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## Candidates file for county races

by RALPH B. DAVIS  
MANAGING EDITOR

The final rush of candidates never came.

Unlike four years ago, deputy clerks in the Floyd County Clerk's Office recalled, there was no line of

candidates waiting to file for the May election when the deadline came and went at 4 p.m. yesterday.

And several key offices will have no races at all. Incumbent candidates who were given a free pass to another term — barring any challenge from an independent, third-party or

write-in candidate — were County Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson, County Attorney Keith Bartley, Coroner Roger Nelson and District Judge Eric D. Hall.

Also not facing any opposition

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### Children First

— Special section

#### briefs

### Ohio fugitive arrested

An Ohio man was arrested by the Floyd County Sheriff's Department at Cow Creek on Tuesday.

Herbert Harvey was arrested by Deputy Sheriff B.J. Caudill after an arrest warrant was served at a residence on Cow Creek late Tuesday afternoon.

According to Sheriff John K. Blackburn, Harvey was wanted in Marion County, Ohio for domestic violence charges and for violating the terms of his probation in that county.

Harvey's arrest continues the trend from last year in fugitive arrests by the sheriff's department, which reached a high point in September when reports indicated that at various times as high as two-to-three fugitives were captured in a week's time.

Harvey is being lodged in the Floyd County Detention Center and is awaiting extradition to Ohio.

Several fugitives from states such as Indiana, Ohio and New Hampshire have been captured in the sheriff's department's efforts to aid out-of-state agencies in the past year.

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### 2 DAY FORECAST

#### Today



**Mostly cloudy**  
High: 68 • Low: 51

#### Tomorrow



**Mostly cloudy**  
High: 69 • Low: 45

For up-to-the-minute forecasts, see floydcountytimes.com



photo by Carla Davis

A one-vehicle accident along Route 321 just south of Paintsville resulted in a flipped car, but the driver, John Rice, 52, of Auxier was not seriously injured. According to police, Rice suspected that a blown tire caused his car to flip.

## Patton urges East Ky. Corp. to carry on work for region

by SHELDON COMPTON  
STAFF WRITER

Gov. Paul Patton won't be leaving the highest political office in the state for two years, but the one-time Eastern Kentucky coal operator has already decided to begin preparing certain organizations he has supported in the last six years for his departure.

One of those organizations is the East Kentucky Corporation, a privately funded organization of Appalachian Kentucky citizens, public officials and business leaders and, according to Patton, the parties who will ultimately be responsible for ensuring the organization's work over the last 15 years is continued with the help of a governor who will support the interest of Eastern Kentuckians.

"It's time we start thinking about when my term's over," Patton told EKC members on Monday. "The time has come for the people of Eastern Kentucky to find what is important to them for the next governor."

Patton took the opportunity as guest speaker during the group's



photo by Sheldon Compton

Business leaders, politicians and citizens from various counties throughout the eastern region of the state, who collectively make up the organization known as the East Kentucky Corporation, listened Monday afternoon as Gov. Paul Patton called upon them to take responsibility as the "sole promoters" of Eastern Kentucky in the wake of his departure from office in the coming years.

meeting at the Holiday Inn in Prestonsburg to address what said are the key issues for Appalachia during the current session of the General Assembly and to relate to

members the importance of continuing to "sell" Eastern Kentucky in hopes of focusing on

(See PATTON, page ten)

## Charges against mother who ran over child dismissed

by SHELDON COMPTON  
STAFF WRITER

Charges were dismissed Tuesday against Joyl Rose Middleton, the Grethel woman who was arrested in early September for allegedly backing over her child with a car on Mink Branch while intoxicated.

The charges were dismissed by District Judge Eric D. Hall, as required by law, after 60 days passed without an indictment against Middleton.

Middleton was arrested on Nov. 3 and charged with public intoxication and later with first- and second-degree assault charges and various traffic viola-

tions after an investigation revealed the 26-year-old mother had allegedly backed over her daughter and a friend while coasting off a hill at Mink Branch.

Police claim Middleton's car had stalled on a hill in the Mink Branch area at which time her

(See DISMISSED, page seven)

## Report notes progress in school system

### But Wells offers more criticism for superintendent

by KATHY J. PRATER  
FEATURES EDITOR

Zella Wells, state manager for Floyd County Schools, addressed the Floyd County Board of Education on Monday evening with a report on the county's progress toward implementation of the state recommended consolidated plan.

According to Wells, "Significant progress has been made in implementing the district consolidated plan, particularly in the academic performance component."

Wells further said that many of the activities that pertain to assessment-related professional development and to school council trainings "have now been implemented" as well. Team leader initiatives involving enhanced communication among school teachers are now underway and an increase in parent involvement activities has been noted.

Wells reported that the superintendent, Dr. Paul Fanning, is currently engaged in conducting weekly central office staff meetings and monthly principal meetings. Wells noted in her report that "a

significant amount of the superintendent's time is devoted to legal or policy implementation affairs involving personnel and/or school property

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## Ross again elected board chair

### Stumbo voices disapproval

by KATHY J. PRATER  
FEATURES EDITOR

Dr. Chandra Varia, board member, district 2, opened Monday evening's meeting of the Floyd County Board of Education with a positive message that "all children can learn." Following, the Stumbo Elementary Youth Assembly (KYA) was formally recognized by the

(See CHAIR, page nine)



photo by Kathy J. Prater

Jody Tackett, a Prestonsburg Elementary student, winced as Floyd County Health Department nurse Carrie Branham administered his Hepatitis B vaccination as his mom, Hope Tackett, stood nearby. Branham was at the school Tuesday to administer the Hepatitis B vaccinations, which are given in a series of three, to fifth-grade students. Floyd County students are not allowed to advance into the sixth grade until they have received the Hepatitis B vaccines.

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# Odds and Ends

■ NEWARK, N.J. — Seven years after blue became a part of its chocolate rainbow, the maker of M&M's wants the world to decide on a new color from choices the Easter bunny might like.

The maker of the multicolored chocolate candies will add either purple, pink or aqua M&M's to the mix by August, said Bob Gamgort, vice president and general manager of chocolate for Hackettstown-based Masterfoods USA.

The company's market

research shows that these three colors are consumers' top choices to add to the red, green, blue, yellow, brown and orange candies already in the bags, Gamgort said.

Masterfoods said it was advertising in 78 countries and taking votes on its Web site to decide what the new color will be. The site and a toll-free telephone number will take votes from March 6 to May 31, and the company will announce the winning color June 19.

Gamgort said the new color

will be available in all flavors of M&M's in August through the end of the year, when the company will decide whether to include it permanently.

The company introduced the color blue in the same way in 1995.

■ LOCK HAVEN, Pa. — A man arrested for robbing a bank said he only committed the crime so he could pay his bail bondsman and stay out of jail, police said.

Donald S. Guthrie, 27, was

arrested over the weekend in an armed robbery of the M&T Bank in Avis, about 70 miles north of Harrisburg. He was already facing criminal charges for an alleged burglary at a coin-operated laundry.

Guthrie had written a check to his bail bondsman and robbed the bank to cover the check so he wouldn't go back to jail, police said Guthrie's friend told them.

After allegedly robbing the bank of \$9,000, Guthrie fled in his car until he hit a tree stump.

A passer-by stopped to help and gave Guthrie a ride.

Officers, who had seen Guthrie's image on the bank surveillance tape, put two and two together after discovering that the time and location of the accident would have allowed him to rob the bank.

Guthrie was charged with felony armed robbery, theft and receiving stolen property. He was charged with burglary, theft, and other charges in connection with the earlier burglary.

A call to Guthrie's court-appointed attorney was not answered Monday.

■ BOSTON — A woman rummaging through papers in her attic has found a letter from a father — a founding father.

Among the dusty documents was the two-page letter, dated Aug. 14, 1811, from Thomas Jefferson to Henry Dearborn, a former cabinet secretary.

"Apparently it was just one of those classic moments where someone went poking into papers that had not been disturbed for 50 years in an attic and discovered Thomas Jefferson," said Kenneth Gloss, who bought the letter recently from members of an estate in Belmont who wished to remain anonymous.

The Belmont house in which the letter was found once

belonged to a lawyer distantly related to Dearborn.

In the letter, Jefferson, then two years out of the White House, criticizes Bostonians' lack of appetite for the upcoming War of 1812.

"The powers & preeminences conferred on them are daggers put into the hands of assassins, to be plunged into our own bosoms in the moment the thrush can go home to the heart," Jefferson wrote.

Also among the papers were letters from John Quincy Adams. Those were donated to the Massachusetts Historical Society.

"A sensational little find," said William Fowler, the society's director.

Gloss, owner of Boston's Brattle Street Book Shop, said he expects to sell the Jefferson letter for more than \$45,000.

■ BISMARCK, N.D. — It took nearly 60 years but Elbowoods High School has finally been recognized as North Dakota's 1942 state Class B boys basketball champion.

Elbowoods fell to Lakota 32-31 in the 1942 state championship game, but officials later discovered Lakota had used an ineligible player.

The North Dakota High School Activities Association recognized Elbowoods as the champ in 1943 by default, but changed its mind a year later and decided that no team would be listed as champion.

Officials said the ineligible

(See ODDS, page five)

## Senate passes bill to protect counselors from lawsuits

by BRUCE SCHREINER  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — A bill passed by the Kentucky Senate on Tuesday would protect counselors from being sued for divulging threats that their patients make in confidence.

Sen. Brett Guthrie, R-Bowling Green, said the bill seeks to clear up questions

about the reach of such immunity under a law that gives mental health professionals the duty to give a warning when they hear a threat.

The bill passed 36-0 and goes to the House. If it becomes law, it would protect a range of mental health professionals who pass along threats made by their patients.

Guthrie, an attorney and lead sponsor of the bill, said there were some concerns that immunity might now apply only to a narrow group of professionals.

School guidance counselors would be among those covered by the bill. They could pass along specific threats of violence made by students without fear of being sued, Guthrie said.

Marriage and family thera-

pists would be another group that would benefit from the immunity protection, he said.

The bill also would protect mental health professionals from liability for failing to warn of a patient's violent behavior if they heard no actual threats.

The bill also would expand the definition of mental health professionals to include licensed marriage and family therapists. The intent is to provide more counselors, Guthrie said.

The Senate attached an emergency clause to the bill, Senate Bill 90, meaning it would become law as soon as the governor signed it.

The Senate passed another bill to warn domestic violence victims when their abusers try to buy guns. The bill would


create an automated system to notify women under protection of domestic violence orders.

Sen. Marshall Long said the system would continue Kentucky's position as a leader in using technology to protect abuse victims.

Kentucky was the first to set up a statewide system to notify domestic violence victims when their abusers are released

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**Home Owners CORNER**



by Stan Stumbo & Voncel Thacker

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## State Briefs

■ ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — U.S. marshals captured a former Kentucky lawyer who was a fugitive from justice living in Florida.

William Scalf, 63, was arrested early Saturday at his home in St. Petersburg. Scalf, a former attorney from Laurel County, was indicted in 1999 in Laurel County for possession of a forged instrument and theft.

Scalf was permanently disbarred by the Kentucky Supreme Court last year. Cumberland Valley Crime Stoppers received a tip on his whereabouts, leading to his arrest, state police said.

His wife, Kimberly Scalf, is being sought by state police in Kentucky.

■ FRANKFORT — The Governor's Derby Breakfast, a traditional preliminary to the Kentucky Derby, is being moved this year to downtown Frankfort, it was announced Monday.

The breakfast will be staged on the grounds of the Old State Capitol because of construction work at the present Capitol, organizers said.

The breakfast annually draws thousands of visitors who can dine on scrambled eggs, grits and country ham inside a huge tent.

■ FRANKFORT — The state Department for Public Health has joined with the Carpenters' Union to help its members quit smoking, the agency and union announced Monday.

The Health and Welfare Trust Fund of the Kentucky State District Council of Carpenters is covering the cost of nicotine patches and gum for union members enrolled in approved smoking cessation programs. Classes at local health departments have been preapproved for the benefit.

The health departments offer 13 weeks of classes on the Cooper/Clayton Method to

Stop Smoking.

■ LOUISVILLE — Churchill Downs will be the new sponsor of the Kentucky Derby Festival's Great Steamboat Race, one of the events leading up to the Kentucky Derby in May, the Derby Festival announced Monday.

The race lost last year's sponsor in December, and the New Orleans-based Delta Queen will be in dry dock until June, meaning the race this year will be between the Belle of Louisville and the Belle of Cincinnati.

The race began in 1963 and is part of the Kentucky Derby Festival, which is a separate organization from Churchill Downs, where the Derby is raced each May.

"We are excited to be part of one of the world's greatest festivals, the Kentucky Derby Festival, that brings incredible pageantry and excitement to this community in the weeks leading up to our signature racing event," Churchill Downs President Thomas Meeker said in a statement.

## Georgetown man drowns trying to save boy

The Associated Press

GEORGETOWN — Curtis Scott couldn't find a trace of the 9-year-old boy, but he dove into North Elkhorn Creek anyway.

The 40-year-old truck driver and father of six drowned Sunday afternoon in a violent trap of undercurrents, but his girlfriend's son lived.

"It was not an act of heroism for him," said Scott's girlfriend, Dana Burch of Urbana, Ohio. "It was just a way of life."

Police said heavy rains on Sunday brought the creek to a dangerously high level at the dam on North Elkhorn Creek

under the U.S. 25 bridge in Georgetown.

"Anyone who got close to that dam would have drowned, sure as the world," said Georgetown Police Capt. Scott Starns.

The spot is a popular fishing site and Burch and her son, Matt Godsil, were visiting him for the weekend, and they joined Scott and his son, Brandon, 13.

Matt was playing on a slick concrete spillway, when he disappeared into the water, Burch said. She didn't hear him splash because of the roar of the dam.

"He said he couldn't scream because it happened too fast," she said.

Soon after Scott jumped into the creek, he was caught in the undertow and rolled violently to and away from the dam.

Matt surfaced face down about 15 yards downstream from the dam and was given CPR.

Attempts to revive Scott at Georgetown Community Hospital failed, and he was pronounced dead at 2:31 p.m.



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# House passes bill to ease black-lung rules

by BRUCE SCHREINER  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — The Kentucky House on Monday passed Gov. Paul Patton's proposal to relax rules for awarding black-lung benefits to coal miners. The bill was sent to the Senate, where its prospects were less certain.

In the House, the bill passed 97-0 with support that cut across political and regional lines. Several lawmakers from Eastern Kentucky's coalfields spoke of the sacrifices by relatives and friends who toiled in the coal

mines for years and contracted the respiratory disease.

"I've seen so many that have died and who are dying from it," said Rep. Howard Cornett, a Republican from Whitesburg.

Rep. Brandon Smith, whose father was a miner and has black lung, said the pendulum swung too far against miners when black-lung rules were changed as part of a 1996 overhaul of the workers' compensation system.

Since then, few miners have won claims for black-lung benefits. Patton pushed for the 1996 changes but now says they went too far.

Smith, R-Hazard, said Monday that lawmakers had a chance to do something for all the miners who became sick while extracting coal deep underground.

"We've got a chance to bring it back to the middle," he said.

Before the vote, the bill's supporters made a concession to business. The House removed one section that would have extended benefits for some permanently disabled workers. The longer benefits could have cost non-coal employers up to \$1 million a year.

"I hope this bill will be fair,

only time will tell," said Rep. Steve Nunn, R-Glasgow, who offered the amendment striking the one section.

Rep. Johnnie Turner of Harlan, a lead sponsor of the bill, said the resounding vote should give the measure more momentum when it's considered in the Republican-controlled Senate, where a similar measure stalled last year.

"It's not a partisan bill. It's a human bill," said Turner, a Republican whose father and five brothers were miners.

Rep. Barbara Colter, R-Manchester, appealed to colleagues from non-coal areas to join in easing the black-lung regulations.

"We have people that are hurting," she said.

Rep. Jim Callahan, a Democrat from Wilder, a suburb of Cincinnati, said the bill made important changes to ease the suffering of ailing coal miners, an issue that he said transcended regional boundaries.

The centerpiece of the bill seeks to offer miners with low levels of black lung a way out of the mines before their ailment worsens. The measure would offer them retraining so they can

find new careers.

The bill would create a "rebuttable presumption" that a lung impairment in a miner with at least 15 years on the job was caused by exposure to coal dust. The coal industry opposes that standard.

The bill also would change the evaluation process for determining whether miners qualify for benefits.

If doctors for the miner and coal operator disagreed about the presence of black lung, the bill seeks a consensus by having the miners' chest X-rays read by additional specialists. Extra reviews would be paid by the Coal Workers Pneumoconiosis Fund, which pays black-lung claims.

The fund, from which black-lung claims are paid, has swelled to \$16 million. The coal industry supplies the fund through assessments on insurance premiums and each ton of coal produced.

The House rejected an amendment by Rep. Stan Lee, R-Lexington, that would have used a CT scan to settle disagreements about whether an X-ray shows black lung.

(The legislation is House Bill 348.)

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## Doctor said police played on his sympathies to get OxyContin

The Associated Press

PIKEVILLE — A Harlan physician facing 20 years in prison for prescribing drugs without a legitimate medical purpose said Monday that police deceived him to get OxyContin.

Dr. Ali Sawaf took the witness stand in his own defense Monday and was expected to finish under cross-examination on Tuesday.

The jury could begin deliberations either late Tuesday or

Wednesday.

Sawaf said police officers investigating his prescribing practices lied to him about their ailments to get him to prescribe an assortment of painkillers, including OxyContin. The powerful drug has been blamed for dozens of overdose deaths in Kentucky.

If he had known the officers were not in pain, Sawaf said he "absolutely and categorically" wouldn't have prescribed the drugs. He said he had to make a judgment about whether the

patients truly were suffering.

"There's no litmus paper to tell you about pain," he said.

Sawaf, 60, has been on trial in U.S. District Court in Pikeville since Jan. 16. Besides prison time, he faces a \$1 million fine if convicted on the federal charges.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Roger West said in his opening statement that the physician was seeing up to 100 patients a day and that he did no physical exams and took no medical histories before writing prescriptions for OxyContin and other painkillers.

OxyContin is intended for cancer patients and others suffering from chronic pain. If taken properly, the drug's ingredients are released slowly into the body. But abusers circumvent the time-release by crushing the pills and inhaling or injecting the powder to get the same kind of euphoric high that heroin brings.

Sawaf's defense attorney, Russell Alred of Harlan, said in his opening statement that police officers "really pulled the wool over this man's eyes."

## Investigators say site was altered after death

The Associated Press

DELPHEIA — Federal and state investigators say the scene of a Blue Diamond Coal Co. mining accident in which a Perry County man was electrocuted last summer was altered.

The findings by the Kentucky Department of Mines and Minerals and the U.S. Mine Safety and Health Administration did not specify who changed the accident site, the Louisville Courier-Journal reported on Sunday. But if that is determined, it could result in criminal prosecutions, said Dave Sledd, an assistant U.S. attorney for the Eastern District of Kentucky.

Because of the alterations at the site, investigators were unable to say conclusively how the accident occurred, according to the newspaper.

The state and federal agencies issued 13 violations against Blue Diamond following their investigations into the death of 26-year-old Gary

Caudill Jr.

The violations range from improper electrical equipment maintenance to altering the scene by unnecessarily disconnecting every power source in the area where the accident occurred.

An examination by the newspaper of more than 50 MSHA fatality reports nationwide over the past two years shows no other instance of an accident scene being altered. In nonfatal accidents, seven such violations were cited.

Charles Bearse, president of Blue Diamond, said that Caudill's death was a "terrible thing" but declined to comment on the findings in the state and federal reports.

The electrician was killed at 2:45 a.m. EST on July 20 while working in the company's No. 77 mine on an electrical panel that controlled a conveyor belt.

State investigators, who arrived at the underground Perry County mine within hours of the accident, found that all sources of electricity at or near the accident scene had been disconnected.

Investigators found cables disconnected from the main power supply, the conveyor belt pump and the control

(See ALTERED, page five)

## Man dies in camper home fire

LOUISA — A Catlettsburg man died in a fire in the camper trailer where he was living.

Timothy David Church, 34, was pronounced dead at the scene by Lawrence County Assistant Coroner David Pack.

The fire in the camper on Roe Creek was reported about 12:20 a.m. EST Sunday, Kentucky State Police said.

The blaze was believed to have been caused by a kerosene heater, police said.

Church's body was sent to the state Medical Examiner's Office in Frankfort for an autopsy. The fire remains under investigation by state police and Deputy Fire Marshal Kenny Johnson.

## Bill to extend hazardous material 'cleanup fee' advances

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — A bill to continue a cleanup fee paid by companies that produce hazardous waste was approved by the House budget committee Tuesday.

The fee would expire June 30 without an extension by the General Assembly.

The money is used to clean up spills and sites where dangerous chemicals have been dumped or stored over the years. Those responsible usually are long gone by the time a cleanup is required, Natural Resources Secretary James Bickford told the Appropriations and Revenue Committee.

Bickford said cleanup projects totaling \$81 million are on the horizon.

The fee began in 1980 and has been reauthorized several times. Companies have to pay 1.2 cents per pound of liquid waste and 0.2 cents per pound for solid waste that is deemed hazardous. Bickford's agency collects about \$2.4 million a year.

(The legislation is House Bill 244)

## VOTE—OWENS—MAGISTRATE



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Worth Repeating ...

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— Herbert Spencer

## Our View

### WKU sent message U of L forgot

By suspending Raynardo Curry the same day he was arrested on a misdemeanor marijuana charge and placed in a pretrial diversion program, Western Kentucky University basketball coach Dennis Felton is sending the clear message that character counts at least as much as — and perhaps more than — victories.

What a contrast to the University of Louisville's handling of offensive lineman Jonta Woodard's case. Woodard pleaded guilty recently to felony trafficking in marijuana and possessing an anabolic steroid. He was charged in July.

It's puzzling to understand why seven-and-a-half months and 13 football games later Woodard's status with the team still has not been determined. There's been no announcement by coach John L. Smith, athletics director Tom Jurich or school President John Shumaker.

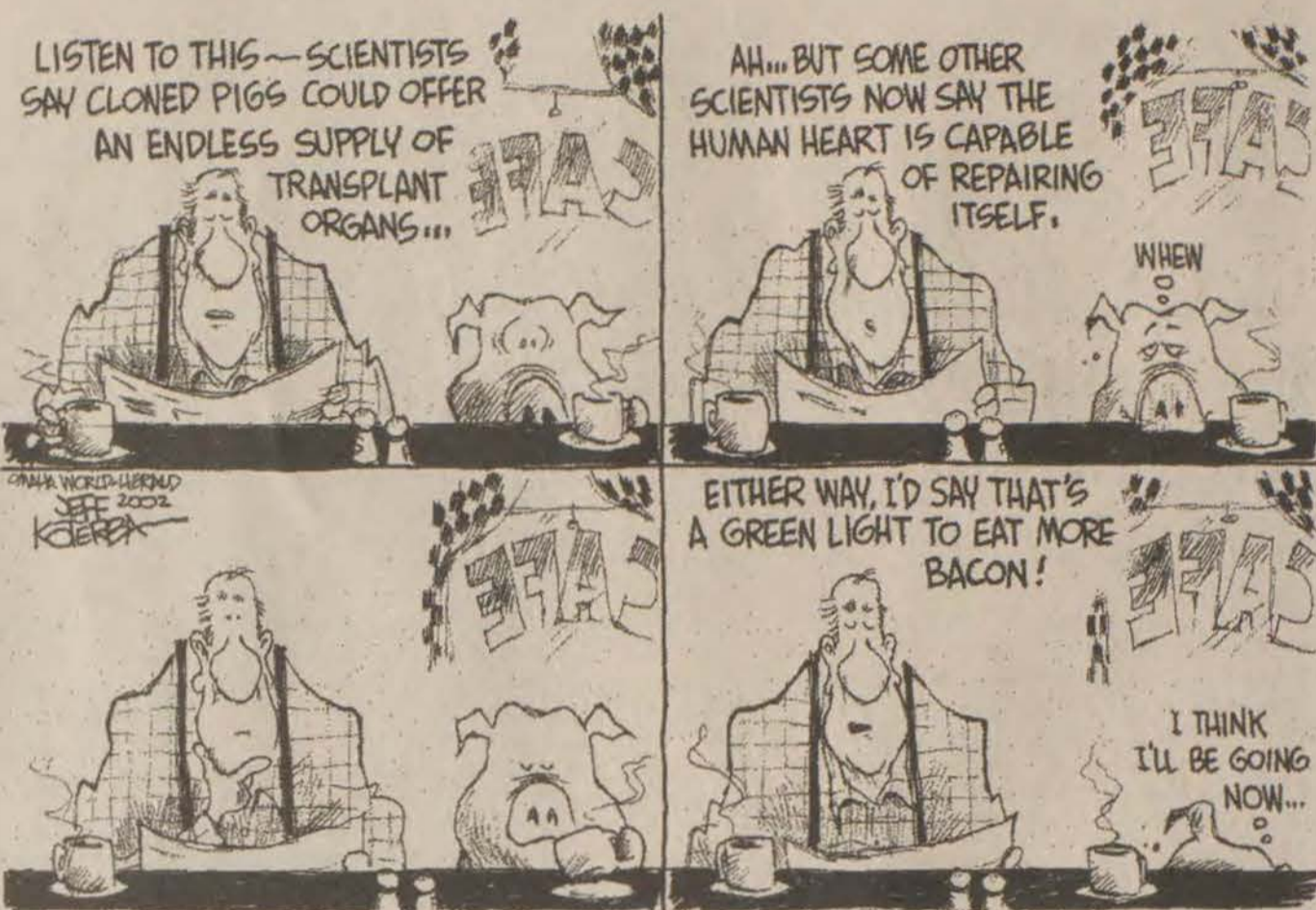
Of course, football players facing criminal drug charges are not only found in Louisville. Along with Curry's arrest comes news that former Western football cornerback Bobby Sippio was jailed last weekend on drug charges, including a third-degree charge of unlawful transaction with a minor on Jan. 11, the same day as he applied for the NFL draft.

While Sippio had the chance of being a third- or fourth-round draft pick, it's now likely he won't go that high. If he doesn't, it will prove that this kind of behavior can be costly.

The Cardinals had a highly successful football season, winning 11 games, including a Liberty Bowl triumph over Brigham Young. But are they really victories that can be fully savored? Was it a victory for Woodard to allow him to fully participate with the team while facing drug charges, to which he pleaded guilty Thursday?

Like every other coach who has worked so hard to get his team back to a competitive level, Felton wants to see his squad succeed. But the coach also understands that in the long run, a program that maintains standards of conduct and acts swiftly when those standards are violated will be much more successful. It matters — or should matter — as much how you get there as the fact that you finally arrive. ...

— Daily News, Bowling Green



## Guest Column

### Sights, sounds of UK, Louisville presidents show big difference

by MARK R. CHELLGREN  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Although the scene was not unusual, it was nonetheless striking if for nothing other than the context and commentary.

There were the presidents of the University of Kentucky and the University of Louisville sitting before a legislative committee, not only talking about cooperation, but demonstrating it.

The topic was clearly one of mutual self-interest, the continuation of the "Bucks for Brains" program of state funding for research endowments. Even so, the tone was remarkable.

"The two of us are working together as we spend the state's money," said UK President Lee Todd. Louisville's John Shumaker agreed wholeheartedly.

From a historical context, it would be difficult to imagine former UK President Charles Wethington making any sort of similar remark alongside Shumaker, or his predecessor at Louisville, Donald Swain.

Wethington, and his predecessor, Otis Singletary, made careers out of trying to keep UK at the top of the

higher education heap in Kentucky.

David Roselle's tenure at UK was not long enough for him to become truly enmeshed in the politics of higher education.

The scene with Shumaker and Todd was evidence of how far the entire system has come since 1997 and the legislation to overhaul it.

Before then, Wethington spent much of his time fighting the proposal to spin off community colleges from UK, join them with technical schools and create a new approach to postsecondary education. It was a fight that wracked the General Assembly and one that, according to Gov. Paul Patton himself, would have meant a single term in office for Patton had he lost.

Now, the Community and Technical College System has 39 percent more students in it than in 1997. The Kentucky Virtual University has been created and provides classes from any Kentucky university and many from outside the state to 5,500 students. Overall enrollment in higher education is up 14 percent.

And, perhaps most surprisingly, competition among the universities is now largely confined to the athletics departments.

Certainly, there is still some of the big-brother, little-brother thing in the relationship between UK and Louisville, but it is in context.

The Bucks for Brains program may be the perfect example.

In each of the last two budgets, the General Assembly has set aside \$100 million for research endowment programs. UK gets two-thirds and

Louisville one-third. Under the terms of the 1997 legislation, UK has a goal to become a top 20 public university. Louisville is to become a nationally recognized urban university.

Much smaller efforts are undertaken at the six regional universities, who have split \$20 million to create noteworthy programs.

According to Todd and Shumaker, who testified last week before the Senate Appropriations and Revenue Committee, the program is working.

Both schools have dramatically increased their endowments. The state money must be matched with an equal amount from private sources.

"The best part of this program is your investment is immediately doubled," Todd said.

Shumaker said efforts to match funds have turned up new donors, who become invested in the university, financially and otherwise.

And the endowments become great assets, with the schools spending only interest. Yet their existence is proof to top-flight researchers and professors that the schools are serious about doing good work, the presidents said.

With the state's budget problems, Patton has proposed selling bonds to raise the money for the next round. The emphasis on higher education has made some legislators envious.

Rep. Jim Wayne, D-Louisville, wondered what would happen if a smaller research endowment was provided this year.

Rep. Greg Stumbo, D-Prestonsburg,

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## Letters

### Feel privacy was invaded

As employees of the Floyd County Sheriff's Department, we feel that our privacy has been violated and our job security by our boss' opponent in the upcoming sheriff's race.

Mr. Rose has requested and received per the Open Records Law our names, addresses, payroll records for the past two years and what department vehicle we drive. We feel that as citizens and voters of this county that this is an invasion of our privacy

and a form of harassment for him to use to his own political gain

In the history of Floyd County, no one ever knows of such a request as this before. We are employees of Sheriff John K. Blackburn, not Gary Rose!

Neither the sheriff nor any supervisor within his department asked us to write this. We wanted to do this together as a department because we feel our rights as Floyd Countians have been violated and we wanted you to know that Mr. Rose is the instigator.

We are all proud to be employees of Sheriff Blackburn and proud to serve and protect the good citizens of this county 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Furthermore, we feel that

Sheriff John K. Blackburn has proven to be a very hard worker who is dedicated and committed to helping people in need, and is truly a leader in law enforcement. He is an inspiration to us all.

Sharie Phillips  
Lena Crisp  
Denzil McKinney  
Mary Hicks

(This letter was also signed by 30 other people)

### Opposes annexation

The mayor of Prestonsburg has done it again, sent out letters saying we are going to be annexed. We just got through getting this same thing dismissed under Circuit Judge

Danny Caudill no more than three weeks ago. It was dismissed in a way that the city could come back with it again.

They say they have talked to people of Big Branch about annexation, but as far as we know they haven't talked to anyone that we know about.

The mayor has jumped the gun again. They are getting in a hurry. They have not had the second reading.

The mayor and some of the city council have bought property in Big Branch. If annexing goes through, there will be high city tax on top of your county tax, just about double. This is the reason we oppose annexation.

Lawrence Hale  
Big Branch of Abbott  
Prestonsburg

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**Odds**

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player left the Lakota tournament games in doubt for that era, and a number of teams might try to claim their share of the crown.

Since 1944, the phrase "No champion" has been listed next to 1942 in the state basketball record books.

That changed over the weekend, when the High School Activities Association board voted to give Elbowoods the title.

The whereabouts of the 1942 state championship trophy is unknown. The association took the trophy from Lakota after ruling the school ineligible. School officials do not know where it went.

— The Associated Press

**Protect**

from jail. "This takes us one step further," said Long, D-Shelbyville and the bill's sponsor.

The bill, SB89, passed 36-0 and now goes to the House.

In other action, the Senate passed bills to:

—Continue a network of regional councils that plan and coordinate services for people with mental illness and substance abuse problems.

Also, the governor's own office for policy on drug and alcohol abuse and tobacco addiction would be hooked into the network, though not absorbed by it.

The bill, SB2, passed 36-0 and goes to the House.

—Prevent cities and coun-

ties from imposing residency requirements on their emergency medical personnel.

Sen. Julie Denton, R-Louisville and the bill's sponsor, said it would "remove a barrier from employment" to help communities attract enough emergency medical technicians.

The bill, SB125, passed 34-2 and advances to the House.

**Guest**

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said after Patton presented his budget last week that higher education has fared well and could endure some smaller funding so needier parts of the state could be helped.

Other legislators, who were initially skeptical of selling bonds for the program, may have turned around.

Senate Republican floor leader Dan Kelly of Springfield

said the presidents made a good case for continuing the momentum of higher education.

Todd and Shumaker trotted out examples of the benefits of the investments in areas from agriculture to anesthesia, early childhood research to cancer treatment.

Don Miller, a cancer specialist who brought his research team and company with him to Louisville, told the committee simply, "I wouldn't have come without Bucks for Brains money."

**Six friends claim \$95.3 million Powerball jackpot**

The Associated Press

PHOENIX — A group that has been buying lottery tickets as a pool for more than a year had the sole winning ticket in Saturday's \$95.3 million Powerball drawing.

The six friends from Mesa, a Phoenix suburb, claimed their prize Monday. They selected the cash option, which totaled nearly \$52.2 million, and split the jackpot.

Barbara Rogge and her husband, Richard, Dennis Hodgins, Sandra Riggs, Janet Kelly and Charles Taylor are each due about \$8.7 million

before taxes, according to Arizona Lottery officials.

The Rogges are splitting their winnings evenly with their 10 children.

Six jackpot-winning tickets have now been sold in Arizona since it became a Powerball state in 1994, according to lottery officials.

After Saturday's group, the most recent jackpot winner in Arizona was Phoenix resident Robert Maggiano, who split an \$83.9 million prize with his brother Joseph in April.

The winning numbers drawn Saturday were 5, 14, 15, 22 and 30. The Powerball was 31.

**Bill would protect jobs of rescue squads, EMTs**

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — More rescue and emergency workers would get job protection under a bill passed by the Kentucky House on Monday.

It would expand a law enacted last year for volunteer firefighters. If called away, they could not be fired for tardiness or absenteeism.

The current bill, by Rep. Bob Damron, D-Nicholasville, would extend the law to cover rescue squads, emergency medical technicians, peace officers and members of emergency management agencies. It passed 96-0 and was sent to the Senate.

Also passed was a bill under which a registered nurse delinquent in paying child support could have a license suspended by the Kentucky Board of Nursing. The same sanction could be imposed on a nurse who paid the license fee with a bad check. The vote was 94-0.

A third bill passed Monday would give military recruiters

free access to public school campuses and student directories. That vote was 95-0.

(The rescue squad bill is House Bill 388. The nursing legislation is HB 376. The recruiter bill is HB 110.)

**Altered**

panel where Caudill had been working, said Holly McCoy, a spokeswoman for the state Department of Mines and Minerals.

Investigators said those cables could not have been disconnected at the time of the accident, McCoy said the disconnections were unnecessary because no one else in the area was in any danger of electrocution.

The discoveries led to the "logical conclusion" that the scene had been altered, according to the Department of Mines and Minerals report.

Managers from Blue Diamond, a subsidiary of James River Coal Corp. of

Richmond, Va., could face criminal prosecution if the identities of those who altered the scene are established, Sledd said.

Selena Caudill, the victim's widow, said she read the state and federal reports on the accident and found the uncertainty "too hurtful to think about." She said she hopes investigators eventually answer all the questions about what occurred.

"It would help give us a little bit of closure," she said.

In its citation against Blue Diamond for altering the scene, MSHA said "mine management failed to preserve and secure the accident site." That

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violation, like five others issued by MSHA, could result in a \$55,000 fine.

State investigators, in their Oct. 31 report, also condemned the company for failing to preserve the site. The state citation said the mine superintendent and foreman were responsible for keeping the scene unchanged.

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**Gary Rose Presents His Qualifications For Sheriff of Floyd County**

Gary Rose was born and raised on Left Beaver Creek, at Hi Hat, KY. He has resided in Floyd County his entire life with the exception of three (3) years he served in the Army and two (2) years he lived in Madison County which was required due to his employment with the Kentucky State Police.

**Gary Rose attended and graduated from the following schools:**

1. Wheelwright High School—1964.
2. The US Army's Basic Training School—Fort Knox, KY.
3. The US Army's Advanced Infantry Training School—Fort Dix, NJ.
4. The US Army's Non Commissioned Officers Academy—Fort Knox, KY.
5. The Lexington Police Department's Police Academy—Lexington, KY.
6. The Kentucky State Police Academy—Frankfort, KY.
7. The F.B.I. National Academy—Quantico, VA.
8. Eastern Kentucky University—Attended on the G.I. Bill, earning 90 college hours towards a degree in law enforcement—Richmond, KY.
9. Breathalyzer Training School—EKU—Richmond, KY.
10. The Cleveland Homicide Investigation School—Cincinnati, Ohio.
11. Institute of Police Technology and Management School—Plantation, Florida.
12. Police Executive Development Training School—State College, Pennsylvania.
13. Applied Criminology I—Frankfort, KY.
14. Applied Criminology II—Frankfort, KY.
15. Collection, Care and Preservation of Evidence School—Frankfort, KY.
16. Firearms Instructors School—Frankfort, KY.
17. Search and Rescue Investigation School—Horse Cave, KY.
18. KSP Special Response Team Training School—Frankfort, KY.
19. KSP Special Response Team Leader Training School—Frankfort, KY.
20. Law Enforcement Management Workshops—Frankfort, KY.
21. KSP Internal Affairs Investigative Training School—Frankfort, KY.
22. Hostage Negotiations I Training School—Frankfort, KY.
23. Hostage Negotiations II Training School—Frankfort, KY.
24. Firearms Instructors Course Training—Frankfort, KY.
25. Rifle Instructors Course Training—Frankfort, KY.
26. Creative Problem Solving and Decision making Training—Frankfort, KY.
27. Future of Policing—Frankfort, KY.
28. In addition and separate from the Specialized Training Schools previously listed, Gary Rose attended forty (40) hours of In-Service Training each year for 32 years while employed by the KSP.

**Gary Rose's work experience includes:**

1. Sergeant—United States Army. (Viet Nam Veteran)
2. Patrolman—Lexington Police Department.
3. Trooper—Kentucky State Police—Pikeville Post.
4. Detective—Kentucky State Police—Pikeville Post.
5. Sergeant—Kentucky State Police—Pikeville Post.
6. Lieutenant—Kentucky State Police—Dry Ridge & Pikeville Posts.
7. Captain—Kentucky State Police Post Commander—Pikeville and Hazard Posts.
8. Major—Kentucky State Police East Branch Commander and Commander of the KSP Drug Enforcement and Special Investigation Branch—Frankfort, KY.
9. Lieutenant Colonel—Kentucky State Police Operations Division—Frankfort, KY.
10. Commissioner—Kentucky State Police—Frankfort, KY.

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Election

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will be 97th District state Rep. Hubert Collins of Wittensville, a Democrat whose district will likely include two Floyd County precincts — Auxier and Endicot/Bufalo — whenever

redistricting is complete.

Another state representative candidate not facing any opposition is Herman W. Lester of Pikeville, who is running to replace 94th District Rep. Ira Branham, who is not seeking another term. The 94th District currently includes 10 Floyd County precincts, but will likely be redrawn to include only precincts from Pike and Letcher counties.

However, state Rep. Gregory D. Stumbo was not so lucky. He will face a challenge from Lawton Ray Allen of Minnie in the May Democratic primary.

In Congress, Rep. Harold "Hal" Rogers of Somerset will face two challenges this year. He will face Billy Ray Wilson of London in the May Republican primary. In November, he will then face Floyd County's Sidney Jane Bailey, of Langley, who is the only Democrat seeking to represent the 5th District in Congress.

There is a chance that more candidates for state or U.S. representative could emerge. On Tuesday, as it became clear that no redistricting compromise would emerge from negotiations between state House Democrats and Senate Republicans, Franklin Circuit Judge William Graham ruled that Tuesday's deadline should be ignored for those offices until he orders otherwise.

In all, 78 candidates are seeking some form of county office. They include (unless otherwise noted, all are running as Democrats):

**County Judge-Executive**

Paul Hunt Thompson of Wheelwright.

**County Clerk**

Jamie Dawn Blackburn of Prestonsburg.  
Chris Waugh of Banner.  
Russell Shepherd of David.  
Stuart Basil Isaac of Banner.

**County Attorney**

Keith Bartley of Prestonsburg.

**Sheriff**

Gary Rose of Beaver.  
John K. Blackburn of Prestonsburg.

**Jailer**

Johnny Ray Pack of Drift.  
Lowell T. Samons Jr. of Banner.  
Roger Webb of Prestonsburg.  
Calvin Shepherd of David.

**Coroner**

Roger G. Nelson of Dwale.

**PVA**

Jerome C. Greathouse of Auxier.  
Glenn D. May II of Prestonsburg.  
Connie Hancock of Martin.

**Surveyor**

Joe Back of Betsy Layne.  
John Hamilton of Drift.  
Teresa F. Hall of Wayland.

**District 1 Magistrate**

Gerald Derossett of Prestonsburg.  
Ernest Graham Burchett of Prestonsburg.  
Gary Garrett of Prestonsburg.

**District 2 Magistrate**

Jackie Edford Owens of Hueysville.  
Bobby Whitaker of Hueysville.  
Bert Layne of Eastern.  
Danny W. Martin of Garrett.  
David Stumbo of Langley.  
Curtis R. Holbrook of Langley.  
Bob Hackworth of Martin.

**District 3 Magistrate**

Clinis Hall of Drift.  
Larry F. Stumbo of McDowell.  
Roger Johnson of Bevensville.  
Russell Hamilton Jr. of Hi Hat.  
Michael "Sam" Newsome of Weeksbury.  
Glennis Ray Caudill of Melvin.  
Donald Meade of Drift.  
David Martin of McDowell.  
Danny Martin of Drift.  
Alan Mullins of Printer.  
Mickey D. Samons of Bevensville.  
Gregory K. Johnson of Weeksbury.

**District 3 Magistrate (Republican)**

Curtis Hall of McDowell.

**District 4 Magistrate**

Paul D. Tackett of Teaberry.  
Ermal Tackett of Harold.  
Derek Kane Hale of Betsy Layne.  
Paul Stilton of Betsy Layne.  
Marty Keith Hamilton of Betsy Layne.  
Vickie Hamilton Bryant of Beaver.  
Den Hunter of Harold.  
Gary Ray Jarrell of Dana.  
Lennix Cola Ray Akers of

Harold.  
Stacy Hall of Grethel.

**District 4 Magistrate (Republican)**

James Alan Williams of Banner.

**District 1 Constable**

Billy Ray Jervis of Prestonsburg.  
Homer D. Neeley of Prestonsburg.  
Brandon Spencer of Prestonsburg.  
Gary Wolfe of Prestonsburg.

**District 2 Constable**

James Hoover of Eastern.  
Gary Nelson of Wayland.  
Sam Duncan of Garrett.  
Terry L. Hill of Wayland.  
Lenard Hall Jr. of Martin.  
Larry K. Greer of Martin.  
Carl Goble Jr. of Hippo.

**District 3 Constable**

Paul Younce of Melvin.  
Tandy B. Hamilton of McDowell.  
Randy L. "Hoot" Bryant of Martin.

**District 4 Constable**

John Kidd of Harold.  
Mona Case of Betsy Layne.  
Troy Jarrell of Dana.

Logan Tucker of Beaver.  
Alfred "June Bug" Newsome of Grethel.  
Arnold Bob McKinney of Harold.  
Jamie O. McKinney of Teaberry.  
Aaron "Ernie" Conn of Honaker.

**District Judge, 1st Division**

Doug Adams of Prestonsburg.  
James R. Allen of Prestonsburg.

**District Judge, 2nd Division**

Eric D. Hall of Allen.

In addition, four candidates filed early for city races in Prestonsburg. They include Mayor Jerry Fannin and Thomas Hereford III, who are running for mayor, and Roy Lee Compton and Carolyn Ford, who are seeking spots on the city council.

The deadline for filing for city races is in August.

A drawing for ballot position will be held on Thursday at 2 p.m. in the County Clerk's Office in Prestonsburg.

The Associated Press also contributed to this story.

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**Court to weigh mental state of abuse defendant**

by SHELDON COMPTON  
STAFF WRITER

A competency hearing was scheduled for a Floyd County woman accused of child abuse, according to records filed in Floyd County Circuit Court Monday.

Nannie Manns, 30, who was charged with the two counts of first-degree child abuse on May 8 for alleged actions taken against a minor child under 12 years of age, is set to go before Circuit Judge John David Caudill on March 22 for a hearing that will determine if her mental capacity can be weighed in the court's decision.

The motion for a hearing came on the heels of a report returned during a pretrial con-

ference hearing on Thursday of last week. The conference had been previously scheduled for October 1, but was postponed after an order of continuance.

The order for a competency hearing came after Manns' court appointed attorney in the case filed motions revealing that department's intentions to introduce evidence of the suspected abuser's mental illness or insanity during the upcoming trial.

Manns posted bail in the amount of \$5,000 when the case was in district court and the bond was set to remain the same during her arraignment later on June 11.

Manns pleaded not guilty to the charges during her arraignment in June.

**Trial date set in sex abuse case**

by SHELDON COMPTON  
STAFF WRITER

*Editor's note: The following story contains a description which may be offensive to some readers.*

A trial date was set and an order was issued by Floyd County Circuit Judge Danny P. Caudill this past week to consolidate two cases against a Prestonsburg man who is set to go to trial in May for sodomy

and sex abuse charges.

The case consolidation came after Dennis James Meredith, 42, of Prestonsburg, was arraigned on an additional persistent felony offender charge in circuit court proceedings on Jan. 22.

Martin was indicted on the persistent felony offender charge on Dec. 20 and that case will now be combined with Martin's original case in which he was charged with first-degree

sodomy and first-degree sexual abuse on August 7.

Martin was charged in August following an investigation by Kentucky State Police detective Mike Goble alleged Martin sodomized and sexually abused a child under 12 years old during the spring and summer of 2001.

According to a criminal complaint from Goble in July as part of an arrest warrant issued by District Judge James R. Allen, during what spanned a five-month period between March and July, Martin allegedly forced a child to perform sex acts with him, which included masturbation as well as oral sex.

Goble further alleged in the conclusion of his investigation that Martin also forced the child to watch pornographic movies and view pornographic magazines while engaging in the alleged acts.

The sodomy and sex abuse case was originally heard by Allen in district court, when Allen set bail at \$25,000 with the strict stipulation that Martin was to have no contact "whatsoever" with the female child. That was later revised to \$10,000 bond and referred to a grand jury on July 30.

A status hearing was held on Jan. 18, at which time a trial was set for May 28 before Circuit Court Judge Danny P. Caudill.



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passenger, Jelinda Williams, got out of the car, saying she was going to walk down the hill. Police reports indicate that Middleton asked Williams at that time to take her 3-year-old daughter with her while she coasted the vehicle off the hill.

According to police investigations, Middleton then apparently popped the vehicle into neutral and backed over her daughter and Williams.

Middleton arrived at the McDowell ARH emergency room with her daughter in her arms, telling employees there that a man had drove by and struck her child. Williams, though treated for injuries and released from McDowell ARH, did not arrive with Middleton.

Police who questioned Middleton at the hospital said the Grethel resident seemed more concerned with herself

than the condition of her child and gave several conflicting accounts of what had happened.

KSP trooper Chris Collins and Floyd County Sheriff's Deputy Matt Johnson, who questioned Middleton at the hospital and later at the scene of the accident, determined that Middleton had been drinking when she allegedly struck her daughter and Williams, a fact police claim she flatly disputed during initial questioning.

Middleton's daughter was transported from McDowell ARH to the University of Kentucky's Chandler Medical Center where she was listed then in "critical condition", having suffered severe damage to her liver and spine.

Middleton was arraigned in district court two days after her arrest on Nov. 5, at which time Hall set her bond at

\$100,000 cash.

The bond was amended on Jan. 14 to a \$25,000 partially secured bond, allowing Middleton to be conditionally released from custody.

All charges against Middleton were dismissed without prejudice on Tuesday in connection to the incident after a representative from the public defender's office requested the move on the grounds that a grand jury had not returned an indictment in the case in over 60 days, as required by law.

The grand jury met Tuesday morning for the fifth time since Middleton's case was waived by Hall to the grand jury on Nov. 13 and returned two indictments, neither of which were against Middleton.

A total of 44 indictments have been handed down from the grand jury since late October. Twenty-eight true

bills were returned in that month alone.

Three of the charges against Middleton were dismissed during district court proceedings before the case was referred to the grand jury. One charge of no/ expired registration receipt, one charge of no registration plates and a single charge of failure to register transfer were dismissed on Sept. 13.

The remaining charges which were dismissed Tuesday were first-degree assault, in connection to Middleton's daughter, and amended fourth-degree assault charge, in connection to Williams, no operators licenses and operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol/drugs.

However, these dismissals are not something that will have a great impact on the case

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# Furious day results in deadline extension, fuzzy districts

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FRANKFORT — A furious day of negotiations between legislators and even a circuit court judge Tuesday resulted in an extended filing deadline and fuzzy lines for legislative and congressional districts.

Franklin County Circuit Judge William Graham left open a door for more tinkering with the boundaries and filing deadlines when he ordered that the Tuesday filing deadline should be ignored until he orders otherwise.

Legislators pondered setting a midnight deadline Tuesday in

a bill they could pass late in the evening, but that would have run the risk of further irritating Graham. Legislators, though, favor a quick filing deadline to avoid any new opposition.

Rep. Howard Cornett, R-Whitesburg, typified the confusion and frustration of the day. Moments before the 4 p.m. filing deadline that was in statute, he stood in the secretary of state's office, trying to file for office in a district where he believed he will be placed, but does not now live.

"It's the worst, screwed up," Cornett began, unable to even finish the sentence. "This has been the worst experience of my life."

There was a rush of last-minute filers.

Larry Sanderson, a union business agent from Paducah, got a special escort to the secretary of state when he filed as a Democrat in the 2nd District

against incumbent Republican Bob Leeper of Paducah.

Leeper gave the GOP its majority when he switched parties in 1999 and is a target of Democrats.

Republicans had some surprises of their own.

Gary Tapp, a Republican state representative from Shelbyville who announced a few days ago he would not run for re-election because of his wife's health, filed as a candidate for the state Senate Tuesday against incumbent Marshall Long, D-Shelbyville. Tapp said his wife's health has improved and he was encouraged by Republican officials. It also appeared that the 20th District would be redrawn to exclude Franklin County, which would dramatically improve any GOP chances.

Senate Democrats were especially glum Tuesday, watching as some of their members were

thrown into districts with one another or gerrymandered into new territory. They had counted on support from their House counterparts to save them from GOP retribution.

Sen. Ray Jones, D-Pikeville, who waited all day to find out where his district would go, resorted to some gallows humor.

"It sort of feels like a death row inmate waiting for gubernatorial clemency," Jones said.

While legislators milled around and were periodically called into session, the only activity was behind closed doors, where House Democratic leaders met with their Senate Republican counterparts to negotiate.

Senate Republicans also gathered privately to be briefed on their own leadership's work, apparently in violation of the GOP's longstanding claim to conduct open meetings.

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# Obituaries

## Avonelle Goble McLean

Avonelle Goble McLean, 52, of Gold Canyon, Arizona, formerly of Floyd County, passed away Sunday, January 6, 2002, in Chandler, Arizona, following a brief illness.

She was born December 31, 1949, in Martin, Ky. She was the daughter of the late Draxie Reynolds Goble of Ligon, Ky., and the late Archie Goble.

Avonelle was reared in Allen Park, Michigan, by her aunt and uncle, the late Clara Reynolds Tackett Snyder and the late Arnold Tackett. Avonelle was a homemaker.

She is survived by her husband, Harold McLean of Gold Canyon, Arizona.

Other survivors include a daughter, Tonya Senko of Gilbert, Arizona; a son, David McLean of Gilbert, Arizona; two sisters, Shirley Goble Newsom of Columbus, Ohio, and Carol Sue Conn of Overland Park, Kansas, and a brother, Leroy Hamilton of McDowell, Kentucky.

Funeral services were conducted 1:00 p.m., Wednesday, January 9, 2002, at Falconer Funeral Home, Gilbert, Arizona, with Dr. David B. Falconer officiating.

Interment followed in the National Memorial Cemetery of Arizona, Phoenix Arizona.

(Information, courtesy of Hall Funeral Home, Martin, Ky.)

(Paid obituary)

## Ronald Keith Chaffin

Ronald Keith Chaffin, 47, of Prestonsburg, Ky., died Thursday, January 24, 2002, following a brief illness.

Born on September 4, 1954, at Biloxi, Mississippi, he was the son of Kathryn Hughes Chaffin of Mooresville, North Carolina, and the late Sgt. Kyle Eugene Chaffin. He was a mechanic for Prestonsburg Cycle Shop.

He attended A.L. Brown High School, Kannapolis, N.C., served in the United States Air Force, and was an honor graduate of Morehead State University, Morehead, Ky. Ron had an outgoing personality and was loved by all. He was a motorcycle enthusiast, and most enjoyed his extended family at Prestonsburg Cycle Center.

Survivors include one daughter, Liza Edwards of Columbus, Ind.; one sister, Dena Myers, and husband, Harry Myers III, of Statesville, N.C.; and nephews, Eric, Christopher, Garan, and Desmond Myers, all of Statesville, N.C.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, William and Neva Hughes, and his paternal grandparents, Henry and Lena Chaffin.

Funeral services were conducted Monday January 28, 2002, at 11 a.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin, Ky., with Bob Carpenter officiating.

Burial was in the Salisbury National Cemetery, Salisbury, N.C., under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, with Jan Brittain officiating.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the American Diabetes Association.

Visitation was at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

(Paid obituary)

## Ray Daniel Reynolds

Ray Daniel Reynolds, age 74, of Prestonsburg, Ky., passed away Friday, January 25, 2002, at the Highland Regional Medical Center in Prestonsburg, Ky., after an extended illness.

He was born January 11, 1928, at Hindman, Ky., a son of the late Cevester and Mary (Martin) Reynolds. He was a veteran, having served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict. He was a retired community service worker.

He was married to Kathleen Reynolds, who preceded him in death.

He is survived by eight sons, Mr. Bob Reynolds of Cincinnati, Ohio, Mr. Billy Yonts, Mr. C.V. Reynolds, Mr. Tom Reynolds, Mr. Randy Reynolds, Mr. Rex Reynolds, and Mr. Ronnie Reynolds, all of Prestonsburg, Ky., and Mr. Danny Reynolds of Ypsilanti, Mich.; three brothers and five sisters also survive, Mr. Garr Reynolds of Ft. Meyers, Fla., Mr. Gotto Reynolds of Ironton, Ohio, Mr. Randolph Reynolds of Paintsville, Ky.; Mrs. Betty Parker, Mrs. Nordie Thompson, Mrs. Ann Woodrum, and Mrs. Kathy Reynolds, all of Georgia, and Mrs. Mary Little of Paintsville, Ky.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, January 28, 2002, at 2 p.m., at the Burke Funeral Home in Prestonsburg, Ky., with Wayne Price officiating.

Burial was in the Richmond Memorial Gardens Cemetery at Prestonsburg, Ky., under the direction of Burke Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

(Paid obituary)

## Rachel Julia Hackworth

Rachel Julia Hackworth, 90, of Prestonsburg, Ky., died Sunday, January 13, 2002, following an extended illness.

Born on November 25, 1911, at Leander, Ky., she was the daughter of the late Ross and Virgie Rivers Hannah. She was a homemaker. She was a member of the Collista Freewill Baptist Church in Johnson County.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Eddie Hackworth.

Survivors include three sons, William Sanford Hackworth of Prestonsburg, Ky., Ross Edward Hackworth of North Manchester, Ind., Ishmeal (Buddy) Hackworth of Prestonsburg, Ky.; four daughters, Anna Marie Prater of Akron, Ind., Edna Carol Nelson, Genoia Hackworth and Donna Hackworth, all of Prestonsburg, Ky.; one brother, Alvis Hannah of Vanlue, Oh.; three sisters, Eulah Blair of Johnson Co., Ky., Eunice Snipes of Troy, Oh., Edna Mae Hackworth of Paintsville, Ky.; 20 grandchildren, 42 great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren; and two girls whom they loved and raised as their granddaughters, Candy Halbert and Courtney Halbert, both of Prestonsburg, Ky.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Freddie and Arvil Hannah; one son, Wallace Dewey Hackworth; one daughter, Margie Lee Hackworth; four sisters, Ora Lee Whitten, Lydia Blair, Audrey Hannah, and Juanita Hannah.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, January 16, 2002, at 11 a.m., at the Bonanza Freewill Baptist Church at Bonanza, Ky., with Jimmy Brown, Jack Adkins, Buddy Jones, and Dennis Conley officiating.

Burial will be in the Hackworth Family Cemetery, Bonanza, Ky., under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin, Ky.

Visitation was at the Bonanza Freewill Baptist Church.

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## Lona Newsome Johnson

Lona Newsome Johnson, age 78, of Prestonsburg, Ky., widow of Ballard Johnson, passed away Tuesday, January 28, 2002, at her residence.

She was born August 15, 1923, in Bevinville, Ky., the daughter of the late Fred Newsome and Hannah Hall Newsome. She was a homemaker, and a member of the First Baptist Church.

Survivors include two sons, Dale Johnson and Ricky Johnson, both of Prestonsburg, Ky.; nine daughters, Olivia Viramontez of St. Claire Shores, Mi., Betty Tackett and Denise Johnson, both of Prestonsburg, Ky., Carol Burke of Warren, Ohio, Brenda Johnson of Bevinville, Ky., Sheliah Branham of North Carolina, Kathy Johnson of Wheelwright, Ky., Shirley Justice of Shelbyville, Ky., Teresa Layne of Maytown, Ky.; 43 grandchildren and 55 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services for Lona Newsome Johnson will be conducted Friday, February 1, 2002, at 11:00 a.m., at the Wheelwright-Freewill Baptist Church, Wheelwright, Ky., with the clergymen, Louie Ferrari and Tommy Webb, officiating.

Burial will follow in the Buckingham Cemetery, Bevinville, Ky., under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home, Martin, Ky.

Visitation is after 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, at the church.

Grandsons will be serving as pallbearers.

(Paid obituary)

## Wesley C. "Shorty" Hatcher

Wesley C. "Shorty" Hatcher, 87 years of age, and a resident of Lorain, Ohio, passed away Thursday, January 24, 2002, at New Life Hospice Residential Center in Lorain, after a brief illness.

Born July 8, 1914, in Harold, Ky., where he was raised and lived until moving to Lorain in 1952.

Wesley worked for U.S. Steel, retiring after 24 years as a pipe fitter helper in the No. 1 Pipe Shop in 1976. He was a trustee of the No. 1 Pipe Fitter Social Club, Steel workers Local No. 1104. He was instrumental in bringing many people from eastern Kentucky in search of work to Ohio to find employment at U.S. Steel in Lorain. He served in the Navy during World War II. He loved growing vegetables which he sold or gave away to many of the families of Lorain from the back of his pickup truck. His passion in life was helping family and friends around him who were in need.

Survivors include his son, John W. Hatcher of Vermillion; his daughters, Nancy Fly of Amherst and Judy Sheriff of Lorain; 12 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren, four great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 59 years, Gladys V. (nee: King) Hatcher on December 8, 1996; his son, Bernard Hatcher in 1971; two infant daughters, Christine and Patty Jean Hatcher; his grandson, Wesley Hatcher in 1977; his parents, David and Ada (nee: Taylor) Hatcher, infant sister, Beatrice Hatcher; brothers, Bernard B. Hatcher, Donald P. Hatcher and Thomas S. Hatcher.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, January 28, at 11 a.m., at the Hempel Funeral Home, 373 Cleveland Ave., Amherst, with Rick Chapman, assc., pastor of Church of the Open Door, officiating.

Burial was in the Ridge Hill Memorial Park, Amherst, Twp. Memorial contributions may be made to Saint Joseph Hospice Residential Center, c/o New Life Hospice, 5255 North Abbe Road, Elyria, Ohio 44035.

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## Julia S. Hunter

Julia S. Hunter, age 85, of Warsaw, Ind., formerly of Floyd County, Ky., passed away Saturday, January 26, 2002, at the Kosciusko Community Hospital in Warsaw, Ind., after an extended illness.

She was born December 27, 1916, in Floyd County, Ky., a daughter of the late Alex and Emma (Johnson) Stephens. She was a member of the United Baptist Church.

She was married to Joe Hunter who preceeded her in death, having passed away in 1979.

She is survived by two sons and four daughters, Mr. Gene Hunter and wife, Shirley, of Pikeville, Ky., Mr. Ron Hunter and wife, Deb, of Warsaw, Ind., Mrs. Joann Walgamuth of Winona Lake, Ind., Mrs. Pat Glover of Warsaw, Ind.; Mrs. Tot and husband, (Jack) Byrd, of Galveston, Texas, Mrs. Brenda and her husband, Selvage, of Grove City, Oh.; three sisters, Mrs. Dora Bradley of Mich., Mrs. Bertha Ousley of Ky., Mrs. Nola Mayo of Prestonsburg, Ky.; 13 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, January 30, at 10 a.m., at the Burke Funeral Home Chapel at Prestonsburg, Ky.

Burial will be in the Stephens Family Cemetery at Prestonsburg, Ky., under the direction of Burke Funeral Home.

Visitation is at the funeral home.

(Paid obituary)

## Roy Darrell Branham

Roy Darrell Branham, 51, of Wyandotte, Mich., formerly of Weeksby, Ky., died Friday, January 25, 2002, following an extended illness.

Born on October 12, 1950, at Weeksby, Ky., he was the son of the late William Arnold and Causby Burke Branham. He was a retired brick layer.

He is survived by his wife, Katherine Gooden Branham.

Other survivors include one son, Brian K. Branham of Wyandotte, Mich.; one daughter, Shonda (husband, Raymond) Esau of Mich.; two brothers, Edward Bruce Branham, and Roger Keith Branham, both of Virgie, Ky.; one sister, Nancy Alice Hall of Wheelwright, Ky.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Earl Clay Branham.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, January 28, 2002, at 12 noon, at the Free Pentecostal Church of God at Weeksby, Ky., with Jay Patton and Bobby Isaac officiating.

Burial was in the Branham Family Cemetery, Weeksby, Ky., under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin, Ky.

Visitation was at the Free Pentecostal Church of God at Weeksby.

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## Dial "Pete" Gearheart

Dial "Pete" Gearheart, age 83, of Price, Ky., passed away Friday, January 25, 2002, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, at Martin, Ky., following an extended illness.

He was born September 25, 1918, at Ligon, Ky., a son of the late George and Darcus Newman Gearheart. Mr. Gearheart was a retired coal miner, an Army veteran of WWII, and a member of the UMWA.

He is survived by his wife, Virginia Brown Gearheart of Price, Ky.; one brother, James Gearheart of River Rouge, Mich.; two sisters, Ronney Clark and Janey Piotrowski, both of McDowell, Ky.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m., Monday, January 28, 2002, at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, Martin, Ky., with Don Fraley Jr., and Chuck Hall, officiating ministers.

Burial was in the Newman and Stewart Cemetery at Hi Hat, Ky., under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

Pallbearers: Fred Brown, George Brown, Earl Stewart, Danny Brown, Todd Browning, and Dallas Howell. (Paid obituary)

## Kenneth Edward Zemo

Kenneth Edward Zemo, age 49, of Prestonsburg, Ky., passed away Saturday, January 26, 2002, at his residence, after a sudden illness.

He was born September 17, 1952, at Pikeville, Ky., a son of Raymond and Mary (Mullins) Zemo. He was disabled, having worked as a coal miner; a veteran having served in the U.S. Army; a Mason belonging to Zebulon Lodge No. 273 at Prestonsburg, Ky.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by two sons, Mr. Matthew Zemo and Mr. Michael Zemo, both of Prestonsburg, Ky.; one brother, Mr. Allen Zemo of Harold, Ky.; one sister, Mrs. Amy Broadhurst of Louisville, Ky.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, January 29, at 2 p.m., from the Burke Funeral Home Chapel, at Prestonsburg, Ky., with Evangelist Tim Blankenship officiating.

Military services were conducted by the DAV Chapter 18, Auxier, Ky.

Burial followed in Davidson Memorial Gardens Cemetery, at Ivel, Ky., under the direction of Burke Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

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board for receiving distinguishing marks at the KYA State Conference, held recently in Louisville.

Beverly Crisman, Floyd County Schools Community Education Coordinator, also formally recognized the members of the current board for their dedication and service to Floyd County schools and communities.

The board voted Monday evening to elect its chairperson for the upcoming year. The Reverend Johnnie E. Ross had served as chair for 2001. Ross had been nominated by former board chairman, Terry Dotson, one of Dotson's final acts upon his resignation from the board last February.

Ross was again nominated to the chairman's position Monday evening by Dr. Varia, who was supported by fellow board members, Glenna Slone, district 5, and Jeff Stumbo, district 3. Ross abstained from voting and board member, Carol Stumbo, district 4, was in opposition to Ross' appointment as chair, citing the state audit's urging to put in place "better leadership" as an important step in rectifying the county's school system woes.

Stumbo pointed out that "Floyd County is now entering into its fifth year of state man-

agement," and expressed concerns that "Floyd County will go back to old habits. We have a 20-year record of doing so." Stumbo said that if such were to happen, she fears the county's "children will suffer" as a result. Stumbo did not offer any other nominations for the position of chair, and after Dr. Paul Fanning, superintendent, offered the opportunity for repeated nominations with none being made, Varia's motion to uphold Ross as board chair was approved.

In a telephone interview the following day, Slone commented that she believed that Ross was "very knowledgeable" and that he "gives everyone a chance to speak."

"He respects each board member's right to express their opinions and choices and he does not become angry," Slone said. "In my opinion, he is the best person for the job."

Jeff Stumbo could not be reached for comment at press time.

Joe Jones, board architect, was present at Monday's meeting to report on the progress of various county school projects. Jones reported that the architectural design team is making progress with the Allen Central High School Field House and

that completed plans should be presented for review within the next two weeks. Completed plans for the Betsy Layne High School football field upgrade project should also be submitted for review within the same time-frame.

According to Jones, Mountain Enterprises has now placed gravel on the South Floyd High School athletic facilities complex site, enabling work to continue on the placement of bleachers.

Jones also reported that both he and Asst. Superintendent Pete Grigsby have been in contact with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers concerning the city of Martin relocation project and a future site for a new building to house the Opportunities Unlimited Alternative School.

"I understand that six or seven acres of land will be leveled off near the Martin Fire Station, this is where the relocation will begin," said Jones.

Jones reported that the Corps of Engineers has informed him that a request for funding for the new school needed to be justified "based on current and projected needs."

"We have started that process by developing a spreadsheet that indicates spaces and related costs," Jones said.

Following staff approval, the spreadsheet will be submitted to the Corps for review.

Jones made a recommendation to the board to accept and execute a contract with Commonwealth Building & Construction of Pikeville in the amount of \$2,711,200 for the John M. Stumbo Elementary School Project. The board passed a motion for approval on such.

Also, Jones recommended that the board execute a contract with Baldwin Construction of Pikeville in the amount of \$155,900 on the McDowell Elementary School Project. The

board again passed a motion for approval.

Jones also informed the board that he had begun the development of "renovation concepts" for Prestonsburg Elementary School and Clark Elementary School that will be further considered at a later date.

The board also met in session as the Floyd County School District Finance Corporation to confirm officers for the upcoming year and to issue revenue bonds for the John M. Stumbo Elementary School Project.

Monday evening's meeting was held at Betsy Layne High School.

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issues, investigations, and litigation."

Wells also reported that the superintendent's time is very often "tied up" on routine operational matters such as responding to e-mails, phone calls, and staff questions.

"Even though the superintendent works long hours, he only occasionally finds time to visit schools," Wells said.

Because of these constraints on his working hours, the superintendent "typically delegates most monitoring and implementation of the consolidated plan to staff," she said.

Wells also said, in regard to Dr. Fanning, that he "continues to demonstrate a deliberateness in leadership that at times seems unresponsive or inadequate to address issues at hand."

Wells went on, saying, "this school system can ill afford a deliberate pace if 2014 student performance goals are to be reached. The superintendent must demonstrate strong and aggressive leadership to accelerate the system toward achieving district goals."

Wells was positive in her opinion that central office staff, as well as the staff of the county's individual schools, is working diligently toward implementation of the consolidated plan. Wells noted that "numerous professional development activities have been offered and the technical assistance and support (TAS) team has continued to provide on-site professional development to faculties and to individual classroom teachers."

"It appears as if all schools have made a conscious effort to address audit/review recommendations and to identify learner needs based on past student performance," said Wells.

Wells reported that she had visited all 17 of the district's schools and had spoken at length with each school principal in regard to the activities and conditions supporting student learning in each school. Wells said that she found all principals to be "very knowl-

edgeable of their school's scholastic audit/review recommendations, 2001 CATS (Commonwealth Accountability Testing System) results, and the progress being made on consolidated plan activities."

She further noted that "There seemed to be varying degrees of direct principal involvement in monitoring student learning at the classroom level," with some principals being more diligent in regard to direct classroom involvement and monitoring while others seemed only to observe classroom activities when necessary for conducting teacher evaluations.

Wells said she also noted that elementary and middle schools "generally took greater advantage of TAS team services in providing on-site professional development opportunities to their faculties than did their high school counterparts."

Wells reported that "nine schools now have curriculum coordinators who have assumed a direct role in consolidated plan implementation, monitoring, documentation and reporting." Wells suggested that the role of curriculum coordinator be utilized "as an integral part of the school's instructional team."

Wells said that she has noted that "there seems to be a heightened emphasis on providing the support essential for student learning" at all schools as well as the district level.

"The bottom line," Wells said, "is that significant progress has been made on our consolidated plan."

Wells complimented the board on its efforts at remaining focused and to "paying attention to things that matter." She further complimented them on "paying attention to student achievement" and continued efforts to work together in a harmonious manner. "As district leaders, we need to work together and work aggressively."

Carol Stumbo, district 4

board member, questioned the validity of the true implementation of the consolidated plan remarking that "just because the report says" that implementation of the plan has occurred, "it doesn't mean that it actually has." Stumbo expressed concerns over whether or not students fully understood some of the components of the plan that directly involved them and their studies.

"I think we have a responsibility to ensure that this (consolidated plan) is implemented, and, we have a responsibility to monitor it," Stumbo said.

Stumbo further remarked upon the amount of budgeting dollars that had been spent toward technological equipment saying, essentially, that she had concerns over whether or not the equipment was being properly utilized and updated.

"It is shameful," said Stumbo, "the amount of money spent on technological equipment that is not being used."

Wells agreed, saying that technological equipment can quickly become "obsolete" and that it was important for the school system to stay abreast of new advances.

Wells noted that "in the next six months, we are moving into a new cycle ... It is my hope that everyone feel free and comfortable to exchange ideas and express opinions and to work together toward a common goal."

**Dismissed**

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in general said Commonwealth's Attorney Brent Turner, who explained a technical dismissal without prejudice which restricted a suspect from being detained and a dismissal based on the merit of the case itself where completely different.

"She would have already been entitled to a dismissal in district court because she was arrested I think in November, but this was a matter where the officer had to complete an investigation," explained Turner. "As a general rule, we don't let the district court proceedings dictate the grand jury proceedings. The grand jury will make the decision and they can indict her on any

charges they see fit, regardless of what happened in district court."

Turner continued by saying the dismissal was more technical than anything else.

"It's not a dismissal on the merit of the case, it's simply a technical dismissal without prejudice that occurs by law if a person has not been indicted," said Turner. "It means you can't hold them in any longer once the 60 days have passed. It sounds like she may have just got around to realizing she was entitled to the dismissal."

Turner said all the evidence in the case has now been presented to the grand jury and he expects a decision from them by next week.



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**Patton**

the region rather than separate counties and cities and keep pushing progress after the next election.

Patton explained to the group that he had strayed from what was considered a normal approach as governor, focusing his attention on Eastern Kentucky, but reminded them this would most likely not carry over into the next governor's agenda.

"The sell job is going to fall in your hands," said Patton. "You have worked together for 15 years to move forward as a region. We

can't think county, city — we have to think region. And, with some humility, you cannot logically expect the next governor to put this much emphasis on a certain part of the state as I have."

EKC has, since its development from the East Kentucky Leadership Conference which began in 1989, worked to diversify the economy of the eastern third of Kentucky by touting itself as a job recruitment organization to help companies find sites and buildings in which to expand or relocate in the group's 45-county service area. This goal has included providing companies with "location packages" in various communities and offering them labor, low-cost utility systems, financing, tax credits and training incentives.

But Patton said infrastructure alone, or the increased success of attracting businesses to Eastern Kentucky, is not the finished product but merely one step toward adjusting the area from a

localized perception of progress to a collective, region-oriented mentality.

"Having infrastructure doesn't mean you'll hit a home run," said Patton. "But it means you're in the game... Until now we've not even been in the game."

Another point Patton asked EKC members to fight for with the next gubernatorial candidate was the continued efforts to devote 50 percent of the coal severance tax back into the area to be used to increase and rebuild infrastructure. When the coal severance tax was implemented, Eastern Kentucky counties were receiving 12 percent, with gains each year averaging about 3 percent. The portion received presently is 44 percent, according to Patton, who said that figure would grow in the next couple of years, fulfilling the original goal.

But EKC members will have to ask themselves if the next governor would look at the \$70 million being funded to Eastern

Kentucky in the same light as has been the case for the last six years, said Patton.

"The most important thing you want to get out of this next candidate for governor is to get these guys and girls committed," said Patton. "It's easier to talk to them before they get in office rather than waiting until afterwards. The next candidate may look and say, 'Can we really afford this \$70 million going to these counties?' If you had another governor down there, that would be closely looked at, let me tell you."

With hopes of working toward a "balance" of what has been referred to as Eastern Kentucky's "three-legged stool" style economy, EKC is now focusing on bringing more companies from businesses which have already committed to at least one location in the area, according to EKC executive director Tom Jones.

"EKC is starting to get 'repeat' business," Jones told fellow group members Monday. "Companies are coming back and putting in more facilities... Because of this, we want to emphasize that we depend on the satisfaction of our customers."

In the last several months, some "repeat" businesses have been Northern Contour, which originally opened a cabinet door manufacturing plant in Corbin, and American Woodmark, which broke ground for its second Eastern Kentucky wood manufacturing facility at the Coal Fields Regional Industrial Park near Hazard in November. American Woodmark's first plant, located in Wayne County, began production in 1998 and now has roughly 450 employees. The Hazard plant is expected to have 260 employees over the next two-to-three years.

EKC is currently promoting three potential sites in Floyd County — the RND Building near Martin, which is now set to be the future site of the Floyd County Community Center at Martin, the National Mines Building in Wayland and the Heck's Building in Prestonsburg.

Patton said these promising trends should be continued, but stressed it will take EKC members to push for support to do so. "This is an important group," said Patton. "You are the sole promoter of East Kentucky and I urge you to take that responsibility seriously."

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**Lake Barkley holds eagle weekends**

The Associated Press

GRAND RIVERS — Jan and Fred Rodgers didn't let a scheduling conflict interfere with spending a cold snowy January weekend watching eagles soar overhead.

"I think we've been for about five years" at Lake Barkley's Eagle Weekend," said Jan Rodgers, of Newburgh, Ind. "We didn't want to miss it, so we found out that we could come here in January."

The state departments of Parks and Fish and Wildlife Resources, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, offer four weekends in January and February for viewing bald eagles wintering here. Weekends include boat and van tours ranging from \$20 to \$33.

The Indiana couple joined about 50 other people aboard the two-level River Princess as it cruised through the chilly waters of Kentucky Lake. Several minutes after leaving the Kentucky Dam marina, eagle enthusiasts climbed from the heated lower deck to the frigid upper deck.

"Is that an eagle?" one boy asked his parents as he pointed to a bird. It wasn't, but several minutes later, the boy glimpsed an eagle soaring. Then another one, and yet another one was perched in a tree.

Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources guides Shawchyi Vorisek and Mary Carol Cooper helped the

tourists track the birds. By the end of the four-hour tour, eagle enthusiasts had counted 59 — 30 mature eagles, 27 immature and two that could not be distinguished. The tour also spotted 49 great blue herons, a coyote prowling along the snowy shore and several gulls and coots.

Vicki Wright, of Florence, Ala., found the tour by typing "eagles" on an Internet search several years ago.

"Every year, we just plan on it," she said. "The best part is just seeing them in their natural habitat. When you see them in a zoo, you don't see them flying. I like seeing them fly over the water."

"You would think that if you've seen one eagle, you've seen them all," said Mickey Frye, the boat captain who lives in Monticello. "It doesn't get ho-hum. There are new people and different people on each trip. I feed off their excitement."

Frye, who has piloted the tour for nine years, recalled one experience during his second year. As he wound the boat through Sugar Bay, he spotted 18 eagles. "They were everywhere," he said.

Leann Moody, of Franklin, is an Eagle Weekend veteran with five trips. She took a morning tour 86 eagles.

Remaining weekends are Feb. 1-3 at Kenlake State Resort Park and Feb. 22-24 at Lake Barkley State Resort Park.

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# Healthbeat: Cavities, tooth loss still abound as Americans neglect their teeth

by LAURAN NEERGAARD  
AP MEDICAL WRITER

WASHINGTON — At least a third of Americans fail to see a dentist even once a year.

Tooth decay is the most common chronic childhood disease — half of first-graders already have a cavity.

Large swaths of the country don't have fluoridated drinking water, considered one of the most important health advances of the 20th century.

Two years after the surgeon general labeled Americans' bad oral health a "silent epidemic," a new report — using government data to assess each state — finds that the mouth is getting too little medical attention.

But there are small signs of progress. Some states are raising the fees they pay dentists for treating Medicaid patients, key to getting poor children dental care. Most states have hired dental directors to push improvements locally. And the government is developing a national oral health plan — with a string of public meetings across the country starting in San Diego March 5 — to spread the word that your mouth is a mirror to your overall health.

"The jaw bone is connected to

the toe bone, and what happens in the jaw bone is just as important as every other bone in the body," says Dr. Caswell Evans of the National Institutes of Health.

The new report grades each state on how its residents do in 22 measures — from how many kids have cavity-blocking sealants on their teeth to how often the poor see a dentist.

Overall, the nation gets a "C," says Oral Health America, a non-profit advocacy group that wrote the report with help from federal health officials.

The biggest problems are access to care and lack of proper preventive services.

For example, in 10 states, less than half the population drinks fluoridated water, one of the best ways to prevent tooth decay. They are California, Hawaii, Idaho, Mississippi, Montana, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Oregon, Utah and Wyoming. California recently began increasing supplies of fluoridated water but it still reaches less than a third of residents.

Some 108 million Americans have no dental insurance, more than twice the 40 million without medical insurance.

Medicaid pays for poor children to see a dentist, yet most

states pay the dentists so little that few participate. The result: In no state did at least half of Medicaid-eligible children get an annual dental visit, the report found. In the best states — Kentucky, Massachusetts, Nebraska and Vermont — only about 40 percent of these impoverished children saw a dentist.

Cavities aren't a trivial problem. "Children go to bed at night in great tooth pain that no adult would ever put up with," says Robert Klaus, president of Oral Health America.

Indeed, cavities cause an estimated 50 million hours of missed school each year, says Surgeon General David Satcher. Lack of regular dental care too often means they wind up in emergency rooms screaming in pain.

As for adults, at least a third don't see a dentist annually. That number jumps to well over half of the poor.

"Many people don't see regular care as an important part of overall health until they run into problems," Satcher says.

Some 24 percent of the elderly have lost all their teeth, even more in Kentucky, North Dakota and West Virginia. Aside from the obvious suffering, many poor older people can't afford comfortable dentures and in turn don't eat properly, setting them up for numerous diseases.

Plus, almost 30,000 Americans will get oral cancer this year and 8,000 will die.

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## Fan Fair country music festival gearing up for another year

by JIM PATTERSON  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The second year of Nashville's revamped country music festival will offer more music and interaction with performers, and a new awards show that will honor videos.

The annual Fan Fair, which returned to downtown in 2001 after 18 years at the Tennessee State Fairgrounds, drew more than 30,000 people each day to get autographs and see country stars perform.

Fan Fair will again be downtown June 13-16. About 30 artists are confirmed so far to appear, including Alan Jackson, Vince Gill, Brooks & Dunn, Billy Ray Cyrus, Kenny Chesney, SheDaisy, George Jones, Cyndi Thomson, Tracy Lawrence, Martina McBride, Toby Keith and Lee Ann Womack.

Some fans were cranky in 2001 over the loss of the intimate fairgrounds setting, where almost all the activities were within a 5-minute walk, admitted Ed Benson of the Country Music Association, which runs Fan Fair. Now the festival is sprawled over a much larger

area, and it takes planning and shuttle buses to get around efficiently.

"We heard so much positive feedback from artists and industry people, and we did have some fan complaints," Benson said.

"This bigger festival is going to appeal to a little different demographic than the fairgrounds. Most of what we're doing this year, is tweaking it based on what the fans said last year."

Although not an official part of the festival, the fan-voted TNN & CMT Country Weekly Awards (and its predecessors sponsored by Music City News) has long been part of the Fan Fair tradition. This year, that show will be replaced by the 2002 CMT Flameworthy Video Music Awards.

Details of the show are still being worked out, said CMT spokeswoman Jama Bowen.

"Our intent is to make it very CMT," Bowen said "We want it to be unique and fun."

Fan Fair, held since 1972, will include four days of concerts on

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## UofL announces gift of \$15 million to fight cancer

The Associated Press

LOUISVILLE — The University of Louisville is receiving a gift of \$15 million from the James Graham Brown Foundation to boost cancer research and treatment. The gift, the largest ever to the school, was announced Monday.

The money, along with at least \$5 million from the state's "Bucks for Brains" program, will be used to bring top researchers to the James Graham Brown Cancer Center and support the work of its faculty, according to a statement from the university.

The gift should help propel the center toward government designation as a comprehensive cancer center, said its director, Dr. Donald Miller.

"We think it really is going to put us over the top" toward that National Cancer Institute status, Miller said.

The largest previous donation to the University of Louisville was \$12.5 million, which came last

year. It was left to the engineering program, the Speed Scientific School, by the estate of Charles and Theresa Grosscurth, who ran three bourbon distilleries in Kentucky.

UK's Markey Cancer Center also plans to seek National Cancer Institute status as a comprehensive cancer center, Alfred Cohen, Markey's director and chief executive officer, said last week. The UK center, which held that status in the 1980s but lost it, just completed construction of a large outpatient-care building and is hiring additional faculty, he said.

Together, the state's two cancer centers have received \$11 million for lung-cancer research in the past two years from the state's share of the national tobacco settlement, and the General Assembly set aside a portion of the money for improvements to help both centers win National Cancer Institute designation, Cohen said.

The \$20 million from the state

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## Newspaper: KSU president got big-screen TV at school expense

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — The president of Kentucky State University billed the school for a big-screen television and related equipment, a newspaper reported.

The school's chief financial officer defended the purchase as being for President George Reid's official residence, not for Reid himself.

The State Journal, in a report Sunday based on information obtained under the Kentucky Open Records Act, said Reid bought a 50-inch Toshiba TV, Sony videocassette recorder and Bose Theater sound system for \$3,757 on Dec. 13.

The TV replaced a broken, 19-inch TV at Hillcrest, the president's residence, Chief Financial Officer William Pennell told the newspaper.

The Board of Regents on Friday approved a pay raise for Reid to \$138,000 a year. Asked why Reid did not buy his own TV, Pennell said the system would be used by more than just Reid.

"Hillcrest is used for entertainment purposes," and the new equipment is in its reception area, Pennell said.

The State Journal said a check with the other seven state universities showed none had bought its president a TV.

University of Kentucky spokeswoman Mary Margaret Colliver said President Lee Todd recently bought a 51-inch set for Maxwell Place, his residence, but paid for it himself "because of the tight budget."

"He didn't feel it would be fair for the University of Kentucky to have to pay for it," Colliver said.

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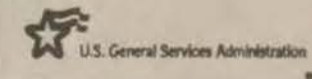
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# College 'affordability' ranking changed for two Ky. schools

by CHARLES WOLFE  
 ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — A foundation that published affordability ratings for 2,800 colleges and universities, then found errors in its report, changed ratings for two Kentucky institutions.

A revised report by the Lumina Foundation for Education lists Murray State University as "affordable" for median-income adults, a change from "affordable with loans."

Alice Lloyd College, originally rated unaffordable for median-income students dependent on parental support, is listed in the new report as "affordable with loans" for such students.

The report has two other student categories — low-income adults and low-income dependents.

Alice Lloyd, which is at Pippa Passes in Knott County, remained "unaffordable" for low-income dependents in the revised report. Both reports ranked Alice Lloyd

"affordable with loans" for adults.

The Lumina Foundation, based in Indianapolis, issued its report to make a case for more state and federal aid to students. Kentucky was one of five states in which all public universities were considered affordable for low-income students.

The only private colleges considered affordable were Berea College and Mid-Continent College in Graves County.

In correcting the report last week, the foundation said 111 schools nationwide were misclassified in at least one category. The report's overall conclusions were

unchanged, the foundation said in an advisory.

Alice Lloyd officials were indignant at the original report and only slightly less so after the correction. Nearly all Alice Lloyd students attend tuition-free. All full-time students work 10 to 20 hours per week on campus.

Spokeswoman Stephanie Damron said the average Alice Lloyd student paid less than \$1,100 last year — nearly all of it as fees for parking, insurance and Internet, among other services.

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## Teeth

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check for early signs of cancer, make sure your primary care physician does it properly, Satcher cautions: "You really have to stick your finger in patients' mouths and feel the salivary glands to detect tumors."

The report did uncover some good news:

Some states, such as Alabama and Georgia, have come up with funds to get more Medicaid children to the dentist. Hawaii is opening a special comprehensive dental clinic for Medicaid-eligible children and adults.

Ohio, New York and Illinois

have launched successful, innovative programs to get cavity-blocking sealants placed in tens of thousands of children's teeth.

Only California, Kansas, Louisiana and South Dakota have yet to follow the surgeon general's recommendation that every state hire a dental director to make improvements.

*Editor's note: Lauran Neergaard covers health and medicine for The Associated Press in Washington.*

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the banks of the Cumberland River (last year there were three), and four nightly shows at Adelphia Coliseum. A fourth day to get autographs has been added at the Nashville Convention Center. The list of participating nightclubs will expand, for those who want more music after the stadium shows.

The result will be even more music at Fan Fair 2002, giving fans more options and performers more opportunities.

"I absolutely loved the opportunity to play at the stadium," said singer Carolyn Dawn Johnson. "I thought it was cool to be able to showcase more music for more fans than ever before."

The shuttle system has been revamped, Benson said.

"We're trying to make it easier to understand how to get around this much expanded area," Benson said. "But there are so many satellite events — a celebrity softball game, the awards shows and other things — that fans will have to make some choices. There will be too much going on to see and do everything."

Sales for four-day tickets — ranging in price from \$65 to \$145 — have sold briskly, with a major marketing push planned for February.

Prices for the best seats have risen between 14 percent to 16 percent, but fans who bought their tickets early got last year's rate.

Last year the festival made \$20,000, which was split between the CMA and charities picked by country music artists. The CMA board voted to donate an additional \$100,000 to the charities.

Benson expects the festival to grow more profitable as it gets established downtown.

"With the first year out of the way, we are tweaking logistical and production things, becoming more economical in some areas and deciding to spend more money in others," he said.

"I do anticipate that the bottom line will grow with attendance, and with more corporate sponsorships."

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and Brown foundation will be used for endowed chairs — salaries and other expenses of star faculty recruits — and startup expenses for other new faculty, including pay and laboratory equipment.

The foundation's \$15 million will be spread over three years and is the "cornerstone gift" of a \$100 million cancer center fund-raising campaign, which is expected to take five to six years, Miller said.

There are 41 comprehensive cancer centers in the nation, but none in Kentucky. The nearest are in Nashville, Tenn., and Columbus, Ohio.

The grant is the largest ever made by the foundation, which has awarded \$296 million since Brown died in 1969.

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## Gambling on the Super Bowl: The American Way

by BILLY REED  
TIMES COLUMNIST

The Super Bowl, which will be held Sunday in New Orleans, is easily the biggest day of gambling on the sports calendar. Millions will be bet legally in Las Vegas, and billions more will be bet illegally through bookmakers. At bars, restaurants, offices, and Super Bowl parties, even non-gamblers will be enticed to bet on The Big Game.

The early point spread had the St. Louis Rams as 14-point favorites over the New England Patriots. This means that if you bet on the Rams, they must win by more than 14 for you to collect. If you bet on the Pats, you win if they win straight up or lose by less than 14.

The bookies don't really care who wins. All they want to do is balance their books by having an equal amount bet on both sides. They get their profit from the 10 percent surcharge, more commonly known as "the juice," charged on each bet. For every \$10 that you bet and lose, you pay the bookie an additional \$1.

The Super Bowl is so big and vulgar and popular, virtually a national holiday, that the bookies will take bets on anything and everything. Want to bet on who wins the coin toss? The number of points scored in a given quarter? The total points scored by both teams or the number of yards gained by St. Louis' Marshall Faulk?

(See REED, page six)

## Basketball

### Allen Central announces schedule changes for basketball teams

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

With winter weather and various tournaments often comes schedule changes. Winter weather often forces games throughout eastern and southeastern Kentucky to be postponed, thus bringing the rescheduled games. And sometimes, as in Paintsville Tigers' case, teams just can't fit all the games into their schedules.

Allen Central High School head boys' basketball coach John Martin announced Tuesday morning that the Rebels would not be playing Paintsville. "They kind of got in a bind with the number of games they'd played," said Martin.

The Betsy Layne-Allen Central girls' basketball game scheduled for Friday has been canceled due to Betsy Layne being in the All 'A' Classic in Richmond. The girls' game is scheduled to be made up on February 9. The game between the Betsy Layne and Allen Central boys' basketball teams has been moved to Saturday with the varsity

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## AMS wrestlers fare well

Spencer finishes second in heavyweight class

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

For some Prestonsburg High School wrestlers, state competition came a little earlier this year. Well actually, a lot earlier, but in this case the grapplers are a part of the high school squad, while still middle school students.

The third annual Kentucky Middle School State Wrestling Championship was held Saturday at Campbell County High School. This was the first time Floyd County, specifically Prestonsburg, had representation in the tournament.

Medals were awarded for first-sixth place along with an Outstanding Wrestler Trophy awarded to the top wrestler as voted on by the coaches.

Middle school grapplers representing

(See AMS, page eight)



Paintsville senior Chas Harmon (12) looked to pass over South Floydt's Rusty Tackett and Michael Hall. Harmon finished the championship with 26 points, leading his team to the one-point victory. Tackett had 30 and Hall 19 for the Raiders.

photo by Jamie Howell

## Raiders drop heartbreaker to Tigers

by JAMIE HOWELL  
SPORTS WRITER

So close yet so far away was Saturday night's theme for the South Floydt Raiders as they took on the Paintsville Tigers with a trip to Richmond and the All 'A' Classic on the line.

The Raiders had faced the Tigers earlier in the year and dropped a ten point decision on Paintsville's home floor, but this game was much more important to the Raiders. The two teams would combine to put on a terrific show for the fans by connecting on a total of 25 three-point shots and run

(See DROP, page eight)

## Fourth quarter breakdown gives Prestonsburg girls loss

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

The Sheldon Clark girls' basketball program has a storied history. Year-in and year-out Sheldon Clark head coach Robin Newsome has her team playing to the best of its ability and contending for both a 57th District and a 15th Region championship.

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- PRESTONSBURG LADYCATS

Clark hit a hot streak late in the game, outscoring Prestonsburg 17-4 for the win. The home loss was definitely something

Prestonsburg head coach Harold Tackett wasn't looking for. The Ladycats came into Monday night's game fresh off a

Nikki Copeland connected on a three and hit a field goal to power the visiting Lady Cardinals out to a 9-4 lead at the end of the first quarter. Copeland hit for two more of her game-high 19 points in the second period to help give the Lady Cards a 19-14 advantage at the break.

Prestonsburg beat Sheldon Clark 13-12 in the third quarter and got off to a great start in the fourth period to tie the game, 34-34. Sheldon Clark outscored Prestonsburg 20-11 in the fourth period

(See BREAKDOWN, page four)



photo submitted

Prestonsburg High junior Taryn Harris rode her way to a SSHBEA World Championship in November of last year.

## Harris crowned champion

TIMES STAFF REPORT

In the fall of 2001 Taryn Harris rode to the spotlight and the roses in the SSHBEA World Grand Championship. The ride followed an outstanding first-place ride in the SSHBEA World Championship.

Harris was already riding a world

(See HARRIS, page four)



Mary Elizabeth McKinney

## McKinney sees six years of hard work finally pay off

TIMES STAFF REPORT

Mary Elizabeth McKinney has been lifting weights and working out for six years now. McKinney always confessed she had always wanted to compete in a fitness competition but was lacking in the time it takes and the gymnastics skills it takes to compete until this past year.

(See MCKINNEY, page four)



Briefs

HOCKEY

WEST ORANGE, N.J. — Larry Robinson was fired as the New Jersey Devils coach with the club struggling to make the playoffs less than a year after coming within a victory of winning consecutive Stanley Cups.

BASEBALL

ST. PAUL, Minn. — A state task force overwhelmingly lined up behind recommendations that the 2002 Legislature vote on two new stadiums that would be built with public help.

OLYMPICS

NEW YORK — U.S. bobsledder Pavle Jovanovic, disqualified from the Salt Lake City Olympics after failing a drug test, filed an appeal to get reinstated.

HORSE RACING

HALLANDALE BEACH, Fla. — Monarchos, the gray colt who rallied from 13th place to win last year's Kentucky Derby, has been retired to stud because of an ankle injury, trainer John Ward said.

SOCCER

PASADENA, Calif. — The Canadian national soccer team and coach have been fined \$5,000 each for actions during and after a 2-0 loss to Ecuador at the Orange Bowl in Miami last week in a group match of the CONCACAF Gold Cup.

TENNIS

MILAN, Italy — Seventh-seeded Greg Rusedski served his way to a 7-5, 6-3 victory over Francisco Clavet in the first round of the Milan Indoors ATP tournament.

FOOTBALL

SAN DIEGO — San Diego Chargers officials were working on details of Marty Schottenheimer's contract in an effort to get him introduced as head coach on Tuesday.

AUTO RACING

VERSAILLES, France — The Formula One team of Alain Prost was ordered closed after it failed to find a sponsor or buyer.

TRACK AND FIELD

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — Runner Jake Jensen, of Mobile, Ala., retired from track and field after failing a drug test in a meet in Linz, Austria, on Aug. 20, the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency said.

BASKETBALL

WASHINGTON — President Bush welcomed the Los Angeles Lakers and coach Phil Jackson to the White House, a related congratulations for the NBA championships they won in 2000 and 2001.

Basketball

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

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

Central Division

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

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

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

Pacific Division

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

Sunday's Games

Philadelphia 93, L.A. Lakers 87; Toronto 106, Orlando 97.

Monday's Games

L.A. Clippers at Memphis, 8 p.m.; Miami at Utah, 9 p.m.; Last night's games: Detroit at Washington; Minnesota at Cleveland; L.A. Lakers at Atlanta; Philadelphia at New York; Boston at Milwaukee; L.A. Clippers at Dallas; Charlotte at San Antonio; Golden State at Houston.

AP college men's poll

The Men's Top Twenty Five: The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' men's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Jan. 27, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and previous ranking.

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Newport Central Catholic, Lex. Henry Clay 11, Hopkins Co. Central 9, Lou. Butler 8, Hart Co. 7, Dawson Springs 7, Boone Co. 6, Lou. Assumption 6, Shelby Co. 5, Scott Co. 4, Marshall Co. 3, Henderson Co. 3, Central Hardin 2, Owen Co. 2, Woodford Co. 1, Mercer Co. 1.

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NFL playoffs

Saturday, Jan. 12: Philadelphia 31, Tampa Bay 9; Oakland 38, N.Y. Jets 24.

SPORTSBOARD

Table with columns: Rank, Team, Record, Pts, Pct. Rows include Gonzaga, Illinois, UCLA, Syracuse, Miami, Georgia, Connecticut, Stanford, Arizona, Texas Tech, Pittsburgh, Missouri, Southern Cal, Wake Forest, Ohio St.

Others receiving votes: Oregon 222, Indiana 214, Marquette 87, N.C. State 77, Texas 67, Memphis 64, Mississippi 22, Utah 22, California 18, W. Kentucky 15, Hawaii 12, Xavier 11, Wyoming 6, Mississippi St. 4, Pepperdine 3, Penn 2, Saint Joseph's 2, Boston College 1.

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Others receiving votes

LSU 63, Arizona St. 45, UNLV 38, Illinois 28, Mississippi St. 28, Iowa 26, Penn St. 18, TCU 17, Notre Dame 16, DePaul 12, Georgia Tech 7, Drake 5, George Washington 5, Saint Joseph's 5, Hawaii 4, Southern Cal 4, Pepperdine 3, Cincinnati 2, New Mexico 2, Santa Clara 2, Fla. International 1, Tulane 1.

BluegrassPreps Top 20 Rankings

Table with columns: Rank, Team. Rows include Male, North Hardin, Lexington Catholic, East Jessamine, Scott County, Paducah Tilghman, Butler, Ballard, Oldham County, Shelby County, Warren Central, Covington Catholic, Highlands, Elizabethtown, Rose Hill, Muhlenberg North, Dixie Heights, Mason County, Bourbon County, Wayne County.

Others To Watch By Region

1st Region: None; 2nd Region: Christian County, Henderson County; 3rd Region: Daviess County, Apollo, Ohio County; 4th Region: Glasgow; 5th Region: Laramie County; 6th Region: Pleasure Ridge Park; 7th Region: Saint Xavier, Trinity; 8th Region: Bullitt East; 9th Region: Saint Henry; 10th Region: None; 11th Region: P. Dunbar, T. Creek, West Jessamine; 12th Region: Somerset; 13th Region: None; 14th Region: Perry County Central; 15th Region: None; 16th Region: Ashland, Rowan County.

BluegrassPreps All A Rankings

Table with columns: Rank, Team. Rows include Rose Hill, Saint Henry, Frankfort, Glasgow, Somerset, Saint Mary, University Heights, Paintsville, Whitesburg, Campbellsville, Beth Haven, Christian Academy Louisville, Paris, Whitesville Trinity, Spencer County, Harlan.

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BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

NEW JERSEY NETS — Signed G Anthony Johnson and F Donny Marshall for the remainder of the season. UTAH JAZZ — Placed G John Croty on the injured list. Signed G Rusty LaRue to a 10-day contract.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

ATLANTA FALCONS — Fired Don Blackmon, defensive coordinator. BUFFALO BILLS — Signed DT Demetrius Maxie. DENVER BRONCOS — Named Ted Sundquist general manager, Neal Dahlen director of football administration, and Jim Goodman director of college scouting. JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS — Named Tony Sparano tight ends coach.

MIAMI DOLPHINS — Promoted Brian Wiedmeier to executive vice president and chief operating officer, Rick Spielman to senior vice president-football operations/player personnel, Harvey Graeme to senior vice president-media relations and Jim Ross to senior vice president-sales and marketing. TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS — Signed WR E.G. Green and P Tim Morgan to two-year contracts, and CB Corey Ivy, OT Brian Guber, DE Ron Warner, WR Daryl Daniel, DB Corey Chamblin, FB Leroy McFadden, TE Damien Vaughn, and WR Jermale Kelly to one-year contracts.

WASHINGTON REDSKINS — Named Vinny Cerrato player personnel director.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

CALGARY FLAMES — Recalled F Jason Botterill and LW Jamie Wright from Saint John of the AHL. Reassigned F Oleg Saprykin to Saint John. Placed F Chris Clark on injured reserve. COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS — Placed RW David Vyborny on injured reserve. Recalled C Brad Moran from Syracuse of the AHL. DETROIT RED WINGS — Placed C Steve Yzerman on injured reserve. Recalled G Sean Avery from Cincinnati of the AHL. FLORIDA PANTHERS — Assigned C Byron Ritchie to Lowell of the AHL. NEW JERSEY DEVILS — Fired Larry Robinson, coach, and Slava Fetisov and Jay Leach, assistant coaches. Named Kevin Constantine coach, and John Cunniff assistant coach. OTTAWA SENATORS — Assigned RW Jody Hull to Grand Rapids of the AHL. PHILADELPHIA FLYERS — Assigned G Neil Little to Philadelphia of the AHL. PHOENIX COYOTES — Reassigned G Patrick DesRochers and C Jason Jaspers to Springfield of the AHL. ST. LOUIS BLUES — Recalled C Eric Boguniecki from Worcester of the AHL.

Transactions

BASEBALL

American League

DETROIT TIGERS — Agreed to terms with RHP Billy Simas on a minor league contract. TAMPA BAY DEVIL RAYS — Agreed to terms with LHP Tom Martin, RHP Randy Galvez, C Sal Fasano, C Yamil Hadad, INF Andy Sheets and OF Emil Brown on minor league contracts. TEXAS RANGERS — Agreed to terms with RHP Ismael Valdes and RHP Rudy Seanez on one-year contracts. Named Pedro Lopez manager, Kevin Dattola hitting coach, and Aris Tirado pitching coach of Pulaski of the Appalachian League. National League ATLANTA BRAVES — Signed RHP Darren Holmes to a minor league contract. PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES — Agreed to terms with OF John Mabry on a minor league contract. PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Named Larry Silverman vice president and baseball legal counsel.

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On TV

Relive great University of Kentucky basketball games of the 90s

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — It is 1995... With only a second left on the clock, Roderick Rhodes steps to the line for a chance to defeat the defending National Champion Arkansas Razorbacks... 1990... Undermanned UK takes on Shaquille O'Neal and the LSU Tigers for a huge comeback win...

And 1998... Kentucky has a dramatic come from behind win over the Duke Blue Devils... sending them to the Final Four... Last second shots, nail-biting finishes... It is all part of a series of special shows that WKYT-TV, Channel 27, will broadcast starting Saturday. Hear from former players like Jeff Sheppard, Heshimu Evans and Cameron Mills on what it was like to be a part of those great wins of the 90s. UK Coach Tubby Smith also talks about the games, including his 1998 Final Four overtime win over Stanford.

Saturday at 6 p.m. is the 1995 UK vs. Arkansas game. All shows are slated for a 6 p.m. airtime. Saturday, Feb. 9 at 6 p.m. is the 1990 UK vs. LSU game. The 1990 season, as most will remember was also the first season for The Unforgettables, which included Paintsville High School graduate and current University of Florida assistant coach John Palphrey.

The show on Saturday, Feb. 16 is the 1998 Final Four game against Stanford. The Saturday, Feb. 23 show will feature the 1998 UK-Duke game which saw the Cats come from behind to win. Each half-hour show will be hosted by 27 Sportsfirst Manager Dick Gabriel.

Baseball

Bats to hold press conference

LOUISVILLE — The Louisville Bats will hold a press conference on Monday, Feb. 4 at noon at Louisville Slugger Field. Dave Miley will be announced as the returning manager for the 2002 season and will discuss his thoughts on what to expect from the 2002 Louisville Bats. Also in attendance will be Cincinnati Reds Director of Player Development Tim Naehring.

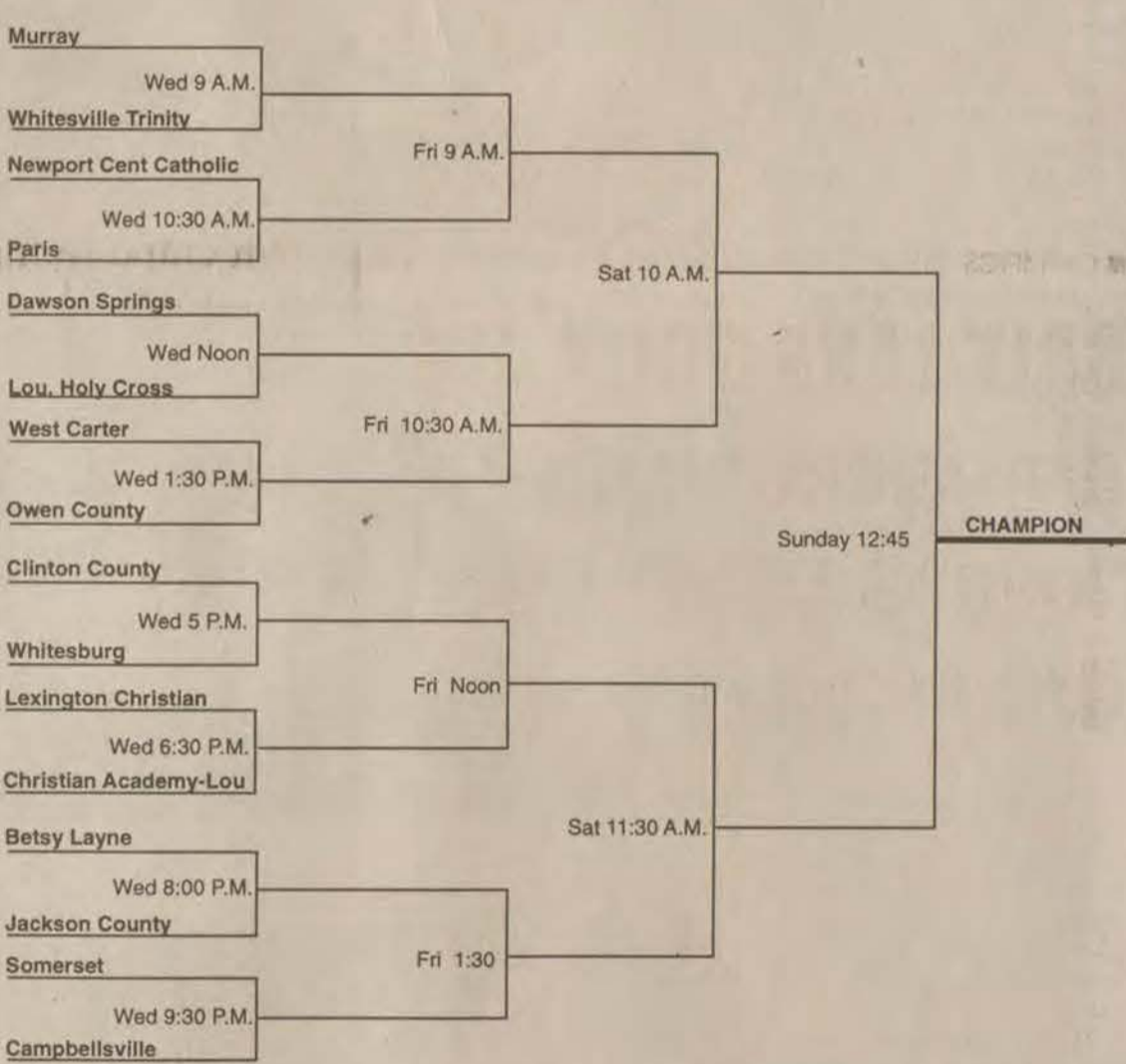
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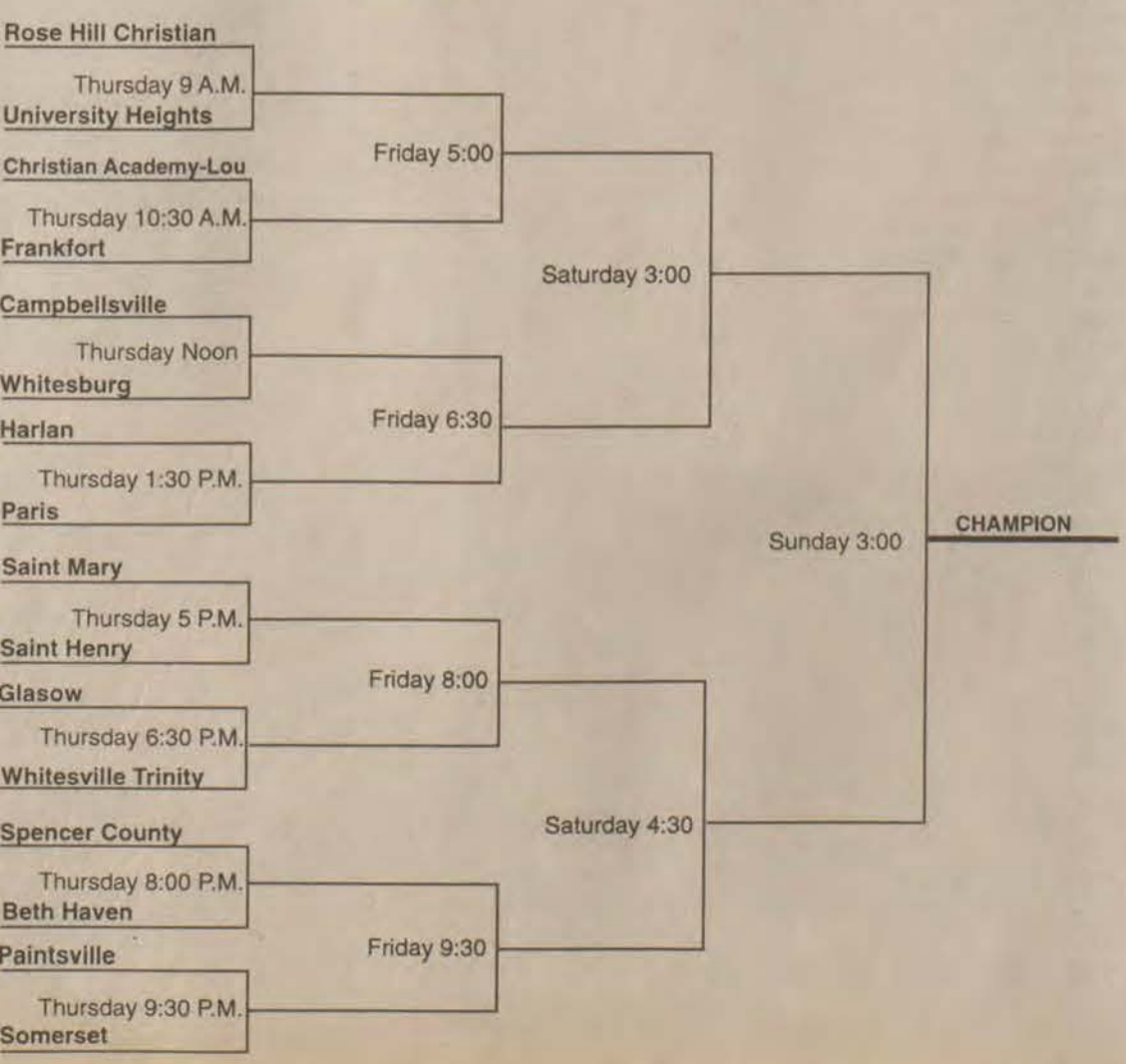


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# AABC announces rule changes for upcoming season

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

The Amateur American Baseball Congress has announced rule changes for the upcoming 2002 season. Knott County has an AABC charter.

The American Amateur

Baseball Congress (AABC) is the largest amateur baseball organization in the United States for players above junior baseball age and the only amateur baseball program, which provides progressive and continuous organized competition - sub teens through adults. It is coordinated with other programs through USA Baseball and the American Baseball Coaches Association.

Founded in 1935, it is now composed of seven different age divisions in the states, Puerto Rico and Canada.

The American Amateur

Baseball Congress operates under a league concept as opposed to an all star concept. A league is composed of at least four teams playing a minimum of nine league games. The winner of each league advances on to state tournament play. The winner from the state tournament advances on to regional play and from there to the world series.

However, at no time may roster size exceed 19 players at the association (state) level.

The Southeast (Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Miss-

issippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia) Regional Director is Jack Lavender. Contact him by writing Jack Lavender, 1503 Martin St. Nashville, Tenn. 37203 - 615/256-0451

## WOMEN'S TOP 25

### Upsets cause shuffling in women's poll; UConn still No. 1

by CHUCK SCHOFFNER  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Connecticut led a top five that stayed the same Monday in the AP women's basketball poll, but any stability ended there.

Six members of the Top 25 lost a total of eight games to unranked teams during the past week, resulting in a major shuffling in places six through 25.

Florida, which defeated two ranked teams, and Kansas State made the biggest gains in the poll, which had no newcomers. Wisconsin and Virginia Tech, both beaten twice during the week, lost the most ground.

Connecticut (22-0) continued to roll along, receiving all 44 first-place votes from a national media panel after convincing victories over defending national champion Notre Dame and then-No. 24 Boston College.

The Huskies, who had 1,100 points, have been No. 1 all season and unanimous the last four weeks.

Tennessee (17-1) was solid at No. 2 with 1,056 points and Stanford (20-1) was third with 1,005. Tennessee has lost only to Connecticut and Stanford's only loss was to Tennessee.

Oklahoma held at No. 4 and Duke remained fifth. Then came the changes.

Louisiana Tech, winners of

12 straight, jumped two places to sixth; Purdue was up three spots to seventh and Vanderbilt fell two places to eighth after splitting, losing to Florida and beating LSU.

Kansas State went from 11th to ninth and Baylor jumped five places to 10th. Both won twice last week and each beat a ranked opponent, Kansas State defeating Texas Tech and Baylor knocking off Texas.

South Carolina lost to unranked Arkansas in its only game and dropped four places to 11th, while Florida went from 18th the 12th. The Lady Gators followed their victory over Vanderbilt with a nationally televised win against Georgia.

Texas Tech was 13th and Texas 14th, followed by Wisconsin, Iowa State, Colorado, Colorado State, Georgia and Boston College.

Old Dominion, Minnesota, Virginia Tech, North Carolina and Auburn held the final five places.

Wisconsin's losing streak reached three with losses to unranked Indiana and Penn State, and the Badgers tumbled six spots. Only two weeks ago, they were ranked fifth.

Boston College gained four spots despite losing to Connecticut. The Eagles beat Villanova 60-40 earlier in the

week.

Old Dominion has won eight of its last nine — the loss was to Tennessee — and went from 25th to 21st.

Virginia Tech lost twice to unranked teams, Syracuse and Notre Dame, and tumbled seven places to 23rd. No. 24 North Carolina was down three places after going 1-2 during the week, including a loss to unranked Wake Forest, and Auburn dropped from 22nd to 25th after losing to Tennessee and unranked Alabama.

The Big 12 continues to lead all conferences with seven teams in the rankings, all among the top 17: Oklahoma, Kansas State, Baylor, Texas Tech, Texas, Iowa State and Colorado.

### Rule changes for the 2002 season are as follows:

#### AGE DETERMINATION

■ The birthdate for determining age for all AABC divisions will remain at August 1!

#### STAN MUSIAL

■ The references to Classman and Non-Classman have been removed. All professional players will simply be reinstated. It will now only take three years to become an amateur.

#### SANDY KOUFAX

■ Re-entry will be allowed for Sandy Koufax play.

#### ROSTER SIZE

■ All divisions except Stan Musial, at regional play and above, may have 20 players on

## HONORS

### Fields, Haney win OVC weekly awards

#### SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

RICHMOND, Ky. - Eastern Kentucky University junior guard Shawn Fields and freshman forward Michael Haney have each been honored this week by the Ohio Valley Conference

for their achievements in the Colonels' past two games, both victories.

Fields has been named OVC Newcomer of the Week, while Haney received OVC Rookie of the Week honors.

Fields, 6-3, 195, and a native of Lexington, scored 61 points in the two contests, grabbed 22 rebounds, handed out 10 assists, blocked two shots and picked up four steals in Eastern's 108-100

four-overtime victory over UT Martin and the Colonels' 92-81 defeat of Murray State.

Fields scored a career-high 39 points, pulled down a career-best 14 rebounds and handed out seven assists, while playing 56 of the 60 minutes in the four-overtime win over the Skyhawks. He came back Saturday vs. Murray State and had 22 points, eight rebounds and three assists.

Haney, 6-6, 210, who hails from Madisonville, scored 24 points, grabbed 16 rebounds and came up with nine steals in the two Colonel wins last week. He had his second double-double in the UT Martin contest as he

(See FIELDS, page five)

# EARNHARDT TRIBUTE

## EARNHARDT, DALE (1951 - 2001)

American automobile racer and seven-time National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing (NASCAR) championship driver Dale Earnhardt was born in 1951, in Kannapolis, North Carolina. He first raced NASCAR vehicles in 1975. Earnhardt's first Winston Cup win came in his 16th Winston Cup race, when he claimed the Southeastern 500 at Bristol, Tennessee, in 1979. He captured NASCAR championships in 1980, 1986, 1987, 1990, 1991, 1993 and 1994. Richard Petty is the only other driver to win seven Winston Cup championships.

Dale Earnhardt tragically lost his life on Sunday, February 18, 2001, in the season-opening Daytona 500. He was 49.

Please join with us in honoring NASCAR legend Dale Earnhardt. This newspaper is compiling a special section devoted to the life, times, triumphs and victories of this American legend. Ad space is now available for this tribute. Deadline, Tuesday, February 12th.

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- Earnhardt Photos
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- Earnhardt Career Highlights & Timeline
- Earnhardt Titles & Awards
- NASCAR Photo Galleries
- DEI (Dale Earnhardt Incorporated) Info.
- 2002 NASCAR schedules (Winston Cup, Busch and Craftsman Truck Series)
- Dale Earnhardt Jr., Photos and Career Stats
- Daytona International Speedway Info.
- Winston Cup Tracks Info.
- The Future of NASCAR without Dale Earnhardt

**THE DALE EARNHARDT SPECIAL SECTION WILL APPEAR IN THE SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH, EDITION OF THE TIMES.**

## OLYMPICS

### SALT LAKE 2002: IOC president would 'love to catch 50 drug cheats'

by STEPHEN WILSON  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LAUSANNE, Switzerland - Only five drug cases have been confirmed at the Winter Olympics, none the past three games.

The streak could end in Salt Lake City, where the chances of catching drug cheats are much greater because of the most rigorous Olympic testing program ever. It includes widespread checks for the endurance-boosting hormone EPO.

In the past, the International Olympic Committee has been accused of ignoring the drug problem or, at worst, covering up positive tests to protect the image of the games.

But new IOC president Jacques Rogge says he relishes the prospect of nabbing as many offenders as possible.

"If you test more, you have more chances to get a positive case," he said. "If tomorrow, I can catch 50, I'd be happy. I prefer no athlete to cheat, but you have to be realistic. If you can find 50, it means you've eliminated 50 cheats."

"Every athlete you catch is a good thing for sport. The more cheats we catch, the more deterrent there will be."

While officials often cite the goal of ensuring a "drug-free" Olympics, Rogge takes a more practical view.

"It would be naive to think that there would be 100 percent drug-free games," he said. "We are speaking about 2,500 athletes. Here and there, there will always be a stupid one who wants to cheat."

For the first time, all endurance athletes - 700-800 competitors in cross-country skiing, biathlon, Nordic combined and speedskating - will be

tested for EPO, or erythropoietin.

EPO, one of the most widely abused drugs in sports, enhances endurance by stimulating the production of oxygen-carrying red blood cells. It has been linked particularly with cycling and long-distance running, but also is believed popular in a number of winter sports.

At last year's World Cross-Country Ski Championships in Lahti, Finland, six top Finnish athletes tested positive for a banned agent which could mask the use of EPO.

Athletes in Salt Lake City will undergo a combined blood-urine test, similar to the EPO controls introduced for the first time at the 2000 Sydney Olympics.

Around 300 EPO tests were conducted in Sydney, while more than double that number will be carried out in Salt Lake City.

The IOC had hoped to have a urine-only EPO test ready for the Winter Games but decided more time was needed to perfect the procedure.

The Sydney test, criticized as bulky and ineffective, produced no positive findings. But the IOC said the test acted as a powerful deterrent, and a number of athletes pulled out before the games rather than risk getting caught.

While the Sydney test could detect the use of EPO going back only three days, the IOC says the current procedure can stretch back about five days.

"It's the best science can give us," Rogge said. "I'd love to have a window of two weeks, but science can't give us that."

The IOC plans to target many of its EPO controls in out-

(See IOC, page four)



# A Case for the 5th Year of Eligibility

by CARROLL LAND

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March 16-19, the 61st annual NAIA Convention in Kansas City promises to be another significant year in the storied existence of the NAIA. It is perhaps not so coincidental that we return to our roots where so many historic and significant decisions have been made that placed the NAIA as the leader in philosophic pillars of governance in intercollegiate athletics.

## Past examples of this great leadership are:

- First to sponsor a National Basketball Championship
- First to embrace the predominantly black colleges in National Championships
- First to use definable routing in post season play leading to National Championship opportunities

■ First to require incremental unit milestones in degree courses to allow subsequent seasons of competition

■ First to sponsor national championships in women's sports

■ First in providing a woman president and other routine leadership roles for women in the defined governance structure

Perhaps the most significant (certainly in recent times) of all time decisions may be rendered by the voting delegates on March 19 at about 5 p.m. central standard time. "Shall the student-athlete be eligible for a fifth season of competition?"

How then shall we vote? That is the question, not only of the hour but of the future.

The primary mission - graduation.

The data is overwhelming in demonstrating the average time

to graduate for both the athlete and the other than athlete student is well past the traditional claim of four years. It isn't accidental that the governmental research deals in cohorts of six years reporting. It takes that many years to have the definitive basis for tracking.

NAIA Institution's data gathering demonstrates our institutions are not getting it done in four years. All our other rules are committed to seeing the student athlete through five years to graduation. These rules and terms are very familiar - four seasons to play in five years, eight semesters in ten semesters to play, 'redshirt year,' 'hardship year,' 'non-term,' 'summer school,' 'inter-term' - all are mechanisms leading to more than four years.

To allow five years of play, could help to keep students in school long enough to graduate. More athletes would continue to

be scholarshiped, making more efficient use of institutional athletic scholarship dollars. Privileges of the traditional student permit participation in

desirable extra-curricular activities no matter how long they are in school. Five years facilitates the educational process in a less frenzied pace and the possibility

of experiencing beneficial electives.

The current 'hardship' and

(See YEAR, page five)

## POWERLIFTING

# Lifters compete despite snowy weather

TIMES STAFF REPORT

The Kentucky State Meet scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 19 was canceled by the Pikeville Area Family YMCA in anticipation of a heavy snow storm which eventually dumped a big dose of snow across Eastern Kentucky. However, a group of lifters from Ohio had arrived the day before and were ready to lift. By noon on Saturday, a handful of lifters had assembled at Pro-Fitness in Prestonsburg and decided to go ahead with a gym meet. Of the eight lifters in attendance, two were certified USPF and two were APF tested judges, with no shortage of judges, only lifters.

Getting the meet started was Austin Fields, a youngster who turned 12 years old in December, with only two months of training. Austin posted lifts of 155, 105 and 210 for a 470 total, all new state

records in the 12-13 age group. Fields impressed all of the judges, most of all his father, Don Fields, with his composure and easy lifts, only a slight struggle with the second deadlift, the third attempt going much easier.

The Ohio lifters were great competitors and posted impressive lifts for their weight classes. Rusty Bluck pushed a 500-pound per bench press and John Blackstone pulled a nice 610 deadlift for the big lifts of the day. Kayleen Blackstone did a nice 115-pound bench and barely missed 125.

Randy Burruss continued to improve and push his masters state records a little higher, coming close to the 600-pound deadlift mark. As for Don Fields, Pro-Fitness owner who gained 11 pounds to get into the 181 class, the meet was enjoyable and produced the desired results. But now, as with most multi-sport athletes,

it's back to the bicycle and racing for the summer. weight off but I'll

"Of all the meets I've competed in, this was one of the most enjoyable as there was a good crowd on hand and lots of enthusiasm for the lifters and by the lifters," said Don Fields. "Everyone had a good time and no one paid an entry fee!"

Helping out as a judge at the event was current Paintsville High School assistant football coach Jim Tom Allen.

"I'd like to thank Jim Tom Allen, an accomplished powerlifter, strongman, and our fifth certified judge of the day, for spotting and helping run the meet," added Fields.

The first annual Kentucky Strongman Contest has been scheduled for March 9. Farmers walk, log press, tire flip and a special event for the overall winner with four weight classes will be included in the inaugural contest.

## McKinney

In 2001 the NPF came out with a new division for women like McKinney. The division was called Ms. Figure.

The division consists of female competitors who are in shape and have both good symmetry and stage presence. Competitors are also judged on skin tone, hair and make-up, muscular development, and a small

degree of separation in the muscle. When McKinney found out about the new Figure Division, she knew it was time to put her six years of hard work to the test, but she wouldn't go it alone.

With the help of her husband, John McKinney, 2000 Mr. Kentucky Bodybuilding Champion, taking care of her diet, Liz McKinney decided to com-



Family Academy of Martial Arts students who tested on December 18 of last year included, from left to right, Joseph Kirk, Devon Clifton, Corey Cordial and Kyle Ramey.

## IOC

competition tests, considered the most effective way of catching users.

"The athlete doesn't know exactly when you are going to pass by, and that's a major deterrent," Rogge said.

Several layers of drug testing will be implemented for the Salt Lake City Games.

The World Anti-Doping Agency, which coordinates a global out-of-competition testing program, says it will have completed 3,500 tests by the start of the games. WADA has already recorded 24 suspected positive results.

WADA hands over all testing to the IOC on Jan. 29 when the Olympic Village opens. During the games, as in Sydney, WADA observers will monitor the entire chain of drug-testing procedures.

The IOC will start its out-of-competition tests Jan. 29.

In addition, endurance athletes will undergo blood tests at least one day before competitions. If the blood sample shows abnormal results, the athlete's urine sample will be analyzed. If the urine sample is positive, then the IOC deems it a doping case and the athlete can be disqualified.

In another first, athletes can face blood tests on the morning of competition, similar to pre-race tests already implemented in cycling. If the red blood cell count is above the established limit, the athlete is barred from competing on that day for "health reasons."

These so-called "no start" tests will be run by the international sports federations, rather than the IOC. Subsequent urine tests will be conducted to back up any positive blood results.

## AC

action slated to begin at 7:30 p.m. as the Runnin' Rebels play host to the Bobcats.

Today, the Rebels and Lady Rebels of Allen Central travel to Martin to take on the Piarist Knights and Lady Knights.

pete in the Greater Knox Classic Bodybuilding & Figure Championships held in August 2001. It was in the Greater Knox competition where McKinney competed against eight other female participants in the short class division, where she took first-place, and then against the tall class winner.

McKinney went on to ultimately take the title of the Greater Knox Overall Figure Champion. After the spectacular showing, McKinney then decided to compete in the state show, Mr. and Ms. Kentucky Bodybuilding and Figure Championships where she competed against nine other, short and tall division female competitors. McKinney once again took the overall title, capturing the Ms. Kentucky Overall Figure Championship.

Liz and John McKinney, both of whom have roots in Floyd County, reside in Richmond.

## Harris

champion horse, Sensations Babydoll, when she received the unanimous win (five judges tied her for first) in the SSHBEA World Grand Championship.

Babydoll was trained by Bruce Hankins of Lewisburg, Tenn., and is currently still in training with Hankins along with Bum's Fancy Colors. Fancy won NSSHA Juvenile Horse of the Year for Harris in 2001, and plans to be a contender for the spotlight and roses this year with Harris once again onboard, riding.

Harris is the daughter of Terri and Paul Harris of Prestonsburg. She is the granddaughter of Betty and William Hall of Prestonsburg and the late Paul Harris of Martin. She attends Prestonsburg High School where she is involved in many sports including girls' basketball, tennis and volleyball. She maintains a 4.0 grade-point-average and is a member of Who's Who Among High School Students and the National Honor Roll. Harris is also involved in clubs such as the National Honor Society and the PHS Yearbook staff.

## Breakdown

to score the victory.

Heather Horn scored 11 points for Sheldon Clark and teammate Jennifer Wellman chipped in eight. Center Kelli Moore had nine points for the Lady Cards. Lauren Burke and Tiffany Meade rounded out the scoring for Sheldon Clark with two points apiece.

Ramanda Music once again paced Prestonsburg in the scoring department with a team-best 16 points. Megan Hyden flipped in 12 while a pair of Ladycats, Molly Burchett and Heather White, each chipped in three points apiece. Burchett's three tallies came on single free throws and White's three came on a three-pointer made in the third quarter. Abby Shafer and Vicki Bowling rounded out the P'burg scoring with two points each.

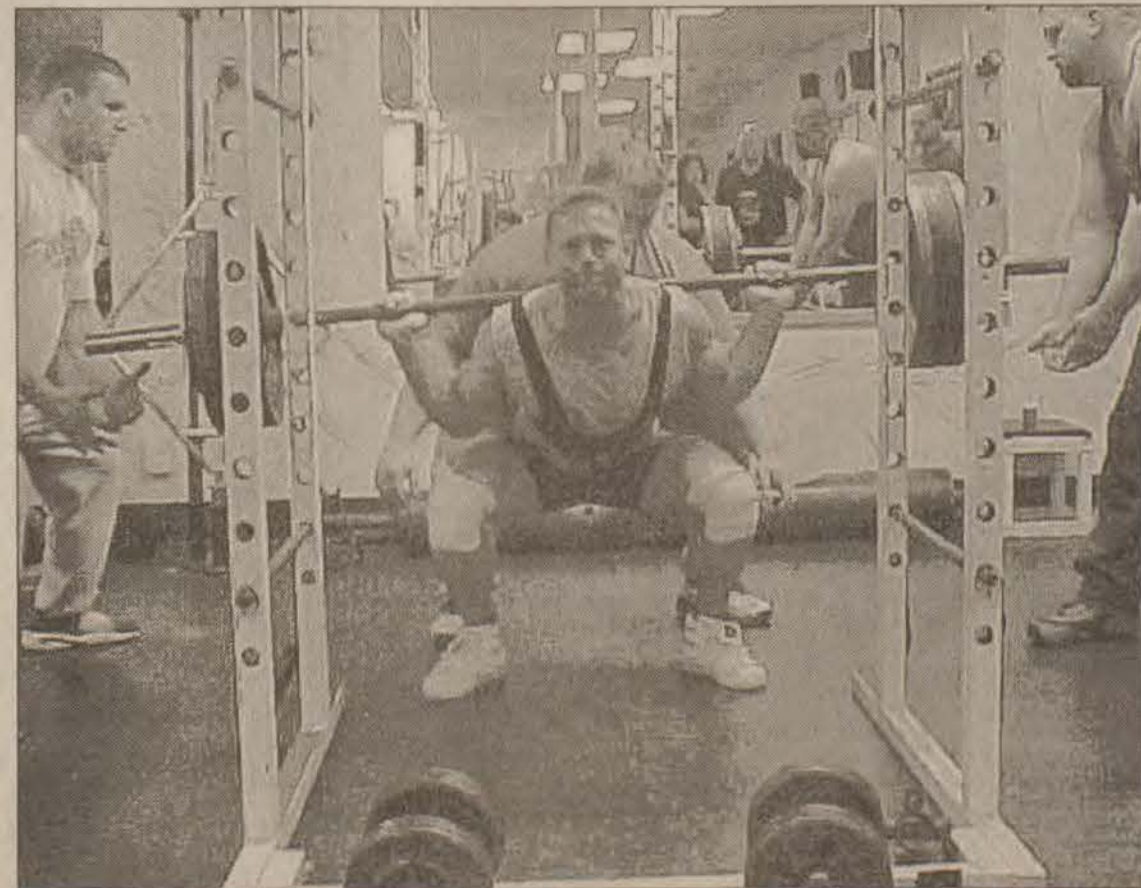
Sheldon Clark improved to 14-5, while Prestonsburg dropped to 11-8.



Austin Fields, 12, performed a squat during a recent powerlifting meet at Pro-Fitness in Prestonsburg. Spotting Fields is Keith Arms (left) and Jim Tom Allen (behind).



A total of eight competitors were in competition, including some lifters from Ohio.



Don Fields, a multi-sport athlete, will now get back to mountain biking after hitting the weights.



# Knight's first Texas Tech squad makes Top 25

by BETSY BLANEY  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LUBBOCK, Texas — Halfway through his first season at Texas Tech, Bob Knight is still looking for the right mix of

players. "If we had a guard that could shoot like Jerry West, one that could defend like John Havlicek, and if I had Willis Reed setting screens for Magic Johnson and had Larry Bird just

kind of doing whatever he wanted to do, we'd be better," Knight said recently.

Despite the absence of those superstars, Knight's Red Raiders are off to a 15-3 start — good enough to earn them the

No. 20 spot in this week's AP college basketball poll.

Tech earned its first ranking in five years by beating two Top 10 teams — Oklahoma State and Oklahoma — within seven days. That's quite a feat for a team that finished tied for last in the Big 12 last season with a 3-13 record.

Has the quick turnaround exceeded the coach's expectations?

"No," Knight said Saturday following a 92-79 victory over No. 6 Oklahoma. "Exceeding yours, but not mine."

Knight last had a team ranked in 1999-00, his 29th and final season at Indiana. Texas Tech was last ranked in the 1996-97 season when it was in the poll for 10 weeks, reaching as high as 18th.

Duke (18-1), which beat Boston College and Virginia last week to extend its winning streak to six games, was a unanimous No. 1 again, receiving all 71 first-place votes from the national media panel.

Kansas, the team that was No. 1 the week Duke wasn't, was followed by Maryland, Cincinnati, Florida and Oklahoma.

But a week that saw 16 ranked teams lose — including six in the Top 10 — caused plenty of movement throughout the rest of the poll.

Alabama, which beat Kentucky in its only game last week, jumped from 14th to No. 7 and was followed in the Top 10 by Virginia, Oklahoma State and Kentucky.

Gonzaga, at its highest rank-

ing in school history, moved up five spots to No. 11, followed by Illinois, UCLA, Syracuse, Miami, Georgia, Connecticut, Stanford, Arizona and Texas Tech.

Pittsburgh, the week's other newcomer, Missouri, Southern California, Wake Forest and Ohio State rounded out the Top 25.

Oregon (15-5) ended a two-week stay in the poll and Texas (14-5) was bounced after just

(See KNIGHT, page six)

■ OUTDOORS

## Beaver resurgence can be a big, gnawing problem

by STEVE VANTRESE  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PADUCAH — There are aquatic squirrels bigger than pit

bulls out there with ambitions of altering the landscape to suit themselves.

They're beavers, North America's largest rodents and

one of Kentucky's most influential — and problematic — wild species.

The paddle-tailed, gnawing critter is a water-dependent mammal that lives on the bark, twigs and tender shoots of trees and brushy shrubs that grow on and around aquatic environments.

Nocturnal beavers are seldom seen, and even when viewed, it's normally while they are swimming, revealing little more than the head. Like an iceberg, there much more to it. The stocky, darkly-furred beaver can grow to 65 pounds or more and reach a length of four feet.

Beavers were eliminated throughout most of Kentucky in the 19th century by heavy trapping exploitation and the draining of wetlands. They've been rebounding for decades, spurred by protective wildlife regulations and more recently by low fur prices that give trappers little incentive — and beavers have few natural enemies other than man.

"They've filled up habitats and are now going into places that you normally don't associate with them," said Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources Conservation Officer Larry Ashford of beaver-rich Ballard County. "They've really spread out as they've reached carrying capacity in some of the

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■ ALC MEN

## Eagles enjoy Rocky Top highs

by DAVID C. MAYNARD

Last week was not a good week if you were a college men's basketball team from Tennessee taking on the Eagles of Alice Lloyd College. On Thursday, the Eagles defeated Milligan College of Milligan, Tenn., 70-68. The Eagles then won again on Saturday, when they defeated Tennessee Wesleyan College Bulldogs, 73-59.

In the fight against Milligan, Alice Lloyd truly pulled together as a team, in the end leaving with the two-point victory. ALC star Jason Collins was out sick last week but returned to lead his team to a victory, scoring 16 points, followed closely in scoring by teammates Kent Campbell and Brandon Layne. Milligan's Lance Ashby failed to score

enough points to lead his team to a win, netting 20 points, followed by teammate A.J. Hamler and his 16-point performance.

The Eagles took on Tennessee Wesleyan in a heated game on Saturday evening at home in Pippa Passes. Collins once again led his teammates to victory, scoring 19 points in the win. Layne assisted him with 16 point. The high scorer for the Bulldogs netted 13 points in the contest.

This week, the Alice Lloyd men return to action, taking on King College tomorrow night at 7:30 p.m. Saturday the Eagles will be visited by Brevard College and Prestonsburg High graduate Matt Tackett. The ALC-Brevard game is set for a 4 p.m. tip.

■ ALC WOMEN

## Lady Eagles edge Milligan, fall to Tennessee Wesleyan

by DAVID C. MAYNARD

On Thursday, the Alice Lloyd College Lady Eagles defeated Milligan College on the road in Milligan, Tenn., 58-53.

Saturday, the Lady Eagles kept up their winning ways by defeating the host Lady Bulldogs of Tennessee Wesleyan College, soundly, 75-44.

In the win over Milligan, Lady Eagle Necha Combs got the spotlight and led the Alice Lloyd women's team to victory with 15 points. Milligan's Nicky Jessen could not score enough points to defeat the host Lady Eagles, as she scored 13 points in the setback, followed by teammate Miranda Greene with 10.

The Lady Eagles were feeling weary by the time Saturday's game had rolled around went the Tenn. Wesleyan Bulldogs visited Pippa Passes. Combs tried to lead the Lady Eagles to victory with a whopping 22 points, but was unsuccessful in the try. It would be the Lady Bulldogs' Nancy Scott and Monique Herron leading their team to victory, scoring 18 and 15 points, respectively.

This week, the Lady Eagles will take on King College in Knoxville, Tenn. tomorrow at 5:30 p.m. The Lady Eagles will be visited by Brevard College in a men's-women's doubleheader on Saturday. The ALC-Brevard College women's game is scheduled for a 2 p.m. start.

## Year

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non-term rule opens Pandora's box for planned, drawn-out educational journeys. A real count of all who walk willingly or coercively through those doors would stagger the "four year claims" of every college president.

The clear inability to track the uses of "redshirt" (incidentally, a term not found in our handbook, but every coach, athletic director, student athlete and parent knows exactly what it means) and "non-terms" leaves the door wide open to students electing a five-year tract. By desire or coercion, these are athletically motivated to extend their attendance. Thus we must readily concede there are numerous athletes already on the five-year plan by design and institutional blessing.

### Expanded curriculum equals expanded time ??

American universities through expanded curricula, more general education requirements and greater infusion of external licensing agencies have made it more difficult to achieve graduation in four years in general in many programs. Add the extreme time commitment and pressure of intercollegiate athletic competition and it really becomes difficult.

### What then should be done?

The inability to live out the image we so passionately advertise, "graduation in four years" and ignoring the facts, lend more reason to take yet another bold step in leadership in intercolle-

giate athletics by approving the 5th year of eligibility for the student-athlete in NAIA institutions.

It is difficult to comprehend the reluctance to approve a rule that could/would lead to better institutional integrity, less manipulation of athletes and a significant increase in graduates.

The rules since the inception of eligibility rules (1949) have allowed five years of school to complete the allowable four years of competition. The five-year yardstick remains the primary measure of the NAIA in encouraging each athlete to graduate. Our own (NAIA) standard of "normal progress" and incremental unit requirements to participate in subsequent seasons is based on a five-year plan. So the question, "Why not allow participation?"

It is time to own up to the real infusion of all these elements, time to rise above our perceived and publicized image, above the claims of prestige we so willingly cling to and face the grim reality of the average length of time it takes student athletes to graduate.

### Make sure your Institutional Voting Delegate is in Kansas City

Most important of all is to discuss it thoroughly on every campus and come to Kansas City to participate in the "information sharing" discussions of diverse positions, the caucuses and the democratic responsibility of voting on this important question.

## Fields

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scored 15 points and collected 10 boards and then came back Saturday against the Racers and had nine points, six rebounds and six steals.

This marks the third time Haney has been chosen OVC Rookie of the Week this year.


Fields leads Eastern in scoring and is sixth in the conference with his 16.7 per game average, while Haney averages 11.1 points per contest and is the team's top rebounder with his 6.8 per game average.

EKU, 6-13 overall and 2-6 in OVC play, travels to Austin Peay Saturday for a 7:30 p.m. CST matchup with the Governors.

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The bookies will be delighted to accommodate you.

Whether the moralists are willing to admit it or not, gambling has become a way of life in this country. What is the stock market if not a gambling game? State lotteries or Bingo games at the local Catholic church? And if a casino, either in Vegas or on one of our nation's waterways

has gone bust, the news has escaped me.

In Frankfort this week, even as some of our legislators get involved in friendly Super Bowl arguments that might culminate in a friendly Super Bowl wager, there's a debate being waged over whether race tracks should be allowed to augment their income by offering slot

machines and other casino-style wagering.

The tracks argue that they need the slots to survive. Every year, the riverboat casinos take a bigger piece of the gambling-dollar pie. At tracks outside Kentucky that have been allowed to have slots, revenue has grown dramatically, enabling them to increase their purses in order to draw good horses away from Kentucky.

These are hard, cold facts, not unfounded alarmist rumors. But the moralists, led by the Rev. Nancy Jo Kemper, oppose the slots on the grounds that Kentucky, which derives a lot of revenue from such "sinful" ventures as drinking, smoking, and gambling, doesn't need more gambling. Her views simply show how narrow-minded and impractical the moralists can be.

Kemper is right in opposing slots and casino games in convenience stores, groceries, and truck stops, right next to the lottery machines. For the good of racing and consumers, the slots and casino games should be restricted to the tracks. But that would give the tracks a monopoly that's sure to draw opposition.

But that's a hurdle that must be crossed only after the General Assembly decides whether it wants to deal with slots the same way it deals with liquor sales - a local option. Those counties that want it can have it, those that don't can keep it out. That seems simple enough, but nothing these contentious days is simple in Frankfort.

What Kemper apparently doesn't understand is that slots

at the tracks wouldn't lead to a proliferation of gambling. It would simply allow Kentucky to regain some of the money that its citizens are currently spending at riverboat casinos controlled by Indiana and Ohio. We're talking millions here, folks. The Caesar's riverboat estimates that a third of its han-

dle comes from Kentucky.

Besides that, it's as hypocritical to oppose gambling from a moral standpoint as it is to arrest bootleggers in dry counties. Gambling already exists in every Kentucky county. It's

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15TH REGION ALL 'A'

# Raiders roll over Bobcats in All 'A' semis

by JAMIE HOWELL  
SPORTS WRITER

Betsy Layne, fresh off a big win over Allen Central in the All 'A' Classic, stepped up to face the defending fifteenth region champs in South Floyd on Friday night in the semi-finals, but the Bobcats ran into a buzz-saw as they went home disappointed, losing to the Raiders 89-67.

Betsy Layne has emerged into a team that on any night can beat anyone in the region, but on this night the Raiders would come out firing and eliminate any hopes Betsy Layne would have for the upset.

South Floyd has just too many weapons in Michael Hall, Rusty Tackett, and Tyler Hall as the trio combined for 60 of the Raiders' 89 points. South Floyd raced out early scoring 23 first quarter points compared to only 13 for the Bobcats. The Raiders held the normally lethal Jeremy Daniels to only four first half points, and another Bobcat point producer in Brent Newsome had only 4 as well in the first half.

Tyler Hall and Michael Hall each tossed in 10 first half points to lead South Floyd. The Raiders pressure also hurt the Bobcats by forcing 10 first half turnovers South Floyd built a commanding 46-25 half-time lead.

In the second half the Raiders' Rusty Tackett took over the game, scoring 17 sec-

ond half points. The Bobcats managed to slow down Tyler Hall in the second half but Rusty Tackett stepped up big to create more problems for the Bobcats.

Betsy Layne tried to mount a comeback in the third quarter as Jeremy Daniels and Bobo Hamilton combined to cut the South Floyd lead to eleven late in the period, but Josh Johnson would come off the South Floyd bench to score seven fourth quarter points to put the game out of reach.

South Floyd would outscore Betsy Layne 24-18 in the fourth quarter to pull off the win and move into Saturday's finals against the Paintsville Tigers.

SCORING

**South Floyd** - Rusty Tackett 25 points 5/6 from the line; Michael Hall 19 points 1-of-2 from the line; Tyler Hall 16 points, 2-of-2 from the line; Josh Johnson 12 points 5-of-9 from the line; Joe Skeans 10 points 2/2 from the line; Jack Slone 2 points; Heath Hall 2 points; Brian Meade 2 points, 2-of-2 from the line; Charles Ray 1 point 1-of-2 from the line.

**Betsy Layne** - Jeremy Daniels 18 points, 4-of-7 from the line; Bobo Hamilton 14 points, 8-of-8 from the line; Wes Senters 7 points; Brent Newsome 6 points; Josh Allen 6 points, 2-of-2 from the line; Brian Roberts 4 points; Chris Cochran 4 points; Jordan Scarberry 4 points; Jordan Kidd 2 points; Brandon Hall 2 points.

# Hawks score win over Prestonsburg in easy fashion

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

The Pike County Central Hawks got above .500 with a 78-50 win over the Prestonsburg Blackcats on Saturday afternoon in Prestonsburg. The loss dropped the struggling Blackcats to 6-11.

Things weren't all bas for Prestonsburg on Saturday afternoon. The host Blackcats started out playing well and held a slim 12-11 lead at the end of the first quarter. The Hawks outscored Prestonsburg 21-16 in the second period to go into the half with a four-point lead. A disastrous fourth quarter proved to be Prestonsburg's ultimate downfall as the Blackcats lost the fourth period 23-6 after being outscored 23-16 in the third quarter to post a rather solid 28-point victory.

Pike County Central junior forward Justin McCurry paced the Hawks with 14 points. Senior Jason Gillespie tossed in 11 points for Pike Central while Chase Lyons and Bobby

Mullins netted 10 points apiece. Michael Boyd and Jordan Blackburn finished with nine and eight points, respectively, for the Hawks.

Prestonsburg's Chris Kidd was the game's leading scorer with 15 points. Sophomore Nick Jamerson had 10 points for the Blackcats. Jeremy Clark and Brad Bevins each had eight points apiece for the Blackcats while Justin Allen added seven. Junior Joey Willis rounded out the Prestonsburg scoring with two points.

PIKEVILLE WOMEN

# Pikeville wins on Gallion's big night

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE - Junior Tecco Gallion became the 15th Pikeville College Lady Bear to score 1,000 points in her career Monday night in a 65-59 win over Virginia Intermont College. Gallion, a 6-0 forward from

# Knight

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one week. Connecticut and Arizona, whose overtime game on Saturday was one of the season's most exciting to date, had the week's biggest rise and fall.

The Huskies, who prevailed 100-98 for the road win, jumped from 25th to No. 17. The Wildcats, the only ranked team to lose twice last week (they also lost to Arizona State), fell from No. 10 to 19th.

Texas Tech came close to being ranked several times this season. Beating Oklahoma State and Oklahoma provided the boost the Red Raiders needed.

Tech returns only four players who saw regular action last season. Two of them are now the leading scorers: four-year starter Andy Ellis (18.1 ppg) and sophomore Andre Emmett (17.9).

Knight added four junior college transfers, two freshmen and a walk-on when he arrived following a one-year layoff after being fired by Indiana. They bought into Knight's system of a motion offense and a tenacious, hard-nosed defense.

"What he's done is continue to do what he's done during a great, great career," Kansas coach Roy Williams said. "He has coached his team to play together, play unselfish and play extremely hard, particularly on the defensive end. It's not surprising knowing his ability."

Oklahoma coach Kelvin Sampson took note of the changed atmosphere in Lubbock, where an arena that last season averaged fewer than 4,000 fans is close to a sellout every game.

"It's not just the team and the coach. The environment and atmosphere raises level of play. I'd like to think those 15,000-plus fans had a little bit to do with it. That fueled them," said Sampson, whose team beat the Red Raiders 98-72 two weeks earlier in Norman, Okla.

Grayson, needed eight points to reach the milestone, and scored off an offensive rebound with 19:18 left in the game. She finished the night with 17 points on 6-of-9 shooting from the floor. She also had six rebounds and three steals.

Early on, it looked as if Pikeville was going to make quick work of the Lady Cobras. On consecutive trips, Pikeville got three-point baskets from Caitlyn Ryan, Ashley Melvin, Charity Burke and Melvin again. Pikeville was 4-of-4 from the arc and led 22-4 with 13:58 left in the half.

But things went south for the Lady Bears in a hurry. For the rest of the period, VIC outscored the Lady Bears 25-4, and when Stacie Cole scored on a layup with 52 seconds left, she sent her team to the half leading

31-28.

Pikeville (13-10) responded quickly, however, ending an 11-2 run to start the second half on a free throw by Burke with 15:46 left to take a 39-33 lead. VI got within two but could never even the count. Pikeville led by as many as 11 before settling for the six-point decision.

Melvin added eight points for the Lady Bears while Ryan finished with seven.

Gallion's 17 was equaled by Amanda Collins, who added 10 rebounds. It marked the 14th consecutive game she has led or tied for the team lead in scoring.

Erin Kyle came off the bench to lead the Lady Cobras (6-14) with 14 points. She added 13 rebounds and VI won the rebounding war 44-35.

Cole added 11 points and 10 rebounds for VI.

# Problem

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more typical places. "Beavers have worked into headwaters areas," he said. "Now, they're even showing up in ponds a long way from creeks."

Often conflicting with people, beavers instinctively build low dams of sticks and mud to impound streams and raise the water elevation. And they cut trees with chisel-like teeth, often girdling and killing those that aren't felled outright.

As beavers occur near humans, dams flood and damage timber, roads and farm fields, transforming dry land into marsh. They topple or kill trees on lawns, parks and other not-so-wild locations. Damage complaints are statewide nowadays, spreading from the big river areas of western Kentucky to even the upstream highlands in eastern counties.

Beavers may be trapped or hunted during the regular furbearer season that ends Jan. 31. Extra opportunities have been added through a special extended beaver season that runs through February.

These still may be too little to resolve beaver damage woes.

"It's a huge problem that can cost people a lot of money, but there's so little money in furs that very few people trap for that reason anymore," Ashford said.

Ashford offers two measures against beaver damages.

"On thing people can do is preventative," he said. "If you'll clear brush for a 20 or 30 yard strip around a pond, it's less likely to attract beavers in the first place. A beaver likes bushes and the kind of things he wants to eat growing as close to the water as possible. Brush growing to the edge of a pond just serves as an invitation to them."

Where beavers already have moved in and cause damage, seek guidance.

"If you've got a beaver problem, the first thing you should do is contact your county conservation officer and get him to write an animal damage report," Ashford said. "An officer can come out and inspect the site and make an assessment on the best way to handle it."

Often, the recommendation will be some means of removing the problem animal or animals. Hunting and trapping are possibilities, but in increasingly suburban and urban environments, it may dictate use of a wildlife control specialist.

Ashford said he and some conservation officers trap problem beavers for those who can't manage other alternatives. But he said an industry of commercial critter services is emerging to catch and remove beavers and other species, even using non-lethal methods where landowners want to stop damage but don't want animals destroyed.

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Jonna Craft, Family Academy of Martial Arts student, executed a flying sidekick during a recent workout.



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Martial arts instructor Charles Ruth went up high for a kick. Ruth instructs martial arts at a second Family Academy of Martial Arts school in Allen.



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Family Academy of Martial Arts students posed for this photo at a recent workout.



# SUPER BOWL

## Martz expects Bledsoe, but it's just a guess

by R.B. FALLSTROM  
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NEW ORLEANS — Even the St. Louis Rams are talking about

### AFC CHAMPIONSHIP RECAP

Patriots 24, Steelers 17

by ALAN ROBINSON  
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PITTSBURGH — Nobody in Pittsburgh expected the New England Patriots to win the AFC championship — most of all, it would seem, the Steelers themselves.

Now, as New England's magical mystery tour of a season unexpectedly heads to New Orleans for a Super Bowl matchup with St. Louis that nobody predicted, the Patriots will be America's underdog again.

Their response is much the same as it was before their 24-17 upset victory Sunday over Pittsburgh in the AFC title game — no matter the point spread or the public perception, no matter who their quarterback is, it makes no difference as long as they themselves believe.

"I think the only way we are going to get respect is not just making it to the Super Bowl, it's to win it," safety Lawyer Milloy said. "Hopefully, we'll have a party at the end of the year, and nobody else will be invited."

They've already ruined Pittsburgh's postseason party, one the Steelers may have — at least mentally — booked last week. The day after manhan-

drew Bledsoe and Tom Brady.

Mike Martz weighed in with an opinion on Monday as the Rams and New England Patriots arrived. He figures it'll be Bledsoe instead

ding Baltimore 27-10 in the playoffs, the Steelers held a logistical meeting to review their Super Bowl plans.

The session was innocent enough — coach Bill Cowher called it so they wouldn't be distracted if they advanced — but Patriots coach Bill Belichick seized on it as a sign of Pittsburgh's overconfidence.

The Patriots picked up on the theme. More importantly, they picked up on the Steelers' season-long special teams problems and exploited them for two touchdowns: Troy Brown's 55-yard punt return and Antwan Harris' 49-yard blocked field goal return.

Those special teams breakdowns forced the Steelers to junk their going-nowhere running game and ask Kordell Stewart to win the game. He couldn't, but Drew Bledsoe — the \$100 million backup quarterback — could after being the forgotten man on what is fast becoming an unforgettable team.

Bledsoe hadn't played since Sept. 23 until replacing the injured Tom Brady late in the second quarter. Brady, the star of the Patriots' improbable snow bowl comeback over Oakland the week before, injured his

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of Brady, who has a sprained ankle, although the Rams' coach admitted it's just a guess.

"I don't know how serious the injury to Brady is," Martz said. "I probably shouldn't say, because I don't know. I've been locked in a bunker."

As Martz handicaps it, Bledsoe has the stronger arm and Brady is more mobile. He looks forward to facing neither one of them on Sunday as the Rams seek their second Super Bowl championship

in three years.

"They both run that offense very well," Martz said. "To have those two quarterbacks on the same team playing at that level is pretty special."

New England coach Bill Belichick said he would make his decision on a quarterback Wednesday. Rams middle linebacker London Fletcher said it makes no difference to him.

"We don't change how we prepare for an upcoming game based

on the starting quarterback," Fletcher said. "What you see is what you are going to get."

There's no question who will play quarterback for the Rams. Team doctors told Kurt Warner he'd probably be sore on Monday, a day after he took a painkilling injection for bruised ribs, but Warner said he felt better than he did going into the game.

Warner was sacked only once and was hit only a handful of times in the Rams' 29-24 victory over the Philadelphia Eagles. Last week, he missed almost all of one practice.

"I'm very optimistic I'm going to be 100 percent come Sunday," Warner said. "It's nice to know that you don't have to fight through things all week long to prepare."

The Rams were 14-point favorites Monday after opening at high as 15 1/2 points. They're a bit sheepish about it, just like they were when the line against Green Bay was 11 points.

"We don't care if we win by 20, if we win by 30 or if we win by one," Warner said. "Everybody says 'Oh, they're the big favorites.' Whatever."

Martz said he doesn't pay attention to point spreads.

"First of all, I'm not sure I understand how a line is made," Martz said. "If that's a large line, I have no clue. I'm the wrong guy to ask, I guess."

The Rams (16-2) have been double-digit favorites throughout the playoffs. They fell short of the expected easy time with the Eagles, but they fulfilled their role as 10-point favorites against the Green Bay Packers, winning 45-17.

St. Louis won by an average

score of 31-17 in the regular season. It's the first team in NFL history to score 500 points in three consecutive seasons, beating the Panthers by 34, the Dolphins by 32 and the Falcons by 29.

The Philadelphia game was an exception. Though favored by 11 points, the Rams trailed at half-time for only the third time all season and needed a late-game interception by Aeneas Williams to snuff out Philadelphia's last drive.

The first meeting against the Patriots, a 24-17 victory in New England on Nov. 18, also was a rare tight game for the Rams. The Patriots were double-digit underdogs against the Steelers and beat them 24-17 in the AFC championship game.

The Rams enter the week with a few injury concerns on the offensive line. Tackle Orlando Pace, who missed a series with a strained right knee ligament in the NFC championship, isn't expected to miss any practice time.

"Orlando is much better than I anticipated," Martz said. "I was really concerned."

But it'll be a few days before the team knows the status of tackle Rod Jones, who injured his groin. Ryan Tucker, who hasn't started in the playoffs because of a sprained ankle, played a reserve role when Pace and then Jones were hurt.

Tucker expects to start in the Super Bowl.

The game is a homecoming for Williams and Marshall Faulk, who were the first two players off the plane when the team arrived on Monday. Martz doesn't believe it'll be a distraction.

"Obviously, you don't know these two guys," he said. "They're really squared away."

## Super Bowl security no leisurely stroll for NFL

by MARY FOSTER  
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NEW ORLEANS — At this year's Super Bowl, even the high rollers will be walking.

So much in America has changed since the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, and America's biggest sporting event is no exception.

Security is priority. No. 1 in New Orleans this week. It means the limousines, that normally overtake a Super Bowl city, shuttling the hordes of big names and big spenders who infiltrate each year, will be parked on Super Sunday. That includes the guy who's throwing the party.

"No one drives up to the game," said NFL vice president Jim Steeg. "Paul Tagliabue is walking. If the commissioner is walking, everybody's walking."

That's just one example of the extra measures being taken to protect the 65,000 fans who will fill the Superdome for Sunday's game between New England and St. Louis, and the thousands more who will be in New Orleans to celebrate.

The Super Bowl has been designated a National Special Security Event, with none other than the Secret Service overseeing the operation.

Remember no-fly zones in Iraq? They now have one near the Superdome, duplicating the measures taken at the World Series, and at a number of sporting events in the direct aftermath of Sept. 11.

And if fans thought the searches were inconvenient at those games, or the airport in the post-9-11 world, just wait 'til they get to the Super Bowl.

NFL security director Milt Ahlerich is suggesting fans get to the stadium several hours early. Fans, vendors, media and VIPs will all be subject to thorough searches that could include X-ray machines, metal detectors and pat-downs.

Workers began erecting the eight-foot-high fences and concrete barricades to form a barrier around the Superdome weeks ago. As a result, the closest some cars can get to the Superdome is about two blocks, and many fans will have a longer walk.

"This will be a secure event, a safe event," said Ahlerich, an ex-FBI agent. "Everything is being taken into consideration."

A task force of state, local and federal officials has been working on the security plan for months, but part of the goal is to make the games look "normal."

"We don't want security to be the focus of the game," said Jim Mackin of the Secret Service, which will oversee security. "The ordinary fan may see an increase of security around the

game, but the majority of what we do won't be seen by fans."

Yes, the number of police and security personnel surrounding the dome will be nearly doubled over a normal game — about 2,000 will be present. And yes, the traffic patterns will change. But many of the security workers will be in plain clothes. Some will be sitting in the stands.

Nobody in charge of security will divulge the exact plans. But there were snipers visible on the roof of Yankee Stadium, and there's no reason to believe they won't be around again for this game.

The thought of a terrorist attack on the Super Bowl is nothing new.

The idea first went mainstream in the mid-70s, when the movie "Black Sunday" came out. In that movie, terrorists threaten to kill fans at a stadium by shooting from a blimp on Super Bowl Sunday.

Such a plot might have seemed outlandish decades ago. Today, it's the center of the NFL's thinking.

"The point of terrorism is to get on television, to have the event seen by as many as possible," said defense analyst John Pike. "If you think how much people play for Super Bowl commercials, you know it's certainly the most watched event there is. If someone is going to pull something, what better place?"

One thing that will be missing from this year's game are the cameras used to scan the faces of people at last year's Super Bowl. All those cameras are in Salt Lake City, being rigged up for the Olympics.

"We're not that big a company and just can't send crews to both New Orleans and Salt Lake City," said Nick Abaid of Graphco Inc., the Pennsylvania company that makes the system.

The lawmen will, however, have a new piece of computer software that will allow police to run on the spot background checks from federal, state and local databases.

"These devices put the information at our fingertips without having to go through the radio or a cell phone," said Sgt. William Davis. "You can get the information almost instantly."

If any city is up to the security challenge, New Orleans is it. This is the Crescent City's ninth Super Bowl. On Jan. 1, the city went through something of a practice run when the Sugar Bowl was played.

Ahlerich said that game went off without a hitch.

"It's a unique job in that we're putting in all this work in hopes of doing nothing," said Michael James of the Secret Service.

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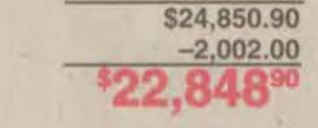
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## All 'A'

Here's some notes from throughout the state...

■ The Allen Central Lady Rebels have a makeup game with Phelps left to schedule from a snowout.

■ Jennifer Jones of Holy Cross (Louisville) scored 18 points on five of eight shooting from the floor and eight of nine from the free throw line in a 48-40 win over Holy Rosary in the Sixth Region All "A" Classic championship game. Jenn Skaggs pulled down 22 rebounds as the Cougars dominated Holy Rosary on the boards, 42-20.

■ Despite suffering a 50-39 loss last Tuesday to Carroll County, Henry County's Chloe Ryan turned in a strong performance. Ryan scored 15 points, pulled down 22 rebounds, had nine deflections, three blocks and three steals in the contest.

■ Holy Rosary's Tiffany Reid has 145 steals through 20 games. The state record for a season is 210, set by Leslie

Logsdon of Hart County in 1999.

■ Through 18 games, Muhlenberg North has dished out 303 assists. North's Holly Mills and Jade Perry have blocked 93 and 56 shots, respectively.

■ North Hardin's Alexis Brown surpassed the 1,000 career points mark in a 66-64 loss last Monday to rival

Central Hardin.

■ Sacred Heart's Crystal Kelly posted a triple double in helping SHA to a 65-53 win over Holmes in the Championship game of the Girls' Louisville Invitational Tournament. Kelly scored 15 points, pulled down 11 rebounds and blocked 10 shots in the win over the weekend.

## AMS

Prestonsburg at the tourney included Chris Bostic, Michael Setser, Damon Short, Shane 'The Train' Spencer and Shawn Ousley.

Bostic managed a sixth-place finish in the 85-pound class while Setser competed in the next class up, the 92-pound class, but did not place.

The top Prestonsburg grappler in the event was Spencer, a first-year heavyweight grappler who placed second in the state

competition. Two Prestonsburg wrestlers brought home third-place medals. Ousley placed third in the 195-pound division and Damon Short finished third in the 115 class.

Two grapplers, Shane Joseph and Chris Short were forced to miss the state tournament because of injuries.

"Overall, our kids did real well," said middle school coach Rex VanHoose. "They kind of surprised me, these are some really hard-working kids."

## Drop

ning the floor at a pace even the most athletic person would have a hard time keeping with.

The game would prove to be maybe the most exciting All 'A' game in the tournament's history. The biggest lead of the game for either team would be seven points as both teams would exchange the lead on several occasions, and just when one team seemed to get the momentum on their side the other would make a run. The game began with the Raiders Rusty Tackett carrying his team on his shoulders, the sharpshooter pumped in 16 first quarter points hitting from everywhere on the court and leading the Raiders to a 25-23 first quarter advantage.

Paintsville would not let South Floyd pull ahead early as every time the Raiders would connect from the outside, the Tigers would answer. Paintsville senior guard Chas Harmon led the Tigers in scoring on the night with 26 points hitting on eight three-point shots in the game.

Paintsville would look to take advantage of foul trouble on the Raiders' Charles Ray by

feeding the ball in the paint to Brandon Gullett who burnt the Raiders for 13 points on the evening. The Tigers would baffle back in the second period to tie the game at the break at 43-43 on the strength of the three ball as the Tigers hit on seven bombs in the first half alone.

South Floyd was not about to lay down in the second half as the duo of Michael Hall and Rusty Tackett kept the Raiders alive by combining for 19 of South Floyd's 31 second half points.

Michael Hall can shoot the basketball from the arc himself as the Raider point guard fin-

ished the game with five made three point shots and 19 total points. Rusty Tackett would lead all scorers with 30 points on the night.

After three quarters of play, South Floyd would regain a slim lead at 60-58 and head into the final stanza trying to hang on. Paintsville would have the final say as Paintsville's Chas Harmon would almost single handily lead the Tigers to the win. Harmon would nail three long range bombs late to seal the victory and propel Paintsville to the State Classic this week in Richmond. Paintsville plays tomorrow night at 9:30 p.m. against Somerset.

## Reed

called the lottery. How can Kemper and her Bible-thumping cohorts oppose slots at race tracks while ignoring a lottery that cynically siphons millions away from the poor?

But Americans always have been funny, even schizophrenic, about gambling.

Most engage in some form of it, even if they don't recognize it for what it is. They like the tax revenue that gambling generates, but fret about what it does to the moral fabric of our nation. They wink at Super Bowl bets and

Final Four pools, but disparage the folks who bet their money through the one-armed bandits.

It can only be hoped that the General Assembly finds a way to legalize slots and casino

games, then let the tracks have a monopoly on them. It's a hard case, perhaps an impossible one, but it's worth pursuing because

Kentucky's signature industry desperately needs help.

In the meantime, I'd advise the legislators to take the Rams and give the 14. I also recommend betting that the New England quarterbacks will be intercepted at least four times, that the halftime show will set a record for patriotic bombast, and that a soft drink company will have the best commercial.

And let's all pause to give thanks for the Super Bowl, the national holiday that celebrates gambling, the American way of life.

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## AFC

lower left leg while being upended by Lee Flowers.

Bledsoe's first pass was a 15-yarder to David Patten - so much for knocking the rust off - and, two plays later, he lofted a perfectly thrown floater in the corner of the end zone to Patten to put the Patriots up 14-3.

Later, Stewart drove the Steelers to two touchdowns in less than four minutes to cut it to 21-17 and seemingly seize the momentum. But Bledsoe, who beat Jacksonville in the AFC title game five years ago, responded to lead two fourth-quarter drives that resulted in an Adam Vinatieri field goal and ran precious time off the clock.

And while Pittsburgh didn't get big games from its stars, Brown seemed to be in the middle of every big play. Besides the punt return touchdown, he scooped up the blocked field goal before tossing it to Harris, and made eight catches for 121 yards - or 10 fewer yards than the Steelers' Plaxico Burress and Hines Ward combined.

Lucky? Fortunate? No, on this day, the Patriots simply were better.

"I don't know about miracles. I didn't see any genies or wizards out there, I just saw some passes that were completed and some players who were trying to get to the Super Bowl - and did," Pittsburgh tackle Wayne Gandy said.

They weren't Steelers, either. Despite owning the AFC's best record (14-3 coming in), the NFL's top-ranked defense and rushing offense, the Steelers

were beaten in the AFC title game for the third time in eight years - all under Bill Cowher, the first coach to lose three title games at home.

"It's sickening," said Pro Bowl running back Jerome Bettis, who returned from an eight-week layoff to gain only 8 yards on nine carries and wasn't a factor. "It's a sickening feeling."

Stewart's disappointment contrasted to Bledsoe's delight in getting his team to the Super Bowl after not playing for four months. Brady likely will start in New Orleans, but Bledsoe promised there will be no quarterback controversy.

"I envisioned this scenario because that's what you have to prepare for," Bledsoe said. "But to have that happen, to be kneeling on the ball at the end of the game and going to the Super Bowl, it's just a little overwhelming."

Just as the odds are, but consider this - the Rams edged New England 24-17 when they played Nov. 18 in Foxboro.

"People can say what they want to say, talk about what we don't have, call us Cinderella and lucky and whatever else they want to call us, and I don't care," Brown said. "This game is over, we won - and we're going to the Super Bowl."

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# Little houses in a row

by CLYDE PACK

When the Northeast Coal Company set up shop at Muddy Branch in the early part of the last century, housing for families of the miners who would dig the coal, was all part of the grand scheme of things. The fact there wasn't enough level land for one house seat, let alone dozens, didn't deter the builders, however, and the dwellings were constructed—all the same color, all the same size—in crowded rows along the hillsides, creek beds and hollows surrounding the mining operations.

Such were the five-room, two-story houses in Silk Stocking Row.

Thus, having been arranged in such close proximity, not only was there a prevailing feeling of togetherness, but neither was it the least bit unusual for one next-door neighbor to be pretty much informed as to another next-door neighbor's business.

With those thin walls, neither neighbor was necessarily required to be particularly nosy. All one had to do to get a front-row seat to a nocturnal yelling match between the couple next door was to turn down the radio and raise a window a little. Furthermore, if one happened to be standing on a chair—on tiptoes—one couldn't help but see right through a neighbor's kitchen window.

But the real beauty of coal-camp life as it regarded the houses being built so close together and all in a row, was that every backyard was fenced in and each contained a well-worn bare spot right across the fence from another well-worn bare spot, which were little points of rendezvous. Within an hour's time, an incident that occurred in the last house in the hollow could be, and usually was, recounted in full detail—and usually with much embellishment—to the lady hanging out her wash 15 houses away. By the next day, even the men on their way to and from the mine were discussing the incident, or at least their wives' version of it.

But all-in-all, fence-line gossip was of no ill intent, and most of the time, harmless. Many times it worked to the advantage of the infringed upon parties. Anything out of the ordinary was usually reported, and it was not the least bit uncommon for a neighbor or two to show up at one's back door with a pot of chicken and dumplings or a chocolate pie, if word had filtered down that the wife or one of the children was sick, or that the family was having a hard time, because the husband had been laid off for a while.

The fence line preceded the party line, and pretty much kept information flowing in an early eastern Kentucky coal camp.

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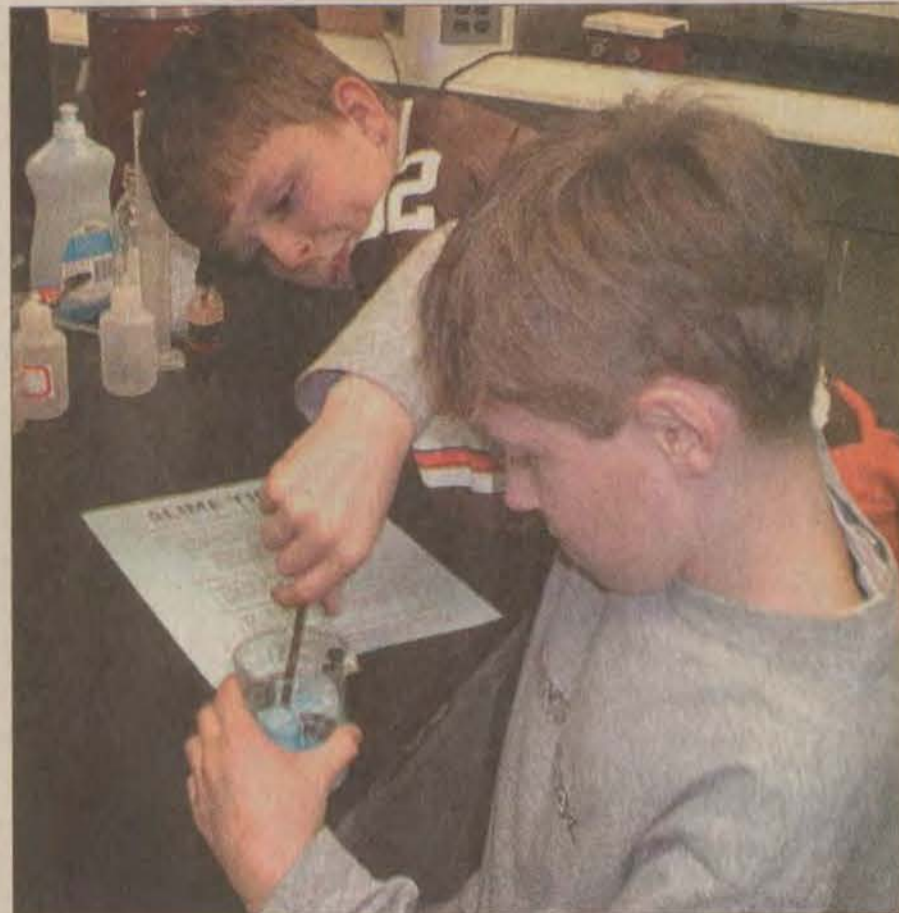
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Brittany Rose, left, observes as Ashley Martin drops iodine onto spinach leaves during a tour of Prestonsburg Community College's biology lab.



Franklin Nelson stirs his "creation" in Paul Thompson's chemistry lab as Jesse Lee patiently waits to see the outcome.

## Local children explore the vastness of their universe

by KATHY J. PRATER  
FEATURES EDITOR

A group of local elementary children were granted the opportunity to visit the campus of Prestonsburg Community College this past Friday morning for a "hands-on" experience into the world of science. Several professors representing various of the fields of scientific study were on hand to guide the children on their journey into a universe of microorganisms, chemical reactions, and astronomical revelations. Fourth graders from the classrooms of Debra Holland and Susan Greene, Prestonsburg Elementary School, were the fortunate "travelers."

The biology laboratory, located in the Campbell Science Building, proved to be an interesting stop for the fourth-graders, who learned about photosyn-

thesis under the tutelage of assistant professor, Chenzhao Vierheller. Vierheller provided the students with spinach leaves, litmus paper, and bottles

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of iodine which were then used to teach lessons on photosynthesis, as well as pigmentation. The students were also exposed to all manner of preserved wildlife as they were allowed to roam freely around the laboratory to examine snakes, small animals, and even some marine life that had been perfectly preserved in bottles containing formaldehyde fluid. Also on display were the work of taxidermists in the form of stuffed and preserved wild animals such as a small fawn, several squirrels, an opossum, and other specimens native to the Eastern Kentucky area. One of the students more favored specimens was a large owl captured in flight with his talons holding tight to his evening's dinner of a large gray squirrel.

Dwight Smith, associate professor of mathematics, engaged the children in a lesson and question and answer period on the topic of astronomy. Smith discussed the phases of the moon, both lunar and solar eclipses, the varying temperatures of our solar systems differing planets and a few topics such as "earth shine" and "moon glow." Smith informed the children that "the moon does not actually glow" (it reflects the sun's light) and that the earth, also, reflects sunlight, as observed by our early space travelers. "Earth reflects sunlight even better the moon," said Smith, "due in part to the fact that the earth is about four times bigger than the moon and it contains vast amounts of water, plus it has clouds surrounding it's atmosphere. The moon has no atmosphere." Smith also informed the students that the next total eclipse of the sun will occur on August 27, 2017.

Paul Thompson, a professor of chemistry, took the words "hands-on" to a higher level as the students got down to business in his classroom. After first explaining the use of some of the various pieces of equipment in his chemistry laboratory such as "hoods," and "beakers," and making sure that everyone knew where the sinks and fresh water supplies were located, Thompson got down to the "serious" business of making, "slime" and "silly

putty."

Using Elmer's white glue, Sta Flo Liquid Starch, and food coloring, the students successfully stirred and kneaded the mixture into "silly putty." Next, using a 4% polyvinyl alcohol solution, a "Borax" solution, and more food coloring, the students made a compound very similar to gelled gelatin that they were able to form into varying shapes and sizes. They also made colored "slime" that would rival any seen on the popular "Nickelodean" children's television network.

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The Prestonsburg Community College science department tours are open and available to all area schools. For information on how your school may schedule a visit, contact Tom Vierheller, at 886-3863, ext. 316.

Other professors participating in the science tours were Ken Fuller, chemistry, and Charles Robertson, physics.



Brittany Coyer and several of her classmates were amazed at the stuffed owl hanging overhead holding a large, gray squirrel in its talons on display in the biology lab.



Paul Thompson, a chemistry professor at Prestonsburg Community College, measures out Elmer's glue into individual containers as the elementary students begin their experimentation with various chemical compounds.

## Small World

### Beans and more beans

For someone who never learned to bait a hook, I've had to listen to enough fishing stories to qualify as a fisher-person. I might also be called an enabler as I've had to "keep store" and keep the home fires burning while the guy at our house responded to the slightest suggestion that fish were biting somewhere.

I might have told this story before but, if I did, maybe I can relate it a little differently this

time. Anyway, Walter and Jack Branham were great fishing buddies and either could be influenced by the other to believe the next trip would be their best yet.

This time they went to a fishing camp in Deland, Florida, where the accommodations were barely enough to get by with. What mattered to them was that they were beside the St. John's River, and it held promise and hope of a good catch. That made their small cottage more attractive than the Waldorf Astoria.

Both men were known to have enormous appetites and, even in

their eagerness to get on the water, there would always be arrangements for food. They decided to put some pinto beans on to cook so there would be something to eat when they came back in. They thought a two pound package would be about right, but the utensils available to them were just the bare essentials. These included a couple of skillets and two or three small cookers.

Walter started the beans to cook in the largest cooker they had. They had become friends with a couple from Ohio who

occupied the cottage next door and who had also come to catch fish. Hearing the wife say she wasn't going out that day, Walter asked if she would look in on his beans once in a while and maybe add a little water if they needed it. The he added, "I'm not sure my cooker is large enough, but if it gets too full you might divide them into one of yours. That way you can take part of them."

The guys had underestimated how much the beans would expand. When they came in after their day of casting, they walked into their cottage to see every

cooker allotted to both cabins filled to the brim with beans. Had they not been so worn out from their day on the water, they might have invited everybody in the whole camp to come and eat.

### Kind word

While wandering through the aisles of a supermarket a few days ago, a lady approached me to ask, "Aren't you the Hall lady who writes for the paper?" She introduced herself and told me where she lived and, had I not retired, I

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AILEEN HALL  
Contributing  
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# School Happenings

## Adams Middle School Youth Services Center

■ 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

■ Jan. 30 - Our Lady of the Way presentations.

■ 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.

## J.A. Duff Elementary

**SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT:** The J.A. Duff Elementary election to elect one parent member to the School Based Decision Making Council will be held on Thursday, January 31. This is necessary due to the resignation of a parent representative. You may cast your vote in the Family Resource Center between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Nominations in writing will be accepted in the Family Resource Center from now until January 30.

In accordance with KRS 160.345, parent means: a parent, stepparent, or foster parent of a student or person who has legal custody of a student pursuant to a court order and with whom the student resides. The parent member shall not be an employee of that school or the District Central Office, the relative of an employee, a local board member or a spouse of a local board member. Relative shall mean father, mother, brother, sister, husband, wife, son, daughter, aunt, uncle, son-in-law, or daughter-in-law.

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.

## Piarist School

■ The Piarist School is currently collecting Food City

receipts to be used toward the purchase of school equipment and technical tools. You may send your receipts to school with any Piarist School student, or you may mail them in to the following address:

The Piarist School, Highway 80, Box 870, Martin, KY 41649. Call 285-3950 for further information.

## 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

■ 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. 135.

## 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

■ Center now accepting new applications for cleaning supplies.

■ Little Eagle Basketball now in progress.

■ "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.

# Our Yesterdays

(Items taken from *The Floyd County Times*,  
10, 20, 30, 40, 50 and 60 years ago.)

## Ten Years Ago (Jan. 29-Jan. 31, 1992)

Councilman Billy Ray Collins presided over the Monday evening meeting of the Prestonsburg City Council, in the absence of Mayor Ann Latta, as several items were debated, including a bid by several councilmembers to have Prestonsburg's Mayor-Council form of government changed in the November, 1994 election. Councilman Jerry Fannin, in a surprising move, motioned council to include on the November, 1994 general election ballot that Prestonsburg's city government be changed to a city commission plan of administration...Comments made at a public hearing, Thursday by residents living near a medical waste incinerator will cause the state to take a closer look at a pending permit for that facility. Officials with the State Department of Air Quality listened intently as 14 speakers told of their concerns about the incinerators at Auxier, operated by Medisin Inc...With enough Democratic candidates to field a football team, the race to replace departing U.S. Congressman Chris Perkins drew an unprecedented lineup of challengers, Tuesday, as the filing deadline passed. Eleven Democrat candidates will crowd the ballot for the Congressional seat that, for most of the past 45 years had been shared by just two men—both named Perkins. Rarely had the Perkins' hold on the 7th District—now the 5th District—seat been challenged in primary elections...A 25-year-old Martin woman was charged with first degree wanton endangerment and first degree assault, after allegedly stabbing her husband, Saturday. Rebecca Collins of Martin, was charged with stabbing her husband, Larry Collins, twice with a knife after an altercation at their home Saturday afternoon...A Floyd County woman unknowingly saved the life of Sheriff Paul Hunt Thompson when she took to heart a threat allegedly made by her husband. The woman called the sheriff's department, Saturday, asking that a deputy be sent to her home and the situation turned out to be a domestic violence complaint...Floyd County school officials would neither confirm nor deny reports, Thursday afternoon, that a special meeting of the county school board, Friday evening, would include a proposal to eliminate all administrative positions in the system's central office. Board Chairman Ray "Shag" Campbell would neither confirm nor deny the rumored actions, and said, "all I know is it's an open meeting about personnel. I don't know what all they're going to do..."The Prestonsburg City Council has been a hotbed of hot issues for many this week, and tongues are not likely to cool soon, because a question has been raised recently about whether long-time city councilman William R. Callihan is eligible to act as both a city councilman and be employed by the city. A letter from the Kentucky Office

of the Attorney General, dated September 23, 1991, which is currently circulating about the area, and which the Times received anonymously, states that, although not a formal legal opinion, "a councilman, a city officer, may not serve as an employee in the same city he is serving as a councilman." The correspondence was signed by Thomas R. Emerson, assistant attorney general...A "do nothing attitude" and "a lack of interest" for growth, forced Wayland City Councilman Robert Stewart to resign his seat at council's January meeting. "They do as they please and no citizens will come to the meetings, because they know they won't do nothing," Stewart said. "In the past, I've talked with the Big Sandy Area Development District about getting grants to clean the ditches out. But, I couldn't get anyone (on the council) to help me. I can't do it by myself. It's pitiful..."Despite a 4-4 vote by council, Monday evening, there were obvious indications that a proposal to change Prestonsburg's form of city government is anything but dead. A swing vote on the issue was all but promised by newly elected councilman, George Archer, if the current system's checks and balances fail to meet Archer's expectations. Should the issue be revived and a proposal for change is passed by council, Prestonsburg voters will have the final say...Prestonsburg civil rights attorney Ned Pillersdorf agreed to a press conference Thursday, to offer details on a current lawsuit which might possibly attract national attention and notoriety. Pillersdorf is representing Weeksbury resident Mary Ann Johnson, who claims that her husband, Billy Virgil Johnson, committed suicide on February 15, 1991, as a direct result of taking the highly controversial drug, halcion...Ladies and gentlemen place your bets on Floyd County being chosen as the site for a new harness racing track. The state's Harness Racing Commission met Thursday in Prestonsburg, with city and local officials, to talk about the prospect and to tour three potential sites. After the tour, the commission's chairman and vice chairman said they felt, in their personal opinion, Floyd County is the best place for the track...There died: Clinon Slone, 94, of Larkslane, Friday, at the Hazard Regional Medical Center; Alberta Ashley, 81, of Mallie, Thursday, at her home, following an extended illness; Kermit Stamper, 78, of Litt Carr, Saturday, at the Letcher Manor Nursing Home in Whitesburg; James Mullins, 77, of Leburn, Friday, at the Hazard Appalachian Regional Medical Center; Ervin Preston, 80, of River, Tuesday, at Humana Hospital in Louisa; Irene Clark, 70, of Sitka, Sunday, at her residence; Birtie Mae Risenberg, 51, of Springdale, Ohio, formerly of Pike County, Thursday, at Hospice of Cincinnati, Ohio; Hubert W. Pennington, 71, of Ligon, Saturday, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Marilyn Hughes, Tuesday, at her residence; Tommy Kendrick, 62, of Prestonsburg, Wednesday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Vealie

Louise Caudill, 75, of Hi Hat, Sunday, at her residence; Haleem Kawaja, 76, of Lexington, Thursday, at Veterans Administration Hospital in Lexington; Carroll Wade Moore, 52, of Columbus, Ohio, Thursday, at his residence; Connie Lee Thompson, 43, of Abbott Creek, Saturday, at his residence; Virginia Tackett Reynolds, 77, of Wheelwright, Monday, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Dr. Clellen Herbert Boshears, 47, of Hickory, North Carolina, Thursday, at his residence; Lora "Goody" Johnson, 73, of Eaton Rapids, Michigan, Tuesday, at Lansing General Hospital; Fannie Mae Lafferty Hicks, 58, of Hudson, North Carolina, Sunday, at Frye Regional Medical Center in Hickory, North Carolina; Timmy M. Shaheen, 30, of Arlington, Ohio, Monday, at his residence; Glendia Sue Burke McCoy, 43, of Martin, Wednesday, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; Cassie Roseline Casebolt, 84, of Speight, Wednesday, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Mary Wilson Roberts, 85, of Lexington, Tuesday, at Cape Coral Hospital, Cape Coral, Florida.

## Twenty Years Ago (February 3, 1962)

The county road fund bankrupted and the fiscal court had to lay off 24 employees temporarily...Terry D. Johnson, of Melvin, was killed by shots from a .22-calibre revolver; Paul D. Stanley, of Melvin, was shot one time and is in critical condition at the U.K. Medical Center; and Edward Slone Jr., of Price, was jailed as the gunman for the Saturday morning shooting...James M. Noel plead guilty to the murder of James T. Neimi of Wayland and arson. He was sentenced to life in prison...There died: Bill Butts, 65, of Ivel, Saturday, at VA Hospital in Lexington; Luella Martin, 76, of Minnie, last Friday, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Jesse T. Blankenship, 43, of Grove City, Ohio, formerly of Floyd County, Tuesday, at Mount Carmel Hospital West in Columbus; Gladys P. Porter, 63, of Martin, Friday, at U.K. Medical Center; Mary S. Vastano Webb, 60, of Lima, Ohio, formerly of Floyd County, last Wednesday, at St. Rita's Hospital in Lima; Arnold L. Robinette, 78, of Banner, Monday, at home; Daisy McCoy, 72, of East Point, Tuesday, at her residence; Edith Hall Martin, 69, of Galveston, last Wednesday, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; and Sally S. Campbell, 70, of New Jersey, formerly of David, Tuesday, at her residence.

## Thirty Years Ago (February 3, 1972)

Operations at the American Standard plant, near Paintsville, ceased Monday afternoon as picket lines formed after union

employees and the company had failed to reach an agreement on a new labor contract...Garrett's water system has been forced by stream pollution to abandon Right Beaver Creek as a source of its water supply and to rely on a reservoir fed by water from an unused coal mine. Nello Francis, water company manager, said Tuesday...Citizens of the county are being urged to attend the meeting in the county courtroom here Thursday, when Allan McElhaney, Spindletop Project specialist in solid waste planning, will give an overview of what the solid waste disposal project proposed for Floyd County entails, and what residents can expect...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Randel Dotson, a daughter, January 30...There died: Ray Prater, 49, last Wednesday at Toledo, O., and his father, Frank Prater, 83, of Lancer, two days later at Prestonsburg General Hospital; Mrs. Gussie Osborne, 69, of Prestonsburg, last Saturday, at Prestonsburg General Hospital; Mrs. Ollie Hamilton, 81, of Craynor, last Tuesday, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Mrs. Nancy Jane White, 89, of Cryanor, last Tuesday, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin; Stonewall Clark, 81, last Tuesday, at his home at Gulnare; John B. Newsome, 80, last Thursday, at his home at Melvin; Dallas Layne, 91, of Harold, last Tuesday, at Pikeville; Oscar Isaac, 61, last Monday, at home at Bevinsville; Mrs. Cumine Joseph, 83, of David, January 20, at Ironton, O.; Mrs. Ida Howard, of Little Paint, Friday, at Prestonsburg General Hospital; Bill Dotson, 58, Sunday, at his home on the Middle Creek road; Charles Donell Reed, 91, a pioneer in opening the coalfields of this section and a brother of B.F. Reed, Thursday, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin; Edward Richard Bradley, 72, of Prestonsburg, Sunday, at Prestonsburg General Hospital.

## Forty Years Ago (February 1, 1962)

The fight for a junior college to serve this area drew a step nearer a showdown and possible success last week as a bill to create a system of two-year community colleges in Kentucky was introduced in the General Assembly, and as the drive for \$100,000 toward purchase of a college site here neared its goal...Increased strawberry production is expected in eastern Kentucky counties this summer in connection with establishment of a strawberry-processing plant here...A meeting was held Friday at Allen to organize a volunteer fire department to serve Allen, New Allen, Dwale and the surrounding area...The community improvement program at Martin, and progress made on community projects undertaken there, were reviewed at a meeting of the Martin Citizens Participation Committee, held January 22, at Martin High School...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Karl



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Oppenheimer, a son, Charles David; to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Harris, a son, Donald Franklin, last week in Lexington...There died: Okie Blankenship, 47, of Ligon, Saturday, at his home; Mrs. Julia Frisby, 87, of Prestonsburg, last Wednesday, at Prestonsburg General Hospital; Green Elliott, 71, of Printer, last Thursday, at the Beaver Valley Hospital, Martin; Laranzo V. Thornton, 61, of Wheelwright, last Monday, at McDowell Memorial Hospital; Esquire Slone, 70, Friday, at his home at Wayland; John King, 78, of Stanville, last Wednesday, at the Methodist Hospital, Pikeville.

**Fifty Years Ago  
(January 31, 1952)**

Faced with evidence which included laboratory tests of their shotgun shells, and a ballistics expert's statement which identified their guns in the case, four Middle Creek men entered pleas of guilty Friday, to the shooting and wounding, January 16, of three miners of the Floyd Elkhorn Coal Company on the Caney Fork of Middle Creek, and each was given a penitentiary term totaling six years...Floyd County has its second rape case within as many weeks, The Times learned Wednesday afternoon, and today authorities were launching a full-scale investigation of this latest sex offense...Floyd County taxpayers will be required to pay out approximately \$10,483,000 in federal taxes as their share of the federal budget of \$85.4 billion proposed by President Truman for the fiscal year, 1952-53...Salient points of an Administration mine-safety bill were disclosed, last Saturday, by the author of the bill, Ad. D. Sisk, chief of the State Department of Mines and Minerals, during an address at the annual safety meeting of the Princess Elkhorn

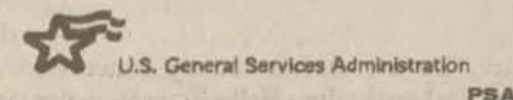
Coal Company at David...Marked progress on the development campaign to build a Scout camp at Dewey Lake was reported this week by E.R. Price, Wheelwright, who is serving as general chairman of the development committee on the campaign...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. William E. Miller, of Prestonsburg, a son, Mark Edward, January 23; to Mr. and Mrs. Don Hewlett, of Drift, a daughter, Mary Constance, Jan. 22...There died: Mrs. Frances Howell Tackett, 26, of Hi Hat, Saturday, at the Beaver Valley Hospital, Martin; Pete Dimitri, 60, retired Wheelwright miner and a native of Bulgaria, last Thursday, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin; Mrs. Roberta Thorsbury, of Wayland, Friday, at the home of her father at Bypro.

**Sixty Years Ago  
(February 5, 1942)**

A budget to cover expected expenditures of \$14,920 this year was adopted by the Prestonsburg City Council at its Monday night meeting...Floyd County officers, Tuesday, were without a clue to the looting Saturday night of the Goose Creek Mining Company's store, near Bosco, of merchandise valued at \$600...Continuance of construction of the Turkey Creek road, a distance of 2.22 miles, was assured, with the announcement last week, that grade, drain and surface work for this distance has been approved by the Works Progress Administration...A petition filed in the Floyd Circuit Court, Monday, by Charles Moore and 100 other McDowell citizens asks that the corporation of the town be dissolved...Saturday night highlighted this year's local sports calendar as, for the first time in 11 years, the Prestonsburg High School basketball team defeated the Inez Indians, instead of humbly submitting to the usual "scalping" so customarily handed out to Inez opponents...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Otto Frazier, of Martin, a son, born last week; Mr. and Mrs. James Setser, of Martin, a daughter, last Wednesday; Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Harrison, of Martin, a daughter, Sunday...There died: John B. Stephens, 66, Monday, at his home at Allen; Pvt. Russell Robinson, of the U.S. Army, last Thursday, in Trinidad; George Frederick Gore, 32, Friday, at Estill; Mrs. Poppie Shepherd, 74, Saturday, at the Beaver Valley Hospital, Martin.

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*Pageants*

Announcing the nineteenth annual Miss Kentucky American Coed pageant to be held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Lexington, on July 4th-7th, 2002.

- The pageant consists of seven age divisions: Coed (18-20), Teen (16-17), Jr. Teen (13-15), Preteen (10-12), Sweetheart (7-9), Princess (5-6); Petite Princess (3-4).
- No makeup allowed for children 12 years and younger.
- Must have a "B" average or higher to be selected as a State Finalist.
- No swimsuit competition for girls of any age.
- The winner for each age division will receive a cash award of \$1,000, official crown, banner, and trophy. Judging is based on scholastic achievements, inner beauty, poise, appearance, and an "All-American" spirit for school.

■ Cash awards and plaques will also be presented in several separate optional contests, such as Academic Achievement, Volunteer Service, Talent, Photogenic, and Sportswear.

- In 2002, more than \$1,000,000 in cash awards, prizes and scholarships will be presented nationwide to outstanding young women who participate in the Miss American Coed Pageant in their state. The pageant seeks to recognize the accomplishments of each girl who enters, and helps her set goals for the future.
- Winners of each division will represent Kentucky at the national pageant in Orlando, Florida, which includes a trip for two to Disneyworld.
- Girls interested in applying for the 2002 Miss Kentucky American Coed Pageant, should contact the State Director's office at (409) 681-9800.

*New Arrivals*

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| <p><b>Highlands New Arrivals</b></p> <p><b>Jan. 14, 2002</b><br/>A son, Dyllan David Hayden, to Amy &amp; Paul Hayden.</p> <p><b>Jan. 14, 2002</b><br/>A son, Daulton Dennis Hayden, to Amy &amp; Paul Hayden.</p> <p><b>Jan. 14, 2002</b><br/>A daughter, Emily Marie Caldwell, to Teresa &amp; James Caldwell.</p> <p><b>Jan. 16, 2002</b><br/>A son, Ronnie Dwayne Samons, to Pamela &amp; Ronnie</p> | <p>Samons.</p> <p><b>Jan. 17, 2002</b><br/>A daughter, Emily Kate Salisbury, to Crystal &amp; Justin Salisbury.</p> <p><b>Jan. 18, 2002</b><br/>A daughter, Brooklyn Nicole Tackett, to Brandy &amp; Aaron Tackett.</p> <p><b>Jan. 20, 2002</b><br/>A daughter, Katelyn Marie Sammons, to Pamela Jay Coleman.</p> <p><b>Jan. 21, 2002</b><br/>A daughter, Hannah Brooke Kidd, to George &amp; Marsha Kidd.</p> | <p><b>Jan. 21, 2002</b><br/>A daughter, Devan Skylar Prater, to Crystal &amp; Brian Prater.</p> <p><b>Jan. 21, 2002</b><br/>A son, Steven Richard Spears, to Jessica &amp; Jonathan Spears.</p> <p><b>Jan. 21, 2002</b><br/>A daughter, Jaime Leigh Ann Collins, to Christopher &amp; April Collins.</p> <p><b>Jan. 22, 2002</b><br/>A daughter, Katilyn DeSha Hall, to Bennir &amp; Crystal Hall.</p> <p><b>Jan. 22, 2002</b><br/>A daughter, Nore Desiray Caldwell, to Ashley &amp; Ernest Caldwell.</p> |
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would be her postmaster now. She said some nice things about the column, and it pleased me to hear some of these accounts rang a bell with her. Just when I start thinking it's time to close up shop because I've used all the ideas I had, along comes someone like Sharon Duncan and we think: maybe a little longer. Thanks, Sharon.

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Capping a three-year stretch of outstanding performance for Pioneer High Yield Fund, Margaret Patel, the fund's manager, has been named Morningstar Inc.'s, "Fixed Income Manager of the Year Runner Up" for 2001. Ms. Patel, whose expertise in high-yield investing spans a 25-year career, was cited for, "three remarkable years at Pioneer High Yield. She focuses more on issue selection than top-down concerns, and that has helped her to avoid some of the high-yield market's disasters," according to Morningstar. She was the only high-yield manager among the five nominees Morningstar considered.

In the following Q&A, Patel shares her insights on the high-yield bond market.

## Q&A with Margie Patel Portfolio Manager, Pioneer High Yield Fund

**Q Why should investors be interested in high-yield bonds when the economy is clearly in a recession?**

A. Two reasons. First, the high-yield market appears very

reasonably priced right now. In terms of spread, or yield advantage, over Treasury securities, this is the third most attractive period for high-yield bonds since the 1980s.

The second reason is the economy—I think we'll be pleasantly surprised at how quickly business activity picks up this year and how strongly the economy may be performing by year-end.

**Q Spreads have been narrowing since last year. Why do you think they will narrow further?**

A. A year ago, high-yield bonds were trading at about 950 basis points over 10-year treasuries, based on Merrill Lynch data. The figure is now around 775 points. That narrowing is one reason for the strong performance we have been able to put together.

What's important, though, is the absolute level of rates today and the shortage of opportunities for income investors. In just one year, Fed funds have dropped from 6.5 percent to 1.75 percent. That leaves investors in short-term, risk-free assets with the lowest returns they have seen since early

1960's. The yield penalty for staying with short-term risk-free investments is greater than it has ever been.

**Q Where does that leave income investors?**

A. Income-oriented investors must either settle for very meager return on short-term investments—in some cases, less than inflation—or accept some risk if they want to increase their income flow. As people start to feel better about the economy, and as they see that today's very low rates are going to endure for a while, they'll be more willing to invest at least some of their money in riskier assets like a high-yield fund. That buying could cause spreads to narrow. And the same low interest rates that have left investors hungry for yield are very positive for corporations.

**Q Won't a recovering economy drive short-term rates higher?**

A. With no signs of inflation on the horizon, the Fed has little reason to tighten. Even if rates move up a bit, the yield spread between high-yields and treasuries is currently so wide that some narrowing could be absorbed comfortably. Were rates to rise, though, it would probably mean that the economy was recovering and providing a positive economic backdrop for high-yield bonds.

**Q How has the market for lower-rated bonds fared since Sept. 11?**

A. After sharp declines across most sectors, spreads soon returned to pre-Sept. 11 levels. The exceptions were airlines and airline services. We have had no exposure in those areas for some time, and the industry background is less attractive now.

By year-end, there were signs that business conditions for high-yield issuers had begun to stabilize after months of contraction. Where we had been seeing revenue declines of 15-25 percent among companies that we follow, declines are now in the range of 0-5 percent. Stabilization could take hold in earnest in the first quarter, and growth could accelerate soon afterward. A stronger economy is a rising tide that can be very beneficial for high-yield issuers and for leveraged companies overall.

**Q Where are you seeing the best opportunities now?**

A. Technology still looks like the best place to achieve long-term growth, once we come out of the current corrective period. In particular, we are seeking potential among semiconductor and semiconductor capital equipment companies, as well as networking and peripheral components. Demand for those products won't increase until later in the year, but we believe these sectors have seen the most severe phase of their correction. Some of our favorites include semiconductor makers Fairchild (1.32 percent) of Pioneer High Yield Fund as of 11/30/01, Vitesse (0.22 percent) and Conexant Systems (4.31 percent). Another tech name is Emcore Corporation (2.53 percent), a manufacturer of semiconductor capital equipment—the machines that make the semiconductors.

**Q What about other areas?**

A. We also favor rate-sensitive companies, including paper and forest products, basic materials, and autos and trucks. Among consumer stocks, we like J.C. Penney, one of the Fund's top 10 holdings (4.42 percent). Penney's new management is repositioning the company to benefit from a recovering economy. We also view the firm's Eckerd Drug subsidiary as a strong positive.

**Q Default rates have moved substantially higher. Won't that present a problem for high-yield investors?**

A. Default levels are high and could move higher over the next six months. From an average of 3.5 percent over the last 20 years, using Moody's data, default rates now stand at around 9 percent and could be over 10 percent by mid-year. That's definitely a concern and a factor in the high spreads we talked about. However, most recent defaults have been in telecommunications services, an area we have avoided for the last two years. The other cluster is among poor quality companies that came to market during the easy-financing period of the late 1990s.

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Pursuant to KRS 231.080, a hearing has been scheduled for February 21, 2002, at the hour of 2:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as same can be heard before the Floyd County Judge/Executive at the Floyd County Justice Center, 2nd Floor, in Prestonsburg, Kentucky. The Floyd County Judge/Executive shall hear evidence in support of, or in opposition to, the granting of the permit.

HON. KEITH BARTLEY  
FLOYD COUNTY ATTORNEY

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE**

The following item will be offered at public sale on February 8, 2002, at 11:00 a.m., at First Guaranty Bank, 36 Main Street, Martin,

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Prestonsburg Zoning Commission has scheduled a hearing for a zone change request for February 12, 2002, at 11:30 a.m. in the council chambers at city hall. The purpose of the hearing is a request submitted by Mr. Greg Stumbo to change the zoning for his property at Stone Crest Golf Course from P-2 to R-1. This would allow the construction of a dwelling on the property.

**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. I C.A. NO. 00-CI-00564**  
UNITED COMPANIES LENDING CORPORATION PLAINTIFF VS.  
RICHARD CONN, a/k/a RICHARD ALAN CONN, MICKEY LEE BOLDEN, a/k/a MICKEY BOLDEN, UNITED CREDIT CARD BANK, N.A., A NATIONAL BANK DEFENDANTS

**NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE**

BY VIRTUE OF Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court entered on the 26th of December, 2001, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$35,050.31, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, 3rd Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center) to the highest bidder, at public auction on Thursday, the 7th day of February, 2002, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., the following described real estate, located at 195 Gas Fork Road, Allen, Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

A certain tract or parcel of land lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, on Gas Fork of Beaver Creek, more particularly described as follows: Being Lot Nos. 95 and 96 in the Hatcher Addition to the town of Allen, Floyd County, Kentucky, a plat of which is on file in the office of the Floyd County Clerk for further reference. Being the same property conveyed to Richard Alan Conn, single, by deed dated the 4th day of December, 1990, of record in Deed Book 343, Page 465, in the office of the Floyd County Clerk.

TERMS OF SALE: (a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall pay \$5,000.00, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days, and required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum from the date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a Judgment. (b) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof. (c) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all Floyd County and City of Allen, Kentucky, real property taxes for the year 2001, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd County and City of Allen, Kentucky, real estate taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds. (d) In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above described property for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid and no bond shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner and any real estate taxes assessed against the real estate. Any announcements made on date of sale take precedence over printed matter contained herein.

highest bidder, at public auction on Thursday, the 7th day of February, 2002, at the hour of 9:15 a.m., the following described real estate, located at 609 Main Street, Wheelwright, Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows: A certain tract or parcel of land, lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, and described as follows: Being Lot No. 450 in the City of Wheelwright, Kentucky, as evidenced by the Wheelwright Sub-Division map, filed as Map No. 348, in Floyd County Court Clerk's Office on February 3, 1984.

Source of Title: Deed of Conveyance from Jeff Boyd, Jr. and Shelbie Boyd, his wife, to Phillip Gene Booth and Anna Slone Booth, his wife, dated April 21, 1999, of record in Deed Book 432, page 629, Floyd County Clerk's office.

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PLAINTIFF'S COUNSEL: Hon. Shawn R. Ryan Lerner, Sampson & Rothfuss, 120 East Fourth Street, 8th Floor, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202-4007

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A certain tract or parcel of land lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, on Gas Fork of Beaver Creek, more particularly described as follows: Being Lot Nos. 95 and 96 in the Hatcher Addition to the town of Allen, Floyd County, Kentucky, a plat of which is on file in the office of the Floyd County Clerk for further reference. Being the same property conveyed to Richard Alan Conn, single, by deed dated the 4th day of December, 1990, of record in Deed Book 343, Page 465, in the office of the Floyd County Clerk.

highest bidder, at public auction on Thursday, the 7th day of February, 2002, at the hour of 9:15 a.m., the following described real estate, located at 609 Main Street, Wheelwright, Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows: A certain tract or parcel of land, lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, and described as follows: Being Lot No. 450 in the City of Wheelwright, Kentucky, as evidenced by the Wheelwright Sub-Division map, filed as Map No. 348, in Floyd County Court Clerk's Office on February 3, 1984.

Source of Title: Deed of Conveyance from Jeff Boyd, Jr. and Shelbie Boyd, his wife, to Phillip Gene Booth and Anna Slone Booth, his wife, dated April 21, 1999, of record in Deed Book 432, page 629, Floyd County Clerk's office.

TERMS OF SALE: (a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall pay \$5,000.00, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days, and required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum from the date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a Judgment. (b) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof. (c) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all Floyd County and City of Wheelwright, Kentucky, real property taxes for the year 2001, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd County and City of Wheelwright, Kentucky, real estate taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds. (d) In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above described property for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid and no bond shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner and any real estate taxes assessed against the real estate. Any announcements made on date of sale take precedence over printed matter contained herein.

PLAINTIFF'S COUNSEL: Hon. Shawn R. Ryan Lerner, Sampson & Rothfuss, 120 East Fourth Street, 8th Floor, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202-4007

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**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. II C.A. NO. 01-CI-00447**  
FIRSTSTAR BANK, N.A. PLAINTIFF VS.  
TAMMY FRANCIS DEFENDANT

**NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE**

BY VIRTUE OF Default Judgment and Order of the Floyd Circuit Court entered on the 28th of December, 2001, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$54,791.18, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, 3rd Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center) to the highest bidder, at public auction on Thursday, the 7th day of February, 2002, at the hour of 9:30 a.m., the following real property, located at Copperas Lick Branch of Abbott Creek, Prestonsburg, Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows: TRACT I: A certain tract or parcel of land lying in Floyd County, Kentucky on Copperas Lick Fork of Abbott Creek being more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a twin poplar, corner between Part No. 1 and No. 2; thence running to a white oak, thence up the hill in a westerly direction to the top of the point, thence running with the ridge to Milt Stanley's line, thence down the ridge with Stanley's line to Jim Hackworth's line, thence running with said line to Jim Hill's line, thence down the hill with his line to a stake, thence a straight line, running with the cemetery fence to the branch, thence down the branch to the poplar the place of beginning. There is excepted from this conveyance the cemetery which is bounded by the fence referred to above.

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**NOT RESPONSIBLE**

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

Priscilla Dawn Thacker P.O. Box 122 Allen, KY. 41601

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

The Mountain Arts Center, located in Prestonsburg Ky., is accepting proposals related to upgrading its theater sound system. The theater is a 1,050 seat hall that routinely hosts musical acts by a wide range of entertainers. The Center has determined that its present sound system is not capable of producing the quality and consistency of sound required by visiting artists and its own in-house performers. Consequently, the Center is accepting proposals from qualified applicants for the design/installation and/or modification of its present system. Applicants are strongly encouraged to visit the Center to evaluate its present system prior to submitting a proposal. Bid specifications can be obtained by calling Keith Caudill or Mickey Bentley at (606) 889-9125. Proposals must be received no later than 4:00 p.m., February 11, 2002, at the following address: Mountain Arts Center 50 Hal Rogers Drive Prestonsburg, KY 41653

Green's line and running with said Hackworth line and fence down the hill in a northeasterly direction to a fence post near top of creek bank of Copperas Lick Branch; thence down center of said branch with its meanders in a southeasterly direction to a stake opposite the point of beginning; thence leaving said Copperas Lick Branch S71 degree 21' W approximately 30' to place of beginning, containing approximately 12 acres.

Being the same property conveyed to first party from Jerry Alan Patton, by deed bearing date May 15, 1998, and recorded in deed book 418, page 664, in the office of the Floyd County Clerk.

TERMS OF SALE: (a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or 10% of purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days, and required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum from the date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a Judgment. (b) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof. (c) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all Floyd County, and City of Prestonsburg, Kentucky, real property taxes for the year 2001, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd County and City of Prestonsburg, Kentucky, real estate taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds. (d) In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above described property for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid and no bond shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner and any real estate taxes assessed against the real estate. Any announcements made on date of sale take precedence over printed matter contained herein.

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All proposals must be in a sealed envelope clearly marked on the outside "Sound System Proposal - Mountain Arts Center." The Center will accept the lowest and most responsive bid and reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

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Kentucky, ban being Lot 2 of Phase VI of the Wilderness Heights Development and further bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a point in the center of Maynard's Branch, a corner to Lot 7 Phase V of the Wilderness Heights Development, said point being N 02 degrees - 48' 16" W, 5.93' from a rebar in the center of a 6' headwall over Maynard Branch; thence up the center of Maynard Branch with Lot 7, N 20 degrees - 53' - 57" W, 59.79'; thence N 09 degrees - 05' - 16" W, 36.21'; thence N 25 degrees - 30' - 55" W, 38.82' to a point in the center Maynard Branch a corner to Lots 7 and 8; thence with Lot 8 N 13 degrees - 40' - 37" W, 10.83' to a point in the center of Maynard Branch a corner to Lot 3, Phase VI, property L & NM Land Company; thence with Lot 3 across the bottom S 85 degrees - 07' - 56" W, 22.88' to an iron pin; thence S 85 degrees - 07' 056" W, 83.80' to an iron pin at the east right of way line of Old Beechtree Drive of the Wilderness Heights Development; thence leaving Lot 3 and running with Old Beechtree Drive right of way S 08 degrees - 30' - 45" E; 171.39' to an iron pin at the right of way line of Mare Creek Road, 20' for Map see map # 1028 in the Floyd County Clerk's Office.

From the center line; thence with Mare Creek Road right of way N 76 degrees - 17' - 47" E, 125.37' to an iron pin; thence N 13 degrees - 17' 11" W, 10' to an iron pin; thence N 75 degrees - 54' - 42" E, 8.00' to the beginning. Said lot contains .445 acre and includes the Floyd County/Mare Creek Road right of way line extending 23' from the center of Mare Creek Road. Being the same property that was conveyed on January 19, 1999, by and between S.S. and P. Inc., a Kentucky Corporation, to Danny Ray Smith and Judy C. Wicker, by a deed recorded in Deed Book 429, Page 535, in the Floyd County Clerk's Office.

TERMS OF SALE: (a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or 10% of purchase price, with the balance on credit for sixty (60) days, and required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum from the date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a Judgment. (b) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof. (c) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all Floyd County, Kentucky, real property taxes for the year 2001,

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**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

The Big Sandy Community Collaborations for Children's Regional Network would like to announce the availability of funding to be utilized for the fiscal years of 2003, and 2004. The purpose of Community Collaboration for Children is to provide funding to local communities, within designated service regions, to assist families with children at high risk for abuse and/or neglect to realize successful outcomes. A completed proposal packet will be the required response to this request for bid proposals. An information and/or Bid Packet may be picked up at the Big Sandy Area Development District office, located at 100 Resource Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky. Funding will be awarded based on the submitted proposals. Each funded project in its application must provide 50% match of which 25% must be cash. Contracts are awarded on an annual basis, beginning on July 1, 2002. This contract will be for one year with an option to renew for a second year. The Regional Network will consider proposals from January 28th to February 8th, 2002. In order to be considered, proposals must be submitted to BSADD prior to 12:00 p.m., on the 8th day of February. The Regional Network reserves the right to reject any or all proposals. Please submit proposals to: Lydia Chandler Big Sandy Area Development District 100 Resource Dr. Prestonsburg, KY 41653

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

A public hearing will be held on February 19, 2002, at 9:00 a.m., Eastern Daylight Time, at the office of the Kentucky Public Service Commission, 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, KY, for the purpose of an Examination by the Public Service Commission of the Application of the Fuel Adjustment Clause of American Electric Power Company from May 1, 2001, to October 31, 2001.

**Errol K. Wagner**  
Director of Regulatory Affairs  
Kentucky Power Company  
d/b/a  
American Electric Power

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE**

Pursuant to Application Number 877-0163 - Transfer

In accordance with the provisions of 405 KAR 8:010, notice is hereby given that Branham & Baker Coal Company Inc., P.O. Box 270, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, intends to transfer permit number 877-0159 to AEP Kentucky Coal, L.L.C., P.O. Box 270, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. The new permit number will be 877-0163. The operation disturbs

743.04 surface acres and 48.70 underground acres, for a total of 791.74 acres. No new acreage is affected by the transfer.

The operation is located 1.5 mile north of Gunlock in Magoffin/Floyd County. The proposed operation is approximately 0.10 mile north from the junction of Big Branch of Licking River with Ky. Rte. 7, and located 0.001 mile adjacent to Big Branch of Licking River. The operation is located on the David U.S.G.S. 7-1/2 minute quadrangle map.

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 or objections must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. All comments or objections must be received within fifteen (15) days of today's date.

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**  
Septic System Installations

The Big Sandy ADD in conjunction with PRIDE (Personal Responsibility in a Desirable Environment) is soliciting Proposals from installers desiring to install septic systems for southern and eastern Kentucky. Interested installers should submit the following materials and description of qualifications.

A Request for Bid, General Conditions, and Selection Process is available upon request.

Individual bids will be accepted, and contracts awarded individually, for the following areas located in Floyd County:

A. David, Hippo and Hueysville area.  
B. Martin area.  
C. Drift, Printer, Melvin and Teaberry area.  
D. Prestonsburg, Allen, Harold and Grethel area.

Interested installers should send statements and proposals to Big Sandy ADD, 100 Resource Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. Note: envelope must be marked PRIDE Septic System Bld. Sealed Bids and Proposals will be received until Friday, February 8, 2002, at 5:00 P.M. Faxed or email proposals will not be accepted.

A selection committee will review, evaluate, and rate each bid, based on their submitted Bid. The Big Sandy ADD will contact the installer with the winning bid and enter into negotiations. If the parties are unable to negotiate a satisfactory agreement, the second ranked installer will be contacted. Once an installer has been selected, all unsuccessful installers will be promptly notified. The Selection Committee will adhere to the provision of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Section 3. No person shall be excluded from participation in, denied benefits of, or subjected to discrimination in the implementation of this program on the grounds of race, color, national origin or sex. Females and minorities are encouraged to apply.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration provides funding for this project. The formal solicitation of seeking qualified installers is being conducted to fulfill the requirements of the funding agency.

**MARKWEST HYDROCARBON, INC. PIPELINE NOTIFICATION**

MarkWest Hydrocarbon, Inc., owns and operates the following pipelines in your area:

- A 4-inch pipeline extending from Maytown, Kentucky Extraction Plant to near Kermit, West Virginia, a distance of approximately 42 miles. The pipeline increases to a 5-inch pipeline at this point and extends to near Ranger, West Virginia, a distance of approximately 22 miles.
- A 6-inch pipeline extended from near Ranger, West Virginia, to the Kenova, West Virginia Extraction Plant, a distance of approximately 40 miles.
- A 6-inch pipeline extending from the Kenova, West Virginia Extraction Plant to the MarkWest Hydrocarbon Plant near South Shore Kentucky, a distance of approximately 36 miles.

The pipeline is buried to protect it, and the right-of-way is marked by pipeline markers. Pipeline right-of-ways must be kept free from structures and obstructions.

The most frequent cause of pipeline damage is by excavation work. Any person planning on digging or grading should protect their safety, and the safety of others, by **CALLING BEFORE YOU DIG**. MarkWest Hydrocarbon, Inc., operates 24 hours per day, 7 days per week.

**PLEASE CALL BEFORE YOU DIG!** 1-800-752-6007 (In Kentucky) 1-800-245-4848 (In West Virginia) 1-877-675-9378 (MarkWest Emergency)

**NOTICE (OF FINAL SETTLEMENT)**

I, Douglas Ray Hall, Clerk of the Floyd District Court, do hereby certify that the following settlements of estates have been filed in my office. Anyone desiring to take exceptions to said settlements must do so on or before February 28, 2002, at 9:00 a.m.

Settlement	Case Number	Estate Of:	Fiduciary	Date Filed
Final	99-P-00399	Joy Hall	Denise G. Hall	12/18/2001
Final	99-P-00395	Jimmy Wells	Imogene Wells	12/19/2001
Final	99-P-00341	C.L. Cook	Doyle Cook	12/26/2001
Final	99-P-00406	Kenith R. Bolden	Melanie Bolden	12/27/2001
Final	00-P-00270	Jimmy Goodman	Marsha Goodman	01/02/2002
Final	01-P-00104	Donald Bays	Jewell Bays	01/07/2002
Final	98-P-00085	E.C. Moore	Garnett Moore	01/10/2002
Final	01-P-00236	Katherine Osborne	Gary Osborne	01/11/2002
Final	00-P-00021	Burl J. Johnson	Burl Johnson, Jr. and Joetta Johnson	01/16/2002
Final	01-P-00220	Bonnie Jean Hall	Crystal Fraley	01/22/2002
Final	01-P-00301	Lawrence Gamel	Phyllis Gamel	01/23/2002
Final	00-P-00107	Clarence Compton	Dale Compton	01/18/2002
Final	99-P-00373	Ralph Wilhelm	Mary Hinchman	01/24/2002

**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENTS**

I, Douglas Ray Hall, Clerk of the Floyd District Court, do hereby certify that the following persons have been appointed fiduciaries by the District Court. All persons indebted to an estate should settle with the fiduciary within six (6) months from the date of appointment.

Date of Appointment	Case Number	Estate of:	Fiduciary	Attorney
12/21/01	01-P-00425	James Manns 532 Ky. Rt. 194 Prestonsburg, Ky. 41653	Gladys Manns 532 Ky. Rt. 194 Prestonsburg, Ky. 41653	Arnold Turner, Jr. P.O. Box 388 Prestonsburg, Ky. 41653
12/26/01	01-P-00426	James Hall 290 Frasure Branch Rd. Grethel, Ky. 41631	Mathew Hall 402 Frasure Branch Rd. Grethel, Ky. 41631	
12/27/01	01-P-00427	Sam Henry Fitzpatrick 605 Fitzpatrick Rd. Prestonsburg, Ky. 41653	Meg Kendrick 647 Old Middle Creek Rd. Prestonsburg, Ky. 41653	
12/27/01	01-P-00428	Furman Dingus P.O. Box 7 Martin, Ky. 41649	Charles Douglas Dingus P.O. Box 151 Martin, Ky. 41649	Keith Bartley P.O. Box 1378 Prestonsburg, Ky. 41653
01/02/02	02-P-00001	Martin, Ky. 41649	Lula Martin 4075 Mill Rd. Mt. Eden, Ky. 40046	
01/03/02	01-P-00002	Champ Clark Gibson P.O. Box 25 Langley, Ky. 41645	Dennis C. Gibson P.O. Box 24 Langley, Ky. 41645	Jerry Patton P.O. Box 1300 Prestonsburg, Ky. 41653
01/04/02	01-P-00005	Molly Hayes U.S. 23 Betsy Layne, Ky. 41605	Orris Hayes P.O. Box 426 Betsy Layne, Ky. 41605	
01/04/02	02-P-00006	Arthur Donnellan 66 Andy Branch Teaberry, Ky. 41660	Randy Hayes P.O. Box 159 Betsy Layne, Ky. 41605	
01/07/02	02-P-00009	Ola Howard P.O. Box 104 Eastern, Ky. 41622	Alpha Donnellan 66 Andy Branch Teaberry, Ky. 41660	
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