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Appalachian leaders discuss drugs

by JARRID DEATON
STAFF WRITER

PAINTSVILLE — The Kentucky Appalachian Commission held a meeting on Friday at the Ramada Inn in Paintsville to discuss the problem of drug abuse in the Eastern Kentucky.

Gov. Paul Patton, who serves as chairman of the group, called the meeting to order and gave a brief overview of the drug problem that Appalachian

Kentucky appears to be facing.

"There is a whole lot of marijuana grown in this area, and the availability of the drug means that it will be used more," Patton said.

Ishmon Burks, justice secretary, explained the state perspective on the drug problem.

"Drugs are the scourge of the commonwealth," Burks said.

According to Burks, there were over 800 arrests during the 10 month drug

investigation known as "OxyFest".

"We were able to do that because of the great communication between law enforcement agencies," Burks said.

Burks also presented figures that showed a 163 percent increase in the illegal use of prescription drugs in the area.

According to Burks, Kentucky ranks 13 out of the 50 states in the use of marijuana.

Two Paintsville Independent High

School students were also present to give their opinion on the problem.

"It's not just in the high schools, it is also in the middle schools," said Sam Allen, class president.

Both students, Sam Allen and Shanna Preston, said that the best way to combat the drug problem would be with more education on the subject.

"The DARE program was a good concept, but it just doesn't work," Allen said.

Preston said that she remembered the program from grade school, but could not remember anything specific about it.

Tom Manzi, with the Appalachian High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area, explained some of the dangers that officers encounter during marijuana raids.

"Marijuana eradication is our highest priority," Manzi said.

Manzi presented pictures of various

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briefs

Officers complete training

The Kentucky Justice Cabinet's Department of Criminal Justice Training reports that it 22 cadets graduated from the Law Enforcement Basic Training course on Friday.

The 25-member class underwent 16 weeks of training, consisting of 640 hours of recruit-level officer academy instruction. The major training areas include law offenses and procedures, vehicle operations, firearms, investigation, first aid/CPR, patrol procedures and mechanics of arrest, restraint and control.

Among the graduates of Class 319 were two Eastern Kentuckians. They were Shane M. Amburgey, of the Knott County Sheriff's Office, and Billy J. Caudill, of the Floyd County Sheriff's Office.

The training course is located on the Eastern Kentucky University's campus.

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photos by Loretta Blackburn

A fire that appeared to originate from the roof of Layne Brothers Auto Sales in Ivel resulted in collaborative efforts between the Betsy Layne Fire Department and the Allen Fire Department, as firefighters worked together to save the dealership's inventory.

Dealership fire losses 'catastrophic'

by LORETTA BLACKBURN
STAFF WRITER

IVEL — Flames lit the night sky Friday evening, as Layne Brothers Auto Sales suffered damage from a fire that appeared to originate from the roof.

Prestonsburg resident Steve Williams said that he was traveling on U.S. 23 Friday at approximately 6:45 p.m. when he saw smoke coming from the roof of the building. He said that he called 911, but someone had already informed officials of

the situation.

A neighbor, Josh Fields, said that he saw the smoke when the fire was in its early stages and it came from the left, front roof. Fields had been helping move vehicles that were parked in the front of the office building away from the danger zone.

According to Bobby Slone, vice-president of the Betsy Layne Fire Department, firefighters arrived on the scene sometime between 6:30 and 7 p.m.

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The Betsy Layne and Allen fire departments battled a fire at Layne Brothers Auto at Ivel on Friday. The blaze caused considerable damage to the office, showroom and service department, but customers' vehicles were saved.

Floyd officials post bounty for campaign signs

by LORETTA BLACKBURN
STAFF WRITER

The Floyd County Fiscal Court is proposing to fund a post-election cleanup and is offering citizens an opportunity to earn a little extra money for Christmas in the process.

County Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson reported that the county will make an effort to clean up the political posters that have been placed all over the county by offering 10 cents for each poster.

Those collecting posters can cash them in during a "Poster Payday" on Dec. 2, at which time the county will establish drop-off points at Minnie Park, Jenny Wiley

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Group takes aim at CBS' plans for hillbilly reality show

The Associated Press

WHITESBURG — An Eastern Kentucky group plans to launch a national newspaper advertising campaign to convince CBS to stop casting for a new reality show based on the "The Beverly Hillbillies."

Dee Davis, the president of the Center for Rural Strategies, said in a phone interview Thursday that his group plans to take out newspaper ads in some of the nation's biggest papers. Davis said he believes the show will make rural Appalachian families the butt of a bad joke.

"There's been a lot of activity already and newspaper editorials and I think what we're going to do is mount a campaign using advertisements in major newspapers around the country asking CBS to rethink this decision," Davis said. "In essence, what they're doing is creating a program to make fun of poor, rural people. Really, where CBS may think rural folks are the last people it's OK to laugh at, our feeling is that they've gone too far and CBS needs to rethink what they're doing."

CBS wants to place a family from a rural setting into

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Couple donates land for 'living veterans memorial'

by LORETTA BLACKBURN
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — In the spirit of Thanksgiving, Sam and Jeanne Blankenship "thanked" Floyd County by giving two acres of land to the community for what they hope will be the site of a "living veterans memorial," for the purposes of educating the area's children and attracting tourists.

Sam Blankenship appeared at a special called Floyd County Fiscal Court meeting on Friday, at which time he donated two

acres of land, located in Prestonsburg adjacent to the Super 8 Motel. The council adopted the resolution accepting the land that Blankenship said was his and his wife's way of giving back to the community that had been good to them. County Judge Executive Paul Hunt Thompson voiced appreciation for the donation.

Blankenship, investment representative for Edward Jones, is recognized as being one of the initiators of construction projects such as the Mountain Arts Center, Thunder Ridge Raceway, Stone Crest Golf Course and the Veteran's Memorial in

Frankfort, just to name a few.

Blankenship, a Vietnam veteran, has been putting things together for veterans of the area for 25 years.

He proposed that the two-acre tract of land had high visibility and accessibility, making it an ideal location for the project. He said that his aspirations were for a "living veterans memorial," which would pay tribute to all veterans in the area.

Blankenship suggested that a building could hold things such as memorabilia and photographs, while the landscape could display tanks or Jeeps. With Eastern

Kentucky having the highest participation rate per capita in America's wars, his goal is to educate the area's youth about their communities involvement in the shaping of America. He stated that grade schools could visit the memorial, where veterans could tell them stories and answer any questions that they may have. The project could serve as an educational venture, while promoting patriotism among the area's youth.

Blankenship also suggested that the

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Odds and Ends

HOUSTON — Would anybody like to buy a vowel? Two of Enron's trademark "tilted-E" signs, removed from marble bases outside the bankrupt energy giant's downtown Houston headquarters earlier this month, will be sold at an auction Dec. 3-5.

Also for sale: a black rotating tilted-E that once lit up part of the lobby. One of the oft-photographed vowels will be on the block at about noon on each of the three days of the auction, said a spokeswoman for DoveBid, the company that will conduct the sale.

The two stainless steel E's, accentuated with red, green and blue colored lights, and the

black rotating E are being auctioned to raise money for creditors.

A steel E without the colored lights that used to be outside another Enron building sold for \$44,000 at another auction in September. That auction raised \$3.3 million.

ROSE TOWNSHIP, Mich. — A decade ago, Harebell Childress was bathing when lightning hit his home and set it on fire.

He escaped unscathed, wearing only a towel, and rebuilt his house.

Earlier this week, he was watching television when an explosion burned the house down. He got out with just cuts

on his forehead and a sore back and left shoulder.

"I tell you, it's the Lord did it," the 70-year-old retired Pontiac school principal told The Oakland Press. "I was surrounded by a host of angels."

The odds of surviving two such disasters are so remote, actuaries for one Detroit-area insurer said they couldn't calculate the likelihood, the Detroit Free Press reported.

"He's lucky to be alive," said Sgt. Robert Gohl of the Oakland County Sheriff's Department Fire Investigation Unit.

The blast remains under investigation, but it appears the Tuesday night explosion resulted from a propane leak. The house's furnace, water heater

and stove ran on propane, Gohl said.

The explosion blew out the windows of the home and collapsed the roof. Cinder blocks were blown hundreds of feet out into a field. The couch was knocked over.

"I thought it was a bomb, like terrorism or something," said Childress' niece, Marva Hanks, who lives nearby. "We're a family of believers. We've seen miracles on this property before."

BARTLETT, Ill. — Dozens of mystical creatures that disappeared in this suburban Chicago village have been found, but several have yet to find their way home.

An assortment of lawn

gnomes, leprechauns and dwarfs are at the Bartlett Police Department. They were confiscated over the weekend from the garage of one of three teenage boys charged with stealing them.

Police said the teens stole

almost 60 lawn ornaments in the past six months from homes in Bartlett and neighboring Streamwood. The value of the creatures, which ranged in height from less than a foot to 4

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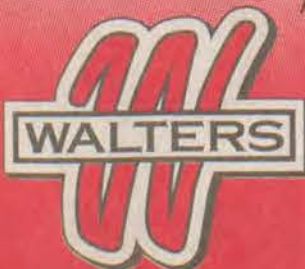
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Clark council gives nod to hiring aides

by LORETTA BLACKBURN
STAFF WRITER

MIDDLE CREEK — Among the items of old and new business discussed at the Clark Elementary Site-Based Decision Making Council meeting on Thursday was the hiring of two primary aides and a preschool special needs assistant.

Following a second reading of motions from the last meeting, the council made a decision to hire Teresa Ousley as a preschool special needs assistant and Angela Marshall as a primary aide.

The council held a first reading of a motion to consider Jennifer Hall for a second position as primary aide.

Principal Wayne Combs said

that the school had received six applications for the position, but due to the fact that they were getting to this item of business so late in the year, he would entertain a motion to waive the interview process.

Combs said that his school had not felt the effects of the state budget cuts except for the addition of three more students in each class, but he expected the school would experience more negative consequences eventually.

However, lack of funding was evident when the council discussed a needs assessment for 2003-2004. Combs named off the items from last year's assessment, commenting that the board neglected to supply funding for any of the requests. He said that he had inquired as to why, but had not yet received a response.

The council added the items of an FMD bathroom, desks and library tables from last year's list and attached the more recently perceived needs of a roof and a blacktopped parking lot.

Among the old business was the discussion of various committee reports, which included the proposal of a School Community Involvement/Communication Plan by the communication committee. The council adopted the plan that is necessary for all Floyd County schools to ensure that the communication lines between the school and the public are kept open.

The discipline committee discussed a school project based on the rewards system called a behavior tree, which is displayed in the cafeteria and con-

tains the photos of children who show exceptional behavior.

Kathy Parsons, teacher representative, said that once a month each teacher would choose a couple of students who had exhibited good behavior and display their pictures on the tree. The selected children receive a reward at that time and get their name entered into a drawing box, which will have a name selected at the end of the year for a prize.

The council adopted a grading policy for arts and humanities, which they adhered to the code book and decided to use a satisfactory or unsatisfactory grade. They also adopted a homework policy in which they agreed to match assignments with the resources available to each child, make them interesting and challenging, as well as focused on the improvement of learning as opposed to discipline. The council agreed to remove the time restrictions from last year's policy.

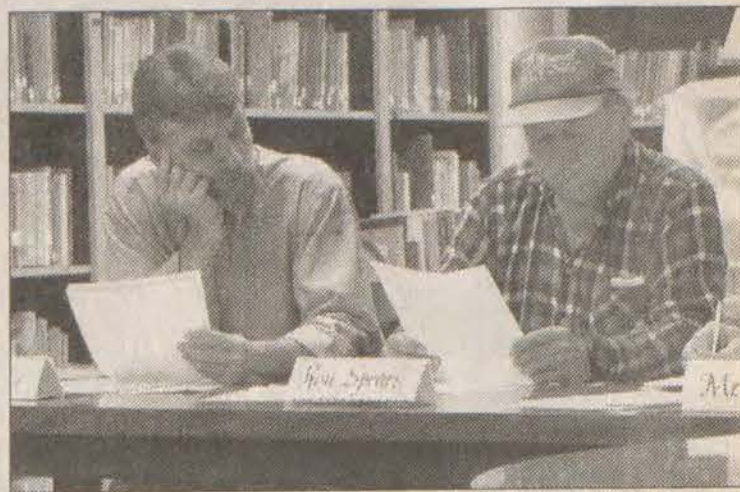


photo by Loretta Blackburn
Parent-teacher representatives Owen Wright, left, and Ron Spears were present at the Clark Elementary Site-Based Decision Making Council meeting on Thursday, when the council approved motions to hire two primary teacher aides and a preschool special needs assistant.

Signs

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Village at Lancer and the Betsy Layne Fire Department between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Thompson said that he hopes to encourage people to remove the posters from road signs, trees and hillsides by offering money for their removal. He suggested that kids could earn \$25 for

Christmas by bringing in 250 posters.

Thompson said that a representative of the fiscal court would be present with cash in hand to pay those who bring a complete political poster in.

Money for the project being provided through personal donations from members of the fiscal court.

Memorial

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project would be attractive to tourists. He said that he doesn't think another memorial like the one he envisions exists in the state.

Blankenship said that at the beginning of the year he and others would be putting a group

together to get started on a building on the site. In reference to the venture, he said that he was "positive that it will come to pass."

"It's another way of giving back to the community," said Blankenship.

Drugs

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traps that have been set in order to keep intruders out of the marijuana patches. According to Manzi, some of the traps involve a copperhead snake nailed to a log.

"The snake is agitated and will bite anyone who gets near the plants," Manzi said.

Manzi also said that some officers have encountered fishing hooks hanging at eye level near marijuana patches.

Scott Walker, director of substance abuse with Mountain Comprehensive Care, also spoke at the meeting.

"I think that the war on drugs is the only war where we put the casualties in prison," Walker said.

According to Walker, money spent on treatment for drug abusers works, but the wait is extremely long.

"There is a minimum of a six-week wait to get in a treatment

facility," Walker said.

The meeting concluded with closing comments by Gov. Patton thanking all of the participants for their presentations and ideas.

Protest

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a Beverly Hills mansion, paying them a hefty sum each week.

Producer Wendy Cassileth with CBS Studios in Los Angeles, who was in the southern West Virginia coalfields doing casting for the show, said the family will be filmed for a year, which CBS executives hope will be a cross between reality television shows "Survivor" and "The Osbournes."

Casting for the show is being conducted in the Appalachian states of West Virginia, Kentucky, Virginia, Tennessee,

North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia. A casting agent is also looking for a family in Missouri.

Davis said the CBS show will not only hold poor, Appalachian families up for ridicule, but also families in the same situation across the country.

"They're holding rural communities and poor people up for ridicule all around the country and inviting everybody to laugh at them," Davis said. "These shows are cheap to produce, and, if they hit, they're very profitable. What CBS is saying is, in essence, when it comes to profit, other considerations like ethics, don't matter."

The group already has a series of ads set to run in major newspapers to bring attention to their cause.

"We want to take the discussion to the shareholders of CBS and the advertisers," Davis said. "I think what they're betting on for the image of rural people is so low that they can get by with anything. I don't know that it's so much that it's going to hurt the image of people in this area as much as it's trying to exploit the damage that's already been done by the popular media to perception of rural people."

Cassileth said the producers aren't looking for a hillbilly bunch to make the butt of hillbilly jokes.

"To me, it's not about that, not about another TV show, it's about what is the perspective of a country family, like a real family from the heart of this country, what is their perspective on Beverly Hills?" Cassileth said.

Fire

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and had to call Allen Fire Department for assistance.

No other information about the origin of the fire was available at that time and the fire was under control. However, Malcolm Layne reported to WPKE that the fire destroyed the floor room including the vehicles on display,

the business section including all financial records, and the service area. But, he said, the vehicles that customers had left for repairs were salvaged.

Layne reported that he had partial insurance, but the effects of the incident would be a catastrophic loss for the business.

Court approves payment for Martin flood project

by LORETTA BLACKBURN
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The Floyd County Fiscal Court called a special meeting for Friday, at which time members dealt with a variety of county business.

In attending to business in the Martin area, the court elected to pay \$5,000, its required 5 percent share, on the first installment of the estimated costs for the Flood Control Project in 2003. County Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson said that the Department for Local Government had provided \$100,000 funding toward the project in the upcoming year.

Transactions made in regard to the Floyd County Community Center in Martin were a payment of \$26,218 to companies from the construction account. The court executed a change order to reflect an expenditure in the amount of \$5,662.30 for a drinking cooler and the replacement of 3-inch batt insulation in walls of the center, which amended the contract sum to \$441,462.30. Thompson said that he had been informed that the center should be complete within two weeks.

Continuing with the the county water projects, the court made a payment of \$78,321.73 to the

Bond Construction Fund, which pays the vendor working on the water projects at Frasures Creek and Mink Branch. The court made a request to the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet, Abandoned Mine Land Funds for water line extension for the Spurlock Creek Water Supply Project in the amount of \$27,623.82.

The court authorized a cash transfer of \$100,000 from the general fund to the jail fund, paid \$2,904.86 on the Floyd County Animal Shelter, submitted an amount of \$244.93 for payment for the New Century Aquaponics Greenhouse, and submitted various bills and claims in the amount of \$15,107.25 for payment. On the Middle Creek Battlefield Project from the state Transportation Cabinet, the court elected to pay \$84,280 to the Rising Sun Developing company.

In county employee business, the court raised the E-911 Coordinator salary to \$961.54 bi-weekly and transferred a employee from the judge's office to the road department at an hourly rate of \$7.46 an hour.

Added to the county road system was a portion of road, approximately 50 feet long and 14 feet wide, known as Hall Lane, which is located at Melvin.

Davidson

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beings. When we don't develop and use what He has given us, it creates a void. As a result, we experience a form of deep-seated guilt that gnaws at us regardless of where we go or what we do.

There is only one solution to this problem and that's to put our heart and soul into those activities that we deem worthy of our time. It's even better if we can find some real purpose in life. It's only when we do our best with what God has given us that we feel good about ourselves.

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



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GuestView

Federal program a step backward

Will the federal law tabbed by President Bush as "No Child Left Behind" undermine Kentucky's decade-old education reform program?

That's a fair question, especially as it applies to testing/accountability, and the state Board of Education is hoping to persuade U.S. Education Secretary Rod Paige that Kentucky should be able to keep its own testing system in place.

If federal officials don't grant Kentucky some leeway, the Kentucky Education Reform Act and "No Child Left Behind" will be on a collision course that is destined to create problems that Kentucky educators and students don't need.

Kentucky wants to keep in place a testing/accountability program that allows schools to move at different speeds toward a goal of proficiency by 2014. The federal program would have a single starting point for all schools — one that state officials say is below the level that many Kentucky schools have already achieved.

As Jeff Mando, a member of the state board, said, "The irony is, we'll have a lot of children left behind if we go with a literal interpretation" of the new federal law.

Furthermore, the KERA program tests students in seven academic areas at four performance levels. Bush's plan will judge schools annually on a pass/fail method based on numbers of students who reach proficiency in reading and math by 2014.

The federal program would test students in grades three through eight, posing an overlap with Kentucky's method of testing that covers different grades, including high school.

There are other differences, including the federal provision that requires testing of only 95 percent of a school's total enrollment. Kentucky requires all students to be tested but the actual test rate is about 98 percent, state officials say.

The federal law, like Kentucky's education reforms, represents a noble concept to raise the bar on classroom achievement and to hold schools — even entire states, in the case of the federal law — accountable for classroom performance.

The problem is that Kentucky is 10 years out in front of the federal law and, after working through testing glitches and other obstacles, seems to be on a steady course toward fulfilling the KERA mission.

— *The Gleaner, Henderson*

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— *Jim Davidson*

The worst guilt of all

There is a little five letter word called "guilt" that most people suffer from at one time or another, and if it's not dealt with and handled properly, the consequences can be devastating.

The primary reason guilt is so difficult to deal with is because complete freedom or release from guilt often involves some deep soul searching, a confession or at least admitting our shortcomings. To confess or admit we are wrong goes against basic human nature and this is especially true for the person who has poor self-esteem.

The British statesman and author Edmund Burke (1729-1797) had this to say about it: "Guilt is never a rational thing; it distorts all the faculties of the human mind, it perverts them. It leaves a man no longer in the free use of his reason, it puts him into confusion." I might also mention in passing that Edmund Burke was highly esteemed and one of the foremost thinkers of his day. I believe you will agree that guilt is a load too heavy to carry.

Here it might be appropriate to ask you a couple of very pertinent questions. What's inside a person who feels guilty that causes him to feel this way? Are we born with a mechanism that makes us feel guilty, or is it an instinct or attribute we have to develop?

Personally, I think it's both. We are each born with a conscience, which has been defined as "the faculty by which distinctions are made between moral right and wrong, especially in regard to ones' own conduct." In other words, because we are each born with a conscience, we therefore have the inherent or built-in capacity to know whether what we do is right or wrong. It's how we use this built-in faculty that has a lot to do with whether or not we feel guilty. I believe this little allegory will help you see what I'm saying.

Our conscience, figuratively speaking, can be compared to a triangle inside our hearts. When we do something that we instinctively know is wrong, the triangle turns and the corners prick our heart and it hurts. When we continue to commit acts we know are wrong, the triangle keeps turning and before long the

edges are rounded off and worn smooth and it no longer hurts. At this point, it is often said, "he has no conscience." This isn't true; this person still has a conscience, but it's become so dull from misuse that it no longer makes him feel guilty or has any bearing on his actions.

If we are to live happy, successful and well-adjusted lives, we should feel guilty when we lie, steal, cheat or commit crimes against an individual or society. Otherwise, we will be totally insensitive to the needs of the people around us.

The power of guilt is evident when we see people who have committed serious crimes and they feel such guilt for what they have done, they actually want to be punished. It's very important for us to deal with the day-to-day problems and decisions that are the source of much of our guilt; however there is a deeper and much more serious root problem that brings about the worst guilt of all.

This is the awareness, deep in the innermost part of our beings, that God has given us tremendous talents and abilities He wants us to develop and use to serve Him and our fellow human

(See **DAVIDSON**, page three)



— beyond the Beltway

Anti-war rallies don't replace good sense

by **DONALD KAUL**

We had an anti-war rally here in Washington a couple of weeks ago. As war rallies go, it was good but not great. So far as I know, nobody got hit in the head by a nightstick and nobody got tear-gassed. Still, considering the fact we don't really have a war yet, it wasn't bad. About 100,000 people showed up — give or take 50,000 — and listened to speeches and chanted slogans and sang anti-war songs.

I didn't go. I'm as against the coming war as the next fellow but I seem to have lost my faith in the power of folk songs to change the hearts and minds of Republicans. I'm getting old, I guess.

My mind turned back to that rally last week, however, when George Bush and his band of merry men seized complete control of the government again and prepared to install their reverse-Robin Hood economic plan.

And I wondered how many people in that crowd of war protesters had voted for Ralph Nader, on the theory that there wasn't a dime's worth of difference between Bush and Al Gore, between Republicans and Democrats. I'll bet a good number of them did.

I wondered whether they imagined they'd have to be there, doing their Kumbaya thing, if Gore were president. Perhaps they did.

Do they also think we'd be looking at making Bush's rich man's temporary tax cut permanent? Or fully funding the

missile defense system? Or opening up the Arctic Wildlife Refuge to oil exploration? Or putting snowmobiles back into national parks? Or privatizing Social Security? Or putting a long line of conservative activists onto the federal bench?

Because that's what we're looking at now kids. Not all of it will happen, of course, but a lot of it will. The Democrats can slow things down if they want to, but they are a fragmented lot. Southern Democrats are, for the most part, indistinguishable from Republicans. They tend to be for guns, against abortion-rights and enthralled with the idea of prayer in the schools.

Liberal Democrats — always a fragile flower — today are at a significant Constitutional disadvantage in national elections. For example California, a generally urban, liberal state, sends 53 people to the U.S. House of Representatives, the same number as Mississippi, Alabama, Louisiana, South Carolina, Oklahoma, Nevada, New Mexico, Arkansas, Alaska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, Utah, West Virginia and Vermont — combined. Yet California elects but two U.S. Senators, while the above-mentioned group — which shelters but a few liberals, mainly in Vermont — sends 34.

That unfair arrangement is further etched into our system through the Electoral College, which similarly skews the election toward the rural, empty states. That's why you get George Bush, with a half-million fewer votes than Al Gore, elected president.

My point here is that when liberals,

who have some influence with Democrats, vote for a candidate like Nader, with whom they feel some affinity, they make it all but impossible for Democrats to be elected. Instead a George Bush gets elected, then shrewdly leverages the power of the presidency to get other like-minded Republicans elected. With those Republicans, liberals have no influence at all.

This will not convince my liberal friends that they made a mistake in voting for Nader. They would rather lose an election than sully their immaculate political souls by voting for an unworthy Democrat (of which there are many).

And even when they can elect a liberal, they often kick away the chance, just for the hell of it. As they did in Minnesota, for example — when Paul Wellstone tragically died on the eve of the election and Walter Mondale stepped in for him, it looked as though his Republican opponent,

Norm Coleman was dead in the water. Then Wellstone's liberal supporters turned his memorial service into a raucous campaign rally with Republican dignitaries getting booed and hissed. This so offended fair-minded Minnesotans and so energized Minnesota Republicans that Coleman won. Great.

As Bob Dylan once sang: "The Times, They Are A-Changin'." They still are. For the worse.

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Faith Extra

Author of Joshua books aims to go 'ever deeper into what Jesus was like'

by MICHAEL HILL
Associated Press

ALTAMONT, N.Y. — Joseph Girzone could always tell a story.

As a young priest, he says, he'd share tales about Jesus with

rapt high school kids and deliver sermons after taking the pulpit with zero preparation — totally reliant on the grace of God.

Later came his best-selling "Joshua" books, folksy stories about a latter-day Jesus figure who lives in a cottage, carves

wood, helps with the dishes and heals people.

At age 72, Girzone's storytelling talent is still bearing fruit. A movie was released this year based on his Joshua character. His novel, "The Messenger," came out in April and this month brings his 16th

book, "Trinity."

The new book aims to explain the holy Trinity — a basic mystery of Roman Catholicism. But since it's by Girzone, it also tries to shed light on the same topics he has

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Religious leaders ask automakers to build more fuel-efficient products

by JOHN PORRETTO
AP AUTO WRITER

DETROIT — A group of religious leaders came to the Motor City on Wednesday with a proposition for U.S. automakers: Start producing vehicles that are kinder to God's creation, and we will urge the faithful to buy them.

The delegation, which

included representatives from a variety of Jewish and Christian organizations, met with executives and top officials at Ford Motor Co., General Motors Corp. and the United Auto Workers.

Earlier, the group introduced a "What Would Jesus Drive?" television advertising campaign, sponsored by the Pennsylvania-based Evangelical

Environmental Network.

The ad, to begin airing in limited markets next month, says too many vehicles are polluting, then asks: "So if we love our neighbor and we cherish God's creation, maybe we should ask, 'What would Jesus drive?'"

Representatives of GM and Ford said they looked forward to a dialogue with the Interfaith Climate and Energy Campaign's

leaders to explain advances and challenges in the effort to improve vehicle fuel efficiency.

The religious groups — which include the Korean Presbyterians, the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism, the Mennonite Church — are promoting hybrid and fuel-cell vehicles, as well as other fuel-saving technologies, framing their arguments in both moral and economic terms.

"If you in the American auto industry manufacture and market more clean cars, we in the American religious community will not only tell our people about it, but we'll have prepared them to embrace such a change," said David Saperstein, director of the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism in Washington.

Campaign leaders said the effort is not aimed at any specific products, and no boycotts are planned.

GM said it has committed hundreds of millions of dollars to develop nonpolluting hydrogen fuel-cell vehicles and hopes to have a significant number on

(See LEADERS, page seven)

Class teaches correlation between Tolkien and Christianity

by EDWARD SHERIDAN
THE MURRAY LEDGER & TIMES

MURRAY — To most people, an elf or a wizard would be hard to associate with a lesson in Christianity.

In the hands of author J.R.R. Tolkien, however, they become vehicles to bring about an understanding of Christianity in an unconventional way. That is the theory behind "Finding the Lord in the Lord of the Rings," an ongoing series of classes being offered at Murray's First Baptist Church.

The class, taught by Associate Pastor Terry Garvin during the regular Sunday service for young adults, is being offered through Dec. 8, which is 10 days before The Two Towers, the second installment of Tolkien's Lord of the Rings trilogy, hits theaters.

"The Net," as the service for

young adults is known, usually features some sort of guest speaker each week, but Garvin's class on the parallels between Tolkien's work and spiritual principles has taken center stage recently.

Garvin, who has read all three books in the Lord of the Rings trilogy, said the phenomenal success of the first book's movie adaptation piqued his interest in exploring how Tolkien, who was a Christian, let his beliefs show through his work.

Peter Jackson, the director, and the writers that worked with him tried to stay as close to the book as possible, and because of that, a lot of Tolkien's theology came out in the movie, as well.

One of Garvin's recent classes focused on the elf queen, Galadriel.

The female character's strong presence, he says, can be equat-

ed to another strong presence in the lives of Christians. Some scholars say that she is Tolkien's rendition of Mary, Garvin said.

"The approach I'm taking in the class, though, is she's more like what conservative Christians say the holy spirit does in life," he said.

Garvin conducts the class by showing clips of the movie and then discussing them with the students in a way that shows the story's spiritual implication. The lessons will eventually lead to the crux of the story, the ring itself.

In the book and the movie, the ring brings out the worst in people, Garvin said.

"I'll be asking students to think about what may be equivalent in their lives, something that looks good, looks shiny, ought to be worth a lot, but brings out the worst in people," he said.

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Floyd County

Marlene (Howell) Blevins, 70, of Prestonsburg, died Monday, November 18, at the Central Baptist Hospital in Lexington, after an extended illness. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, November 21, under the direction of Burke Funeral Home.

Helen Johnson Burke, 72, of Melvin, died Thursday, November 14, at her residence. She is survived by her husband, Orville Burke. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, November 17, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Vernon Clay, 63, of Dwale, died Thursday, November 21, at the Dialysis Clinic in Prestonsburg. Funeral services will be conducted Sunday, November 24, at 2 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

John Wayne (Duke) Clevinger, 21, of Prestonsburg, died Monday, January 11, at home. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, November 13, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Eloise Ward Collins, 86, of Prestonsburg, died Sunday, November 10, at Prestonsburg Health Care Center. Funeral ser-

VICES were conducted Friday, November 15, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Martha Combs, 62, of Raven, died Tuesday, November 19, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Friday, November 22, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Jeanette Miles Fields, 70, of Science Hill, died Sunday, November 17, at the Lake Cumberland Regional Health Care Center. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, November 20, under the direction of Letcher Funeral Home.

Mary Frances Honshell Goodrich, 66, of Wayland, died Saturday, November 16, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Monday, November 18, under the direction of Warren E. Toler Funeral Home.

Derona Triplett Hall, 81, of Raven, died Tuesday, November 19, at her residence. Funeral services were conducted Friday, November 22, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Charles Everette Diskey Jr., 45, of Prestonsburg, died Friday, November 1. He is survived by his wife, Gina Crace Diskey. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, November 5, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Elmer Lafferty, 47, of Auxier, died Wednesday, November 13, at home. Funeral services were conducted Friday, November 15, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Hawley Martin, 82, of Flatwoods, native of Floyd County, died Wednesday, November 13, at Our Lady of Bellefonte Hospital, Ashland. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, November 16, under

the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Byrd William "B.W." McDonald, 61, of Paintsville, died Wednesday, November 13, at Highlands Regional Medical Center emergency room. He is survived by his wife, Sherry R. Lyon McDonald. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, November 16, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Elder Chester E. Newsome, 82, of Craynor, died Saturday, November 16. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, November 19, 11 a.m., at the Samaria Old Regular Baptist Church at Teaberry. Burial was made in the Ike Roberts Cemetery, at Grethel, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Ora Burke Reynolds, 89, a Floyd County native, died Monday, November 11, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, November 14, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Edgar Rose, 66, of Printer, died Thursday, November 21, at his residence. He is survived by his wife Artie Conn Rose. Funeral services will be conducted Sunday, November 24, at 1 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Arthur Sturgill, 70, of Albion, Michigan, native of Prestonsburg, died Sunday, November 17, at Battle Creek Health Systems. He is survived by his wife Hazel Hairr Sturgill. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, November 21, under the direction of J. Kevin Tidd Funeral Home.

Robert Allen Wiese, 43, of Martin, died Tuesday, November 19. Funeral services were conducted Friday, November 22, at 11 a.m., at the

Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Martin County

Dolly Carter James, 79, a Martin County native, died Tuesday, November 12, at Mt. Carmel West, Columbus, Ohio. Funeral services were conducted Friday, November 15, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

Charles Robinson, 48, a Martin County native, died Sunday, November 17, at his residence. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, November 20, under the direction of Phelps & Son Funeral Home.

Johnson County

Ernestine Salyer Blair, 88, died Thursday, November 14, at Mountain Manor Nursing Home, Paintsville. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, November 17, under the direction of Paintsville Funeral Home.

Helen Burchett, 68, died Tuesday, November 12, at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, November 14, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

Dora Lee Arms Clark, 76, died Saturday, November 16, at St. Mary's Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, November 20, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Dorothy Lemaster, 87, died Saturday, October 26. Funeral services were conducted Monday, October 28, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

Byrd William "B.W." McDonald, 61, of Paintsville, died Wednesday, November 13, at Highlands Regional Medical Center emergency room. He is survived by his wife, Sherry R. Lyon McDonald. Funeral ser-

VICES were conducted Saturday, November 16, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Peggy Lee Clark O'Brian, 46, died Thursday, November 14, at Paul B. Hall Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, Elbert O'Brian. Funeral services were conducted Monday, November 18, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Ora Burke Reynolds, 89, a Floyd County native, died Monday, November 11, at Highland Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, November 14, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Della Perry Staniford, 75, died Tuesday, November 5, at her residence. Funeral services were conducted November 8, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

Jill Ann Buckley Stambaugh, 41, of Toledo, Ohio, died Saturday, November 9, at the Flower Hospital. The Rebb Funeral Home was in charge of local arrangements.

Della Perry Staniford, 75, died Tuesday, November 5, at her residence. Funeral services were conducted Friday, November 8, 11 a.m., at Little Friendship United Baptist Church.

Tammy Jo Stevenson, 34, died Tuesday, November 12. Funeral services were held Saturday, November 16, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Pike County

Caleb Jace Bartley, infant son of Christopher M. and Christina M. Bartley of Robinson Creek, was stillborn Tuesday, November 19, at Pikeville

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The Floyd County Rescue Squad is having a fund drive. The fund drive is being conducted by telephone and any donation you make will be mailed to the rescue squad. To thank the people of Floyd County for donations of \$20.00 or more, donors will receive a free 8x10 photograph and photo setting. If you receive a phone call concerning this fund drive, the project will be explained thoroughly. DO NOT give out credit card numbers or checking account numbers over the phone. If you are asked to send money to someone it should be the Floyd County Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 681, Prestonsburg, Ky. 41653.

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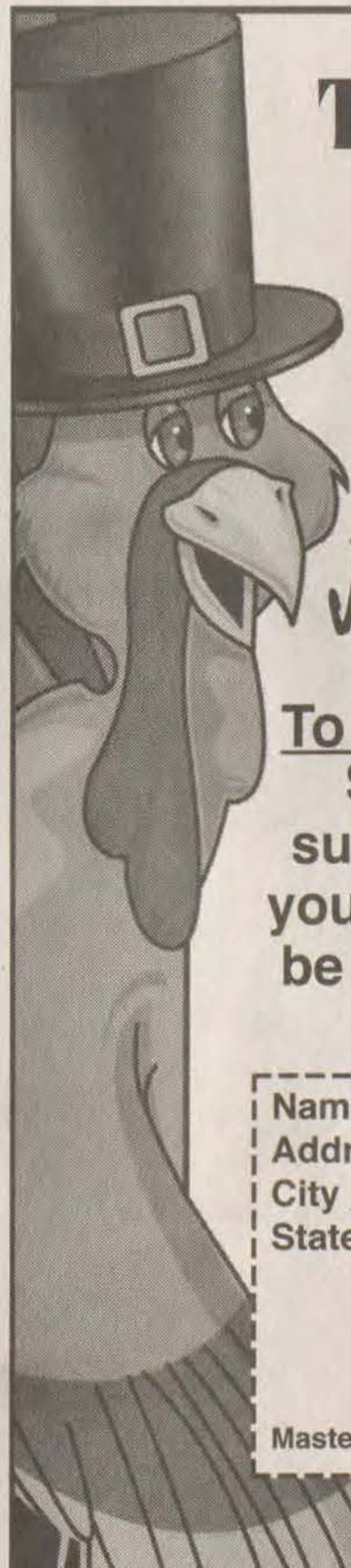
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Thanksgiving time to pay attention to food safety

FRANKFORT — Like most Americans, many Kentuckians will sit down to a turkey dinner this Thanksgiving to celebrate and share time with family and friends.

Since food is a common feature for most holiday celebrations, the Kentucky Cabinet for Health Services wants to make sure the food is prepared and cooked properly. Even though our foods, processors and suppli-

ers are some of the best and safest found anywhere in the world, each year some Kentucky families may experience illness from their Thanksgiving meal. Many Thanksgivings include the traditional foods, and most are safe, but the Cabinet for Health Services wants to make sure to remind Thanksgiving cooks to follow some general food safety precautions.

"Many food-borne illnesses in

Kentucky may be attributed to improperly handled foods in our homes," said Guy F. Delius, assistant director, Division of Public Health Protection and Safety. "There are some simple and easy food safety practices we can do in our own homes to minimize the occurrence of food poisoning."

"While it's important to handle foods in the home safely all the time, it's especially important

to take extra care during the holidays, because families are preparing more food than usual and more family members may be helping in the kitchen," Delius said.

Anita Travis, manager, Food Safety Branch said, "Food is often made in other family members' homes and transported to the meal site, and people often eat the leftovers for days; it's so very important to make sure these foods are handled properly."

refrigerated.

Health Officials also underscore the importance of washing hands often and thoroughly. Unclean hands often are the source of food contamination. Always wash your hands prior to preparing foods. Make sure to wash your hands after handling raw meats and produce. Use soap, warm water and dry your hands with clean paper towels. In addition, there are other guidelines below to keep food safe.

whole cooked turkey in an ordinary freezer or refrigerator within a few hours. Any undercooked juices, stuffing or meat in the thickest part of the turkey may result in bacterial growth over extended cool down time, such as overnight or for longer than four hours.

Platters should not be stacked on each other since proper air circulation is necessary to facilitate cooling. A turkey should be thoroughly cooked and rapidly cooled. A metal stemmed, dial-type thermometer placed in the thickest part of the thigh or breast should be used to measure the turkey's internal temperature. It is best to cook the turkey and stuffing separately. If they are prepared together, the turkey should not be stuffed until immediately before cooking.

Suggestions for Storing Poultry Leftovers

Refrigerate at 41 degrees Fahrenheit or less. Wrap turkey and stuffing separately in shallow dishes or platters for storing. Prepare sandwiches on sanitized cutting boards and use clean equipment. To reheat a turkey or serve in a hot dish, rapidly heat it to an internal temperature of 165 degrees Fahrenheit and make sure it is heated thoroughly.

Proper Cleansing of Utensils

To sanitize equipment or utensils after thorough washing and rinsing, immerse them for 30 seconds in clean, hot water at 170 degrees Fahrenheit, or immerse for at least one minute in a clean solution containing at least 50 parts per million of chlorine (one teaspoon of 5.25 percent household bleach per gallon of water at 75 degrees Fahrenheit). For cutting boards or equipment that is too large to immerse for sanitation, swab or wipe the clean surface with the sanitizing solution.

Dr. Rice C. Leach, Public Health Commissioner says, "For our parents and children's sake, let's make a point to make sure all our Thanksgiving meals are prepared, transported and served safely." For more information about food safety, contact the Food Safety Branch for free literature at (502) 564-7181. Also, visit the Cabinet for Health Services, Food Safety Branch web page at <http://publichealth.state.ky.us/Food-Program.htm>.

Leaders

the road by decade's end. Every major automaker is working on some sort of fuel-cell vehicle, but considerable challenges — such as cost — lay ahead.

Minivans, sport utility vehicles and pickup trucks accounted for half the new vehicles sold in the United States last year. The average fuel economy for all 2003 model cars and passenger trucks dropped to 20.8 miles per gallon.

As many as 100,000 congregations and synagogues nationwide have been contacted about the cause, and more notifications by letter and e-mail are planned, said the Rev. Bob Edgar, general secretary of the New York-based National Council of Churches of Christ USA.

Odds

feet, was estimated at up to \$150 each.

"We even had five of the seven dwarfs at one time," said Debbie Speciale, police records supervisor. "Apparently two escaped capture."

While most homeowners have claimed their missing gnomes, the police department still has 16 figurines to reunite with their families, Speciale said. If owners don't claim them, the little guys will be auctioned off in May along with the department's other unclaimed property.

The three boys were each

charged as juveniles with one count of theft, and one was also charged with criminal damage to property.

■ **NAPOLEON, Ohio** — Postal workers and a local newspaper plan to send old pictures, canceled checks and bank statements to people who lost them when tornadoes hit — more than 40 miles away.

The items from the Van Wert area, south of Napoleon, have been turning up in people's yards since the tornadoes swept through northwest Ohio on Nov. 10.

Regional

Methodist Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, November 21, under the direction of Roberts Funeral Home.

Ersel Blevins, 94, of Williamson, West Virginia, died Tuesday, November 19, at Williamson Memorial Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Friday, November 22, under the direction of Hatfield Funeral Chapel.

Robert P. "Bobby" Chapman, 75, of Belfry, died Wednesday, November 13, at St. Mary's Hospital in Huntington, West Virginia. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, November 17, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Sadie Daniels Dotson, 48, of Stopover, died Monday, November 18, at South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital. She is sur-

vived by her husband, Thurman Dotson. Funeral services were conducted Friday, November 22, under the direction of Phelps Funeral Services.

Emogene Fields, 67, of Stone, died Friday, November 15, at Williamson Memorial Hospital, Williamson, West Virginia. Funeral services were conducted Monday, November 18, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Linda G. Moore, 50, of Milton, West Virginia, a Pike County native, died Wednesday, November 13, at her home. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, November 17, at Inez, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

Marvin Patrick, 80, of Riverview, Michigan, a native of Pikeville, died Monday,

Post offices and the Napoleon Northwest Signal are collecting the items to send back to their owners. Craig Cummings, customer service representative for area post offices, said local offices would help return items at no charge.

Van Wert city schools have started a collection agency to try to return as many items as possible, said Kathy Hoffman, the district superintendent.

"We have some things, not in excess yet, but people are starting to hear more that we are collecting," she said. "I hope to get lots of stuff."

November 11, at Heartland Care Center, Allen Park, Michigan. Burial was held Wednesday, November 13, in Michigan.

Ercell M. Ratliff, 90, of Grundy, Virginia, died Friday, November 15, in Buchanan General Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Beulah Childress Stiltner Ratliff. Funeral services were conducted Monday, November 18, under the direction of Grundy Funeral Home.

Joseph Leroy Smith, 69, of Grayson, formerly of Varney, died Monday, November 18, at King's Daughters Hospital, Ashland. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, November 21, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

Danny Edward Hardin Sr., 48, of Oakville, Missouri, formerly of Pike County, died Sunday, November 10, in St. Louis. He is survived by his wife, Debbie Hardin. Graveside services were conducted Friday, November 15, under the direction of Hatfield Funeral Chapel.

Leon Tackett, 79, of Virgie, died Tuesday, November 19, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Martha Jo Tackett. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, November 21, under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

Jacqueline Sue Goad Whitley, 61, of South Williamson, died Monday, November 18, at the South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital's Skilled Nursing Facility. She is survived by her husband, Bobby K. Whitley. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, November 20, under the direction of Hatfield Funeral Chapel.

William W. "Bill" Zoellers, 77, of Pikeville, died Tuesday, November 19, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

Knott County

Martha Combs, 62, of Raven, died Tuesday, November 19, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Friday, November 22, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Derona Triplett Hall, 81, of Raven, died Tuesday, November 19, at her residence. Funeral services were conducted Friday, November 22, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Pearl Ramey, 94, of Mousie, died Thursday, November 14, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, November 17, at the First Baptist Church at Mousie. Burial was in the Campbell Cemetery at Mousie, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Tips for handling food safely

■ When dealing with poultry, make sure it is not undercooked and do not let raw poultry or meat juices touch any other foods.

■ Cooks should wash their hands frequently when handling food, and sanitize utensils such as knives, and items like cutting boards so that food is not cross contaminated.

■ Wash food including fruits and vegetables before preparing it.

■ Food should be promptly

Guidelines for Preparing Turkey and Stuffing

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It is not possible to cool a

Author

grappled with since his sermonizing days: Who was Jesus? How did he think? How did he feel?

"It's a continuous strain in my life," he says "going ever deeper into what Jesus was like."

Girzone is ruddy-faced with white hair. He is quick to laugh and an animated talker. Telling one story about an old Irish priest he slips into a faux brogue.

He lives for much of the year in a big white house on a hillside overlooking the Albany area. The largely immaculate home — the exception is his disheveled office — does double duty as a site for religious retreats he regularly runs with a Dominican nun named Sister Dorothy Ederer.

Girzone grew up nearby in Albany (serving as an altar boy in the same church as another future author, William Kennedy) and went into the seminary as a teenager. After teaching high school in the Bronx, he served as a parish priest in the Albany area.

Back then, his writing consisted mostly of reports and weekly letters in the church bulletin, which proved popular. While priests typically write sermons, Girzone essentially ad-libbed, all the better to let God guide him, he says.

Serious writing came after he retired from parish work in 1981 in the face of stress, high blood pressure and a high risk of stroke.

He was living with his sister Margaret Mary when he wrote "Joshua," a "what if" parable of Jesus walking the earth today. Joshua is tolerant of people's weaknesses but intolerant of piety and heavy-handed church authorities. Girzone kept the tale simple.

Twenty-eight publishers rejected it.

"They said these kinds of books don't sell," he recalled.

He printed 5,000 copies on his own for \$12,000 and began selling them at talks. Sales grew by word of mouth. By 1986,

Girzone was spending late nights shipping out books from his home as "Joshua" became an unlikely best seller for Waldenbooks.

In 1987, Collier Books issued a paperback "Joshua." It has sold more than 3 million copies and its sequels have sold more than 1 million, according to Doubleday, which has published Girzone's last 10 titles.

The Joshua books can elicit strong reactions. Fans say the books affirm their faith by making Jesus come alive. Critics have called the writing simplistic. Conservative Catholics have criticized Joshua's ecumenical nature and willingness to take on church authority.

Girzone notes with satisfaction that he saw the Joshua books displayed in a window of a Vatican book store.

"I know they're popular over there," he said.

The Joshua movie came out in April. In it, F. Murray Abraham plays a disapproving priest. But the quiet, Christian tale was not designed to compete for cineplex screens against blockbusters.

Crusader Entertainment's Epiphany Films opted to roll "Joshua" out market by market, eventually showing it on 300 screens. The video and DVD were released in October.

Girzone did not write the script and has done little in the way of promotional appearances. He says he has slowed down since an illness a few years ago. His writing sessions, he says, are punctuated with snoozes in his chair.

He says he intends to work as long as he has the strength and has started another Joshua book.

It starts with Joshua walking down Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington, D.C. Since he looks vaguely Middle Eastern and out of place, FBI agents take him in for questioning. What comes next, God only knows, Girzone says with a laugh.

"I have no idea. God has to tell me page to page what to put in next."

Obituaries

Calip Lee Kidd

Calip Lee Kidd, 54, of Harold, died Thursday, November 21, 2002, at his residence.

Born July 9, 1948, in Honaker, he was the son of Mack Kidd Jr., of Prestonsburg, and the late American Damron Kidd. He was a retired coal miner and coal truck driver.

He is survived by his wife, Scharlene Collins Kidd.

Other survivors include one son, Brian Lee Kidd (wife, Evelyn) of Honaker; one daughter, Carrie Lynn Cash (husband, William L.) of Cynthiana; one sister, Margrene Newsome of Pikeville; three grandchildren, Bradley, Ashley, and Eric; and two step-grandchildren, Amanda and Nicholas.

Funeral services will be conducted Sunday, November 24, 11 a.m., at the Little Dove Church (Little Mud), at Printer, with Old Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial will be in the Kidd Family Cemetery, Honaker, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

Visitation is Friday, at 5 p.m., at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

Edgar Rose

Edgar Rose, 66, of Printer, died Thursday, November 21, 2002, at his residence.

Born March 4, 1936, in Prestonsburg, he was the son of the late John and Martha Stevens Rose. He was a disabled laborer, and a member of the Old Time Baptist Church at Printer.

He is survived by his wife, Artie Conn Rose.

Other survivors include five sons, Sammy Salisbury and Randy Salisbury, both of Printer, Edgar E. Rose, and John David Rose, both of Endicott, and Bennie A. Rose of David; one daughter, Hattie Thornsby of David; three brothers, John Wilce Rose of Prestonsburg, William Thomas Rose of Pierceton, Indiana; and Orville Rose of Michigan; two sisters, Elizabeth Crace of Prestonsburg, and Lou Vada Collins of Pierceton, Indiana; 14 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one son, Danny Salisbury; three brothers, Jim "Bo" Rose, Bennie Rose, and Andy Rose; and one sister, Polly Ousley.

Funeral services will be conducted Sunday, November 24, at 1 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home in Martin, with Denver Meade and others officiating.

Burial will be in the Conn Cemetery at Printer, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation is Friday, at 6 p.m., at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

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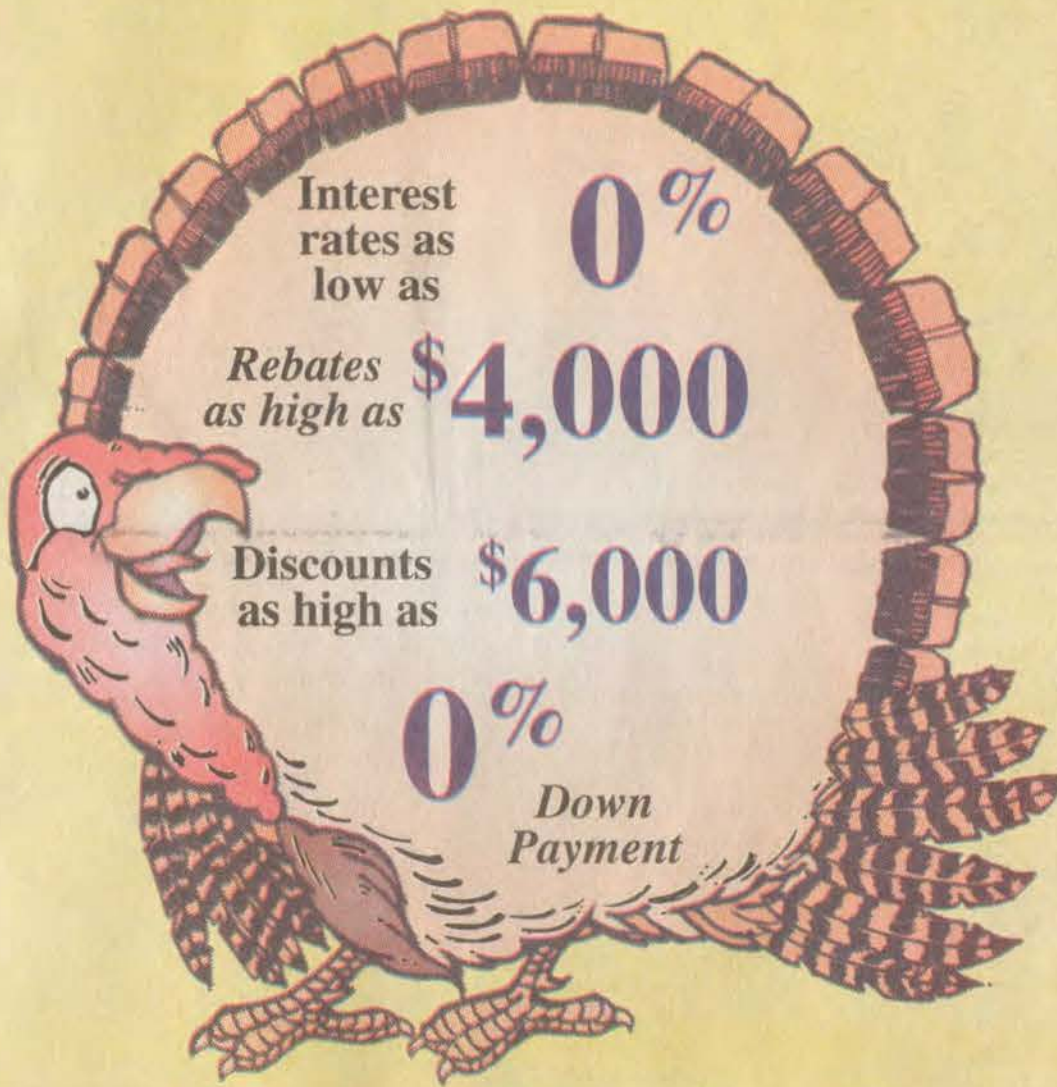
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TODAY

Lady Bears offer free admission

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — The Pikeville College women's basketball team will offer free admission to the game today when it hosts Midway College at the Pikeville College Gymnasium.

The game is scheduled to begin at 2 p.m. and will be followed by a fundraising auction to help support the Pikeville women's basketball program.

DVD players, security cameras, Home Interiors, prom dresses and other items are scheduled to be auctioned off at the event.

Several area players are on the Pikeville College women's roster this season.

The Lady Bears are 5-1 on the season.

SIGNING

Wireman joins Lady Bear roster

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — One of the top players in the mountains has decided to stay home to play college basketball. This morning, Johnson Central High School senior Ashley Wireman has signed a scholarship to play for Pikeville College.

Wireman has helped the Lady Eagles to consecutive 15th Region championships, and that experience is one of the things Lady Bear Coach Bill Watson cherished.

"She's 6-0 in the last two regional tournaments, which means she's played in some very big basketball games," he said. "Ashley has some valuable experience under her belt, and that will be a valuable asset when she begins playing for us next year."

Wireman is nearing the 1000-point barrier in her career, as she enters her senior season with 917 points. She also has 286 rebounds, 198 steals and 182 assists in her three years at

(See **SIGNING**, page three)

SOUTH FLOYD

Raider Rumble rescheduled

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

HI HAT — The Raider Rumble scheduled for this past Friday night at Raider Arena inside South Floyd High School (SFHS) has been rescheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday. Both the SFHS boys' and girls' basketball teams will be present at the event. The South Floyd girls were in action in a panorama yesterday against Whitesburg. The South Floyd boys will take on Tug Valley (W.Va.) the next night after the Raider Rumble at Allen Central High School a panorama.

BACK FROM VEGAS



Pictured from left to right: Terri Mullins, Becky Thomas, Megan Harris and Ashley Johnson.

Floyd players hope to carry over play

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

A LOOK AHEAD

Allen Central Lady Rebels

Coach: Cindy Halbert
Region: 15
District: 58
Early season

Dec. 2 Leslie County
Lady Hawk Tip-Off Classic
Dec. 9 Pikeville
Dec. 14 Knott County Central

South Floyd Lady Raiders

Coach: Melinda Osborne
Region: 15
District: 58

Dec. 2 Letcher
Dec. 5 Johnson Central
Dec. 9 East Ridge

FLOYD COUNTY — Four girls' high school basketball players, three from Allen Central and one from South Floyd, kept busy over the summer, playing in-state and out of state in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Allen Central's Terri Mullins, Megan Harris and Becky Thomas, and South Floyd's Ashley Johnson played on Kentucky teams which made a trip west to Vegas. Allen Central head coach Cindy Halbert also served as coach of one of the teams, but did not coach any of the four players.

Sophomores Thomas and Harris played on the same team, Kentucky Elite Red, which finished second in its

pool. The team was defeated in the Las Vegas national tournament by Oregon Triple Threat. Halbert's team won its pool and went 3-0, defeating teams from Los Angeles and Las Vegas, before being beat.

Mullins and Johnson, both juniors, played on a team coached by an assistant coach from Clinton County High School. The team included four players from Clinton County, including sophomore guard standouts Amber and Paige Guffey.

What the Floyd County players take from the summer experience is the added experience.

The Las Vegas National Championship is the biggest tournament in the country. It

(See **HOPE**, page three)

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Young players lead young team

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

BEREA — Alice Lloyd women's basketball coach Tim Rice turned to Devon Reynolds, a 2002 graduate of Betsy Layne High School, for a starting point guard Tuesday night at Berea College. Reynolds, a freshman, didn't disappoint as she scored nine points and pulled down three rebounds while helping her team to a thrilling 70-69 win on the road.

The Lady Eagles are a young squad with seven freshmen. Other contributors against Berea included Sarah Gooding (6 pts, 5 rebs); Delores Jenkins (7 pts, 3 rebs); Andrea Kelly (5 pts, 3 rebs); Leah Whitley (14 pts, 10 rebs); and Allen Central grad Shannon Sizemore, a sophomore who came in off the bench for 10 points and six boards.

Erica Webb, the player Reynolds replaced in the starting lineup, scored a team-best 19 points and pulled down eight rebounds. The Lady Eagles were able to rebound Berea 40-37 to win

(See **PLAYERS**, page three)

Lady Pirate Invitational will feature four teams

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

BELFRY — Two 15th Region teams, one team from Northern Kentucky and one from the state of West Virginia make up this year's Lady Pirate Invitational.

Belfry head coach Mark Gannon has released the pairings for this year's Lady Pirate tourney. The tournament, which runs December 13-14, has host Belfry and Betsy Layne out of the 15th Region; Ryle, a Northern Kentucky team, and Tolsia, W.Va. Despite just having four teams instead of a larger field, the tournament shapes up to be very, very competitive.

On Friday, Dec. 13, Betsy Layne and Coach Cassandra Akers will

(See **TEAMS**, page three)

PAINTSVILLE

Paintsville announces Tiger Madness

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PAINTSVILLE — The sounds of basketballs bouncing fill the air throughout Eastern Kentucky. One of the area's most tradition rich high school basketball programs, Paintsville, will hold an event on

Tuesday night for both its boys' and girls' basketball teams.

Tiger Madness will be held Tuesday, beginning at 7 p.m. in the gym. Jim Williams will introduce cheerleaders, girls' basketball players and boys' basketball players. Music and lights will be provided by Q95 FM. T-shirts and other Paintsville merchandise will be offered and on sale by the Paintsville Sports Boosters.

The Tigers and Lady Tigers will have a picture day today at 2 p.m. in the gym. Cheerleaders', girls' basketball and boys' basketball picture packages and player ads for the sports program will also be offered on sale by the boosters.

The seventh annual Tiger Christmas Camp will be held December 19-20 at the Paintsville Elementary gym. The camp will be set up in three sessions with grades 1-3 (9-10 a.m.); grades 4-6 (10-11 a.m.) and grades 7-9 (11 a.m. - noon).

(See **MADNESS**, page three)

Border States Shootout will pit teams from two states

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

BELFRY — One of the area's top pre-season girls' basketball events once again promises to offer up some quality basketball.

Six teams from Kentucky and six teams from West Virginia make up this year's Border States Shootout to be held at Belfry High School on Saturday. One of several panoramas scheduled for various gyms throughout the state, the Border States Shootout takes

place on the same day as the Betsy Layne girls' panorama.

- Games for the Belfry panorama follow.
- 11 a.m. Shelby Valley vs. Tolsia (W.Va.)
 - 12:30 p.m. Belfry vs. Woodrow Wilson (W.Va.)
 - 2 p.m. Johnson Central vs. Huntington (W.Va.)
 - 3:30 p.m. Allen Central vs. Tug Valley (W.Va.)
 - 5 p.m. Phelps vs. Scott (W.Va.)

(See **SHOOTOUT**, page three)



Bryan "Ed" Osborne, 15, a student at Prestonsburg High School where he is also a member of the football team, killed an 11-point buck on his uncle Paul Johnson's farm in Johnson County on Saturday, Nov. 9. He is the son of Bryan and Pebble Osborne of Calf Creek.

Middle school basketball roundup

Paintsville 64,
Herald Whitaker 47

TIMES STAFF REPORT

SALYERSVILLE — Paintsville Middle School improved to 4-0 on the season with a 64-47 victory over Herald Whitaker Wednesday night. Paintsville held a 14-8 lead at the

end of the first quarter, but the Hornets outscored the Tigers 13-10 in the second period to pull to within three points at the half, 24-21.

Paintsville went on to outscore the Hornets 18-10 in the third and 22-16 in the fourth for the 64-47 win.

Daniel Pugh led all scorers with 22 points. JD VanHoose pushed in 19 points and grabbed 12 rebounds. Blake Bundy added eight points and Shane Grimm contributed seven. Shane Cantrell chipped in four points, and Justin Stafford and Travis Ison rounded

out the Tiger scoring with two points each.

Herald Whitaker was led by Eric Arnett's 13 points and Shane Prater's 11, respectively. Eric Gibson added eight points and Devon Rice five. Clay Fletcher scored four points, and Chase

Carpenter and Nathan Arnett chipped in three points each.

The loss dropped the Hornets to 3-3 on the year.

Paintsville was scheduled to play

(See **MIDDLE**, page three)

ROOKIES

Only one could win this battle

by **JENNA FRYER**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Ryan Newman and Jimmie Johnson both started the season with a list of goals and a determination to be Rookie of the Year.

Both of them deserved it. Only one could get it.

Round one goes to Newman, and he makes no apologies for grabbing the first major award in this budding NASCAR rivalry.

"There can only be one Winston Cup champion, and there can only be one Rookie of the Year," Newman said. "I can see reasons why Jimmie Johnson could have won and it would have been acceptable — well, not acceptable to me. But we both couldn't win, and I'm glad it was me who did."

In this race, it's a shame there had to be a loser.

Johnson won three races, tying Tony Stewart's rookie record, while Newman won once and picked up close to a \$1 million payout for winning the annual

(See **BATTLE**, page three)

CLASS A BASKETBALL

'A' poll puts Rose Hill on top, Paintsville eighth

by **STEVE LeMASTER**
SPORTS EDITOR

UNION — BluegrassPreps.com has released its Class A rankings. Much to no one's surprise, mighty Rose Hill is ranked first in the poll. Following Rose Hill is Corbin in second-place. Locally, Paintsville is ranked eighth. The Somerset Briar Jumpers, guided by former Prestonsburg coach Shawn Thacker, rank sixth in the poll. Frankfort is third, Mayfield fourth and Brossart fifth. Saint Henry is listed in between Somerset and Paintsville in the No. 6 slot.

The entire BluegrassPreps.com Preseason All A Basketball Rankings follows.

1. Rose Hill
2. Corbin
3. Frankfort
4. Mayfield
5. Brossart
6. Somerset
7. Saint Henry
8. Paintsville
9. University Heights
10. Whitesville Trinity

KHSAA

KHSAA announces sites for state golf tournaments, times for basketball

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — The Kentucky High School Athletic Association announced Tuesday sites for the 2003 girls' and boys' state golf tournaments and time changes for the girls' and boys' basketball tournaments.

The girls' state golf tournament will be Oct. 6-8 at Bellefonte Country Club in Ashland. The boys' tournament will be Oct. 8-10 at Eagle's Trace Golf Course in Morehead.

The KHSAA board also approved time changes for the 2003 girls' and boys' basketball tournaments.

The start of game times for the afternoon session Wednesday through Friday was moved up to noon and 1:30 p.m. local time. The start of game times

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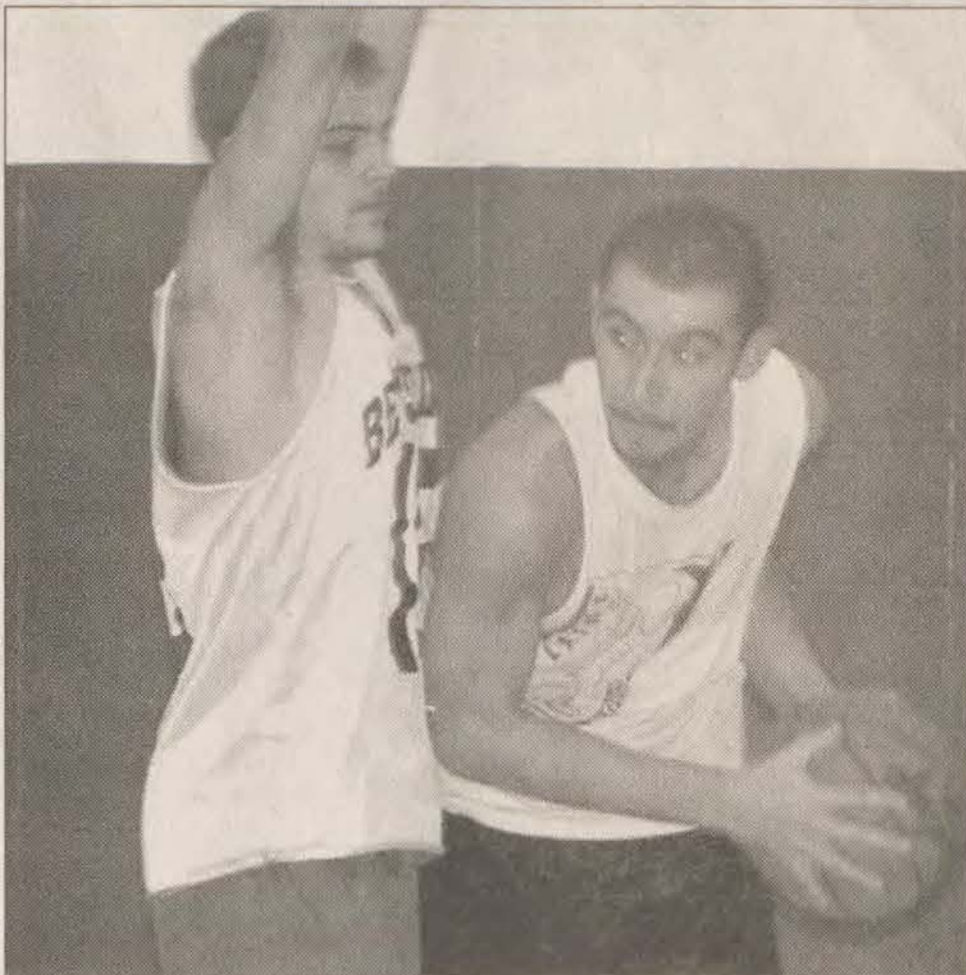


photo by Ed Taylor

Posting up under the basket was one fundamental rule stressed by the Betsy Layne Bobcats during practice. Coach Brent Rose said his team will miss Jeremy Daniels from last year, but still should be a good rebounding team.

Rose likes the make up of 2002 BLHS Bobcats

by **ED TAYLOR**
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

BETSY LAYNE — The 2002-03 high school basketball season is but three weeks from opening and Betsy Layne coach Brent Rose is looking forward to the season ahead and so would he be. Rose said he will return a more experience team than what took to the court last season.

One of the reasons for such optimism is the improved guard play the Bobcats will have this season. "They all have a year's experience under their belts this season and I look for our guard play to be much improved," said the Bobcat mentor.

But improved guard play is not all that looks promising for Betsy Layne this season, but try shooting from the arc.

"This probably will be the best three-point shooting team we have had since I have been here," said Rose. That says a lot, since he has had some top three-point gunners in the past.

The Bobcats should not only be improved at the guard positions, from the three-point arc but the overall team speed will have improved. "This team runs the floor very well," he said. "We are going to be a quick team." That should help in the transition game for the Bobcats.

While Rose was quick to point out the over team strengths, he was just as quick to point there are some areas that needs to be improved upon before they over their season December 3. One of those areas is rebounding. The Bobcats lost Jeremy Daniels from

last year's team, and he is going to be missed according to Rose.

"We lost one of the state's top rebounders over the past two years," he said, "and we must find someone or some way to replace him and his presence in the lane."

The just completed football season has taken out two basketball Bobcats. "They were two contributors to the team that we lost," said the veteran coach. "We also have two promising freshmen who have been slowed by injuries as well."

Coach Rose said the Bobcats will be a disciplined team but will get it up and down the floor with

the rest in the 58th District.

"Even with all the juniors we have on this team, we are basically still a young team," he said. "We could conceivably start four juniors this season and rotate juniors and sophomores off the bench. This team has a lot of good possibilities."

Betsy Layne will return senior guard Bobo Hamilton (5'9) who averaged just over 11 points per game last season. Hamilton will be the playmaker on the floor and averaged nearly three assists per

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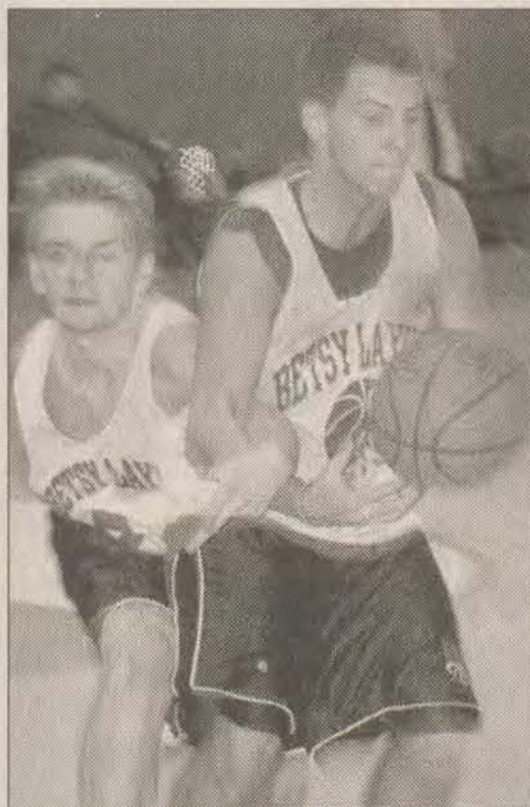


photo by Ed Taylor

The Betsy Layne boys' basketball team has gone through some strenuous practice evenings but look for Betsy Layne to be a much improved ball club over last year.

NASCAR WINSTON CUP

Stewart caps perfect season

by **JENNA FRYER**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — The season began with Sterling Marlin fixing his fender and Tony Stewart's engine going up in smoke.

It ended with doctors sidelining Marlin, and Stewart nearly self-destructing on the way to his first Winston Cup title.

In between, Jeff Gordon took a detour in his storybook life, and Ricky Rudd starred in chapter after chapter of his own thrilling drama.

A fresh crop of kids flexed their

muscles on the track and in the advertising market, while some veterans struggled to find both Victory Lane and television time.

After surviving a near-fatal plane crash, Jack Roush won the battle to get his cars back up front — then lost yet another fight with NASCAR.

And the sanctioning body showed both its power and a knack for making bad decisions.

Unlike last year, when Dale Earnhardt's death in the Daytona 500 cast a dark cloud on NASCAR, this year will be remembered for all the right reasons: The on-track action and

the characters who make the sport.

It all started in February at the Daytona 500, a race Stewart was favored to win. But his motor blew on the second lap and he spent the rest of the day driving back to North Carolina, alone with his thoughts and the grim reality that he'd have to become the first driver to go from worst to first in one season.

Marlin, meanwhile, had a chance to win Daytona, but with a crumpled fender pressed against his tire, his team knew it was only a matter of time

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Wildcats sign two recruits

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — Bobby Perry, a forward from Durham, N.C., and Shery Thomas, a forward from Canada, have signed national letters of intent to play for Kentucky, Coach Tubby Smith said Thursday.

The 6-foot-8 Perry averaged 22 points and 10.7 rebounds per game last season for Durham Hillside High School. The Hornets reached the state quarterfinals and finished 19-8 last season.

For his career, Perry has shot 58 percent from the floor, 41 percent from 3-point range and 75 percent from the free-throw line.

Smith said Perry can play inside and outside.

"He fits our style of play because of his versatility," Smith said.

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RECREATION

Winter recreational programs offered

TIMES STAFF REPORT

The Johnson County Recreation Board and the Paintsville Recreation Department have announced that the old Oil Springs gymnasium will again be open this winter for recreational activities. The Recreation Board will provide funding to lease the facility from the owner, and the Recreation Department and the Pikeville YMCA will assist with the program activities.

Sundays from 1-5 p.m. is open court time. Individuals interested in playing half court basketball or volleyball are encouraged to participate. A three-on-three basketball league for under 35 players may begin in December if enough individuals show interest.

The Pikeville YMCA will be organizing the league and providing officials.

Mondays from 6-10 p.m. are reserved

(See **WINTER**, page three)

Daniels suspended for four games

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — Kentucky junior forward Erik Daniels has been suspended for four games for playing in two summer basketball



leagues, the school said. NCAA rules allow college basketball players to participate in one sanctioned league per summer.

The 6-foot-8 Daniels will not play in next week's Maui Invitational or Kentucky's home opener with High Point on Dec. 3.

"He had received permission to play in the league here, and when he went home to visit his family in Cincinnati, he ended up playing with his old friends in a league

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Stewart

before it blew. So he got out of his car during a red-flag and tried to pull away the sheet metal. NASCAR said no, Marlin lost his shot at the win, and Ward Burton went on to the victory.

A week later, NASCAR showed its inconsistency by refusing to follow the Daytona precedent and not red-flagging the race at Rockingham — denying Marlin a chance to run for the win.

The very next week, Marlin earned his first victory of the season in Las Vegas — a win was aided by another NASCAR gaffe when Marlin was not penalized for speeding on pit road because of miscommunication with the officials.

Marlin settled into first in the points standings and stayed there for 25 consecutive weeks. But his season was derailed after a September wreck at Kansas left him with a broken vertebra in his neck and an order to stay out of his car.

"Yeah, we'd like to think we could have got the title this year," Marlin said. "But it's not the way it played out. We'll just be back next year and give it another go."

One hauler over from Marlin's was the new Jeff Gordon.

The four-time Winston Cup champion announced in March he

and his wife, Brooke, were divorcing seven years of a high profile marriage.

It led to a shakeup in personality for the image-conscious Gordon. He was suddenly fun, accessible — a regular guy. By the time he showed up at Sunday's season finale with five-days' growth of beard on his face, few even raised an eyebrow.

He also went a career-high 31 races without a victory, but rallied to win three races and finish fourth in the points.

"I'm pretty proud of the effort that was put out with all the circumstances like the pressure of not winning on us all year long, and with my personal issues," Gordon said.

Meanwhile, Rudd kept the NASCAR world entertained all summer with an ongoing saga. He was the first of the veteran drivers to complain about TV attention being shifted away from the graybeards and onto the "Young Guns."

He was so irritated that he hinted he might retire.

Instead, he played a back-and-forth game with car owner Robert Yates full of accusations and allegations. There even was a fistfight with crew chief Michael "Fatback" McSwain.

By the time an engine builder

punched Rudd in the eye after a September race at Richmond, Rudd and Yates had already announced their split — he was trading with Elliott Sadler and would drive for The Wood Brothers in 2003.

Oh, by the way, he also broke NASCAR's Iron Man record with 680 consecutive starts.

Perhaps Rudd's gripes about the Young Guns were true. After all, rookies Ryan Newman and Jimmie Johnson certainly proved the kids could race by combining for four victories and 11 poles.

They were both in contention for the championship at one point — Johnson became the first rookie in history to lead the standings — and had a stirring battle for Rookie of the Year. Newman edged Johnson for that title, but Johnson beat him in the standings, finishing one spot ahead of Newman in fifth place.

Jamie McMurray, not even a NASCAR rookie yet, also set a Winston Cup record by winning in his second race as Marlin's replacement.

Kevin Harvick showed how temperamental the newcomers could be when his bad behavior led NASCAR to park him in March at Martinsville. It was an unprecedented penalty, and ultimately was the hard lesson the brash driver had needed.

Still, Kurt Busch proved the kids wouldn't be pushed around, bumping Jimmy Spencer out of his way in Bristol for his first career victory. It started a season-long feud between the two — Busch called Spencer a "decrepit old has-been" — that only quieted after they were both called to the NASCAR hauler.

Busch closed the season as the hottest driver by winning three more times in the final five races, proving Roush Racing was back on track after a horrible 2001 season.

It was a little consolation to Roush, who felt wronged again when NASCAR docked driver Mark Martin 25 points for using an illegal spring. The deduction of points was adopted midway through the season, and Roush feared the new policy would rob Martin of a chance at his first title.

He appealed and lost, but the 25 points didn't matter in the end. Stewart beat Martin by 38.

Still, Roush was lucky to even see the end of the season. He could have died when the small plane he was piloting crashed into an Alabama lake, but a retired Marine dived into the water and pulled him out.

Stewart's battle was with his own demons.

He punched a photographer, then admitted he needed help to

Shootout

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6:30 p.m. South Floyd vs. Logan (W.Va.)

Shootout reminders

- T-shirts provided for players and coaches
- Warm-up balls provided
- Water provided
- Games consist of two 15-minute halves
- 15-minute warm-up period
- Officials from the 15th Region
- Locker rooms will be assigned on arrival
- Post-game meals for all players available at concession stand
- Separate hospitality room for coaches and officials

Madness

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The first 30 campers in each session will be accepted. Each camper will receive a free camp T-shirt. Paintsville High, Middle and Elementary coaches will conduct the camp.

The cost of the camp is \$25 per camper; \$45 for two campers in the same family. Checks should be made payable to Bill M. Runyon. The camp is a fundamental camp. There will be some competition. The camp is open to both boys and girls.

Hope

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brings together all age groups and over 350 teams. The tournament was in its 10th year. "Playing a lot in the summer really helps these kids," said Halbert. "I'm a firm believer that players are made in the summer."

Battle

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all-star race.

Johnson finished fifth in the final standings and Newman wound up sixth, just seven points back.

Newman had a rookie-record six poles, Johnson four. Newman had a series-high 22 Top 10 finishes this season, Johnson 21. Combined, they led 2,043 miles, or 1,578 laps.

When Roger Hogeboom, director of the Raybestos Rookie of the Year program, presented all the stats last weekend to the panel of voters, driver representative Bobby Labonte couldn't believe it.

"He just shook his head and said, 'I don't even have stats like that,'" Hogeboom said.

Johnson and Newman were terrific, just as everyone expected.

Both drive in top equipment and both have former Winston Cup champions as teammates.

Newman, 24, drives for Roger Penske with Rusty Wallace as his teammate. Rick Hendrick and four-time Winston Cup champion Jeff Gordon own the 27-year-old Johnson's car.

Winter

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for volleyball league play. Teams are now being formed for team competition that will last through March 2003.

Volleyball teams will play a best-of-five gam match with a 40-minute time limit, using rally scoring. For more information on the volleyball league, contact Kim Clifton at 606/297-6847.

Tuesdays from 6-10 p.m. are reserved for half court basketball. Pickup games are generally played, but teams of three are also welcomed.

Daniels

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game last season. He didn't score in Kentucky's two exhibition games. "This is a tough blow depth-wise for our basketball team," Kentucky coach Tubby Smith said.

Bobcats

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outing in 2001-02. The Bobcats will a "little height" in retiring forwards Brent Newsome (6'2") and Brandon Hall (6'3"). Newsome averaged in double figures last season at just over 10 points a game and he pulled in an average of five rebounds per contest. Hall scored at nearly five points per game last year and averaged four boards per game.

Coach Rose will have a couple of newcomers who should put a little more size around the paint area. Nathan Newsome (6'3", Junior) and Brenton Akers (6'3", Junior) will both see playing time at the center slot. Preston Simon (6'1") and Wes Howell (6'2" senior) will see a lot of playing time as well.

DISTRICT OVERVIEW

Rose looks for a more balanced 58th District this season and it could come down to March as to who takes home all the marbles.

"The team who is playing the best the first week of march and

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With all that assistance, both drivers were expected to raise the bar on rookie levels.

Instead, they took it to a whole new plateau, even contending for the Winston Cup title. In fact, Johnson became the first rookie to lead the standings.

Yet he was left with nothing when it was all over. Stewart won the Winston Cup title, Newman was top rookie and Johnson was left out in the cold.

"Of course you want to win it — that's what you start out the season to do," Johnson said. "So I'm definitely upset in that respect, but we can't complain about the season we've had. We both had incredible seasons."

Their 23-point margin was one of the closest in rookie history, although Ken Bouchard nipped Ernie Irvan by three points in 1988.

The final tally bothered Hogeboom so much, the guilt over Johnson being shut out was evident on his face.

"It hurts that there's nothing for Jimmie out of this,"

Hogeboom said. "Like Ryan, he just had a terrific season. The two of them waged a battle like one we might not ever see again, and it's a shame they both couldn't have won the award."

What gave Newman the edge was a complicated points system that tallied the top 17 finishes from each driver, with points also awarded for attempting to qualify for a race, a 1-10 system according to where they finish a race in relation to other rookie, bonuses for wins, cracking the Top 10, and laps completed.

Then there's a panel of judges voting on conduct both on and off the track, with the option to deduct points for acts that might discredit NASCAR. Gordon was supposed to join the four NASCAR officials on the panel, but removed himself in favor of Labonte because he owns Johnson's car.

NASCAR said it ultimately was decided by the results from Sunday's season finale. Perhaps both drivers knew it would — Newman opted not to pit late in the race so he could take over the lead and try to hold onto it, Johnson stopped but didn't take tires.

The strategy put both drivers in the top four late, but they faded. Newman finished sixth, two spots better than Johnson, and far enough ahead to seal the rookie title.

"That's what it's all about, coming down to the final race for something we both wanted," Newman said. "I'm sure Jimmie and I are going to have battles long into the future, and if we're lucky, they'll be for championships."

KHSAA

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for Wednesday through Friday evening sessions was moved up 30 minutes to 6:30 and 8 p.m. Saturday's schedule of games for both tournaments remains unchanged with the semifinal games to be played at 10 and 11:30 a.m. local time and the state championship game at 8 p.m.

UK

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Perry chose Kentucky over Stanford, Vanderbilt and Wake Forest.

The 6-foot-8 Thomas played his sophomore season at LaSalle Catholic High School in Montreal, Quebec, where he averaged 30 points and 15 rebounds per game. He transferred to Riverdale Baptist in Upper Marlboro, Md., before last season.

He averaged 19 points, 13

rebounds, four assists and two blocks last year and led the Crusaders to a 20-10 record and a semifinal berth in the Maryland private school state tournament.

Thomas was also being recruited by Virginia. He will become the third Canadian-born player in Kentucky history, following current NBA center Jamaal Magloire and current freshman Bernard Cote.

Middle

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Mountain Christian Academy on Friday night. Results from that scheduled game were unavailable at press time.

Johnson County 60, Sebastian 58

TIMES STAFF REPORT

JACKSON — Cody Conley hit on a late shot and teammate Justin Blanton netted 26 points to lead Johnson County to a 60-58 victory. Both players are products of Highland Elementary.

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The win improved Johnson County to 3-1 on the season with its lone loss of the campaign coming to rival Paintsville.

Sebastian was led in scoring by Justin Hollarr's 27 points. The visiting team from Breathitt County led 19-8 after the opening period before Johnson County fought back to take a six-point lead into the intermission.

Jamie McCarty added 10 points for the Eagles, while Conley finished with eight. Johnson County is coached by former Meade Elementary head coach Chuck McClure.

Teams

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open the tournament against Tolsia at 7 p.m. The nightcap will pit Belfry against Ryle in a game scheduled for an 8:45 tip time. The finals will be held on Saturday at 8:45 p.m. The two losers of the games played on

the first night will meet in a consolation game at 7 p.m. on Saturday before the championship contest.

Trophies will be awarded to the first-, second-, and third-place teams only.

Players

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that battle as well. Rice's group was 19-of-42 on field-goal attempts and six-of-13 from three-point land.

Two of the Lady Eagles' three wins this season have come on the road. For such a young squad, that's a quality percentage. Rice has two seniors on his team and two juniors; the rest are sophomores and freshmen.

With seven freshmen, Rice will have a limited amount of recruiting to do for next season.

"What we'll do with recruiting is look to just fill our needs," said Rice. "Our needs right now are a backup point guard and another inside player."

Rice's Lady Eagles traveled to North Carolina yesterday for a game against Montreat. The Alice Lloyd women entered the game against Montreat with a 3-4 record, looking to even things up. The ALC men were also in action yesterday. Results from both games were unavailable.

Signing

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Johnson Central, where she has made 108 three-pointers as this season begins.

But perhaps the most important stat of them all is this one: In three seasons, her Lady Eagle teams have gone 73-25.

"Johnson Central has been among the top programs in girl's high school basketball since the sport was restarted in the 1970s," said Watson. "The Wireman family has played a huge role in this, and we're excited now to have a member of that family join our family."

Wireman's high school career has been guided by her father, Johnson Central's long-

time coach Phillip Wireman, who is set to begin his 12th season, where is his 228-116 all-time with four 15th Region crowns.

Wireman is a three-time All-District 57 selection and was named All-Region last year. She was named All-Area by The Daily Independent of Ashland, one of the Top Five Players in the 15th Region by WYMT-TV and honorable mention all-state by Louisville's Courier-Journal.

Wireman is a success academically as well, having been named to Who's Who three times and to the National Honor Roll as a junior.

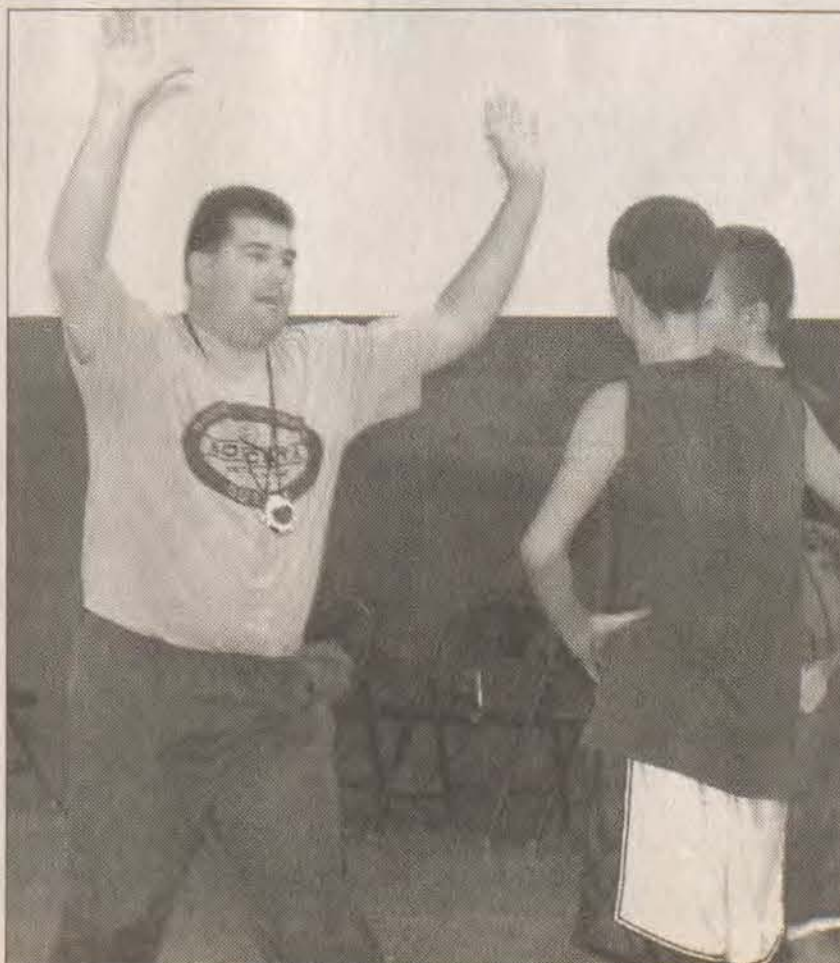
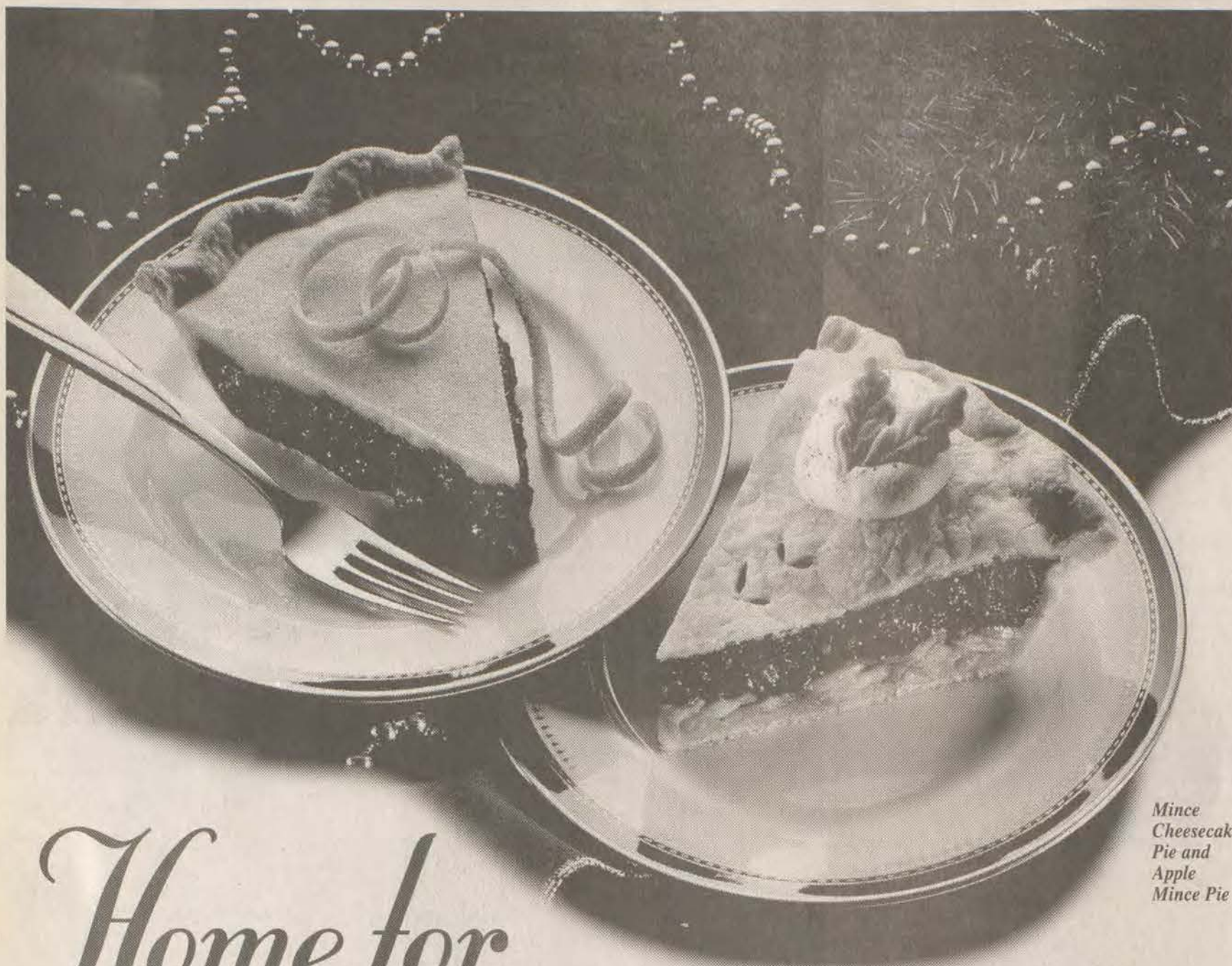


photo by Ed Taylor

Betsy Layne Coach Brent Rose took his team through practice drills as they ready themselves for the 2002-03 season. Rose said improve guard play should help his team improved this season.



Mince Cheesecake Pie and Apple Mince Pie

Home for the Holidays

Holiday Pumpkin Squares

This Thanksgiving, offer two favorite flavors—pumpkin and mincemeat—in a new way: dessert squares instead of pies.

Prep Time: 25 minutes
Baking Time: 15 minutes + 15 minutes + 15 minutes
Makes 24 servings

- 1 1/4 cups unsifted flour
- 1/3 cup granulated sugar
- 1/3 cup firmly packed brown sugar
- 3/4 cup butter
- 1 (15-ounce) can pumpkin
- 1 (14-ounce) can Eagle Brand Sweetened Condensed Milk (NOT evaporated milk)
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon ground allspice
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 (27-ounce) jar None Such Ready-to-Use Mincemeat
- 1 cup chopped walnuts
- 1 tablespoon unsifted flour

Preheat oven to 375°F. In medium bowl, combine 1 1/4 cups flour and sugars. Cut in butter until crumbly. Reserve 1 cup mixture. Pat remaining mixture on bottom of ungreased 13x9-inch baking pan. Bake 15 minutes.

Meanwhile, in large bowl, combine pumpkin, sweetened condensed milk, eggs, cinnamon, allspice and salt. Evenly spread mincemeat over partially baked crust. Spoon pumpkin mixture over. Bake 15 minutes. Remove from oven.

Stir nuts and 1 tablespoon flour into reserved crumb mixture. Sprinkle over pumpkin mixture. Bake 15 to 20 minutes longer or until set. Cool slightly. Cut into squares. Serve warm. Store leftovers, covered, in refrigerator.

Pecan Pie Bars and Holiday Pumpkin Squares



Maple Pumpkin Cheesecake

Prep Time: 40 minutes
Baking Time: 1 hour + 15 minutes
Cooling Time: 1 hour
Chilling Time: 4 hours
Makes one 9-inch cheesecake

- 1 1/4 cups graham cracker crumbs
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1/4 cup butter or margarine, melted
- 3 (8-ounce) packages cream cheese, softened
- 1 (14-ounce) can Eagle Brand Sweetened Condensed Milk (NOT evaporated milk)
- 1 (15-ounce) can pumpkin (1 3/4 cups)
- 3 eggs
- 1/4 cup Pure Maple Syrup
- 1 1/2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- Maple Pecan Glaze (recipe below)

Preheat oven to 325°F. Combine crumbs, sugar and butter; press firmly on bottom of 9-inch springform pan.

With mixer, beat cream cheese until fluffy. Gradually beat in sweetened condensed milk until smooth. Add pumpkin, eggs, 1/4 cup maple syrup, cinnamon, nutmeg and salt; mix well.

Pour over crust in prepared springform pan. Bake 1 1/4 hour or until center appears nearly set when shaken. Cool 1 hour. Cover and chill at least 4 hours.

To serve, spoon some Maple Pecan Sauce over cheesecake. Garnish with additional pecans if desired. Pass remaining sauce. Store leftovers, covered, in refrigerator.

Maple Pecan Sauce: In medium saucepan, combine 1 cup (1/2 pint) whipping cream and 3/4 cup pure maple syrup; bring to boil. Boil rapidly 15 to 20 minutes or until slightly thickened; stir occasionally. Stir in 1/2 cup chopped pecans. Cover and chill until served. Stir before serving.

Note: To use 13x9-inch baking pan, press crumb mixture firmly on bottom of pan. Proceed as above, except shorten bake time to 50–60 minutes or until center appears nearly set when shaken.

Home for the holidays means mincemeat pies warm from the oven... creamy, smooth eggnog with a sprinkling of nutmeg... rich cookies full of chocolate, nuts... and other good things. And cozy breakfasts to start the day. Be ready to welcome family and friends with gifts from your kitchen and special dishes you know they'll love.

This year, make the holidays even more memorable. Deck your halls, scent the air with evergreen and spices and set your holiday table with these fabulous foods. These quick/easy recipes ensure you'll have plenty of special moments beyond the kitchen.

Mince Cheesecake Pie

Prep Time: 15 minutes
Baking Time: 40 minutes
Makes one 9-inch pie

- 1 (27-ounce) jar None Such Ready-to-Use Mincemeat (Regular or Brandy & Rum)
- 1 1/2 teaspoons grated orange rind, divided
- Pastry for 1-crust pie
- 2 (3-ounce) packages cream cheese, softened
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Place rack in lowest position in oven; preheat oven to 425°F. Combine mincemeat and 1 teaspoon rind; turn into pastry-lined 9-inch pie plate. Bake 15 minutes.

Meanwhile in small mixer bowl, beat cream cheese and sugar until fluffy. Add eggs, vanilla and remaining 1/2 teaspoon rind; mix well. Pour over mincemeat.

Reduce oven temperature to 350°F. Bake 25 minutes longer or until set. Cool. Serve warm or chilled. Garnish as desired. Refrigerate leftovers.

Apple Mince Pie

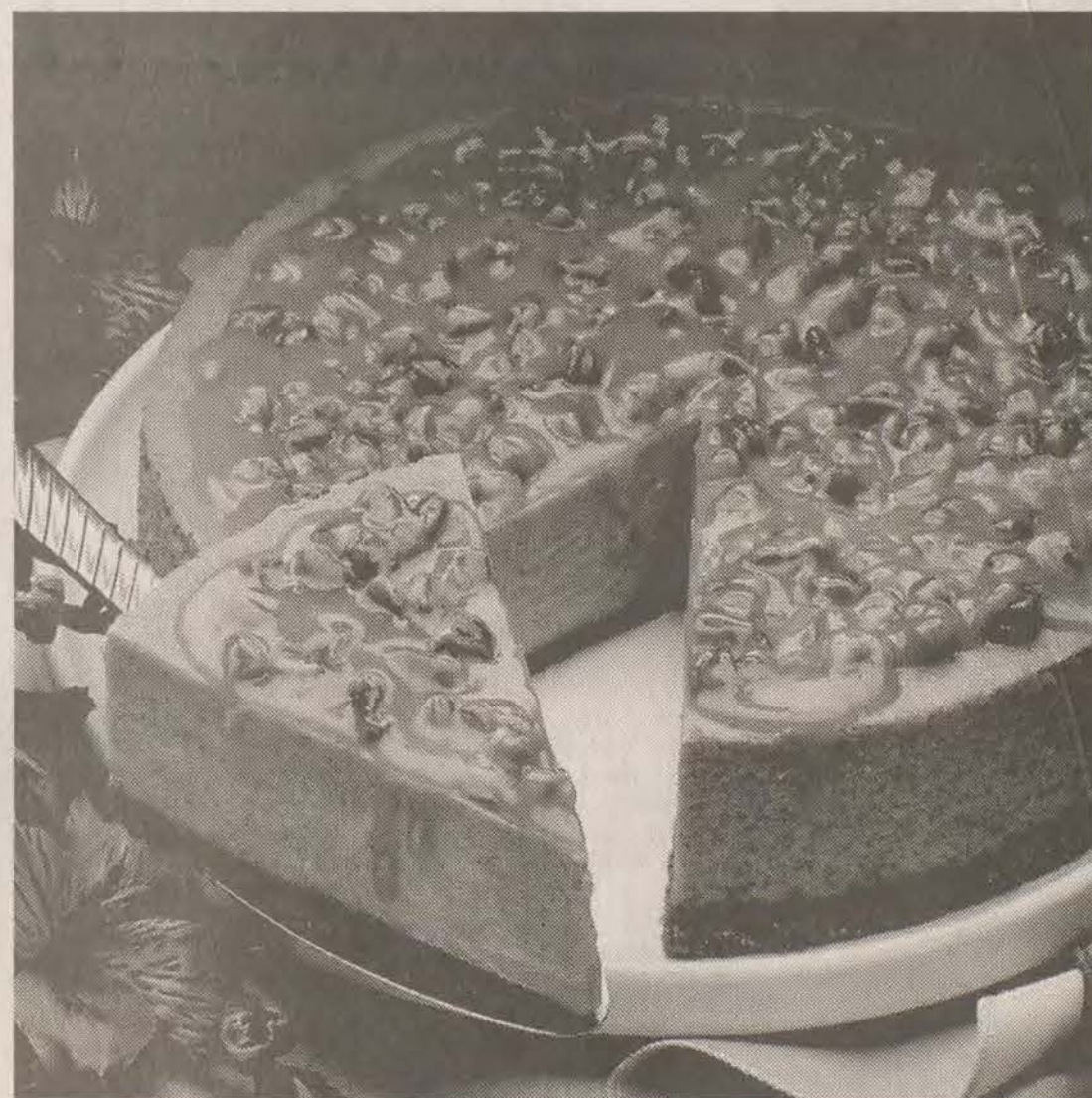
Prep Time: 30 minutes
Baking Time: 35 minutes
Makes one 9-inch pie

- 3 medium all-purpose apples, cored, pared and thinly sliced
- 3 tablespoons flour
- 2 tablespoons margarine or butter, melted
- Pastry for 2-crust pie
- 1 (27-ounce) jar None Such Ready-to-Use Mincemeat (Regular or Brandy & Rum)
- 1 egg yolk plus 2 tablespoons water, mixed

Place rack in lower half of oven; preheat oven to 425°F. In large bowl, toss apples with flour and margarine; turn into pastry-lined 9-inch pie plate. Spoon mincemeat evenly over apples.

Cover with top crust; cut slits near center. Seal and flute. Brush egg mixture over crust. Bake 10 minutes. Reduce oven temperature to 375°F; bake 25 minutes longer or until golden. Cool. Garnish as desired.

Tip: 1 (9-ounce) package None Such Condensed Mincemeat, reconstituted as package directs, can be substituted for None Such Ready-to-Use Mincemeat.



Maple Pumpkin Cheesecake

Pecan Pie Bars

Prep Time: 15 minutes
Baking Time: 35 minutes
Makes 36 bars

- 2 cups unsifted flour
- 1/4 cup packed brown sugar
- 1/2 cup (1 stick) butter, chilled
- 1 1/2 cups chopped pecans, divided
- 1 (14-ounce) can Eagle Brand Sweetened Condensed Milk (NOT evaporated milk)
- 3 eggs, beaten
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice from concentrate

Preheat oven to 350°F. In medium bowl, combine flour, 1/2 cup chopped pecans and brown sugar; cut in butter until crumbly.

Press mixture on bottom of ungreased 13x9-inch baking pan. Bake 10 minutes.

Meanwhile, combine remaining pecans, sweetened condensed milk, eggs and lemon juice from concentrate; pour over crust. Bake 25 minutes or until filling is set.

Cool. Cut into bars. Store, covered, at room temperature.

Easy French Toast

Start to Finish: 10 minutes
Makes 8 slices (4 servings)

- 1 1/4 cups Borden Eggnog
- 8 slices bread
- Lemon Crème, powdered sugar or maple syrup

Pour eggnog into shallow bowl; dip bread into eggnog. Cook bread in hot greased skillet or on griddle until golden brown on both sides. Serve hot with Lemon Crème, powdered sugar or maple syrup.

Lemon Crème

Prep Time: 5 minutes
Makes 1 1/2 cups

- 1 (14-ounce) can Eagle Brand Sweetened Condensed Milk (NOT evaporated milk)
- 1/2 cup lemon juice from concentrate
- 4 drops yellow food coloring, if desired

In medium bowl, stir together sweetened condensed milk and lemon juice from concentrate. Stir in food coloring if desired. Use immediately or cover and store in refrigerator for up to 5 days. Store leftovers, covered, in refrigerator.

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Campus Connection: Education a special gift

Who is on your Christmas list this year? You walk up and down the aisles trying to find the perfect gift, a gift that won't be tucked away in a closet to be given to someone else next year, a gift that doesn't empty, doesn't go out of style, and can't be outgrown.

If this is the kind of gift that you are

looking for, look no further. Give the gift that keeps on giving—help fund the future by donating to a scholarship fund.

An education is something that will never lose its value, never be forgotten, and never be outgrown. There are so many students who need additional funding to complete this great journey that

they have begun.

By giving to a scholarship fund, you will be touching many lives as it will benefit the mother returning to school to better herself for her children, the father who wants to give more to his family, or the son or daughter who is the first of their family to attend college. Your gift can

change the future. Why not rest at ease this Christmas knowing that whether or not Judy likes the sweater you bought her or Billy will ever read the book you bought him, someone will be able to fur-

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Rachel Burchett

View From the Hill

by STACI BOWMAN

Dwight L. Moody once said, "Of one hundred men, one will read the Bible; the ninety-nine will read the

Christian." What a scary thought to have before you go to college, since I have never claimed to be a great

person, nor have I ever claimed to have done a righteous deed. However, through my many experiences and trials at Pikeville College, I have found the strength to continue to serve God and to do the best I can.

I remember my freshman

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TRUCK DRIVING SCHOOL



From left to right, Danny Fields, Jerry Johnson, Michael Hopkins, instructor Jay Meredith and Sam Welch.

State trooper CDL training

by RACHELLE BURCHETT

Bobby McCool, chief administrative officer for the Big Sandy Community and Technical College District, presented certificates to Kentucky State troopers Jerry

Johnson and Michael Hopkins for completion of the commercial driver's license training course at Mayo Technical College.

The officers will now take a 40-hour course at Central Tech, Anderson County Campus in

Lawrenceburg. Upon completion of the course they will become CDL test administrators.

Hopkins has been a trooper for 17 years and was very pleased with

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For more information about the truck-driving program contact Jay Meredith at (606) 789-5321, ext. 310.

INFORMATION

HCC gets feedback

Submitted Article

How does Hazard Community College know if they are meeting the training needs of businesses in the community? One way is to hold a session and ask a group of community and business people.

Those participating in the discussion were, front row, from left, Keila Young, Human Resources director at American Woodmark; Rebecca Fletcher and Annie Williams, both of Hazard Clinic; Jill Hatch of LKLP Headstart; Harry Hosey, manager of Perry Manufacturing; Ruth Frey, Project Director of CAEL (Council for Adult and Experiential Learning).

In back are Gerry Roll of Community Ministries; Tom Flint, CAEL vice president for Lifelong Learning; Danny Maggard, chief engineer for Kentucky River Coal Corporation; and David Bates, human resources manager with

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DEADLINE

Kudzu deadline extended

Kudzu, an annual literary publication of Hazard Community College, is now soliciting submissions from the general public as well as students and HCC employees for its 2003 issue.

A new deadline of Feb. 1, 2003 has been set for submissions of poems, pen and ink art work, short stories and personal essays. The short stories and personal essays should not exceed 4,000 words.

With the submissions, please include a few biographical facts, town or county of residence, occupation and/or interests. Please provide a return address, telephone number, and email address (if available).

Those wanting their work returned should send a self-addressed stamped envelope to Donna S. Sparkman, Hazard Community College, Knott County Branch, One Community College Drive, Hazard, KY 41701.

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PROFILE



■ Charlie Sebastian

Tech Campus remembers Charlie Sebastian

by KAY DENO

The employees of the Technical Campus of Hazard Community College came together to celebrate the years we worked with Charlie Sebastian. Charlie's wife, Kathy, and daughter, Leigh Ann, joined us in honoring our colleague.

We enjoyed lots of good food, companionship and, most

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UK switching to online application system

The Associated Press

LEXINGTON — Job hopefuls looking for employment at the University of Kentucky will soon need only an internet-ready computer to complete their applications.

The school plans to install a new paperless job application system by Friday that will allow job seekers to create and attach a resume and cover letter.

The documents can be stored in the system or changed to apply for other jobs.

"From all applicants' standpoint, it's going to be so much better," said Mary Ferlan, operations director for human resources. "They will get an immediate response if they were accepted to apply, then they can go in and track the status of the job and track their own progress."

Applicants can not only view job listings on the system but also find out

when interviews are held or when the job is filled.

Hiring officials also save time, since the system automatically sorts and ranks candidates and won't process applicants that don't have the basic qualifications.

Although a dollar figure for the system wasn't specified, university officials say they'll save at least 1 million sheets of paper a year and cut back on personnel hours.

Last month, the university received 12,000 job applications, requiring at least 24,000 sheets of paper and thousands of manpower hours to sift through them.

"We have a very old, paper-pushing system that uses too much paper and too much time," said T. Lynn Williamson, director of UK human resources.

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Stepp wins 'Miss ALC Pageant'

Mashal Stepp, a senior Elementary Education Major from Lovely, Kentucky, won the title of Miss Alice Lloyd College on Thursday, November 14th. Five talented and beautiful girls competed for the prestigious crown including Stephanie Branscum, a junior biology major from Monticello, Kentucky; Vanessa Graybeal, a senior biology major from Manchester, Kentucky; Nikki Patton, a junior middle school education major from Wayland, Kentucky; and Kristin Toler, a junior middle school education major from Oceana, West Virginia. The pageant was directed by ALC student Kristin Compton.



Sloane recognized

Mike Sloane, left, of Malle, is a 1954 graduate of Alice Lloyd College (Caney Jr. College). He has been instrumental in the organization of the ALC Alumni Association, and has served as president of the Alumni Association from 1997 - present. His term will end December 31, 2002. During the annual Alumni Association meeting, Mike was recognized for his outstanding service and commitment to Alice Lloyd College and its alumni. Dr. Jim Stepp, Alice Lloyd College, vice-president for administration, is shown with him.

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Report on water quality in Kentucky released

FRANKFORT - The 2002 Report to Congress on Water Quality in Kentucky is now available on the World Wide Web at <http://water.nr.state.ky.us/dow/2002-305b.htm>.

The report satisfies requirements contained in Section 305(b) of the Clean Water Act for each state to submit a biennial report to Congress evaluating the quality of its streams, rivers and lakes. The Clean Water Act seeks to make the nation's waters "fishable

and swimmable." The report assesses the extent to which the state's waters have attained that goal.

The 2002 report is based primarily on results from monitoring in the Salt/Licking Basin Management unit in

1999 and the Cumberland/Tennessee/Mississippi Basin Management unit in 2000. The report comprises not only two years of intensive watershed data collection in these two basin management units but a summary

of data from the entire state.

This information includes data collected in 1998 in the Kentucky River Basin and data collected prior to 1998

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Medicare AND YOU



Donna R. Morton
Medicare Beneficiary
Outreach Coordinator
AdminaStar Federal

Q I enrolled in Medicare Part A and B but am still working (or went back to work). I did not realize my employer group health insurance was the primary payer. Can I drop Part B now and enroll in Part B again when I retire?

A If you are working and covered by your employer group health insurance, your Part B benefits may be of limited value to you as long as your group health insurance is the primary payer of your medical bills. If you decide to drop Part B while you are working and covered by your employer group health insurance, you can sign up for Medicare Part B again during your Special Enrollment Period. If you are working for a small company (less than 20 employees) you should talk to your employee health benefits administrator before making any decision not to take Medicare Part B. If your employer has less than 20 employees, Medicare is the primary payer and your group health insurance would be the secondary payer.

Q If I drop my Medicare Part B when I realize my employer group health insurance is the primary payer and then enroll with Part B during my Special Enrollment Period, will I have to pay a higher premium?

A As long as you enroll in Part B during your Special Enrollment Period you will not have to pay a higher Part B premium.

Q When is my Special Enrollment Period?

A Your Special Enrollment Period during these situations is:

- Anytime you are still covered by the employer or union group health plan through your or your spouse's current or active employment

- During the 8 months following the month the employer or union group health plan coverage ends or when the employment ends (whichever is first)

Q If I enroll during my Special Enrollment Period when does my Medicare Part B become effective?

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Employees of Appalachian Research and Defense Fund of KY were pleased to receive a turtle trophy and prize money from students from Our Lady of the Mountains School, Paintsville, who sponsors the annual event. The legal defense business sponsored "Hot Mustard" who raced his way to a first place finish at the 2002 Apple Day Turtle Trot event. Pictured, from left to right, are: Reagan Coburn, Laryssa Cybriwsky, Brenda Campbell, Rachel Sanders, Darlene Conley, and Allison Sanders.

EMPLOYMENT NEWS

Jobless rate drops in October

FRANKFORT - Kentucky's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell to 4.9 percent in October from 5.2 percent in September, according to the Department for Employment Services, a Cabinet for Workforce Development agency. In October 2001, the state's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 6 percent.

The U.S. seasonally adjusted jobless rate rose to 5.7 percent in October from

5.6 percent in September.

"That 4.9 percent jobless rate is the first time in 2002 that Kentucky's unemployment rate has dropped below the 5 percent mark and it's the lowest rate the commonwealth has seen in 20 months," said Carlos Cracraft, the department's chief labor market analyst. "Further, the number of Kentuckians unemployed in October, some 97,314, marked the first time that the jobless

number has fallen below 100,000 in 2002."

Two of the eight major nonfarm job sectors had employment increases in October, five recorded decreases, and one remained the same, Cracraft said.

According to the seasonally adjusted employment data, the services sector registered the largest job gain in October with 1,900 new positions. "During October, both business services and edu-

cational services added 600 jobs each. In addition, social services added 300 jobs, and health services and membership organizations rose by 200 each," Cracraft said.

The finance, insurance and real estate sector had 400 more positions in October than in September. "After little change in employment in the first half of

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SAFE DRIVER AWARD

Hueysville trucker earns Million Mile Safe Driver

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Landstar System Inc., a safety-first transportation capacity provider, has recognized Gregory Ousley as a Million Mile Safe Driver.

Ousley was one of 64 Landstar business capacity owners honored for their professionalism and safety at a recent awards banquet in Jacksonville. To qualify as a Million Mile Safe Driver, truck operators must drive at least 1 mil-

lion consecutive accident- and claim-free miles — equivalent to traveling around the world 40 times. The addition of this year's inductees brings the total number of Landstar Million Mile Safe Drivers to 479.

"Gregory raises the bar on safety in the industry by consistently exceeding all industry standards," said Landstar president and chief

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■ Gregory Ousley

AWARDS

U.S. Bank rewards 600,000 customers

LOUISVILLE — This month, 600,000 U.S. Bank customers will see a cash bonus in their November bank statements. The bonus is part of U.S. Bank's "Checking that Pays" program, which rewards customers up to one percent of their total purchases when they use their U.S. Bank check card.

Mark Wheeler, U.S. Bank Louisville market president, said that Checking that Pays program was launched in Kentucky this past fall to reward checking account customers with cash.

"We value our checking account customers and this is our way of showing our appreciation for them while attracting new customers," Wheeler said. "People today want to make their money go farther and many like the idea that they are getting cash back when they use their check card to pay for everyday items like gas and groceries. I'm seeing more and more customers sign up for the program and use their cards because they are finding it is quicker than writing a check."

Currently, the Checking that Pays pro-

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CHAMBER NOTES

Floyd Chamber has new website

by REGINA BECKNELL
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, FLOYD COUNTY
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Floyd County Chamber of Commerce is pleased to introduce their new website, featuring Chamber members, benefits, Calendar of Events and special programs. The site also highlights Floyd County and all that it has to offer in tourism and trade. We invite everyone to go online and check out the new site: www.floydcountkentucky.com.

It is the continuing goal of the Chamber to address business and county concerns by gaining input from

Chamber members and local leaders. We use scheduled meetings as a way of discussing some of these concerns. Our website offers a new approach to highlighting the most often talked about county concern: economic development.

The Chamber is a strong advocate of economic development and will assist and support all efforts to expand the economic potential of our county. With that in mind, the Chamber's new website has been designed to include economic development as a key component, by providing links and information to aide website visitors.

It is a known fact that most new

industry, relocating, or expanding businesses do their homework on the web. When contacted by businesses, it becomes apparent that they know far more about your area than you, so why not make yourself more available for research. Our county has numerous government leaders; organizations and a variety of groups working everyday to improve the quality of our county, providing detailed information or discussing the concerns required to make our area more attractive to potential growth.

This site will serve as a bridge

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of all, many wonderful memories of a beloved friend.

Charlie Sebastian was employed by Hazard State Vocational Technical School, now Hazard Community College, on April 16, 1987. On this date, the students of this school gained a valuable ally. Any student who walked into Charlie's classroom left a better person. He had an inherent gift for

instilling confidence and an increased sense of self-worth within his students. He often went far beyond the boundaries of his duties to assist students with problems, whether they were school related or personal made no difference.

Due to declining health, Charlie Sebastian reluctantly retired on November 30, 2001. When Charlie walked out the doors on this date, his students lost an advocate and his colleagues lost a friend whose shoes will be difficult to fill.

Sadly, shortly after retirement, our beloved Charlie died. Although he is no longer with us, many of our lives are forever enriched for having known him. Like a pebble dropped into a pond, his goodness will spread through the lives he touched.

Bankruptcy Filings

The following is a list of bankruptcy cases filed with the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky in Lexington from Nov. 15 to 22.

Pikeville Division

Chapter 7

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

Stephen M. Lucas, of Millstone.

Connie Faye Howard, of Oil Springs.

Ronnie Shepherd and Sandra Lynn Shepherd, of Prestonsburg.

Barry Michael Ward, of Tomahawk.

David Newell Hill and Terri Sue Hill, of Oil Springs.

Wendy Milam, of Shelby Gap.

Terry Lee Parsons and Melissa Ann Parsons, of Varney.

Kudzu

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The work and biographical information should be submitted to Donna S. Sparkman at the above address anytime before November 15, 2002. For more information, call Donna S. Sparkman at (606) 785-4114 or email her at DonnaS.Sparkman@kctcs.edu.

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Neighborhood Restaurants - Wendy's, Hazard CC and Jefferson CC were the two community colleges in the state asked to work with CAEL to conduct a study for the Ford Foundation. 100 surveys were sent out to businesses in the Hazard and Louisville area concerning educational needs of the company's hourly workers. Of the companies that responded to the initial survey, eight companies in Hazard consented to do a follow up focus group to get more in-depth information about working with their local community colleges.

A similar focus group will be held in Louisville in early December.

Education

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ther their education?

I know from experience that scholarships do make a difference because they made a difference in my life. I was able to return to school after being a full-time mother of three boys for 10 years. Although I was able to receive financial aid, it was the scholarship that made it possible for me to graduate with an associate's degree. I realize that an associate's degree is only half the journey but because someone chose to give the gift that keeps on giving, I only have half the journey left.

By returning to school I have not only enriched my knowledge but I have been able to set an example and show the impor-

Floyd resident honored with state award

FRANKFORT — A Floyd County man has been given the "Counselor of the Year" award from the Kentucky Department for the Blind at a ceremony recently in Berea.

Kenis Mike Hall, a rehabili-

tation counselor with the Department for the Blind, was presented the award at the recognition event sponsored by the department, a Cabinet for Workforce Development agency.

The Counselor of the Year award goes to the rehabilitation counselor who has helped the most clients obtain employment. In 2002, Hall helped 28 people enter or re-enter the workforce.

"Mike Kenis Hall has only one goal at work," said Beth Cross, client services director for the department. "He wholeheartedly believes people who are blind and visually impaired should have every opportunity

to become employed. Mike's commitment to individuals with visual disabilities is evidenced in his outstanding job performance."

The Kentucky Department for the Blind is a state government rehabilitation agency that

offers assistance to persons who are blind or visually impaired and also provides services for employers. For more information about the department and its services, contact (877) 592-5463 or visit <http://kyblind.state.ky.us> on the internet.

Water

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in the two basin management units that have not yet been sampled intensively (Green/Tradewater unit and Big Sandy/Little Sandy/Tygart unit). Data collected by the Ohio River Valley Water Sanitation Commission (ORSANCO) were used to make assessments for the main stem of the Ohio River.

The Division of Water initiated a five-year rotating watershed management approach in 1997, and the Kentucky River basin was the first unit to be monitored. Monitoring under the watershed management framework is conducted cooperatively by state, federal and local agencies. Under this management plan, waters in all areas of the state will have updated assessments by April 2004.

Assessments examined whether streams support designated uses contained in Kentucky's water quality standards regulations (aquatic life, swimming, domestic water supply and minimum uses including fish consumption).

The major causes of waters not fully supporting uses were pathogens (swimming use) and siltation and habitat alterations (aquatic life use). The major sources of these problems were nonpoint, such as agriculture, logging and urban runoff. Municipal point sources, resource extraction, straight pipes and onsite waste systems (improperly operating or lacking) also accounted for a significant number of impaired waters.

In 1972, the year the Clean Water Act was signed, 71 percent of waterways in Kentucky that were assessed because information was available did not support their designated uses. As reported in the 2002 Report to Congress on Water Quality, 44.2 percent of assessed waterways did not support designated uses.

To obtain a print copy of the report, at a cost of \$15, contact Dru Ellen Hawkins, Division of Water, 14 Reilly Road, Frankfort, KY 40601 or call (502) 564-3410. The report is also available on CD.

UK

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Only applications for staff jobs, and not faculty posts, can be made through the new system. Officials estimate they receive 25 to 350 applications for staff jobs, which account for a majority of openings.

Extra computers were set up in Scovell Hall for job candidates to use, and personnel is

available to help them through the new application process. UK also is providing brochures and training for people who aren't comfortable applying online.

Developed at the University of Texas, the online job application system was also adopted at Syracuse, Texas A&M and Auburn.

View

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year so clearly. One of my roommates was talking about a mission trip she had gone on the year before, which was something I had longed to do. Through a lot of mixed feelings, I decided I wasn't good enough or I didn't know the Bible enough or even that my faith wasn't strong enough for such a thing. But I soon learned that God had an amazing way of working things out, and I know he used Pikeville College and this community to show me his will.

Through what seemed like a thousand chapel and Fellowship of Christian Athlete services, I realized that I didn't have to be perfect to be a missionary. Look at Moses for instance. Here was an ordinary man who was at first timid and had a speech impediment, but God used him in such extraordinary ways.

Through lots of prayers and encouragement from professors and friends, I realized it was time to take what I knew about Jesus to others. I signed up for a trip to Mexico with Competitive Edge International, which is associated with Athletes in Action, and I was on my way to the experience of a lifetime.

During this trip, God humbled me so much. I saw pain and suffering. I saw hunger every time a child reached his hand out to me, not only physical, but a spiritual hunger. I was amazed

to see people who would crawl for miles on their knees because they believed the pain that it brought forth would draw them closer to God. I saw needs that only God could fill. I remember days after this trip just crying about my own selfishness and how spoiled I was with wealth.

After the trip, I decided no matter where I was sent I was going to reach out to others. From there on, every Christmas, spring and summer break, I went on a trip somewhere and Pikeville College has supported me through it all.

That first summer was a life altering experience, but this summer was a true test of my faith. This summer I spent a month and a half in England and Ireland; however, the need in this area was different from the need I had experienced elsewhere. There were not a lot of homeless people who were starving there, but there were a lot of people who had never heard the name Jesus. In England, we worked in a city that was very poverty stricken. It was so hard to try to understand how so many could not know Jesus; their lives to me seemed meaningless. I couldn't even begin to imagine or grasp living a life without experiencing a true love that comes from God. It was heartbreaking to think that many of these people may never experience anything better than the situation they are currently in.

I can't imagine what my life would be like without these experiences, and I can't even begin to express the gratitude I feel toward those in the community, the First Christian Church and Pikeville College, who have continued to support me during the continuation of my education. I know it was God's will for me to come here, and I believe it is God's will for me to remain in Eastern Kentucky and continue in ministry. I will always be thankful to God for the opportunity to come to this area to further my education and more importantly, to serve Him.

Staci Bowman, of Louisville, is a senior at Pikeville College majoring in religion/human services.

Chamber

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between county and state government and other organizations to increase the availability options of any industry and business interested in considering the Floyd County area for new development, expansion or relocation. In addition to continuing to share information with area businesses on our organization we will also continue to showcase our members, programs and services, advertising opportunities and business networking events.

The Chamber would like to work with other organizations and groups to calendar the county. If you have date information you would like to post for our members, call the Chamber or email (floydchamber@setel.com).

The Chamber will be soon be adding to our advertising options an offer for member banner advertisements as a way of increasing business potential, so watch for upcoming details. E-Business is the wave of the future and is making itself known more and more in how people are choosing to do business.

Contact the Chamber for more information on business opportunities.

CHAMBER CALENDAR

Dec. 4 - Executive Committee Meeting, 8:15 a.m. Community Trust Bank

Dec. 4 - Special Board of Directors Meeting, 9:15 a.m. Community Trust Bank

Dec. 4 - Highlands Regional Medical Center Cancer Center Open House, 1 to 4 p.m.

Dec. 5 - Prestonsburg Convention & Visitors Bureau "Business After Hours", 5 to 8 p.m. Make plans to bring the family, because Santa will be making a special stop.

Dec. 9 - Membership Meeting, 12 noon at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park Lodge.

Jobless

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2002, this sector has added 1,100 jobs since June. The recent job growth in this industry has been spurred by the lowest interest rates in nearly 40 years," Cracraft said.

The mining and quarrying sector remained at 20,200 from September to October.

On the down side, Kentucky's transportation, communications and public utilities sectors recorded 600 fewer jobs in October. "This sector has declined by 2,400 jobs over the past year with the great majority of those losses occurring in the air transportation industry," he said.

In the government sector, positions decreased by 500 in October. While federal government jobs rose by 500 in October because of the hiring of airport security personnel, a loss of 1,000 jobs in state government more than offset the sector's gains.

The state's manufacturing sector fell by 500 jobs in October following a 900-job loss in September. "The number of manufacturing jobs in Kentucky presently stands at 298,500. That marks the second lowest count of manufacturing jobs in Kentucky this year," Cracraft said.

The trade sector also dropped by 500 jobs in October. Wholesale trade positions declined by 800 while retail trade jobs increased by 300 in October. "The wholesale trade industry is affected by Kentucky's manufacturing sector," Cracraft said. "The employment pattern of the wholesale trade industry often follows that of the manufacturing sector."

In October, employment in the construction sector dipped by 100 following four months of employment gains. "The

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gram is offered at all U.S. Bank locations. Those who participate in the program will receive on average a half percent rebate for their first \$3,000 worth of annual purchases made with their U.S. Bank check card for off-line transactions. After that, it is a full 1 percent rebate on all qualified annual purchases.

Off-line transactions are those that the customer must sign for, and the transaction is automatically deducted from the customer's checking account.

Customers can see how much they have earned in rebate dollars right on their account statements. Just before the holiday season, customers participating in the Checking that Pays program will receive

a rebate deposit that will go directly in their checking accounts.

There are no spending limits on the program, and Checking that Pays can be used with any type of U.S. Bank consumer checking account, including the free checking and checking accounts that pay interest.

U.S. Bank is a subsidiary of U.S. Bancorp. With assets of \$174 billion, it is the eighth-largest financial services holding company in the United States. The company operates 2,133 banking offices and 4,680 ATMs, and provides a comprehensive line of banking, brokerage, insurance, investment, mortgage, trust and payment services products to customers, businesses and institutions.

Safe

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operating officer Henry Gerkens. "Everyone at Landstar is proud of his accomplishments and continuous commitment to making the roads safer for everyone."

Ousley and his wife Cynthia have been married 12 years and live in Huesville.

The Million Mile Safe Driver banquet is part of the Landstar's annual Appreciation Days, when the company hosts a three-day

open house, national safe truck driving championship, truck beauty contest, safety and technology seminars and small business workshops.

Landstar System Inc. is headquartered in Jacksonville, Fla. The Landstar carrier group, composed of Landstar Gemini, Landstar Inway, Landstar Ligon and Landstar Ranger, offers complete over-the-road transportation services.

Trooper

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the training he received at Mayo Technical College.

"The training I received was excellent and the instructors were certainly prepared," Hopkins said.

Johnson, a trooper of 14 years agreed with Hopkins.

"I thought the training was excellent and the time spent here was very enjoyable," Johnson said.

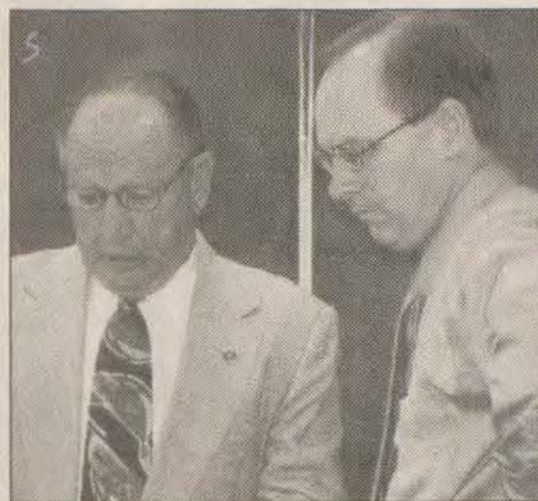
Jay Meredith, truck diving program coordinator at Mayo, welcomes the opportunity to serve such a vital part of the community.

"Once again, we feel honored," Meredith said.

Mayo Technical College offers courses for those wishing to get started in a truck-driving career. During the 160-hour course, job placement is available and students are able to choose a carrier where they will complete an additional four to six weeks of paid training.

The certificates of excellence that line the walls of Meredith's office are proof that the truck driving program has been successful for numerous years and the quality that the students acquire is priceless.

Prospective students can apply for the program every Monday.



Dr. Thomas Matljasic, right, professor, Prestonsburg Community College, chats with State Representative Hubert Collins, left.

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Donna's Day

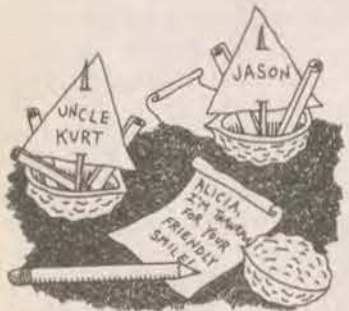
Creative family fun
by Donna Erickson

Something to be thankful for

Crack fresh walnuts to get two perfect halves, pick out the nuts for a yummy snack made with dates, then use the shells to create easy pilgrim-ship place cards for your Thanksgiving table and a simple racing game to play while you wait for dessert.

STUFFED DATES

Insert a walnut half into the cavity of a pitted date. Roll the date in a bowl of confectioner's sugar and set on a platter. Make several for a tasty snack or to accompany dessert.



DAVID LAROUCHELLE

"SOMETHING TO BE THANKFUL FOR" PILGRIM SHIPS:

Cut white construction paper into small 1 1/2-inch triangular pieces, and write the name of a guest or family member on each one. Thread a toothpick through each triangle "sail." Poke the toothpick into the empty center of a walnut-shell half. Add a drop of non-toxic glue to hold it in place or secure it with a small wad of modeling clay. Make a ship for each person who will be dining with you, and place it beside the appropriate plate at your table.

As guests arrive, give each person several small paper squares. Invite everyone to write short Thanksgiving statements showing appreciation for people present at the gathering ("I'm thankful Uncle Bob tells funny jokes," or "I'm thankful for Grandmother's yummy pumpkin pies"). Roll each paper into a tight scroll and place it in the ship of the person it's about. As the meal begins, have everyone share the messages in the ships.

WALNUT RACES

Before the race, decorate and write names on the outside of empty walnut-shell halves with colorful markers. Set a marble under each one (shells should be small enough that the marble extends below the shell) and line them up at one end of an inclined board. Give the shells a little push and watch them wobble down the course.

Write Donna with your questions and ideas at www.donnasday.com. Donna's newly released book, "Donna Erickson's Fabulous Funstuff for Families," is now available in bookstores nationwide.



YOU'VE GOT TO TASTE THESE SWEET POTATOES

There are some foods that just have to be part of winter holiday dinners. One is sweet potatoes. A classic dish in some homes has been sweet potatoes with marshmallows. Forget that tired old dish. It just doesn't belong.

Here are two delectables that can be prepared a day ahead and reheated while the roast turkey rests for the carving session.

Savory Mashed Sweet Potatoes introduces ingredients that are unusual in veggies — vanilla, thyme and ground ginger — for a spicy-herby-sweet touch. The Maple-Mashed Sweet Potatoes recipe is from "The Vegetarian Meat and Potatoes Cookbook" by Robin Robertson (Harvard Common Press, \$16.95). Apple juice, maple syrup and cinnamon give this dish its distinctive essence.

SAVORY MASHED SWEET POTATOES

2 pounds sweet potatoes
2 tablespoons softened butter
2 teaspoons McCormick Pure Vanilla extract
1 teaspoon ground ginger
1/2 teaspoon thyme leaves
1/4 teaspoon salt

1. Peel and cut sweet potatoes into equal-sized large chunks. Place in large saucepan. Add cold water to cover 1 inch over potatoes. Bring to boil; cover and cook over medium-low heat 15 to 30 minutes or until tender. Drain.

2. Place potatoes, butter, vanilla, ginger, thyme and salt in large bowl. Mash until smooth and well-blended. Makes 4 (3/4 cup) serving.

NOTE: Microwave oven may be used to cook the sweet potatoes. Do not peel. Pierce each unpeeled potato twice with a fork so excess steam can escape while cooking. Microwave potatoes on HIGH 5 to 10 minutes or until tender, turning potatoes over halfway through cooking. Let stand 5 minutes or until cool enough to handle. Remove skin from sweet potatoes and proceed as directed above.

MAPLE-MASHED SWEET POTATOES

1 1/2 pounds sweet potatoes
Salt
1/2 cup apple juice
1/4 cup pure maple syrup
1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon

Peel sweet potatoes and cut into chunks. Place in large saucepan with cold water; bring to boil. Cover, reduce heat and simmer until potatoes are fork tender, 20 to 30 minutes. Drain potatoes and place in large bowl. Add apple juice, maple syrup and cinnamon. Mash with electric mixer or potato masher until smooth. Season to taste with salt. Makes 4 servings.

TOLL-FREE HELP LINE

It's time to remind you that Butterball is on the ball again with its holiday toll-free help line. Real people take your calls, answer your questions and help solve your cooking problems. The number is 1-800-288-8372. Service began Nov. 1 and continues through Christmas.

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THE CHOPPING BLOCK

by Philomena Corradeno



by JoAnna M. Lund

You take care of the rest of the meal, and I'll take care of dessert. Now if we could just find someone else to take care of the dishes, we'd have something else to be thankful for!

Thanksgiving dinner dessert

THANKSGIVING PUMPKIN TORTE

18 (2 1/2-inch) graham cracker squares
1 (15-ounce) can solid packed pumpkin
1 (4-serving) package sugar-free instant butterscotch pudding mix
2/3 cup nonfat dry milk powder
1 1/2 teaspoons pumpkin pie spice
3/4 cup water
1 cup reduced-calorie whipped topping
2 tablespoons chopped pecans

Evenly arrange 9 graham crackers in a 9-by-9-inch cake pan. In a large bowl, combine pumpkin, dry pudding mix, dry milk powder, pumpkin pie spice and water. Mix well using a wire whisk. Blend in 1/4 cup whipped topping. Spread half of pumpkin mixture evenly over graham crackers. Top with remaining 9 graham crackers. Spread remaining pumpkin mixture over top. Evenly spread remaining 3/4 cup whipped

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Dear Diane... Inconsiderate

DEAR DIANE:

My husband, "Leonard," and I have been married for 11 years. I love him dearly. A few days ago, Leonard informed me that he spoke with his elderly grandparents in Florida, and they have invited us to join them for Thanksgiving this year.

Leonard's grandparents are in their late-70s and live in a double-wide trailer in a "retirement community."

I have been told that they will be preparing a deep-fried turkey, which entails taking a whole turkey and dumping it in a vat of boiling lard — or something to that effect. Sweet potatoes with miniature marshmallows are also on the menu. Just the thought of it makes me ill. I mean, what else is going to be served — chitterlings?

It will take Leonard and me several days to drive to Florida. I can't bear the idea of enduring a grueling road trip only to be greeted by a table stocked with Beverly Hillbilly cuisine.

Please, Diane, how do I get out of this?
— A WRECK
IN WISCONSIN

DEAR WRECK:

You don't. You go. You behave. And you keep your snotty, self-absorbed and inconsiderate comments to yourself.

Leonard's grandparents are probably on a fixed income. This visit will cost them several hundred dollars that they don't have. Deep-frying a whole turkey requires a special kit and many gallons of peanut oil (not lard). It actually costs more to prepare a fried turkey than it does to buy a bird and cook it in an oven.

And contrary to popular belief, fried turkey isn't greasy. The meat is tender and juicy, but not oily.

You should also bring Christmas gifts with you. I suggest some prepaid long-distance calling cards and gift certificates to their local supermarket. It will help ease their burden over the holidays.

Because of their advanced age, this may be the last time Leonard's grandparents get to hug their grandson. Don't ruin everyone's memories because of the meal.

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Scalpel not only treatment for hemorrhoids

DEAR DR. DONOHUE:

I have hemorrhoids. Sometimes they itch; sometimes they are uncomfortable; a few times they have bled. I don't relish the thought of having them cut out. Is there no other way to get rid of them? — O.O.



by Paul G. Donohue, M.D.

ANSWER:

How do surgeons fix hemorrhoids? Let me count the ways. They tie them off with rubber bands, laser them, dry them with light or electric current, staple them and, yes, cut them. The menu is long, and your choices are many. Hemorrhoids are inflamed and swollen rectal and anal veins. Straining to pass stool, prolonged sitting, having too great a body weight, not exercising, and giving birth contribute to hemorrhoid formation.

Let's start with self-help remedies. Keeping stool soft by upping the intake of dietary fiber can stop hemorrhoid irritation

(See **HEALTH**, page five)

Chicken Soup for the Soul: Walls

Mary Lee Moynan, submitted by Barry Spilchuk
(FROM "CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE CANADIAN SOUL")

From "Get off Your Knees" by Mary Lee Moynan. (c)2001 PublishAmerica.

People often talk about the "walls" that some individuals build around themselves. I was one of those individuals. Long after I divorced and became a single parent, I still wore my wedding ring. To this day, I'm not exactly sure why I did that. I told myself that it was because it was too much trouble to get involved with anyone again. It sure beat admitting that men were not lined up to date me. Maybe it was because I didn't want anyone to know

that I had failed at something in my life. Wearing that ring helped me pretend that everything was OK.

You think that people can't see through those kinds of walls. But they do. They just know enough to not let you know that they see you are pretending. One day at work, however, pretending didn't come that easily. I was on my coffee break, preoccupied and worried. My car had died. Suddenly. And I didn't have death benefits.

I needed that car to hold down my job. Without it, I would have to walk

14 miles to and from work in North Bay. Even I could see the humor in that. Worse, my boys would get home from school before I did. That meant two things: The house would look like a cyclone had hit it, and Ontario Children's Aid would be all over us like a rash.



One of the walls I had built around me was coming down faster than Jericho. Just before I went on that coffee break, the garage had called and said the car repairs would come to \$726. That car and I had a lot in common. We had just been kicked in our rear

ends. I not only felt sick, I looked it. I didn't have a credit card, and I certainly couldn't call the \$28 in my bank account "savings." But every problem has a solution, and in my case that meant I had to ask someone else, but I was a hard case. It's difficult to give someone the equivalent of a Heimlich maneuver when they're choking on their pride (as I was). Nevertheless, I got past my pride, and my colleague Jane volunteered to give me a ride to the garage after work.

I spent the rest of the afternoon trying to come up with bright ideas about how to pay my garage bill. I figured I could borrow \$200 from my mom and pay her back at a rate of \$2.50 a week. I thought of what I had at home that I

could live without and therefore sell. I finally decided the best I could do was to offer to type up invoices for the garage — mine included.

When Jane dropped me at the garage that evening, the owner asked me to step into his office. He closed the door and went behind his desk. He cleared his throat and said, "There's something wrong I want you to see." He opened a drawer. In it was a lot of loose change and small bills. "Do you know what this is?" he asked. Before I could say anything, he added: "People you work with have been coming in here all afternoon. Must have been 100 of them. Each one put money in this

(See **SOUP**, page six)

Books: "Alternatives to Economic Globalization"

"Alternatives to Economic Globalization"

by: John Cavanagh, et al
(Berrett-Koehler, \$15.95)
Reviewed by Bob Vogel

Have you ever had MacDonald's in France? Tastes just like here, doesn't it? Kind of obliterates the point of going to France, right? "Alternatives to Economic Globalization: A Better World Is Possible" (John Cavanagh and Jerry Mander, co-chairs of

The International Forum on Globalization) goes beyond the cultural insults that global corporate behemoths have served up with a smile to the rest of the world.

Once and for all, it gives rational, principled clout to the anti-globalist movement, challenging the economic merits of popularly accepted hyper-capitalist doctrine. It is the definitive document of the anti-globalization movement and, finally, puts a respectable face on it.

Yes, our counter-culture friends stopped rioting and wrote down their beefs with the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank and the World Trade Organization.

This compelling book, representing the views of 60 organizations in 25 countries, explores the damage that global corporations have done around the world and challenges the ideological underpinnings of globalization.

Most significantly, the book highlights the principle of

"subsidiarity" (the opposite of "globalization"), which means that whatever economic decisions and activities that can be undertaken locally, should be. Don't buy Budweiser; instead, visit a local brewpub.

When local businesses are patronized by the people who live there, capital stays in a community, and decisions are made by the people who are most impacted by them.

"Alternatives" is more than a vivid manifesto; it's a concise blueprint for action.

Sam & Dave

explain it all to you

by Samantha Weaver and Dave Smith

DEAR SAM AND DAVE:

My boyfriend, Rick, and I have been together for almost a year. This is the first year that we will spend the holidays together. Here's the problem: I can't stand his family. His mother is a domineering cow, and his father is a drunk. I love Rick with all my heart, but I just can't bear the thought of spending Thanksgiving or Christmas in the presence of his family — even for just a few hours. What should I do?
— DISGUSTED IN DES MOINES

Relationships and the holidays

DAVE SAYS:

If you can't figure out a way to accept Rick's family — imperfections and all — then I'd say the long-term prospects for your relationship are slim to none. Let's face it: If you can't stand Rick's family now while you're dating, how will you cope with them if you and Rick get married and you are obliged to spend even MORE time with his family?

So, Des Moines, you have only one option left: Dump Rick. Depending on the type of person you are, you can either dump him now, before the holidays, or you can suggest to Rick that you spend the holidays this year with your family and next year with his. Then, after you've gotten your Christmas presents and Valentine's Day goodies, dump Rick and find yourself another

guy — preferably one with a family you can tolerate.

SAM SAYS:

Hold out for the presents and then run off with the loot, dumping your boyfriend? It seems that Dave is getting a bit mercenary in his old age. Of all the options available to you, this is the very WORST one. Unless, of course, you are a heartless, unfeeling hag who has no moral qualms about using people like Kleenex.

It's time for the tough, soul-searching decisions. Accept the fact that you will never be able to change Rick's family. Now you have to ask yourself which emotion is stronger: your love for Rick, or your loathing of his family. If you love him enough, you'll put up with his family for short periods of time when necessary.

You say you can't bear the thought of being with them, even for a few hours, but let's get serious here. Unless they beat you when you visit, you can bite the bullet and deal with your discomfort. If being around unpleasant people were cruel and unusual punishment, Amnesty International would have its hands full. If you love Rick and don't want to lose him, suck it up, smile and be pleasant for a few hours. You'll find that taking the high road does have some satisfaction.

Send letters to Sam & Dave in care of King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Or e-mail them at asksamanddave@mindspring.com.

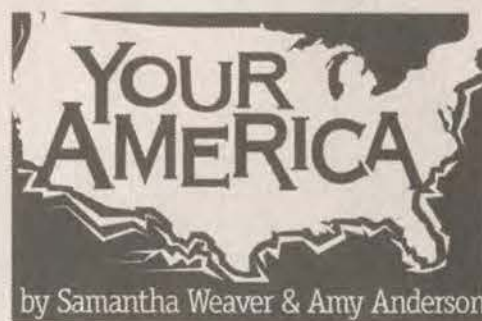
Miniatures loom large in these museums

As a child, I was fascinated by miniatures — those in my homemade dollhouse, miniature cake mixes for my Easy-Bake oven and sample-size beauty products. It seemed to me that because of their smaller stature, these babies were more precious, something better than their standard-size counterparts.

I wasn't alone. There are millions who delight in the diminutive, and if you are one of them, here are some places you can go to get your fill of the teeny.

The Delaware Toy and Miniature Museum is located in Wilmington, Del. It has a collection of more than 100 dollhouses filled with antique and period furnishings. The museum also exhibits tiny toys and sample pieces. Open Tuesday to Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., you can contact the museum by calling (302) 427-TOYS or by logging on to www.thomes.net.

If you are into miniatures that move, check out the National Model Aviation Museum of Muncie, Ind. Here you can lay your eyes on a model airplane enthusiast's dream — the largest collection of model aircraft in the United States. If you plan a trip in



the summer months, you are likely to see many model airplanes in action, as there are competitions held at the 1,000-acre flying grounds. For more information, call (765) 287-1256 or log on to www.modelaircraft.org. The museum is open seven days a week; admission to the flying site is free.

The Toy and Miniature Museum of Kansas City consists of 24 whole rooms devoted to miniatures of every shape and variety, from dolls to cast-iron toys. It is located on the campus of the University of Missouri-Kansas City, and is open Wednesday through Saturday. Admission is

\$4 for adults, with discounts for seniors, kids and students. For two-for-one admission through the end of the year, log on to its Web site, www.umkc.edu/tmm for a coupon.

The Museum of Miniature Houses and Other Collections in Carmel, Ind., is a dollhouse lover's wonderland. Whether it's antiques or moderns, this museum just north of Indianapolis houses them all. It also includes other miniature art and non-miniature collections. Open Wednesday to Sunday, the admission fee is a mere \$3. For directions and details, call (317) 575-9466.

For an artsy edge to your miniature viewing, check out the Carole and Barry Kaye collection housed at the Naples Museum of Art in Naples, Fla. This is an upscale collection to be sure, including exact re-creations of palaces, dioramas of painstakingly researched historical settings and exquisite figurines. Check out the amazing Fontainebleau re-creation — absolutely stunning. For more info on the Naples Museum of Art, call (941) 597-1900. General admission to the museum, open daily, is \$6 for adults.

A sneeze leaves your mouth at more than 100 m.p.h.

In the original version of the Grimm Brothers' fairy tale "Cinderella," doves peck out the stepsisters' eyes at Cinderella's wedding.

The Pony Express didn't actually use ponies — all of its mounts were horses.

A Rochester, Mich., law states that anyone who is bathing in public must be wearing a bathing suit that has been inspected by a police officer.

It's still not known who made this sage observation: "Wisdom is divided into two parts: a) having a great deal to say, and b) not saying it."

Add to the list of strange place-names: Useful, Mo.; Typo, Ky.; Embarrass, Minn.; Good Intent, N.J.; and Enough, Mo.

Those who study such things have found that a sneeze leaves your mouth at more than 100 m.p.h.



President Benjamin Harrison was 25 years older than his wife, Mary — and he was also her uncle.

The largest structure ever built by living creatures isn't man-made — it's Australia's Great Barrier Reef.

The Romans were a bit wordy, it seems, when it came to naming certain foods. Would you recognize "oryza sativa" if you saw it? It's Latin for "rice." How about "solanum tuberosum"? That's what they called a potato.

The gestation period of a whale is one full year.

The same person invented Foosball and front-wheel drive.

Donald Duck's middle name is "Fauntleroy."

Hoover, the well-known manufacturer of vacuum cleaners, was originally called the "Electric Suction Sweeper Company."

The current king of Thailand was actually born in the United States.

Dandelions are edible — it's said that if you fry them in butter, they taste like mushrooms.

Thought for the Day:

"All governments are like wheelbarrows — useful instruments, but they need to be pushed." — Bishop of Sheffield

Holiday fitness



As the holiday season approaches, not only do the days get shorter, but so does the amount of time you can dedicate to your fitness program. Keeping a realistic and effective fitness routine during the busy holiday season can be challenging. But there is hope! With planning and some minor changes, you can enjoy a fit and guilt-free holiday.

Set realistic goals. Setting a goal of losing body fat, gaining muscle or training for a marathon during one of the busiest times of the year can be defeating. Switch to a maintenance plan if you know you will experience a change in your schedule and responsibilities during the holiday season. When your schedule returns to normal, your body will be ready to kick back into high gear.

Plan ahead. Anticipate the change in schedule and priorities you will face as the holidays approach. Modify or condense your workouts to receive the same amount of cardiovascular and strength-training benefits within the realistic time available. For example, if you are accustomed to exercising five days a week strengthening a different muscle group each day, an

effective modification could be switching to three days a week using full-body exercises with one day of rest in between.

Tackle your stress. When the pressure of an action-packed holiday season begins to take its toll, work out! Exercise has been proven to reduce stress by providing an outlet to expend energy. Even if you can't complete your normal routine, taking a walk or running can help you relax and relieve stress.

Enjoy the holidays, and when you don't have time to do anything else, KEEP MOVING!

Andrea Renee Wyatt, M.S.S., C.S.C.S., is a personal trainer with an extensive background in strength and conditioning as well as therapeutic recreation. If you have a fitness or training question, e-mail Andrea at letters.kfws@hearstsc.com or write her in care of King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Always consult a physician before beginning an exercise program.

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Foods

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topping over pumpkin mixture. Sprinkle pecans evenly over top. Cover and refrigerate for at least 2 hours. Serves 8.

Each serving equals: 115

calories, 3 g fat, 3 g protein, 19 g carb., 225 mg sodium, 2 g fiber; Diabetic Exchanges: 1 1/2 Starch, 1/2 Fat.

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

Soup

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drawer. The lads in the shop have never seen anything like it!" He cleared his throat again. "They even decided to cut their labor costs in half. As it stands now, all you owe me is 12 bucks."

I did three things I had never done before: I cried in public; I baked enough cookies to feed an army; and I stopped wearing my wedding ring.

Look for our latest books, "Chicken Soup for the Volunteer's Soul," "Chicken Soup for the Teacher's Soul" and "A Second Round of Chicken Soup for the Golfer's Soul."

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Hours, all Central Standard Time, follow:
Nov. 1 through the 27th, weekdays from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Nov. 23 and 24th, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Nov. 28 (Thanksgiving Day), 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Nov. 29 through Dec. 26 weekdays, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Dec. 21, 22, 23, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Dec. 24 and 25, 6 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Have a happy, carefree holiday!

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Health

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and can often let one live in peace with them. Using pre-moistened pads in place of toilet tissue is another way to keep hemorrhoids from acting up. When they do act up, sitting in a tub of warm water for 15 minutes often brings relief. The tub treatment is even more effective if a person squats to allow the warm water to bathe the swollen veins.

When it comes time to put matters into a doctor's hands, then there are many choices for you. Doctors can slip rubber bands around the base of the hemorrhoid. That cuts off its blood supply, and the hemorrhoid sloughs off. Electric current and infrared photocoagulation are two ways to dry and shrink hemorrhoids. The staple procedure is gaining in popularity because it is less painful and hastens healing. A surgeon removes the portion of the anal canal that contains the hemorrhoid. Then the severed ends of the canal are joined with staples — something that sounds horrific but is not. Rest assured. You and your doctor can get rid of hemorrhoids in a way that pleases both of you.

ANSWER:

Gulping air while eating and drinking is the cause of burps. You might not be aware of swallowing air, but I can almost guarantee you this is what's happening. Slow down your eating. Drink liquids sparingly and then sip them. Don't ever use a straw. Those steps stop an air bubble from forming in the stomach. A burp is the expulsion of that air bubble.

Dr. Donohue regrets that he is unable to answer individual letters, but he will incorporate them in his column whenever possible. Readers may write him or request an order form of available health newsletters at P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

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INFOLINK Ad-free internet? Don't tease me

Ask Jeeves is doing it. AOL is doing it. iVillage.com, U-Haul, 1-800 Contacts — the list gets bigger and bigger. All these companies have decided once and for all to stop bothering visitors to their Web sites with annoying pop-up advertisements.

There is a God. But it doesn't end there. A consumer watchdog group in Denmark has called for banning in-your-face interstitial and shutter-banner style ads. If Denmark bans them, Norway is expected to follow suit.

Whether or not the ads get banned, the movement indicates how obnoxious pop-ups have

prompted aggravated Internet users to take steps to keep advertisements from taking over their computers.

But defenders (apologists, really) of pop-ups still lurk about — they say if we regulate online advertisers, we hinder firms' ability to make money. If we get rid of pop-ups, the most effective — but annoying — form of ad, what next? Outlaw ads on the Internet altogether? It's the sort of bogus "creeping socialism" argument the gun lobby uses.

One Washington Post writer, Jonathan Krim, envisions an advertisement-free Internet as a "barren" place, a giant pay-per-

view ordeal wherein the customers bear the price of admission.

Sounds good to me! Does that mean we're also responsible for finding the products we really want, rather than being told what to buy? Will Rogers once said, "Let advertisers spend the same amount of money improving their product that they do on advertising, and they wouldn't have to advertise it."

Although Krim's article was celebrating pop-up ad-blocking software, it shows how advertisers have lulled people into believing that the only business model is to completely annoy the customer. Advertisers say

the Internet will become "less varied" without them — an assertion so insulting that it makes one want to move to Denmark.

Online advertisements will be around for a long time — you don't see people seeking a ban on print advertisements, simply because print ads give the reader a choice. Online ads will click soon, after the rest of the Web realizes what AOL, Ask Jeeves and iVillage already know.

When online advertisers tone down their methods, they can rest easy that some overly annoyed segment of the Internet community won't rise up and demand an alternative.

Sunday Comics

CLASS, TODAY WE ARE GOING TO TALK ABOUT THANKSGIVING.

WE ALL KNOW THAT IT IS A TIME FOR FAMILY TO GET TOGETHER...

BUT, DO YOU KNOW WHY WE HAVE THANKSGIVING?

IT GIVES YOU A CHANCE TO TELL RELATIVES WHAT YOU WANT FOR CHRISTMAS!

MAMA'S BOYZ WWW.MAMASBOYZ.COM **JERRY CRAFT**

SOMETIMES I WISH THANKSGIVING WAS TWICE A YEAR.

I WISH ALL FAMILIES GOT ALONG AS WELL AS WE DO

I WISH MORE FAMILIES REALIZED WHAT'S IMPORTANT IN LIFE.

I JUST WISH WE HAD A DISHWASHER!

HAROLD, IT'S TIME FOR YOU TO GET THE YARD READY FOR WINTER.

WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO DO... SNOW ON IT?

I DON'T SEE OUR TURKEY, SIM. DID YOU ALREADY PUT IT IN THE FRIDGE?

UH-OH...

FARM FRESH TURKEYS SOLD OUT

POPEYE

OLIVE... THIS IS YER LAST CHANCE!

YEP! IT'S THE END OF THE LINE!

YA KNOW... LOOKS AN CHARM OLIVE... AIN'T EVERYTHIN'!

NEVER GIVIN' ME A TUMBLE IS CRUEL AN INHUMAN...

SO I'M CALLIN' IT QUILTS, OLIVE... YA AIN'T GONNA HAVE ME TA KICK 'ROUND NO MORE!

NOW DON'T GO ALL TA PIECES... YER CRVIN' AN' GITTIN' HYSTERICAL-LIKE...

BUT COULD YA AT LEAST SQUEEZE OUT ONE LITTLE TEAR?

MAGIC MAZE • SWITCH 1st AND 2nd HALF TO MAKE A NEW WORD

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HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Light is missing. 2. Man's shirt has buttons. 3. Fence ends before house. 4. Window is different. 5. Boy has a golf club. 6. Lawnmower has no wheels.

Henry BY DON TRACHTE

FRED FARMING'S LATEST "BLAZIN' GUNS"

MANAGER: I'VE NOTICED EVERY TIME THERE'S A WESTERN SHOWING, YOU KIDS SIT THRU ABOUT THREE SHOWS.

WHY NOT BRING PROVISIONS AND SPEND THE NIGHT?

ONE WEEK LATER

WESTERN STARRING...

The Love Shack

The Lust Shed

The dangerously obsessed and this close to becoming a stalker cardboard box

Super Crossword THEY'RE DRIVEN

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 - 5 Iceberg kin
 - 9 Exclude
 - 13 Platonic character
 - 18 South Seas novel
 - 19 Steber solo
 - 20 Iago or Othello
 - 21 Alligator relative
 - 22 Driven President?
 - 25 Procure
 - 26 "Rawhide" rope
 - 27 Muslim deity
 - 28 Select, with "for"
 - 30 Pig — poke
 - 31 Fluffy female
 - 33 Driven novelist?
 - 38 Might
 - 43 Art deco designer
 - 44 Caution
 - 45 Rush
 - 46 Son of Zeus
 - 48 Big man on campus
 - 50 Paris' pop
 - 53 Driven humorist?
 - 56 Shorten a skirt
 - 58 Aquatic mammal
 - 60 Trattoria treat
 - 61 "L—, c'est moi"
 - 65 Longfellow subject
 - 67 "Carmina Burana" composer
 - 70 Take the tube
 - 71 "Kidnapped" monogram
 - 72 Prepares to dine
 - 73 Part of EST
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 - 80 Mushroom part
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 - 85 Barbecue
 - 87 Pangolin, for one
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 - 95 Smidgen
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 - 101 Terra —
 - 103 Lauder powder
 - 106 Garment feature
 - 107 Accomplished
 - 108 Time to evolve?
 - 110 Valuable
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 - 115 Driven explorer?
 - 118 Be in debt
 - 119 "— Nidre"
 - 120 Pallid
 - 121 Victorian wit
 - 125 At attention
 - 129 Sheik spot
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 - 136 Real thing
 - 137 Actress
 - 138 — mater
 - 139 King or Satie
 - 140 Gibbons of "Entertainment Tonight"
 - 141 Rocker
 - 142 Parent
 - 143 Dressing gown
 - 9 Chekhov's "The Cherry —"
 - 10 — juice
 - 11 Springfield's st.
 - 12 Caruso or Corelli
 - 13 Use a shuttle
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 - 15 Monitor message
 - 16 Contaminant
 - 17 Moffo of the Met
 - 21 Afternoon refresher
 - 23 "Cactus Flower" star
 - 24 Christen
 - 29 Basilica bench
 - 32 Richard of "Love Me Tender"
 - 34 Hwy.
 - 35 Beatles refrain
 - 36 Cupid's missile
 - 37 Legendary
 - 38 Have a ball at the mall
 - 39 Buster Brown's dog
 - 40 Some wines
 - 41 Singing syllable
 - 42 "— a Rebel" ('62 hit)
 - 47 Sociologist
 - 49 Indira Gandhi's father
 - 51 Tall story?
 - 52 Maestro Zubin
 - 54 Ike's domain
 - 55 "Cheers" patron
 - 57 Jazzman
 - 59 Kind of file
 - 62 — wave
 - 63 Mr. Rochester's ward
 - 64 Electrical inventor
 - 66 '68 US Open winner
 - 68 Fedora fabric
 - 69 Cut loose
 - 73 Blow for a bouncer
 - 74 Pick-me-up
 - 75 "Same here!"
 - 77 Jeweler's weight
 - 78 All legs
 - 79 Suburban obsession
 - 82 Tidy up
 - 86 Ring counter
 - 88 Philanthropist
 - 91 Extinct bird
 - 92 Prepare to bear it
 - 93 Whirlpool
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 - 99 Scrape by, with "out"
 - 100 Pianist Peter
 - 102 Regardless
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 - 105 Dense
 - 109 — Na Na
 - 111 Oklahoma city
 - 113 Kind of pitcher
 - 114 Lyricist
 - 115 Mezzo
 - 116 Make one's day
 - 117 Incompetent
 - 119 Film critic
 - 122 Inventive sort?
 - 123 Take-out order?
 - 124 Austen's Miss Woodhouse
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- Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions — forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.
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 - Eddy
 - Emit
 - Layout
 - Manger
 - Overhang
 - Overpass
 - Selves
 - Takeover
 - Turnover

Answers to Crossword Puzzle and Magic Maze can be found on page A2

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 On Route 7 in Floyd County, one mile south of Wayland

3-bedroom home with 2-car garage, large storage building with apartment; also a 110 +/- acre hillside tract and large vacant lot with road frontage

Partial List Personal Property

Lincoln Welder	Books
Hand Tools	Recliners
Work Bench	Electric Stove
Aluminum ladder	Desk
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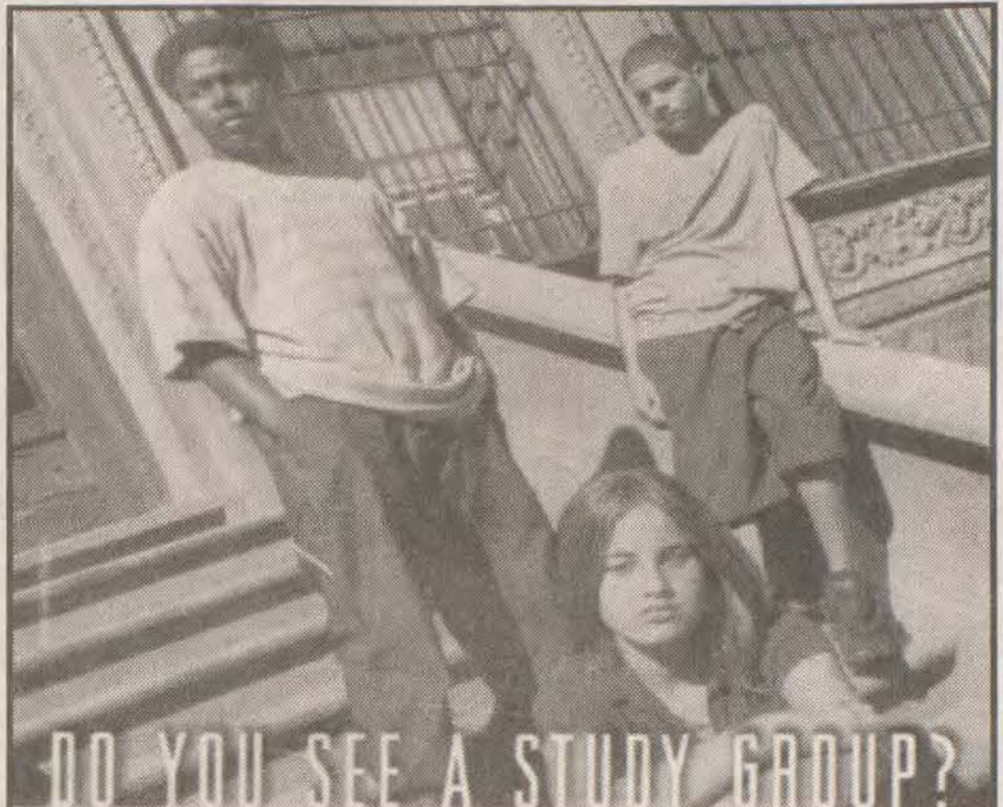
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James Davis
Operations Manager

Recruiting—Job Fair

December 3rd, 2002

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