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Floyd board raises tax rate

by KATHY J. PRATER FEATURES EDITOR

MARTIN - Taxation was a topic that received a considerable amount of attention at Thursday evening's Floyd County Board of Education meeting, held at May Valley Elementary School.

Looking to increase revenue for the county school system, board members turned their attention, once again, to county real estate. According to a report

issued to the board by the school system's financial director, Matt Wireman, the Floyd County Property Valuation office recently re-assessed the county's real properties with the result being that property values, for the most part,

Therefore, according to Wireman, the board could rightfully levy a compensating tax rate that would fall in line with the PVA's current property assess-

Saying that the school system is "facing more unknowns than knowns" in referral to state financial support, Supt. Paul Fanning advised Wireman to "go as high as you can" in regard to levying a tax rate that would most aid the school system in its budgetary struggles.

However, opposition to an increased rate was voiced by Jeff Stumbo, board member of district 3.

"Considering we have a \$3 million budget with which to run our schools bers in regard to the taxation issue.

and yet we still have kids getting home at dark and past dark, and students that are sitting on floors because their facility doesn't have adequate seating, considering all that, I'm just not going to tell people 'I'm raising your taxes,' I'm just not going to," he said.

Gary Frazier, former deputy superintendent of instruction for the county, was present at the meeting and offered a few words of advice to the board mem-

Frazier said that he was supportive of a decision that would set in place not a higher rate of taxation for property owners, but rather a "more equitable," according to Frazier, utility tax.

"Progressive and adequately funded school systems have utility taxes.' Frazier said. "If you want an equitable way to tax this school system, I would suggest you look into utility tax. I don't

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briefs

City seeks fire chief

The city of Prestonsburg has started accepting applications for fire chief, following the resignation of former chief Mike Wells due to medical reasons on July 31

Assistant Fire Chief Larry Adams has filled the position since Wells' resignation.

13 probable **West Nile** cases reported

Thirteen more people are believed to have contracted the West Nile virus in Kentucky, pushing the number of suspected cases in the state to 40, the Cabinet for Health Services reported Friday.

The latest reports include four cases of West Nile fever, a milder form of the disease. All other probable West Nile cases involve meningitis or encephalitis, the more severe forms of the dis-

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Tomorrow



High: 77 • Low: 51

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Jack Howard, Hack Thornsbury, Donald Witten, Jim Lee and David Hall are members of the local bluegrass/gospel group "Five Mile from Nowhere."

Five Miles from Nowhere' going places

by LORETTA BLACKBURN STAFF WRITER

"Five Miles from Nowhere," a local bluegrass/gospel.group, has been playing everywhere from Poppy Mountain in Mount Sterling to the Sorghum Festival in West Liberty, and is looking for-

ward to playing at Apple Day. The band name originated from

a group of young boys about five years ago, said Donald Witten, who plays rhythm and is one of the two left of the original band. After the boys left the band for college Witten and Jim Lee, who plays banjo, were later joined Hack Thornsbury, fiddle player, Jack Howard, bass player, and David

Hall, mandolin player. The group has been together for two years and has recorded a CD, "Lonesome Old Home," and is currently working on another that should be finished this year. The latest CD will be titled "Man From the Other Side" after one of the songs written Thornsbury.

The group played at Poppy Mountain on Sept. 19 and 21, with

(See BAND, page three)

Ethics commission joins investigations of Patton

by CHARLES WOLFE ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT - Continuing to deny he abused his power, Gov. Paul Patton again said he would not resign from office as a state ethics commission decided Friday to investigate whether he misused his office in the course of an extramarital affair.

Patton predicted the outcome of an investigation would be "reassuring to the people of Kentucky, regardless of how they may feel about me as an individ-

Tina Conner, who is suing Patton for sexual harassment, claims Patton assisted her businesses, including a nursing home in Clinton, during a two-year affair. When she broke off the relationship, state regulators cracked down on the nursing home and forced it into bankruptcy, Conner alleged.

The Executive Branch Ethics Commission, which has a modest staff and no criminal jurisdiction, will investigate jointly with Attorney General Ben Chandler

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Patton

Board told schools at fault for book woes

by KATHY J. PRATER FEATURES EDITOR

MARTIN Joyce Watson, director of instruction, says that a "textbook policy" is needed in order for the Floyd County school system to put its textbook woes behind it.

Watson, whose office recently received \$237,649 in textbook allotment funds, addressed the board Thursday evening to ask for an additional 10 percent increase in funds to make up shortages caused by increases in projected enrollments.

Textbook shortages have been a topic of heated debate in the system of late, with Watson coming under the gun on more than one occasion. Now, Watson says, the situation is close to coming under control, with only "consumable materials," such as student workbooks, being an issue for teachers and stu-

Watson had been asked at prior board meetings to compile reports detailing each of the county's schools textbook orders and allocations. School principals, Watson had said earlier, were primarily responsible for seeing that their students received an adequate amount of text materials.

Gwen Hale-Frazier, princiof Prestonsburg Elementary School, said, "Each school receives adequate funds for the purchase of textbooks. The money is there. It is up to each school to decide how they will budget their money.'

What essentially happens, according to Hale-Frazier, is that the site-based councils of the schools spend the textbook money in other areas, apparently thinking that they can come before the board at a later date to ask for more

(See BOOKS, page three)

Salversville child makes wish, gets it

by SHERRY HUFF-MARDIS CONTRIBUTING WRITER

SALYERSVILLE Johnivan Patrick, the 7-yearold son of Johnnie Sue and Randall Patrick of Salversville, last week received his wish of a \$1,500 Shopping Spree at the Ashland Town Center Mall.

Johnivan's shopping list included a computer, a motorized car and a VCR.

Johnivan, along with his parents and sister Jerikia, were treated to a limousine-escorted round trip as part of the "wish."

Johnivan made a stop at the

(See WISH, page three)

Pike schools asked to ban perfume

The Associated Press

PIKEVILLE - The Pike County school board has voted down a proposal to ban students from bringing cologne, body spray or perfume to its schools.

The policy was proposed in response to an incident last year in which a student at

Shelby Valley High School was attacked with the smelly products, causing her to have a severe asthma attack.

Tim Belcher, an attorney for the student, warned that he may file suit to challenge the school board's decision. Belcher said the student, who

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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

Mini - Prince & Princess Contest 5:00 p.m. PHS Gym **Prince & Princess Contest** 6:00 p.m., PHS Gym Little Miss Apple Blossom Pageant 7:30 p.m., PHS Gym

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1

Junior Miss Apple Blossom Pageant 5:00 p.m., JCHS Fieldhouse Miss Apple Blossom Pageant 7:00 p.m., JCHS Fieldhouse

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2

Little Apple Bowl 5:00 p.m., Memorial Field Amusement Rides Mini Apple Parade 1:00 p.m. Downtown

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3

Flea Market - City Parking Lot **Amusement Rides** Grade School Folk Dance - Court Street 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Apple Bowl

8:00 p.m., Memorial Field

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4

Arts & Crafts 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. First Baptist Church Lot Paintsville Grade School Lot & College Street

Flea Market

City Parking Lot Merchants Market

Court St. From 2nd to 3rd Streets 2nd St. from Court St. to Church St.

Amusement Rides

Postage Cancellation

9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. College St. Quilt Block Contest Awards

School Activities

10:00 a.m. Courthouse Apple Arts Awards Apple Penmenship Awards Ol' Fashion Adding Match Ol' Fashion Spelling Bee.

Terrapin Trot

1:00 p.m. Our Lady of the Mt. School

Lip Sync & Karaoke Contest 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Paint Creek

Ol' Fashion Costume Contest Registration 1:30 p.m. Contest 2:00 p.m.

Clogging (Bring Lawn Chairs) 6:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Citizens Bank Lot Downtown

Crank-it-up

Registration 5:00 p.m. Citizens Bank Lot - Broadway

Gospel Sing

4 the King, The Comptons, Billy Fields, JCHS - 7:30 p.m.

Free Rock Concert featuring Rumors Downtown - 8:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5

Arts & Crafts

8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. First Baptist Church Lot Paintsville Grade School Lot & College St.

Ducky Derby 11:00 a.m.

Flea Market City Parking Lot

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5

Merchants Market

Court St. from 2nd to 3rd Streets 2nd St. from Court St. to Church St.

Amusement Rides

Postage Cancellation

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. College Street Gospel Sing with Billy Fields, Steppin Out On Faith, Jackson Family and others, Paint Creek Park - 10:00 -2:00 & 3:00 - 4:00

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Friday - Saturday

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Apple Fetival Parade 2:00 p.m.

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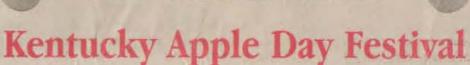
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Board approves truant

officers after debate

and the FBI, commission \$5,000 fine for each violation Chairwoman Cindy Stone said. The idea is to share the workload.

Under Kentucky law, the commission could hold public hearings if it found reason to believe the ethics law, with its prohibition of conflicts of interest, had been violated. At most, the commission could impose a and a public reprimand.

Patton said he would cooperate with the commission. He said it was "important that the people of Kentucky know how their governor administered the

"I think they will be reassured if they find that, under tremendous pressure, I did not in

Band

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the latter being for a wedding ceremony. They played at a political rally in support of Lois Combs Weinberg on Thursday at the old Floyd County Courthouse, at the Sorghum Festival in West Liberty on Friday, at Paintsville Lake on Saturday, and at Davis Produce Market in Johnson County on Saturday night. The band will be playing at the Katy Friend Free Will Baptist homecoming on Oct. 20, and is looking forward to entertaining the crowds from a parade float during the

The band members are Ponald Witten, who works for

Kentucky Apple Festival.

Monumental Insurance and is a Free Will Baptist church member; Hack Thornsbury, who is with the Floyd County Sheriff's Department and also a Free Will member; Jack Howard, also works for Monumental and is a minister at Salyersville United Methodist Church; Jim Lee, who works at Superior Floor Covering and is a member of the Church of God; and David Hall, who is from Calf

Fans can purchase CDs or make an appointment for "Five Mile From Nowhere" to play by calling Jim Lee at (606)

Wish

Salyersville Medical Center to let those employed by the center see his wish come true. The staff at the Salyersville Medical Center submitted Johnivan's name to the Make a Wish

Johnivan has spina bifida, a disease caused by the vertebrae and/or spinal cord failing to ■ Continued from p1

Johnivan, his parents and his his wish come true.

Perfume

did not want to be identified, now is being educated at home because of the risk that perfumes pose to her.

"We're just trying to get her back in school," Belcher said. "They have to accommodate

State and federal law requires school district to make accommodations for students with disabilities so they can get the free public education they are entitled to.

"Asthma is a disability," Belcher said.

Pike Schools Superintendent Frank Welch said the school district took steps to accommodate the girl and make her safe.

"We're very sympathetic toward that," Welch said. "It's unfortunate when you can't meet the expectations some parents have."

develop properly during pregnancy. He has endured 15 surgeries during his young life. Still, his attitude and outlook on life is most precious.

sister extended their heartfelt gratitude and thankfulness to everyone who helped in making

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School board attorney Neal Smith said the proposed policy would be impossible to enforce. member Gregory Johnson said if perfumes are to be considered weapons and banned, so should pencils because they also can be dan-

Belcher disagreed. "Pencils are conducive to learning," he said. "These products are not."

Belcher said the school according to some, has not been board's refusal to pass the proposed ban could cost lives.

"I just don't think we should superintendent for Floyd County let students primp around with these products when they can had this to say in regard to kill somebody" he said

Ravine Ratliff was the only one of five school board members to vote in favor of the pro-

"I think we failed this child," Ratliff said.

integrity of the state regulatory system. I think that will be the outcome, and I think that will be reassuring to the people of Kentucky regardless of how they may feel of me as an individual," Patton said at a news conference in Louisville.

any way compromise the

The scandal has already apparently cost Patton a U.S. Senate bid. He made clear Friday that he does not intend to seek Republican U.S. Sen. Jim Bunning's seat in 2004, a race for which he long has been positioning himself. "I cannot envision circumstances under which I would be a candidate," he said.

Patton could only be removed from office through impeachment. As for resigning,

by KATHY J. PRATER

FEATURES EDITOR

hiring attendance officers is a

good use of school system funds

was a topic for discussion at the

Floyd County Board of

Education's meeting Thursday

pupil personnel, put before the

board a request to hire four

attendance officers, each on a

50-day contract. According to

Springer's report, her office has

outlined an improved plan of

operating procedures that should

provide the means to a more effi-

Earlier, money was appropri-

ated from the general fund to

hire officers on 100-day con-

tracts, but the plan proposed

Thursday evening cut that origi-

nal plan by half and thereby

reduced the cost of the of the

Still, some attending the

meeting expressed doubt as to

whether the school system

would be acting wisely to spend

the funds on a program that,

Gary Frazier, former deputy

Schools, was at the meeting and

Springer's request: "It appears

that the office of the director of

pupil personnel is adequately

staffed as it is. A better use of

that money would be to place it

where the principals actually

need it and want it - on tech-

program

cient program.

contractual

\$45,676.50.

very effective.

Kristina Springer, director of

MARTIN - Whether or not

he said calls to his office "are overwhelmingly to not resign, to continue to do this job as long as I can do it effectively.'

One conservative organization, the American Family Coalition of Kentucky, has begun a petition drive for Patton's resignation or, lacking that, his impeachment and removal by the General Assembly.

The group's president, the Rev. Peter Hayes, said it was not an organization of Patton bashers. "We had thought he was a good family man and were kind of shocked," Hayes said in a telephone interview

Patton should resign because "he cannot be an effective leader and a good role model for chil-

Frazier went on to suggest to

the board members that they

"quit looking for victims" in the

area of student absences and to

instead "look for parental

to his term of employment with

the school system), if you are

poor, we will give you breakfast

and we will give you lunch, we

will give your child clothing if

they need it," Frazier said. "We

will do all we can - just get

your hide out of bed and get your

children to school. This is about

mented that she had been told

that some children were required

to walk 20-25 minutes to catch

their school bus and that this was

car," Varia said. "If the child

misses the bus, he cannot get to

transportation, said that she does

that their child has missed the

bus, we send a bus to get that

child, and, no child should be

walking 20-25 minutes to catch

a bus. We want to get the chil-

Gwen Hale-Frazier, principal

School expressed concern that if

the board granted approval to

hire the four attendance officers,

there would be a lack of funding

available for the principals' tech-

Gary Frazier then posed the

"No, they have not," he con-

tinued. "How many people have we actually prosecuted for not

bringing their kids to school?

Are the judges cooperating with

us? If not, then why spend the

money? If it improves atten-

dance, well then, that's money

dance officers, school principals

or their designees, and parents

that would consist of telephone

calls, letters, scheduled meetings

may only be made following a

home visit to the child's primary residence, therefore, according

to Springer, the hiring of atten-

dance officers becomes a crucial

point because "it would allow us

to aggressively pursue truants

Springer's recommendation and

to hire the four requested atten-

The board voted to approve

through the court system."

and home visits.

Springer's report outlined a plan of contact between atten-

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nology requests.

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not believe this to be true.

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Karen Johnson, director of

"If a parent calls and tells us

leading to increased absences.

Dr. Chandra Varia then com-

parental responsibility."

"I told my parents (referring

responsibility."

dren," Hayes said. "The adultery issue is serious.'

The scandal broke when Conner, in interviews with WHAS-TV in Louisville, claimed she and Patton had a two-year affair after meeting at a political event. She said their trysts were at a hotel in Louisville and that Patton, to facilitate the affair, appointed her to the board of the Kentucky Lottery, which meets in Conner Louisville. described how Patton allegedly wrecked her nursing home in retaliation for ending the relationship.

Patton denied both the affair and the charge of retaliation in the news report and at a news conference with first lady Judi Patton by his side. Then Conner sued and Patton confessed to the affair, first to his family and then in a tearful public speech last week. Mrs. Patton left the gov-

ernor's mansion and went to the couple's home in Pikeville.

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The ethics commission's five members all were appointed by Patton, and some have known him socially, but the group has no qualms about investigating him, said Stone, the chairwoman. "There is no communication between me and the governor's office. I only met the governor and his wife one time,"

The commission voted to examine whether Patton's personal interest conflicted with his public duties. "Specifically, this investigation concerns the allegations by Ms. Tina Conner that you used or attempted to use your influence and official position improperly," the commission said in a letter notifying Patton of its intentions.

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Virus

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A 60-year-old Bell County man, a 70-year-old Jefferson County man and a 76-year-old Jefferson County woman suspected of having the disease remained hospitalized.

Five people treated and released from the hospital for the disease were a 33-year-old Jefferson County man, a 76year-old Jefferson County man, a 36-year-old Jefferson County woman, an 81-year-old Jefferson County man and a 33-year-old Marion County woman.

The milder West Nile fever cases include a 36-year-old Barren County man, a 32-yearold Jefferson County woman, a 34-year-old Jefferson County woman and a 44-year-old Washington County man. None was hospitalized.

A 53-year-old Boyle County man with a probable case of West Nile virus was not hospital-

So far, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have confirmed 13 of Kentucky's 40 probable West Nile cases.

Jefferson County leads the state with 20 of the suspected West Nile cases, including one death. Barren County has three probable cases. Two probable cases, including one death, were reported in Union County.

PES requests, gets reading instructor

by KATHY J. PRATER FEATURES EDITOR

Prestonsburg Elementary School, for several years one of the county's reward schools, needs a reading teacher, says principal Gwen Hale-Frazier.

Hale-Frazier, accompanied of Prestonsburg Elementary by Barbara Davis, parent representative of the school's sitebased decision making council, addressed the Floyd County school board Thursday evening to request a "reading recovery teacher" for the school.

According to Hale-Frazier, the school did not receive a reading recovery teacher for the 2002-03 school year due to the loss of grant funding - funding that was lost due to a lack of a required facility which must include a room that is equipped with a "mirror" window by which school administrators may view a child's progress without the child's immediate knowledge.

In response to a question posed by board chairman Johnnie Ross as to why the sitebased council had not used their allocated funds for the hiring of a second reading teacher, Davis explained that she had not been a Contact with the court system member of the council at that time but that her understanding was that the council had hoped to receive the reading recovery grant and that when the grant funding fell through, the school was left with finding a solution to the problem.

Hale-Frazier also informed the board that if Title I funds had been distributed to her school, she could have used that money to hire a second reading teacher.

Hale-Frazier commented to the board that her school "always makes good use" of its budgetary allocations.

"We don't ask for much, we don't need much that we can't get," Hale-Frazier said. "I even have three Head Start units on my campus and I don't get even credit for them (monetarily in terms of enrollment), but still they're there and they're my responsibility."

She also commented that she feels that it isn't "fair" to her school to not honor its request for a second reading teacher. She also said that she feels that some of the other county principals weren't "what they should be" and therefore don't strive to make as good a use of their funds as her school does.

"Just because we do well and just because we don't ask for much, it isn't fair to look over us," she said.

Davis commented that she felt that "if you're a school in crisis, it seems that you get what you need, but if you're a reward school, you kind of get held back ... I'd really appreciate it, as a parent, if you all would look

closely into this request for us." Board members assured the two women that they would look into the matter and Ross added, "Maybe we also need to look at getting you the facility you need so that you can continue to get your reading recovery grant."

The reading recovery program is geared toward assisting those elementary students who are defined as "struggling read-

JAMES BOND CHARACTERS

echoed doing with their allocations?"

superintendent of instruction for Floyd County schools, also supported Watson, saying, "Ms. Watson has taken a lot of heat for something that is not her fault. She has no control over what the councils do. Somebody needs to hold the councils to the

"One of the great shortcomings of KERA, was that far too much power was given to peo-

■ Continued from p1 make needed decisions," Frazier

Watson reiterated that a board-approved textbook policy

would alleviate the problems

surrounding textbooks and instructional materials. "It is important that kids have textbooks," Watson said. "I

taught mathematics for 20 years, I know how important it is." The board voted to approve

the 10 percent increase in funding with monies going first to schools with an increased enrollment and next to the county's high schools. They also agreed to begin work on the drafting of a countywide textbook policy.



PES first to use new software

by JARRID DEATON

STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG Prestonsburg Elementary has joined the evolving world of education technology after implementing the Ed-Vision program onto the school's computer systems.

According to Terri Hall, technology coordinator, the Ed-

Vision software is designed to in each subject area," Hall said. provide information about a student's current knowledge, the ability to track academic progress, pinpointing problems, identifying strengths and monitoring the ability of schools to

provide meaningful instruction. "The information will be placed on the school and the district web pages so parents can view what the students are doing

Hall also believes that teachers will benefit from the software as well as the students.

"I think it will allow the teachers to see where they should be with a class," Hall

Prestonsburg Elementary is the first school in Floyd County to have the software program

fully implemented.

. Company's woes deepen

by JARRID DEATON STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG - Legal troubles continue to mount for a local oil company which has closed several of its stores.

A lawsuit has been filed by Bay View Franchise Mortgage Acceptance Company against the Coleman Oil Company, Gas and Go Inc., and Food Express.

The lawsuit states that the defendants executed a series of promissory notes payable to the company on June 29, 1999.

The notes were secured by a series of mortgages and leasehold mortgages on 15 gas station and convenience stores in Floyd, Pike, Johnson, Lawrence and Magoffin counties.

The property in question in the suit is located at 225 North Lake Drive in Prestonsburg.

The suit alleges that the defendants have not made their payments as and when they were due under the promissory notes, thereby breaching the contract.

The lawsuit is says that the defendants owe the remaining

balance and interest of 9.25 percent per year, along with any other applicable late fees and other expenses.

The lawsuit demands that the

Bay View Franchise Mortgage Acceptance Company be give a lien on the Prestonsburg property that is superior to all other liens and interest, that the defendants pay all attorney fees that are incurred to collect the evidence, that the Prestonsburg property be sold by the master commissioner as a whole under the orders of the court and that the proceeds of the sales be applied to the Bay View's liens and judgment, that any occupant of the Prestonsburg property vacate the premises upon confirmation of the sale by the master commissioner, the risk of loss pass to the purchaser upon confirmation of the sale, and that it recover any and all other relief

The lawsuit is similar to one filed earlier this month by Bay View in Pike County. Other similar suit have been filed in

to which it may appear to be

Magoffin counties concerning properties in those areas.

Coleman Oil is owner of the Happy Mart chain, which has closed several stores without explanation in recent months.

Until recently, signs on the doors of the stores have apologized for the inconvenience of the closures. Those signs have recently been replaced with banners announcing an upcoming funding. grand re-opening.

Former owners who sold er, Happy Mart and FillZone convenience stores also have filed suit against Coleman Oil and its affiliate Eastern Kentucky Convenience Stores.

The former owners Stamper, Ransom Dotson and the estate of Kelly J. Combs - are asking that Eastern Kentucky Convenience Stores be ordered to pay more than \$2.6 million still owed from the \$3.7 million purchase

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

Books

dance officers.

Glenn Hendrix, state manag-Hale-Frazier's remarks, saying, "It all goes back to 'What are the schools

Gary Frazier, former deputy

ple who are not equipped to

pression

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

- Felix Frankfurter

Our View

Hard-learned essons

The loss of \$43 million ought to get some attention. We are pleased it has.

After the Kentucky Teachers' Retirement System lost \$43 million in its investment portfolio in the collapse of WorldCom, a group of state senators were quick to call for a thorough review of state investment policies and state Treasurer Jonathan Miller was quick to urge adoption of some principles to guide investment decisions.

Both moves are needed.

The loss to the teachers' retirement system with its \$12 billion in assets reportedly won't cause significant harm, but still \$43 million is \$43 million. Last month the teachers' retirement system sought to be part of a lawsuit against WorldCom in the event there is any money to recover.

Beyond that, any steps to better safeguard the investments of state funds against debacles like that of WorldCom or any unscrupulous practices must be taken.

Requiring a full report to the legislature by those responsible for investing public money was a smart move by legislators. Our elected leaders need to know where things stand.

Miller's call for all who handle public investments to insist that the companies chosen to handle state investment portfolios abide by a set of principles was a good move as well. It should be heeded.

Public pension funds cannot afford to follow investment advice that only serves to prop up a position an investment company has taken. None of us can.

For not only does that pose too high a risk, it is also

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beyond the beltway

You can't get there from here

by DONALD KAUL

Last month:

US Airways filed for bankruptcy

■ United Airlines said it would have to do the same by mid-November unless it got major concessions from labor unions and suppliers.

American Airlines announced it would be cutting jobs, planes and flights in an effort to stay afloat.

Amtrak twice had to pull its newest and fastest trains out of service on the Boston - New York - Washington run because it discovered cracks in the structure of the trains. This came a few weeks after Amtrak had come within days of shutting down because it had run out of money. Only a last-minute infusion of cash from Congress saved it.

Let's face it folks, we may be a world-class military power but we are a Third World transportation power, and losing ground.

It's kind of funny, really. Here we are, all puffed up about being the greatest country on earth (and if you don't believe that, just ask us) and we can't figure out how to get from here to there.

France figures it out. So do England, Germany, Japan, Spain and dozens of other countries, but it seems to be beyond us. We not only don't have the answers to our transportation problems,

we're not even asking the questions. For example, when's the last time you heard an American president talk about transportation policy? With me it's been so long that I don't remember it happening.

Thus we have a ramshackle, hit-ormiss rail system that can't even serve its prime areas - places where the people actually would use trains if they were reliable and efficient - and an airline system that only works if the weather is good and there aren't any bomb scares and

nobody goes on strike and passengers don't mind being stripsearched every once in

What about cars, you say? Well, what about them?

In the past year I have driven thousands of miles throughout the eastern United States and I'm here to say that the experience is one of unrelieved horror.

Have you tried driving on an Interstate highway at the legal speed limit recently? How about five miles per hour above the speed limit? It's worth your life. If you're in the left lane, people angrily pass you on the right and cut back in front of you in a huff. I've even had a SUV pass me on the right when I was in the right lane traveling at the speed limit. He used the shoulder of the road.

But it's not just the speed. I've been driving a car for 50 years and I can honestly say that the quality of driving today is worse than any I've ever seen. No matter what the traffic conditions, the weather, the time of day or week, practically everybody is in a hurry. They weave in and out of lanes - often

cutting off drivers to do so - tailgate, fail to use their turn signals and otherwise display horrendous road manners.

All that, of course, is when they're not using their cell phones or playing with their onboard computers or fiddling with their CD players.

And then there's the thrill of driving along at 75 miles per hour and looking in your rearview mirror to see it filled

by a gigantic radiator

Driving would be bad enough if the roads were in good shape, but they're not. It's much safer in

cities, of course. You can't have an accident if you can't move. Our answer to all of

this has been ... noth-

ing. Basically nothing.

There has not been a really innovative transportation initiative in this country since Dwight Eisenhower's National Defense Highway Act, which didn't have much

to do with defense but did give us a decent high-speed road system. Those roads are now falling apart faster than we repair them under an ever-increasing onslaught of cars and trucks. And we are doing next to noth-

ing about trying to find alternatives. You would think that the self-admitted Greatest Country on Earth would do better than that. Wouldn't you?

Donald Kaul recently retired as Washington columnist for the "Des Moines Register." He has covered the foolishness in our nation's capital for 29 years, winning a number of modestly coveted awards along the way.

-Jim Davidson

Do you act or react?

It's been said, if we want to know a lot about a person's character, just watch how he or she acts. But I'm here to tell you, if we really want to know about their character, watch how they react. because this it the real test. In these days of shades and pastels, it's the best way on earth for us to see a person's true col-

Some time ago, I ran across a terrific uncopyrighted article, titled "Do You Act or React?" and I want to share it with you. As you read it, think about how you would act or react in a similar situation.

"I walked with my friend, a Quaker, to the newsstand the other night and he bought a paper, thanking the newsie politely. The newsie didn't even acknowledge it. 'A sullen fellow, isn't he?' I commented. "Oh, he's that way every night,' shrugged my friend, 'Then why do you continue to be so polite to him?' I asked. 'Why not?' said my friend, 'Why should I let him decide how I am going to act?'

"As I thought about this incident later, it occurred to me the most important word was "act." My friend acts toward people; most of us react toward them. He has a sense of inner balance which is

lacking in most of us. He knows who he is, what he stands for and how he should behave. He refuses to return incivility for incivility, because then he would no longer be in command of his own con-

"When we are enjoined in the Bible to return good for evil, we look upon this as a moral injunction, which it is, but it is also a psychological prescription for

emotional health. Nobody is unhappier than the perpetual reactor. His center of emotional gravity is not rooted within himself where it belongs, but in the world outside himself. His spiritual temperature is always being raised or lowered by the social climate around him and he is a mere creature at the mercy of these elements. Praise gives him a feeling of euphoria, which is false, because it does not

last and it does not come from selfapproval. Criticism depresses him more than it should, because it confirms his own secretly shaky opinion of himself. Snubs hurt him and the mere suspicion of unpopularity in any quarter rouses him to bitterness.

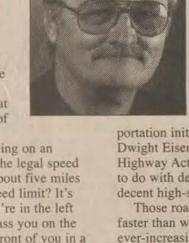
"A serenity of spirit cannot be achieved until we become the masters of our own actions and attitudes. To let another person determine whether we should be rude or gracious, elated or depressed is to relinquish control over our personalities, which is ultimately all we possess. The only true possession is self-posses-

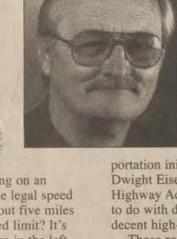
As I thought about this article, I realized just how much this affects us every day of our lives. It's not too difficult for most of us to act nice, especially if we had the proper training when we were growing up. But it's just human nature to react to others in a negative way

when they are rude, thoughtless or ungrateful toward us. The Apostle Paul gave us the answer to this problem in Romans 12:2, "And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

The key to improving our human relations is to renew our thinking each day with good, honest and positive thoughts until it becomes a habit. Then when someone is rude or thoughtless, we will act toward them in a manner that is in theirs, as well as in our own best interests. As George Bernard Shaw once said, "Action is the only road to knowledge."

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Faith Extra

South has most churches per capita

by KELLY P. KISSEL ASSOCIATED PRESS

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. - The South has more churches per capita than other regions - 15 per every 10,000 residents but the types of denominations available are often limited, according to a recent census of the American religious experi-

Only one Southern state, Florida, was among the top eight states in diversity of church group offerings, with 108. At the other end, Mississippi had 63 types of churches and South Carolina 65, according to data compiled by an arm of Glenmary Home Missions, a Roman Catholic organization based Cincinnati.

The top five were Illinois (120), Michigan (118), Ohio (115), Pennsylvania (113) and California (111).

"In the North, there was this the people in the country could

mosaic of European groups that had strong churches, so that accounts for the wide range of denominations," said Robert Benne, director of the Center for Religion and Society at Roanoke College in Salem, Va. "In the West, you get all this creativity" in the formation of

The survey found that Southern Baptists are the largest group in the region, with nearly 11.3 million followers from Oklahoma to the Atlantic Ocean, and their numbers grew slightly from 1990 to 2000. Methodists had nearly 3.7 million and Roman Catholics nearly 2.6 million.

The South's rate of churches of 15.4 per 10,000 residents was followed by the Mountain West at 14.2, the Midwest at 13.6, the Far West at 7.85 and the Northeast at 7.5.

Nationally, the Glenmary survey found that just over half Eastern

be considered adherents of in Appalachia. According to the some kind of religion, be it data, adherence figures for the Christianity, Judaism, Islam or 14 Southern states as a whole spirituality, came in at 49.4 percent, and

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two decades ago.

The figures released this month have their limits, though, the survey's publisher said. Totals, in the millions, were not available for many black churches and a number of independent churches, particularly

Adherence was at 55 percent researchers said the number had

The South is still the mostchurched region of the country," said Kenneth Sanchagrin, director of the Glenmary Research Center and a sociology professor at Mars Hill College in North Carolina.

And those worshippers in the region are mostly Christian. Except for Southern urban centers, the numbers of Jews, Muslims and adherents of Eastern religions were very small. Sanchagrin said the Asheville, N.C., region had more than 220 members of the Bahai faith and nearly 300 Muslims, an anomaly for the

"Asheville is not Atlanta. It's not New York. It's not even Charlotte or Knoxville. The typical Southern county is not going to have that," he said.

For years, Methodists ran second to Southern Baptists throughout the region, but they have fallen to third or lower in many of the most-churched cities of the South, the survey

In West Virginia, the only state where Methodists were the largest denomination, their population was down 17.4 percent in the decade. Methodist numbers were off 9.1 percent in Arkansas and 8.1 percent in Kentucky.

It means more diversity, though only to a degree, Sanchagrin said.

In 1990, there were twice as many Methodists in the Bible Belt than Catholics; now there Methodists than Catholics. There are three times more Baptists than Southern Methodists in the region after the Baptist population grew by 4.8 percent between 1990 and

"The apparent move of Catholics from the Midwest and North to the South is giving the region greater diversity," in religious life and ethnicity, Sanchagrin said. "You do have the Hispanic influence in what is the new Sun Belt - Georgia, North Carolina, Tennessee and Arkansas.

And it seems some people are more willing to experiment more than in the past, said Flavil Yeakley, director of Church Growth Studies at Harding University in Searcy,

"It is certain that denominational loyalties are not what they were 50 years ago," Yeakley said. "There are people who approach religion as consumers, not as members, saying 'I'll go where I like it.

"But if that's all churches are doing and they're not calling people to a higher standard, then those groups are not going

(See SOUTH, page ten)

Concern for the environment a growing priority in many congregations

by MATT SEDENSKY ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW HAVEN, Conn. -Between bites of kugel and sips of matzoh ball soup, the conversation at Rabbi Jon-Jay Tilsen's Shabbat dinner each week inevitably goes in one direction. Light bulbs.

Tilsen points out his home's energy-saving, fluorescent lighting to each guest as he tackles a subject more and more religious leaders are broaching: environmentalism.

Religious groups around the country are finding ecological issues hard to ignore. Clergy are speaking from the pulpit on global warming and Arctic drilling, and practicing what they preach in their own churches, synagogues, temples and mosques

At Tilsen's Congregation Beth El-Kesser in New Haven, incandescent lighting has been replaced and new, more efficient heating and air-conditioning systems have been installed. The sanctuary's ceiling will be lowered and its walls moved in to reduce the area that must be heated and cooled.

Even the ner tamid, the tiny red light that indicates the location of the Ark of the Covenant, which holds the Torah, will be replaced to make use of natural

"We're still not the most energy-efficient synagogue or religious institution, but we have put a lot of effort and money into it," Tilsen said. "We're just playing catch-up.'

Across faiths, the environmental movement has been evolving slowly over the last decade or more. Denominations have started looking into their traditions, examining how their beliefs could be applied to ecological issues and releasing statements outlining their posi-

Many Christian and Jewish groups have set up offices or assigned directors to deal exclusively with being green. Muslim, Buddhist and some other faiths have also taken up the issue.

Paul Gorman, head of the National Religious Partnership for the Environment, said 21 states now have interfaith global warming and energy campaigns. But Gorman estimates that for every house of worship where the environment is an active issue, there are 100 where it is

"We're only just beginning to learn to practice what we preach," Gorman said.

In Los Angeles, the newly opened Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels is partially powered by solar panels mounted atop the Roman Catholic church's conference center.

In Palatine, Ill., the Sikh Religious Temple has added

energy use by \$720 a month.

And in Wynnewood, Pa., the Evangelical Environmental Network is gearing up for "What Would Jesus Drive?" a national campaign urging people to think about their transportation choic-

"We basically just want to get the question out there," said the Rev. Jim Ball, executive director of the network. "Is transportation a moral decision? We definitely think it is.'

The Rev. Tom Carr, pastor of First Baptist Church in West Hartford and a member of Connecticut's Interreligious Eco-Justice Network, has cut energy use - and costs - at his church. He has spoken out on environmental issues, which has included lending his support to campaigns against the "Sooty Six," the name environmentalists give the state's oldest and most-polluting power plants.

Hartford Seminary has made changes on its campus, from ending use of chemical weed killers and pesticides on its lawns to supplying mugs for coffee instead of paper and plastic foam cups. In July, the seminary switched to Green Mountain

water-saving taps and cut its Energy Co., which provides energy from sources including wind, water and natural gas.

> Green Mountain supplies power to hundreds of houses of worship in eight states. With its power typically costing up to 1 1/2 cents more per kilowatthour, it's not an easy choice for some congregations.

"They're literally putting their money where their beliefs are," said John Holtz, a spokesman for the company.

Some religious groups have resisted the movement. Gorman said some denominations are suspicious of the paganism sometimes associated with ecology, or believe the movement is based more on liberal politics than theology.

But there is no question that religious groups have started to lobby on environmental issues and that politicians are aware of their efforts.

In February, 1,200 religious leaders sent a letter to senators urging energy conservation as a "morally superior" alternative to drilling for oil in Alaska. Last year, 12 Catholic bishops were active in protecting the Northwest's Columbia River watershed. And in 1998, mainline Protestant churches lobbied for the passage of the Kyoto Protocol.

In a letter to President Bush after meeting with European environmental ministers in March 2001, Environmental Protection Administrator Christie Whitman wrote: "For the first time, the world's religious communities have started to engage in the issue. Their solutions vary widely, but the fervor of the focus was clear.'



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Presbyterians to release report on sex abuse allegations

The Associated Press

LOUISVILLE

Presbyterian church officials have completed an investigation of a deceased missionary who was accused of sexually abusing more than 20 children over 20 years ago.

Jerry Van Marter, a spokesman for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), said the denomination's Independent Committee of Inquiry will release a 173-page report Monday. Van Marter said the report contains information on the physical and sexual abuse of children of missionaries in the Congo between 1945 and 1978 by a Presbyterian missionary, the Rev. William Pruitt.

At least 11 women had accused Pruitt of abusing them as girls in the 1960s and '70s. Most say the abuse occurred in Africa but at least three had alleged he molested them in the Dallas area, where Pruitt last served as an associate pastor at Highland Park Presbyterian

"The orginal action in Dallas in the winter of 1988... was filed by eight women. Since then the

number has risen to more than 20," Van Marter said. "I think the women are from all over the country."

Pruitt died on Aug. 12, 1999, at 88, and Texas church officials said they were powerless to proceed with a church trial thereafter. Pruitt had denied the alle-

The report is to include recommendations for how the church can continue to promote healing and justice in the case and how church policies can be changed to prevent such cases

Pruitt was hired as an associate minister at Highland Park Presbyterian in 1970 after he quit his mission job because of abuse allegations. returned to Africa as a missionary in the late 1970s, this time under Highland Park's sponsorship instead of the denomina-

Two weeks before he died of a heart attack Pruitt wrote a letter that he had been "unjustly accused."

"I have never fondled or molested or touched a child with any sexual intent," he wrote in the July 1999 letter.

Odds and Ends

■ DETROIT — A Detroit public school teacher's pay was enough to make Bill Gates or Donald Trump envious.

Thanks to a computer glitch, the teacher was paid \$7.9 million before taxes for 18 minutes of work. The teacher, who wasn't identified, \$4,015,624.80 after taxes.

Someone alerted the school district earlier this month, and the money was returned after six days, chief financial officer Ken Forrest said in Thursday's

mile south of Cow Creek.

Detroit News.

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"One of the things that came with (the software) is a fail-safe that prevents that. It doesn't work," Forrest said.

The district has since installed a program to flag any paycheck exceeding \$10,000.

he said.

■ LAWRENCEBURG -Former Lawrenceburg Mayor Bob Thompson has found a new job: imitating Colonel Harland

The 73-year-old retiree has portrayed KFC's late founder at events marking the 50th birthday of the restaurant franchise.

With his white suit, black cane, white wavy hair and neatly trimmed goatee, Thompson has taken first place at several Colonel-lookalike contests held in London, near Corbin, where Sanders first served his famous original recipe chicken.

Sanders died at age 90 in 1980, but his folksy image is so enduring and popular that many people don't seem to know that.

"They ask me 'Are you the real Colonel? I tell 'em I just got out of Cave Hill Cemetery," he said, referring to Sanders' burial place in Louisville.

"Before I let 'em get away I tell 'em the truth," he said.

Thompson, who was mayor of Lawrenceburg from 1994 through 1998, is one of two lookalikes KFC calls on. The other lives in Alabama.

During a June trip to New York City, Thompson appeared on CBS' "The Early Show" and went to a Mets game to promote the company's 50th birthday. He also traveled to Los Angeles for a promotional event.

Thompson's wife of 52 years, Volita, said being married to a lookalike can be frustrating.

"Sometimes when you go in a restaurant, you don't get to eat because people will say 'Let me run to the car and get my camera," Volita Thompson said. "And all the waitresses, they've got to have a picture made with him. I don't know. Sometimes it gets aggravating."

M SAGINAW, Mich. -Psst! There's a word in the English language that doesn't contain a vowel, and Tyler Mayle found it.

The fifth-grader at Chester

Miller Elementary School here answered a challenge posed by reading teacher Brenda Bell: find a word consisting only of consonants.

Tyler and his stepfather, Gregory Westphal, began their quest by consulting the Yahoo! search engine. That led them to the online version of the Oxford English Dictionary, which defines "Psst" as an interjection "expressing a hiss, often to attract attention."

Tyler also won the \$50 prize Bell has offered for about 15 years to the first student to come up with an all-consonant word. Foreign words and abbreviations don't qualify.

"I've been trying to teach the children that you can't write a word without a vowel," Bell told The Saginaw News this week. "All these years, they couldn't find one. I issued the challenge every year because I

knew it didn't exist - until now." Bell and her student didn't

see eye-to-eye on the cash

"I told him that I'm a poor schoolteacher," said Bell, who has made the first of 25 weekly payments of \$2 to Tyler. "It's enough for Slurpee money for every week."

Tyler was nonchalant: "I wanted the \$50, but it's not a lot of money. Three hundred dollars is a lot of money."

■ MILWAUKEE — Bernie Brewer, the bigheaded mascot of the Milwaukee Brewers, can forget about getting his own cooling-off spot when things get hot and steamy at Miller Park. A committee of the baseball district board that oversees operations at the two-year-old stadium decided Thursday that giving Bernie a \$35,000 airconditioned enclosure next to

"Bernie's Dugout" would be too

The spot would have been a place to remove that big head and cool off out of sight of the

But it could have made residents of five counties hot under the collar - their sales taxes help pay the costs of the retractable-

"I have a problem with keeping Bernie cool," said John Knuteson, a district board mem-

ber from Racine County. "If the mascot is up there and he wants to take a break where he can't be seen, he can go into the Brewers' offices," he said.

Last year, the Brewers asked the board to approve spending \$60,000 to rebuild Bernie's Dugout and add an air-condi-

tioned area. After the board said no, the Brewers came back with the modified, cheaper plan.

Tamed tropical storm drenches Kentucky, causes little damage

by ROGER ALFORD ASSOCIATED PRESS

PIKEVILLE - The tropical storm that caused major damage along the Gulf Coast had lost most of its punch when it reached the Bluegrass, causing only minor flooding in lowlying areas.

"There's no appreciable flooding anywhere," said Ray Bowman, spokesman for the Kentucky Division Emergency Management, "We have water over roads in a few places, a couple of trees blown

The National Weather Service reported 24-hour rainfall amounts of up to 8 inches in some portions of western Kentucky, 1 to 3 inches in the eastern part of the state, as tropical Storm Isidore made its way across the state.

"I think this did more good than harm," Bowman said. "We needed something to break the would have liked at one setting, but overall it hasn't had a real negative impact."

That wasn't the case in Louisiana, where the storm caused at least \$18 million in damage. More than 140,000 people in Gulf Coast states lost electrical service during the

Tony Hall, senior meteorologist at the National Weather Service office in Jackson, said the brunt of the storm passed over an area east of Paducah and west of Bowling Green,

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"It panned out in the way we hoped it would," Hall said, We've had no reports of any serious flooding. We were worried about a really bad forest fire season. This put a damper on that for now. This was, to some extent, a blessing.'

Tom Priddy, a University of Kentucky agricultural meteorologist, said he expects reports of crop damage from the lowland flooding in central Kentucky.

"We have rivers and streams that are still cresting," he said. "With that much rain, you'd Maybe in some respects, we did dodge the bullet, but certainly not around the central part of the state."

Flood watches that were in place since Thursday morning now have been lifted, said Rachel Uthlaut, a meteorologist at the National Weather Service office in Paducah.

"The rain is over, and we're waiting for the clouds to clear out this morning," Uthlaut said. "The remains of Isidore have removed to the northeast and pulled the rain out of here just in time for us to have a nice weekend."

Today in History

The Associated Press

are 93 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: One hundred years ago, on Sept. 29, 1902, William Topaz McGonagall, affectionately remembered to this day as one of Britain's worst (if not the worst) poets, died in Edinburgh, Scotland.

On this date:

In 1758, English Adm. Horatio Nelson was born.

■ In 1789, the U.S. War Department established a regular army with a strength of several hundred men.

■ In 1829, London's reorganized police force, which became known as Scotland Yard, went on duty.

■ In 1902, impresario David Belasco opened his first Broadway theater.

In 1918, Allied forces scored a decisive breakthrough of the Hindenburg Line during

■ In 1943, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower and Italian Marshal Pietro Badoglio signed an armistice aboard the British ship Nelson off Malta.

■ In 1963, the second session of Second Vatican Council opened in Rome.

■ In 1978, Pope John Paul I was found dead in his Vatican apartment just over a month after becoming head of the Roman Catholic Church.

In 1982, seven people in the Chicago area died after unwittingly taking Extra-Strength Tylenol capsules laced with cyanide.

■ In 1988, the space shuttle Discovery blasted off from Cape Canaveral, Fla., marking America's return to manned space flight following the Challenger disaster.

Ten years ago:

Magic Johnson, infected with the AIDS virus, announced he was returning to basketball (however, he scrapped his comeback attempt the following November). Lawmakers in Brazil voted overwhelmingly to impeach President Fernando Collor de Mello.

Five years ago:

Oklahoma City bombing Today is Sunday, Sept. 29. defendant Terry Nichols went drought. It's more rain than we the 272nd day of 2002. There on trial in the same courtroom in Denver where McVeigh was convicted and sentenced to die. (Nichols was later convicted of involuntary manslaughter and conspiracy, but acquitted of murder and weapons-related counts; he was sentenced to life in prison.)

One year ago:

President Bush condemned Afghanistan's Taliban rulers for harboring Osama bin Laden and his followers as the United States pressed its military and diplomatic campaign against terror. Former Vietnamese President Nguyen Van Thieu died in Boston at age

Today's Birthdays:

Movie director Michelangelo Antonioni is 90. Actress Lizabeth Scott is 80. Actor Steve Forrest is 78. Actress Anita Ekberg is 71. Actor Eddie Barth is 71. Singer Jerry Lee Lewis is 67. Actor Ian McShane is 60. Jazz musician Jean-Luc Ponty is 60. Television-film composer Mike Post is 58. Actress Patricia Hodge is 56 TV personality Bryant Gumbel is 54. Rock singer-musician Mark Farner (Grand Funk Railroad) is 54. Rock musician Mike Pinera (Iron Butterfly) is 54. Country singer Alvin Crow is 52. Singer Suzzy Roche (The Roches) is 46. Actor-comedian Andrew "Dice" Clay is 44. Singer-musician Les Claypool is 39. Actress Jill Whelan is 36. Rhythm-and-blues Devante Swing (Jodeci) is 33. Actress Emily Lloyd is 32. Actress Natasha Gregson Wagner is 32. Country musician Danick Dupelle (Emerson Drive) is 29. Country singer

Thought for Today:

Katie McNeill (3 of Hearts) is

"Nor does it give me pain to tell the world fearlessly, that when you are dead they shall not look upon your like again." -From "An Address to the Rev. George Gilfillan," by William Topaz McGonagall, Scottish poet (1825-1902).



Sammons living dream as rafting guide in West Virginia



Jesse Sammons, standing in the back, a 2001 graduate of Prestonsburg High School, is a certified whitewater rafting guide at the famous New River Gorge in West Virginia.

by SARA GEORGE Special to The Times

LANSING, W.Va. — When Jesse Sammons was 16, he and his father went whitewater rafting, and he found his calling. He knew he was meant to be on the river

Up to that point, Sammons' athletic abilities contributed to the Prestonsburg High golf and wrestling teams. His mother, Sharon Meade Sammons, is a physical education teacher at PHS. His father, John Phillip Sammons, is the chief bridge engineer for Highway District 12 out of Pikeville.

After Jesse Sammons graduated from Prestonsburg High in 2001, he went north to West Virginia's whitewater rafting paradise along the New River Gorne.

"I checked around and found that one of the rafting companies was going to train a few guides. I started in March of this year," he

After a minimum of 12 trips on the rivers, supervised by the

West Virginia Department for Natural Resources, Jesse Sammons earned his DNR certi-

"In West Virginia," he explained, "you have to be certified to work for a company that charges a fee to take people rafting. Anyone can raft by themselves or in a group, but you can't accept money to guide anyone unless you are certified by the state according to DNR standards."

His expertise goes way beyond basic first aid and CPR. He completed Swiss Water Rescue Clinic, where he learned how to unpin rafts caught in swift flowing water and how to rescue a person whose foot is entrapped under water.

"I guess you could say I'm a certified Raft Jock," he laughed. "But it's all part of what makes this the greatest job. It's my responsibility to keep people safe and show them a good time. When you are properly trained, you don't have to worry about what might happen because you know you can handle it. That

leaves you free to help everyone in your raft have the time of their lives. It's all on the guide, whether you have a great time or

Sammons said the New River Gorge actually refers to two rivers: the New River and the Gauley. The New River is the oldest in the Western Hemisphere; it starts in North Carolina and flows from south to north, like the Big Sandy. A 53-mile stretch is designated a National Wild & Scenic River under the jurisdiction of the National Park Service. Rafting along the New River is year round.

On the Upper New River people can use "duckies," inflatable kayaks that hold one or two people. Sammons said children as young as 6 can raft on this part of the river, which has long, slow-moving pools and gentle Class I to Class III rapids.

The Lower New River ranges from Class II to Class V rapids with intermittent pools where paddlers can take breaks for a picnic lunch or to photograph the wildlife and spectacular scenery. Children have to be 12 years old to raft this section, which features roller coaster waves, gigantic boulders, and huge "holes."

The 28-mile course along the Gauley River is a dam-controlled watershed with a scheduled release in September and October each year.

"The Gauley is considered

the number two whitewater experience in North America and number five in the world," Sammons pointed out. "The number one river in North America is the Brown in Colorado, but a lot of the Colorado guides come out here for the Upper Gauley."

Before you try the Upper Gauley, Sammons recommends at least one trip on the New River. "The Upper Gauley is really physical. You are definitely going to swim and you have to pay attention. At one point there is a 14-foot straight down drop and this stretch of the river has five Class V rapids."

If you really have a need for fear, Sammons said, the Upper Gauley is the ultimate rafting trip. "It's definitely not for the fainthearted."

A rafting trip, whether a weekend or a longer vacation, offers more than trips on the river. Jesse said the experience is a total outdoor adventure. You can go rock climbing, rappelling, horseback riding, fishing, mountain biking, play golf or even take a llama trek.

Rafting companies provide

all the equipment you need. "The mountain biking trips even include the bicycles. You don't have to bring your own. Rock climbing and rappelling classes provide all necessary gear. Everything you need is included in each rafting trip. You can camp out or stay in a motel. The restaurants have great food and there are tons of things to do, from volleyball to ATV tours. People just need to come with a sense of adventure."

Jesse summed it up this way:
"Rafting is the most fun you can
have with your clothes on. It's
absolutely one of the things you
need to check out in your life. I
guarantee you will have a good
time."

To contact Jesse and request him as your guide, call 800-822-1386. "I'd love to see some people from home. I'd especially like to take my high school wrestling coach, Jerry Butcher, down the river. And Phil Price. Actually, it would be a thrill to be the guide for anyone from Floyd County or Pike County or anywhere close to home. I'd love to show you how much fun rafting is!"

Woman suing Patton says she will be vindicated

by BRUCE SCHREINER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CLINTON — Tina Conner predicted Wednesday that she will be vindicated in her claims that Gov. Paul Patton retaliated against her western Kentucky nursing home after she broke off

their affair

Conner said that she regrets the pain caused to her family and Patton's family since their twoyear affair became public last week.

"This has been the hardest decision of my life, exposing my personal failures to the public and certainly enduring this scrutiny," she told The Associated Press in a telephone interview late Wednesday.

Conner alleges that Patton unleashed regulators on her nursing home, Birchtree Healthcare in Clinton, after she ended the relationship.

Patton, 65, made a public, tearful confession to the affair Friday but has denied using the office of governor to help or hurt Conner's business. On Tuesday, he said he was stepping back from political activities for the forseeable future, possibly including his aspirations for a U.S. Senate bid in 2004.

Birchtree, meanwhile, has filed for bankruptcy. Conner is suing Patton and state government, claiming sexual harassment, outrageous conduct and waste.

Conner, 40, said she went public because she could "no longer stand idly by and allow the abuse of power to continue." But Conner said she regrets the backlash against her and this town where she became a business and political leader.

"I'm saddened by the fact I've been attacked, our community has been attacked," she said. "But I feel like when this is resolved, people will understand why I have chosen to fight and take the hard road."

Her deepest concern, she said, is for the dozens of residents removed from her nursing home when the facility was dropped in

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July from the Medicare and Medicaid program after state inspectors cited problems.

Conner said she wished Patton could have been at the nursing home on the day that many residents were moved so he could have seen them crying and begging to stay at Birchtree. "When they had to leave that day it was like losing a part of your family," she said.

Only a dozen or so residents remain at the sprawling facility, one of just two nursing homes in Hickman County.

State regulators have vigorously defended their actions, saying they were acting independently of Patton and found serious problems, including understaffing, at Birchtree.

Conner told The Courier-Journal of Louisville that she was tipped off to when state inspectors would be coming to her nursing home. She would not say who made the calls, but said they "obviously" came from someone in state government.

But Gil Lawson, spokesman for the Kentucky Cabinet for Health Services, said state policy calls for all inspections of nursing homes to be unannounced. He said he is not aware of any state inspector saying their visit to Birchtree had been announced.

Conner said she is staying in neighboring Graves County but would not say where. She said she has received a couple of harassing letters, but also supportive phone calls from women across Kentucky.

"I feel stronger than I did yesterday," she said, "and I can only pray that something positive will come from this and other women in a similar circumstance, that they will learn and not make the same decision I made because

(See WOMAN, page ten)



From left to right, Roy Johnson, math science coordinator; Shella Calhoun, principal of Betsy Layne Elementary School; Eddie Hamilton, resource teacher; and Joyce Watson, director of instruction.

Local ARSI educational leadership team uses data to get results

GATLINBURG, Tenn. — The Appalachian Rural Systemic Initiative (ARSI) Summer Academy was held at the Glenstone Lodge in Gatlinburg, Tenn., on July 10, 11 and 12 for 125 educators from the six-state Appalachian region — Kentucky, North Carolina, Ohio, Tennessee, Virginia, and West Virginia.

Those educators included from the Floyd County School District were Roy Johnson, math/science coordinator; Sheila Calhoun, principal of Betsy Layne Elementary; Eddie Hamilton, resource teacher; and Joyce Watson, director of instruction.

The focus of the ARSI Summer Academy was training school district teams on Nancy Love's book, Using Data-Getting Results: Collaborative Inquiry for School-Based Mathematics and Science Reform. The procedure provides a systematic way for educators to find answers to the root causes of problems plaguing school systems such as low student achievement. The data is then used to guide the

school district's mathematics and science program improvement efforts.

Upon return to their individual school districts, participants planned to share what they have learned with local educators.

"Working in a multi-state lead-

ership conference helped me to keep our assessment process in perspective with that used in other states," Watson said of the information gained at the Summer Academy. "However, the best part of the conference was our studying the book Using Data / Getting Results. The book is a collaborative effort of many national researcher organizations but coordinated by the educational research and development organization in Cambridge, Mass. We have been using some of the techniques the team learned this summer as we study our own data."

ARSI is a program designed specifically for Appalachian school districts in counties which have a high level of economically disadvantaged school-aged children.

In existence since 1995, the ARSI program helps schools to build a brighter future for these children by improving mathematics and science education. ARSI is dedicated to developing a basis for science and mathematics reform in rural communities through implementation of its model and the components of that model to support school and district change.

ARSI is partnered with five regional universities and has Resource Collaborative field offices at the University of Kentucky, Marshall University, Ohio University, the University of Tennessee and the University of Virginia's College at Wise.

Carter Chambers, Al Cote, Brenda Edwards, Terry Lashley and Kim Zeidler are the resource collaborative coordinators. Dr. Stephen Henderson, ARSI project director, and Dr. Wimberly Royster, ARSI principal investigator, serve as the educational leadership of this NSF project.

More information about ARSI is available at www. arsi.org. TWIST co

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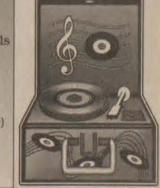
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Regional Obituaries

Floyd County

Robert "Bob" Bolen, 90, of Garrett, died Sunday, September 22. He is survived by his wife, Opal Huff Bolen. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, September 25, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Cora Collins, 81, of Melvin, died Tuesday, September 24, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital. She is survived by her husband, Addison Bee Collins. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, September 26, at the Wheelwright Freewill Baptist Church. Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home was in charge of arrange-

Gwen Gaile, 74, of Clearwater Beach, Florida, family member of Lloyd and Eleanor Crum of Prestonsburg, passed away Saturday, September 21, 2002, at the Morton Plant Hospital in Clearwater, Florida. Burial will be in the Davidson Memorial Gardens, at Ivel, under the direction of Burke Funeral Home.

Hascal Beauford Gullett, 90, of Bypro, died Thursday, September 19, at the Saint Joseph Hospital, Lexington. Funeral services were conducted on Monday, September 23, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Mary C. Hale, 82, of Hippo, died Saturday, September 21, at Hazard. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, September 24, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Ruth Reynolds Hamilton, 73, of Beaver, died Friday, September 20, in the Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin. Funeral services were conducted Monday, September 23, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Hatler "Hat Toe" Johnson, 60, of Hi Hat, died Monday, September 23. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, September 26, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Susan Wallen Kelly, 75, of Prestonsburg, died Sunday, September 22, at Prestonsburg. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, September 26, under the direction of Greg Kempf Funeral Home, Marshal Michigan.

Goldie Scutchfield, 71, of Ypsilanti, Michigan, died Tuesday, September 17, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. She is survived by her husband, Alton Scutchfield. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, September 21, under the direction Funeral Home. of Stark Funeral Service Moore Memorial Chapel.

Douglas "Doug" Shepherd, 53, of Martin, died Monday, September 23, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, September 26, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Bill T. Turner, 61, of Gratis Township, Ohio, native of Wayland, died Wednesday, September 25, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Kathryn "Kitty" Turner. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, September 28, under the direction of Herr-Riggs Funeral Home, Middletown,

Pike County

Wilma Ann Funk Bishop, 62, of Phyllis, died Monday, August 26, at her home. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, August 29, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Pearl Greer, 85, of Beech Bluff, Tennessee, died Thursday, September 19, at the home of her granddaughter, Laura Runyon Tufts, in Lexington. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, September 22, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Jacqueline "Jackie Lee" Branham Hayes, 73, of Shelbiana, died Saturday, September 21, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Memorial services were conducted Thursday, September 26, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

Hatler "Hat Toe" Johnson, 60, of Hi Hat, died Monday, September 23. Funeral services will be conducted Thursday, September 26, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral

Juanita May, 74, of Pikeville, died Thursday, September 12, at Joseph Hospital in Lexington. She is survived by her husband, Cletus May, Funeral services were conducted Saturday, September 14, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son

Mary Jo Stanton Moore, 64, of Shelby Gap, died Tuesday, September 17, at Jenkins Community Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Friday, September 20, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Henry Brady Owens, 63, of Sidney, died Thursday, September 19, at the Veterans Administration Hospital, Huntington, West Virginia. He is survived by his wife, Linda Clevenger Owens. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, September 22, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Kermit Evans Pugh, 85, of Richmond, formerly of Pike died Monday, County, September 9, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Sue C. Pugh. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, September 12, under the direction of Oldham, Roberts, Powell Funeral Home, Richmond.

Billy Ratliff, 74. of Shelbiana, died Thursday, September 19, at Maryville Blount Memorial Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Minnie Adkins Ratliff. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, September 22, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral

Lynn Boyd Sullivan, 75, of Lick Creek, died Friday, September 20, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Myrtle Hunt Sullivan, Funeral services conducted Monday, September 23, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Betty Swierz, 83, of Elkhorn City, died Thursday, September 19, at Elkhorn City. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, September 22, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Garnet Lowe White, 59, of Ypsilanti, Michigan, died Friday. September 6, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. She is survived by her husband, Cody White. Funeral services were conducted Monday, September 9, under the direction of Janowiak Funeral Home.

Johnson County

Sybil Daniels, 93, died Monday, September 23, at Paul B. Hall Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, September 25, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Farrell Hannah, 79, died Tuesday, September 17, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Lorraine Blair Hannah. Funeral services were conducted Friday, September 20, under the direction of Phelps & Son Funeral Home.

Gladys Mae Conley Preston, 71, died Sunday, September 21, at Mt. Manor Nursing Home. She is survived by her husband, Bobby J. Preston. Funeral services were conducted Monday, September 23, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral

Kenneth Ratliff, 73, of Marion, native of Paintsville, died Thursday, September 19, at Riverside Methodist Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Monday, September 23, under the direction of Boyd Funeral

Martin County

Donald Matthew Bishop, 12, of Grayson, died Wednesday, September 11, at Cabell Huntington Hospital, in Huntington, West Virginia. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, September 15, under the direction of Wilson Funeral

Clifford Horn, 74, of Inez, died Friday, September 13, at his home. Funeral services were conducted Monday, September 16, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

Mildred Shirley Williamson, 75, of Inez, died Wednesday, September 11, at Highlands Regional Medical Center in Prestonsburg. Funeral services were conducted Friday, September 13, under the direction of Inez Funeral Home.

Rev. Clarence Clifford Booth, 91, native of Warfield, died Thursday, August 15, at the Appalachian Regional Hospital, South Williamson. He is survived by his wife, Florence Booth. Memorial services were conducted August 16, under the direction of Richmond-Callaham Funeral Home.

Pike woman's struggle • illustrates strengths, gaps in services

PIKEVILLE - Divorced, the single parent of a year-old daughter, and with only a GED and the inspiration of a thrifty, hard-working mother as job qualifications, Bonita Justice of Pike County strongly resisted going on welfare.

At the time, eight years ago, it seemed to her that "going on welfare was like just giving up hope," Justice said. "As far as I knew, people on welfare stayed on welfare and never could pull themselves out" of poverty.

Since then, Justice, now 41,

has proved herself wrong. Along the way, she ascended some of the strongest rungs, and faltered at some of the gaps, in Kentucky's system of human and educational services.

Her story is one of both daunting obstacles and "the possibilities when people work together to strengthen families," said Dianne Andrews, director of family support for the Cabinet for Families and Children (CFC).

It also illuminates the need for the close attention that Gov. Paul Patton and about 100 public and private sector leaders will bring to bear Oct. 17 at a Governor's Summit on Quality of Life in the Commonwealth. Participants in the summit, at the Kentucky History Center in Frankfort, will look for ways to add rungs to the ladder which families like Justice's must climb to escape poverty.

In 1994, to Justice, it looked like a long, uncertain climb. Jobs were scarce, child care was even scarcer and expensive when available. She received no child support and relied on child nutrition benefits, food stamps and a little income from odd jobs. A series of housing, transportation and, finally, health problems wiped out her

resources. Out of options, she applied for and began receiving welfare benefits. For about two years, she struggled to find work and a safe, secure home. She suffered a financial blow when a trailer she had rented was repossessed from the owner. She stayed with family and friends, then moved into an apartment and soon was able to make a down payment on an old but well-maintained trail-

Justice applied for a housing subsidy, rented a trailer lot and began the climb back toward Welfare self-sufficiency. reforms enacted in 1996 imposed new time limits and work and education require-

Some thought the rules of the Kentucky Transitional Assistance Program (KTAP) harsh, but Justice welcomed them. She began taking classes at Pikeville Community College and enrolled in job skills training courses. Around that time, she met Jean Rosenberg, who gave her the inspiration, encouragement and referrals to other

services she desperately needed. Rosenberg served KTAP and non-KTAP clients as director of a program that encouraged them to consider a wide range of careers. Then called the Single and Homemaker

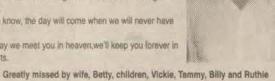
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FRANKFORT Kentucky's younger adults made significant gains in educational attainment during the

1990s, according to census fig-

Obituary

Jess Lee (Tankersley) Mahan

Jess Lee (Tankersley) Mahan, age 82, of Prestonsburg, passed away Friday, September 26, 2002, at her home, in Prestonsburg, after an extended

She was born February 26, 1920, at Pennington Gap, Virginia, and was the daughter of the late Clarance Rufus Tankersley and Ella Esta McPherson. She had retired from the Bank Josephine as a bank manager.

She was the wife of the late Marshall C. Mahan.

Survivors include one son, Carl Mahan of Lexington; two daughters, Jere Allen of Leander, Texas, and Mary Lynn Mahan of Prospect.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, September 28, at 2 p.m., at the Burke Funeral Home, with Rev. Daniel Love officiating.

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

Visitation was at the funeral (Paid obituary)

Kentucky still ranks next to

last, leading only Mississippi, in the education level of all residents 25 and older. But among those 25 to 34 years old, the proportion with at least a high school education increased to 84.2 percent, up from 79 percent a decade earlier.

That ranked 35th among the states, according to an analysis of data for all 50 states by the Kentucky State Data Center and the Kentucky Workforce Development Cabinet. It also exceeded the national average for the 25-34 age group, 83.9 percent. States trailing Kentucky in that category included the nation's three most populous - California, Texas and New York.

"We're not moving to the head of the class, but if this continues, we'll no longer have to say 'Thank God for Mississippi," said Ron Crouch, the data center's executive director.

Previously released census figures showed that Kentucky through the '90s had the greatest increase in the nation in percentage of total residents with a high school education. But it was a moving target, and other states made strides as well, so Kentucky's overall national standing remained 49th.

The new figures were broken into more age categories, and the gap in education between younger and older adults was wider in Kentucky than in any other state. The high school diploma rate dropped by nine percentage points, from 84.2 percent for adults 25-34 to 75.2 percent for adults 45-64.

"The younger we get, the better educated Kentucky is," Crouch said. "That suggests

that as our population ages and our older residents ease into retirement, we're going to have a more competitive popula-

Kentucky was among the bottom five states in percentage of residents with bachelor's degrees but ranked 30th for residents 25-34 with graduate or professional degrees.

"I think it bodes well for higher education, which is the key to getting a skilled workforce in Kentucky," said Sue Hodges Moore, interim president of the Council on Postsecondary Education.

Bob Sexton, executive director of the Prichard Committee for Academic Excellence, an advocacy group, said the new figures were "a sign that we may have broken our people's historic lack of interest in education.

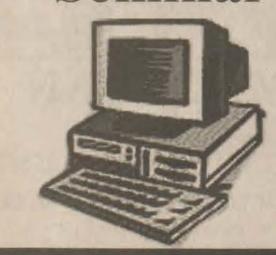
"The growth is not the result of one specific thing; it's the result of a change in the culture and values around education," Sexton said.

Some said the figures also bode well for business. A supply of educated young workers is crucial when the overall workforce is expected to shrink. At the same time, business and industry need to fill jobs that increasingly demand more education, Crouch and business leaders said.

It's "a positive for the economy of Kentucky in many ways," said Eileen Pickett, vice president of workforce services for Greater Louisville Inc., the Louisville-area chamber of commerce.

"Always one of the top criteria of any company as they're looking at expanding or relocating is the ability to find talent," she said.

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Floyd Chamber welcomes new teachers

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This event was organized to honor and welcome all new Floyd County teachers, with contributions from Chamber businesses. Each sponsoring business decorated their table and donated many wonderful door prizes.

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- - Patricia Gibson, South Floyd Mickey Lawson, Betsy Layne High School
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60 month lease 1st Payment: \$188 Sec. Deposit: \$0 Down Payment: \$999 Total Due At Signing:\$1,187*

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1st Payment: \$179

Down Payment: \$1,499

Total Due At Signing:\$1,678*

Sec. Deposit: \$0

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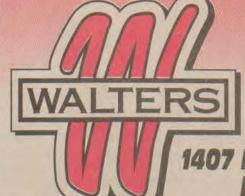
60 month lease 1st Payment: \$299 Sec. Deposit: \$300

Down Payment: \$499

Total Due At Signing: \$1,098*

60 month lease

1st Payment: \$308 Sec. Deposit: \$300 Down Payment: \$0 Total Due At Signing: \$608*



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Tax

think increasing the burden on property owners is the way [to fund the system]. Don't penalize people for owning property."

Frazier went on to say that the current tax situation increases reliance on state funding and that in light of this year's budgetary woes, the probability of decreased state funding for future years is one that is very real.

"The utility tax decreases this dependency on state funding. It is a much more fair and equitable way to support a school system," Frazier said. "Many property owners are older people whose children are not in school any longer, while many of the younger people, whose children are in school, are not property owners. And, while some people don't pay their property taxes, nearly everyone pays for their utilities.

"I don't think anyone resents supporting their school system. The greatest opposition you will most likely receive, if you should

Patton promised to cooperate with

the commission but presumably

would be less cooperative with

office's public corruption unit was

opening an investigation. The FBI

has declined to comment on its

not consider a settlement, but he

softened his stance toward Conner

on Friday. While no settlement has

been offered, "I would like to see

that part of this controversy relative

to Mrs. Conner disposed of," he

second party. "It was essentially to

make her aware of the fact that we

would be having a news confer-

ence" for his public confession,

on NBC's "Today" show and said

she is to meet with the FBI on

Monday. "I'm assuming they want

to discuss the evidence that I plan

to produce for the abuse of power

that I believe has taken place,"

Radolovich, said no meeting had

been scheduled, though he has

been trying. "She has talked to

everyone but me," Radolovich said

"Nothing's scheduled. ... I'm trying

to coordinate between a lot of peo-

allusion in the television interview

to evidence and Radolovich has

declined to describe what they pur-

a telephone interview.

Conner did not elaborate on an

However, her attorney, Fred

Conner said in the interview.

Earlier Friday, Conner appeared

Patton also said he tried to contact Conner a week ago through a

said.

Patton said.

Patton said last week he would

Chandler said Thursday that his

criminal investigators.

Patton

decide to go with the utility tax, will come from the utility companies, because they don't want to collect it. But you will find that a utility tax will generate far more revenue."

According to both Frazier and Wireman, there are only approximately seven Kentucky school districts which do not currently make use of a utility tax, with Floyd County being one of them.

Although Supt. Fanning seemed to agree with Frazier's comments, saying that "a probable loss of future state funds is (a situation) to be considered seriously" and that "we must look at other ways to protect the students of this district," the board voted 3-2 to increase property revenue funding

"It isn't as bad as it looks,"
Wireman said, "because of the
compensating rate, you actually
are generating the same amount of
money as was generated last year

due to the total evaluation of real property going up. What the board did was levy a rate that would generate 4 percent more revenue with current assessed values."

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Last year, according to Wireman, the taxation rate was 60.6 cents per \$100 of assessed value. The new rate will increase that amount to 63 cents, an increase of 4 percent plus an

added 0.6 percent.

When queried in regard to law calling for public vote in cases in which an increase of over 4 percent is levied, Wireman said that Kentucky statute KRS. 134.590 allows for increases of up to .07 percent to be levied without public vote in cases where the increase is levied as a means of recovering "prior year losses due to exoneration."

Board members Jeff Stumbo and Dr. Chandra Varia, district 2, cast the opposing votes to the rate increase.

Woman

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She said her three children, ages 20, 17 and 11, are coping well with the controversy.

"I feel guilty about a lot of things, a lot of remorse," she said. "It's been a humbling experience."

Conner would not comment about any possible settlement of her lawsuit, nor would she discuss Birchtree's bankruptcy.

"This is not about money. It never has been about money," she said. "It's about our facility and the residents and the employees who lost their jobs and the community that has suffered."

She said she said she has not had any communication with Patton or his staff since the controversy erupted and does not want to.

A registered nurse, Conner said she wants to maintain her ownership of Birchtree and get it recertified for Medicaid and Medicare so patients can move back in.

"Obviously we want to be whole again," she said. "Anyone would be if you had been wronged. Our facility did not deserve to be decertified."

South

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to be the ones that will grow. Theologically, that is not what a church is supposed to be about." Yeakley said.

Researchers said key things to watch for before the 2010 religious census is whether mainline Protestants can reverse their declines, whether Hispanics in the region will remain Catholic and whether Southern Baptists and Lutherans can avoid schisms between moderate and conservative wings.

"There are independent agents all over the South. You either go along or you could start your own. We have so many independent Baptist churches started because someone didn't like what they were doing at the other Baptist church," Benne said.

Benne also said that some so-called mega-churches are

terribly overgrown, putting them into the precarious position of "grow or die." There was no specific "mega-church" category in the survey.

"Now they are more entertainment-oriented. Some people want something more meaty than that, but some don't move beyond that," Benne said. "As they get more theological, what will happen?"

Yeakley looked to how churches will address the large number of people who do not claim any religion — half the country.

"Americans believe in God, and most would say they believe in Christ, but when you get down to asking if they are a member of a local congregation, you're down to half the population," Yeakley said. "That number is down, even here in the Bible Belt."

Struggle

port to have.

Program, it later became Readyto-Work (RTW), a joint endeavor of the CFC and the Kentucky Community and Technical

College System.

As the Prestonsburg Community College campus coordinator for RTW, Rosenberg provided her clients with workstudy referrals and information about education and training. RTW's work-study component opened the door for Justice to explore a newfound interest: social work. She landed a support staff job with RTW working with Rosenberg's clients.

With Rosenberg's clients.

With Rosenberg's help,
Justice learned about assistance
programs for which she was eligible, as well as rights she had as
a tenant that could have protected her from past hardships and
costs. For example, she learned
that, under state landlord-tenant
laws, a former landlord should
have compensated her for damage to her home caused when a
utility pole rotted and snapped
on the rented lot where she had
her trailer.

Justice credits access to information and the help of people in the know like Rosenberg with giving her a sense of control over her destiny. Then came another devastating blow. During Justice's final year of KTAP eligibility, her mother was diagnosed with lung cancer.

For some time after her diagnosis, Justice's mother was ineligible for hospice care. Justice had to balance work, school and caring for both her daughter and mother on a poverty-level

mother on a poverty-level income.

Soon after moving her mother into her home to care for her,

Justice heard about work and

education opportunities and benefits offered by AmeriCorps, a service program administered in Kentucky by CFC's Commission on Community Volunteerism and Service. AmeriCorps matches members with community needs and provides workers a small living stipend. Upon completion of 1,700 hours of service, AmeriCorps members are eligible for an education bonus that can be used toward college classes or to pay off education loans.

In October 2001, Justice was assigned by AmeriCorps to the CFC Community Based Services office in Pikeville. After years of finding her way, often by trial and error, to the programs and services she needed, Justice used her hard-won knowledge to help other KTAP clients surmount their own challenges. She saw herself in the KTAP clients she met on the job. Most of them were single mothers, too.

"A lot of problems I've had were (the result of) just not knowing about programs and benefits I was eligible for," she said. "I wanted to give others the information I didn't have."

Last December, while still struggling to meet the needs of her terminally ill mother, Justice reached the five-year lifetime limit on KTAP benefits.

Unexpected auto repairs, utility rate hikes, weather-related increases in heating costs and other demands on her limited income continued to pop up. But by now, she had acquired new skills and resources that both helped her manage these expenses and left her confident that she could become self-sufficient.

es and left her confident that she could become self-sufficient. Her mother died in March, but Justice had a new source of support and encouragement to rely on — Joey Slone, a former coal miner and mine security

worker. They married in July.

Justice's AmeriCorps term
expired in August. She reapplied, but because of a reduction
in the number of workers
assigned per county, she was put
on a waiting list. Using her
AmeriCorps education bonus,
she plans to re-enroll at
Prestonsburg Community
College and pursue a social work
degree.

Her daughter's father has come back into his child's life. He is now providing child support and assuming other parental responsibilities, including visitation. Justice's husband, who is diabetic and recently underwent back surgery, receives disability income, which helps enhance the family's security.

Justice has moved her family into a more modern and comfortable trailer, which she is buying on time. The opportunity to do that "just came out of thin air," but she knows how to make the most of it, she said.

"I learned a lot about being smart with money from my mom," she said. "That was one woman who could stretch \$10 into \$100 when she had to."

Justice continues to look for work. She still has to prioritize her spending, and her family makes sacrifices when "we have more needs than wants."

But, because she used her time on KTAP to improve her prospects through education, job training and mastering consumer and homemaking skills, Justice is making it, and looking forward to still greater success for herself and her family.

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CLARIFICATION

South Floyd played Fleming-Neon on Friday night, instead of Jenkins, another Letcher County high school team, as reported in an article in Friday's edition. South Floyd will play Jenkins on the road this Friday night, Oct. 4. Results of the South Floyd-Fleming-Neon game will appear in the Wednesday edition of The Times.

SOUTH FLOYD RAIDERS

RAIDERS

Coach: Donnie Daniels Class: A Region: 4 District: 8

FRIDAY NIGHT at Fleming-Neon

UPCOMING GAMES Oct. 11 Hazard
Oct. 18 Allen Central
Oct. 25 Paintsville

H.S. FOOTBALL

Nov. 1 Open

KHSAA BOARD approves football alignment

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

LEXINGTON - The Board of Control of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association approved a football alignment of schools at its Thursday meeting, KHSAA Commissioner Brigid DeVries has announc-

(See KHSAA, page three)

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Hughes leads Adams B-Team past Warfield

by JAMIE HOWELL SPORTS WRITER

Rikki Hughes scored 10 of her game high 12 points in the second half to lead Adams past Warfield 27-24 in girls' basketball action on Thursday. Adams took the early lead at 6-4 after one quarter behind the play of Brittany Collins who scored 4 first quarter points for Adams.

Both teams struggled from the field in the second quarter as each team managed only one field goal.

(See HUGHES, page three)

Girls' 15th Region All 'A' moved

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

PIKEVILLE - What was originally scheduled to be held at the Piarist School in Martin will now take place at Pikeville High School

The site of the 2002-03 15th

Region All 'A' classic with be Pikeville High as Lady Panther head coach Maria Shockey and her program will host the event. First round games are scheduled to get underway on Monda, Jan. 20.

The tournament returns to Pike County during the upcoming season after being held at Phelps High

School last season. Paintsville hosted the event during the 2000-01 season. Last year's boys' tournament moved from Pikeville High School to Allen Central High. In previous seasons, Pikeville High School had a stronghold on the tournament.

(See MOVED, page four)



Betsy Layne and Allen Central are just two of the team that'll have to travel to Pikeville for the 15th Region All 'A' Classic in January, 2003.

Blackcats **30** vs. Whitesburg **0**



photo by Rocky Rowe

The Whitesburg offense could get very little going against a stingy Prestonsburg defense.

BLACKCATS HOLD HITESBURG SCORELESS

Potent Prestonsburg offense puts 30 on board against 'Jackets by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG -Following a tough loss to Class 3A power Boyle County, the Prestonsburg High School football program had an open week on its schedule before it got into district play against the Whitesburg Yellowjackets. On Friday night, Whitesburg came into Prestonsburg looking to up its

record to a perfect 6-0 on the season. The Yellowjackets had opened the 2002 campaign with five straight wins, including two against district teams, East Ridge and Betsy Layne. Prestonsburg showed no signs of giving up its reign over the district on Friday night. The host Blackcats jumped out to a 6-0 lead and took it even further for a 30-0 win over the

(See P'BURG, page three)

Michael leading Western

TIMES STAFF REPORT

BOWLING GREEN - "In my 14 years at Western Kentucky, he is one of the outstanding leaders we have had here," Topper head coach Jack Harbaugh says. "Last season he was voted captain even though he was the third quarterback - I think that speaks volumes.

"His leadership abilities are very important because his teammates listen when he speaks," adds Willie Taggart, WKU's co-offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach. "You need that mentality at quarterback as a coach on the field, and the team needs to hear from another player because sometimes what coaches say become routine.

"It's something we haven't had

If these sound like endorsements for admission into the United States Military Academy, well, they could be. Because that's where Jason Michael was before coming to the Hill in the spring semester of 1999.

(See LEADING, page three)

I knew my time would come, that I would have a year to step in," Michael says. "Once last season was over it was my turn, and I was going to do whatever I needed to keep the job.



photo by Jamie

Betsy Layne

failed to get its first win of the season on Friday night, losing on the road to Pike County Central, Betsy Layne hosts Prestonsburg on Thursday night.

AUTO RACING

Large field will challenge Day's domination

COEBURN, Va .- Competition is nothing new to the drivers at Lonesome Pine Raceway. Fourteen competitive cars raced every Saturday night, looking for the same prize, victory lane. Wade Day, driver of the number 96 Bailey's Chevrolet, found victory lane 17 out of the 20 times. Leaving the others hun-

With the competition stacking up, it seems that October 6, 2002 could be anyone's meal ticket to victory lane. The Bailey's Autumn Classic 300 is attracting attention from drivers and fans in both the NASCAR Atlantic Region and

(See FIELD, page three)

GOLF

P'burg boys, **AC** girls win conference

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG - The Prestonsburg High golf team, the defending region champ, shot a collective 265 to win the Floyd County Conference this past week. South Floyd and Betsy Layne each shot a

328 to tie for second in the conference/district. Allen Central finished

fourth with a team score of 336. Prestonsburg golfer Zach Collins had the lowest individual score with a 65. Fellow P'burg student-athlete Wes Jenkins had the second low score with a 66. Another Blackcat golfer, Brooks Herrick, shot a 67. Prestonsburg's John Mark Tackett managed a 69. The four Prestonsburg golfers were the only

(See BEST, page three)



photo by Jamie Howel Fuzzy Zoeller visited StoneCrest Golf Course on Tuesday. Zoeller also played some other courses in

UPDATE

the state this past week.

Head injury stalled Junior's season of racing promise

by JENNA FRYER ASSOCIATED PRESS

His head was pounding, his timing was off and sometimes things

seemed a little fuzzy. A hard hit in an April accident left Dale Earnhardt Jr. with a severe concussion and a bad case of paranoia -

if word got out that his head was bothering him, Earnhardt was certain it would ruin his career. 'You just start back at zero,' Earnhardt said about publicizing his concussion. "People are going 'Oh.

he's finished, he'll never be the same.' And every time you run bad it's because of that reason, it's because of your head. So I just didn't say a thing. Earnhardt was injured in a wreck

at California Speedway when his car hit the wall at an estimated 130 mph. according to an on-board data recorder. He had the wind knocked out of him during the wreck and also hurt his ankle.

But there was something else that just wasn't right.

Sometimes, it took him a second longer than everyone else to get a joke. Sometimes, his speech wasn't smooth. Even worse, he sometimes couldn't react fast enough on the race

(See JUNIOR, page three)

AUTO RACING NASCAR Winston Cup

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

FEBRUARY

■ Feb. 17 — Daytona 500, Daytona Beach, Fla. (Ward Burton)

Feb. 24 — Subway 400, Rockingham, N.C. (Matt Kenseth)

MARCH

■ March 3 — UAW-DaimlerChrysler 400, Las Vegas. (Sterling Marlin)

■ March 10 — MBNA America 500,

Hampton, Ga. (Tony Stewart) ■ March 17 — Carolina Dodge Dealers 400, Darlington, S.C. (Sterling

Marlin) ■ March 24 — Food City 500. Bristol, Tenn. (Kurt Busch)

APRIL

■ April 8 — Samsung/RadioShack 500, Fort Worth, Texas. (Matt Kenseth)

 April 14 — Virginia 500, Martinsville. (Bobby Labonte)

■ April 21 — Aaron's 499, Talladega, Ala. (Dale Earnhardt Jr.)

April 28 — NAPA Auto Parts 500, Fontana, Calif. (Jimmie Johnson)

MAY

■ May 4 — Pontiac Excitement 400, Richmond. (Tony Stewart)

■ May 26 — Coca-Cola 600, Concord, N.C. (Mark Martin)

JUNE

■ June 2 — MBNA Platinum 400, Dover, Del. (Jimmie Johnson)

■ June 9 — Pocono 500, Long Pond, Pa. (Dale Jarrett)

■ June 16 — Michigan 400, Brooklyn. (Matt Kenseth)

■ June 23 — Dodge/Save Mart 350, Sonoma, Calif. (Ricky Rudd)

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HUNTING

Addington WMA closed during elk quota hunts

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

HAZARD - The Addington Enterprises Wildlife Management Area (WMA) in Perry, Knott and Breathitt counties will be closed to public access October 5-11, 2002.

During this period, only persons drawn to participate in the 2002 Quota Bull Elk Hunt will be permitted to enter Addington WMA lands.

Likewise, Addington WMA will be closed to public access during the quota cow elk hunt scheduled for December 7-13, 2002.

Hunters and other visitors to the Addington WMA are encouraged to obtain and read the 2002-03 Kentucky Hunting & Trapping Guide for complete information on recreational use of this WMA, and any other user restrictions that may apply.

SIDELINE SHOTS

P'burg-Betsy Layne game switched

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

BETSY LAYNE -

Prestonsburg and Betsy Layne will both have next Friday night off. Their reward

for not playing on Friday night will be playing on Thursday night. The Bobcats and Blackcats were scheduled to due battle on Friday night, but the game has instead been moved back to Thursday. Several games across the state

have moved from Thursday night to Friday night. Thursday night's area schedule of high school games may quite possibly be highlighted by the Johnson Central-Paintsville game. The Apple Bowl pits the two county rivals against one

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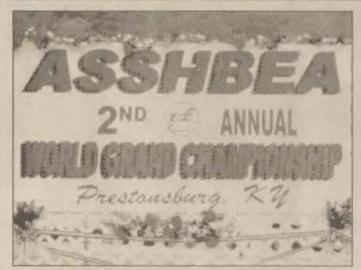
another on the gridiron in a contest which sees thousands of

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fans in attendance. A complete list of high school games for the upcoming

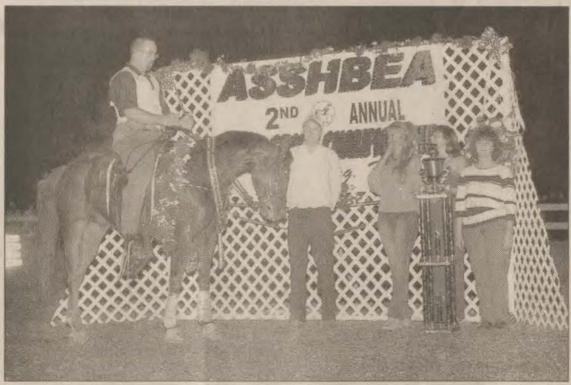
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photos by John Whitlock

The American Standardbred Saddle Horse Breeders & **Association World** Celebration was held at Thunder Ridge Raceway in Prestonsburg Sept. 19-22. Last night, Thunder Ridge hosted a \$10,000-to-win Late Model dirt track race last night. Results were unavailable at press time.



A LOOK AT SPORTS

Coach Akers optimistic for 2002-03

by ED TAYLOR SPORTS WRITER

It was 1989 when I first walked into the E.P. Grigsby Jr. Fieldhouse at McDowell High School. I was just

hired to become sports editor for The Floyd County Times and I was as green as they could get. But I loved the game of basketball and it was a basketball game I was at.

Up till then, I hadn't really much kept up with all the changes that had taken place in the high school coaching ranks that year, but I noticed a young lady who was now coaching the Lady Daredevils at McDowell. I remember asking Don Shannon who she was because she looked so familiar. I remember her playing grade school basketball when I use to referee.

Come to find out it was Cassandra Keathley, not Akers, and I was impressed with the way she handled her team. She had some very good players the next two seasons at McDowell and they were a

good group of players.

"I still see them now and then," she said. "I got an invitation to a baby shower for, then, Debbie Fannin. Shelby (Howell) has twins. Nikki is working in a pharmacy at McDowell. So I get to see them often.'

Coach Akers took her Betsy Layne Lady Cat team to the All-A Classic last year at EKU and is expected to repeat again this year. The Classic will be without Elkhorn City, Feds Creek and Millard this season, leaving only seven teams in the

(See SPORTS, page four)

FOOTBALL

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

week follows.

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	A
Miami	3	0	0	1.000	100	37	à
New England	3	0	0	1.000	115	59	
Buffalo	1	2	0	.333	99	104	
N.Y. Jets	1	2	0	-333	47	105	
South							
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
Indianapolis	2	1	0	.667	64	49	
Jacksonville	1	1	0	.500	48	44	
Houston	1	2	0	.333	25	57	
Tennessee	1	2	0	.333	68	76	
North							
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
Cleveland	2	1	0	.667	90	75	
Baltimore	0	2	0	.000	7	35	
Pittsburgh	0	2	0	.000	31	60	
Cincinnati	0	3	0	.000	16	84	
West							
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	4
Denver	3	0	0	1.000	75	53	3
San Diego	3	0	0	1.000	81	24	Ų
Oakland	2	0	0	1.000	61	34	* 4
Kansas City	1	2	0	333	94	103	
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NATIONAL CONFERENCE

	W	1	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Giants	2	1	0	.667	48	43
Philadelphia	2	1	0	.667	105	47
Dallas	1	2	0	.333	44	76
Washington	1	2	0	.333	48	80

South						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Carolina	3	0	0	1.000	62	28
New Orleans	3	0	0	1.000	90	63
Tampa Bay	2	1	0	.667	71	40
Atlanta	1	2	0	333	77	54
North	****		190		DE	-

Chicago	2	1	0	.667	64	65	
Green Bay	2	1	0	.667	94	100	
Detroit	0	3	0	.000	59	117	
Minnesota	0	3	0	.000	76	93	
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Sunday's Games

Dallas at St. Louis, 1 p.m. Chicago at Buffalo, 1 p.m. New Orleans at Detroit, 1 p.m. Miami at Kansas City, 1 p.m. Carolina at Green Bay, 1 p.m. Cleveland at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m. N.Y. Jets at Jacksonville, 1 p.m. Houston at Philadelphia, 1 p.m. N.Y. Giants at Arizona, 4:05 p.m. Tampa Bay at Cincinnati, 4:05 p.m. New England at San Diego, 4:15 p.m. Tennessee at Oakland, 4:15 p.m. Minnesota at Seattle, 8:30 p.m. Open: Indianapolis, Washington, Atlanta, San Francisco

Monday's Game

Denver at Baltimore, 9 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 6

Tampa Bay at Atlanta, 1 p.m. Oakland at Buffalo, 1 p.m. Arizona at Carolina, 1 p.m. New York Giants at Dallas, 1 p.m. Cincinnati at Indianapolis, 1 p.m. New England at Miami, 1 p.m. Pittsburgh at New Orleans, 1 p.m. Washington at Tennessee, 1 p.m. San Diego at Denver, 4:05 p.m. Kansas City at New York Jets, 4:05 p.m. Philadelphia at Jacksonville, 4:15 p.m.

YOUTH SOCCER

Raptors down Thunder

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PRESTONSBURG - The Johnson County Youth Soccer Under 12 Ramada Raptors defeated the Martin County Thunder 7-1 on Saturday, Sept.

Andrew Brown and Caleb Sloan took the field as forwards, with Victoria Parker, Clint

the positions of mid fielders.

The Raptors had a hard time holding off the Thunder, who penetrated the defense set up by Taylor Robinette, Josh Reed and Paige Pelphrey.

The Thunder scored a goal early on and led 1-0 at halftime. Alex Allen and Katie Hutchinson were substituted as defenders

Combs and Mark Nordin taking along with Corey Reed as a mid fielder to explore some new playing strategies.

The second half of the game saw the original line up as the first half. After some discussion of a new strategy, it was obvious that the Raptors had corrected any problems they might have

(See RAPTORS, page three)

courtesy photo

Midfielder Jackson Osborne of the Floyd County Flames raced to keep the ball in play in a game on Saturday.





photo by Rocky Rowe

Prestonsburg linemen Rudy Pennington (79), Evan McNutt (73) and Josh Pennington (62) ran out of the tunnel prior to Friday night's game against Whitesburg.

Adams squeaks by Warfield in OT contest

by JAMIE HOWELL SPORTS WRITER

The Adams Middle School Lady Blackcats took on the Warfield Lady Devils in girls' basketball action on Thursday night and came away with a thrilling overtime win. Adams would take command early behind the strong first quarter of Meaghan Slone as the Ladycat guard pumped in 8 first quarter

The Adams defense allowed only 6 first quarter points to Warfield and after a strong first quarter Adams led 12-6. Warfield would cut into the Adams lead in the second stanza as Renae Jude tossed in seven points for Warfield in the quarter. The Lady Devils would outscore Adams 14-10 in the second quarter to cut the Adams lead down to two at 22-20 at the half.

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Alexis DeRossett had the only Adams goal of the quarter and Brittany Dalton had the Warfield bucket. Adams led 10-7 at the half, but the second half belonged to Hughes as the youngster netted 4 points in the third quarter and 6 points over the final stanza to help Adams hold off the Warfield rally.

Scoring was as follows: Adams - Rikki Hughes 12 points, Brittany Collins 6 points, Linsey Fields 6 points, Alexis DeRossett 2 points, Caitlyn Newsome I point. Warfield -Brittany Dalton 10 points, Megan Porter 8 points, Dovie Moore 4 points, Marley Maynard 2 points.

their lead to 38-32 after three quarters. The fourth quarter belonged to Warfield's Candace Preece as the Lady Devil guard scored 13 of her game-high 25 points in the fourth quarter which helped send the game into overtime. In the overtime period, Adams only field goal would come courtesy of Linsey Fields and Warfield could not find the range from the floor as the Lady Blackcats would come away with the 54-53 overtime win. Scoring was as follows: Adams -Meaghan Slone 16 points, Pam Slone 10 points, Brittany Collins 10 points, Linsey Fields 10 points, Brittany Ousley 4 points, Elizabeth Chaffin 2 points, Amber Whitaker 2 points. Warfield - Candace Preece 25 points, Renae Jude 13 points, Brittany Fletcher 7 points, Haley Adkins 4 points, Nikki Presley 4

Brittany Collins' strong third

quarter helped Adams extend

Leading

Hughes

But a love of football pulled the thing academically, socially and Louisa native back to the in any activities I take part in." Bluegrass State in an effort to follow his dream of playing quarterback on the collegiate

Even Michael acknowledges the importance of his leadership qualities as he enters his senior season as Western's starting signal caller. "Being the quarterback is not just being the leader of the offense, but it is an extra coach on the field for any team," he says. "I lead by example, which is how I have always done it. I've tried to earn respect by being here and on time every day, by trying to do the right

Best

Michael was named the Hilltoppers' starter entering spring practice and hasn't relinquished the position since. It is not unfamiliar territory for the 5-foot-10, 200-pounder, who appeared in all 11 games in '99 with seven starts due to Donte Pimpleton's injury problems. But, despite throwing for 565 yards and running for another 384 - accounting for nine touchdowns in the process - when pressed into duty, the Hilltopper coaching staff recruited juniorcollege transfer Jason Johnson to run the show the last two

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golfers to shoot in the 60s. Prestonsburg's Sean Leslie shot a 79. cess in Floyd County.

Betsy Layne's Brett Preston shot a 76, while Allen Central's Brett Whitaker and Rossi Sammons, South Floyd's Shane Allen, and Betsy Layne's Bill Collins shot 77s. Betsy Layne's Brandon Thacker and South Floyd's Colby Hayes each totaled 80 for a final score.

Regional play begins Tuesday in Paintsville. Prestonsburg again looks to be a strong contender for a regional championship.

South Floyd head coach Barry Hall\ takes pride is see-

ing how the sport of golf has grown in popularity and suc-

"It is really amazing how well that all four of schools (Prestonsburg, South Floyd, Betsy Layne, Allen Central) have developed the sportsmanship and competitiveness with each other," said Hall. "Our kids in this county are really special. This year's tournament was a big success!"

Allen Central won the girls' portion of the Floyd County Conference. South Floyd was the runner-up. Leslie Holbrook was the district individual winner with an 18-hole score of

KHSAA

The alignment will be for the 2003-2006 seasons. In classifying schools, enrollment figures from an average of the 2000-01 and 2001-02 school years were used, dividing each class by quarters based on highest to lowest enrollment in grades nine through 12. Any alignment changes will be made after two years and would require the twoyear enrollment average of the school to have varied by fivepercent and be above or below the classification boundary.

A significant move for area school is in the works as Sheldon Clark will drop from Class 3A to Class 2A, joining Region 4, District Eight with the likes of Prestonsburg, Belfry, Pike Central and Shelby Valley, along with Betsy Layne and East Ridge. Magoffin County also drops from Class 3A to join the powerful 2A district. Middlesboro is also in for a

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move. The Yellowjackets move from Class A to Class 2A where they enter Region Four, District Seven. The 'Jackets join Breathitt County, Cawood, Leslie County and Whitesburg who moves from District Eight. Knott County Central drops down to the same district from Class 3A.

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That left Michael participating on special teams units during that time, where he recorded 11 tackles while also recovering a fumbled punt in a win at Tennessee State in October 2000. It also left him with a desire to win back the job before his career came to a close.

"I knew my time would come, that I would have a year to step in," he says. "Once last season was over it was my turn, and I was going to do whatever I needed to keep the job.

"It's odd to have a two-year gap between starting, but lots of guys have little or no experience when they finally get a chance to start. You never forget the experience you gained in game situa-

According to Harbaugh and Taggart, Michael's task this year isn't a difficult one. "Jason just needs to keep things in the scope of our new offense and what he is capable of doing," says Harbaugh. "I think he's comfortable with that, which will allow his supporting cast to play to their level. We're looking for a team effort in which he is an integral part."

"He's not going to do some of the things that Jason (Johnson). Donte or myself were able to do - he simply has a different style of play," Taggart adds. "We expect to take advantage of Jason's arm in throwing more often, and we think he's a smart player who can get the offense in situations where we

can succeed. It was Michael's love of the sport that eventually led him to his current position, though he thought he could balance football with academics when first choosing to attend Army in 1998. Michael - who carries a 3.82 grade-point average in the classroom (in civil engineering technology, no less) - was the valedictorian at Lawrence County High School as well as its starting quarterback. After a career in which he was named all-area three times and was twice selected the team's Most Valuable Player, he chose to concentrate on academics when selecting a school.

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Junior

Knowing fellow driver Dale Jarrett had suffered his own share of concussions, Earnhardt went to him for advice in early

Jarrett urged him to see a doctor, explaining that it took months to get over the concussion he suffered in an accident last September.

"I realized it was early this year before I felt like I was completely over this concussion," Jarrett said. "I wasn't the same person. I was told that everything was going to be fine, and everything wasn't fine."

But the way Earnhardt saw it, he had only one choice: Drive through it, because getting out of the No. 8 Chevrolet certainly wasn't an option.

As a teammate to Steve Park, Earnhardt knew all too well how easy it is for a driver to earn a negative reputation.

Park bruised his brain in a wreck last September, and even though his slurred speech has cleared up and his on-track performance has improved, critics still doubt he should be racing.

"Steve, he couldn't hide his injury and he dealt with so much over it and he's never going to be the same," Earnhardt said. "I didn't want to go through that, so I didn't tell anybody.'

By speaking up now, Earnhardt is offering an excuse for his disappointing season.

Expected to contend for the championship, he instead sits in 14th place in the points with just one victory on the year. It would have been easy in May and June, when his Dale Earnhardt Inc. team was struggling, to offer his aching head as an excuse.

But he didn't because image is so important to the son of the late Dale Earnhardt - a tough guy who never complained and whose injuries were something that were dealt with on any day but race day.

So Junior said he stayed quiet. Now that he's feeling better and running well, he isn't afraid to admit there was a prob-

And it's just one of many that NASCAR's biggest star is fac■ Continued from p2

His contract with DEI is up at the end of the year. So far, he's refused to sign the offer in front of him. At issue, Earnhardt said, is the amount of appearances the deal will require.

With so many demands on his time, the 27-year-old wants some control over a hectic schedule that can keep him away from home for weeks at a

"What I'm doing with this new contract is I'm going to drive your car for X amount of money and 40 appearances. What you do with those appearances, that's your business," he said. "That way, I can kind of

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Letcher teams sweep AC

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

EASTERN - Letcher High, the No. 1-ranked volleyball team in Region 8, traveled to Allen Central High School on Thursday night, and before it left Floyd County, collected wins in two separate volleyball

The Letcher junior varsity unit swept the first match, winning in straight games, 15-7, 18-16. The Letcher varsity contingent then followed with a match win, beating AC's top team 15-4, 15-10.

The loss dropped the Allen Central varsity team to 14-10. The junior varsity fell to 12-6.

Allen Central was set to host its invitational tournament, yesterday, beginning at 10 a.m. Results were unavailable at press time. The next contests for Allen Central come on the road at Pikeville High School on Monday night, with play beginning at 6 p.m.

Field

the neighboring Southeastern out the field. It is going to take a Coastal Region.

'We are going to see over 40 cars trying to make the Bailey's 300," said Day. "We are going to be one of those teams trying to make it, we are going to have to work hard and take what we have learned about the track and adjust it for the 200-lap daytime feature.'

"Running the 200-lap race in the daytime will put the field on a level playing ground," said Day of the 2 p.m. start time. "My team and I will start out with what we have been running all year and figure out from there. We are going to have to make changes and figure things out just like everyone else."

"It will be great to see some new faces and attitudes at LPIR. I am sure there will be numerous good traveling teams there for the weekend, which will make the show interesting," said Day.

Day, the 2002 LPIR Track Champion and NASCAR Atlantic Region Champion, will be up against other track champions and regional winners. One of which is ten-year veteran of Late Model Stock Car racing, Frank Deiny, the 2002 Track Champion at South Boston Speedway.

"The Bailey's 300 is paying good, \$10,000 to win, that is sure to attract drivers from anywhere," said Deiny, driver of the number four (4) Bailey's car, "Drivers go where the money

Deiny used one of his home track's weekends off to come to LPIR and run during the season as a practice session for the

upcoming race. "We planned on coming to the big race from the beginning, so we decided to run up there once before hand. It was my first time at LPIR and I enjoyed it," said Deiny. "I wanted to come and try to rain on Wade's parade once before the big race, but we didn't run so well that night, and now I want the October 6 victory even more."

Deiny won't be the only one with victory on his mind. Day and other local drivers believe that their season long efforts will show through during the Bailey's Autumn Classic and lead one of them to victory lane.

"The strength of the local competitors is going to be a big curve ball for the visiting teams," said Eric McClure, driver of the number four (4) Dixie Pottery Chevrolet. "Four or five of the local weekly guys from LPIR are going to be really strong, it's going to surprise some people and keep all the drivers and fans on their toes." McClure hopes to be one of

the challenging locals as he earned his first NASCAR Weekly Racing Series presented by Dodge win this season at LPIR. McClure was a consistent top five finisher throughout the

"I agree with Wade. Racing in the daytime is going to level good car, driver and team to be able to adapt successfully to the Sunday afternoon racing conditions.

'My strategy for the win is going to start with a day of testing the week of the event. I want to get a good feel for the Dixie Pottery machine and the track

conditions during the day," said McClure.

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All three drivers agreed, the Bailey's 300 is going to introduce a lot of race teams to the great facilities and racing at LPIR. An early event entry list will be available on the track's web site, www.lonesomepineraceway.com

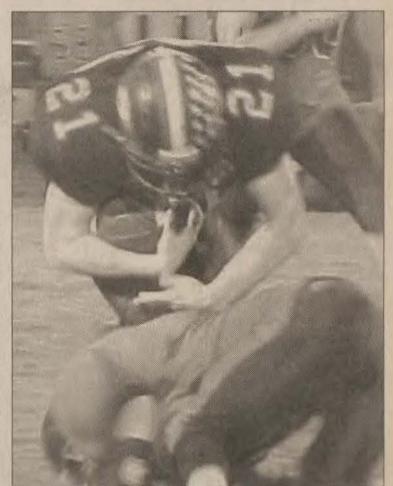


photo by Rocky Rowe Senior back John Hunt helped lead Prestonsburg on both sides of the ball in a district win over Whitesburg.

P'burg

visiting 'Jackets.

Whitesburg took the football to begin the contest and could do nothing with it. Junior Nicholas Jamerson took a Whitesburg punt in for a touchdown at the 5:42 mark of the first period to put the Blackcats ahead 6-0. A conversion pass try was unsuccessful, leaving the Blackcats with a 6-0 lead heading into the second quarter.

Strong-armed senior quarterback Joey Willis put the Blackcats ahead 12-0 when he found Jamerson on a 30-yard touchdown strike. Willis took charge on the play, leading Jamerson out to find the football. The touchdown pass-catch connection came with 4:57 left to play in the second quarter. The Prestonsburg defense held Whitesburg in the final minute of the first half to go into the break with a two-touchdown lead.

Senior running back Mikeal Fannin had his wheels turning positively in the first half and really got going in the second two quarters of the contest. Fannin, ranked as one of the state's top players before the first ball was snapped this season, scored for Prestonsburg on a 55yard touchdown with 9:46 left to play in the third period. The con-

version try for the Blackcats was

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with a three-touchdown advan-

tage. Fannin added a two-yard touchdown run later in the third period, with 4:38 left to play. extending the Prestonsburg lead out to a 24-0 cushion. Prestonsburg's final score of the game came on a 72-yard run by

Fannin. A Bart Barnette extra-

point try following the score

A very capable offense guided by Willis under center, coupled with a strong defense pushed the Blackcats out to their first district

Rudy Pennington. Pennington, Jeremy Thomas Nelson and Chad Allen provided stellar defensive line play for the Blackcats. Linebacker Adam Dixon and defensive backs Jamerson and Trevor Compton also made plays along with some other P'burg contributors.

"I thought our defense played up to the challenge," said Prestonsburg defensive coach James DeRossett. The Blackcats return to

action on Thursday night when they travel to Betsy Layne to play the Bobcats in another district meeting. Kickoff is set for "I cared about football, but a military background in my family, but not many people get a chance to go. Once I was there, though, I realized I went for the wrong reasons.

That left Michael searching

Sports

regional tournament.

That is, if Piarist has a team, we will have seven," said Coach

The Betsy Layne mentor said her team had a good summer of basketball and she was rather surprised at how well they shot the ball.

"It was shocking. We will have some good scorers back this year," Akers said. "We lost four seniors from last year and we are going to miss them."

One of those was Devon Reynolds, who could fill it up from the outside and was one of the quickest players to play at Betsy Layne. Kim Tackett, who gave Betsy Layne a strong inside presence, is also gone, as well as Amy Keathley.

When Coach Akers told me Kim Clark was returning for "her sophomore season" I about fell over. I guess I have been gone too long. Kim has played forever and it seems she should be a senior this year.

"Kim's had a very good summer for us," Akers commented. "She has picked up her game and took up some slack where she needs to in handling the ball. We look for a good season out of

Last year's leading scorer, Whitney Lykens, returns and hopes are she will improve on her 16 points per game average that led the Lady Cats last sea-

"She is just a junior," Akers said. "She led us last year and we look for even better things this season.'

Whitney is an excellent basketball player and once she squares up with the basket, she will drain the three-point shot. I don't think she gets the credit for being a good rebounder and defensive player as well, but does any good scorer?

One that I always enjoyed watching play the game of basketball was Natasha Stratton. The times I saw her on the court she was always hustling and playing hard. She had very strong moves in and around the 12 foot jumper as well. A very strong rebounder. Stratton was the team's second leading scorer last year.

for a new school, and he didn't

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Coach Akers said she will turn running the ball club over to Tiffany Meade at point guard.

"Tiffany had a good summer. She worked hard on handling the basketball," said Coach

lenged by Allen Central, Prestonsburg and South Floyd for the district title, which Betsy

"Allen Central is going to be

"Prestonsburg may be down a good players coming back in Heather (White) and Molly (Burchett)," said the Betsy have Meagan (Slone) and

In the 15th Region, Coach returning team at Johnson player from last year's regional to beat this year. Robin (Newsome) will have a good team over at Sheldon Clark with Desiree returning. She may be she will get a couple of good

Betsy Layne played Belfry four times this summer, winning three of those. "Pikeville has a good bunch of young players coming in, as well as Magoffin

Akers said her team just started conditioning and will open practice on Oct. 15. "I was dreading it at first," she confessed, "but once you get started

From McDowell to Betsy Layne, Coach Akers has made her mark as one of the outstanding coaches in the 15th Region. It had been a pleasure to cover wish them the best during the season

Betsy Layne will be chal-

Layne won last season.

tough," said Akers. "They have Amber Scott back with them and she is going to help them. We played them twice this summer and they played us tough, although we did win both

little bit, but they have some Layne coach. "South Floyd will Ashley (Johnson) back. They lost some good players from last year's team."

Akers likes the looks of the Central. "They did not lose a championship team," she said. "They are going to be the team hurting at the guard spots but ones from the JV team."

County," Akers said.

you get excited about it."

Until Wednesday, good sports everyone and be good sports!

basket but could also hit the 10- the Lady Cats over the years. I

Junior

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ralled, it's not under control." It's a sign that there's a serious side to Earnhardt, who has failed to shake the party-boy

corral it, because it's not cor-

image that has followed him in his first three seasons in NASCAR. By holding out on a new

deal, he figures he's proving to competitors that he's not just in it for the money and the fame. His on-again, off-again

quest for a steady girlfriend is still an issue because he won't give up a "guys' night out" or playing video games in the middle of the afternoon. But he wants to be taken seriously and focus on the important things in

As the doting uncle to his 3year-old niece, he's learned that that a child's needs outweigh the disappointment of, say, his satellite TV not working.

And as the co-owner of a Busch series car, he's accepted that being the life of the party also makes it hard to be the

something like, 'Get things hang onto that.'

tightened up around here,' they go, 'What's wrong with you? Junior must be having a bad day," Earnhardt said. "I guess I've kind of toned down just a little bit as far as being carefree and giving the appearance that I could care less so I can get a little more credibility.

Since the death of his father in a wreck at Daytona last year. he's been forced to take a more hands-on role in the family business. He wants to prepare himself for the day he moves off the race track and into the boardroom at DEI, but he doesn't want to change who is he to get there.

"You learn, like over the past two years, that things can change and be different in a heartbeat," he said. "Starting up that Busch team is going to maybe change everybody's idea of who I am.

"But I think when I'm 40, I'll want Carson, my little niece, to come out and hang out with me because I'm cooler than her mama. That's important to me "When you go over and say that I stay cool. I hope I can

look far from home. Despite the fact that both his parents attended Eastern Kentucky, he remembered that Harbaugh and his staff had recruited him to play quarterback out of high school. "I had limited myself in recruiting the first time because I said if I got into one of the academies I would go there," he recalls.

Michael's love of football, which led him to Western, can be traced long before attending Lawrence County High. Prior to his high-school career, Michael's father served as coach of the Bulldogs, with Jason roaming the sidelines from the time he could

baseball and football growing up, Michael fell for football in part because of Louisa's love affair for the sport.

In high school, he was coached by Chuke Williams, a mentor who is definitely no stranger to state high school football fans.

"In Lawrence County, football is everything," he says. "Someone could have robbed the town blind on Friday night because everyone was at the

game. Growing up in that atmos-

phere, seeing the love of the

game and the interest from the

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL SCOREBOARD

Casey County 41	McCreary Central 18
Tarter Gate/Pepsi Apple Bowl	5 4 11 6
Kentucky School f/t Deaf 1	Beth Haven 0
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Perry County Central 50	
Belfry 20	
Bourbon County 52	
Boyle County 58	
Breathitt County 49	
Bullitt East 27	
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Cumberland 14	
Daviess County 20	
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Printsville 30	
Prestonsburg 30	
Pike Central 46	betsy Layne 0

walk. Though he played both community, I think it had a lot do with the decision to concentrate on football."

With graduation coming up at the end of the academic year, Michael already has engineering experience working both for one of his professors the last couple of summers as well as assisting the Alliance Corporation as they worked on renovating E.A. Diddle Arena and laying the new Astroplay surface at L.T. Smith Stadium this offseason. But that love of football keeps tugging at him, as he may stay involved with the sport while attending graduate school next fall.

"I have an opportunity to work as a graduate assistant coach," says Michael. "It would help pay for school and also let me hang on for a few more years."

Adds Harbaugh, "I would support Jason in anything he chooses to do. But I have such a love for this game and this profession - we need all the Jason Michaels we can get to support it. I'm all for him joining the ranks, and would certainly be very proud if he at least chose to give it a look.

But that's down the road for

Michael and the Hilltoppers, who have 10 games left this season beginning with today's 5:30 p.m. (CDT) kickoff against Kentucky State - in an effort to earn Western's third consecutive postseason appearance, a feat never before achieved in school history.

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He'll look to build on a performance at Kansas State in last week's season opener in which he posted career highs with seven completions and 11 pass attempts. "If you took a poll in the locker room, you would find that Jason is one of the more popular players," Harbaugh says. "You

can count on him in any phase of a relationship. Sometimes a good athlete can be hard to be around because he will carry himself with an air of arrogance, but Jason happens to be a good student who is a good football player who is a good friend.

"You can't have a better combination than that.

The United State Military Academy may not have been the right fit, but the WKU football team will sure be happy to follow Michael's lead this fall.

Racing

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■ July 6 — Pepsi 400. Daytona Beach, Fla. (Michael

■ July 14 — Tropicana 400. Joliet, Ill. (Kevin Harvick)

■ July 21 — New England 300, Loudon, N.H. (Ward Burton)

July 28 — Pennsylvania 500, Long Pond. (Bill Elliott)

AUGUST

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

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

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

SEPTEMBER

■ Sept. 1 — Southern 500, Darlington, S.C. (Jeff Gordon) ■ Sept. 7 — Chevy Monte Carlo 400, Richmond, Va.

(Matt Kenseth)

■ Sept. 15 — New Hampshire 300, Loudon. (Ryan Newman)

■ Sept. 22 — MBNA America 400, Dover, Del. (Jimmie Johnson)

Sept. 29 — Protection One 400, Kansas City, Kan.

OCTOBER

■ Oct. 6 — EA Sports 500, Talladega, Ala. ■ Oct. 13 — UAW-GM

Quality 500, Concord, N.C. ■ Oct. 20 — Martinsville 500, Martinsville, Va.

Oct. 27 — NAPA 500, Hampton, Ga.

NOVEMBER

■ Nov. 3 — Pop Secret 400. Rockingham, N.C.

■ Nov. 10 — Checker Auto Parts 500K, Avondale, Ariz.

■ Nov. 17 — Homestead

400, Homestead, Fla.

Raptors

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been having in the first half of Today the game. Forward Brown was relentless and scored four goals. Sloan put two of his own in with the assist of an upfield pass from Parker, Combs saw the opportunity to take possession of the ball and made an assist to Reed, who went on to score a goal late in the contest.

Goalkeeper Rachel Goble positioned her defenders -Robinette, Hutchinson, Pelphrey and Allen - in a defensive wall and refused any further attempts by the Thunder at scoring. The Raptors came away with the victory over Martin County. The Raptors were be in action again in Pike County Saturday when they faced the Pike County Irish at 9 a.m. At press time results were unavailable.

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First round matchups feature Paintsville against Betsy Layne, Allen Central taking on Piarist and Phelps playing host Pikeville. South Floyd received a bye. The Phelps-Pikeville game is the only contest in the bottom bracket of the tournament. Second round games of the tournament will be played on Wednesday, Jan. 22, 2003. The finals of the tourney are set for Thursday, Jan. 23. Betsy Layne is the defending 15th Region All 'A' champion. The Pikeville girls won the tournament during 2000-01 season.

Sideline

Newport Central Catholic-Covington Catholic.

Wednesday

Kentucky School f/t Deaf-Eminence.

Thursday

Breckinridge County - Waggener; Campbellsville - Metcalfe County -Cape Central, Mo.-Graves County; DuPont Manual-Atherton; East Carter-Mason County; Henry Clay - Woodford County; Johnson Central-Paintsville (Apple Bowl); Lawrence County-Rowan County; Lewis County-Fleming County; Lexington Christian-Nicholas County; Male-Southern; Morgan County-Estill County; North Bullitt-Central; Pikeville-Phelps: Prestonsburg-Betsy Layne; Valley Traditional-Fairdale; West Carter-Bath County; West Jessamine-East Jessamine.

Friday

Caverna 1-Beth Haven 0 (forfeit); Adair County-Russell County; Allen County- Scottville; Logan County; Barren County-Grayson County: Belfry-Pike County Central; Bell Fairview; County-Paul Dunbar: Berea -Bethlehem-Kentucky Country Day - Bryan Station-Scott County; Bullitt Central-Central Hardin; Bullitt East-Doss; Butler-North Hardin; Caldwell County-Fort Campbell; Calloway County - Marshall County; Campbell County-Simon Kenton; Casey County-Corbin; Cawood-Evarts; Christian Aca.-Louisville-Green County; Christian County-Madisonville-North Hopkins; Conner-Dixie Heights; Covington Catholic-Highlands; Crittenden County-Webster County; Cumberland-Harlan; Daviess County-Ohio County; Dayton-Beechwood; East Ridge Clay County; Edmonson County-Glasgow; Fern Creek-Jeffersontown; Fleming-Neon-Whitesburg; Fort Knox-Frankfort; Franklin County-Montgomery County; Fulton City-Ballard Memorial; Fulton County-Mayfield; Greenwood-

Harrodsburg-Somerset; Hazard-Allen Central;

County-Murray;

Owensboro; Hancock

■ Continued from p2 Henderson County-Bowling Green; Henry

County-Garrard County; Holy Cross (Covington)-

Bellevue; Hopkins County Central-McLean

County; Hopkinsville-Union County; Ironton, Ohio-Holmes; John Hardin-Franklin-Simpson; Knott County Central-Rockcastle County; Lafayette-Tates Creek; LaRue County-Elizabethtown; Leslie County-Breathitt County; Lexington Catholic-Bourbon County; Lincoln County-Marion County; Lloyd Memorial-Newport; Lynn Camp-Middlesboro; Madison Central-George Rogers Clark; Magoffin County -Ashland Blazer; Monroe County-Butler County: Moore-Washington County; Muhlenberg South-Reidland; Nelson County-Meade County; Newport Central Catholic-Ludlow; North Laurel-Pulaski Southwestern; Oldham County-Eastern;

Southern; Providence, Ind.-Iroquois; Pulaski County-McCreary Central; Russellville-Todd County Central; Ryle-Boone County; Scott-Grant County; Shawnee-Bardstown; Shelby County-Ballard; Sheldon Clark-Boyd County; South Floyd-Jenkins; South Oldham-Trinity (Louisville); St. Xavier-Seneca; Trigg County-Heath; Trimble County-Holy Cross (Louisville); Warren East-Warren Central; Wayne County-Taylor County; Western-DeSales; Western Hills-Harrison

Owen County-Carroll County; Paducah

Tilghman-Lone Oak; Paris-Raceland; Portsmouth

West, Ohio-Russell; Powell County-Madison

Saturday

Perry County Central-Knox Central; South Spencer, Ind.-Owensboro Catholic.

County; Williamsburg-Pineville; Williamson,

Apple Day Run

W. Va.-Shelby Valley.

The 25th annual 5K Apple Day Run will be today at 1 p.m. in Paintsville as part of the 40th annual Kentucky Apple Festival. Registration will be at noon at Paintsville High School. The cost is \$15. Trophies will be awarded and there will be Tshirts for all participants. For more information, call 606/788-0181.

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COLLEGE NEWS

Fall 2002 enrollment sets record in colleges

LEXINGTON - Colleges in the Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS) are enrolling record numbers of students this fall. Enrollment is up more than 5 percent over fall 2001 and more than 45 percent since fall 1998, the first year the new system was in place.

KCTCS colleges recently reported to the state Council on Postsecondary Education fall 2002 enrollment of 66,370 full-and part-time students. The preliminary figure includes some course sections that will open in the coming weeks. The fall 2002 unofficial enrollment represents an increase of 5.15 percent over fall 2001 final enrollment of 63,120. Official enrollment is certified on Nov. 1.

Enrollment has increased this fall among both full-time students (up 4.1 percent) and part-time students (up 5.1 percent). Fifteen of the 16 KCTCS districts are seeing enrollment increases from fall

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College Calendar

Wood Carving

The Prestonsburg
Community College
Community & Economic
Development Office is has
announced a wood carving
class for beginners as well
as experienced carvers
beginning Thursday, Oct.
17. The class will be from
6 to 8 p.m. and will last
for six weeks.

The class will be taught by Sister Judy Yunker, who holds a Masters of Arts degree from Indiana State University. Sister Judy has been awarded a Kentucky Arts Council artist's development grant and is a member of the National Wood Carvers Association.

Students must register in advance by calling Karen at 886-3863 or 888-641-4132, extension 258.

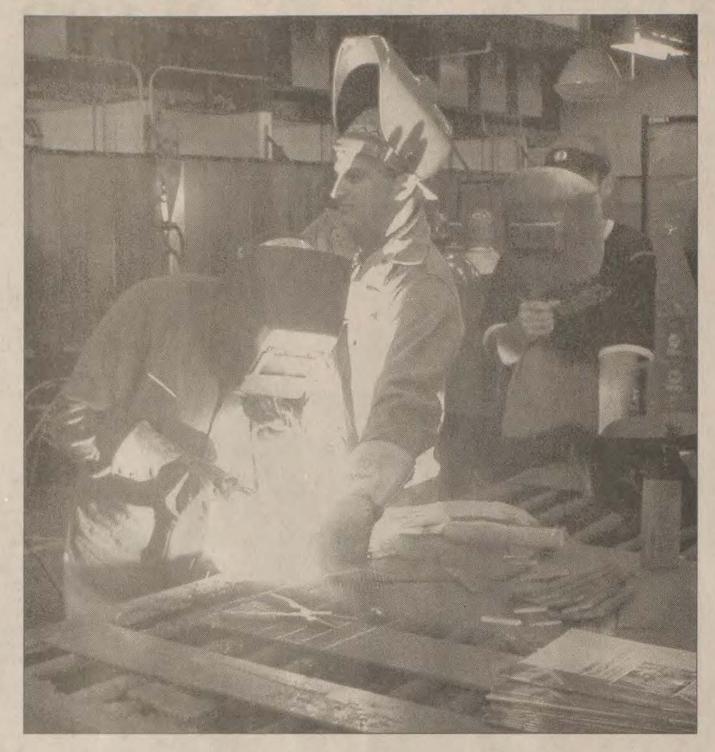
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Domestic Violence talk at HCC

A presentation on "Domestic Violence: The Hidden Epidemic" will be Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 14 and 15 at Hazard

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WELDING EXPO



WELDING EXPO GREAT SUCCESS

About 300 visitors a day visited the Welding Expo at the Technical Campus of Hazard Community College where visitors could use the latest welding and cutting equipment. Above, welding student Bruce Napler and David Haynie of KOBELO Welding of America Inc. participate in a demonstration. Haynie is a welding engineer dealing with flux core welding wire. Welding faculty member Curtis Combs said he was pleased with the participation of so many businesses and students in the area.

STUDENT CREDIT

Students get dual credit with HCC, ATC

HAZARD - The Technical Campus of Hazard Community College continues to work with the Area Technology Centers to allow their students to acquire credit from both the technology center and the college.

"This is a tremendous win-win situation for both the high schools and for the college, but especially for the students," noted Mike Dixon, Vice President of Occupations/Technical Education and campus director, who praised Dean Ralph Kidd for doing "an outstanding job of coordinating the many complex issues to put this program in place." As a result of Kidd's work, the high school teachers and administraschool enrollment for this semester has doubled over last year's enrollment. The effort brought in somewhere around a 1,000 students (headcount). the high school teachers and administrations and with the staff and faculty at the tions and with the staff and faculty at the two-tiered program under a new schedule that accommodates students very effective.

Perry County does not have an Area Technology Center to serve secondary students as do all the surrounding counties. To address that need, the Technical Campus enrolls secondary students from Perry County Central, Buckhorn High School, and Hazard High School in college programs.

To make this possible, Ralph Kidd redesigned the program. He worked with

the high school teachers and administrations and with the staff and faculty at the Technical Campus. Kidd designed a two-tiered program under a new schedule that accommodates students very effectively. Under this system, high school juniors and seniors have the opportunity to enroll in exploratory type classes. Previously, only high school seniors were allowed to attend technical classes of any kind. "This gives the undecided students a unique pathway to make a career decision from a point of informa-

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FINE ARTS

PCC Fine Arts Center selected as ArtsReach Kentucky

PADUCAH - Paducah Community College's Fine Arts Center has been selected as one of three pilot sites for ArtsReach Kentucky.

The Kentucky Arts Council and the Kentucky Center for the Arts recently announced the selection, said PCC Fine Arts Center Director Gail Robinson Butler.

Butler has received training for the program at the Kentucky Center for the Arts in Louisville.

As part of the ArtsReach program, PCC will partner with the Paducah Parks Department to provide arts education programs to children and teens in the Neighborhood Afterschool Program conducted in three Paducah Housing Authority Community Center sites - Anderson Court, Ella Munal Court and Elmwood. PCC will provide three Kentucky Performing Arts on Tour artists and three PCC faculty and staff to conduct the activities at the centers. Activities will include theatre games, music activities, photography, visual arts, production. and television Activities will begin in September 2003 and run through April 2004.

The other pilot sites are the Pennyroyal Arts Council in Hopkinsville and the Paramount Center for the Arts in Ashland.

As part of the Wallace-Reader's Digest Funds' State Arts Partnership for Cultural Participation (START) initiative,

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MSU NEWS

Prizes part of MSU's 'Taste of Home'

MOREHEAD — Free recipes, cooking tips and prizes are all part of a special program that will be held at Morehead State University on Tuesday, Oct. 22.

A home economist from the Taste of Home Cooking School in Greendale, Wis., will prepare 11 recipes and offer short cuts to cooking as numerous door prizes are awarded. The two-hour show begins at 6:30 p.m. in Johnson Arena in the Academic-Athletic

Center.

The MSU program is one of only 250 offered nationwide this year. All show-goers will receive a free, full-color 84-page recipe collection, a "gift bag" with items provided by sponsors and an opportunity to win a prize.

"We have been very pleased with the generosity that the area businesses have shown in contributing to this event," said Tina Stafford, MSU's coordinator for the event. "We have numerous items, that run the gamut from edible goods, to household items and gift certificates. Contributions are still being accepted," she added.

Among the area businesses that have already donated prizes are:

MOREHEAD-MSU Bookstore, sweatshirt and jacket;

La Finca's, two gift certificates; Kroger distribution-Louisville, ten \$10 gift certificates; Ramada Inn/Iva's Café, \$25 gift certificate; Morehead Flea Market, Inc., set of lamps, \$100 value; Holbrook Drug, stuffed animal, \$15; Battson Drug, Cake Candle, \$12; Atkinson Florist, arrangement, \$25; Lane Stucky Funeral Home, \$25; Creative Touch; Northcutt and Son Home for Funerals, \$50; Wal-mart, \$25 gift certificate; Root-a-Bakers, four gift certificates, caramel apple cake, pie, cookies and cinnamon rolls; Occasions, potpourri;

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Alice Lloyd College Names Varia Scholars



lice Lloyd College is pleased to announce that the following seventeen Kentucky students have been awarded scholarships from the Varia Scholarship Fund: Kaila Bradley, of Hindman; Josh Cook, of Topmost; Brady Matt Curry, of Bypro; Kathleen Curry, of Hi Hat; Robert Hall, of Prestonsburg; Shaundra Hall, of Banner; Sheena Hall, of Wheelwright; Jared Handshoe, of Mousie; John Meade, of Bevinsville; John Lundy, of Baxter; Annie Melton, of Pippa Passes; Jessica Pack, of Hi Hat; Erica Sexton, of Langley; Ryan Shannon, of Drift; Lindsay Slone, of Fisty; Kari Thornsberry, of Hollybush; and Jessica Thornsbury, of

The Varia Scholarship Fund provides

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Isidore brings threat of con artists.

Kentuckians have been "battening down the hatches" in preparation for possible flooding from Tropical Storm Isidore. With weather forecasters calling for anywhere from three to six inches of rain throughout central and eastern Kentucky, the Better Business

Bureau is urging homeowners to investigate before hiring any contractor to repair flood dam-

"In some areas of Kentucky, when flooding or other disasters strike, con artists are not far behind," said Heather Clary, BBB director of communications. "They know you want the flooded basement, leaky roof or other property damage taken care of as soon as possible. Con artists count on you not taking the time to check them out.

Clary urges homeowners to do a little homework before

hiring a contractor:

■ Get two or three written estimates, if possible. Get a Member referral list of BBB member companies that do the kind of work you need as a starting point for comparison shopping. Also check with friends or relatives for recommendations on reliable contrac-

Don't pay the entire amount up front. Work out in a contract how you will pay, perhaps a portion up front and the rest upon completion of the

■ Get it in writing! Many consumers who complain about contractors to your BBB never insisted upon a written contract outlining materials to be used, the job specifics, the cost, and the estimated time frame of the

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Medicare **AND YOU**



Donna R. Morton Medicare Benediciary **Outreach Coordinator** AdminaStar Federal

Can my Medicare contractor send my claim processing Information to my supplemental insurance company?

Yes. The two ways Medicare claim processing information can be crossed over to a supplemental insurance company are:

Beneficiary history system generated automatic crossover

Individual claim Medigap

What is the 'beneficiary nistory system automatic crossover'?

This type of crossover is dependent on the insurance company contracting with the Medicare contractors. If such a contract exists, the insurance company initially and periodically sends the Medicare contractor a computer tape of supplemental policyholders. The tape includes names, identification numbers and eligibility/end dates. Medicare loads the eligibility information on the history files. As claims are processed by the Medicare contractor, the information is crossed over to the supplemental insurance company as defined in the terms of the contract.

Can you explain the individual claim Medigap crossover'?

This type of crossover is done on an individual claim basis - as claims are received at the Medicare contractor. It is dependent on correct/complete Medigap information included on each claim. Only providers that are participating (accept assignment on all claims) are eligible for

Medigap crossover. With either type of crossover, once a Medicare claim has completed processing that information cannot be sent again to the supplemental insurance company. At that point, the provider or person with Medicare would need to file a claim to the other insurance. Although Medicare providers are required by law to file claims to Medicare, there is not a Medicare regulation that requires a provider to file insurance information with a supplemental insurance company.

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



Viable home-based business options was the topic of discussion at the "Home-Based Business Fair" held recently at the Floyd County Extension Service office. The fair was co-sponsored by both the extension office and the Floyd County Chamber of Commerce.

EXPLORING HOME-BASED BUSINESS OPTIONS



photo by Kathy J. Prater Turnout was good and the displays beautifully attractive at the home-based business fair.

by Kathy J. Prater FEATURES EDITOR

Iways eager to help area homemakers in whatever capacity she can, Theresa Scott, Floyd County Extension Agent for Family and Consumer Sciences, was happy to join forces with Regina Becknell, Executive Director, Floyd County Chamber of Commerce, in a joint effort to promote home-based

The result - the first annual "Home-Based Business Fair," held September 20, at the Floyd County Extension Office building.

"We just wanted to show people that conducting a home-based business can be a viable option for many. Work-at-home morns, retired individuals, or anyone who is interested in managing their own business have many options available, though they may not necessarily realize it, that's why we decided to hold the fair,"

Many already established local home-based businesses and their respective representatives were on hand at the event to answer questions and outline steps to open

(See HOME, page three)

STATE NEWS

Kentucky offers businesses on-line bidding for state contracts

FRANKFORT - Vendors wishing to do business with the Commonwealth of Kentucky may now submit sealed bids electronically via an on-line system, the Finance and Administration Cabinet announced today.

"This new on-line bidding system saves both the Commonwealth and vendors time and money, which benefits us all," Finance and Administration Cabinet Secretary T. Kevin Flanery said. "We recently completed a successful pilot project and now we are ready to move forward with this new

Vendors who would like to respond to requests for proposals electronically must first register at https://ky-purchases.com. Complete instructions on how to register your business on-line are available by following the link for "vendor registration overview" on the eProcurement Web site at https://kypurchases.com/servlet/ KYECServlet?object=ECOMMERCE&act ion=showMai nPage. Vendors may also

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FCC approves **BellSouth long** distance service for Kentucky

BellSouth, today, received Federal Communications Commission approval to offer long-distance telephone service in Kentucky, the final step in the company's six-year effort to bring the full benefits of competition home to customers.

"Today's approval takes Kentucky to a new level of competition in the telecommunications market, said Eddy Roberts, President-Kentucky. "We are now able to offer our customers a complete package of products, and customers will receive only one bill. We intend to offer long-distance service with easy to understand rate plans and at highly competitive prices," said

The FCC's unanimous ruling also approved BellSouth's application to

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WOMEN PREVENTION GRANT

Kentucky Office of Women's Physical and Mental Health awarded Violence Against Women Prevention Grant

Women's Physical and Mental Health has received a \$50,000 grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for violence against women prevention planning in Kentucky.

The Office of Women's Physical and Mental Health, an agency of the Cabinet for Health Services, submitted a competitive grant application to the CDC to develop a strategic plan focusing on violence against women (VAW) in Kentucky. Funds will be awarded effective October 2002 through September

"We are excited to be joining forces with other programs in Kentucky to

FRANKFORT - The Office of reduce the harm of domestic violence and sexual assault against women," said Gwen Mayes, executive director of the Office of Women's Physical and Mental Health. "We want to make sure that public health workers are doing all they can to work on a local level to prevent domestic violence before it takes hold. Being safe in one's home and community is certainly a women's health issue."

The VAW Strategic Plan will be developed with oversight from an advisory board consisting of leaders in the domestic violence and sexual assault communities. The focus of the plan will be to identify VAW prevention policies in place at local health departments and

further evaluate their screening protocols. The plan will encourage and facilitate collaboration between local health departments and community rape crisis centers and seeks to develop effective VAW prevention strategies, rather than focusing solely on screening and treat-

Carol Jordan, Executive Director of the Governor's Office of Child Abuse and Domestic Violence Services said, "Effective intervention from a health care provider can save the life of a woman victimized by violence, and can help restore the mental health effects of that experience. This grant speaks to the priority that health providers must give

to identifying and treating violence in

the lives of their female patients." Violence against women has become a public health priority for the nation, as well as for Kentucky. While victimization rates are difficult to assess and vary from source to source, most data indicate that Kentucky intimate partner victimization rates are higher than the national rate, 37 percent versus 25 percent, respectively.

It is well documented that violence against women has severe physical and mental consequences. In 2001, 25.9 percent of adult women treated at

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Threat

Johnson's True Value, \$50, Case Hut, two large pizza; Pilot Travel

Bankruptcies

The following is a list of bankruptcy cases filed with the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky in Lexington from Sept. 20 to 27.

Pikeville Division Chapter 7

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

Adam M. Whitaker and Angela M. Whitaker, of Thornton.

Norman P. Bentley and Betty L. Bentley, of Leburn. Barnett, Ham

Salversville.

Erin Harmon, of Inez. Dean Hohenecker, of Ivel. Arnold Huff, of Lackey. Patricia McNeil,

Prestonsburg. Robert E. Perkins and Laura Perkins, of Salyersville.

Carson Thacker, of Mousie. Curtis Franklin Preston and Neffie Ann Preston, Paintsville.

Johnny Dale Gooslin, of Freeburn.

Rodney E. Tostin and Amy S. Tostin, of Elkhorn City.

Lacy Burke and Annette Burke, of Shelbiana.

Tammie Delena Damron, of

Lonnie Rollins, of Inez. James H. Booth and Margie H. Booth, of Warfield.

Jennifer Lynn Cantrell, of Pikeville. Gary Lee Artrip and Tonya

Lynn Artrip, of Martin. Langley Turner, Prestonsburg.

Chapter 13

Prizes

Under Chapter 13 bankruptcy, the debtor arranges to repay

Kurt Randall Childress, of

pocket knife; and CoffeeTree

Foods, grocery items; Speedway,

insulated coffee pot and mugs;

Dairy Queen, three gift certificates

and 8" ice cream cakes; Jeff's IGA,

grocery items; James Do it Best,

hand mixer; Raybourn's Auto

Parts, car care products; Parkers

Carpet, \$20; Oney Henderson Funeral Home, \$30; Globe Funeral

Home, \$25; Jr. Food Mart, \$10 gift

certificate for gasoline; Hamilton's

Furniture, two tables, \$60 value;

Sally's Flowers & Gifts, Yankee

Candle; Big Value, grocery items;

and Porter's Tire, two gift certifi-

Value, two Pyrex covered casse-

role dishes; Dairy Queen, one 8"

ice cream cake; Tudor's Biscuit

World, three \$5 coupon books; Big

Value, grocery items; Ralph's

Foodfair, grocery items; Carter's

Auto Parts, Inc. \$10; Spark's

Funeral Home, \$50; Ross Reality,

\$25; Heritage Bank, coffee mugs;

Giovanni's Pizza, two free buffet

and one 18" pizza; Advance Auto

Parts, Max Reflector; Classic

Bank, \$25; James Family

Outfitters, \$20 gift certificate; Auto

Zone, 52-piece rachet set; Pizza

GRAYSON -- Farmer's True

cates for oil changes.

OLIVE HILL - Superior

College

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Community College in the First Federal Center, Room 123 A from 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. Dr. Patricia L. Peacock will

head the Human Services and Social Work Association session.

The public is invited.

Mining Class Hazard Community College Technical Campus will be offering New Miners Training on a monthly basis. Students can take either the initial 40-hour underground training or the 24 hour surface training class. These classes are taught in the evening beginning at 6 p.m. The next class is scheduled to begin on Monday, Oct. 7.

For a complete schedule and pre-registration call Christina at (606) 435-6101 ext. 8347.

Center, GPX- Personal Stereo;

Wendy's, three combo meal certifi-

cate coupons. Shoney's, two \$15

gift certificates; Western Steer, \$10

gift certificate; Super Quik, gift

certificates; and Little Caesar's,

& May, cordless screwdriver; The

Gift Gallery, fall serving platter;

All Occasion Flowers, floral

arrangement; Seasons Florist &

Home Décor, Candleberry

Kitchen-large candle; Commercial

Bank, and Shop Wise, grocery

from vendors and community

groups who wish to reserve a table

to sell their wares at the cooking

school program, Stafford noted.

"It is important that businesses reg-

ister early if they wish their names

included in the evening's program.

chased in 312 Allie Young Hall on

the campus from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

weekdays; by phone/fax with a

credit card; or with a check, money

order or credit card information,

mailed to MSU-Taste of Home,

312 Allie Young Hall, Morehead,

KY 40351-1689. Checks should

be made payable to MSU-Taste

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Tickets, at \$6 each, may be pur-

Sign ups are still being accepted

WEST LIBERTY - Frederick

gift certificate.

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McDowell ARH **August Employee** of the Month

McDowell ARH proudly announces that Bobbie Jones has been named as the August 2002 Employee of the Month. Bobbie has worked at Mc-Dowell ARH for eight years. She is presently working in the Health Information Department. Bobbie is a resident of Melvin. She and her husband, Ray, are the parents of one son, Jason. Bobbie is the daughter of Eshmel and Lillie Caudill, also of Melvin.

information (phone number, physical address, complete name of company or contractor). Beware if a contractor evades questions or hesitates to put anything in writing. Ask to see the contractor's certificate of insurance for worker's comp, liability and damage.

job. Ask if the work is war-

rantied, and get that in writing

too. Find out the contractor's

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Check out all contractors with your BBB @ 859-259-1008 or toll-free in Kentucky, 1-800-866-6668, Or visit our web site at www.ky.bbb.org.

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post-secondary education opportunities for those children delivered by Dr. Chandra Varia. The scholarships can be used for undergraduate credit and are renewable up to four years.

ALC President Joe Stepp would like to thank Dr. Varia for her support in educating mountain leaders!



USDA Rural Development Association grants funds to PCC

Prestonsburg Community College was the recipient of a Rural Business Opportunity Grant in the amount of \$48,360.00. Ronnie Brooks, left, Rural Development Specialist for the United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development Association of Morehead, Ky, presented the grant to George D. Edwards, right, College President; and David Pelphrey, center, Director of Economic Workforce and Development. The grant will be used to develop workforce and to improve economic opportunities in the Big Sandy Area.

BellSouth

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offer long-distance in Alabama, Mississippi, North Carolina and South Carolina. The FCC approved Georgia and Louisiana in May. Today's approval means that seven of BellSouth's nine states have been approved to offer long-distance.

"Business and residential customers have told us for years they want the opportunity to

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ing one's own business venture. "If one person finds an opportunity to improve their livelihood and therefore improve their lives, then we have met our objective with conducting this event," said Scott. "We've had a good response and we do hope to be

doing this again in the future." Participating exhibitors at the business fair included: Pat Hites, East Ky. Child Care. Coalition, contact number, 886-1280; Bonnie Crisp, cake decorating, Martin; Aggie Fink, sewing and alterations, contact number, 432-2600; Linda Bailey, Home & Garden Design, contact number, 886-1708; Michelle Hall and Gail Meade, Park Lane Jewelry, contact number, 285-3990; Retha Mullins and Joy Adkins, Longenberger Baskets, contact number, 886-2374; Kelli Hall, MSU Small Business Development Center, contact number, 788-7331; Carl D. Perkins Job Corp Center, catering and culinary arts, contact number, 886-1037; Beth Mullins, Mary Kay Cosmetics, contact number, 285-0074; Rosalie Fields, Avon, contact number, 639-6633; Maxine Hager, Home Interior, contact number, 789-4109; Sr. Ruth Ann Iwanski, David Appalachian Crafts, contact number, 886-2377; B.J. Ousley, Heart-to-Heart Florist & Gifts, contact number, 886-0036; Kathy Hyden, Tupperware, contact number, 789-4069; Marie Holbrook, Tastefully Simple, contact number, 385-2421; Edith Dotson, Regency School

of Hair Design, contact number,

886-6457; Jackie Bowling,

Prestonsburg Community Col-

lege Business Services, contact

number, 886-3863.

select BellSouth as a single provider of all their communication services," said Roberts. We will begin marketing BellSouth Long Distance service on September 27, and I am confident that customers will be

responsive to the long-distance

plans we will offer," said

Roberts.

Earlier this month, regulators in Florida and Tennessee endorsed BellSouth's applications. The company plans to seek FC approval in those states in the very near future. All of the states in BellSouth's region operate on the same system for allowing competitors to interconnect and

Contracts

serve their customers.

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access instructions for submitting on-line bids by clicking on the scrolling message at the top of the eProcurement home page.

All bidding opportunities with the Commonwealth of Kentucky may be found on-line at https://ky-purchases.com/serv let/KYECServlet?object=Brows eBidOpps&action=sho wlssuingOffice&main=yes. Only those bids marked "Yes" under "on-line bid accepted" are availablfor on-line responses.

Violence

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Community Mental Health Centers (CMHC) across the state responded positively to being a victim of physical abuse, up from 18.8 percent in 1998.

Additionally, 20.4 percent of the women served at CMHCs. reported being a victim of rape, sexual assault or sexual abuse, up from 13.1 percent in 1998.

Arts

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the Kentucky Arts Council will also work closely with the PCC Fine Arts Center and the other 13 centers to build capacity to increase arts participation that is tailored to communities. The opportunity to participate in ArtsReach Kentucky is a part of the START initiative.

PCC IT program offers opportunities in computers



Patricia Goodman

PRESTONSBURG

Prestonsburg Community College's Information Technology Program is booming with opportunities. Whether a student's interest lies in computer programming, network administration, electronic commerce or information systems support. PCC can accommodate them with training, practical experience and certification testing.

The college offers an associate in applied science degree with options in computer programming, network administration, electronic commerce or information systems support. Those who do not wish to pursue the AAS degree, may choose to complete one of eight certificates: A+, Computer Programming, Novell Net-working, Microsoft Networking Enhanced, Electronic Commerce, Information Systems Support, IT Fundamentals or Cisco Networking Enhanced.

Practical experience is important in the IT field. Through the IT Internship Program, students are placed in the work environment, where they volunteer their time while gaining college credit and valuable work experience. Currently the college has students placed at Sykes Enterprises, Floyd County School System, U.S. Department of Labor in Pikeville, BellSouth, and Highlands Regional - Consolidated Health Systems.

Once a student has completed their course work, he or she may desire to obtain industry certification. As a member of the CompTIA Jobs+ Program(r), students can sit for the A+, Network+, Server+ and iNet+ certification exams at half the regular cost. Rather than driving long distances to sit for exams, students can test at the VUE Testing Center on the Prestonsburg Campus.

For more information about PCC's IT Program, contact Patricia Goodman, IT Program Coordinator, at 606-886-3863 ext. 287, or Patricia.Goodman @kctcs.edu.

Credit

tion rather than guessing and/or waiting until a late date to find they do not like the program in which they enrolled," Kidd

The second tier of the program allows high school students to enroll in regular program classes but under the technical campus schedule. In this arrangement, the students can gain full college credit, and can learn and perform at the same level as post-secondary students. Students, in some cases, complete an entry-level certificate and may enter employment upon graduation from high school. Many other students, upon graduation, can bring these courses back into their selected college programs and complete a certificate, diploma, or degree in short

"It is our individual successes that come together to manifest themselves in the achievement of our goals and to the benefit of those that we serve." Dixon said. "Those moving stories of our HCC family members reaching out to help students and stories of students assisting each other, demonstrate what our College is all about-it's a learning communi-

Evelyn Wood Public Relations Director Hazard Community College One Community College Drive Hazard, KY 41701 (606) 436-5721, ext. 8062 Fax: 606 439 3821 Note e mail address change:

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all where everyone has a part to

play in the big story of suc-

KCTCS

2001 to fall 2002. KCTCS President Michael

B. McCall attributed the increases to a variety of factors, including enrollment of high school students, continued growth in distance learning, and opening of new facilities.

"The Postsecondary Education Improvement Act of 1997, which created our system, assigned to KCTCS the responsibility to expand Kentuckians' access to higher education," McCall said. "Our colleges are doing exactly that, increasing enrollment by nearly half since KCTCS was established."

KCTCS has expanded access to postsecondary education by opening new buildings or campuses since fall 2001 in Danville, Shelbyville. Elizabethtown, Glasgow and Cynthiana. The Glasgow and Elizabethtown facilities are regional postsecondary education centers opened in partnership with Western Kentucky University. The Glasgow center, which opened in spring 2001, already has enrolled more than 100 students.

The regional centers - others soon will open in London and Prestonsburg - combine com-

munity and technical college courses with those offered by regional universities. The regional centers will promote the transfer of KCTCS students to universities. KCTCS colleges also are enhancing access to postsecondary education through distance learning. Nearly 10,000 students are tak-

ing KCTCS courses via dis-

tance learning this fall, up

almost 90 percent from a year

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Another factor behind the fall 2002 increase is an expanding partnership among high schools, secondary technical schools, and KCTCS colleges. New agreements allow high credits

"KCTCS colleges assist stu-

school students to more easily enroll in KCTCS colleges to occupational/technical or general education courses. More than 7,000 high school students are earning KCTCS college credit, up 46 percent from last

dents in moving from secondary through postsecondary education," McCall said. "Our partnerships with high schools and universities create a seamless pathway through the educational system."

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by Donna Erickson

Have Fun - It's Good for You!

Having a good time ... now that's something just about everyone I know loves to do. But did you know that having fun and doing lighthearted and sometimes silly activities, like the ones you find in this column, is actually good for you,

While writing my recent book, "Fabulous Funstuff for Families," I joined with the nationally recognized Search Institute to identify within each of my activities the assets that



DAVID LAROCHELLE

help children grow and develop positively. Its research shows that the more developmental assets kids have, the more likely they are to make positive choices in school and the community. Identifying these assets within activities, games and crafts clearly showed that while family members are connecting and enjoying time together, children are learning and gaining a variety of values and social skills.

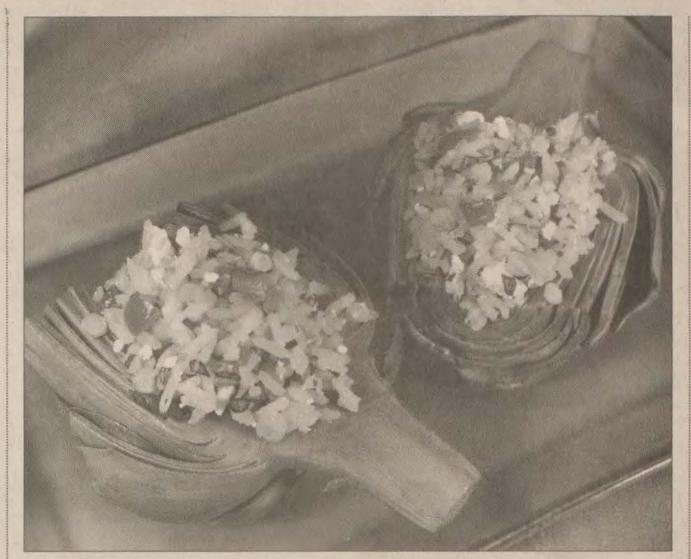
For example, when your child plays dress-up and makes homemade face paint, this activity aids in planning and decision-making. Think about it for a moment. When stirring up the paint and applying it to their cheeks, your children must plan ahead in order to choose which colors they would like to create

When you rake the leaves for a neighbor this fall, your child will see and learn the value of service to others. Or, when your family visits an apple orchard and then later prepares apple snacks at home, your child learns the value of a healthy lifestyle with good

So you see, planned activities you do together have benefits far beyond the "doing." Discover, as I have, that the things we do with our kids can make a difference in shaping the choices they will make in life. There are no magic secrets. But when we take time to be with children, we help them feel connected, guided and grounded. So go out and have lots of

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.

fun! It's good for all of you!



Artichokes are back in season

Aahhh! Artichokes. The fall harvest is coming to market and will continue for a while. Come spring, a second crop will be ready. Now you'll find plenty of medium and baby sizes from Castroville, Calif., the artichoke capital of the world, where Ocean Mist Farms grows most of our supply.

For those who have never cooked or tasted this strange-looking veggie, let's have a look at it. It is one maybe the only - vegetable you are allowed to squeeze, because the squeak it emits tells you it's fresh. As an old Italian produce man once told me, a fresh artichoke "sings."

This sturdy vegetable is divided into three marvelous parts. The bottom, sometimes incorrectly called the heart, is considered the greatest delicacy. While I urge you to cook arties yourself, bottoms are available and ready to use in cans and jars, in oil or lightly salted water, and frozen. The light green center leaves, just a little lower in prestige, are tender and fully edible. Tucked in under these is the fuzzy choke, which is discarded after cooking. Finally, there are the outer rugged

teeth, make the artichoke a chic finger food. Usual instructions are to cut off the top third of the petals. We use scissors to cut off only the thorny end of the petals. To retain color, it's best to use a non-reactive pan and water acidulated with lime or lemon juice or a

green leaves that, pulled inner side down over the lower

little vinegar.

In the recipe today we cut the artichoke in half lengthwise to reduce cooking time and make the removal of the choke easier. Cooked halves are filled with rice, lentils and feta cheese for a Mediterranean fla-

by Philomena

LENTIL & RICE STUFFED ARTICHOKES 4 medium artichokes

2 cups water I lemon, sliced

2 tablespoons olive oil

I clove garlic, halved 1 (6.9-ounce) package rice pilaf mix*

I cup red lentils I medium tomato, chopped 4 ounces Feta cheese, crumbled 1/2 cup chopped Italian parsley

Black pepper and salt to taste

Rinse artichokes under running cold water. Cut off top third of petals and only very end of stem. Cut artichokes in half from top to bottom. Place halved artichokes, cut-side down, in large skillet or 9-by-13-inch non-aluminum baking pan. Add water, lemon slices, olive oil and garlic. For skillet cooking, cover and heat over medium-high heat to boiling; reduce to simmer; cook until a petal near center of artichoke pulls out easily, about 15 minutes. For oven, cover pan with foil and

Soup to fill you up - not out

The next time you have leftover ham you may want to try this soup recipe. You're not going to believe how easy and tasty this is until you try it. It's filled with flavor but not fat!

PRONTO HAM MINESTRONE

I full cup diced extra lean ham 1 (16-ounce) can tomatoes, coarsely chopped and undrained

I (10 3/4-ounce) can reduced-fat tomato soup

1 cup water 1/2 teaspoon dried minced garlic

I tablespoon Worcestershire sauce

I tablespoon Italian seasoning I (16-ounce) can red kidney beans,

(See FOODS, page five)



by JoAnna M. Lund

Dear Diane...

War on P-Diddles

I am a 30-year-old single woman. Every day when I get home from work, I find my neighbor's Yorkshire terrier, "P-Diddles," sitting on my front porch. He escapes from his fenced-in back yard by digging his way out.

Almost every day, P-Diddles digs up my garden, and when I approach my front door, he bares his teeth and growls at me. I am terrified of approaching this dog, because I'm afraid I will get bitten.

I am also hesitant to complain to my neighbor, the dog's owner, because she is a frail widow in her 70s, and I'm afraid that if I complain too loudly I might give her a stroke or something. What can I do?

- AT BAY IN BAY RIDGE

DEAR AT BAY:

First, dear, I think you need to pull yourself together and get a grip on the reality of the situation: Your arch-nemesis is a 7-pound Yorkie named P-Diddles, not a 150-pound pit bull called "Bone Crusher."

Obviously, P-Diddles has staked his claim on your porch and garden. You need to teach this little mutt who's the Big Dog in this situ-

In other words, This Means War.

You don't want to cause serious injury to the dog, nor do you want to upset your brittle, near-death neighbor. So, you must resort to firm but non-brutal tactics.

Since you have a garden, it stands to reason that you have a garden hose - hopefully with a pressure nozzle attached.

Crank up the water pressure and blast the little fur ball off your porch, and run him off your property. Keep doing this every day until he gets the message.

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Is it heartburn, Hiatal Hernia or both?

DEAR DR. DONOHUE:

I have a hiatal hernia that gives me heartburn really bad. Where is this hernia? How does it cause heartburn? Antacids help me, but I would like to take care of things medicine. How about surgery? - F.A. ANSWER:

Hiatal hernia and heartburn are not the same. A hiatal hernia is an upward bulge of the stomach into the chest through the diaphragm muscle. The diaphragm separates chest from abdomen.

Heartburn (acid reflux) is an eruption of stomach juices and stomach acid into the esophagus, the long, muscular tube through which food makes its way from mouth to



stomach. Think of it as the stomach being a volcano that erupts and spews red-hot lava

into the esophagus. Many people with a hiatal hemia also have heartburn. However, people can have heartburn without a hiatal hernia. The two are not

For heartburn, put 6-inch blocks under the bedposts at the head of your bed so gravity keeps stomach juices in the stomach. Nighttime is the time when acid reflux acts up the most. Don't ever lie down immediately after eating, and don't eat anything for three

hours before retiring. Stay away from choco

(See HEALTH, page five)

Chicken Soup for the Soul: Soul mates

Fran Leb

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I have often told my daughter, Lauren, the story of how her father and I met and of our courtship. Now that she is 16 years old, she is concerned because she realizes that her soul mate might be sitting next to her in a class or might even ask her for a date, and she is not quite ready to make the same commitment her par-

ents made years ago. 1 met Mike on Oct. 9, 1964. Our shy eyes met from across the patio at our friend Andrea's party. We smiled

and eventually found ourselves in a conversation that lasted the entire evening, to the exclusion of everyone else. I was 11 and he was 12. We went steady three days later, which ended after a somewhat tumultuous month.

Months later, Mike still invited me to his lavish bar mitzvah and even asked me to dance. (Years later he told me that despite my braces, my skinny legs and my flipped hair, he thought I was beautiful.)

Mike and I had many mutual friends and were in the same social

group at school, so our paths constantly crossed throughout the next few years. Every time I broke up with a boyfriend or had my

> heart broken by another, my mother would say. "Don't worry, you're going to end up with Mike Leb." I would shriek: "Never! Why would you think such a thing?" She would

for the Soul remind me how his name often came up in my conversations and what a nice guy he

> Finally, I was in high school, and it was packed with new cute guys. I was ready. What did I care if Mike started

dating my best friend? Why, I wondered, was this slowly driving me crazy? Why did we find ourselves talking while waiting for our buses? I will never forget the navy-blue penny loafers he wore. Nobody else I knew had such great shoes. My mother's words often came to mind, but I still wanted to erase them.

By the summer after 10th grade, Mike and I had spent more time together - in the company of his girlfriend, also known as my best friend, and others. That summer Mike left for a Spanish program in Mexico. I found I really missed seeing him. When he returned in August, he called and came by my home. He was so adorable with his tan skin and worldly demeanor. He

still couldn't speak a word of Spanish, but he looked so good. It was Aug. 19, 1968, when we looked at each other outside my home and realized we had to be together. Of course, we had to wait until after the date I had that night with another guy. I told my date that I was going to start dating Mike, so I had to be home early. Mike then told his on-again, off-again girlfriend it was off again for good.

We kept our relationship our little secret until we could proudly announce it at the next party. We walked in late and boldly told all of our friends that we were officially a couple. Not a soul seemed surprised as

(See SOUL, page five)

Books: Reviewed by Cindy Elavsky

"Hanging Out the Wash" By Adair Lara (Conari Press, \$12.95)

"A Book of Courtesy" By Sister Mary Mercedes, O.P. (Harper San Fransico, \$18)

"Reluctant Healer" By Susan Elizabeth Bock (Azymuth Publications, \$12..95)

Reviewed by Cindy Elavsky

With summer now a memory, we all need a little inspiration to help us through the coming winter doldrums. Here are three books that are inspiring, enlightening and just plain fun to read.

"Hanging Out the Wash" is a wonderful book of tips on how to relax and to stop rushing through your life. Adair Lara presents her ideas in snippets of brilliant suggestions, each story or scenario preceded by a quotation related to the topic. You'll want to explore many of her sug-

gestions, and you'll find a new, improved you as you "sample the powerful religion of ordinary

In today's world of "me, me, me," Sister Mary Mercedes is trying to bring back courtesy, graciousness and respect. "A Book of Courtesy: The Art of Living with Yourself and Others" reads like a "What's What" of etiquette and manners, with a bit of charm thrown in for good measure. From writing a condolence letter to how to

properly eat soup, Sister Mary has an answer for every occasion. This is a fun read that may teach even the most polite of us a thing or two.

In "Reluctant Healer - The Journey of a Soul," Susan Elizabeth Bock's main objective is to teach her readers how to become more self-aware. "No one is here by chance, for chance plays no role in Divine plans." Bock has written each chapter as free-flowing parable. There is a lesson behind each story and a plan behind each lesson. 'Reluctant Hero" is a self-made journey and a trip worth taking.

Resistance training tips

I bought a treadmill in January, and I have tried to get on it for 30 minutes to an hour, 5 days a week. I have started eating a low-fat, high-fiber diet and have lost a total of 16 pounds with no other changes. I felt that while the treadmill works my legs, my arm muscles really don't get much use. I would welcome any suggestions on some exercises to strengthen my arms. Julie E., Saskatchewan,

First, let me congratulate you on your 16pound weight loss. Your nutrition and cardiovascular programs seem to be right on track. Continue to incorporate them into your fit-

Now, let's address the third element you mention, the one that will complete your fitness program: resistance training.

Resistance training is important for maintaining strong muscles and joints. During resistance training, stress is placed on your muscles. As you rest, your body rebuilds muscle tissue, preparing it for your next workout. Over time, this process will make your muscles stronger.

Using dumbbells as resistance can be extremely effective in toning muscles, protecting and strengthening bones and connective tissue (tendons and ligaments).

Try this bicep curl for your arms. Begin with a lightweight dumbbell until you have mastered the correct technique, and over time slowly increase

the weight. Do two to three sets of 12-15 repetitions for each exercise.

Stand or sit with your feet shoulder-width apart. Place the dumbbells in your hands, with your palms facing forward. Stand or sit up straight, keeping your abdominals tight. Keep your arms straight by your side and wrists straight. Bend at your elbows, bringing your palms toward your biceps (front of arm). Hold at the top to feel the contraction. Lower arm down (not completely), then repeat.

Add more dumbbell exercises to your routine when you feel comfortable. Consult with a fitness or medical professional for proper technique. Not only will resistance training tone and strengthen your muscles, it will make everyday tasks a little easier. Keep up the great work!

Please consult a physician before beginning an exercise program. If you have a fitness or training question, e-mail Andrea

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& Dave

explain it all to you

by Samantha Weaver and Dave Smith

DEAR SAM AND DAVE:

My girlfriend, "Sandie," and I have been together for almost two years, and she just turned 30. I've noticed lately that when we're out at the grocery store or anywhere else, she stares at moms who have their kids in tow. TV commercials, too - she gets this weird, sort of faraway look in her eyes. It's creeping me out. We haven't talked about getting married, but I think she wants me to propose and then start having kids. I'm only 24, and I'm not ready to settle down yet - I don't know if I ever want to have kids. I love her, though, and I don't want to lose her. Help! SKITTISH

SASKATCHEWAN

The threat of the biological clock

SAM SAYS:

Sounds like you're jumping the gun a bit there, bucko. You and Sandie haven't even talked about marriage, let alone started picking out kids' names yet. From your letter, it sounds like she's not even dropping hints about it, and yet you suddenly think she wants to get married and have babies. You may just be projecting your expectations of what a 30-year-old woman

I'm not saying that Sandie doesn't have a biological clock - virtually all women do, and, believe me, we can hear it ticking. The thing is, it's "biological", not intellectual, and most of us realize that. If a woman realizes that she's not emotionally or financially ready to have kids, that ticking won't change

Just talk to her about it. After two years, it's time you two had a talk about what your future plans are anyway. You

both ought to find out where the other sees the relationship going, and then you can plan from there. If it turns out that she does want marriage and kids, then the ball's in your court. You say you love her, but is she The One? If she is, then you'll want to be with her regardless. If not, then you'll be free to go sow some of your wild oats, and she can find someone who wants the same things she does.

DAVE SAYS:

I disagree with Sam here. She says that Sandie hasn't dropped any hints about marriage and kids, but what I'm hearing from you, Skittish, is that Sandie has put out enough of a vibe to freak you out.

Chances are, if you're feeling the vibe, The Fear Is Real. This woman doesn't have a biological clock; it's a Commitment Time Bomb, and it's aimed in your direction,

mind and in your own heart. No guy who's 24 thinks he's ready to settle down with a wife and kids. Heck, most guys who're 44 think they're not ready to settle down. What you need to do is ask yourself: If you HAD to make the commitment to Sandie, could you? Would you? If you really love this woman and the thought of creating a new life with her does-

What you need to do is sit

down with yourself and really

assess the situation in your own

car and high-tailing it to Mexico, then calm down and go with the flow, and wait for things to progress in their own Send letters to Sam & Dave

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Foods

rinsed and drained

I cup shredded cabbage 1/3 cup broken uncooked spaghetti

1/4 cup grated reduced-fat Parmesan cheese

In a large saucepan, combine ham, undrained tomatoes, tomato soup and water. Stir in garlic, Worcestershire sauce and Italian seasoning. Add kidney beans, cabbage and uncooked spaghetti. Mix well to combine. Bring mixture to a boil. Lower heat, cover and simmer for 15 min-

serving, top each bowl with I tablespoon Parmesan cheese. Makes 4 (1/2 cup) servings. Each serving equals: 219 calories, 3 g fat, 14 g protein, 34

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stirring occasionally. When

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William "Pudge" Heffelfinger would be proud. Ever since he took that \$500 payment to play for the Allegheny Athletic Association back in 1892 (and in doing so, became the very first professional football player), pigskin chasing has become big business. Could he have imagined the seriousness with which we take the game and its heros today? (And when I say seriousness, I'm not kidding, Pudge.) Could he have imagined a multimillion-dollar facility that receives hundreds of thousands of visitors every year and is devoted solely to the game's most famous players?

Well, Canton, Ohio is the place that takes football memorializing seriously, and it does a seriously good job of it in the

Pro footbal hall of fame

Pro Football Hall of Fame.

There is much to see and do at the Hall of Fame, from movies to memorabilia, so include a stop in each of the following

■ The GameDay Stadium shows the film "Championship Chase," and is designed to give you a once-in-a-lifetime perspective of the game, combining elements of sound and sight in a sensory

■ The Exhibition Rotunda chronicles. the first century of pro football.

shows all 199 Hall of Fame inductees, and includes personal effects of each.

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■ The NFL theater is where you can

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The Interactive Gaming area, where

The Pro Football Hall of Fame, located

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M&M's are the top-selling candy in the U.S.

Fishing is a popular sport around the world - but some of the people who participate aren't terribly bright. Take this, for example: A fisherman in Russia figured out a great way to catch a lot of fish at once. He connected a power cable to his house and put the other end in the water. The shock killed a lot of fish, and they were all floating belly-up on the surface. The fisherman was so excited, though, that he didn't remove the power cable from the water before he waded in to scoop up his catch.

Rebecca West observed: "The main difference between men and women is that men are lunatics and women are idiots."

Even though it almost looks like an island, with its only connection to other land being the small Sinai Peninsula, Africa actu-



ally has a shorter coastline than any other continent.

■ M&Ms are the top-selling candy in the United States. The rock group Van Halen, though, had an inexplicable aversion to the brown ones. Band members had a clause written into their contract that if they saw any brown M&Ms in the vicinity, their concert would be canceled.

The Italians have a word for that annoying circular mark left on a table when a moist glass is set there without a coaster:

All the world's coffee is grown within 1,000 miles of the equator, and a single coffee tree produces only about a pound of coffee beans every year.

Less than one-half of one percent of all convicted murderers are actually put to death in the United States.

Thought for the Day:

"I refuse to spend my life worrying about what I eat. There is no pleasure worth forgoing just for an extra three years in the geriatric ward." - John Mortimer

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peppermint, coffee, orange juice, tomato juice and any food that makes you have a

antacid taken one hour after eating and another two tablespoons taken three hours after eating often control heartburn.

medicines. Tagamet, Zantac, Pepcid and Axid turn the stomach-acid faucet to the almostclosed position. Prilosec, Prevacid and Protonix turn the faucet to the completely off position.

Surgery can be useful, para small incision in the abdomen.

Readers who would like a

hernia and acid reflux can obtain the report on that topic by writing: Dr. Donohue - No. 501W, Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Enclose a check or money order (no cash) for \$4.50 along with the recipient's printed name and address. Please allow 4-6 weeks for delivery.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE:

How much weight gain can I expect from stopping my cigarette habit? - G.P. ANSWER:

It is commonly stated that a former smoker gains five to 10 pounds after quitting, Many say

the weight off by watching calories and exercising.

Just as the enthusiasm for the Internet was exaggerated during the dot-com bubble, so has the pessimism been exaggerated in the wake of the bubble's bursting.

In a story titled "Tech's Major Decline," Ellen McCarthy of The Washington Post reports on the dramatic drop in the number of college students enrolling as computerscience majors. One youth is quoted as saying: "You can't get the chicks with that any-

You can't get the chicks? Anymore? Wait a minute. I don't know where I've been, but was there ever a time when

you could get the chicks simply by being a computer-science major? When were computer nerds portrayed as anything

remotely resembling a stud? Wait, it's all coming back to me now. There was that week in '98 when my friends and I would go to the crazy, swinging singles bar and see how many chicks we could land by using

opening lines. Ah yes, women were everywhere, and my pale brethren and I would don our best pocket protectors and head out in search of fresh conquests, a wild pack of four-eyed wolves marauding the countryside in

the term "slide rule" in our

search of fresh meat.

And the women loved us. Just like on the TV commercials, they loved the smell of cabbage. They loved our flood pants that revealed our socks that didn't match, which, incidentally, they also loved.

Was computer science ever cool?

They loved our taped-up glasses and the armpit stains on our secondhand shirts, which we buttoned all the way up. Food for the imagination, we used to say. It only added to the mystique. Yes, my friend, the geeks

were sellin' and the babes were Like I said, it only lasted a week. OK, perhaps the good

seven, but at least it was more than one. Well, maybe it never happened, as I said earlier. But if you cross your eyes a bit and hold your breath for about three minutes, the memories will come flooding back as quickly as the blood comes flooding back into your oxygen-starved

old days numbered less than

time when computer-science majors were the lords of cre-

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they uttered "finally."

After graduation from high school, I went away to college. I lasted 10 weeks before I transferred to a closer college to be near Mike. On June 18, 1972, we were wed. I was 19, and Mike was 20. We set up our love nest in married housing while we both finished our college degrees. I became a special-education teacher while Mike went on to medical school.

Now, 25 years later, I smile at our beautiful daughter, Lauren, and our handsome son, Alex. Although their parents' legacy causes them to look at high-school relationships a bit differently. they will never have to worry about their parents saying, "Don't take it so seriously; it's only puppy love."

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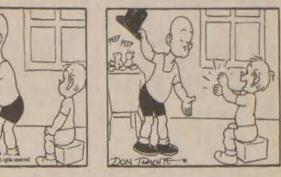






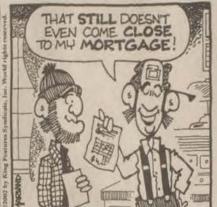
















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Super Crossword **SOUNDS RIGHT**

38 Moisten

40 Letters of

tion?

42 Kremlin

43 Hawk's

tomb?

home

46 "Swingin

School"

singer

48 Claire or

44 One of the

Yokums:

despera-

ACROSS 1 Williamson

"Excalibur" 6 The -

Brothers 10 Urban transport

13 Get the lead out 18 Harden

19 Stallion's 20 "Agnus -21 Mason's

tool 22 Cat-show judge?

25 Puts aside 26 Carpenter's item 27 Cavity

28 Model boat? 30 Degrades 33 Mongoose's

enemy 35 Bungle 36 One of the Marches

38 "If I you . . ." 39 White House grp. 42 Beret kin

45 Queen of mystery 47 Tell it like it isn't 49 Winter

warmerupper 51 See 105 Down

53 Dislike of a 89 Mythical monster relative? 90 Danger 56 Branch

91 UK honor 57 Swiss canton 92 Steven of 58 "- Dawn" "Exit ('73 song) Wounds"

60 Moving 93 Comic man? Louis 94 JFK info 61 Strait-laced 62 71 Across 95 Literary

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81 Type of

82 Bray

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feature lioness 63 Support 98 Edinburgh 64 Not quite veto adult

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67 Renown 105 Wood-69 Board game chopping mishap?

instrument 111 Married 72 Messenger Mile. 74 "Younger - 113 Identical Springtime" 114 Use logic 115 Like a quick-('49 song)

75 Exceptional fingered poker player? 122 Chased

80 Wallace of rainbows? "The Prin-123 Competitor 124 "Dies -- " cess Bride" 125 — cotta

126 Stratum 127 TV's "Too beginning Close -Comfort" 128 Deserve

129 Occurrence 84 A different place to get DOWN 87 Newscaster 1 Tuck's

dog) 3 Mongrel 4 Rink legend 41 Machine part 5 Bowe blows 6 Charge

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2 Shiba —

7 Reformer Lucretia 8 Lilly or Mintz 9 Command

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34 Suits

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35 Disgusted 37 Fills to the

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54 Centipede's 13 Art Deco sensor 55 Departs name 14 Carrot or

59 "My word!" 61 Chum parsnip 15 Crooked 65 Medieval 16 Trickle menial 17 In addition 66 Kindly

68 Pantry Item 21 "For shame!" 69 Atlas or 23 "Sleeping with the -Aznavour ('91 film) 70 Actress 24 Mediter-

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75 Poe crow 77 Cover old ground 78 Bellows 80 Athlete's

118 Gun the engine 119 Nev. neighbor 120 Decorative

vase

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85 Word with

86 - degree

Lipinski

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96 Trudge

97 Big rig 99 Come to

102 Employees

104 Ms. Midler

Across,

central

Lawless

role

108 Land in the

ocean

110 Greene's

112 Falco or

109 Action figure

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Adams

113 Injury after-

effect

116 Herd word

117 Significant

vears

107 Shrewd

Asian lake

105 With 51

106 Lucy

88 Skater

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84 Mimic

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Thumper 009 Goldfinger Largo Oddjob Tiffany Buttercup Honey

Jinx

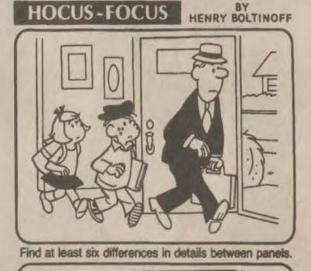
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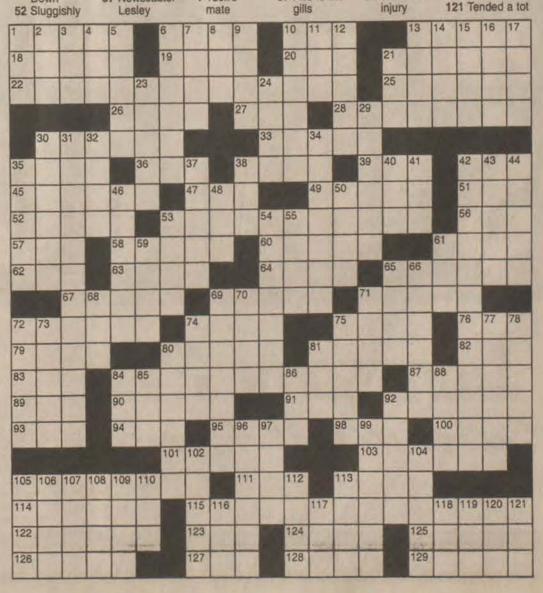
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5. Boy's books are gone. 6. Backpack strap is black. fure on wall has been changed. 4. Man's bnefcase is different. Differences: 1. Tie is dotted. 2. Window on door is gone. 3. Pic-

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