his mom's marriage plans, began expressing some doubts. "Will you and Paul get divorced?" asked the preschooler, who still remembered the pain of his parents' divorce several years earlier.

The Greensboro, N.C., couple was grappling with a problem experienced by most of the more than 1 million single parents who remarry in the United States each year: What can be done to ease the concerns of children who feel, on a conscious or unconscious level, that their secure place in the family is threatened by the pending marriage of a parent?

After much research, Laura found a simple and emotionally satisfying answer in the form of a family-oriented wedding service that gives children a meaningful role. This 5-minute ceremony — called the Family Medallion service —

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Group

of control," he said.

Many of the ads in the new campaign feature the parents of Danielle Heird, a 21-year-old Las Vegas woman who died after taking Ecstasy in 2000. She was partying with friends and had taken the drug for only the third time in her life, her parents said.

"We don't want your families to endure the heart-break and pain we feel," said her mother, Elsa Heird, at a news conference.

But Mark A.R. Kleiman, director of the drug policy analysis program at the University of California at Los Angeles, called the approach dishonest. He said that while long-term use can be harmful, there is limited evidence that a single use is damaging.

"It's not a very fatal drug. Its dangers are different dangers," he said in an interview.

At the news conference, Dr. Glen Hanson, acting

director of the National Institute on Drug Abuse, said the danger of Ecstasy varies depending on the health of the person using it. For example, it is more dangerous for someone with a heart problem.

"What's the likelihood that somebody using this drug for the first time will fall over dead? It really depends on what predisposing medical conditions you're dealing with," Hanson said.

Stephen J. Pasierb, president of the Partnership, said Ecstasy, a synthetic drug considered part hallucinogen and part amphetamine, appears to be expanding beyond clubs.

"Ecstasy has moved out of the rave scene and into the mainstream," he said.

The survey of 6,937 teen-agers found that 12 percent of 12-to-18 year olds had used Ecstasy at some point in their lives. That compares with 10 per-

cent in 2000. The survey had an error margin of plus or minus 1.8 percentage points.

Marijuana remains the most popular drug among teens, with 41 percent having tried it. Inhalants, such as glue, were used by 18 percent, methamphetamines were used by 11 percent, cocaine or crack by 9 percent and heroin by 4 percent.

The survey found that both alcohol and tobacco use had declined. Fifty-three percent of teens reported using alcohol over the past year, down from 58 percent in 2000. For tobacco, 28 percent reported smoking cigarettes over the previous 30 days, compared with 34 percent in the 2000 survey.

The Partnership is a coalition of communications professionals that seeks to reduce demand for drugs. It relies on volunteers to create anti-drug ads.

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can be integrated into any religious or civil wedding ceremony. It differs from the traditional wedding in only one respect: After the newlyweds exchange rings, their children join them for a special service focusing on the family nature of remarriage. Each child is given a gold or silver medal (Family Medallion) with three interlocking circles, a symbol that represents family love in much the same way the wedding ring signifies conjugal love. (The medallion is available in the form of a pendant, ring or lapel pin.)

The Kotzes say they will never forget the moment during their wedding when Nathan and Allison were summoned to their sides to partic-

ipate in the family wedding service. While the minister recited the words of the ceremony — a pledge to love and care for all the children either spouse brings to the marriage — Laura and Paul presented Nathan and Allison with Family Medallions. Then the hugging started.

"I don't mean to be trite, but it was really a bonding experience," recalls step-dad Paul. "I especially wanted Nathan, who was old enough to understand what was going on, to know that I wasn't just marrying Laura; I was making a commitment to be there for him and his sister. I could see from the way his eyes lit up that he understood. I will never forget it."

But finding family-oriented ceremonies is no easy task. "Although I have many books on wedding ceremonies, not one of them contains a wedding ritual that recognizes children from previous marriages," says Dr. C. Fred Werhan, the Baptist minister who officiated at the Clemmer-Kotz wedding. "That was OK 35 years ago, when practically every wedding involved people who had never been married before. But things have changed dramatically since then. Today, in half the couples that I marry, at least one spouse has been married before."

Werhan says he was very excited when he read about a family wedding service developed by a Kansas City minister. "There's nothing else like it that I know about," he adds. "Now I tell many of the couples that I marry about it."

The family service — along with the Family Medallion — was developed more than 15 years ago by Dr. Roger Coleman, chaplain of Pilgrim Chapel in Kansas City. "A marriage with children is a lot more than simply the union of a man and a woman," he says. "It is a merging of families. Every day I see how divorce creates a sense of failure and hopelessness in people. The family ceremony is a sign of hope and an important step in rebuilding the devastation of the family."

Today, more than 15,000

couples a year — primarily in the United States, Canada and Europe — use the Family Medallion ceremony to help cement the bond between parents, stepparents and children. "It really works," says Dr. Werhan, who has adapted Coleman's family service for many weddings. "A family-oriented wedding that includes giving youngsters a tangible symbol of love like the Family Medallion is a great way to make children entering a blended family feel secure."

Sharon Stober Barry, the editorial director of *Your Stepfamily* magazine, agrees. In fact, she used the Family Medallion service to acknowledge her son and stepdaughter when she remar-

ried in 2000. "The family-oriented wedding is much more than just a nice thing to do," she insists. "You are pledging to your kids and his kids that you are going to accompany them on their journey through life."

Nathan Clemmer, now a kindergartner, knows a lot more about little league than about life journeys. But he treasures the Family Medallion lapel pin his step-dad gave him when Laura and Paul Kotz married last year. His mother says that Nathan sometimes climbs atop his chest of drawers to snatch the lapel pin from the box where it is stored for safekeeping. "I like to wear it," he announces proudly. "It means I'm part of this family."

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Here's to ...

Wedding toasts a time-honored tradition

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PALM BEACH, Fla. — Here's a toast to the happy couple.

It's not to test the drinks for poison — a reason the practice started among the Greeks in the 6th century B.C. — but to salute the stars of the day, according to etiquette expert Jacqueline Whitmore.

"It is an art, because its effectiveness depends on intuition, timing, and a well-articulated message," she says.

Whitmore, founder of the Protocol School of Palm Beach, says to remember the three Bs as you raise your glass:

"Begin, be brief, and be seated."

It may seem obvious, but don't forget the toast is to recognize the people you're toasting, she says. Be as eloquent and creative as you please. But be brief, keeping your tribute to just a few sentences. End on a positive note and sit down, giving the bride and groom an opportunity to respond.

And, she cautions, don't confuse a toast with a "roast."

Some other toast points from Whitmore:

■ There are usually two traditional toasts. One is offered at the beginning of the wedding meal, to welcome everyone, and the other is proposed to the wedding couple at the beginning of the dessert course.

It's acceptable but not necessary to clink glasses as you raise the toast. Simply raising your glass — a practice of many cultures — is fine.

■ Never tap the side of your glass with a utensil to get attention or quiet the chatter of guests. For all you know, it may be a piece of fine crystal you're endangering.

■ The father of the bride or the best man takes precedence in offering the first toast. And after the toast is made, the couple should rise and respond with their own toast.

■ The couple should never drink a toast to themselves.

■ And never refuse to participate in a toast, even if you're a teetotaler. It's perfectly acceptable to toast with a non-alcoholic beverage.

A divorce lawyer looks at marriage

by **MARY MARTIN NIEPOLD**
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NEW YORK — He's seen some of the best go separate ways. He's helped many of the most powerful make sure the kind of life they've become accustomed to won't slip away. He's Raoul Felder, maybe this country's best known divorce attorney.

Frequently it's the woman he represents (as in the female sides of Mike Tyson, Anthony Quinn and Mick Jagger).

Sometimes, it's high profile husbands, as in Larry Fortensky versus Elizabeth Taylor, and most currently, New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani versus Donna Hanover.

In Felder's world, it's up to him to try to make love-gone-sour taste sweet nonetheless. Given more than 30 years of sorting out the ways of fractured love and \$500-per-hour fees, Felder has a unique view of what makes good marriages work (he and his own wife, attorney Myrna Felder, have been married for 39 years).

And though he resists talking about his own life, he's a staunch believer in two things for anyone going into marriage: One, get a pre-nuptial agreement, regardless of your economic level. And two, try to maintain a mutually agreed view of what constitutes love, commitment and shared goals.

Every partnership is unique, says Felder, and whether it's a 60-40 or 90-10 partnership, he says it's still a partnership. Rarely is it 50-50; it's how the two individuals operate together which determines dynamics, harmonious or otherwise, he says.

Felder has been called a publicity hound, and a look at his office won't contradict that impression. His firm's entrance on the 30th floor at a trendy Madison Avenue address has signage for fictional detectives Philip

Marlowe and Sam Spade hugging the front door. Down the hall is the attorney's private office, a large baronial space complete with faux fireplace, works by Picasso and Groz, wing chairs, a sofa, memorabilia — from ceramic monkeys to tin soldiers — and a needle-point pillow stitched with a slogan, "It ain't easy being king."

A natty dresser with hundreds of pairs of velvet slippers, Dunhill suits and custom-made shirts, Felder spends an hour delivering deadpan assessments of the state of divorce (cracking 50 percent of all marriages, according to some statistics, with a quadruple increase between 1970 and 1996) and what it might take to avoid it.

He sounds like his buddy Jackie Mason, the comedian, but he's dead serious about the pitfalls of love he's battled in splitups.

Unsurprisingly, Felder urges a pre-nup, for everybody, not just the rich and powerful. Since serenity as

well as money is at stake, retain two lawyers. "If there's just one lawyer, you can say he's not protecting my interest, and you want to avoid that," he says.

"You have to err on the side of making sure the thing

is going to stand up, then worry about the delicate interpersonal dynamics later. I've had many cases over the years where the marriage never took place because of

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Anniversary Clocks from Howard Miller feature timepieces under a glass dome, like the Ave Maria shown above, which has dual chimes, solid brass tiara and revolving pendulum.

Gifts to surprise the happy couple

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What to give? You could take the easy way out, and just check the couple's bridal registry. But then again, there's a world of things out there that might make a nice surprise:

■ A wedding pair in naive sculpture top the Wedding Wishes Bottle Stoppers (\$30) by Christopher Radko. They'll help save that leftover champagne — if there is any left over after the wedding celebration — and serve as a sentimental reminder during feasts of the future.

■ "Bridal Waltz" (\$140) is a teardrop-shaped glass paperweight from Caithness, designed by Helen MacDonald. An abstract bridal couple, dancing on confetti, dreamily inhabit this world of clear glass with bubbles that refract light.

■ Another classic in glass is the Hellenic Urn vase (\$1,195) from Steuben — a timeless design that will help celebrate anniversaries to come.

■ A design full of time is one of the Anniversary Clocks from Howard Miller. Most are timepieces under a glass dome, like the Ave Maria, which has dual chimes, solid brass tiara and revolving pendulum. A quartz movement plays Westminster or Ave Maria chimes on the hour. There's a light sensor that silences the chimes when a room darkens, to not disturb light sleepers.

■ The bubbles are inside and out when the bridal pair tastes champagne from the J.G. Durand crystal Celebration flutes (\$39.99 a pair), from Fortunoff. Bubbles are a part of the design, and the flutes match a chiller (\$99.99).

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Fall Fashion Week is off and running

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NEW YORK — In a post-Sept. 11 world with a troubled economy, big fashion productions with showbiz hoopla suddenly seem as passe to some designers as last season's hemline.

Many of the fall 2002 New York Fashion Week shows, which started last Friday in Manhattan in tents at Bryant Park behind the New York Public Library, are relatively subdued, a distant cousin to catwalk extravaganzas of seasons past.

Following the terrorist attack, which halted the last round of New York designer previews mid-stride, several of the collections running through Friday are expected to reflect the industry's toned-down mood, both in terms of the clothes they show and how they are shown.

Unveiling fashion collections in a city dealing with the aftermath of the attack has prompted some designers to talk about showing quieter clothes, even with an American theme. Other designers say it's a time to preview styles that are more uplifting.

Where once there were four Bryant Park tents, now there are two. The larger tent seats nearly 700, down from 1,200 in prior seasons. Four shows daily take place in the tents; previously they

ran more regularly throughout the day.

But 7th on Sixth, the producer of Fashion Week, has also created three small venues in SoHo, seating from 180 to 450. Many designers are showing their collections in their garment center showrooms — sometimes inviting one-fourth as many guests as in previous seasons — in a continuation of the reconfigured smaller showroom presentations that took place in the week following the attack.

The decision to change the venues in the park evolved from discussions that 7th on Sixth had with designers following the attack, said Fern Mallis, executive director.

"There was a new sensitivity that everybody had in the industry," she said. "Like most, our industry has become more introspective, and a smaller, more intimate atmosphere was the general consensus. So we said, 'Let us take that feeling of what worked for you in your showroom,' and we created smaller spaces."

In her show, Cynthia Steffe, who dresses Hollywood notables including Cate Blanchett, Mina Suvari, Kristin Davis and Brooke Shields, set her sights toward more exotic locales, with an eye toward Spanish flamenco dancers.

"I bought the video of a movie called 'High Heels,' in which these women are

sort of flamencoing in prison," Steffe said. "There were a lot of high heels and short skirts. It was the culture and the music that inspired me."

With a flourish of ruffles and yards of black lace, Steffe sent out matador pants and shirts and fanciful items that she described as a cha-cha skirt, tango shirt and general coat. Black lace interjected flair into bell-shaped sleeves, hems of short, hip-slung skirts, stockings and gloves. Rows of ruffles cascaded down the front of sheer blouses and added sass to skirts that looked either mild in gray flannel or wild in leopard print.

Sept. 11 inspired an Anne Klein collection that was heavy on touchable textures in soothing, autumnal shades of camel, chocolate, pumpkin and rust. Cas mere fisherman sweaters, ranging from shrunken, cropped pullovers to oversized styles, were teamed with ball skirts and gowns. A cream satin backless gown was accented with yards of a long cable cream scarf hanging from the neck.

"I wanted to make it homespun," said head designer Charles Nolan. "It's warm and comforting. You're blanketed."

The sportswear firm was making its return after several years off the runway.

The mood of understatement

continued with tweeds, leather and shearing, with simple shapes such as wide charcoal trousers and a cropped navy jacket and white shirt. A black wool hip-length jacket with steel blue stripes and big buckle closures recalled the coats of firefighters, in tribute to their courage.

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the pre-nuptial," he says, explaining that the pre-nup is a great way to find out what you might not have seen in the other person until the discussion of money went to paper.

When it comes to love — which is after all the reason most people say they're joining — it's smart if the future husband and wife are on the same page there, too. "I don't know what love is. It may be what you do in the back seat of cars when you're 17 years old. It may be looking for Dulcinea in 'Don Quixote.' There are all kinds of love. Who knows? What is successful for one is not successful for another."

Should marriage be forever? Felder will say only that the idea of divorce wasn't fashionable back in the early 1960s when he married. "And certainly, if you go back one generation.

"My parents in the last years of their marriage — they lived in a hotel. My mother was in one room, and my father was in another room. That described many marriages in those days. You just didn't get divorced."

Nonetheless, he believes commitment is important in a marriage, but not easy to come by in a world that no longer values loyalty. There are subtle signs of its absence, he says.

"I think the lack of commitment starts in humble things. Like TV. You have a clicker, and you see the president, you don't like him, click. A ballgame you don't

Venezuela-born socialite designer Carolina Herrera, showing in her Seventh Avenue showroom, said the inspiration for her collection was the American woman, whom she called "amusing, fun and smart."

That translated into a mix of menswear with the sparkle of metallic. Herrera's reflective mood

showed with wide charcoal pinstriped trousers teamed with an aluminum-colored jacket, radiating enough shine to light up the night. An ivory silk tuxedo suit was likewise paired with a ruffled shirt in lame. For more entrance making, Herrera showed big sable cuffs on shirts and black velvet capes.

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like, click, click, click. These simple things resonate in your life. Today people walk out of movies they don't like, and there's no sense of loyalty in business anymore in America.

"Generally in life, you can't fight some monstrous lack of morality in people. It's better to recognize it and move on. Otherwise you tilt at windmills your whole life.

"For me, if you have a core belief, you adhere to that core belief. But I'm old-fashioned. I go down shooting. If I believe in a case, if I dislike somebody, if I'm consistent with the dislike and there's a sensible reason, I don't care if I go down for it."

To build relationships, it's good to encourage your partner's individuality and interests, he says. Too much togetherness is not necessarily a good thing.

"It's like geometry, an angle. You start out with the lines very close to each other, but as you extend it into space, it goes out. I think marriage is like this, too."

"You want (your partner) to absorb new experiences, so new aspects of character and personality emerge."

Arguments happen, but argue creatively to find a common goal in the marriage, he says. "There's one argument, a veiled, 'I hate you, I hate you.' Then it's like Rommel and General Montgomery in the desert. They just pick a piece of sand they're going to fight over. That's just an exercise

in hostility. The other thing is you could argue over some intelligent decision. 'Where is the child going to go to college? I believe in this, you believe in that.' This is what should be going on, but much of the time it's not."

If the relationship is no longer working, let it go, he says. "I think, looking back on life, if things don't work out, you move on. I think people should learn in relationships that don't work out, there's no pejorative aspect. You move on. And they do it today. Unfortunately, they do it too much, but they do it."

So what of the marriage that should last "forever?"

"Well, the Thousand Year Reich lasted 12 years, so what's forever? It's a terrible thought, to commit yourself to anything forever, even if it feels good. I wouldn't want to be Cindy Crawford forever. Who wants to do that?"

There's a test Felder recommends to clients who are considering ending a marriage. "A woman will come in and say, 'You know, I don't know whether to leave or not leave. He's not a bad person.' It's very simple. I ask her, 'When he goes on a trip, do you feel better? Or do you feel worse?' Some women will look up and say, 'I feel like a load off my shoulders when he's gone.' Or others will say, 'I feel like a lost sparrow when he's gone.'

"So life gets reduced to very simple terms."

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■ **Clarity and color grades.** Familiarize yourself with the "4Cs." Most reputable jewelers, and EGL USA, have this information if you need a review.

■ **Fluorescence.** Ask your jeweler to tell you what color the diamond fluoresces, if this quality is present.

After studying the certificate, don't think your purchase should be based

solely on its findings. "It cannot replace a visual inspection of the diamond you are considering," says Sherman. "Some diamonds are beautiful even if they don't look good on paper."

Diamond certificates are not the same as guarantees, valuations, or appraisals. Keep in mind that diamond grading, like the cutting, is an art, says the organization.

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