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Mother admits allowing toddler to be burned

by LORETTA BLACKBURN
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Pursuant to a plea agreement with prosecutors, a Salyersville woman accused of allowing her boyfriend to torture her 17-month-old child by burning him pleaded guilty Friday to five counts of abuse in Floyd

Circuit Court. As part of her agreement, Donna Tackett, 26, agreed to testify against Michael Bryant, 28, of Drift, in exchange for a five-year recommendation from the commonwealth. According to the indictment, Tackett was indicted on five counts of first-degree criminal abuse, which stem from

a July 25, 2001, incident in which she permitted Bryant to allegedly abuse her son by burning him on five different parts of his body. Court records indicate the child had burns on the bottom of his right foot, on the inside of his left foot, on the base of the back of his head/neck, the back of his right arm, and on his left front torso.

Tackett was originally charged with five counts of first-degree criminal abuse, a class C felony, but pleaded guilty to five lesser counts, which lowered the charges to class D felonies punishable by no more than five years in prison. In exchange for the plea and testimony in the case against Michael Bryant,

who is indicted on five counts of first-degree criminal abuse, the commonwealth offered a recommendation of five years with each count to run concurrent, suspended after service of two years with the remaining time being probated.

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briefs

Floyd court meets to pay bills

The Floyd County Fiscal Court held a special called meeting Friday that included the payment of various bills. The court authorized the payment of \$50,445 to Johnson's Commercial Contracting for the Prestonsburg High School Fieldhouse construction, payment of \$17,870 to PDR Engineers, \$145,455.81 to GWS Contractors, and \$277,191 to Laurel Construction for the 2001 Bond Construction Fund. The court also amended the budget by increasing the receipts of the General Fund by \$100,000 and increasing the expenditure account for fire department squads to \$100,000.

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Today
Mostly cloudy
High: 48 • Low: 38

Tomorrow
Cloudy
High: 57 • Low: 37

Tuesday
Some showers
High: 52 • Low: 36

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Police seized quite a haul believed to be stolen from a Pike County outdoors supplier and an insurance agency. Three Floyd County men were arrested and charged with burglary after a state trooper thought their car looked suspicious.

Three Floyd men held in Pike burglary

by JARRID DEATON
STAFF WRITER

COAL RUN — Three Floyd County men were arrested and charged with burglary on Friday after a Kentucky State Police trooper searched their vehicle during traffic stop. According to the police report, Trooper Rob Wood was on patrol in Pike County when he observed a suspicious vehicle, occupied by three

male subjects, parked in front of the Allstate Insurance Company. Wood stopped the vehicle at that location. After approaching the vehicle, Wood observed a large quantity of firearms, knives and a laptop computer. Wood also discovered that Frasure's Fin, Fur and Feather as well as Allstate Insurance Company had been broken into. The three male subjects, identified as Dwaine Lee Tackett, 34, of Harold,

Julius D. Tackett, 33, of Banner, and Anthony J. Blackburn, 19, of Harold, were arrested and charged with first- and third-degree burglary, all felony charges. More than 30 firearms — including shotguns, rifles and handguns — were recovered from the vehicle. The suspects were lodged in the Pike County Detention Center. The case is still under investigation by Trooper Rob Wood.

Prosecutor gets assist on arrest

by LORETTA BLACKBURN
STAFF WRITER

SALYERSVILLE — Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Wayne Taylor played detective as well as attorney on Wednesday, as a case took him to Salyersville, where he found Randy Fletcher, who was indicted by a Floyd County grand jury Tuesday.

While appearing in Magoffin County for a special prosecution case, Taylor spotted Fletcher and called authorities, who later served Fletcher with the indictment containing six felonies. Fletcher, 28, of Royalton, was indicted on charges stemming from a Jan. 23 incident in Prestonsburg, in which he is accused of raping and sodomizing a woman he was robbing.



Fletcher

As previously reported, the charges against Fletcher include one count each of first-degree rape, first-degree sodomy and first-degree robbery, at which time he was allegedly armed with a deadly weapon, as well as first-degree wanton endangerment and theft by unlawful taking. Fletcher is also charged with a class A felony charge of second-degree being a persistent felon, which carries a sentences of 20 or more years.

KSP, locals make 13 drug arrests in three counties

by JARRID DEATON
STAFF WRITER

Kentucky State Police along with the Hazard Police Department, the Perry County Sheriff's Office and the Knott County Sheriff's Office, conducted a drug roundup on Thursday in Perry, Knott and Breathitt counties that concluded with the arrest of 13 suspects.

The roundup concluded a six-month investigation by the four agencies into drug trafficking in the Hazard area. The investigations mainly involved the trafficking of OxyContin and other prescription medications. Cocaine and marijuana were also purchased during the investigation. Mike Burton, with Kentucky Health Services, Kentucky Drug Enforcement, also assisted in the investigation involving prescription fraud. Suspects nabbed in the roundup and their charges include: ■ Lisa Ritchie, 37, of Hazard, trafficking in a controlled substance. ■ Von Hamilton, 49, of Viper, cultivating marijuana, trafficking marijuana, possession of a handgun by a convicted felon. ■ Randall Napier, 48, of Hazard, trafficking in a controlled substance, possession of a controlled substance, prescription not in proper container, being a persistent felony offender. ■ Jerry Jones, 46, of Bulan, was charged with possession of a controlled

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Triplett pleads guilty to dealing cocaine

by LORETTA BLACKBURN
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A man who was found to be in possession of cocaine valuing approximately \$25,200 on Feb. 1 pleaded guilty Friday to three counts of first-degree trafficking in exchange for a five-year recommendation from the commonwealth. As previously reported, police arrested Ronald L. Triplett, 43, of Maytown, and Lafe Hall, 56, of Martin, and charged both with one count of first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance, after a traffic stop turned up what was suspected as cocaine.

It was reported that the drug enforcement special investigation office in Lexington stated that a search of Triplett's vehicle at a traffic stop turned up approximately six ounces of suspected cocaine, at which time a search warrant was issued on Triplett's home. Authorities



Attorney Sidney Trivette, left, and Ronald L. Triplett, 43, of Maytown, discussed Triplett's plea agreement before he pleaded guilty to three counts of first-degree cocaine trafficking on Friday, in exchange for a five-year recommendation from the commonwealth.

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Odds and Ends

■ SANTA ROSA, Calif. —

A dentist is offering trick or treaters \$1 a pound for their sweets to make a point about dental hygiene.

Dr. Stephen Berger has offered to buy children's Halloween candy since 1984. He said he averages about 1,500 pounds of treats a year, and that he has the candy carted off to the dump.

"Every year I get people who are upset with me because they feel I should donate the candy to charity," Berger said. "Candy and sugar, in general, are very poor nutrition, so even if you donate it to the elderly who have no teeth, it's still bad nutrition."

Berger said his biggest year was about six years ago, when he collected 1,953 pounds of candy.

"I have kids who save candy all year long. I say if it's candy, it's fair game," he said. "We

park a garbage truck outside the office. And we have a staff member empty the candy out of the bags, into the truck. That's our way of screening for rocks. It's subtle, but effective."

Berger said he's heard about other dentists across the country starting similar programs. But he sweetens his deal by entering every child who sells candy in a drawing for a new bicycle.

Berger has one ground rule: children cannot be forced to give away candy.

"I am not so naive that I think I can make candy go away or that people will stop handing out candy to trick-or-treaters," he said. "Halloween just offers me the most fun way to educate parents and children to the connection between dental decay and the foods we eat."

■ ELKHART, Ind. —

A tiger-striped tabby is home after

10 months thanks to factory workers who took in the wayward feline and tracked down its owner.

The gray-and-silver cat, named Mercedes, disappeared after running out the door of Beverly VanZandt's mobile home in Osceola on an unseasonably warm January day. When a snowstorm three days later lowered temperatures to almost zero, VanZandt figured she had seen the last of her cat.

But on Wednesday, VanZandt got a phone call from an employee at Monaco Coach Corp. in Elkhart.

Mercedes somehow wandered to the recreational vehicle factory 10 miles east of Osceola, and had been staying there for the past month. The cat was wary of humans for weeks, but finally let a worker get close enough to read its tag so its veterinarian and then VanZandt could be traced.

VanZandt and Mercedes were reunited Thursday at Monaco Coach.

"It's like she died, and now she's alive again," VanZandt said.

■ DETROIT —

A retiree paid \$100 as reimbursement for stealing candy from a school pantry 55 years ago.

The 1947 Detroit Southeastern High School graduate anonymously mailed a letter and a \$100 bill to the school district a few weeks ago.

The donor admitted raiding the pantry while doing chores in the lunch room a couple times a week.

"I am a retired professional who has been highly respected all my life," the letter read. "I have certainly been guilty of much greater offenses over the years, but that basic breach of trust has remained in the back of my mind."

The thief admitted taking Hershey bars and a few handfuls of almonds.

The donor noted that the value of the food "might not

have been as much as a dollar at that time."

Detroit Public Schools Chief Executive Kenneth Burnley plans to take the money to Southeastern on Friday to teach students that's its never too late to right a wrong.

■ LOUISVILLE —

A mistake on the first run of the 2003 Kentucky Derby glass has apparently created a collectible.

The glass mistakenly lists 1932 Derby winner Burgoo King as a Triple Crown winner and neglects to note that 1937 Derby winner War Admiral did win the Triple Crown.

Churchill Downs officials said Tuesday that 100,440

glasses, about 20 percent of the glasses that will be produced for next year's race, contain the error.

The bad glasses, which retail for between \$2 and \$3, were expected to be more valuable than the corrected glasses.

"It's Christmas morning for those who collect them," said Churchill Downs spokesman John Asher. "It adds to the fun. We're unhappy they're out there — we want everything we market to be perfect — but it's exciting for the collectible community."

This is not the first time the glasses, first produced in 1938, have contained mistakes. Some 1982 and '84 glasses failed to

denote 1980 winner Genuine Risk as a filly. In 1974, some glasses listed 1971 winner Canonero II as Canonero.

Derby glass collector Aaron Chase of Louisville said the quantity of the run helps determine the value of the flawed glasses. He said the mislabeled '82 and '84 glasses are worth about \$200 apiece, compared with \$8 to \$11 for regular glasses, because fewer than 5,000 of each glass are in circulation.

"I don't think this will have a big impact," Chase said. "If they had 1,000, or even 2,000 glasses, that'd be one thing. But 100,000? I don't think a big amount will be marketable later on."

Democratic lawmakers may abandon public financing

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — The dim revenue outlook for Kentucky is prompting some Democratic lawmakers to wonder if they can continue to insist on public financing for next year's gubernatorial campaign.

Republican insistence in the Senate to eliminate public financing held up passage of a budget for the fiscal year that began July 1.

Gov. Paul Patton, who said he has not given up his hopes for continuing public financing, installed a state spending plan after the General Assembly failed to enact a budget.

Rep. Harry Moberly, D-Richmond and chairman of the House budget committee, said it would be "very difficult for us to put any money into public financing with the size of a budget deficit we're facing."

Patton on Thursday defended public financing and repeated his view that it shouldn't be changed as part of the budget process.

"I've always said that I've campaigned under both systems and feel the people are better served by spending limits and partial public financing of gubernatorial campaigns," Patton said in a prepared statement.

Moberly said this week that based on revenue trends so far this year "and from the opinions of the budget experts in Frankfort, I'm expecting a shortfall of \$600 million, maybe \$700 million" over the two-year budget period.

Rep. Rob Wilkey, D-Franklin, a strong proponent of public financing and the expert among House Democrats on campaign finance law, said that if the revenue forecast "turns out as bad as I think it is going to be, I think we will opt to forgo funding campaign finance reform for the next election cycle and just simply take it off the table."

Moberly and Wilkey said they still favor public financing as an effective way of limiting special-interest influence in the governor's election. Wilkey said he and other advocates will fight to keep the program on the books and fund it in future gubernatorial elections.

Senate President David Williams, R-Burkesville, said Thursday there is little public support for "taxpayer funding of political campaigns."

Williams said a budget compromise could have been reached last spring except for Patton's intervention in favor of keeping the funding. "I don't believe the specter of intervention is now as big as it was at one time because the intervenor is a self-proclaimed lame duck,"

Williams said of Patton.

House Democratic Floor Leader Greg Stumbo of Prestonsburg said Democratic leaders will meet after Tuesday's election to discuss how to resolve the budget deadlock.

While Patton could call a special session at any time, it appears most likely that lawmakers will not reconsider the

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Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, Nov. 3, the 307th day of 2002. There are 58 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Nov. 3, 1957, the Soviet Union launched Sputnik II, the second manmade satellite, into orbit; on board was a dog named "Laika" who was sacrificed in the experiment.

On this date:

■ In 1868, Republican Ulysses S. Grant won the presidential election over Democrat Horatio Seymour.

■ In 1896, Republican William McKinley defeated Democrat William Jennings Bryan for the presidency.

■ In 1900, the first automobile show in the United States opened at New York's Madison Square Garden under the auspices of the Automobile Club of America.

■ In 1903, Panama proclaimed its independence from Colombia.

■ In 1908, Republican William Howard Taft was elected president, outpolling William Jennings Bryan.

■ In 1936, President Franklin Roosevelt won a landslide election victory over Republican challenger Alfred M. "Alf" Landon.

■ In 1964, President Lyndon Johnson soundly defeated Republican challenger Barry Goldwater to win a White House term in his own right.

■ In 1970, Salvador Allende was inaugurated as president of Chile.

■ In 1990, Broadway musical actress Mary Martin died in Rancho Mirage, Calif., at age 76.

■ In 1991, Israeli and Palestinian representatives held their first-ever face-to-face talks in Madrid, Spain; in another milestone, Syria opened its first one-on-one meeting with Israel in 43 years.

Ten years ago:

Bill Clinton was elected to be the 42nd president of the United States, defeating President Bush. In Illinois, Democrat Carol Moseley-Braun became the first black woman ever elected to the U.S. Senate.

Five years ago:

The Supreme Court let stand California's groundbreaking Proposition 209, which banned race and gender preference in hiring and school admissions. Chinese President Jiang Zemin left the United States after an eight-day visit. Opening state-

ments were presented in the Oklahoma City bombing trial of Terry Nichols.

One year ago:

U.S. Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld met with his Russian counterpart in Moscow to discuss nuclear arsenal cuts, American plans for a missile defense system, and U.S.-Russian cooperation in the campaign against terror. The Arizona Diamondbacks beat the New York Yankees 15-2 to tie up the World Series at three games apiece. Arkansas beat Mississippi 58-56 in seven overtimes in the longest NCAA college football game in history, one that lasted four hours and 14 minutes.

Today's Birthdays:

Baseball Hall-of-Famer Bob Feller is 84. Actor Charles Bronson is 81. Actress Lois Smith is 72. Actress Monica Vitti is 71. Former Massachusetts Gov. Michael S. Dukakis is 69. Actor-dancer Ken Berry is 69. Movie composer John Barry is 69. Actor Shadroe Stevens is 56. Singer Lulu is 54. Television critic Tom Shales is 54. Actor Mike Evans is 53. Comedian-actress Roseanne is 50. Actress Kate Capshaw is 49. Comedian Dennis Miller is 49. Actress Kathy Kinney is 49. Singer Adam Ant is 48. Actor Dolph Lundgren is 43.

Thought for Today:

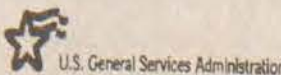
"Among these things but one thing seems certain — that nothing certain exists, and that nothing is more pitiable or more presumptuous than man." — Pliny the Elder, Roman scholar (A.D.23-A.D.79).

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— Bud Reynolds

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A True Eastern Kentuckian:

Dr. Chandra Varia came to Martin, Kentucky, in 1979, for what was supposed to be a six month stay. Twenty-three years later she is still living, working and loving the people and the mountains of Eastern Kentucky. A place she is proud to call home.

Since arriving in Martin, Dr. Chandra has worked and given to the area in a variety of unselfish ways and services. For the past twenty years, Dr. Chandra has been there to help her patients and the community of Floyd County Through numerous endowments and gifts.

- From 1982-1992, she donated \$170,000 to Prestonsburg Community College for various scholarships, and to help the college purchase needed equipment.
- In 1997, she started a free clinic for patients in the area.
- In 2000, she established a \$1.6 million scholarship program for the 3,400 babies she had delivered.
- In 2001, she was appointed board member to Floyd County Board of Education for District 2.

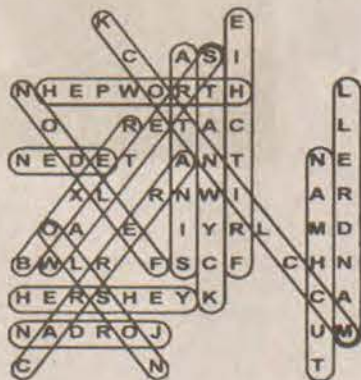
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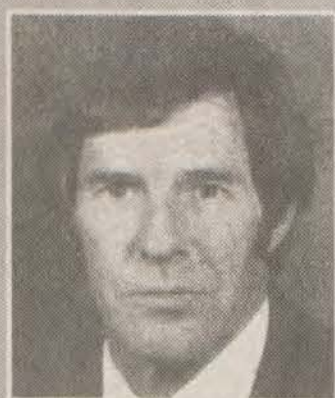


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- ? Graduate of Wheelwright High School Class of 1955
- ? Graduate of Morehead State University
- ? A native Floyd Countian
- ? A veteran in U.S. armed services

VOTE WAYNE RATLIFF

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District #2

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VOTE YES AMENDMENT #1

FAMILY COURT FOR ALL KENTUCKY FAMILIES

ON TUESDAY'S BALLOT YOU WILL BE ASKED:

Are you in favor of Family Courts in Kentucky by amending the Kentucky Constitution to allow the Supreme Court to designate a division of Circuit Court as a Family Court?

Family Courts have already been created in this manner in 24 judicial circuits all across the state. Family Court was established in Floyd County in 1999, and also has been established in Pike, Knott and Magoffin Counties. These courts are presided over by circuit judges, and were created to handle non-criminal matters involving families and children. Cases that come before the Family Court include: neglected and abused children, divorce, child support, adoption, domestic violence, truancy, runaways and paternity, among other things. These matters were taken out of the traditional system in which three or more courts might be involved, and placed in one court, so that all matters involving families and children can be focused on at one time, and resolved early.

This amendment passed both houses of the legislature with only one no vote.

**On Tuesday, please VOTE YES
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Middle Row: Tim Spencer, J.D. Adams, Doug Adams, Hunter Brown
Back Row: Paul and Bonnie Spencer, Dr. James D. and Juanita "Boots" Adams



Doug
ADAMS
District Judge

Paid for by Doug Adams for District Judge

expression

Freedom of the press is not an end in itself but a means to the end of [achieving] a free society.

— Felix Frankfurter

Our view

Get out there and do your duty

Tuesday will be the culmination of what many have labeled a ho-hum fall election season. But while this year's fall races may have produced more yawns than fireworks, it still requires local residents to practice good citizenship and go to the polls Tuesday.

Unfortunately, many of you probably will not, if history is any indication. We have a hunch that no more than half of those who are eligible to vote will actually get out and do so.

So much hangs in the balance. In many Eastern Kentucky, there are races for county officers. With the exception of a couple of magisterial races, that is not the case in Floyd County, but there are still plenty of races for city councils, mayors, district judge and a school board seat.

There is also plenty at stake on a larger scale. Control of Congress — both House and Senate — hangs in the balance, and many races around the country are too close to call. On the state level, there are two amendments to consider — one to allow the family court system to continue and grow, and another to repeal certain portions of the constitution regarding corporations.

And voters in Prestonsburg have a bonus on this year's ballot: They are being asked whether or not they would like to break away from the county school system and form a new independent district. While the legality of that proposal remains in question, and any vote approving it would surely be ultimately decided in court, it remains important in the respect that it allows city voters a rare chance to give the county school system a vote of confidence or no confidence.

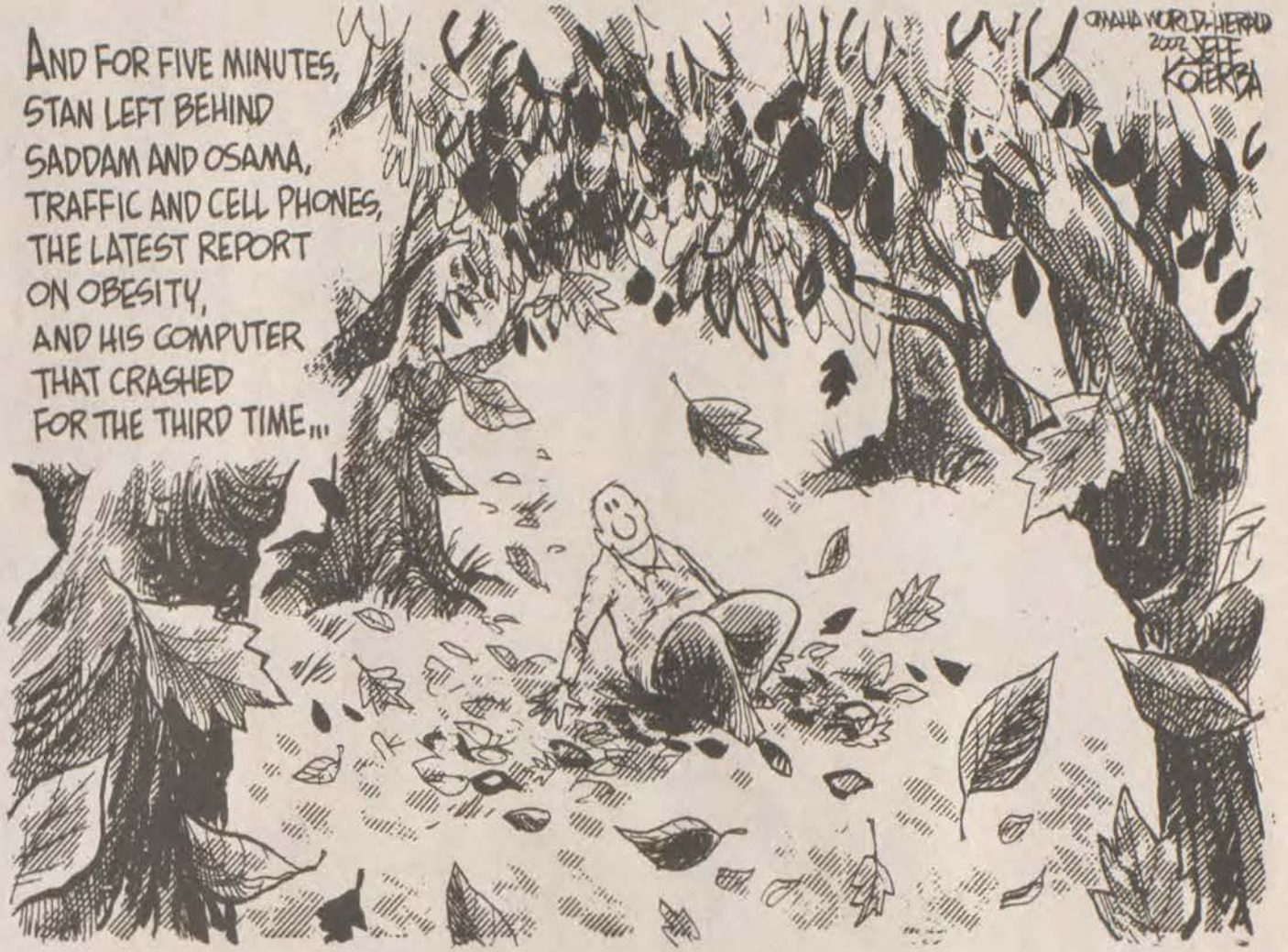
In other words, while this fall's election does not quite have the excitement or titillation of the May primary, it still remains important enough to hear your voice — too important to be decided by a minority of voters.

We hope you will prove our hunch wrong.

— The Floyd County Times



AND FOR FIVE MINUTES, STAN LEFT BEHIND SADDAM AND OSAMA, TRAFFIC AND CELL PHONES, THE LATEST REPORT ON OBESITY, AND HIS COMPUTER THAT CRASHED FOR THE THIRD TIME...



— Jim Davidson

Sorry I haven't written

On a day by day basis, how we view our circumstances is often a matter of perspective and this is especially true when it comes to raising children. Here is an example of what I mean: One time a woman said to a friend, "Our marriage would have broken up years ago if it hadn't been for the children. We can't get a divorce, because he won't take them and neither will I."

Children are a precious gift from God, but they don't always perform or act in a manner we would like for them to. As parents, we want the best for our children and in most cases have high expectations of them. A good case in point is the story about a college girl who wrote her mother the following letter:

Dear Mother,
I'm sorry I haven't written these last four months. The reason I haven't is because of a brain operation I had, which was the result of a concussion I received when I jumped from the fourth story of the dormitory when it caught fire. Fortunately, a young service station attendant across the street saw the fire, called the fire department and the ambulance

and got me to the hospital in time.

While I was in the hospital, the young man visited me regularly. When I was released, I had no place to go. He invited me to share his apartment. It wasn't really an apartment, it was just a basement room. It was kind of cute. Yes, Mother, I am in love. I'm pregnant and we do plan to get married. The reason we haven't already gotten married is because of some silly disease he had and he failed the blood test.

Sincerely,
Your Loving Daughter

P.S. Now, Mother, this is just to let you know: I did not have the brain operation.

There was no concussion. I did not jump from the dormitory. It did not catch on fire. I am not in love. I'm sure not going to get married! I did make a "D" in English and an "F" in history. I thought you ought to see these two things in their proper perspective.

Now, I believe you'll agree, after the first part of the daughter's letter, the long-suffering mother was happy about a "D" in English and an "F" in history. After reading this story, I began to reflect on it and a couple of observations came to

mind. Everything is relative, and only when we have the common sense to place things in perspective are we able to properly deal with them. When you think about that daughter away at college — in all likelihood at her parents' expense — I'm sure her mother expected her to do

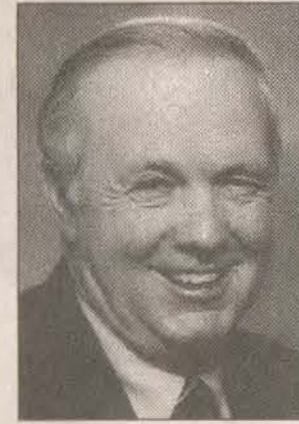
better than a "D" in English and an "F" in history. The daughter knew her mother's expectations. Why else would she have gone to such great lengths to compose her masterpiece?

As individuals, if we are to profit from this story, we should consider the underlying fact that sooner or later we will be held accountable for our actions. If we short-change ourselves in taking full advantage of life's opportunities, we are the ones who

ultimately suffer the consequences.

The message here is simple. Let's make sure we do our best to take advantage of our opportunities when we have the chance. In many cases, real opportunity only knocks once. To make sure our ship comes in, we must first make sure we have sent one out. A good education is vital in today's technological age.

Jim Davidson is a motivational speaker and syndicated columnist. You may contact him at 2 Bentley Drive, Conway, Arkansas 72034.



Letters

'Hillbillies' program 'blatant exploitation'

I want to express my concern about CBS's planned reality program, "The Real Beverly Hillbillies." When I read about this program it made my heart sad at first and then it made me angry.

This program is nothing but blatant exploitation not only of the individuals who will be chosen, but all of Appalachia. CBS will choose people who, through no fault of their own, have never had the educational opportunities to get ahead in life. They have not had the economic opportunities that have so richly blessed so much of our great country.

As you know, image and perception are both very important to attracting tourists and companies to our area. "The Real Beverly Hillbillies" will project a very negative image of our region as a place to visit and live. It will create a perception that we lack the education, sophistication and skills to be an attractive labor pool for industry. And, sad to say, perception is reality.

We have come a long way to overcome the stereotype of poverty that has plagued Appalachia. This program is a slap in the face to everything we have accomplished.

I have to wonder what kind of public response would occur if CBS would air a program exploiting similarly unsophisticated minorities trapped in inner city ghettos or on government reservations. The only difference between these groups and the Appalachians being

exploited by CBS is location.

It is my hope that there will be a public outcry from everyone in and from Appalachia. As for myself, I will fight it in several ways. First, if this program is aired, I will not watch any CBS programs. Second, I will not buy any product sold by any company that sponsors the program. And third, I will urge all that I can to do the same.

Thank you so very much for giving me the opportunity to express my concerns.

James C. Leadingham, O.D.,
F.A.A.O.
Chair
Lawrence County Tourism Commission
Louisa

Oil and the economy

I, Den Hunter, only expressing my feelings about the high gasoline prices at the pumps.

Just looking back over the years, just before election when we elect a president or the rest of our leaders, when the campaign funds are being raised the gasoline prices go sky high.

Sometimes I think the big oil companies put in so much on the campaign they have to raise prices to stay in business.

But at the same time they don't stop and think what they are doing to the poor people that have to drive, too, as well as the rich, and the poor have to eat as well as the rich. When gas prices go up, you should know food prices have to

go up because freight goes up.

So why can't we drill more oil wells here in America and get rid of a lot of oil from other countries?

I think we should look at the economy and provide more jobs for the people here in America. We watch the news where big companies are laying off workers. We don't need that. Let's look to the future of our children. Create more jobs. Let our children get a good education. Do more for America.

God bless America. We need it!
Den Hunter
Harold

Poor people robbed

I read in The Floyd County Times where our commissioner said he had done effective service for the people. A couple of months back I went to John's Branch at Maytown and got off on the wrong track. I went up Doc Allen's Branch and was told you couldn't see the road for the weeds. And on John's Branch it was about the same. Virgil Halbert told me they cut the weeds themselves. And I'm sure he told the truth, because he believes like I do that our fat cats could do better for the poor people.

I went to Ohio and bought a car. I felt like I was in the land of the free. They didn't ask me for no insurance card. You don't have to have insurance there to buy a car. They leave that up to you. Isn't that nice?

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Faith Extra

Investigations of Islamic charities complicate Ramadan

by RACHEL ZOLL
AP RELIGION WRITER

Omer bin Abdullah won't be leaving a paper trail this year when he makes his traditional donation to the poor during the Muslim holy month of Ramadan.

He will fulfill his religious duty by handing cash directly to a needy family, as will many other American Muslims at a time when federal investigators are targeting U.S.-based Islamic charities in the hunt for terrorists.

"People are so scared that they don't know what to do," said Abdullah, of Herndon, Va.

Islam requires its followers to give 2.5 percent of their income and savings to the poor annually and many do so during Ramadan. But since the Sept. 11 attacks, the federal government has frozen the assets of three major Muslim nonprofits on suspicion of links with terrorism: the Holy Land Foundation of Richardson, Texas, and Benevolence International Foundation and Global Relief Foundation, both in the Chicago area.

Other Muslim charities, which feel they've been unfairly tarred by association, have seen a significant drop in donations. That has only heightened the importance of their Ramadan

collections this year.

"Two-thirds of our funds come from this month," said Muhammad Rahman, head of the New York-based international relief arm of the Islamic Circle of North America. "If we

don't make it, that means next year will be a very tough time."

In Islam, the start of the holy month is based on a lunar calendar and requires visual sightings of the new crescent moon. This year, it is expected to fall around

next Wednesday. It is the most important time of the year for Muslims, and also the period when Islamic charities launch their biggest fund-raising campaigns.

A group of Muslim leaders

met with President Bush in September, urging him to take some action so American Muslims feel safer making donations - a practice referred to in Islam as zakat, which is one of the five pillars of the faith.

U.S. Muslim leaders are lobbying for a federal auditing system for Islamic charities, so investigators and donors can feel confident that no money goes to

(See ISLAMIC, page seven)

Religion news in brief

Protests follow ouster of Muslim and Wiccan from Wisconsin clergy group

WAUPUN, Wis. — The first Wiccan to serve as a prison chaplain in Wisconsin and a Muslim chaplain were both ousted from the Waupun Clergy Association, which now allows only Christians as members.

Muslim Imam Ronald Beyah said last week's action included him so it wouldn't appear the group was targeting the person who caused concern, Jamiy Witch, the Wiccan chaplain.

Some state legislators and others criticized her appointment last December, but the warden at Dodge Correctional Institution said the law prevented religious discrimination.

Members of the association in this community 55 miles northwest of Milwaukee said it was founded for Christian ministers, but ambiguous bylaws meant Beyah was included two years ago, followed by Witch last December.

Lutheran pastor Kenneth Spence, who proposed the new policy, said he had nothing against Witch and Beyah "as persons, but it's a matter of principle."

Beyah said he respects Witch as a professional and equal even though Islam strongly opposes pagan views. "She's an excellent chaplain," he said. "Her religious faith or tradition has nothing to do with her as a chaplain."

Wiccans celebrate nature and worship various gods and goddesses. Followers are sometimes called witches, though many prefer the term Wiccan.

Nigeria's first lady denies funding tie to beauty pageant involved in Muslim disputes

LAGOS, Nigeria — Nigerian first lady Stella Obasanjo has denied her charity for orphans and abused children is helping pay for the upcoming Miss World pageant, a contest that has drawn the ire of the nation's Muslims.

Obasanjo said she is promoting the beauty pageant only in her capacity as Nigeria's tourism ambassador, and that promoters were funding the event. However, Obasanjo is hosting a dinner in London on Nov. 10 with Miss World organizers to raise money for her charity.

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On November 5th

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Regional Obituaries

Floyd County

Robert L. Collins Sr., 71, of Greenfield, Ohio, died Thursday, October 31, at Greenfield Area Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Monday, November 4, under the direction of Murray-Fetro Funeral Home.

Dixie Jarrell Conn, 99, of Dana, died Saturday, October 26, at Prestonsburg Health Care Center. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, October 29, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Blanche Burchett Cox, 69, of Prestonsburg, died Thursday, October 31, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, following an extended illness. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, November 2, under the direction of Burke Funeral Home.

Della Risner Herald, 103, of

Prestonsburg, died Sunday, October 27, at her residence. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, October 29, under the direction of Carter Funeral Home.

Jeffery Shawn Little, 30, of Wheelwright, died Saturday, October 26. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, October 29, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

James Martin, 83, of Drift, died Sunday, October 27. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, October 31, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Graham Music, 86, of Findlay, Ohio, formerly of Floyd County, died Saturday, October 26, at the Blanchard Valley Regional Health Center. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, October 29, under the direction of Coldren-Crates Funeral Home.

John Perkins, 53, of Hi Hat, died Tuesday, October 29, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services will be conducted Sunday (today), November 3, under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

Charles E. Reynolds, 68, of Lorain, Ohio, formerly of Floyd County, died Wednesday, October 23, at New Life Hospice Center of St. Joseph Residential Center. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, October 26, under the direction of Dovin Funeral Home.

Rodney D. Salisbury, 72, of Southgate, Michigan, formerly of Martin, died Thursday, October 24, at his residence. Funeral services were conducted Monday, October 28, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Johnson County

Gary Standifur Jr., 19, of River, died Saturday, October 26, at Wittensville. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, October 29, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

Mabel Delong, 90, of West Van Lear, died Thursday, October 24. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, October 26, under the direction of Phelps & Son Funeral Home.

Dortha Daniel, 89, of River, died Thursday, October 24, at her residence. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, October 27, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home Chapel.

Della Marie Estep, 79, of Thealka, died Wednesday, October 23, at Paul B. Hall Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, October 27, under the direction of Paintsville Funeral Home.

Hattie Baldwin, 96, of Staffordsville, died Saturday, October 26, at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, October 29, under

the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

Irene Preston, 86, of Nippa, died Thursday, October 24, at Paul B. Hall Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Monday, October 28, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

Berlin Salyers, 70, of Staffordsville, died Saturday, October 26, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Monday, October 28, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Chapel.

Emery Otis Barker, 77, of Wittensville, died Friday, October 25. Funeral services were conducted Monday, October 28, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Chapel.

Anna Powers, 90, of Van Lear, died Saturday, October 26, at her residence. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, October 29, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Chapel.

Harrison Slone, 72, died Sunday, October 27, at Kings Daughters Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, October 30, under the direction of Phelps & Son Funeral Home.

Kaden Ray Turner, 20, died Sunday, October 27. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, October 31, at Cordell Freewill Baptist Church.

Eunice Grimm Baker, 85, of Versailles, died Friday, October 25, at Harrodsburg Health Care Center. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, October 29, under the direction of Duell Clark Funeral Chapel.

Robert Ulysses Burke, 97, died Sunday, October 20, at J.J. Jordan Geriatric Center. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, October 24, at Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Knott County

Janice Everage, 40, of Pippa Passes, died Friday, October 25. Funeral services were conducted Monday, October 28, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Letters

I don't see how poor people can buy insurance. These girls and boys work for minimum wage and pay for a car and have to buy insurance. I can see why they can't afford medical insurance. These fat cats they work for ought to pay their medical insurance.

Oh well, there is nothing fair. You buy a car and you have to get insurance. Then they tell you to buckle in. And there's the air bags. There have more people hurt by air bags than seat belts.

Did you ever listen to the news on the radio? When they report an accident, if someone got hit by a coal truck or train, they will say, "There were no seat belts in use" or "The person wasn't wearing a seat belt."

Richard Glenn "Dickie" Cornett, 59, of Winchester, died Friday, October 25, at the Holston Valley Hospital, Kingsport, TN. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, October 30, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services Chapel.

Pike County

John Daniel Perkins, 53, of Hi Hat, died Tuesday, October 29, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, November 3, under the direction of Hall and Jones Funeral Home.

William Hatfield, 65, of Phelps, died Wednesday, October 30, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, November 2, under the direction of Phelps Funeral Services.

Bob Sammons, 75, of Gap Branch of Hurricane Creek, died Thursday, October 31, at his home. Funeral services were conducted under the direction of Thacker Memorial Funeral Home.

Billy Jack Coleman, 67, of Virginia, died Wednesday, October 30, at Select Speciality Hospital-Tri Cities, Bristol, TN. Funeral services were conducted Friday, November 1, under the direc-

tion of Castlewood Funeral Home.

Hunter Thacker, 65, of Harless Creek, Regina, died Tuesday, October 29, at his home. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, November 2, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Haleigh LaShae Ratliff, stillborn infant, died Wednesday, October 30, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Graveside services were conducted Thursday, October 31, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Bill Saylor, 56, of Pikeville, died Thursday, October 31. Funeral services were conducted under the direction of Justice Funeral Home.

Hershel "Moon" Mullins, 80, of Morehead, died Monday, October 28, at St. Claire Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Friday, November 1, under the direction of Gompf Funeral Home.

Joyce Hearn, 75, of Forest Hills, died Tuesday, October 29, at the South Williamson Appalachian Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, October 31, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home Chapel.

Janicetine May Justice, 58,

of Pikeville, died Tuesday, October 29, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Friday, November 1, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Martin County

Lora Rose Johnson, 70, of Lowmansville, died Wednesday, October 23, at his residence. Funeral services were conducted Friday, October 25, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

Carl B. Blevins, 83, of Columbus, Ohio, formerly of Martin County, died Saturday, October 26, at Grant Hospital, Columbus. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, October 30, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

Pearl L. Harris, 86, of Inez, died Wednesday, October 23, at her residence. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, October 26, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

Harrison Slone, 72, of Beauty, died Sunday, October 27, at King Daughter's Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, October 30, under the direction of Phelps & Son Funeral Home.

Midterm elections expected to draw paltry interest

by MARK R. CHELLGREN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — So-called midterm elections don't seem to attract the attention of Kentucky voters and Secretary of State John Y. Brown III thinks Tuesday's will be no different. Even when there is a U.S. Senate seat to be decided, as this year with incumbent Republican Mitch McConnell seeking a historic fourth term against Democrat Lois Combs Weinberg, less than half the electorate turns out to vote.

Brown estimated turnout Tuesday could be around 40

percent of the nearly 2.65 million registered voters. Polls are open at 3,476 precincts from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. local time. Similar circumstances in 1998 saw turnout of 47.8 percent, though the Senate race between Jim Bunning and Scotty Baesler was more closely contested. With no Senate seat on the ballot in 1994, turnout fell to 38.8 percent.

The only statewide race fizzled almost from the moment it started. Weinberg's campaign got the air taken out of it when she barely squeaked by primary opponent Tom Barlow.

The lack of a serious threat did not keep McConnell from mounting his usual array of attacks on any prospective opponent. His television commercials compared Weinberg, the daughter of former Gov. Bert Combs making her first political campaign, to hot-button liberals like Hillary Clinton, called her a millionaire corporate executive and made fun of her claims to represent ordinary families.

But it also earned him the endorsement of The Courier-Journal newspaper, the first time in his political career his hometown newspaper recommended the former Jefferson County judge.

Weinberg, desperate for an issue, has dredged up McConnell's opposition to a constitutional amendment to prohibit flag burning and even challenged him to a trapshooting contest.

A McConnell protege, 3rd District Rep. Anne Northup, is

struggling to win a fourth term against Democrat Jack Conway, a former Patton administration official who is making his first race. Party heavyweights have joined the fray, including two visits from President Bush for Northup that Democrats say is proof that she is in trouble.

Up the Ohio River, the lone Democrat in Kentucky's congressional delegation, Ken Lucas, is battling history to win a third term. Lucas is the first Democrat to represent the 4th District in a generation and is being challenged by Geoff Davis, a Hebron businessman and political newcomer.

The other members of the congressional delegation, all Republicans, are considered safe. Even without a Democratic opponent, though, 6th District Rep. Ernie Fletcher has hit the airwaves with campaign commercials, criticized in some corners as advance campaigning for Fletcher's 2003 gubernatorial ambitions.

Some local matters could bump up turnout. Brown said races for the new metro council in Jefferson County and a contentious Lexington mayoral race — where the state GOP has dropped hundreds of thousands of dollars for Scott Crosbie in a supposedly nonpartisan race — along with a bevy of local races across the state may draw voters. On the other hand, there are only a couple of congressional races to attract much interest.

Even so, the election results will have real meaning on public policy issues.

Half of the 38-seat state Senate is at issue and Republicans are struggling to hold onto their 20-18 majority.

The issue of control is not a big topic on the stump, but the Senate outcome will likely decide the shape of a state budget, which wasn't passed this year because of a disagreement over money for partial public financing of gubernatorial campaigns.

The Republican Senate refused to consider a budget with campaign finance money in it. Republicans claim their presence also help kill tax increase proposals and it indisputably helped stall casino gambling legislation.

Gov. Paul Patton's plunge into scandal after Clinton nursing home owner Tina Conner revealed a sexual relationship with the governor and accused him of directing state government to help, then hurt, her business, has also been felt in some of the local campaigns.

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budget until the main part of the 2003 regular legislative session begins on Feb. 4.

Patton said this week he had no plans to call a special session unless some pressing need arises or the House and Senate present him with a broad budget agreement and ask for one.

Stumbo said he believes the public financing issue will become moot because he expects all candidates for governor to turn down such money.

Kentucky's public financing law for gubernatorial campaigns was passed in 1992 in the wake of record costs and widespread illegal campaign contributions during the 1991 election for governor.

Moberly and Wilkey said the campaign finance situation could change if Democrats regain control of the Senate — now 20-18 Republican — in next week's election. But they said a more important date is Nov. 15, when a team of economists known as the Consensus Forecasting Group makes the official revised forecast of state revenues.

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Bush makes return visit to campaign for Northup

by BRUCE SCHREINER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — President Bush lavished praise Friday night on Republican Rep. Anne Northup, giving a last-minute boost to a political ally facing a tough re-election in a traditionally Democratic district.

Speaking to more than 5,000 Republican faithful waving red-white-and-blue pompoms, Bush called the three-term congresswoman an effective legislator who has been a uniting force in the 3rd District.

Bush told the audience that "if you're interested in good government, if you're interested in sending somebody to Congress who will represent all the people of the district, if you want somebody who can do the job, send Anne Northup back to the United States Congress," Bush said.

Bush made his second visit of the campaign to promote Northup, a favorite target of Democrats who hold about a 2-1 registration advantage in the district. This time, Northup is trying to fend off a challenge from young, photogenic Jack Conway, a former aide to Gov. Paul Patton.

"The polls are close," Northup told the crowd. "We hope that we are ahead. We believe we are ahead."

Conway, 33, also claims the race is too close to call. He said Bush's campaign stop just days before the election would not affect the outcome.

larger and larger margins in each of our elections," he said.

Conway predicted that voter unease about the economy and Social Security would bring back Democrats who voted for Northup in the past.

"I think a lot of folks want a check on the administration when it comes to having better economic policies ... providing better health care, being better stewards of our environment, investing in education," Conway said. "Those are the issues people care about. I don't think the president has any coattails on those."

Conway got a boost from a Democratic political heavy-weight earlier in the week when House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt spoke at a union hall and promised Conway a seat on the House Appropriations Committee if he wins and Democrats retake the House.

Bush said he values Northup's advice and noted her effectiveness in securing money for two new Ohio River bridges proposed for the district.

"She has a big heart," Bush said. "She cares for those who suffer. She doesn't need a poll or a focus group to tell her what to think."

The constant theme at the rally was for a heavy voter turnout as GOP officeholders from Sen. Mitch McConnell on down the ticket predicted a strong Republican showing in Kentucky and across the nation on Tuesday.

Sen. Jim Bunning, R-Ky., said Republicans must guard against allowing the elections to slip away in the final days. "If we don't finish the race and run through the finish line, we've blown everything we've done all through this election," he said.

Bush also gave a hearty endorsement to McConnell, a three-term incumbent being challenged by Democrat Lois Combs Weinberg. The president also praised McConnell's wife, Elaine Chao, who is Bush's labor secretary.

Bush said that McConnell and Bunning share his philosophy of appointing federal judges who strictly interpret the law and resist trying to legislate from the bench.

The president said the economy is "just bumping along," although the fundamentals are in place for a strong economic recovery, citing low interest rates and tepid inflation.

"There are too many people in America who want to work but can't find a job," the president said.

Bush said the 10-year, \$1.35 trillion tax cut that he pushed through Congress was the best remedy for a slowing economy. He said the tax cut needs to be made permanent and that Northup would help him accomplish that.

Bush criticized the Democratic-led Senate for stalling his terrorism insurance bill, which he said has kept some construction projects from starting around the country. He also lambasted Senate Democrats for not passing his homeland security legislation.

Some of the loudest applause followed Bush's comments that the United States would be unyielding in its pursuit of terrorists.

Bush also warned that Saddam Hussein poses a threat to the world, and that unless the Iraqi leader disarms, the United States will lead a "mighty coalition" to disarm him.

About 200 protesters were gathered outside the convention center, chanting anti-war slogans. Inside the hall, six people who

were protesting Bush's Iraq policy were removed by Kentucky State Police without incident, according to Sgt. Sherman Tebault.

Louisville police spokeswoman Alicia Smiley said six of the outside protesters, five men and one woman, were arrested on charges of disorderly conduct and failure to disperse.

Another person was arrested for violating one of the rolling roadblocks that were set up at exit and entrance ramps, Smiley said.

Bush also touted Geoff Davis, a Republican challenging Democratic Rep. Ken Lucas in Kentucky's 4th District northeast of Louisville. Lucas is the only Democrat in the state's congressional delegation.

Bush, who is crisscrossing the country in support of GOP candidates, also hoped to influence a race across the Ohio River in Indiana. He put in a plug for the campaign of Republican businessman Mike Sodrel, who is challenging two-term Democratic Rep. Baron Hill.

Bush also mentioned U.S. Reps. Ron Lewis and Ernie Fletcher, who has no Democratic opposition for re-election and is contemplating a run for governor in 2003.

Drugs

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substance, possession of marijuana.

■ Danny Fugate, 37, of Hazard, trafficking and prescription not in proper container.

■ Maggie Turner, 55, of Long Fork, trafficking.

■ Gary Noble, 30, of Long Fork, trafficking and possession of a controlled substance.

■ Tracy Couch Mulligan, 30, of Hazard, obtaining controlled substance by fraud.

■ Lois Bowling, 62, of Dice, was charged with trafficking and possession.

■ David Pence, 32, of Dwarf, trafficking.

■ Irvin Pence, 45, of Dwarf, trafficking, possession and persistent felony offender.

■ Chris Ritchie, 39, of Hazard, trafficking.

■ Clarence Feltner, 33, of Hazard, trafficking.

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BUSINESS-COMMUNITY LEADER FOR LOCAL PLANNING COMMITTEE (LPC)

The Floyd County Board of Education is accepting nominations for business-community leader (1) to serve on the Floyd County Local Planning Committee (LPC) until completion of the LPC process. Members of the Local Planning Committee (LPC) will be responsible for the development of a Master Educational Facility Plan and District Facility Plan for Floyd County that will assist in determining future school facility construction, and major renovation priorities.

The Floyd County School Board will select one (1) member from nominations received to serve on the Local Planning Committee (LPC). Please submit nominations, including a letter of agreement to serve on the Local Planning Committee to: L.P.C. Search, Floyd County Board of Education, 103 North Front Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653.

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VANHOOSE DRAFTED

•• Chosen 47th in NBDL Draft ••

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

A former Mr. Basketball from Paintsville is headed to a professional basketball career.

Former Paintsville Tiger J.R. VanHoose, a recent graduate of Marshall University, was drafted by

North Charleston Thursday night as the 47th overall pick in the National Basketball Developmental League Draft. He comes to the pro ranks after a four-year career at Marshall which saw him average a double-double in both points and rebounds. VanHoose was coached in high school at Paintsville by Bill Mike

Runyon. Former Pikeville College head coach Greg White was his mentor all four years at Marshall.

The Roanoke Dazzle opened the 2002 NBDL Draft by selecting Mikki Moore at No. 1. The 6-11 center helped lead Nebraska to three post-season NIT appearances during his college career. Moore has played

professionally in the NBA and in Greece.

The National Basketball Development League has increased the number of weekend dates this season from its inaugural season 20-percent so more than half of this sea-

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J.R. VANHOOSE • Position: Forward / Center • Height/Weight: 6-10 / 245 • High School: Paintsville • College: Marshall

AUTO RACING

Pit crews on display today weekend at Rockingham

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ROCKINGHAM, N.C. — The pit crew is a vital part of every race team, a group of unsung heroes who make sure the cars are fast, repairs are made and tires are changed in lightning-quick time.

Under pressure every weekend, the over-the-wall guys get one chance a season to truly showcase their talents. It comes at North Carolina Speedway during the Union/76 Pit Crew Competition during the Pop Secret 400 festivities.

Up for grabs to the 25 eligible

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HIKING

Autumn afoot — the perfect time for hiking Kentucky trails

by STEVE VANTREESE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PADUCAH — On foot in wonderland, hikers may have the best perspective to experience autumn outdoors.

The season's cooling transition and the color show of fall foliage make this the optimum time to sample and explore Kentucky's trails as a pedestrian. Between the heat of summer and the cold and dreary damp of win-

(See AUTUMN, page three)



photo by Jamie Howell

Blackcats Evan McNutt (73), Josh Pennington (62), John Hunt (21) and Andrew Burchett (51), just four of Prestonsburg's many seniors honored on Senior Night Friday night, stood at midfield for the opening coin toss. All seniors were honored before the game. All went out on the field for the coin toss. The four players were joined at midfield by Coach John DeRossett.

P'burg too much for East Ridge

Blackcats roll to post-season

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG — Head coach John DeRossett and his coaching staff have the Prestonsburg High

School football team poised and headed for what looks to be another exciting post-season run. The Blackcats hosted East Ridge Friday night in the regular-season finale for both teams and didn't let up much en route to a 52-8 win. The victory was Prestonsburg's seventh win of the season opposed to just three losses. East Ridge finishes the season with a 4-6 record and no trip to the extra season.

DeRossett likes the way his team is playing.

"We've been able to finish the season strong," said DeRossett.

Highlights numbered many for the Blackcats on Friday night. Prestonsburg got its first score of the night when junior Nick Jamerson returned a punt for a touchdown at 9:37 to tie a state record for punt

(See P'BURG, page four)

Panthers win district, beats Tigers

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PAINTSVILLE — Win and the district championship goes back home to Pike County. It was that simple for Pikeville when it took on Paintsville Friday night. The visiting Panthers came calling in Johnson County with their best

game. After going ahead 21-0, Pikeville went on to score a 35-20 win and capture the Class A, District title and home playoff advantage throughout the upcoming State Playoffs.

Paintsville head coach David LeMaster knows after the slow start and the loss, his team must

now refocus on the post-season.

"Getting behind so early hurt us tonight," said LeMaster. "Now we have to go back to work on Monday and get ready for the playoffs. It's a new season now."

(See PANTHERS, page four)



file photo

Paintsville High quarterback Shane Simpkins passed for a couple of touchdowns in Paintsville's 35-20 loss to Pikeville Friday night in what wound up being a Class A, District Eight championship game.



courtesy photo

Clint Binkley, a veteran driver of several harness tracks, has made an even bigger name for himself with his performance at Thunder Ridge this fall.

Binkley faring well

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG — Through Sunday, Oct. 20, Clint Binkley led all harness trainers at Thunder Ridge Raceway with 19 wins. In his 19 wins, he has captured over \$25,000 in purse money. Highlights over the Oct. 20 weekend included him winning the featured Open Handicap with the 7-year-old gelding Nevada Smith, who is owned by Tim Wright. The harness horse was driven to victory in that race by Josh Sutton.



H.S. BASKETBALL

Games, teams still pending for Runnin' Rebel panorama

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

EASTERN — The Allen Central High School boys' basketball program has set Wednesday, Nov. 27, the night before Thanksgiving, as the date for its annual panorama. Head coach John Martin will again offer up a smorgasbord of Eastern Kentucky basketball talent with some of the top teams from throughout the area coming in to play. However, as of Friday, Martin was still awaiting conformations

(See REBEL, page four)

BASKETBALL

JBS teams release schedules

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PIPPA PASSES — Alumni games against former players get things started for both the June Buchanan School (JBS) boys' and girls' basketball teams. The alumni contests are scheduled for Saturday. A schedule for each of the two schools was recently finalized and released.

After the alumni game, the JBS boys team will take part in a panorama at South Floyd High School on Saturday, Nov. 30. Then, its directly into tournament play for the Crusaders. JBS will play on the road at Red Bird on December 4 in the Three Rivers Conference Tournament. After games

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Spurlock has talented team

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

HAZARD — A new coach is in town in Hazard. And it's a familiar face to many basketball fans throughout Eastern Kentucky,

particularly those in Floyd County.

"We've worked hard in pre-season practices with the players we've got out," said Spurlock. "We've still got some kids playing football that'll join us when it ends."

After spending just one season as the head coach at Trimble County High School, Kevin Spurlock is back home in Eastern Kentucky and the head coach of a school with a storied high school basketball tradition. He is the new head boys' basketball coach at Hazard High School. The talent he has will give him the opportunity to play for a region title as

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S P O R T S B O A R D

EASTERN KENTUCKY SOCCER

Wizards beat Junkyard Dogs for best record

TIMES STAFF REPORT

HAGER HILL — The Johnson County Wizards met the Pikeville Junkyard Dogs on Saturday, Oct. 26 at the American Standard field. The

match would decide who would end the season with the best record as each team came in with 6-1 marks, having split their two previous matches in Pikeville and Prestonsburg. In the early going the defense for each side seemed

to have the advantage, as Wizard backs Tom Brown, Daniel McCarty and Josh Baer and defensive mids Kelcie Butcher and Beth Robinson turned away Pikeville attackers. In the 15th minute, Billy Robinson, a Johnson

Central High freshman, chipped the ball in over Dogs' keeper Michael Wisdom to give the home side a 1-0 lead.

Minutes later forward Josh Adams struck with a diagonal shot across the

Pike goal to give the Wizards a two-goal lead. He found the net again on a feed from Corey Daniel in the 28th minute, and it looked like the Wizards

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AUTO RACING

NASCAR Winston Cup

The 2002 NASCAR Winston Cup schedule (winners in parentheses) and driver point standings:

FEBRUARY

- Feb. 17 — Daytona 500, Daytona Beach, Fla. (Ward Burton)
- Feb. 24 — Subway 400, Rockingham, N.C. (Matt Kenseth)

MARCH

- March 3 — UAW-DaimlerChrysler 400, Las Vegas. (Sterling Marlin)
- March 10 — MBNA America 500, Hampton, Ga. (Tony Stewart)
- March 17 — Carolina Dodge Dealers 400, Darlington, S.C. (Sterling Marlin)
- March 24 — Food City 500, Bristol, Tenn. (Kurt Busch)

APRIL

- April 8 — Samsung/RadioShack 500, Fort Worth, Texas. (Matt Kenseth)
- April 14 — Virginia 500, Martinsville. (Bobby Labonte)
- April 21 — Aaron's 499, Talladega, Ala. (Dale Earnhardt Jr.)
- April 28 — NAPA Auto Parts 500, Fontana, Calif. (Jimmie Johnson)

MAY

- May 4 — Pontiac Excitement 400, Richmond. (Tony Stewart)
- May 26 — Coca-Cola 600, Concord, N.C. (Mark Martin)

JUNE

- June 2 — MBNA Platinum 400, Dover, Del. (Jimmie Johnson)
- June 9 — Pocono 500, Long Pond, Pa. (Dale Jarrett)
- June 16 — Michigan 400, Brooklyn. (Matt Kenseth)
- June 23 — Dodge/Save Mart 350, Sonoma, Calif. (Ricky Rudd)

JULY

- July 6 — Pepsi 400, Daytona Beach, Fla. (Michael Waltrip)
- July 14 — Tropicana 400, Joliet, Ill. (Kevin Harvick)
- July 21 — New England 300, Loudon, N.H. (Ward Burton)
- July 28 — Pennsylvania 500, Long Pond. (Bill Elliott)

AUGUST

- Aug. 4 — Brickyard 400, Indianapolis. (Bill Elliott)

(See **NASCAR**, page four)

Stewart can't slow down as championship beckons

by **MIKE HARRIS**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Tony Stewart wants to win his first Winston Cup championship the same way he became a contender: by racing hard.

"There is no way I'm going to be points racing," Stewart said after finishing fourth in Sunday's race at Atlanta Motor Speedway.

Anybody who doubted the former open-wheel and short track champion's words simply had to watch him bump his way past old nemesis Robby Gordon at 180 mph late in Sunday's race.

"I wouldn't know how to go out there on the track and not race," Stewart said. "That would feel like cheating."

Stewart asks no quarter and he certainly is giving none as the 2003 nears its conclusion.

Going into Sunday's Pop Secret 400 at North Carolina Speedway, Stewart holds a 146-point lead over Mark Martin and has a 150-point margin on surprising rookie Jimmie Johnson in what has boiled down to a three-man battle for the title.

With only three races left and NASCAR's most prestigious champi-

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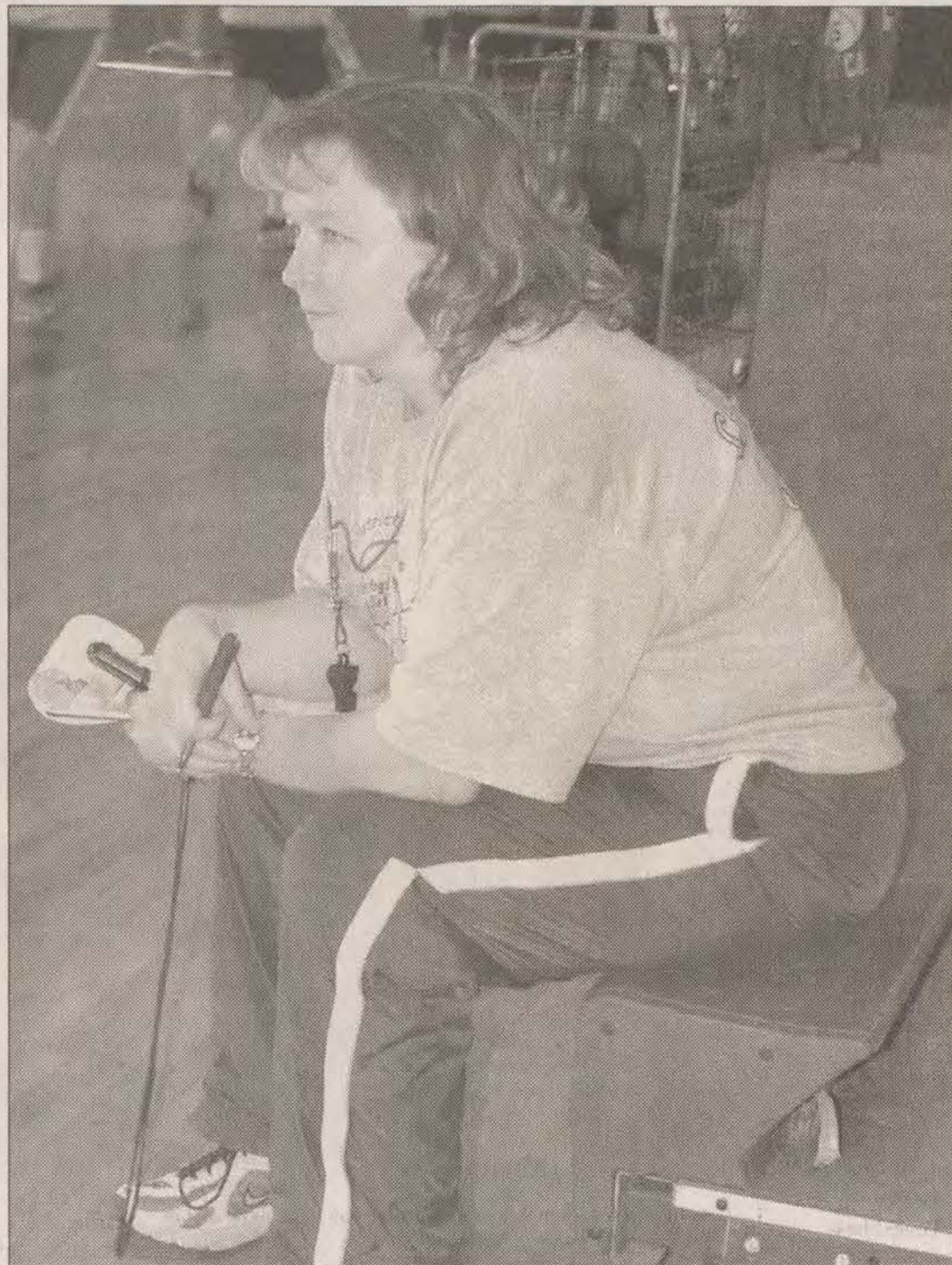


photo by Ed Taylor

PRACTICE: Coach Cassandra Akers returns one of her most talented teams to the hardwood this season. Betsy Layne, after missing out on the regional tournament during the 2000-01 season, made it back to the region finals last season where it lost to 57th District power Johnson Central. The Betsy Layne girls will host a panorama later this month. The girls are working

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Nuxhall will retire after 2004

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — Joe Nuxhall will retire as a Cincinnati Reds radio broadcaster following the 2004 season, 60 years after he became the youngest player to appear in the majors.

Nuxhall, 74, and Hall of Fame broadcaster Marty Brennaman

agreed to two-year contract extensions Friday that will take them through the first two seasons in the Reds' new ballpark.

Marty and Joe, as they're known to Reds fans, are entering their 30th season as the Reds' radio broadcast team. Nuxhall ends his postgame interviews as "the old left-hander rounding

third and heading for home."

Nuxhall, who grew up in nearby Hamilton, became the youngest major leaguer in history when he pitched in relief for the Reds on June 10, 1944. The 15-year-old was recruited to help pad out the Reds' roster during World

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PROFILE

Hunter back in racing action

by **KEITH PARSONS**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

HAMPTON, Ga. — Jim Hunter strolled through the media center at Atlanta Motor Speedway, stopping at nearly every seat to greet a reporter by name.

At 63, an age when most people think about slowing down a bit, Hunter is back in a familiar

role as head of NASCAR's public relations department. He wouldn't have it any other way.

"I love this," he said, nodding toward the rest of the room. "This isn't just a job to me, it's my life."

Before this season, Hunter was hired as vice president of corporate communications for NASCAR, a role that has him answering questions about everything from competition issues to

driver suspensions.

The job was created especially for him after accusations that NASCAR wasn't forthcoming enough last year following the death of Dale Earnhardt in a crash in the season-opening Daytona 500. The glare of the sanctioning body's first national TV contract also brought extra scrutiny.

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HONORS

iHigh Teen of the Week Award taking nominations

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

LEXINGTON — Do you know someone who always seems to be doing that little extra? Want to recognize the leaders in your school? Is there someone who makes a difference in all our lives?

When iHigh began four years ago, one of our key objectives was

to provide a place to recognize the many positive things that high school students were doing. Teenagers throughout America are making a positive difference every day, and iHigh wants to take time out to recognize some of your outstanding accomplishments.

(See **TEEN**, page four)

FOOTBALL

Marshall officials make pitch for indoor facility

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. — Marshall University officials are stepping up efforts to get a new indoor workout facility.

The building would be next to Marshall Stadium at the current grass practice field site. It would consist primarily of a football field measuring 110



Nathan Leslie



Michael West

to 120 yards long, an approximate 12,000 square-foot weight room and an approximate 5,000-foot square football athletic training area.

"This is at the very, very, very preliminary stage," interim Athletic Director Bob Marcum said Tuesday during a Huntington Quarterback Club meeting. "We don't have any drawing.

We don't have anything.

"It's one of those things we're exploring and how it would affect the program."

Marcum said Stafford and Associates, already hired by Marshall for refurbishing projects at the current football facilities building, will develop a drawing of the proposed indoor facility within the next

(See **MARSHALL**, page four)

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Allen honors 8th grade players

by **STEVE LeMASTER**
SPORTS EDITOR

ALLEN — Allen Elementary head coach Martin Newberry honored eighth-grade girls' basketball players during a game held Thursday night against South Floyd Middle School.

Allen eighth-grade girls' basketball players honored were Ashley Moore, Ashley Fletcher, Chelsie Madden, Alesia Hall and Brittany Waugh. The honored players were each presented with a sweat-shirt and trophy by booster club president Cindy Porter, principal Linda Gearheart and Newberry.

Allen won its meeting with South Floyd Middle, 35-31. The two teams left the first quarter tied at 10. Allen led 17-16 at the half and 22-21 after three quarters before scoring the win.

South Floyd's Vanessa Skeens led all scorers with 17 points. Katie Crum had eight points and Heather Dean four. Stephanie Slone and Brandi Hall each had one point for the Lady Raiders.

On Eighth-Grade Night, Moore led the victorious Lady Eagles with 10 points. Alesia Hall and Fletcher both chipped in seven points apiece for Allen. Madden had five points and Waugh ended the game with four. Kendra Case rounded out the scoring for Allen with two points.

Both teams will play in the county tournament this week.

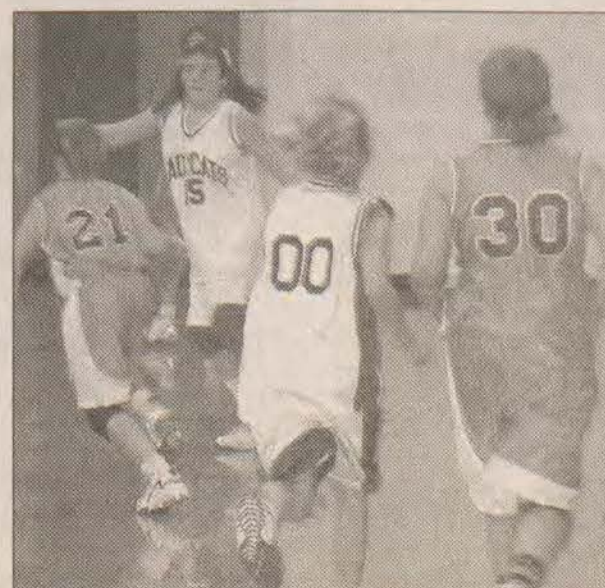


photo by Jamie Howell

The Adams Middle School C-Team captured a county championship on Wednesday night with a slim 22-20 win over a talented Betsy Layne Elementary team.

Stewart

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onship within reach, the 31-year-old Stewart would certainly be excused if he took fewer chances on the racetrack and protected the points lead.

That, however, would not be Stewart, whose quick temper has gotten him into trouble with NASCAR at times and forced him to seek anger management counseling. But that fiery demeanor in the fourth-year Winston Cup star has also made him the consummate

racers. "Nothing really slows Tony down," said team owner Joe Gibbs. "There are times when he has had trouble dealing with things off the track but, when he's out there in the car, all he wants to do is race. He wants to be in the car all the time."

It's true that Stewart loves to race. If he isn't in his Winston Cup car, he'd rather be in a sprint car on a short track than just about anything.

He wants to win those races, too.

Stewart went into Atlanta just 82 points ahead of Johnson. He started from the pole, but things didn't look good when he had to make an unscheduled pit stop early in the race after his Joe Gibbs Racing crew sent him back onto the track with some loose lugnuts.

That mistake dropped him from second to 32nd. Good

sense might have dictated that Stewart take it easy, work his way slowly toward the front and take no chances of a disaster that would cost him precious points.

"I wasn't happy, but all I told Tony was, 'Take it easy. You've got plenty of time and a good car,'" said crew chief Greg Zipadelli. "He was real calm. He said, 'Yeah, I know.' But I was a little nervous."

Stewart's version of taking

it easy was turning his Grand Prix into a streak of orange on the 1.54-mile quad-oval, slicing through traffic with seeming abandon.

He was back in the top 10 in 40 laps and regained the lead during a round of green-flag pit stops a few laps later. Stewart remained at or near the front the rest of the way in the rain-shortened race.

"I could have cruised and just rode in, but I was going for the win today," Stewart said, proudly. "We went to the back and drove ourselves to the front. We didn't get three yellows to help us get there, either. We drove nonstop on our way to the front before the yellow finally came out."

Zipadelli added, "That's what our driver is. He was up on the wheel. I saw some stuff

there in traffic that made me nervous, but he's our man."

Darrell Waltrip, a three-time series champion and now a TV commentator, understands Stewart's motivations.

"There's no way Tony could just back into a championship," Waltrip said. "It's just not in him."

"He needs to race hard. He isn't worrying about the bad things that could happen, he's just thinking he wants to be leading that race and getting the win."

Stewart insists his approach won't change at Rockingham, Phoenix or Homestead — the remaining events.

"We're going to try to win those races," he said. "If we win them, we won't have to worry about the points, will we?"

Autumn

ter, the comfort level on the state's woodland walkways is at its peak now.

Not the least of benefits of the cooler days of autumn is the seasonal shutdown of troublesome insect and arachnid pests. The torments and, in some cases, potential health hazards of mosquitoes, ticks, chiggers and gnats are in sharp decline or absent altogether.

By early November, insect repellents generally are unnecessary for foot travel in most Kentucky habitats. In wetland areas of lower elevations, stubborn mosquito ranks may linger into the season, however.

Particularly considering this year's outbreak of West Nile virus, good sense dictates that outdoor strollers continue to apply a DEET-based repellent to fend off die-hard biting mosquitoes in these areas.

Adequate clothing and comfortable, sturdy footwear cover most of the other requirements. Because temperatures can range from brisk to balmy during the course of a day, light clothing with an extra layer or two for adjustment is warranted. Early afternoon may bring T-shirt weather, but early morning or late evening might well call for a sweater and/or vest.

Hiking shoes or boots should have some traction on slopes and those sometimes slippery fallen leaves, and a little ankle support is good insurance against turns and sprains along uneven, slanted trails.

For hikes of any significant time and distance from the trailhead on a day when precipitation is even slightly possible, some sort of rain gear is necessary emergency equipment, perhaps the difference between comfort and a dangerous, hypothermic wetting of the walker.

Other basics to have on hand — actually tucked away in a day or fanny pack — include a compass, a map of the trail or area walked, a small first aid kit, fire-making materials and a candy or granola bar or two. You might need none of these items, but the Boy Scout creed of "be prepared" is a perfect fit for hikers.

Timing and locations for fall hikes brings another considera-

tion, that of potentially sharing the woods with active hunters.

The firearms deer season is Nov. 9-24 in much of the state. As is required of the hunters themselves, hikers who are in the outdoors during these periods should wear upper body clothing and hats or caps of fluorescent, "hunter" orange for visibility.

Even better, for courtesy as well as safety, hiking can be diverted to trails on public areas where no hunting, or at least no hunting with firearms, is open. State and national parks or historic areas, some federal recreation areas, and even wildlife management areas have no firearms deer hunts or may have gun hunting at different times than the statewide season.

Check with individual management agencies or park administration offices for information on dates for firearms hunts, if any, on their respective public lands.

JBS

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with Letcher and Fairview, the JBS boys will travel to Barren County for a tournament Dec. 19-21.

Other opponents for the Crusaders include Whitesburg, Buckhorn, Jenkins, Jackson City, East Ridge, Allen Central, Owsley County, Oneida Baptist Institute, Leslie County and Cordia. The Crusaders will play in the 14th Region All "A" Classic beginning on January 27. Senior Night for both the boys and girls is scheduled for February 4. The boys will play Cordia. The girls play Perry Central. JBS' girls are also in the Knott County Central High tournament in the second month of the new year. The regular-season is slated to end for the JBS boys on Feb. 22.

Gary Stepp, a Martin County native, serves as head coach. He is assisted by Kevin Slone.

Matt Baker is the head girls' basketball coach at June Buchanan. He is assisted by Jonda Conley. After its alumni game, the JBS girls will travel to Perry County to play in the Perry County Central panorama. Besides the Three Rivers Conference tourney and the All "A" Classic, the Lady Crusaders are in a tournament in Pickett, Tenn. after Christmas, Dec. 26-28.

The date for the All "A" is Jan. 20-25.

Schedules for teams in the 14th, 15th and 16th regions will appear in The Times' basketball special section at the end of the month.

Crews

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crews is a record purse of \$100,000 during Saturday's competition and bragging rights as the best team in the business.

Matt Keneth's crew from Roush Racing won the event a year ago, emptying two seven-gallon gas cans into the No. 17 Ford and changing four tires in 17.695 seconds.

"I would like to see them win it again, but this year there is a lot more pressure on them," crew chief Robbie Reiser said. "I have told them this is their chance to shine, and it's about them so they should have some fun with it."

The pressure is also on the drivers, who must accurately pilot their car into the stall to ease the crews' task. And the driver has to be patient — if he pulls away too soon, mistakes can happen. One loose lugnut leads to a costly penalty.

"I'd be devastated if I made a mistake that cost my guys a shot at winning the pit crew championship," points leader Tony Stewart said. "I'm just so nervous for them because I know how badly they want to do well there."

Bobby Burrell is one crew member looking for a flawless performance in the competition. The front-tire changer for Johnny Benson's Pontiac, Burrell is back in action after a serious head injury in a pit road accident in Homestead, Fla., last November.

Burrell was working for Ricky Rudd's team at the time and was bent down over the car when another car hit him, sending him headfirst into the concrete retaining wall.

The accident led to NASCAR tightening its rules for crews by mandating that anyone who goes over pit wall must wear a helmet.

Once healed, Burrell went back to work for Rudd's team until he left to join Benson's crew last month. He had no qualms about jumping back over the wall and servicing race cars for a living.

"You can't be scared, you can't afford that," he said. "If you are scared you aren't going to concentrate on your job. That means you could get yourself hurt, or your teammates hurt, or somebody else on pit road hurt."

"When I go over the wall now my focus is totally on what I need to do to get Johnny out of the pits."

It's usually a thankless job — one that only draws attention when a bad decision in the pits hampers a driver's finish. But the competitors know how important their crews are and how important the pit crew competition is to them.

"Everybody thinks the driver has the most dangerous job, but

if you watch our pit stops you see that those guys going over the wall have to be pretty brave," Benson said. "We do a really good job in our sport of not getting those guys hurt."

"I mean if you think about how often we pit on those tight pit roads it's amazing we do as well as we do. ... It's something as a driver you have to be aware of at all times or things could go really bad."

Nuxhall

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War II, when many players were serving in the military.

Nuxhall got knocked around in his debut and didn't make it back to the majors until 1952. He pitched 16 years in the majors, including 15 for the Reds, and became a broadcaster in 1967.

He had a heart attack last

December while eating at a local restaurant, prompting him to begin exercising, lose weight and quit smoking.

Brenneman joined Nuxhall in the broadcast booth in 1974. He received the Ford C. Frick Award at the baseball Hall of Fame in 2000.

Spurlock

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early as this season.

The Bulldogs posted a 17-12 record last season and won the 14th regional championship. In a district which features Perry County Central and Leslie County, along with Cordia, things won't come at all easy for the Dawgs, but Spurlock is willing to work hard in his new position. After playing football, baseball and basketball at Allen Central, his high school alma mater, Spurlock returned where he served at one time or another as head baseball and football coach. He was an assistant basketball coach at the school under veteran head coach John Martin.

"We've worked hard in pre-season practice with the players

we've got out," said Spurlock. "We've still got some kids playing football that'll join us when it ends."

Steven Sizemore will return to the hardwood some time this fall following another impressive football season under center. Senior guard Chris Olinger is another proven leader who returns for Hazard. Other key contributors according to Spurlock will include Parker Carter, Sean Woods, George Pankey, Hank Gabbard, J.J. Housley and Lee Steele.

Other top teams in the 14th Region heading into the upcoming season include Breathitt County, Powell County, Knott Central, Whitesburg, Wolfe County and Owsley County.

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son's schedule will be played on Friday nights and Saturdays making games more accessible for fans.

The NBDL will tip off its second season on Friday, November 15 with all eight teams in action. The league's rivalries will be renewed as the NBDL's defending champions, the Greenville Groove, host the Columbus Riverdragons, who came within two points of defeating the Groove during the 2002 NBDL Playoffs, at the BILLO Center at 7 p.m. ET.

Mobile will renew their Playoff rivalry with North Charleston, VanHoose's new team as the Revelers play host to the Lowgators at 7 p.m. CT / 8 p.m. ET at the Mobile Civic Center. The Fayetteville Patriots and Asheville Altitude will square off at the Crown Coliseum at 7:30 p.m. ET in a battle for North Carolina bragging rights. Additionally, the Roanoke Dazzle will host the Huntsville Flight at the Roanoke Civic Center at 7 p.m. ET on opening night.

BACKGROUND

1997 Kentucky Mr. Basketball

Finished collegiate career as the fifth all-time leading scorer in school history with 1803 points and the second all-time leading rebounder with 1088 rebounds. Also finished in the all-time top ten in blocks, field goals, field goal attempts, free throws made, and games played. His rebounding total also ranks fifth all-time in Mid-American Conference history. Recorded 54 double-doubles in his four-year career. Four-year starter who started 108 of 113 games at Marshall.

As a senior, averaged 15.0 points and 10.6 rebounds. Started all 30 games. Finished 2nd in the conference in rebounding, and ranked 12th nationally. Grabbed 113 rebounds off the offensive glass, tops in the league. Led team in scoring four times, with a high of 26 points twice, in consecutive games at Winthrop (Dec. 3)

and at Radford (Dec. 6). Season high of 19 rebounds came in a home win against Akron on Feb. 5. Finished the season with 15 double-doubles.

As a junior, averaged 16.6 points and 11.1 rebounds. Started all 27 games. Led the MAC in rebounding and field goal percentage (.578). Ranked third in the nation in rebounding. Registered 20 double-doubles on the season, the second most in the country. Led team in scoring ten times, with a high of 26 against Indiana-Purdue-Fort Wayne on Dec. 28. Grabbed season-high 15 rebounds to go along with 19 points against West Virginia on Jan. 9. Finished off season with 19 point, 15 rebound performance against Ball State in the MAC Tournament. Was named First Team All-Conference.

As a sophomore, averaged 17.5 points and 8.6 rebounds. Started all 29 games he appeared in. Ranked third in the conference in rebounding and sixth in scoring. Field goal percentage of .567 ranked second in the league. Recorded first double-double of the season with 19 points and a season-best 16 rebounds against Massachusetts on Nov. 29. Went on to register 10 double-double efforts. Scored 23 points and grabbed 10 rebounds in MAC Tournament victory over Buffalo on Mar. 1. Was named Honorable Mention All-MAC.

As a freshman, averaged 14.7 points and 8.1 rebounds. Started 22 of 27 games he appeared in. Was the first freshman in school history to lead the team in both points and rebounds. Notched a career-high of 34 points while grabbing 17 rebounds against Buffalo on Feb. 17. Had first double-double of the season with 26 points and 13 rebounds against Central Michigan on Dec. 30. Registered nine double-doubles on the season. Closed season with a 30 point, 17 rebound effort against Kent in the MAC Tournament. Named to MAC All-Freshman Team, and was voted Honorable Mention All-Conference.

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Hornaday to replace K. Earnhardt at Phoenix

MOORESVILLE, N.C. — Ron Hornaday will pilot the No. 83 RacingUSA.com Chevrolet

NASCAR

■ Aug. 11 — Sirius Satellite Radio at The Glen, Watkins Glen, N.Y. (Tony Stewart)

■ Aug. 18 — Pepsi 400, Brooklyn, Mich. (Dale Jarrett)
 ■ Aug. 24 — Sharpie 500, Bristol, Tenn. (Jeff Gordon)

SEPTEMBER

■ Sept. 1 — Southern 500, Darlington, S.C. (Jeff Gordon)
 ■ Sept. 7 — Chevy Monte Carlo 400, Richmond, Va. (Matt Kenseth)
 ■ Sept. 15 — New Hampshire 300, Loudon. (Ryan Newman)
 ■ Sept. 22 — MBNA America 400, Dover, Del. (Jimmie Johnson)
 ■ Sept. 29 — Protection One 400, Kansas City, Kan. (Jeff

Gordon)

OCTOBER

■ Oct. 6 — EA Sports 500, Talladega, Ala. (Dale Earnhardt Jr.)
 ■ Oct. 13 — UAW-GM Quality 500, Concord, N.C. (Jamie McMurray)
 ■ Oct. 20 — Martinsville 500, Martinsville, Va. (Kurt Busch)
 ■ Oct. 27 — NAPA 500, Hampton, Ga. (Kurt Busch)

NOVEMBER

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

Marshall

couple of weeks. Head football coach Bob Pruett said Marshall will ask the Legislature for about \$4 million. The rest of an approximate \$10 million to \$11 million cost could come from private funding or seat taxes.

Akron, Marshall's Mid-American Conference opponent this week, currently is constructing an indoor facility. A new indoor facility at Marshall would not be connected with the proposed student recreation facility.

Hunter

"We needed to communicate better," NASCAR president Mike Helton said. It didn't take much to convince Hunter to leave his job as president of Darlington Raceway in South Carolina, which is owned by International Speedway Corp. That company is operated by the France family, which runs NASCAR. "I lobbied for this job," he said.

newspaper offices located near that week's race. "We'd take drivers into the office and just beg somebody to write about us," Hunter said. "That was really tough." Back then, only about 10 writers covered the entire season. This year, Hunter estimates NASCAR and the tracks issue credentials to about 500 reporters.

Hunter has worked with the France family for more than 20 years, handling various roles. Before joining NASCAR, he worked as a sports writer for several newspapers throughout the south, including The Atlanta Journal and The State in Columbia, S.C. In fact, Hunter was one of the first reporters to cover NASCAR, often sitting in a makeshift pressbox on the back of a flatbed truck. When he started working for NASCAR, part of his duties involved carrying drivers to

"It's hard to keep track of everybody sometimes," he admitted. "But that's part of my job. If I see somebody I don't know, I make it a point to introduce myself." His knowledge of racing and his respect for NASCAR show in nearly every statement he makes, as does his honesty. He doesn't shy away from hard questions, either. "The best thing is the fact that he's there, the next best thing is that you know he's there," said NBC/TNT pit reporter Bill Weber. "We have gone to Jim with important questions on

Teen

In our continuing effort to make that happen, we are pleased to announce the "iHigh Top Teen" program. Beginning December 2, iHigh will be recognizing students across the country for their achievements. Do you know someone you think deserves national recognition? Whether they have served as a leader in school activities, a mentor for others in the community, or cleaned up a local park, we

want to hear about it! Nominations should be sent to chrisie@ihigh.com. Be sure to include the nominee's name, age, hometown, high school and a photo if available. For verification of submission, please include your name and contact info as nominator. All nominations should include specific accomplishments and when they occurred. Nominations are now being accepted.

Monte Carlo fielded by FitzBradshaw Racing in the Checker Auto Parts 500 at Phoenix International Raceway on November 10.

Driver Kerry Earnhardt was originally slated to drive the car, but has chosen to put his Winston Cup attempts on hold for the remainder of the year, opting to focus on the rest of his Rookie season in the NASCAR Busch Series.

Earnhardt's attempt to drive the No. 83 RacingUSA.com Chevrolet in the EA Sports 500 at Talladega Superspeedway was interrupted by inclement weather that forced drivers to start the race by owner points. Talladega was FitzBradshaw's first attempt in the Winston Cup Series and no owner points had been accumulated.

"FitzBradshaw Racing consistently works with its sponsors to bring as much value to the sponsorship as possible," stated FitzBradshaw Racing Co-Owner Armando Fitz. "Due to inclement weather, we weren't able to qualify for the Talladega race. We are glad we are able to offer RacingUSA.com the opportunity to take the No. 83 Chevrolet to Phoenix and, with Ron Hornaday in the car, be competitive while allowing Kerry to focus on the remainder of his rookie Busch season."

"I couldn't be more supportive of this decision," Earnhardt said. "Above all else, FitzBradshaw Racing is a team; the crew, the owner, the driver and the sponsors. We constantly work together and I am hopeful that I can be helpful to Ron and the team, so we are all prepared for Phoenix."

While Hornaday will drive the No. 83 RacingUSA.com Chevrolet at Phoenix International Raceway, Earnhardt will drive the car next year in the Winston Open at Lowe's Motor Speedway.

"We're very excited to have been offered the opportunity to sponsor Ron at Phoenix and Kerry in his first Winston Cup Open at Charlotte next May," stated David Carrington, RacingUSA.com's president. "Ron's experience is just what the doctor ordered."

Hornaday ran his first NASCAR Busch Series race in 1998 and is currently 17th in the NASCAR Busch Series points standings for the 2002 season. With NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series wins at Phoenix in 1998 and 1999, Hornaday has

proven to be successful at that track. FitzBradshaw Racing is co-

owned by Fitz and Pro Football Hall of Fame member and FOX broadcaster Terry Bradshaw.

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| Prestonsburg 52 | East Ridge 8 |
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Soccer

might cruise to a shutout at half-time. However, the Pikeville midfielder played a long ball over the defenders which Kris Olsen put past keeper James Barrett in the 30th minute, and the score stood 3-1 in favor of host Johnson County at the half.

Billy Robinson appeared to score again four minutes into the second half when Casey

Collier's centering pass slipped behind the defenders, but the play was ruled offside. Midfielders Cory Mollette, Adam Ross, Brandon Murray and Corey and Casey Spencer continued to frustrate the Pikeville attack throughout the second half, which Parker Holz missed due to a calf injury. Justin Ross closed out the match

in goal to hold the visitors scoreless in the second half. The 3-1 victory gave the Wizards the best record in the U16 age group, even though half of the team is actually U14 players (12 and 13 years old), playing up to fill the U16 roster. Coaches Jay Barrett and Darrell Butcher were pleased and gratified with their team's performance in the match and the entire season. The Junkyard Dogs were coached by Bryan Olsen.

Rebel

from some teams. "We're still waiting on some teams to get back with us," said Martin. "Some are in school that day and some are out."

Martin and his Allen Central team, in addition to playing in their own panorama, will play in the one at South Floyd High School on Nov. 30.

Play will resume in early-April in the EKYS (East Kentucky Youth Soccer Association) spring season, with player registration expected to be held in late-February.

P'burg

returns for touchdowns in a season. A Bart Barnette PAT kick then put the host 'Cats ahead 7-0.

East Ridge got the ball to begin the game after winning the toss and electing to receive to start the contest. A stingy Prestonsburg defense held East Ridge on its first series.

Joe Blackburn pushed the Prestonsburg lead out to 13-0 on a 21-yard score later in the first quarter. A Barnette kick was off to leave the Blackcats with a 13-0 lead.

Senior Mikeal Fannin, one of the senior players honored before the game, scored on a 59-yard run and a Barnette kick made it an even 20-0 lead in favor of host Prestonsburg.

A Joey Willis pass to Jamerson set up a three-yard touchdown run from Willis, the P'burg quarterback, making it a 26-0 lead. Prestonsburg dominated the first quarter and both teams went scoreless in the second period.

Prestonsburg held the 26-0 advantage at the half and quickly added to it in the third period.

Willis found Jamerson on a scoring pass from 48 yards out at the 11:23 mark of the third period. A Barnette kick made it a 33-0 Blackcat lead.

Just when it looked like East Ridge might settle for a shutout loss, the Warriors found the end zone and added a conversion to put their first and only eight points of the contest on the board.

Fannin scored twice more on runs of 14 and 43 yards in the third quarter. The host team led 45-8 at the end of three quarters.

Senior John Hunt, a player who has been a defensive leader for the Blackcats all season, found the end zone from nine yards outside pay dirt for the game's final score.

Prestonsburg will return to action on Friday night in a home playoff game as the No. 2 seed out of District Eight.

Panthers

Just 11 seconds into the game, Pikeville had its first score of the night on the board following a 79-yard kickoff return by C.J. Johnson. Later in the same opening quarter, Jarred Frasure put Pikeville's second score of the night in the books with a plunge from one yard out of the end zone. A conversion led Pikeville out to a 14-0 lead. Pikeville then led 21-0 before the host Tigers could get their first touchdown of the night.

Junior quarterback Shane Simpkins found receiver Ryan Jarrell on a 13-yard pass for a touchdown. Trailing 21-6 after the break, Simpkins cut the Panther lead to nine when he found another senior Justin Arms on a scoring pass from six yards away. The host Tigers cut the Panther lead to just eight points (28-20), before eventually falling.

Pikeville (8-2) and Paintsville (7-3) will each host home playoff games on Friday night.

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High school students can register for MSU

MT. STERLING — When Morehead State University holds pre-registration, Nov. 4-7, high school students may pre-register for a spring semester class at that time.

Among the 27 classes offered in Montgomery County will be several classes recommended for high school seniors who wish to get a jump-start

on their college education. While completing that last year of high school, students may enroll in a one, two or three hour tuition-free course on MSU's main campus, in Mt. Sterling or the West Liberty center.

The class listing includes courses in English, computers, fine arts and sociology.

To be eligible, high school students must have at least a 3.0 high school grade point average and approval from their high school guidance counselor. To complete the process, an admission/registration application form must be submitted and signed by the student's high school guidance counselor.

If you meet the criteria and are interested in taking a college course in the spring, complete the paperwork and register early during the pre-registration period. Classes begin on Monday, Jan. 13.

Additional information and application forms are available from Tina Stafford on the main campus by call-

ing (800) 585-6781 and select option 3; or from Louise Summers at Miller Community Center in Mt. Sterling, by calling (859) 497-8784 or 497-8735.

Anyone wishing to learn more about MSU's programs may check out the spring listing of classes online at www.moreheadstate.edu.

PROFILE

A View from the Hill

When I was a little girl, I used to love to watch my Sissy Melanie cheer at football and basketball games. You know how little girls are when it comes to their big sisters! As I watched her cheer all through high school, I wanted to be just like her.

When I became old enough, and after my constant persuad-



I went to my first college cheerleading tryouts in August 2000. I was nervous when I first arrived, but I soon felt like part of the squad. The staff was tremendously patient and nice to everyone trying out, which helped take the nervous edge off the situation.

ing, my parents took me to my first cheerleading tryouts. I had no idea what a huge impact it would have on my life. I began cheering when I was in the sixth grade and continued throughout high school.

As a senior in high school, I began thinking about which college was the right one for me. I considered many factors when making my decision: cost, location, academics, and athletics. I

was torn between two great colleges in Kentucky, Pikeville College and a rival college in the Mid-South Conference. Both schools were excellent according to my criteria, but at Pikeville College, I knew some of girls on the cheerleading squad because I cheered with them in high school. At the other college, I didn't know anyone. So, after a lot of contemplating, I chose Pikeville College, knowing it was the best choice academically and athletically for me.

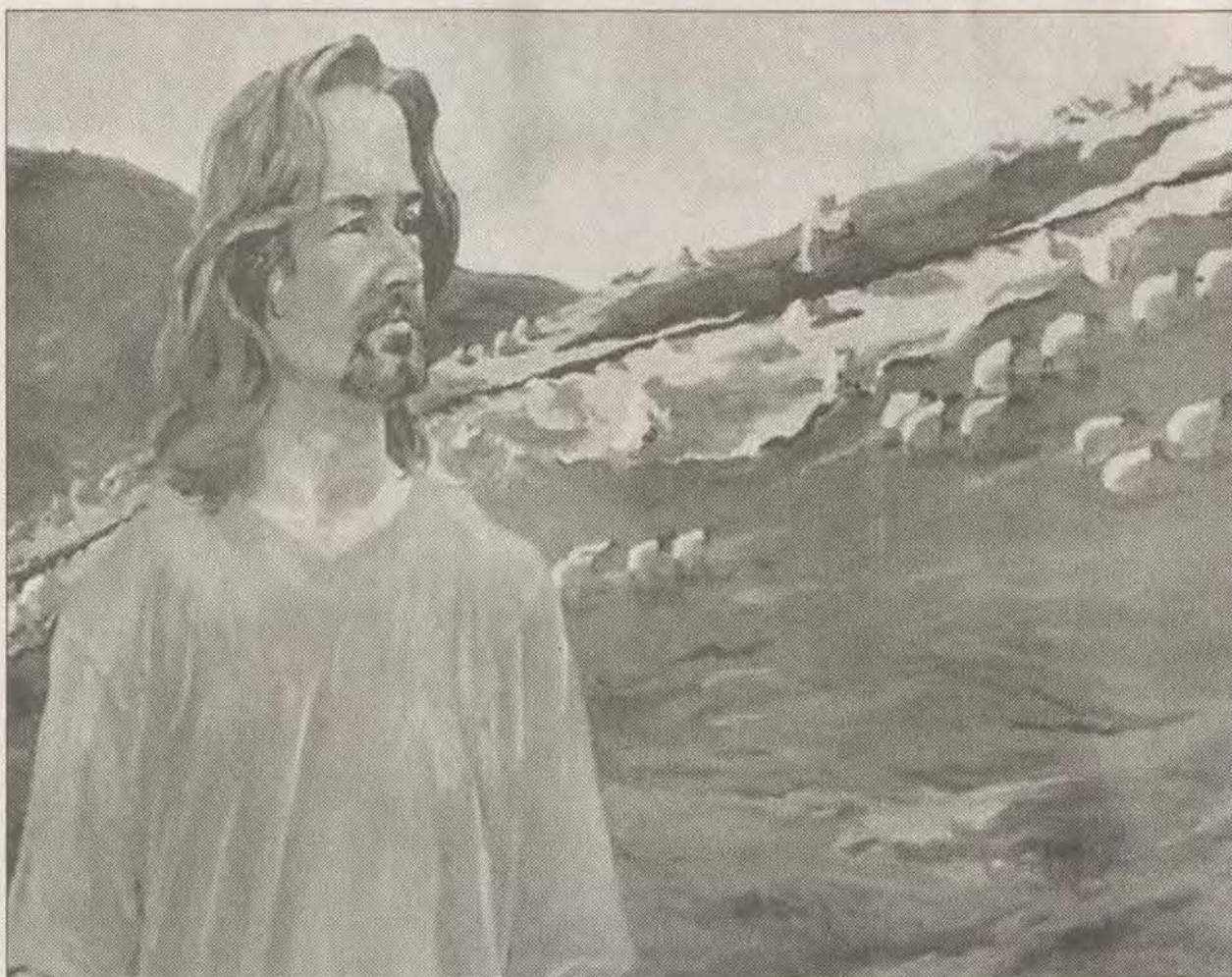
I went to my first college cheerleading tryouts in August 2000. I was nervous when I first arrived, but I soon felt like part of the squad. The staff was tremendously patient and nice to everyone trying out, which helped take the nervous edge off the situation. When it was my turn to tryout, I kept telling myself that I would do fine. I'd done this cheer 10 times before and one more time wouldn't be impossible.

After everyone tried out, we nervously waited for the results. When Kellie Coleman, the cheerleading sponsor, announced that I had made the squad, I wanted to let out every emotion I was feeling. I couldn't believe I was a college cheerleader.

During my first year at Pikeville College, I was fortunate to cheer for the men's basketball team which won the

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PCC ART GALLERY



Now on display at the Prestonsburg Community College Art Gallery is "Two Views." The exhibit showcases a variety of works ranging from collages to watercolors. The local artists responsible for such fine works are Peggy Wells and Catherine Wells of Johnson County. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. You are also welcome to attend a reception for the artists on Thursday, Nov. 7, beginning at 5:30 p.m. until 8 p.m.

MOREHEAD STATE UNIVERSITY

Morehead research grant

MOREHEAD, Ky.—A new federal grant will help a Morehead State University researcher continue his work in nuclear physics.

Dr. Ignacio Birriel, assistant professor of physics, has been awarded a \$22,500 grant from the National Science Foundation's Kentucky EPSCoR (Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research) to study "Shape Changes in 81Sr at High Angular Momentum."

Dr. Birriel is observing the various

shape changes and reactions that occur when the nuclei of atoms are bombarded by energetic particles.

"Many people think of a nucleus as a stable sphere, but a nucleus can assume a number of different shapes, such as prolate (football-shaped) or oblate (discus-shaped), depending on the energy acting upon it and the speed at which its particles are rotating," said Dr. Birriel.

Expanding on data he gathered in previous research, Dr. Birriel is using

strontium 81, or 81Sr, as the subject of his study, but he said his findings will be useful for explaining the forces at work in the nuclei of many elements. Strontium is a soft metal similar to lead.

"The applications of this research could be far-reaching, especially in the fields of medicine and geoscience," said Dr. Birriel. "Determining what causes these shape changes, how nuclei react to different stimuli and even what

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CAMPUS CONNECTION

Educational giving — a good business



Jean Dorton greets scholarship recipients.

Prestonsburg Community College and Mayo Technical College held their second annual scholarship reception Oct. 25 at the Wilkinson Stumbo Convention Center at Jenny Wiley Resort Park.

The evening was a success as scholarship recipients and donors gathered to meet one another and enjoy the delicious appetizers that were served.

Bob Bayes, president of Classic

Bank in Paintsville and chairman for the foundation board, introduced special speakers. Those speaking included two students from Prestonsburg Community College, two students from Mayo Technical College, Dennis Dorton, CEO of Citizens National Bank, and Peggy Blankenship, owner of Realty One in Inez, both scholarship donors.

The reception was very touching as recipients were given the opportunity to convey their appreciation and thankfulness for their scholarship. As eyes were focused on the podium a feeling of pride and accomplishment filled the room as students expressed the hardships and obstacles they had overcome to achieve an education. Their words no doubt made each donor feel thankful that they were able to aid in the success of students.

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PRESTONSBURG COLLEGE

Awards luncheon held at PCC

ARTICLE SUBMITTED BY
LINDA LYON, MAYO TECH

On Thursday, October 24, 2002, Prestonsburg Community College and Mayo Technical College were honored by the Kentucky Community Education Association when they recognized the following individuals, programs, and projects for their outstanding achievements during the 25th Annual Awards Luncheon.

OUTSTANDING ORGANIZATION -Local or State Level

Presented to an agency, organization, or institution that has exemplified support and service in the development of community education. The organization may be nominated for ongoing support or for a one-time innovative program or project.

■ Minimum requirement: one year of demonstrated involvement.

■ Prestonsburg Community College and Mayo Technical College - Eugene Blackburn, David Pelphrey, Harold Burton and Jackie Bowling.

■ Nominated by Beverly Crisman, Floyd County Community Education.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

Presented to an individual who has exemplified, promoted and supported the community education concept and philosophy in the nation.

■ Minimum requirement: at least five years of outstanding leadership in community education.

■ Louise Summers - Montgomery County Community Education.

■ Nominated by Kathy Belcher, Boyle County Community Education.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE -Community or State Level

Presented to a community education professional who has exemplified outstanding community- or state-level leadership in the development of community education.

■ Minimum requirement: three years of service in the person's current position and demonstrated leadership in community education.

■ Donna Arnzen Dahmann - Boone County Community Education.

■ Nominated by JoEllen Bentley Mitchell, Pendleton County Community Education.

CITIZEN LEADERSHIP -Community Level

Presented to a citizen volunteer who has provided leadership and rendered

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HCC TALENT

19th Hole Dedication

A dedication ceremony was held for the 19th Hole, an outdoor garden and picnic area named in honor of the late Virgil Lykins, an avid golfer who had served as admissions counselor at Hazard Community College. The area is located behind the First Federal Center at the Hazard Campus. Those

attending the ceremony are shown above, from left: Meegan Fields (daughter of Virgil), Debbie Lykins (wife), Donna Smith, and Tammy Adams. Tammy, sister of Debbie Lykins, works

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Get your home ready for winter

by SAMANTHA MAZZOTTA
KING FEATURES SYNDICATE

Homeowners often wonder why they should winterize their homes. Isn't the installed insulation in the attic enough? Unfortunately, attic insulation is just the beginning. Stopping room

drafts and preventing your pipes from freezing will save money in heating and repair bills, and keep you comfortable and safe.

Even in climates where cold weather is a rarity, a little extra insulation goes a long way. So, although you may be enjoying a warm Indian sum-

mer at the moment, schedule a weekend to prepare your home for the winter months ahead.

Bring in outdoor equipment. Wash lawn furniture and store it in a dry place, empty and clean the barbecue grill, and put away sports equipment. Clean gardening and work tools — rub

a coat of linseed oil into wooden handles and a light coat of all-purpose oil over metal surfaces, and hang the tools, handles down, from a rack.

Start insulating your home by replacing screens with storm windows and doors. If the weather gets bitterly cold in your area, place weather strip-

ping along the edges of the windows and across the sash. If the glass in older windows rattles loosely or you can feel a draft blowing underneath them, seal them by placing a thin bead of insulating caulk along the inside

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Medicare AND YOU



Donna R. Morton
Medicare Beneficiary
Outreach Coordinator
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Q Does Medicare cover my costs if I am in a clinical trial?

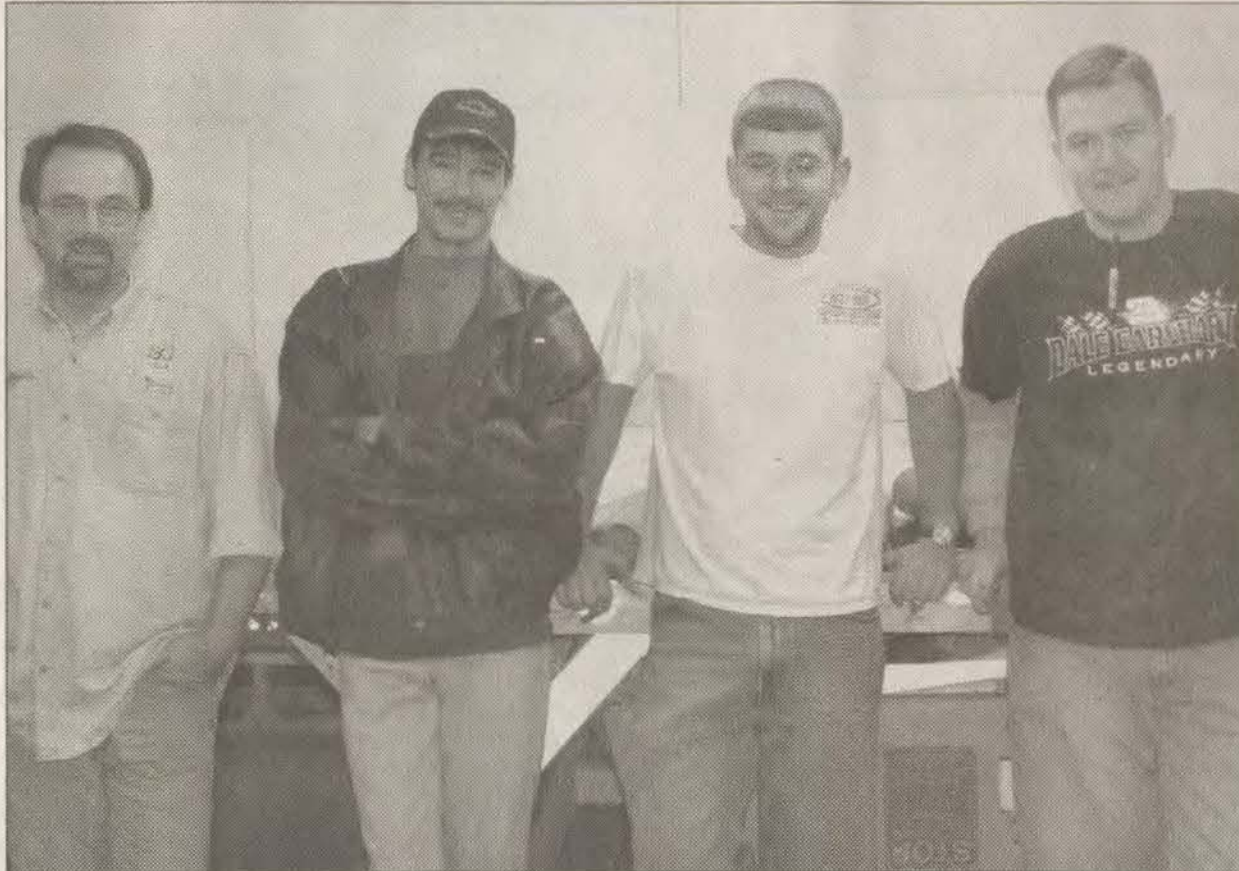
A Yes, Medicare pays for routine costs if you take part in an approved clinical trial. Clinical trials test new types of medical care, like how well a new cancer drug works. Clinical trials help doctors and researchers see if the new care works and if it is safe. It is important for you to ask what costs you will have to pay before signing up for a clinical trial. For more information about clinical trials, get a free copy of Medicare and Clinical Trials (CMS Publication No. 02226). Call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) and select option "4". You should get your copy within three weeks. The fastest way to get a copy is to look at www.medicare.gov and select "Publications".

Q Does Medicare have privacy practices in place to protect my personal medical information?

A Yes. By law, Medicare is required to protect the privacy of your personal medical information. Medicare is also required to give you notice to tell you how Medicare may use and disclose your personal medical information held by Medicare. The law gives you certain rights in asking Medicare how/ to whom your personal information is disclosed or to request a copy of

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AROUND FLOYD COUNTY



C&S Signs and Graphics employees, pictured from left to right, Tim Van Dine, Dave Clark, Donald Blackburn and Bryon Marsillett, have a new website.

photo by Steve LeMaster

C&S SIGNS

— Nearing completion of website —

by STEVE LEMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG — C&S Signs and Graphics is nearing completion of its website. Graphic designer Dave Clark, a C&S employee, heads the site's construction and maintenance.

"We want to provide a site where our customers and potential customers can go online and see our work," said Clark. "By going online to our site they'll now be able to order merchandise without stepping foot in our store."

Clark and other C&S staff members have worked on the site for just over a month now, Clark expects the site to be fully complet-

ed by the end of the month.

"There's still a few things we have left to do with the site," said Clark, "but its over halfway completed with several things already offered on there."

People can now schedule window tinting and other services on the site. The site also lists C&S staff members and personnel along with product listings and store information.

Tim Van Dine, the shop's manager, echoes Clark's outlook and vision concerning the now active website.

"Our main goal is to allow people the opportunity and the convenience of ordering graphics, other merchandise, and services online,"

Van Dine said.

Another feature of the site is a guestbook for use by all visitors. At press time, the site already had nearly 1000 hits.

C&S is currently offering banner ad space on its newly created site. The sign and graphics business is also willing to do trade outs with the ad space with other area businesses through their web sites. One area business with a banner ad currently displayed on the C&S site is Thunder Ridge Raceway. In fact, it is the first such ad. C&S Signs is located at 605 North Lake Drive in Prestonsburg.

On the Net:
www.candssigns.net

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REGIONAL

More Mikrotec customers means more money for schools

In a repeat of last year's promotion, Mikrotec has donated over \$13,000 to schools in Kentucky and West Virginia, nearly twice what was donated last year at this time.

To celebrate the beginning of the school year, Mikrotec once again donated \$10 to the school system of the customer's choice for each new customer signing up during the promotion, which stretched several weeks. With hundreds of new customers signing up during the period, schools throughout Mikrotec's large service area reaped the rewards.

According to Paul D. Gearheart, vice president of Mikrotec, the internet service provider offers user-friendly internet access and cutting edge technology, so it is only natural the company would want to help local school children prepare for the future.

"Kids just naturally benefit when quality matters most," Gearheart said.

SATELLITE TELEVISION

Kentucky joins lawsuit to block proposed satellite TV merger

FRANKFORT — Attorney General Ben Chandler announced that Kentucky has joined a lawsuit filed today in federal district court in Washington, D.C. to block a proposed merger between the only two nationwide direct broadcast satellite television providers.

Chandler, the Antitrust Division of the U.S. Department of Justice, and the attorney general of 22 other states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico, brought the lawsuit against EchoStar Communications Corp. and Hughes Electronics Corp. Missouri is the lead state on the lawsuit.

Chandler said the merger of EchoStar and Hughes would violate the Clayton Act, a federal law that prohibits anti-competitive practices, by taking away consumer options and placing the market for DBS customers in the hands of one corporation.

"This merger would hurt Kentucky families," Chandler said. "Over a third of Kentucky homes do not have access to television cable and must rely on satellite services if they want more television channels. The proposed merger would eliminate competition in the satellite television market and many families in rural Kentucky could face limited choices and higher prices as a result."

The lawsuit was filed today in U.S. District Court in the District of Columbia and names EchoStar Communications

"Dish Network and DirecTV compete with each other on many levels to attract consumers to switch from cable, including offering special packages of channels and discounts on services, installation and equipment," Chandler said.

Reports show decline in poverty

by BOBBY ROSS JR.
ASSOCIATED PRESS

The number of counties classified as "economically depressed" in historically poor Appalachia is expected to drop about 25 percent next fiscal year, Appalachian Regional Commission officials said Thursday.

"It shows that Appalachia is still a region on the move and that the work of the commission remains an excellent investment for the nation," Tennessee Gov. Don Sundquist, the commission's co-

chairman, said in a statement.

The ARC's boundaries spread beyond Appalachia's mountain core to encompass 410 counties in 13 states ranging from New York to Mississippi. The federal government created the commission in 1965 to help the region solve persistent economic problems. Its work includes building roads to open the mountain region to economic progress.

The ARC plans to spend \$6.8 billion over the next 20 years to build 500 miles of roads in the most isolated areas of Appalachia.

Individual states will contribute \$2 billion to the effort.

The commission also has invested in a five-year, \$20 million initiative in entrepreneurship.

ARC officials meeting Thursday in Maryville, Tenn., said the number of counties designated as economically distressed will fall to 91 in fiscal year 2004, down from 121 in the 2003 fiscal year, which started Oct. 1. Thirty-two counties will be removed from the distressed list, while two will be added.

Since the commission's creation, only about 100 counties have

been permanently removed from the distressed list, officials said. The designation is based on poverty rates, unemployment rates, and per capita market income.

Distressed counties have poverty and unemployment rates that are at least 150 percent of the national averages and per capita incomes that are no more than two-thirds of the national average.

The overall poverty rate in the region fell to 13.6 percent in 2000, down from 15.4 percent in 1990.

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Bankruptcy Filings



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at Bank of Hindman. Funding for this project came from friends and college employees. During the ceremony, several former col-

leagues and friends spoke of the contributions Virgil made and how he would have very much enjoyed the 19th Hole.

Luncheon

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exemplary support and service in the development of community education in the community.

Minimum requirement: one year of demonstrated involvement.

Mrs. Vivian Foe - For her outstanding contributions and dedicated community service, both locally and on state level.

Nominated by Debi Wade Jordan, Bowling Green Ind. Community Education.

MULTICULTURAL LEADERSHIP AND INVOLVEMENT-Local, State, or National Level

Presented to an agency, organization, institution, or individual who has demonstrated a commitment to promoting, developing, and nurturing leadership opportunities in community education for persons of diverse ethnic and/or cultural backgrounds.

Minimum requirement: one year of demonstrated involvement.

Black Parents and Friends - JoEllen Hale.

Nominated by Gina Johnson - Harlan County Community Education.

STATE ASSOCIATION LEADERSHIP

Presented to an individual member of a state community education association who has had a significant impact on community education at both the state and national levels.

Patrice Jones - Jessamine County Community Education.

Nominated by Louise Summers, Montgomery County Community Education.

YOUTH LEADERSHIP-Community Level

Presented to a high school junior or senior or college undergraduate who has provided outstanding service and leadership to his or her local community through service/service learning activities through schools, agencies, community groups, or religious organizations.

Minimum requirement: a sustained commitment of at least 100 hours per year.

C. Miguel Carlin - Student volunteer, Boone County Schools.

Nominated by Donna Arzen Dahmann, Boone County Community Education and Megan Randle - Student volunteer, Carter County Schools.

Nominated by Shelly Steiner, Carter County Community Education.

OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO STATE LEGISLATION-State Level

Presented to an individual

The following is a list of bankruptcy cases filed with the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky in Lexington from Oct. 25 to Nov. 1.

Pikeville Division

Chapter 7

Under Chapter 7 bankruptcy, a court-appointed trustee sells assets and the debtor is discharged of debts.

Anthony M. Castle and Michelle L. Castle, of Prestonsburg.

Felicia Robin Mullins, of

Meally.

Timmy Porter and Eva M. Porter, of Royalton.

James E. Cline and Rebecca A. Cline, of Steele.

Lartha A. Tackett, of Stone.

Sherman Brown and Thelma Brown, of Stanville.

David Tuttle and Karin Tuttle, of McDowell.

James Andrew Justice and Sara Justice, of Virgie.

Brenda Conley, of Salyersville.

Gregory Vanderpool, of Salyersville.

Max Fearn and Martha Fearn, of Ivel.

Robert Horn and Deborah Horn, of Warfield.

Christopher Meeks, of Inez.

Don Neace, of Belfry.

Tunis Slone and Brenda Slone, of Pikeville.

Ricky Spears and Tonia Spears, of Weeksbury.

Sandra Tackett, of Beaver.

Claude W. Watson and Barbara Watson, of Isom.

Thomas Eugene Miller and Kristie Lynn Miller, of Prestonsburg.

Mark Randolph Justice and Jamie Nanette Justice, of Raccoon.

Pauline Caldwell, of Nippa.

David W. Moore and Shonna L. Moore, of Martin.

Jane Ann Parmeter, of Salyersville.

Hughes Thomas Ballard, of Paintsville.

Tony R. Herald, of Hindman.

Donna Dahmann - Boone County Community Education.

REGION V

Summer Adventures in Learning, an interactive two week summer program for children aged 5 through 11 designed to enhance their geography, math, writing skills and social studies through a road rally concept.

Patty Crittenden - Franklin County Community Education.

REGION VI

Safe and Drug Free School grant, to implement a violence reduction/prevention program that targets at risk children in grades K - 8th.

Gina Johnson - Harlan County Community Education.

REGION VII

Jr. Pro Basketball/Cheerleading Sports Program, a community volunteer program that provides safe and structured activities for 220 children from four elementary school, Owingsville, Bethel, Salt Lick, and Owingsville Christian that stresses good conduct and attitude.

Angela Beadle - Bath County Community Education.

REGION VIII

Eastern Kentucky Service Learning Institute, a three county community education collaboration and partnership with Prestonsburg Community College that provided professional development in Service Learning teaching methodology for Eastern Kentucky teachers.

Beverly Crisman - Floyd County Community Education.

Rosalind Stanley - Pike County Community Education.

Sue Brown - Johnson County Community Education.

Decline

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About 350 of the 410 Appalachian counties saw a decline in poverty.

The 2000 Census findings — combined with updated unemployment and per capita market income data — will allow the commission to move 32 counties in nine states off the distressed list, the ARC said.

But ARC officials cautioned that much work remains.

They noted that analysis based on the 2000 Census does not take into account the recession and "substantial plant closures in many of these counties" since then.

They also said many of the counties were only marginally outside the distressed designation and remained highly at risk.

"We must keep this special effort ... alive and well until the job is finished," said Jesse L. White Jr., the commission co-chairman.

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Dennis Dorton encouraged those who would like to make a difference in the communities to do so by contributing to the Big Sandy College Educational Foundation.

"Educational giving is good business," Dorton said. "After listening to students tell how their lives have changed because of a scholarship, I know it is worthwhile. You not only benefit the scholarship recipient, but you directly impact the family of that individual and that impacts the community."

Dr. George D. Edwards, college president, was very pleased with the attendance at the reception and plans to continue this newly begun tradition.

"I feel that scholarship recipients should be given the opportunity to meet those who make scholarships possible as well as for the donors to see the lives that have been changed through giving," Edwards said.

If you would like to contribute to the education of our future you may do so by contacting Jean Dorton, Director of Institutional Advancement, at 888-641-4132 or locally at 886-3863, ext. 350. Think of the dreams that have come true, the tomorrows that have been changed, and the futures that look so much brighter all because of the difference that one scholarship has made.

Remember to look for Prestonsburg Community College and Mayo Technical College on the web at www.big sandy.kctcs.edu.

Jerry L. Lucas of Juanita Lucas, of Whitesburg.

Boliver B. Sexton and Jeanette Sexton, of Isom.

David A. Sexton and Lisa M. Sexton, of Isom.

Howard J. Collins and Angelia R. Collins, of Whitesburg.

Robert E. Parker, of Pikeville.

Ronnie Joe Meadows and Greta Rene Meadows, of Shelbyana.

Dale Sarlouis and Willia Mae Sarlouis, of Cromona.

Carolyn Vanover, of Thornton.

Chapter 11

Under Chapter 11 bankruptcy, a business restructures debt

and continues to operate.

The Mike Brown Company LLC, of Paintsville.

MRC Materials LLC, of Paintsville.

Chapter 13

Under Chapter 13 bankruptcy, the debtor arranges to repay debt.

Sammy D. Noble and Angela S. Noble, of Emmalena. Jerry David Meade, of Salyersville.

Bruce Cool, of Pikeville.

Leonard Fannin and Christina Fannin, of Oil Springs.

Gary L. Johnson and Brenda Cheryl Johnson, of Leander.

Von Lee Feltner and Pamela Kaye Feltner, of Hazard.

Merger

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Corp.; General Motors Corp. and its wholly-owned subsidiary, Hughes Electronics Corp.; and Hughes' wholly-owned subsidiary, DirecTV Enterprises Inc. as defendants. EchoStar offers DBS services through Dish Network.

"Dish Network and DirecTV compete with each other on many levels to attract consumers to switch from cable, including offering special packages of channels and discounts on services, installation and equipment," Chandler said. "Without the competition of two DBS providers, that incentive to offer lower prices and better customer service is gone."

Chandler added it would be extremely difficult and expensive for any new DBS competitors to enter the market, and that there are no DBS frequencies available that cover the entire continental United States so a competitor could offer a nationwide service.

"Most consumers would be left at best with a choice of one cable and one satellite provider," Chandler said. "A merger to a duopoly — which is what would occur here — has never been allowed by the

courts in situations where it is difficult for new competitors to enter the market. The courts recognize that duopolies create an environment where there is a substantial risk of higher prices because of opportunity and incentive to collude to increase prices. This proposed merger reduces competition in cities as well as rural areas."

Earlier this month, the FCC announced that it would object to the application of EchoStar and Hughes for a license transfer. That objection was based on FCC regulations and is a separate action from the lawsuit using federal antitrust law brought by the Department of Justice and the states.

The group of states named in the lawsuit who are opposing the EchoStar/Hughes merger includes Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, Kentucky, Maine, Massachusetts, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nevada, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Texas, Vermont, Washington and Wisconsin, in addition to the District of Columbia and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

Ready

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edge.

Insulating foam is an easy way to stop drafts from entering through the gaps in light switches and power sockets. Remove cover plates and spray carefully on either side of the socket; the foam expands rapidly, and using too much will result in a lumpy mass of sealant oozing out of the wall gap. If this happens, use a butter knife or putty scraper to lift away excess foam. This stuff dries quickly, so be prepared.

Insulate pipes by wrapping them in thick insulating tape (available at hardware and home improvement stores). The most vulnerable pipes are those close to the outside of the house, the basement or crawl space. Wrap the tape around the pipes, leaving no gaps for freezing air to get through.

Double your pipes' protection by closing off outdoor spigots as the gardening season ends. Turn off the feed to outside pipes, if possible, and drain the remaining water from them. Seal the spigot handles by wrapping a piece of wire around them or installing a spigot lock. An insulated spigot cover is available from Duck, which specializes in winterizing products.

As winter approaches, shut off unused rooms to save on heating costs. Close the heating vents inside the rooms and shut the doors. If you use an extra room later for guests (say, around Christmas), open the door and heating vent the day before they arrive.

Double-check attic insulation and repair any damaged or deteriorated areas. Fix roof leaks. Have the fireplace and chimney inspected and cleaned to allow more efficient heating and prevent chimney fires.

And one warning: Don't seal off vents in the attic or along the eaves. These are a crucial part of the airflow system inside the house. Seal these off, and you'll soon have a serious moisture problem — along with mold, mildew, allergies and illness.

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Mid-South Conference tournament and eventually went on to Tulsa, Okla., to play in the national tournament. We cheerleaders were there to cheer on our team. No one expected us to go as far as we did in the tournament. Pikeville College made it to the Final Four, only to be defeated by Faulkner College who eventually won the national title.

During the trip and the practices, the whole squad developed a bond that will last forever. We are each others' best friends and do everything together. We laugh together, cry together, and yell together. I am honored to say that I am a Bears' cheerleader.

Ashley Sayers is from Lick Creek and is a junior at Pikeville College majoring in biology.

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happens when the nuclei break down is paramount to understanding, for example, medical imaging such as PET scans and nuclear energy."

He plans to publish his findings early next year and apply for more funding to continue his research.

A native of central Pennsylvania, Dr. Birriel received a Bachelor of Science degree in physics in 1991 from Lebanon Valley College in Annville, Penn. He received a Master of Science degree in physics and his Ph.D. degree in nuclear physics from the University of Pittsburgh.

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your personal medical information held by Medicare. These new privacy practices become effective April 14, 2003. More complete information about the "New Notice of Medicare Privacy Practices" can be found on pages 50-52 of the Medicare and You 2003 Handbook. If someone in your house has Medicare, a copy of the handbook will be mailed during October or November 2002. Single copies may be requested by calling 1-800-MEDICARE.

Have questions about Medicare? Call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227), TTY/TDD 1-877-486-2048 (toll free for the hearing impaired), or visit www.medicare.gov on the internet.

STOP!

You've cleaned out your attic, your basement, your garage and now you're ready to host a garage sale. Before you proceed, follow these signs for placing the type of classified ad that will help turn your event into a best-seller.

Be sure to include in your Garage or Yard Sale ad...

- WHAT.** Describe the type of sale you're hosting. Is it mostly household goods? Nursery furniture? Apparel?
- WHEN.** Give dates and time of sale, and rain date information.
- WHERE.** Where the sale will be held, with directions or phone number for directions.



4 WHY. Reason for sale, especially if it is a "moving" sale, since these tend to attract more customers.

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Donna's Day

Creative family fun

by Donna Erickson

"I can make it myself" snack art

The next time you hear the midmorning "I'm hungry" groan coming from your preschoolers, say: "OK. It sounds to me like it's time to eat some art!"

When they need a snack break, your kids and their friends can "make it themselves" with healthy ingredients full of nutrition. With this creative approach, it's just as much the making as it is the munching



DAVID LAROUELLE

that puts smiles on their faces.

As the youngsters sit around the kitchen table, have these basic combinations of ingredients on hand to stir up their imaginations and appetites.

COMBO 1: SCULPTURE ART

Decorate whole bananas with apples, pretzel sticks, raisins, dried cranberries and miniature marshmallows. Use peanut butter or your favorite flavored cream cheese as "glue."

Let the kids peel their bananas and set them on a plate. Trim the banana with a butter knife to form an alien creature with cranberry eyes, a bug with spiky pretzel legs poking out the sides, or a race car with round apple-slice wheels and raisin headlights.

It's also fun to make geometric shapes and alphabet letters across your plate with extra pretzel sticks. An "L," "T," "V" and "Z" are easy, but you'll have to nibble off the ends to form most of the rest!

For toddlers, stack a simple mini-banana sandwich. Guide them as they spread peanut butter and real fruit jam on a vanilla wafer cookie. Add a banana slice and top with another cookie.

COMBO 2: PARFAIT ART

Use clear, tall drinking glasses to layer colorful ingredients. In small bowls, set out foods such as dry cereal, granola, coconut, sliced strawberries, blueberries, chopped apples or pineapple chunks. You'll also need some yogurt or pudding. Kids can spoon the layers to make patterns of color and texture. Top with an animal cracker for fun.

Sippable snacks: While the kids create, they'll enjoy sipping juice or milk from personalized straws. Cut 2-inch squares from an index card. Put a different sticker on each one or print the child's name in the center. Punch holes at opposite ends and poke the straw through to hold it in place. This is a fun way to identify cups when friends are over.



Main-dish salads with an oriental flair

When you want to change your menu routine, perk up the family's palate or need something different, think substantial salad. Today we have two that meet those needs.

First, a fragrant rice salad is unique in its preparation. Asparagus is briefly simmered in fresh-gingered water, then shrimp is cooked in the same ginger-infused water. An herby, gingery dressing is sparked with naturally brewed soy sauce, such as Kikkoman.

In the second recipe, a healthful veggie salad, spinach, cauliflower and avocado are tossed with a dressing of red wine vinegar, teriyaki baste and glaze sauce, dry mustard and oil.

With Asian overtones, either may be a side or main dish you can proudly serve the family or guests.

GINGERED RICE SALAD

1/2 cup chopped fresh cilantro
1/4 cup chopped fresh basil
1/4 cup vegetable oil
2 tablespoons minced red onion
3 tablespoons naturally brewed lite soy sauce
3 tablespoons lime juice
1/4 teaspoon grated fresh ginger root
1 cup water
2 cups fresh ginger root, each about 1/4-inch thick
3/4 pound fresh asparagus, trimmed and cut into 2-inch pieces
3/4 pound medium-size shrimp, peeled and deveined
3 cups cooked long-grain white rice

Combine cilantro, basil, oil, onion, lite soy sauce, lime juice and grated ginger in large bowl; set aside. Bring water and sliced ginger to boil in large skillet; cover and simmer 2 to 3 minutes, or until asparagus is tender, yet crisp. With slotted spoon, remove asparagus. Stir asparagus into soy sauce mixture; set aside. Return ginger and water mixture to boil. Add shrimp; cook, stirring 2 minutes or until pink. Drain shrimp and cool slightly; discard ginger. Combine shrimp and rice with asparagus mixture, tossing together to coat evenly. Cover and refrigerate 1 hour to allow flavors to blend. Makes 4 servings.

SPINACH & AVOCADO SALAD

2 bunches fresh spinach, washed, stemmed and drained
1/4 head cauliflower
1 ripe avocado, seeded and peeled
1/4 cup red wine vinegar
1 tablespoon Kikkoman Teriyaki Baste &

Glaze
1 teaspoon dry mustard
1/2 cup vegetable oil

Tear or chop spinach leaves into bite-size pieces. Separate cauliflower into small flowerets; add to spinach in medium bowl. Cut avocado into slices; add to bowl, tossing to combine. In small bowl, beat vinegar, teriyaki baste & glaze and mustard with fork or wire whisk until well mixed. Gradually add oil and continue whisking until well-blended. Pour over spinach mixture, tossing

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THE CHOPPING BLOCK

by Philomena Corradeno

Apple harvest perfect

You might not think that spinach and apples go together — but one bite of this ultra-easy salad and you'll quickly change your mind!

SPINACH APPLE TOSS

8 cups fresh spinach leaves, stems removed and discarded
1 cup cored, unpeeled and sliced

Red Delicious apples
1/4 cup bacon bits
1/2 cup fat-free mayonnaise
1/2 cup unsweetened apple juice

In a large bowl, combine spinach, apples and bacon bits. In a small bowl, combine mayonnaise and apple juice. Add dressing mixture to spinach mix-

(See **FOODS**, page five)

Comfort foods

Made fast and healthy

by JoAnna M. Lund

Dear Diane... Learn Responsibility

DEAR DIANE:

I was sentenced to 60 days in jail. While I have been in jail, my girlfriend, with whom I have a 4-year-old daughter, has cheated on me with three different men. When I confronted her about what she's been doing behind my back, she lied and denied it. Then, she said it was my fault that she cheated on me. I still love her, but don't know what to do. She is living with my family, and her lies are hurting everyone around her. I am coming home soon, and I want to help her. What should I do?

— DISTURBED IN DELAWARE

DEAR DELAWARE:

I would consult with a lawyer to see if you can sue for custody of your daughter. Then I would kick that woman to the curb and tell her that until she grows up and learns to be a responsible mother and wife, she won't see her daughter again. That should turn her around real quick. Sometimes tough love is the best love.

And another thing: If you really want to be a good father to your little girl, stay out of jail and get your act together, too. Your girlfriend was wrong to cheat on you, but you didn't hold up your end as a father when you got yourself arrested.

Dear Readers:

This next letter is in response to my advice to a reader who was being terrorized by her neighbor's Yorkshire terrier, "P-Diddles." I suggested she use her garden hose to repel the angry pooch from her front porch.

Hi Diane,

I just read your reply to "At Bay" regarding her next-door neighbor's dog, P-Diddles, and found your advice very savvy and humorous. I passed this sage bit of knowledge around my address book on the Internet so they could benefit as well.

Just wanted you to know, that we here in beautiful Peachland, British Columbia, never miss good tidbits like this in our TV guide.

— Kathy W., via e-mail

DEAR KATHY:

It's always a treat to hear from my readers from the Great White North. Thanks for writing.

Feet turn beet red in bed

DEAR DR. DONOHUE:

I have a strange thing that happens to my feet while in bed. They become hot and turn beet red. I do keep my bedroom quite cold, and I have to use blankets even on the warmest nights. This is something that started last winter and still continues. What is going on? — A.K.

ANSWER:

Erythromelalgia (ee-RITH-row-mel-AL-gee-uh) fits your description.

It's a condition where the feet become hot and turn red when they become warm. Typically, people experience the changes when they are in bed with their feet under blankets.

Have you tried sleeping with your feet uncovered? Do so. That might be the only treatment needed.

Taking an aspirin 30 minutes before going to bed and soaking the feet in cool water 15 minutes before going to bed can sometimes



by Paul G. Donohue, M.D.

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Chicken Soup for the Soul: Swinging for respect

Sheila A. Bolin

(FROM "CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE VOLUNTEER'S SOUL")

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Down the hospital corridor, screams of delight could be heard as children eagerly awaited their turn to hit the brightly colored tennis balls. With each smash, another child's laughter was heard as it echoed against the sterile walls.

On this particular day, our volunteer staff at Tennis With a Different Swing, Inc.(r) in Orlando, Fla., had traveled to a local children's hospital to work with children with prosthetic devices and those confined to wheelchairs. This unique rehabilitative program does not teach tennis but teaches

essential life skills, such as eye tracking and eye-to-hand coordination, to people with disabilities.

Like many previous sessions, volunteers paired off individually with each of the children. After receiving some minimal instruction on how to hold a racquet, our participants were then allowed to hit the ball. With each mighty swing, the children became more confident.

Then the inevitable happened.

As we handed out racquets, I heard a small boy's voice behind me.

"May I play, too?" he asked from somewhere. I never looked around to

see who was speaking to me, and just reached for another racquet, while assuring the child that everyone would be given the opportunity to participate.



Suddenly, I was facing an 8-year-old boy named Joey. Each volunteer stopped what they were doing and gazed at me, wondering how to handle this situation. While I turned in the direction of the racquet bag pretending to get a racquet, that was not my intention. Near the bag was a physical therapist from the hospital. "What do I do?" I mouthed to her like a mime in shock. "Should I give him a racquet?"

The physical therapist shrugged and

whispered to me, "I don't know. Joey has never asked to participate in any of the sporting activities since he's been here."

All the volunteers were stunned because I had just promised Joey — a boy in a wheelchair with no arms or legs, only small stumps where there should have been limbs — a chance to participate. Another staff member asked a nurse where his prosthetic devices were, and was promptly told, "Joey doesn't use them because he doesn't like them."

This precocious 8-year-old now embarked on teaching our staff a lesson in courage that we will never, ever forget. He was telling us that he counts. And to never ever say that a child can't.

Joey promptly rolled his wheelchair

over to me. He politely, but firmly, asked for the racquet. Before I could speak, he grabbed the racquet with the stub of his right arm and placed the handle under his armpit. With the stub of his left arm, he rolled the wheelchair to a far corner of the room. He placed his two leg stumps apart in the wheelchair to balance himself and ordered me to throw the ball to him. I immediately did what I was told. Everyone in the room looked on in absolute amazement as this fierce competitor firmly struck the ball.

However, I threw the ball in a wimpy way, trying not to hit Joey, and this did not sit well with him.

"THROW THE BALL HARD!" he hollered at me. A big grin emerged

(See **SOUP**, page six)

Books: "The Hydrogen Economy"

"The Hydrogen Economy"
by: Jeremy Rifkin
(Tarcher/Penguin Putnam, \$24.95)
Reviewed by Bob Vogel

Over the years, best-selling author Jeremy Rifkin has been called many things: gadfly, alarmist, malcontent.

In shaping federal policy, however, he's been called other things: futurist, visionary and revolutionary. Rifkin's detractors say he's Chicken Little.

Supporters say he's not afraid to say the emperor has no clothes.

His latest book, "The Hydrogen Economy: The Creation of the Worldwide Energy Web and the Redistribution of Power on Earth," is no exception. Rifkin takes us on an eye-opening journey to a future economy driven by hydrogen, not fossil fuels. Rather than one technology simply replacing another, he says, the wide availability of hydrogen as an energy source will rock our

political and social institutions in untold ways.

Rifkin illustrates what could happen when the world's supply of fossil fuels run out without a viable replacement. He points out that while total oil production is increasing, per capita consumption is increasing much faster.

But, Rifkin says, hydrogen will come to the rescue, but only if all the pieces are in place before the crude runs out. He envisions current peer-to-peer Web technology to be the distribution engine

for the hydrogen-powered economy, where consumers can be producers as well.

Just as the government designed the Internet with strategic vigor in mind, Rifkin says, peer-to-peer distribution means the new hydrogen economy will be robust as well as democratic.

While the first half of the book illustrates that the end of the reign of oil is closer than we think, the second half is a consoling reminder that a brighter future may also be that much closer.

Sam & Dave

explain it all to you

by Samantha Weaver and Dave Smith

DEAR SAM & DAVE:

I've been married for eight years, and I think my wife is sick of me. "Alexa" and I both work full-time, so we only get to see each other on evenings and weekends. In the past few months, she's suddenly acquired tons of outside interests that are keeping her away from home.

On Monday and Wednesday evenings she has aerobics, on Thursdays she takes a pottery class, and almost every weekend she spends at least one day volunteering for an adult literacy program. That leaves me with two evenings a week and one day on the weekend that I actually get to spend time with my wife. One of the reasons I got married was for companionship, and it seems like she's bugged out on the

A situation of abandonment?

whole deal. What happened?
— LONELY IN LOUISVILLE

SAM SAYS:

Let me get this straight: Your wife is helping the community, expanding her skills and getting in shape. And you have a problem with this? Most men get upset by women being too clingy, and you're bothered that she has a life of her own? Look, you need to realize that marriage doesn't fill all the needs that a person has. Even the most devoted husband or wife needs to have some outside social contact — and work doesn't count, believe me. That does not mean that she doesn't love you or that she wants to get a divorce.

I'm betting that her evening classes don't last until the wee hours of the morning; she's probably home before eight o'clock. That's plenty of time for the two of you to have dinner together, chat and maybe watch some TV

or a movie. Set up a weekly date night that is always reserved for an activity that the two of you can do together: dinner out, a play, a concert — whatever you both enjoy.

Another idea: Try planning a weekend getaway sometime. Reserve a room at a romantic bed and breakfast, and surprise Alexa with it. If you let her know well in advance, I'm sure she wouldn't have a problem letting the adult literacy program get along without her for one weekend.

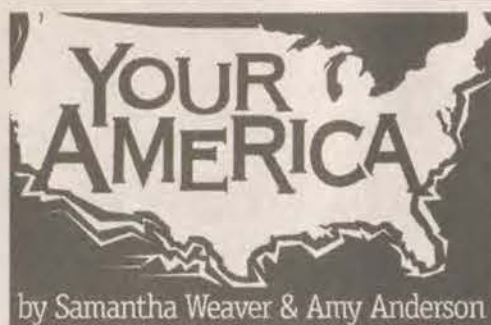
DAVE SAYS:

I don't think that you need to worry that Alexa is having an affair or has lost interest in you. What it looks like, to me, is that she is engaging in activities that contribute to her growth as an individual. Maybe after eight years, she feels like she is only part of a couple rather than a person in her own right. By taking classes and volunteering in her community, Alexa is reclaiming

herself. Sorry to get all Dr. Phil on you, but that's about the best way I can put it.

What I think you should do about the situation is this: Support her. Don't make her feel guilty about spending time without you. This will only lead to resentment. Who knows? In a couple months or years, you may get the urge to do something without Alexa, and you don't want her giving you a rash of grief about it, do you?

I know you miss the "companionship," but a spouse isn't a pet that you can expect to be around 24/7 just in case you need a buddy. You say she's out on Monday nights. Why not invite your friends — remember them? — over for a night of football or poker? In other words, don't look at this situation as an abandonment; rather, see it as an opportunity for you to maintain your friendships and maybe even a chance for personal growth for yourself.



by Samantha Weaver & Amy Anderson

Here's a look at what is going on in the month of November. Be sure to visit local harvest festivals and Thanksgiving activities in your town.

Waterfowl Festival in Easton, Md.

There's no ducking the fun here. On Nov. 8-10, you will find lots of fun family activities. For instance, there is a Family Wildlife Art Adventure, featuring a spread of creativity. Items include carvings and decoys, photography exhibits, as well as paintings and sculpture. And don't forget crafts. For the more physical of the group, try your hand at some of the demonstrations: retriever, shooting and fly fishing. And don't miss the World Championship Goose and Mason-Dixon

November festivals

Duck Calling Contest. All events are located in the town of Easton, Md. For more information log on to www.waterfowlfestival.com or call (410) 822-4567. All proceeds go to wildlife conservation.

Mule Day in Calvary, Ga.

Yes, you read that correctly: Mule Day. Held the first Saturday of November every year by the Lion's Club, this tiny town swells in population for this festival of arts and crafts and mules. You'll find: mule-drawn carriages, parades (with marching bands), syrup-making and cornmeal-grinding exhibits, six stages with a variety of entertainment from clogging and square dancing to traditional singers and bands, plus close to 500 arts and crafts vendor booths. And, a Mule show. Events are held in downtown Calvary, Ga., free admission and some free parking. For more information, call (229) 377-MULE.

Quad Cities Jugglefest in Davenport, Iowa

The motto of this fest, held Nov. 1-3 in Davenport, Iowa, by the Quad Cities Juggling Club, is this: "We'll teach anybody to juggle if they stand still long enough." That's good enough for me, especially considering that the entry fee to the myriad events — open workshops, juggling and unicycle competitions, exhibitions of fire eating and fire juggling — can be paid with a nonperishable food donation to the River Bend Foodbank. And that's not all: There will be a real live Vaudeville show at the Capitol Theater at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday. Otherwise, events will be held at the Davenport RiverCenter. This event hosts some of the country's top jugglers. For more information, contact (309) 755-8072.

In 1968 all airline stewardesses had to be single

■ In Iceland, alcoholic beverages were banned until 1989.

■ In one of the more hilarious studies conducted to date (J.M. Townsend and G.D. Levy, "Journal Of Psychology," 1990), women shown photographs of various men said they'd choose an ugly man wearing a Rolex over a handsome man in a Burger King uniform — no matter what the circumstances.

■ It was W.C. Fields who defined horse sense as "that quality which keeps horses from betting on people."

■ Everyone is familiar with the axiom, "If at first you don't succeed, try, try again." Less well-known, however, is its corollary: "If at first you succeed, try not to look surprised."

Strange BUT TRUE

■ Until 1968, all airline stewardesses had to be single — and in the early days, they were known as "Sky Girls," not stewardesses.

■ In Taiwan, if a man sends a woman 108 red roses on Valentine's Day, it's considered to be a proposal of marriage.

■ Have an idea for a book but are afraid it won't get published? It may make you more optimistic to know the titles of some rather improbable books that actually did

make it into print: "Build Your Own Hindenberg," "Collect Fungi on Stamps," "You Can Make a Stradivarius Violin" and "How to Eat a Peanut."

■ The New York Mets are one of the most popular baseball teams these days, but did you ever wonder why they're called that? "Mets" is short for "Metropolitans."

■ In 1789, members of the U.S. Congress made \$6 per day. In 1925, it was a little less than \$30 per day. In 1965, the daily pay rate was about \$82. Today, your congressperson is paid more than \$400 per day.

Thought for the Day:

"Charm is a way of getting the answer yes without having asked any clear question." — Albert Camus

Fitness Myths



From start to fitness by Kelly Griffin

The fitness world can be a confusing place, what with the high volume of information that can be heard in the gym, on TV, in magazines and on the Internet, it's important to separate fact from fiction. Too often, a "get-fit-fast" dream just turns out to be a get-rich-quick scheme. Many myths not only turn out to be downright discouraging when exposed, they can also be harmful.

Below are some classic fitness myths.

■ **No Pain, No Gain!** This saying is one of the oldest fitness myths around — and possibly the most dangerous. Thinking you should feel pain during or after a workout can cause overtraining and lead to injury. Exercise benefits should never be equated with pain. Your body can sustain the stresses placed upon it during exercise, but when taken to the extreme, those stresses can become too much for the body to handle. Stick with a balanced fitness routine that progresses slowly and safely.

■ **When you lift weights, you bulk up.** Not quite! Obtaining strong, balanced, functional muscles through strength training should be a goal in your fitness routine, no matter your gender. For women, this is extremely important due to the benefits

strength training has on conditions such as osteoporosis and facilitating reduced body fat. With the proper technique and workout structure (i.e., high repetitions, low weight), it is possible to develop lean, toned muscles without "bulking up." (Genetics does play a role in body structure and development, so if you are still worried, please consult a professional.)

■ **Abdominal exercises (crunches)** will give me a flat stomach. This myth has to be my favorite! Sorry, but there isn't a crunch, sit-up or ab machine in the world that can produce a "flat stomach." Only by combining the proper cardiovascular, strength training and nutritional programs can the abdominal area be strengthened and fat reduced that may be hiding the abs. With the rise in lower-back injuries (often due to an imbalance between lower back and abdominal muscles), the focus on strong, supportive and functional abdominals is top priority! (P.S. A flat stomach does not mean strong abdominals.)

Stay dedicated to your fitness routine, and research the "next great thing" before you try it. Gear your fitness routine toward overall fitness for everyday life!

Foods

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ture. Mix gently to coat. Serve at once. Makes 4 (1 1/2 cup) servings.

■ Each serving equals: 114 calories, 2 g fat, 4 g protein, 20 g carb., 555 mg sodium, 2 gm fiber; Diabetic Exchanges: 1

Vegetable, 1 Fruit, 1/2 Starch, 1/2 Meat.

Visit JoAnna's Web site at www.healthyexchanges.com

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Soup

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from his face as he commanded, "Throw it again!" Once more, this incredible 8-year-old boy hit the ball down the length of the room.

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Health

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control this not-uncommon reaction.

You should mention this to your doctor. In a few instances, erythromelalgia comes about because another disease process is taking place. One of those diseases is polycythemia, the disorder that arises when the bone marrow makes too many blood cells.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE:

I am an 86-year-old widow and was in good health until my husband passed away a year ago. The doctor gave me Aricept for anxiety. I read in the paper that Aricept is a waste of money, so I stopped taking it. What is your advice? — R.J.

ANSWER:

Aricept (donepezil) restores the brain's supply of acetylcholine, one of the brain's messenger chemicals. Acetylcholine is intimately involved in retrieving memories. Its primary use, therefore, is for people whose memory is fading, such as Alzheimer's patients. It is not a wonder drug, but it is not a waste of money.

Medicines designed more for anxiety and depression might be better choices for you. The loss of a spouse of so many years is both depressing and anxiety-provoking.

It's unwise to stop a medicine without conferring with your doctor first.

Readers can get the Alzheimer facts from the report on that disease. Write to: Dr. Donohue — No. 47W, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Enclose a check or money order (no cash) for \$4.50 and the recipient's printed name and address. Please allow 4-6 weeks for delivery.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE:

Does smoking lead to osteoporosis? Or is this just another tactic to scare people into not smoking? I am a smoker, and I am going to remain a smoker. — L.L.

ANSWER:

Smoking does lead to osteoporosis. Some theorize that nicotine hastens estrogen breakdown. Estrogen is essential for bone health.

Your attitude about smoking is not what can be called rational.

INFOLINK

The case against desktop themes

Many longtime Mac users who have upgraded to and taken a fancy to Apple's newest operating system, Mac OS X, appreciate its speed, ease of use and stability over previous versions of Mac OS.

But what they might miss is the ability to customize their desktop to the degree that they were able to before.

Before OS X, users could apply "themes" to their desktop — changing the look and behavior of just about anything and everything. Third-party utilities such as Kaleidoscope enabled an even higher degree of customization. In OS X, however,

users cannot even change the system font.

"Themes are dead," Apple CEO Steve Jobs is rumored to have proclaimed. Tastes for customizing notwithstanding, Apple's main reason for doing away with allowing interface hacks is a sound one: One of OS X's main selling points is stability. Who wants third-party extensions wreaking havoc behind the scenes?

Also, Apple wanted to maintain the brand integrity of its own "Aqua" interface, which OS X uses.

So, Apple closed its interface to developers. I, for one, agree

with the decision. Themes may not be "dead" — there will always be a few fan boys who get their yuks from making their computer look like something off the Starship Enterprise.

But anyone who has worked in tech support for a few dozen Macs knows how distracting and sometimes confusing some of these themes can be to someone trying to fix a machine.

Yes, I know, work is one thing, but in the privacy of their own homes, people should be able to customize their OS interface, right? But it's only window dressing to begin with, so how is it an expression of your

individuality?

Some critics have opined that after three years of development, OS X is still an "empty shell." But I like that "empty shell." And what's with the preoccupation with desktop customization — it's self-indulgent and sometimes downright pretentious. (If that's what floats your boat, don't despair: Third-party developers are devising a workaround, but they aren't getting any help from Apple.)

Apple doesn't have to explain why they risked alienating a vocal minority for the sake of improving the stability of its OS.

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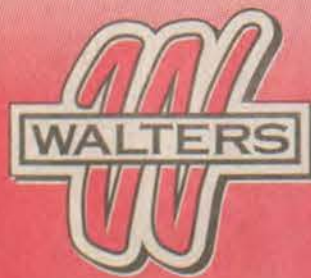
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**"They run like mighty men; they
climb the wall like men of WAR"**

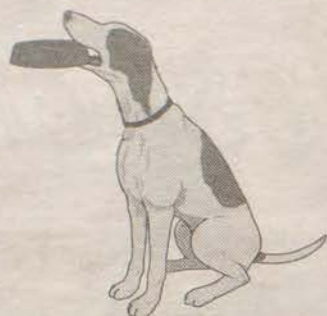
— JOEL 2:7



Kim's Korner

By Kim Little Frasure

one with food around here. Ummm! Oh, forget it. It was one of those instant thoughts that



flash. Desperate times call for desperate measures. Now here's the good part! Aren't we so lucky God didn't look into the big "cupboard" of this world and go, "I think I'll pick this one" (and then) "Yuck! I made a mistake making that one!"? Toss us to the back of the so-called "cupboard" of life and choose another. No, He doesn't nor would He do that! He made us all special and He sees the good in all, the **potential** in all (unlike me seeing no potential or any good in that can of tuna). He's always available to provide our every need. In this rush through life like the speed of light at which we travel, taking time to see the potential or the good in things or people for that matter is often missed. How thankful we must be that God isn't in a hurry with us! How thankful we must be that no matter how many times we mess up or miss seeing what's right in front of our eyes, He's right there, waiting, ready and willing to forgive, guide and bless! Yes, our Heavenly Father has blessed us with so very much.

After all, He gave Alexander Graham Bell the wisdom to invent the telephone, and me the wisdom to use it. Just like the author in the email I read, guess it'll be pizza for supper this

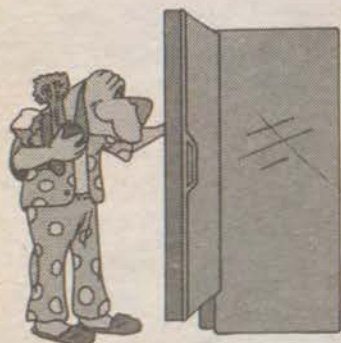


evening---delivered! And that is definitely a blessing!

Thank You, Lord. Seek and you, too, shall find. 'Til Next Issue, God Bless!



After reading an article recently received through an email, I couldn't help but relate to it in a major way. This full-time job leaves the ol' body too tuckered to shop for food at times. The hunt for something to fix for dinner was the topic of the article. Like the author, I also find myself searching the cupboards full of "stuff", yet nothing fit to prepare. For instance, there is a can of tuna, and I'm thinkin', "Yuck! Who bought that?!" A can of Vienna--oops! No crackers, though! Cream of something soup, but nothing possible to throw together. So I head to the fridge,



just as the author did. I, too, find plastic containers with little purple and green fuzzy things growing that I wish I hadn't! Ah, growing our very own penicillin! Is that illegal?

Oh well, out of luck in the old fridge. Nothing fit to put on the stove to prepare for a meal. So then it's to the freezer...maybe something there to pop in the oven. Yeah, right! Who could find it? Not enough time to dig and defrost. Then the thought of throwing together a can of this, a can of that---you know, like one of those potluck stews. It would be luck alright if there were just something to put in the pot! Seems as though Casey (our German Shepherd) is the only

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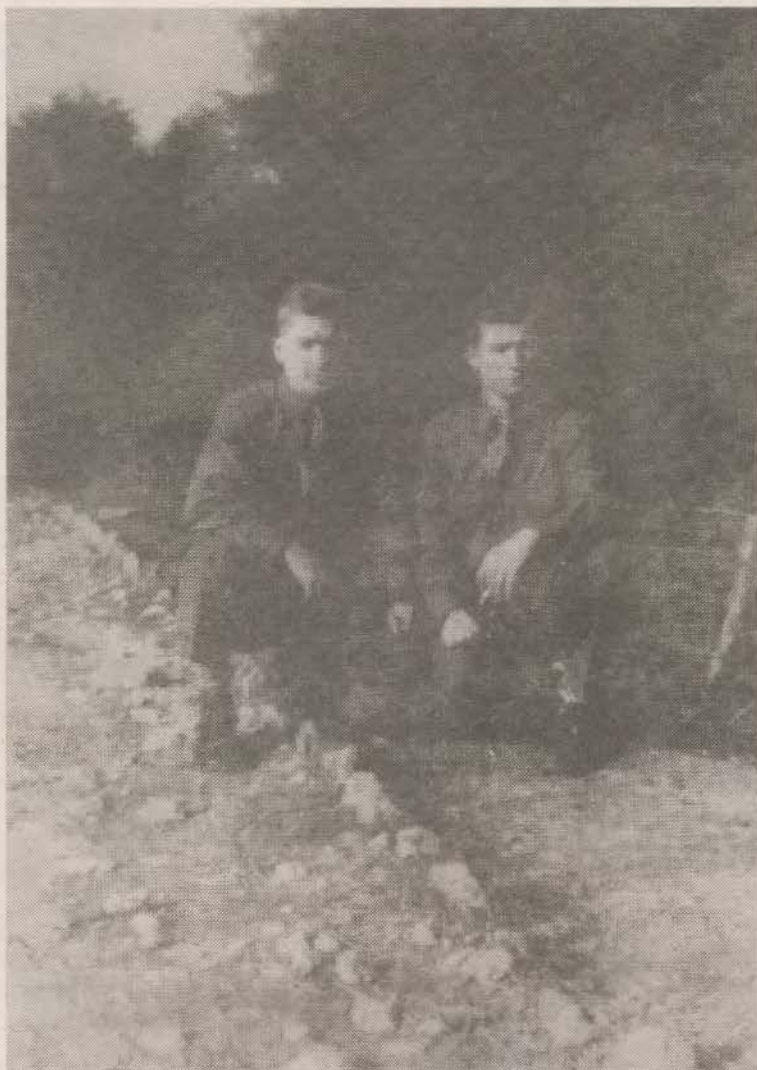
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Curt Colwell (right) WWII

memorable and most often repeated story of his time at war was during a visit from Eisenhower. Papaw said they sat underneath a tree shooting squirrels and sharing tales of one another's lives. He was so convincing in telling that this actually took place, I never attempted to doubt him.

Papaw passed away in November 1996. He left behind a legacy of love and pride for this country. He also left me his medals, which are treasured more than words can describe.

Another family veteran that is terribly missed is my step-father-in-law Alvin Fields. Alvin, like Papaw, used to sit and share his memories of his war days. He, too, seemed to share the good and humorous recollections of his time spent serving his country. During Alvin's funeral my mind

would wonder back to sitting in the wallpaper store hours upon hours and hearing him share his life

overseas

How blessed we are

to have had our loved ones return from service. To have those unforgettable memories.

This Veterans Day may you remember with hearts full of love and endless memories those whose bravery served our nation.

The following



poem is dedicated in memory of Curtis Colwell and Alvin Fields:

*Flags today in tribute wave
For those loyal ones who gave
Of their youth, their hopes,
their might,
For a cause they knew was right.
Morning bells sound their call,
Pause and say a prayer for all
All who served valiantly
That men might be ever free.
Toll of bells, drums' slow beat*

*Silence falls in every street.
In each heart swells the plea:*

*Keep us safe, but keep us free!
-John McCrae*

At 11 a.m. on November 11th in 1918, WWI ceased. On November 11th, many still bow their heads in remembrance at the 11th hour of this 11th day of the 11th month.

Please...continue to remember our Veterans.



Veterans Day

By: Kim Little Frasure

In 1919, President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed November 11th as Armistice Day to remind Americans of the tragedies of war. A law adopted in 1938 made the day a federal holiday. In 1954, Congress changed the name of the holiday to Veterans Day to honor all U.S. Veterans.

November brings a multitude of memories flowing each year, especially during Veterans Day.

My grandfather, Curtis Colwell served in WWII. I can remember vividly

sitting for hours upon hours listening to his stories of his time serving our country.


Papaw's stories were amusing and very interesting.

He never shared the horror, fear or pain he must have endured during those years. I suppose it was because I was a child, or maybe he just didn't want to remember those things.

The most

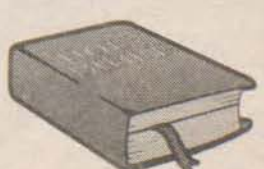


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Susan Says

By: Susan L. Mozena

Appreciating Your Pastor

A few weekends ago we celebrated "Pastor Appreciation Day" at church with everyone showing their thankfulness and appreciation of our pastor. It was very touching to see everyone from the oldest to the youngest letting our pastor know they held him and his wife in the highest regard.

It is a great idea that the Christian society has set aside a day especially dedicated to this showing of appreciation for pastors and their help-mates. It makes us focus on how important a good pastor is to their congregation and how thankful we should be in having such wonderful leadership. However, this time of showing appreciation need not be limited to one day a year! We need to be constantly letting those in leadership know we support them and love them and appreciate every effort they make to carry out God's calling in their lives and subsequently in our lives.

On this special day, Brother

Tim Osborne gave a sermon on supporting our pastor and his family. He started by teaching us about the importance and the awesome power of prayer. He gave several compelling examples where prayer was the undergirding and ultimately the power source behind many mighty movements of God in the pulpits of religious leaders such as Billy Graham. It showed a very interesting pattern in these ministries where large numbers of people were saved, with that pattern being that each of those



ministries were strongly supported by prayer! Even though I know that prayer is powerful, it never ceases to amaze me how wonderful God is when He answers in such a mighty way!

Having pointed out how these evangelists had been so effective in their ministry because of their congregation and others praying fervently for them, he then reminded us that our own pastor and his family need our prayers

for this same purpose...not just some of the time or once a year on "Pastor Appreciation Day", but every day and every hour. He stressed the fact that if our pastor were to be as successful as possible in the ministry for God, it was up to us to support him with our prayers. To illustrate this, he told of Moses, the "pastor" of the Israelites during their years in the desert after being rescued from Egypt. They were attacked by the Amalekites and had to go into battle against them. During the battle, Moses stood upon a hill above the battleground and when his arms were raised with the staff of God in his hands, the Israelites would be winning, but when his arms would drop after growing too tired to hold

them up any longer, the Amalekites would gain the advantage. That was when Moses' supporters came into play. Aaron and Hur had come up onto the mountain with him and when their leader grew weary, they set him down on a stone and helped to hold his arms up so their people would be victorious. (Exodus 17:8-13) This shows how vital it is for our leaders in the church to be protected and uplifted physically,

mentally and most importantly, spiritually in our prayers if he and we are to be victorious.

As we all know, Satan is forever searching for weaknesses or chinks in the armor of God's children, especially those who are in leadership. What easier way is there to subvert the flock than to take down the shepherd? Tim read some startling statistics from a Fuller Theological Institute study concerning pastors, such as some pastors thinking that being in the ministry had a negative effect on their family, that a large percentage did not feel like that had any close friends, that many of them felt they had a *lower* self-image now than when they first went into the ministry, that some felt that being a minister put their family in jeopardy, and that some felt inadequate or ineffective in their role of pastor. The disquieting statistics go on, but the few listed here surely do point out how stressful and oftentimes, lonely it can be for a pastor.

He also pointed out how the congregation can add unnecessary stress to the pastor by bickering among themselves, being unkind and unjust toward each other, quarreling or grumbling over the way things are run or having the same old problems with no resolutions being brought to him time and time again. The pastor seems to wear a number of hats, ranging from leader to organizer to counselor. It brought into perspective just how complicated

and frustrating it can be to hold this position. What a responsibility! Do we then add to his headaches and sorrows when we bring petty stuff to the table? Things we could deal with on our own or with God in prayer? Yes, there will always be things we need to ask our pastors to pray about or help us with and they will gladly be there to assist us, but let us ask God for a wise and discerning heart in which matters we need to bring to the pastor and which matters we need to bring directly to God.

This sermon just brought home to me the fact that even though we tend to think of our pastors being so strong and seemingly impervious to the darts of the devil, the sting of the world and sometimes the prick of insensitive church members, they are very human under that ministerial cloak. It is true most of us are blessed to have a very strong person in the Lord as our pastor, but that doesn't mean they do not feel all the stresses of life, just as we do. They can feel all the hurts and pains of this world, just as we can. They can cry and maybe even feel depressed and defeated at times. Just because they have chosen to serve God as a pastor doesn't mean they are super human. It means they have accepted one of the most awesome responsibilities there is! They work hard at trying to teach and guide us and carry out the vision God has given them. But they need our help and our backing, just as Moses needed Aaron and Hur so that the "congregation" of Israelites could carry out God's plan. So just remember to be kind and supportive and loving toward your pastor and his/her family. Pray for God to guide them and give them wisdom in all matters and to lead their congregation as God would have them to and to be anointed with the Holy Spirit to bring God's word forth boldly and effectively. Most importantly, remember that our pastors need our prayers and the protective hedge that only God through His Spirit can afford. Pray for it and make it happen for them. Protect them for their benefit and your own for Satan is trying his best to bring our pastors down!



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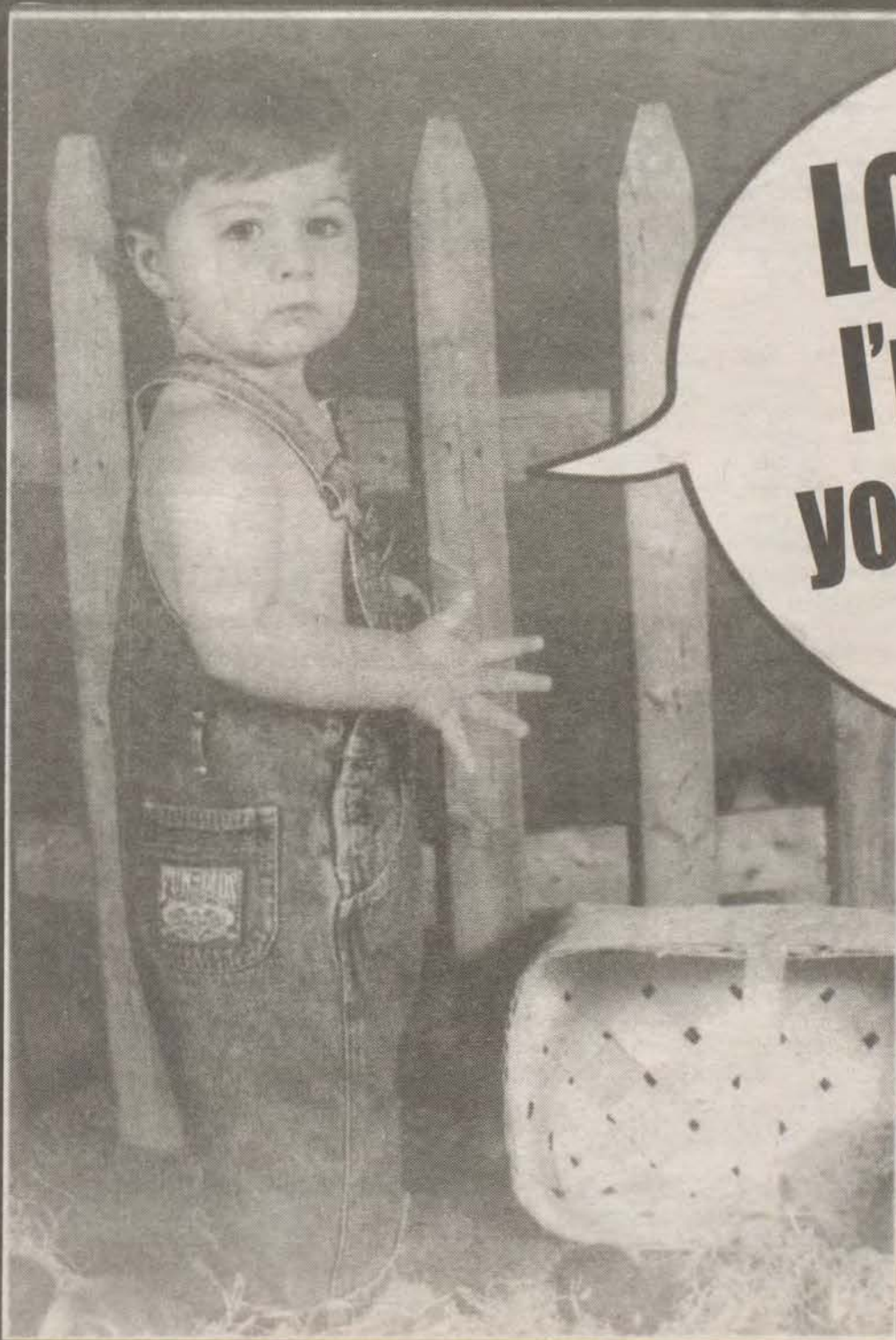
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Evangelistic View

By: Evangelist Gary Williamson

Who Is Supposed To Do The Preaching? (Part Three)

God is waiting for the preachers to come forth and preach the Gospel. It is worth noting that this word is used in a singular and plural sense. The word Gospel covers from Matthew, chapter one to the end of the book of Revelation. The word Gospels is used for Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. We will look at the Greek word for Gospel. It is *evangelion*, which originally denoted a reward for good tidings. Later the idea of reward was dropped and the word stood for the good news itself. You hear the words used often in talking about the Gospel. Thank God for the Good News that Jesus came to the earth to offer Himself as a sacrifice for

sin and that anyone who receives Jesus as their Savior will inherit eternal life. Now that is the Good News! Now all we need to do is go out and preach these glad tidings about being born again and living for Jesus. What should we preach? I alluded to this earlier. Of course, the answer is whatever God tells you to! Would there be anything that would have a top priority with God to be preached? Most definitely! If the person to whom the Holy Spirit sent you or had you meet was unsaved, you would preach eternal life to them, making it very clear that they can only come to this promise from God by receiving Jesus as their Savior. John 14:6 says, "Jesus saith unto him, 'I am the way, the truth and the life; no man cometh unto the Father but by me.'" God will instruct you by the Holy Spirit what to say as you speak to the person about becoming born again. The Holy Spirit will guide you in all types of preaching about the Bible, whether it be healing, deliverance or salvation. Let us look at some powerful scriptures about the latter.

Romans 10:8-13 says, "But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth and in thy heart; that is the word of faith, which we preach; that if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto

salvation. For the scripture saith, whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed. For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."

You have maybe heard someone say that they don't know how to preach salvation. The Holy Scriptures gave us a beautiful blueprint to follow in the preceding scriptures. It is not complicated to become saved and Romans 10:9 and 10 show that it doesn't take a long prayer to do it. Who can be saved? Romans 10:11 gives a profound answer to that question. It simply states whosoever believeth. The enemy (Satan) doesn't want the saints going out and preaching salvation. But he is a liar and we as saints should not listen to him.


First John 4:4 is for every saint who thinks they cannot do something. Tell the devil to shut up! Why? "Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world." And another good scripture for keeping you strong is Philippians 4:13, which says, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." The following scriptures have a lot of emphasis placed on who is supposed to talk to the lost about being saved in Christ.

Romans 10:14, 15 says, "How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in

him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent? As it is written, 'How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!'" Romans 10:15 is a prophecy that is partially fulfilled here. It won't be fulfilled completely until the Millennium, when Jewish missionaries will go and tell people that Christ is reigning in Zion.

Isaiah made this prophecy in Isaiah 52:7. Paul makes it clear here in Romans 10:14 and 15 that we are supposed to go and preach. He makes a profound statement about how shall they preach, except they be sent. Besides what Paul said here, what would be another good reason to go to the lost? Matthew 9:37,38 says, "Then saith he unto his disciples, 'The harvest is plenteous, but the labourers are few. Pray ye

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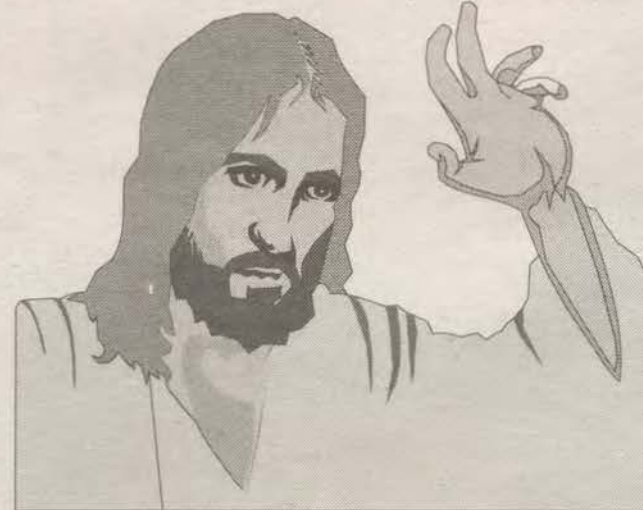


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therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest." The harvest is souls that are lost without a savior. God is calling the saints to preach to them. I pray we heed the call

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The Pastor's Wife

By: Ramona Aiken

DEPRESSED? GOD'S PEACE IS THE ANSWER!

Upon request, I have decided to resubmit this article that I wrote on depression from last year. You know, so many people in our world today battle with depression, and we need to realize that God is the answer. If I had not realized that the devil was just trying to kill, steal, and destroy my mind, I would not have had the victory over the depressed state I was in. Praise God, He delivered me from the snares of the devil! I hope this article helps someone in some way to be victorious through Jesus Christ!

And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Phillipians 4:7

My mind was screaming, "Someone, please help me!" I was in a deep, dark pit of depression, and I felt as if there was no way out!

In 1993, I found myself just about as low as anyone could get. My family had experienced many deaths of close family members for approximately 3 years. These people were born again Christians, and they were victorious! They had overcome death and the grave and were celebrating around God's throne, but I found myself sinking deeper and deeper into a pit of total despair.

My grandmother was the first to leave this world and receive her heavenly reward. She had been perfectly healthy until the week before she passed away,

Mammy, which is what we called her, had taken the flu. She was so sick that we decided to take her to the emergency room. They admitted her because she also had fluid around her heart.

The next day Mammy got worse, and we were called to the hospital. She informed us that she was going home to glory. She said, "I'm going to be skipping on those streets of gold shortly!" The angels carried Mammy heavenward four days later.

I knew Mammy had just received the greatest reward ever, but I began sinking into a depressive state. I loved her and missed her desperately, and I can remember thinking, "I just need you here, Mammy! Why did you have to go and leave us?"

After my grandmother passed away, we started losing other family members. My mother's only sister passed away from a massive heart attack, and her husband followed her six months later.

Just a few short months later, my mom's only brother developed congestive heart failure. He also developed pneumonia and died shortly after. I began to feel that everyone I loved was dying! Four close family members were gone, and they were so dear to me! I thought, "Lord, what else can happen?"

My dad was the next one to develop an incurable disease. He was diagnosed with a rare form of lung cancer. During the same time frame, my mom was diagnosed with uterine cancer. I didn't know which way to turn! I was devastated! I thought, "Lord, I can't deal with losing two of the most important people in my life! How can I bear to watch them deteriorate before my very eyes?"

Daddy was bedfast in no time. It was terrible watching him gasp for every breath he took! The last four months of his life he was hospitalized, and you could hear him trying to breath way down the hallway from his room! I felt so helpless, and my strength was waning. And that was one of my problems! I should have

been drawing from God's strength, not mine! His word tells us plainly in Second Corinthians 12:10 "when I am weak, then he is strong."

Every time we would go to see my dad, he would ask us to pray that God would take him home. He would say, "Brother Paul, pray that tonight will be the night God calls me home." We would pray with him, and each time, another piece of my heart was being torn from me!

We were finally called to the hospital for one last time. As we entered the room, Daddy embraced me and said, "Oh, my baby girl! Honey, sing for me. I want you to sing *It's So Peaceful In The Arms Of My Lord*." He tried to help me sing, but he was so tired. Only God gave me the strength to sing to my dad that night. Peace finally came to Daddy's tired, pain-wrecked body. Although I knew he had just conquered death and was in Heaven, I began sinking deeper into the terrible pit of despair!

The same week that my dad was put to rest, the doctors informed us that my mom's cancer had spread to her lungs! He wanted to do chemotherapy and radiation treatments, but my mom refused. She said that what time she had left on earth, she wanted quality of life, not quantity. She had already suffered through radiation therapy once, and she decided she would not have any more treatments!

That was when the anger that had built up inside me just exploded! I was angry with God! I was angry with my mom for not wanting the treatments! I was angry with my dad for leaving me! I was angry with my children and with Paul, and I didn't even know why! As the old saying goes, "It was the straw that broke the camel's back!"

As the days began to pass quickly, I spent every waking moment with my mom. I wouldn't leave her alone, ever! I spent as much time with her as I possibly could, and I kept praying, "God, please heal my mom!"

Day after day, I sank deeper

and deeper into despair! I reminded God daily that Mark 16:18 said, "We shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover." I had everyone I could think of to come and pray with Mommy, but she continued to deteriorate before our very eyes! Every time someone would pray for her, she would say to me, "Ramona, I know God hears and answers our prayers. He is taking care of me. I'm a winner either way you look at it. If He heals me, then I'm healed. If He takes me home to glory, I'm healed!" She had so much faith and peace, but I had no peace!

The doctor finally told us that Mommy had a very short time to live. The tumors in her lungs were huge! He told us he couldn't understand how she was even breathing!

This news sent me over the deep end! I was so angry, and the devil saw this as a prime opportunity to try and destroy me! All I wanted to do was to die first. I thought if I were dead, then I wouldn't have to watch my mom suffer anymore!

I began to sink lower and lower into that terrible pit! I didn't want to get out! I wanted everyone to leave me alone! I couldn't pray anymore! I was like a zombie doing my daily chores! When I was with Mommy, I always wore a big fake smile plastered on my face, but inside I was a wreck!!! I just wanted my life to end!

Eventually, Paul recognized I needed help, and I needed it desperately! He took me to a doctor who recognized the deep depressive state I was in. Immediately she hospitalized me and entered me into a stress management program.

For three weeks I listened day after day to the therapists telling me the same things I had learned in college while earning my teaching degree. I would think, "I already know this junk! Why are they making me do these classes anyway? I just want to be left alone!"

During my stay at the hospital, little did I know that God was working mightily! He had a hedge of protection around

me, and he was not going to allow Satan and his cohorts to destroy me! There were churches praying for me everywhere, not to mention my mom and my family! I was blessed with a young nurse that was on fire for God, also. She and her husband were youth directors at a local church, and she recognized immediately that Satan was trying to steal my very being! She began to gradually help pull me out of that terrible pit of depression that had held me captive for so long!

She began talking to me about the deaths that had occurred in my family, and I gradually began to see the light at the end of that pit! That Christian nurse began helping me to see that "all good and perfect gifts come from God above", but Satan wanted to destroy me. She also made me realize that, because my family members were Christians, they were victorious!

I slowly began to ascend out of that destructive pit I'd made for myself. Scriptures began returning to my memory, such as:

"We are more than conquerors through Christ Jesus!" Romans 8:37

"God will be with us always, even unto the end of the world!" Matthew 28:20

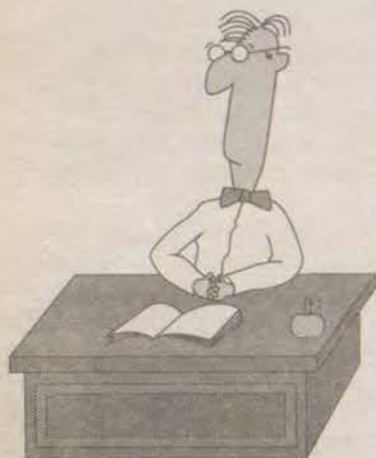
"To be absent in the body is to be present with the Lord!" 2 Corinthians 5:8

God has given us the keys to His Kingdom, and "Whatever we bind on earth shall be bound in Heaven!" Matthew 16:19

"God does not give us the spirit of fear, but of love, peace and a sound mind!" 2 Timothy 1:7

I came to the stark realization that Satan had almost destroyed me, totally! I began rebuking him and asking God to restore unto me the joy of my salvation! I knew His word said that "The joy of the Lord is my strength" Nehemiah 8:10, and I began to pull from that strength.

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Kingdom Keys

By: Richard D. Hackworth

"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven." (Eccles. 3:1)

Well, my dear readers, another key to achieving the inheritance of the kingdom God has promised us as in last week's article is knowing when the time has come for things to end. This is the 30th and last article for *Kingdom Keys*. I must say I have enjoyed writing for this paper. I have been blessed beyond my wildest expectations and I hope I have let those blessings flow through my fingers while composing for you. This could be a rather long summation article, and I pray that not much will be edited for sake of advertising. I do plan on rewriting, revising and reorganizing these 30 writings and expanding them into some type of book, so be on the look out for it!

Hebrews 11:1 says, "Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen".

What does your faith say to you? What does your faith tell you, in other words? My faith tells me that we have inherited the kingdom of God and it is at our fingertips to be used and blessed with. All we have to do is use the keys to the kingdom that Lord Jesus left us with as described in Matthew 16:19. Here is a summation of the keys I have discovered and I am living proof these keys work to unlock the door of heaven where God's blessings can rain down upon you.

First my faith tells me that Jesus must be Lord of your life.

That is the initial lock that must be opened. As a matter of fact, that is the only lock that God will not open for you. You must totally make that decision on our own.

My faith tells me that one must be humble. Scripture simply states it all. The exalted shall be humbled and the humble shall be exalted. Let me tell you this, no one can exalt you like God can. No matter how hard you try to exalt yourself, you will fall sooner or later. Let your actions speak for themselves and give God the credit for your successes.

My faith tells me we must study the scriptures and speak the word of God. When these words are applied to your life, you develop power and authority in the spirit realm. My faith tells me that the spirit realm is the real world anyway, since our spirits live forever either in heaven or in hell after our life here on Earth is finished.

My faith tells me that one must be a good steward of all that we have been entrusted with. Just remember God owns the universe and everything in it. We are only stewards over our possessions. What we do with them we will answer for, while alive on Earth as well as when we kneel before the judgement seat of God. **My faith also tells me that I can live tremendously better on 90% of my income than 100% of my income.** Think about that for a while.

My faith tells me we must be forgiving. We can harbor no ill will toward anyone for any reason. Simply speaking, God will not forgive us unless we forgive others. Vengeance is the Lord's, not ours. I have seen God's vengeance come upon people who wronged His children many times. This only happens when these children pray for those who persecute them and try not to gain vengeance themselves.

My faith tells me that we must strive for the kingdom as Jesus said to do in Matthew 6:33. By striving for the kingdom, God sees our effort and rewards us accordingly. Do not ever strive for possessions, because all those will be given once the kingdom is achieved.

My faith tells me that we must always keep a vision and be

diligent to achieve that vision. My vision now is to turn these writings into a book. God says the thoughts/visions of the diligent tend only to plenteousness (Proverbs 21:5). Unless we have a vision or goals in our lives to attain, we become stagnant.

My faith tells me that we must be good listeners. Listening to the voice and leading of God in our lives. I know many Christians who cannot hear God because they are always talking. Just shut up for a while and listen.

My faith tells me that we always reap what we sow. Sow discord, worry and strife and that will be your harvest. So watch your actions. Sow positive seeds in your spirit.

My faith tells me that we must have a giving spirit. I myself have some problems in this area. I tithe and offer, so that is not my problem. I do like the possessions God has blessed me with and I find myself not wanting to loan them. I realize the reason probably is because everyone is not the steward that I am. So remember if you borrow something from someone, treat it like it belongs to God Himself, because the bottom line is, it does belong to God because everything does.

My faith tells me we must love. We must love all people, even the ones we do not necessarily like. I know that is a hard concept to swallow, but if you are living and enjoying the kingdom, you can do this. The greatest commandment is to love God with heart, soul and mind and to love your neighbor as yourself.

My faith tells me that we must be prayerful. Now that does not mean we all need to be intercessors. All that means is that we constantly talk and commune with the Lord. Ask Him for advice. Laugh with Him when you do something stupid. Treat Him like the "best friend" that He is.

My faith tells me that we need a church home and family. While it is O.K. to search for a church, one must be chosen "for better or for worse" before you can enjoy the blessings of the kingdom. Think about that.

My faith tells me that we must be submissive to authority. Trust



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that God is watching the people in authority over you and that they will be held accountable for anything that they do wrong. You will simply be blessed for being submissive to them, even if you suspect they are doing wrong. Example: "I will not give my apportioned tithes because the leaders of the church are spending it wrongly." Simply go ahead and give and pray for those over you. You will be blessed and they will be humbled.

My friends, I cannot finish this article by summation of all the keys I have discovered. I cannot even say that the ones mentioned are more important than the ones I did not mention. If you wish, just go to <http://pub21.ezboard.com/bthepoverofprayer> and read the articles for yourself. It has been my privilege to serve you these past several months. Look for the book in the future. I want to write it for the Kingdom and not for myself. I do not intend on any profits whatsoever to come to me. Until then, may God bless and keep you.

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Prays that Richard
will receive all of the
keys that God has
to offer!

Farewell Richard



Praise Him

OVERCOMING CANCER AND GIVING GOD THE PRAISE!

Having overcome her own battle with the potentially terminal disease of ovarian cancer, Terry Dutton now dedicates herself to providing comfort and aid to others suffering from cancer.

Terry, who is my sister, is an awesome person to just sit and talk with. In the spring of 1999, as she was preparing her high school seniors for final exams, Terry was diagnosed with cancer. She had been unusually fatigued for the previous several months, but thought it was nothing but fallout from the typical end-of-the-year rigors.

In addition to feeling run down, Terry was puzzled by pain she was experiencing when taking her dog, Lucky, outdoors. Each time she would take Lucky outside, he would jump into her right side, which caused severe

pain. (Months later, Terry read in several medical publications that some believe dogs are able to detect cancers with their acute sense of smell.)

Terry eventually went for a physical, and shared with her doctor the strange pain she was having in her right side. After many tests were performed, and especially the CA125 blood test, it was confirmed that she had ovarian cancer.

Terry had 3 tumors on her right ovary and she said, "I had no clue there was a tumor growing there. It was growing unbeknownst to me for six months."

By the time surgery was performed, 2 of the tumors had ruptured. The doctor shared with Freddy, Terry's husband, and Chris, Terry's son, that survival for her was as low as 20%. Freddy, who is the pastor of West Side Freewill Baptist Church, said, "It was so devastating! I didn't even know if she would make it home from the hospital!"

Terry began chemotherapy within 2 weeks of the surgery, but she says that it was her faith and trust in God that brought her through. She said, "I would get up every morning and go through a ritual. I would read my Bible, and then I would read from a daily devotional called *Streams in the Desert*. I would listen to your tape, Ramona, with the song *Master of the Wind* and *I Found The Lilly In My Valley*, and I knew I was healed. I would read every healing book that I could find. My faith in God was what got me through all those months of chemotherapy. He just gave me a peace, and I knew I was going to be okay!"

After completing 5 months of chemo treatments, Terry decided to have a second surgery to ensure the cancer had not spread.

In just a little over 3 years, Terry shares, "The whole thing is faith, hope and love. That's how I got through it."

Terry now volunteers at the James Cancer Center where she underwent her treatment. She said, "I knew I had to use my recovery as a positive way to

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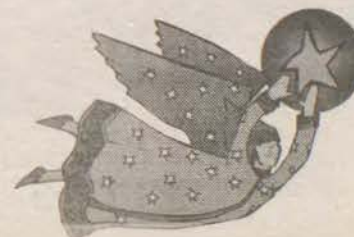
help others. I believe that everything you're faced with is for a reason, and this was just a natural thing for me to do as a means of helping other people cope with the disease of cancer."

As we talked about her days of volunteering at the hospital, Terry said, "The one big thing that helped me through the treatments was the support I was given. I was engulfed with their love because they came forward when I really needed them. So, naturally, I'm going to take that and give it back."

"The majority of people just want somebody to talk to. They need help and support, and that's what I try to give to those faced with their cancer treatments. Also, I try and share my faith in God. I tell them that His word

says that, "By His stripes we were healed." Terry ended by saying, "My faith in God has just been strengthened more than ever before! I truly believe that we're not going to leave this earth until we have finished what we have to do here first."

Terry is definitely a remarkable woman! She has been and will always be a blessing to me just by being my sister! I love you, Terry. Keep up the good work!
Ramona Aiken



(Cont. From Pg. 7)

God totally turned my life around! God's love, and the love of my family and friends, helped me to face my fears! I was even able to sing my mom's favorite song at her funeral with my dear friend, Zina Goble, standing near by and supporting me.

That ordeal was 9 years ago. It made me realize that depression is a serious medical condition that needs to be addressed as such. I still battle with depression from time to time, but I know that God hears and answers my prayers. "He is faithful and just to those who believe," 1John 1:9, and I ask him daily to keep me safe by the power of His dear Son, Jesus!

If you feel yourself sinking into a pit of despair, ask God to carry you through. In Isaiah it says that, "we are actually engraved into the palm of God's mighty hand!" *Isaiah 49:16* When he sees us hurting and in despair, his big hand of protection closes around us! That's where we remain safe and secure.

When I look back on that time in my life, I know that I was enveloped in God's protection. I think so many times about the song my dad asked me to sing that night he was being carried on wings of angels to glory, "IT'S SO PEACEFUL IN THE ARMS OF MY LORD!"

Until next time, may God richly bless you all!
Ramona Aiken



Answers for this issue.

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Sorry, Wrong Address!

It's wise to remember how easily this wonderful e-mail technology can be misused, sometimes unintentionally, with serious consequences. Consider the case of the Illinois man who left the snow-filled streets of Chicago for a vacation in Florida. His wife was on a business trip and was planning to meet him there the next day. When he reached his hotel, he decided to send his wife a quick e-mail. Unable to find the scrap of paper on which he had written her e-mail address, he did his best to type it in from memory. Unfortunately, he missed one

letter, and his note was directed instead to an elderly preacher's wife, whose husband had passed away only the day before. When the grieving widow checked her e-mail, she took one look at the monitor, let out a piercing scream, and fell to the floor in a dead faint. At the sound, her family rushed into the room and saw this note on the screen:

Dearest Wife,

Just got checked in. Everything prepared for your arrival tomorrow.

PS. Sure is hot down here.



Southern Nativity Scene

In a small Southern town there was a "Nativity Scene" that showed great skill and talent had gone into creating it. One small feature bothered me. The three wise men were wearing firemen's helmets. Totally unable to come up with a reason or explanation, I left. At a "Quik Stop" on the edge of town, I asked the lady behind the counter about the



helmets. She exploded into a rage, yelling at me, "You Yankees never do read the Bible!" I assured her that I did, but simply couldn't recall anything about firemen in the Bible. She jerked her Bible from behind the counter and ruffled thru some pages, and finally jabbed her finger at a passage. Sticking it in my face she said "See, it says right here, 'The three wise man came from afar.'"

Somebody once said that there are only two kinds of people in the world, there are those who wake up in the morning and say, "Good morning, Lord," and there are those who wake up in the morning and say, "Good Lord, it's morning."

Crossword Puzzle Provided In Memory of Olin Parker Fields



Across PZ21

1. Egyptian queen of gods.
5. "The voice of ___ crying in the wilderness" (Matt. 3:3)
8. Five kings fled and hid in a ___ (Josh. 10:16)
12. The devil speaks ___ (John 8:44)
13. "Her father did with her according to his ___" (Judg. 11:39)
14. Approval, endorsement
15. Wife of Lamech (Gen. 4:19)
16. The poor man had only a ___ lamb (2 Sam. 12:3)
17. Container for flowers
18. "He gave some ___ and teachers" (sing., Eph. 4:11)
20. Stage settings
22. "God hath spoken ___" (Ps. 62:11)
24. God called Abraham out of ___ (Gen. 11:31)
25. He stole Naboth's vineyard (1 Kings 21:16)
28. "All these curses shall ... ___ thee" (Deut. 28:15)

33. Jael covered Sisera with a ___ (Judg. 4:18 RSV)
34. French pronoun
35. Nickname for Leonard
36. "I would ___ cold or hot" (2 words, Rev. 3:15)
39. "The ___ of our years are threescore and ten" (Ps. 90:10)
40. "Let there be ___ strife" (Gen. 13:8)
41. Exclamatory squeal
43. Don't be a back-___
47. We shall be changed in a ___ (1 Cor. 15:52)
51. "What have I ___ with you?" (2 words, 2 Sam. 19:22)
52. Pray (Lat.)
54. Anna's tribe (Luke 2:36)
55. Esau's father-in-law (Gen. 26:34)
56. Unclean night-flying creature (Lev. 11:19)
57. Space exploration agency
58. Gender (Gen. 1:27)
59. "Every ___ shall see him" (Rev. 1:7)
60. "This is the whole ___ of man" (Eccl. 12:13)

Down

1. To hit with the palm of the hand
2. Well-known opera
3. Oriental beverage (pl.)
4. Twelve thousand men came from ___ (2 Sam. 10:6)
5. "Ye have ___ the wicked one"

- (1 John 2:13)
6. "This is ___ bone of my bones" (Gen. 2:23)
7. God took David from following the ___ (Ps. 78:71)
8. "I will trust in the ___ of thy wings" (Ps. 61:4)
9. Child of Ezer (Gen. 36:27)
10. Flower container
11. "The ___ of the Lord are in every place" (Prov. 15:3)
19. Atop
21. Stray dog
23. "Samuel told him ___ whit" (1 Sam. 3:18)
25. "Thou ___ the Son of God" (John 1:49)
26. Exclamation expressing disbelief
27. "... many years ___" (Ezra 5:11)
29. "The priest shall ___ it" (Lev. 27:14)
30. Alabama (abbr.)
31. They took a ___ and opened the doors (Judg. 3:25)
32. Printer's measure (pl.)
37. "Woe is me, for I am ___" (Isa. 6:5)
38. "___ unto them that call evil good" (Isa. 5:20)
39. "I will ___ of thee, and answer thou me" (Job 38:3)
42. Italian river

43. "... a rod out of the ___ of Jesse" (Isa. 11:1)
44. Girl's name: "whatever ___ wants ..."
45. "She made an ___ in a grove" (1 Kings 15:13)
46. David cut off the skirt of Saul's

- (1 Sam. 24:4)
48. Jacob's twin (Gen. 25:25)
49. "... as an eagle stirreth up her ___" (Deut. 32:11)
50. Object for carrying articles
53. Beam of light

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God's Answer-Do Good!

By: Bonnie Walters

What does God want me to do with my life? This was the question a young man named John Wesley asked over 250 years ago.

John Wesley was a student at Oxford University in England. He was already a minister of the Church of England. With the help of his brother, Charles, he gathered a small group of students to study regularly the Bible and the teachings of the church.

As a result of their study and worship they wanted to follow a Christian way of life, and they began visiting prisoners in jail. They taught the prisoners how to read and write, and they shared their lunch with them.

Other students who made fun of their careful living for God and for others called them "Bible Moths" and the "Holy Club". John Wesley kept an account of his activities and wanted no time to be wasted.

He encouraged his friends to be Methodical in their lives, too. They were called Methodists because they had a method to the way they did things.

There are now over 50 million Methodists in countries around the world. A motto that John Wesley lived by:

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