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Woman robbed in parking lot

by JARRID DEATON
STAFF WRITER

SOUTH WILLIAMSON — Kentucky State Police is searching for a suspect involved in a robbery in South Williamson on Friday.

According to the police report, a female subject was loading merchandise into her vehicle after shopping at Wal-Mart when a male subject pushed her and grabbed her purse. The man then left the scene in a dark green Dodge automobile.

The suspect is described as a tall, white male with medium-length black hair and a black mustache. At the time of the incident, he was wearing a black and white warmup suit.

The victim was not injured in the incident, but the suspect got away with a large sum of money.

The case remains under investigation by Kentucky State Police.

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Today



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Deputy who forgot inmates reprimanded

by LORETTA BLACKBURN
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — In addressing the situation in which a Floyd County sheriff's deputy left two inmates in holding cells at the Justice Center for 12-and-a-

half hours on Jan. 13, the county sheriff stated that the room temperature was normal and the deputy received a reprimand.

The two inmates, Robin Lynn Jarrell and Shane Mosley, reported that Deputy Denzil McKinney had taken them to the Floyd County Justice Center at 9:30 a.m.

and did not return to get them until 10 p.m. Both Jarrell and Mosley said that they had not eaten since breakfast at approximately 7:30 a.m. and that the cells were so cold that they resorted to wrapping tissue paper around their arms and feet in an attempt to stay warm.

However, Blackburn said he investigated the incident and his deputies had talked with the maintenance department at the Justice Center. He said they reported that there was "no difference between the tem-

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Flames engulfed the home of Donald and Sheila Dotson, located on Auxier Heights Lane, just off Route 321, early Friday evening. No one was at home when the fire broke out, save the family's pet birds, which were consumed. The cause of the fire remains as yet undetermined.

photo by Kathy J. Prater

Auxier home destroyed by fire

by KATHY J. PRATER
FEATURES EDITOR

AUXIER — A house fire erupted early Friday evening at the residence of Donald and Sheila Dotson, of Auxier Heights Lane, totally consuming the home and an attached three-car garage as well.

According to Charlie Music, chief of Auxier Volunteer Fire Department, the department received a call from a neighbor of the Dotsons at approximately 7:45

p.m. that "flames were coming out of the roof of the house next door."

Music said that by the time fire trucks arrived on the scene, the house "was already engulfed in flames."

"There wasn't much we could do except hose down the neighboring structure and nearby cars," Music said. "Both the house and the garage were in flames by the time we got there."

The Dotsons and their two young daughters arrived on the

scene after the firefighters had already begun their work, with both posing questions as to why the firefighters were not hosing down their home. According to Music, the department "emptied two trucks" following arrival to the scene and were unable to access the nearest hydrant, which is located on Jockey Hollow, "across the four lane," Music said.

"But," he continued, "if there

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Fanning gets 2 more years

Board votes to extend contract

by KATHY J. PRATER
FEATURES EDITOR

EASTERN — Floyd County Board of Education Superintendent Paul W. Fanning is here to stay — at least for another two years — says the Floyd County Board of Education, which voted on Friday to continue Fanning's employment with the system.

Fanning will maintain his

position as superintendent with the county for the next two years, under existing contract terms.

Fanning came to Floyd County as superintendent of the county school system in 1999. However, as of press time, he chose to decline comment on the matter pending finalization of his contract.

The special-called meeting to consider and review the contract was held at Allen Central High School. The board met in closed session for over two hours before announcing the decision.

County seeking bids for new roof

by JARRID DEATON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The Floyd County Fiscal Court held a special called meeting Tuesday that included a resolution to authorize bids for a new roof for the courthouse.

"We have received grant money that should cover the roofing of the courthouse," said Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson.

According to Thompson, designs for the new roof closely resemble the roof on the Floyd County Justice Center.

The court authorized a

motion to advertise the sealed bids for the construction of the roof. The bids will be accepted until 4 p.m., Feb. 20. The bids will be opened at the next regular scheduled meeting of the Floyd County Fiscal Court.

The first reading of an amendment of the county budget was also on the agenda for the meeting.

The amendment asks that the receipts from the general fund be increased to \$29,267.91 to include unbudgeted receipts from the Department for

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Man held for ARH burglary

by JARRID DEATON
STAFF WRITER

McDOWELL — A McDowell man has been arrested and charged with breaking in to a storage building belonging to McDowell ARH Hospital.

James Goins, 20, was charged with burglary for breaking in to the building on Jan. 23, and also received a charge of criminal mischief for damaging a lock on the building.

Goins was also charged with unlawful transaction with a minor when he allegedly enlisted to the help of an underage subject to assist in committing the burglary.

Goins was taken to the Floyd County Detention Center and jailed on a \$10,000 cash bond.

A preliminary hearing for the charges has been set for Feb. 10.



The flag at the Municipal Parking Lot in Prestonsburg remained at half-mast late Tuesday afternoon, in memory of the seven astronauts who died as the space shuttle Columbia broke apart while returning to earth. Full coverage of the disaster and its implications can be found in a special eight-page keepsake edition in today's Floyd County Times.

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■ **DAWSON CREEK, British Columbia** — With wings stretched wide, an eagle made of lard watched over the food line in the Northern Lights College cafeteria.

Student Julanka Kemper said she worked for more than 40 hours on the sculpture, right down to the detail of the feathers, as part of an elective workshop in the professional cook training program.

Kemper planned to enter the bird in a national competition in Edmonton last weekend, but the event was canceled. Instead, the eagle and five other sculptures were placed on display in the cafeteria.

Chef instructor Jacquelynne Baran, who helped teach workshops on lard sculpting, also created a cowboy that was on display.

The cowboy "is something I hadn't done before, and it was going to Alberta," she said. "I think he'd be able to go really nice with a prime rib dinner."

Other sculptures featured penguins, a duck and a whale.

The school usually trains students to make sculptures in chocolate.

"They will last longer than the chocolate," Baran said. "No one will eat (them)."

■ **ST. PAUL, Minn.** — A fairway at the St. Paul's Highland 18 Golf Course features more than a dog leg — it has the whole dog, and a famous one at that.

Golfers on the 15th hole will encounter a large fairway bunker with the outline of Snoopy, the "Peanuts" comic strip character created by the late St. Paul native Charles Schulz.

"We knew about Charles Schulz's connection to Highland where he used to play and caddie, so we dropped Snoopy in as a bunker or a pond on the 15th," said Paul Miller of Gill Miller Inc., the firm in charge of a course renovation.

"Dog leg" usually refers to a fairway that bends to the left or right.

The idea for the Snoopy outline started as sort of a joke, but Schulz's widow, Jean, liked the idea. Last year, while touring some of the St. Paul sites where her late husband spent his childhood, she spotted Snoopy in a course design posted in the Highland clubhouse.

Jean Schulz said the "Snoopy" image was wonderful and she thinks it will produce laughs for passing golfers, either in or out of the sand.

"I hope to get out and play the course," she said.

■ **DALLAS** — Southwest Airlines is seeking the government's approval to bring back its popular SeaWorld penguin tours, in which two of the tux-

edoed waddlers are put on jets to promote the amusement park as a summer destination.

The promotion was shut down after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, and some security concerns must be addressed before the promotion can restart.

"One of the things that they mentioned was, 'Would it be possible that we would be able to wand the animals?'" said Melanie Jones, creative manager for the Dallas-based carrier.

SeaWorld and Southwest Airlines have worked since the 1980s to lure business to parks in San Antonio, San Diego, and Orlando, Fla. Southwest flew SeaWorld animals to cities that have nonstop flights to the parks.

"If we can find a way to make this happen, far be it from us to not say yes," said Ed Martelle, spokesman for the Transportation Security Administration. "The trick is being able to do this and not compromise security."

Southwest has been informed that whatever animals would be brought would be subject to wanding at the security checkpoint. SeaWorld officials say that's OK since the penguins travel well and are used to being handled.

"We feel like they really brighten people's days," said Fran Stephenson, SeaWorld's spokeswoman in San Antonio. "Besides, they don't have any pockets to empty."

■ **VISTA, Calif.** — When Riverside County telemarketer Al Kinkade began a call to Daniel and Kellie Kinkade, he mentioned that they share a surname.

After a little small talk, Kellie realized that her 27-year-old husband is Al Kinkade's son.

"Dan, it's your father!" she shouted.

"Give me the phone," her husband replied. "You're messing with me."

"I just about fell out of my chair," Al Kinkade said. Kinkade, 49, had called to solicit a donation to a police and sheriff's Explorer Scout program.

Father and son compared notes and every question had the right answer.

Did Al work as a security guard in 1975? Yes.

Did Dan's mother Shirley Jean Weaver drive a blue 1969 Chevy Nova? Yes.

The Vista couple began searching seven years ago for Dan's father. All they had was his full name, Alfred Robert Kinkade, and two photographs of him with Dan's mother. She died of colon cancer at age 39 when Dan was 9, and Dan was raised by an aunt and uncle in Los Angeles.

Al Kinkade had been hard to find because of years of substance abuse that led to homelessness. He decided to go sober on April Fool's Day in 1998.

Father and son now talk daily by phone. They have also gotten together, and Al met his 4-year-old granddaughter, Sierra.

■ **TUSCALOOSA, Ala.** — You don't have to get off the couch, but you do have to get the couch off your lawn.

That's according to a new law in this college town that prohibits the use of sofas, wash-

ing machines and other household items outdoors. It bans an old Southern practice that many consider unsightly.

While so-called porch furniture is prevalent in low-income areas, University of Alabama students also were a target of the ordinance passed by the city council last week.

Council President Jerry Plott cast the lone dissenting vote.

"Fundamentally, I have a hard time with the city telling someone what they can have on their back porch," he said. "This is a problem created by university students who don't keep their houses up. We're passing something that affects 35,000 households because of 25 students."

The ban — which includes exceptions for yard sales, screened porches and garages — takes effect March 1. City attorney Bob Ennis said violators can be fined \$200, plus court costs.

An Alabama student said the ordinance was unfair.

"I'm a student at the University of Alabama and I work full time," sophomore Adam Hargett told the council. "I personally can't afford to pay someone to haul off a couch to the landfill"

■ **HOBART, Ind.** — These gummi grunts are red and green and ready to be packed up and shipped off to the Middle East.

Larry Albanese, co-owner of the Albanese Nut and Candy Co. hopes to dispatch his gummi candies — Bazooka Bob, Rifleman Rich and GI Johnny — to troops stationed in the Middle East.

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Albanese said it took him about four years to perfect his soldier sweets, which come in 14 flavors ranging from apple to hot cinnamon.

■ **BLUEFIELD, W.Va.** — The mail must go on, but the

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Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Feb. 5, the 36th day of 2003. There are 329 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Feb. 5, 1937, President Franklin Roosevelt proposed increasing the number of justices on the Supreme Court; critics accused Roosevelt of attempting to "pack" the high court.

On this date:

■ In 1631, the founder of Rhode Island, Roger Williams, and his wife arrived in Boston from England.

■ In 1783, Sweden recognized the independence of the United States.

■ In 1881, Phoenix, Ariz., was incorporated.

■ In 1917, Congress passed, over President Wilson's veto, an immigration act severely curtailing the influx of Asians.

■ In 1917, Mexico's constitution was adopted.

■ In 1958, Gamel Abdel Nasser was formally nominated to become the first president of the new United Arab Republic.

■ In 1962, French President Charles De Gaulle called for Algeria's independence.

■ In 1973, services were held at Arlington National Cemetery for Army Lt. Col. William B. Nolde, the last American soldier killed before the Vietnam cease-fire.

■ In 1981, a military jury in North Carolina convicted Marine Pvt. 1st Class Robert Garwood of collaborating with the enemy while a prisoner of war in Vietnam.

■ In 1983, former Nazi Gestapo official Klaus Barbie, expelled from Bolivia, was brought to Lyon, France, to stand trial. (He was convicted and sentenced to life in prison — he died in 1991.)

Ten years ago:

Federal judge Kimba Wood, President Clinton's expected choice for attorney general, withdrew from consideration, saying her baby sitter had been an illegal alien for seven years.

Five years ago:

Democratic fund-raiser Yah Lin "Charlie" Trie pleaded innocent in Washington to charges he'd raised illegal donations to buy influence in high places. (Trie pleaded guilty in May 1999 to a felony count and a misdemeanor and was sentenced later that year to four months' home detention and three years' probation.)

One year ago:

A federal grand jury in Alexandria, Va., indicted John Walker Lindh on 10 charges, alleging he was trained by Osama bin Laden's network and then conspired with the Taliban to kill Americans. Committees in both the House and Senate decided to subpoena former Enron Chairman Kenneth Lay to appear to tell what he knew of Enron's complex financial dealings. At a Senate hearing, Deborah Perrotta, a laid-off Enron employee, wept as she described how her retirement savings all but disappeared when the company failed.

Today's Birthdays:

Comedian-actor Red Buttons is 84. The Rev. Andrew M. Greeley is 75. Country singer Claude King is 70. Baseball Hall-of-Famer Hank Aaron is 69. Actor Stuart Damon is 66. Financial writer Jane Bryant Quinn is 64. Television producer-writer Stephen J. Cannell is 62. Actor David Selby is 62. Singer-songwriter Barrett Strong is 62. Football Hall-of-Famer Roger Staubach is 61. Singer Cory Wells (Three Dog Night) is 61. Movie director Michael Mann is 60. Singer Al Kooper is 59. Actress Charlotte Rampling is 57. Actress Barbara Hershey is 55. Actor Christopher Guest is 55. Actor Tom Wilkinson is 54. Actor-comedian Tim Meadows is 42. Actress Jennifer Jason Leigh is 41. Actress Laura Linney is 39. Rock musician Duff McKagan (Guns N' Roses) is 39. Rock singer Chris Barron (Spin Doctors) is 35. Singer Bobby Brown is 34. Country singer Sara Evans is 32.

Thought for Today:

"Many excellent words are ruined by too definite a knowledge of their meaning." — Aline Kilmer, American poet (1888-1941).

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Somerset police officer pleads guilty to drug charges

The Associated Press

SOMERSET — A Somerset police officer pleaded guilty Tuesday to stealing money from the local Fraternal Order of Police to pay for his drug addiction.

Under the plea agreement, officer Billie Mullins, 28, of Somerset, will serve no prison time. Prosecutors recommended five years of probation and that Mullins pay back \$18,000 he took from the organization.

Mullins, who was president of the Somerset chapter of the Fraternal Order of Police, also will have to serve 60 days of home incarceration.

Pulaski County Circuit Judge William T. Cain accepted and imposed the sentence in the same hearing in which Mullins entered the guilty pleas.

"This is what Tom, Dick or Harry would have gotten," said Somerset Police Chief Larry Godby. "There's no preferential treatment. I assure you."

Mullins had been helping the local law enforcement group to

raise money for a memorial to slain Pulaski County Sheriff Sam Catron, a drug-fighting lawyer who was gunned down by a sniper last year in a small community outside of Somerset.

Pulaski County Commonwealth's Attorney Eddie Montgomery said he isn't sure whether any of the money stolen had been donated for the memorial. "It is impossible to track," he said.

Godby said he was first told of Mullins' activities in early November, at which time he suspended the officer with pay. About a week later, his status was changed to suspended without pay.

Mullins submitted a letter of resignation on Tuesday, the day he entered the guilty pleas to two counts of obtaining prescription drugs by fraud and one count of felony theft. The drugs he was charged with obtaining by fraud were Loritab and hydrocodone.

Mullins, who had been a Somerset officer for three years, was prescribed painkillers after

he was injured in a crash while working for the Worthington Police Department outside Ashland in 1998, said his attorney David Tapp of Somerset.

Tapp said Mullins' cruiser struck a tree while he was involved in a pursuit. Mullins suffered a dislocated and frac-

tured hip. Tapp said he stopped painkillers in mid-1999 and moved to Somerset in late 1999. Recurring pain and joint deterioration forced Mullins back to doctor in 2000, and he again went on painkillers, Tapp said.

"This event demonstrates that no segment of society is

immune from the insidious effects of prescription substance abuse," Tapp said.

Somerset Mayor JP Wiles said Mullins had been a good police officer who won accolades for arresting drunken and drugged drivers.

"I was absolutely floored

when I learned this was going on," he said. "I couldn't believe it."

Wiles said the charges against Mullins should not reflect on the entire department.

"We have a wonderful police department," he said. "Drug abuse is not tolerated."

House budget chairman: Patton tax plan 'has no chance'

by CHARLES WOLFE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — A tax increase Gov. Paul Patton plans to propose to the General Assembly on Wednesday "has no chance to pass," the chairman of the House budget committee said Tuesday.

Instead, House leaders have drawn up their own framework of a budget that largely spares elementary and secondary education, though it would make some deep cuts elsewhere in state government, Rep. Harry Moberly said.

As for Patton's tax plan, "it will get a hearing, but it has no chance to pass," Moberly, D-Richmond, said in an interview.

The tax plan Patton is to describe to a joint session of the legislature Wednesday night would raise \$570 million, largely from business, to cover the rest of the current fiscal year and a shortfall for 2004 projected at nearly \$400 million.

Patton said he would make 18 different tax proposals, three or four of which would be tax cuts. As a practical matter, the plan would be superfluous.

Rep. Joe Barrows, who as majority whip is the chief Democratic vote counter in the House, said it was a "complete impracticality" to try to raise taxes in the General Assembly's 30-day, off-year session. Barrows, D-Versailles, said it would take nearly the remainder

of the session to pass a budget bill uncomplicated by taxes.

As an alternative, and to avoid prolonging the legislature's embarrassment of having failed to enact a biennial budget nearly a year ago, Moberly and other ranking House members settled on a stripped-down spending plan that, for the most part, would match available revenues.

If enacted, it would require government spending to be reduced 2.6 percent through the end of fiscal 2004, Moberly said. Because elementary and secondary education would be exempted, as would certain, unspecified human services, cuts would have to be deeper in other areas to compensate, he said.

To find room for some of those cuts, he said legislators were looking at "nonmerit" state jobs — those with no civil service protection. In addition, agencies would be forced to cut spending on nonbid contracts, he said.

Senate President David Williams, leader of the Senate's 22-member Republican majority, said the House proposal described by Moberly "conforms with our vision of what the next budget should look like."

"I've often said that at the present time I see no support over here in the Senate for new taxes, and we'll just wait to see what the budget proposal comes from over there, and I'll take the chairman at his word that there aren't going to be any tax increases," said Williams, R-Burkesville.

The House budget would not

be totally devoid of tax changes Moberly said. It would include some comparatively minor tax increases that the House approved a year ago in a budget bill that never became law.

Moberly said they amounted to about \$15 million a year. They could include extending the states sales tax to certain natural gas purchases and to Internet purchases from companies — Wal-Mart, for example — that also have stores in Kentucky. The list also is thought to include elimination of the state deduction for income taxes paid to a foreign government.

Seemingly undeterred, Patton on Tuesday continued to maintain that businesses in the state aren't paying their fair share and that the legislature has time to pass a fair tax package that would eliminate the need for further cuts to state government spending.

"It's going to require the business community face reality and realize that they are not supporting state government as they did 12 years ago when they asked for better education," Patton said. "Now, the choice is simple: Do we get the kind of support from the business community that we had 10 years ago and keep our education reform, or do we let that support be cut in half as it is now and take that money out of education?"

Fire

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had been a hydrant right in front of that house, we couldn't have knocked that fire out, it was just too far gone."

Sheila Dotson, who is employed by Cato's of Prestonsburg, was dismayed at the extensive damage to her home.

"I've never seen anything burn like that in my life," Sheila Dotson said. "I guess maybe that's because this is mine."

Dotson said that she and her husband had just recently completed several home improvement projects such as a complete

remodeling of the home's kitchen and the addition of a "back bedroom." Also consumed was the family's newly purchased home computer system, but perhaps most tragic was the loss of the family's pet birds. "My daughters are really upset about the birds, real upset," she said.

"We've lost everything we had," said Donald Dotson. "Everything. It's all come down."

The cause of the fire had not been undetermined at press time.

Deputy

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perature in the courtroom and the holding cells."

Blackburn said that the maintenance crew stated that the cells had heat vents and that, like any other night, the heat was on.

When interviewed the morning after the incident, both inmates appeared to be cold and Jarrell reported to having a temperature of 92.5 at 2:30 a.m. that morning. That same day, Blackburn reported

that McKinney had informed him that he had forgotten about the inmates due to an extremely busy day and, when he remembered, he returned immediately to find them warm in their cells. McKinney had reported that he returned both inmates to the detention center at 9 p.m.

Sheriff Blackburn said that he reprimanded McKinney by writing him up.

Jones records fastest sellout in MAC history

by JARRID DEATON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The Mountain Arts Center Management Commission held a special called meeting on Tuesday at the MAC in Prestonsburg.

According to Executive Director Pat Bradley, the recent George Jones concert held over the weekend set a new record for the fastest tickets sold at the center.

The commission also discussed the hiring of a new director for the arts education program at the center.

Bob Meyer, chairman of the commission, suggested that the salary of the person who is ultimately hired for the position

should be more than the \$20,000 that was previously budgeted for the job.

"I think that if someone has the education and the experience, it will take more than \$20,000 to get them," Meyer said.

The commission agreed with the suggestion and Bradley said that she would leave negotiations open when interviewing for the job.

The next scheduled meeting for the Mountain Arts Center Management Commission is Feb. 18.

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Environmental Protection. The money will be used for garbage pickup and roadside litter cleanup programs performed by the county.

The next scheduled meeting of the Floyd County Fiscal Court is Feb. 21.

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Our View

Keep public business public

Robert Bolt wrote in the second act of the play "A Man for All Seasons", "The law is not a 'light' for you or any man to see by; the law is not an instrument of any kind. The law is a causeway upon which so long as he keeps to it a citizen may walk safely."

While in the process of protecting the community against those who break laws, sometimes an agency can ignore or misinterpret pieces of legislation in favor of enforcing others.

When a law enforcement agency neglects to make certain public records open for inspection in the name of protecting its people from a citizen who has broken the law, that agency is guilty of threatening something more important. The decision violates the Open Records Act and the laws that protect the average citizen's right to know are compromised. Although the agency may present a platform on the belief that it has a right to withhold records for the purpose of safety, the repercussions of disregarding or misinterpreting any law cannot be ignored.

While it is rather easy for one to see the difference between a violation by driving under the influence of drugs and alcohol and violating the Open Records Act, both laws were initiated and passed by those who have undergone the experience of trial and error. While one little deviance from a piece of legislation in the name of enforcing another may seem plausible in one man's eyes, it undermines the basis for having laws to begin with.

One of the great advantages of living in a democratic nation is having the freedom to know what your tax dollars are spent on and if it is a public agency, we pay for its existence and upkeep. If even in one instance we are told that we cannot "know", and that violates a law, it sets the scene for a loophole in the system that guarantees the freedom we enjoy as American Citizens.

If we believe in the system, then we must adhere to all laws, regardless of who we are.

— The Floyd County Times



Guest Column

7 is the saddest number

The space shuttle is the most complex machine ever assembled. Its success requires 25 million individual parts to work in harmony.

Almost every important number associated with the loss of the space shuttle Columbia on Saturday contains a string of zeroes. It was 200,000 feet above Earth when disaster struck. It was traveling 17,000 miles per hour. The temperatures that its skin had to protect it against on re-entry exceeded 2,800 degrees Fahrenheit.

But the saddest number is a single digit. Seven astronauts died Saturday in service to their country — and in service

to a goal greater than that of even the greatest of countries.

Some Americans who remember the first ventures into space have never lost the thrill of the mere idea of space travel. The Friendship 7 capsule that orbited the Earth with Ohioan John Glenn aboard 41 years ago had computers less sophisticated than the ones average Americans now use every day.

We have come so far since then that for many Americans, the thrill of space travel is gone. Saturday we were reminded in a heartbreaking way that every scientific advance, every leap in mechanical and electronic sophistica-

tion, makes success a more delicate proposition.

The seven men and women who boarded Columbia on Jan. 16, who spent more than two weeks conducting experiments high above the rest of us, accepted that risk. Even now in their grief, their families also accept the risks that explorers and their families have always accepted.

As a nation, and as human beings, we are driven to find out why the Columbia astronauts died. Whatever the reason turns out to be, the last thing they would want as their legacy is for their country to step back from the challenge of space exploration — from the ageless human passion to know what we do not know.

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Letters

Tobacco's toll on health

For centuries, tobacco has been recognized as the major agricultural contributor to Kentucky's economy. However, as scientific research continues to reveal the pharmacological and physiological effects that tobacco has on the body, tobacco has taken on a more significant role as the major public health issue in the state. The following statistics and facts further detail the burden that tobacco use and nicotine addiction has placed on citizens of Kentucky.

Nearly 8,000 people die every year in Kentucky due to tobacco-related diseases. Kentucky has the highest lung cancer death rate in the nation. At current smoking rates, 114,000 Kentucky kids under 18 years old will die prematurely from smoking. Although Kentucky women have the seventh-highest rate of prenatal care in the country, they are ranked 37th and 38th in percentages of low birth weight and premature babies, respectively. Kentucky mothers rank 46th, out of 47 surveyed, in the

nation for their rate prenatal smoking.

Environmental tobacco smoke, commonly known as secondhand smoke, is a complex mixture of more than 4,000 chemical compounds, including 43 known carcinogens. After numerous scientific studies, ETS has been classified as a human carcinogen for which there is no "safe" level of exposure. ETS has been identified as the third leading preventable cause of death in the United States, killing approximately 60,000 people every year. In Kentucky, there are no laws protecting nonsmokers from exposure to ETS. Instead, the only ETS state law provides for smoking areas in all state government buildings and schools.

There has been a proposal to increase the excise tax on cigarettes in our state. I want to see the legislators increase the excise tax to at least 75 cents a pack, as a way to counter the jolting cost of smoking-related diseases and premature deaths in our state. The increase will have a direct effect, resulting in reducing the rate of smokers, both adults and youths. Haven't you heard them say, "If the price goes up any

more, I am going to quit"? Your life is priceless — how can you afford to pay any more?

Doug DeRossett
Prestonsburg

Tobacco's toll on the economy

The role of tobacco in Kentucky's economy is twofold. First, although the revenue generated by the tobacco crop has fallen off hundreds of thousands of dollars over the past few years, tobacco remains the number-one contributing crop to our state's agricultural economy. However, tobacco's second economic role is much more detrimental.

For every \$1 earned by our farmers from the sale of tobacco plants, conservative estimates indicate that the people of Kentucky spend approximately \$1.95 treating the diseases caused by the adverse effects of smoking and spit tobacco.

It is important to acknowledge that although the growth of tobacco has been vital to Kentucky for generations, Kentucky smokers and spit

tobacco users consume a very small fraction of the tobacco that is grown in our state. Kentucky produces tobacco for the global market. If everyone in Kentucky quit smoking tomorrow, it would have less than a 2 percent effect on the demand for Kentucky-grown tobacco.

Farmers in Kentucky have earned as much as \$900 million per year from tobacco crops (1998), but are currently generating approximately \$600 million in annual revenues. The citizens of Kentucky are now spending \$1.17 billion per year specifically for the treatment of diseases associated with tobacco use. Lost productivity due to smoking related causes costs Kentucky's economy over \$1.8 billion annually. Medicaid costs alone for the treatment of tobacco-related diseases total \$380 million. The costs paid by state and federal taxes for the treatment of tobacco-related diseases in Kentucky total approximately \$529 million.

Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids provided the above information on their website, www.tobaccofreekids.com. Kentucky ACTION.

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Health Extra

Debate on malpractice awards pits two powerful groups

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For Susan Coleman, becoming an obstetrician was a true calling. Soon she'll have to put her dream job on hold.

Because of soaring medical malpractice insurance rates, Coleman will deliver her last baby in April. She'll continue her gynecological practice in Danville, but said she'll miss the delivery room.

"The joy in my life was delivering babies," she said. "It breaks my heart to have patients meet me in the hallway and say, 'I just found out I'm pregnant, can you deliver my baby?' And I have to tell them, 'no.'"

Her insurance carrier decided against renewing her obstetrical coverage, though she's never paid out a penny for a malpractice claim. She shopped for a new insurer, but the cheapest rate was \$105,000 a year.

"Physically, I can't work hard enough or long enough to do that," said Coleman, who had been paying \$44,000 for obstetrical coverage.

Coleman hopes to someday regain obstetrical coverage and is pinning her hopes partly on a proposed constitutional amendment in the General Assembly, which reconvenes Tuesday. If ratified by voters, the amend-

ment would allow lawmakers to limit jury awards for noneconomic loss or punitive damages in malpractice lawsuits.

The proposal also would allow for an dispute resolution system that could ferret out frivolous malpractice claims before reaching court. Lawmakers also could set uniform time limits on filing malpractice suits.

The Kentucky Medical Association thinks such steps would stabilize malpractice insurance rates and create more competition by helping the state retain those insurers now writing policies while attracting more insurers.

The brewing debate will pit two powerful interest groups — doctors and trial attorneys.

Doctors have one of the most powerful lawmakers on their side. The proposal is sponsored by Senate President David Williams, a Burkesville Republican and himself a lawyer.

Dr. Don Swikert of Edgewood, president of the KMA, said the premium spikes are a reaction by insurance companies a hedge against the possibility of malpractice suits.

"What we have is a system where it encourages someone to attempt to hit the lottery, the jackpot," Swikert said.

But attorneys insist they

aren't to blame for the higher premiums.

The real culprits are insurance companies, which are sticking doctors with exorbitant rates to make up for stock market losses, said Penny Gold, executive director of the Kentucky Academy of Trial Attorneys.

Gold said the caps on jury awards would be "grossly unfair."

"It tries to be one-size-fits-all justice and eliminates patients' rights to have an impartial jury decide what's fair in each situation," she said.

The number of malpractice claims has been steady, and Kentucky juries have a reputation for being conservative in awarding damages, she said.

In 2001, one jury verdict in Kentucky was returned against an obstetrician — for \$670,518, Gold said. Meanwhile, obstetricians were charged about \$38 million in premiums that year, she said.

Surgeons, another group of specialists hard hit by skyrocketing premiums, paid about \$28 million for coverage in 2001. There were two jury verdicts against surgeons that year, totaling \$1.76 million, Gold said.

"The problem is the insurance industry taking advantage of lax regulation and taking

advantage of not only doctors, but trying to enhance their profits on the backs of the most seriously injured patients," she said.

The current system keeps doctors accountable, Gold said.

Swikert, with the KMA, said doctors don't want to duck responsibility. They just want a dose of predictability in the system, which would stabilize premiums and bring more insurers into the market.

"None of us want to take away a person's right to sue if truly negligence has been done to them," Swikert said. "If there is wrong, we want to make it right."

Meanwhile, Coleman keeps turning away obstetrics patients, and hopes the rates will become affordable. Coleman said some of her past patients have said they'll hold off having a baby for another year in hopes she'll be with them in the delivery room.

"As soon as the rates become affordable, then I will do obstetrics again," Coleman said.

Odds

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melodies will stop. Charles Thompson, Bluefield's "Singing Mailman," has retired from the U.S. Postal Service after more than 33 years because recent knee surgery has hindered his ability to deliver mail.

Thompson is a member of the Scott Street Baptist Church choir and also sings mostly religious music at weddings and other events. He once sang "Happy Birthday" for a 90-year-old woman on his route.

"I can't deliver the mail on foot anymore," Thompson said. "I'm not really looking forward to" retirement, he said.

Thompson's last day was Saturday.

UK researchers: Routine removal of ovarian cysts not necessary

The Associated Press

LEXINGTON — Ovarian cysts as large as 4 inches in diameter can be safely monitored every few months and many times are resolved without further treatment, University of Kentucky researchers have found.

UK research presented at a national medical meeting Monday said such cysts are rarely cancerous and don't need to be removed routinely.

The cyst report was an unexpected product of UK's Ovarian Cancer Screening trial, which since 1987 has monitored 15,106 women older than age 50 — many of them volunteers from the Kentucky Extension

Homemakers. The study is the longest running of its kind and among the largest anywhere.

The trial's goal is to test screening methods — such as ultrasound imaging of the ovaries — that would help identify cancer earlier. Ovarian cancer is the most deadly of all gynecologic cancers, because it is usually not discovered until it has advanced beyond the ovaries, when it is far less treatable. An annual five-minute ultrasound test, if found to effectively diagnose abnormalities, would be a significant advance.

"The significance of this paper nationally is that it will save people from immediate surgical intervention," said Dr. John van Nagell, the lead researcher and UK's chief of gynecologic oncology, the specialty that treats reproductive cancers in women.

The findings were presented at the annual meeting of the Society of Gynecologic

Oncologists in New Orleans. Five UK cancer specialists co-authored the paper.

The American Cancer Society estimates that this year 25,400 women will be diagnosed with ovarian cancer and 14,300 will die from it. In 2000, there were 357 new cases of the cancer and 186 deaths in Kentucky, according to the Kentucky Cancer Registry.

One of the study's objectives is to identify risk factors for the disease. One had long been ovarian cysts in women over age 50, considered a possible sign of cancer.

In UK's study, about 20 percent of the women in the study — 3,011 — had one or more simple ovarian cysts, indicating that the cysts are not as rare as was believed. In about 70 percent of the cases, the ovarian cysts disappeared without further treatment. On average, researchers followed each case for about six years and among cysts 4 inches in diameter or smaller, none turned into cancer.

"Ten years ago, even five years ago, it was thought that there was really no ovarian activity" among women 50 and older, said Dr. Fred Ueland, a UK gynecologic cancer specialist involved in the research. "But they do, and it's amazing how many do. The ovary is still somewhat functional."

The women in the trial were screened with an ultrasound exam. Women diagnosed with ovarian cysts were rescreened with ultrasound every three to six months, to see if the cysts changed in ways that would indicate cancer.

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Obituaries

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He was born November 20, 1951, in Pikeville, the son of the late Greenberry Hall Sr. and Delphia Hamilton Hall. He believed in the Regular Baptist faith.

Survivors, other than his wife, include two brothers, Palmer Hall of Harold, and Jerry Dale Hall of McDowell; two sisters, Cora Hall Prichard and Imogene Hall, both of Lebanon, Tennessee; and one half-sister, Roxie Keathley of Galveston.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one brother, Palegene Hall; and three sisters, Thelma Hall Bray, Elma Hall and Dixie Booth.

Funeral services for Edgar Hall were conducted Monday, February 3, at 11 a.m., at the Samaria Regular Baptist Church, at Teaberry, with Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial was in the Hamilton Family Cemetery, at Teaberry, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home, at Martin.

Visitation was at the church. Pallbearers: Brian Hall, Gary Brown, Randy Scott Hamilton, Phillip Hall, Rocky Hamilton, Glenn Hamilton, and Greg Hamilton. (Paid obituary)

Esta Lea Osborne Elliott

Esta Lea Osborne Elliott, 69, of McDowell, died Friday, January 21, 2003, at her daughter's residence at Printer.

Born September 26, 1933, at Dony, she was the daughter of the late Beverly and Maudie Caudill Osborne. She was a homemaker and member of the Old Time Baptist Church at Printer.

She is survived by her husband, Pink Clines Elliott.

Survivors include five daughters, Eula Tackett of McDowell, Sharon Kaye Johnson and Dottie Johnson, both of Hi Hat, Joyce Ann Foley of Martin, and Judy Hamilton of Printer; a son, Danny Ray Gayheart, 13 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by three daughters, Geraldine, Maxine, and Vanda Gay; five brothers, Palmer Osborne, Paul Osborne, Stallard Osborne, Doug Osborne and Doley Osborne and three sisters, Jessery Collins, Thelma Smith, and Betty Lou Osborne.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, February 2, at 11 a.m., at the Old Time Baptist Church at Printer, with Old Time Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial was in the Elliott Cemetery (Frasures Creek), at McDowell, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

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THE FAMILY OF JAMES EDWARD CAREY

Card of Thanks
 The family of Olga Tackett Hamilton wishes to gratefully acknowledge the kindness of friends, relatives, and neighbors, in the loss of our loved one. Thanks to all who sent food, flowers, prayers, or spoke comforting words. We are especially grateful to Elders Jimmy Hall and Clinton Moore, and other Old Regular Baptist ministers for their comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional care.
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Card of Thanks
 The family of Aileen Campbell would like to take this opportunity to thank all their friends, and family, who sent food and flowers. A very special thank-you to Randolph Crisp and Don Crisp for their comforting words. Our love and thanks to Denise Porter for her beautiful voice. Thank you to Transtar Ambulance, the Sheriff's Department, Highlands Regional Medical Center ICU, Dr. Stumbo and Bilena Daughtery of Highlands Home Health. A very special thank-you to our three nurse angels, Mary Fraley, Dana Ratliff, and Brenda Goble, for their loving tender care, and becoming a member of our family, and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional care.
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THE FAMILY OF ELIZA DOLL DUSINA

Card of Thanks
 The family of Hope Whitten would like to gratefully acknowledge the thoughtfulness and kindness of friends, relatives, and neighbors, in the passing of our loved one. Thanks to all who sent food, flowers, prayers, or spoke comforting words. A special thanks to Dr. Leslie, Dr. Forouzandeh, and the staff at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Also a special thanks to Rev. Wayne Sayre and Rev. Mark Walz for their comforting words; thanks to all the singers, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and to Carter Funeral Home for their kind and efficient service.
THE FAMILY OF HOPE WHITTEN

Card of Thanks
Stacia Paige Collins (2 years old)
 December 16, 1999 - December 12, 2002
 The family of Stacia Paige Collins would like to extend their appreciation to each and everyone for their acts of kindness during our time of sorrow and grief. We truly appreciate all donations that were made to the family in memory of Stacia Paige. Your prayers, cards, calls, and flowers touched our hearts in many ways.
 A special thanks to the families of Arnold Turner and Bill Justice. Also, a special thanks to Pikeville Methodist Hospital, DHP Ambulance Service, and to the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home for their sympathy at the tragic loss of our precious daughter. We would like to thank the members of the Mare Creek Church of Christ, the Honaker Church of Christ, and the Little Dove Old Regular Baptist Church.
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Appalachia faces a 50 percent cut in Bush budget

by LARA JAKES JORDAN
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the proposed federal budget released by the Bush administration.

The spending plan earmarks \$33 million to the Appalachian Regional Commission — down from the \$66 million the joint federal-state agency received

this year. The funding cut for fiscal year 2004, which begins Oct. 1, reflects White House efforts to streamline government spending and avoid duplicative financial aid grants.

Some said the proposed budget could endanger local plans

to attract new businesses and create jobs in the 410 economically strapped counties from Mississippi to New York that are defined by the federal government as Appalachia.

"A number of domestic programs ... are being affected by the difficult federal budget environment," ARC Federal Chairwoman Anne Pope said in a statement.

Sworn into her post Monday, Pope stopped short of criticizing the budget plan, adding: "I believe strongly in the mission of the ARC and am committed to maximizing the resources of the ARC to serve the many needs of the residents of Appalachia."

The ARC is, habitually, a meagerly funded program against the backdrop of the \$2.2 trillion federal budget. The agency provides federal "glue money" to help local communities meet state matching dollars for projects like job training, health clinics, building roads

and water and sewer lines, and providing high-speed Internet access in rural areas.

"Ouch. Wow. That's a sizable cut," Jonathan Johnson, senior policy director for the Center for Rural Pennsylvania, said Monday when told about the budget plan. "It's shocking. It does make you gasp a little."

If the cuts are enacted, Johnson said, they will probably end tourism projects in Pennsylvania's northern tier, endanger plans to build or lure telecommunication companies

to the state, and potentially force small businesses that depend on the funding to close shop.

The situation is as bleak in other parts of the region. In Cherokee County, North Carolina, for example, the budget cuts will all but certainly doom already-squeezed programs to revive the local economy.

"The projects now are pretty small in scope," said Cherokee County economic development

(See BUSH, page ten)

McConnell moved out of intensive care unit

The Associated Press

LOUISVILLE — Sen. Mitch McConnell was moved out of the cardiac intensive care unit and received a get-well call from President Bush on Tuesday, a day after he underwent triple-bypass heart surgery.

McConnell, a Kentucky Republican, was moved to the cardiac step-down unit at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Md., just outside Washington, according to a statement from the senator's office.

McConnell's wife, Labor Secretary Elaine Chao, was with her husband Tuesday morning and said he was feeling fine.

McConnell, the second-ranking Senate Republican, said in

the statement that he appreciated the "incredible outpouring of support" he had received from people in Kentucky and across the country.

"Your thoughts and prayers have been a tremendous source of inspiration to my family and me," McConnell said. "I am

well on my way to recovery, and look forward to getting back to work soon."

McConnell received a call from Bush before the president traveled to Texas to attend the memorial service for the seven

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More than 20 arrested for identity theft

by JOE BIESK
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Kentucky law enforcement officials have arrested 22 people as part of a four-month undercover sting investigation into an identity theft ring, authorities said Monday.

As part of the scam, which operated in parts of Boone County and the Lexington area, the suspects stole peoples' iden-

ties to make counterfeit Social Security cards, driver's licenses, birth certificates and immigration cards, Kentucky Attorney General Ben Chandler said.

"This, we think, is the largest sting operation on identity theft that has ever been operated in Kentucky," Chandler said.

Police allege the identity counterfeiting ring stole private information, such as Social Security numbers and credit card information, and then used that information to establish separate identities.

The ring then sold bogus IDs on the street for up to \$400, Lexington-Fayette Urban County police Sgt. Pat Murray said. The accused face state and federal felony charges ranging from identity theft to drug possession.

Murray said authorities also found phony Mexican driver's licenses and birth certificates, California and Utah state IDs, Ohio driver's licenses, resident alien cards and federal employment cards.

Of the people charged, 21 men are citizens of Mexico or other Latin American countries, Murray said. They are also being detained by the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service, he said.

Police made seven arrests in Boone County on charges ranging from identity theft to criminal possession of a forged instrument, Murray said. In the Lexington area, authorities arrested 15 people on similar charges.

Chandler said people should be careful with their private information. He said people should shred personal documents and be wary of who handles their credit card information.

"These criminals often operate from a distance. They use the Internet, they use the telephone, and they gather information that they need to establish bogus credit accounts," Chandler said. "By the time the victim is aware of what's happening, the criminal is long gone."

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announcements. Items must be either: Delivered to our office; faxed to 606-886-3603, or emailed :features@floydcountytimes.com. Information will not be taken over the telephone. All items will be placed on a first-come, first-serve basis as space permits.

AARP TAX-AIDE VOLUNTEERS AT FLOYD COUNTY LIBRARY

Volunteers from Jenny Wiley Chapter No. 3528, AARP, will begin preparing income tax forms for the elderly and low-income taxpayer on Tuesday of each week, beginning February 4, at the Floyd County Library. Hours are from 9-3:30. Bring last year's tax return and infor-

mation for 2002. The service is free.

PROM PREVIEW

Prom Preview event to be held at South Floyd High School, Sunday, Feb. 9, at 3 p.m. Admission fee: \$3. Event sponsored by Kentucky Mountain Bride. Door prizes to be given away.

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■ Fibromyalgia Support Group—Meets first Tuesday of each month, at 6 p.m., at the Betsy Layne Senior Citizens Building on Pike-Floyd Hollow Road, just above the Betsy

Layne Fire Dept. For more info, call Sharon at 478-5224, or Phyllis at 874-2769.

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

■ The Ups of Down's Syndrome Support Group—Meets the 1st Sunday of each month from 2-4 p.m., at the Pikeville YMCA, beside the Pikeville Independent School. For more info., call (606) 377-6142, or (606) 478-5099.

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

■ MS Support Group - Meets 3rd Monday of each month, at 7 p.m., at the Seton Complex, Martin. Offers group support for MS patients and their caregivers.

■ Overeaters Anonymous (O.A.) meets every Monday, from 7-8:30 p.m., at St. Martha Catholic Church. For more information, call 886-2513.

■ Disabled? You may be eligible for grant money to assist in your daily living. For an application or more information, call 886-4326.

BOWL FOR KIDS' SAKE

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Big Sandy will hold a "Bowl for Kids' Sake" fundraising event on the following dates at the following locations: Prestonsburg, Pin Zone, Feb. 22; Paintsville, Sparetime Bowling Lanes, March 1; Pikeville, Mark III Classic Lanes, March 8; and in Knott County, Alice Lloyd College campus, March 15. Event will be held at all locations from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Event is free and open to the public.

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FCCD FEB. MEETING

The Floyd County Conservation District will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 18, at 10 a.m., at the District Office, Mayo Branch, Brandykeg. Meeting is open to public. For more info., call 889-9800, or email to: conserve@eastky.net.

SONG AND WORD CELEBRATION

Saturday Celebration in Song and Word, presented at the Allen Christ United Methodist Church, on Feb. 8, at 6:30 p.m. Will feature: John Stevens, from Ashland, plus the talents of the Christ United Methodist Chancel Choir. Event sponsored by the Christ United Methodist Leadership Team. For more info., call 874-2344. All are invited to attend.

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SEEKING VOLUNTEER JUDGES

If you are a medical professional, engineer, or scientist, and you are interested in being a judge for the Regional Science Fair, to be held Saturday, March 15, contact the East KY Science Center for details. You may call (606) 889-0303, or see the center's web site at: www.wedo-science.org and click on the Science Fair link for more information.

"NEWBEE" QUILTERS CLUB

The Newbee Quilters Club is an extension of the Floyd County Extension Quilt Guild and will meet each fourth (4th) Thursday of each month at 6 p.m., at the Floyd County Extension Office, S. Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, (across from Brad Hughes, Toyota). All those interested in learning basic quilting skills are invited to join the fun, make new friends, be creative and learn new things. For more information, contact Theresa Scott at 886-2668 or email to: tmscott@uky.edu.

MCCS VOLUNTEER TRAINING

Mt. Comp Care will hold their annual Volunteer Medical Advocate training beginning in March. Training will be held each Saturday in March from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Training will consist of an extensive 40-hour program geared toward learning to effectively respond to victims of sexual assault or domestic violence. Application packets may be mailed to you at your request. For more information, contact the Volunteer Coordinator at 886-4323.

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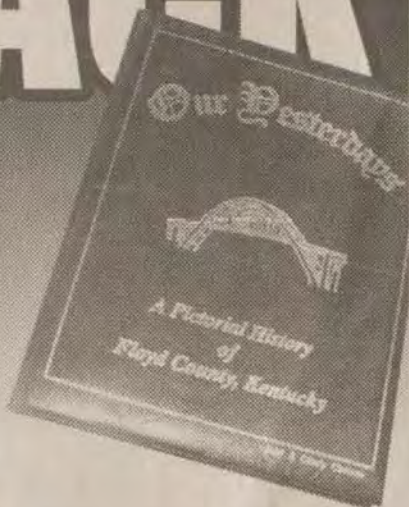
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HRMC CALENDAR

February 11: Mended Hearts, meeting place, A&B, 6-7 p.m.
February 14: Sr. Advantage, meeting place, A&B, 9-11 a.m.
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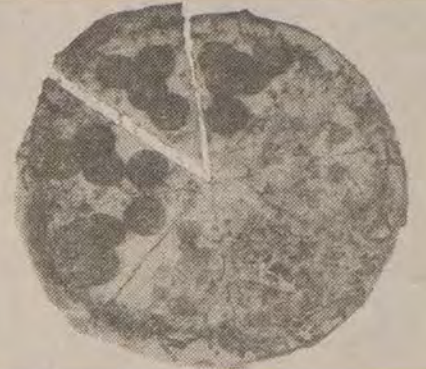
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Residents recall Challenger explosion as they watch Columbia tragedy

by LORI BURLING
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Half a dozen teachers training at a space center were in disbelief Saturday morning after seeing reports that a space shuttle broke apart in flames while returning to Earth.

The Kentucky teachers were in the middle of a space simulation at the Challenger Learning Center in Radcliff, when they heard that contact had been lost with the space shuttle, Columbia.

"I'm just astounded, it's completely shocked me," said Danny Allen, a science teacher at Cumberland County High School in Burkesville. "Nobody worries about the landing."

Columbia, which launched on Jan. 16, was scheduled to land in Cape Canaveral, Fla., at 9:16 a.m. Upon re-entry to Earth, the shuttle was at an altitude of about 203,000 feet over north-central Texas at 9 a.m. when NASA Mission Control lost contact and tracking data.

An astronaut and Kentucky native, Terry Wilcutt, was at his home near Houston Saturday morning when he got a phone call about the explosion. At 50, Wilcutt commanded a shuttle flight that stayed in orbit for 11 days in September 2000.

"I felt disbelief. Then you realize that your friends and family

are going to need your help," said Wilcutt, who works in the astronaut office at NASA. He said in a brief telephone interview with The Associated Press that he spent most of Saturday morning on the phone with colleagues and in meetings.

"Astronauts are a very close-knit group of folks," said Wilcutt, a native of Russellville.

Video footage from broadcast news reports show that the shuttle, carrying seven crew members, apparently broke into pieces upon re-entry.

The incident reminded many of the space shuttle Challenger explosion on Jan. 28, 1986. The seven crew members, including New Hampshire schoolteacher Christa McAuliffe, were killed while millions watched on live television.

Later that year, family members of the fallen astronauts donated funds to build space-education centers throughout the country. The first Challenger Learning Center was built in Houston. Since then, three centers have been built in Kentucky.

Cyndi Murray, a senior flight director at the Challenger Learning Center in Radcliff, said she and six area teachers were conducting a flight simulation when they heard the news.

"My prayers are going out to the families of the Columbia astronauts," Murray said Saturday morning. "From working with the Challenger program, I've talked with families of the Challenger astronauts and have felt their pain. I feel for those families."

Allen said Saturday's explosion would impact the country.

"The Challenger shuttle brought more of a human touch to space travel. Not everyone has spent time with an astronaut, but everyone has had a teacher," Murray said. "That liftoff definitely brought it (space travel) closer to home."

The Rev. Benjamin Parker, a part-time salesman at an H.H. Gregg electronics store in Louisville, said the televisions were tuned to news stations all morning.

"A lot of customers just stood here looking, no expression, their mouths hanging open," Parker said. "When I see this kind of thing, I kind of wish I was there with the family, with some consoling words."

At a sports bar in Louisville, wide-screen televisions showed college basketball games Saturday afternoon, while one screen was devoted to news coverage of the Columbia shuttle.

In eastern Kentucky, a former NASA employee was watching television at his home when he saw the footage of the flaming shuttle.

"This is beyond anything that I would have dreamed of," said Douglas Thorpe, of Irvine. Thorpe formerly worked as a mechanical

engineer for NASA. "An explosion during a landing? It's beyond me. It's almost unheard of. The most hazardous time is during takeoff, not the landing."

Thorpe first applied for an electrical engineering position with NASA in 1986.

"I interviewed for my first job with NASA on January 28, 1986, the day the Challenger exploded. I didn't get the job, but that was about the last thing on my mind," he said.

Thorpe was hired 18 months later as a mechanical engineer.

"I was looking at the date on my watch this morning, Feb. 1, that's just too close to January 28," he said.

Associated Press Writer Anabelle Garay contributed to this report.

In Loving Memory of Tracy Hall

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From his family to his friends, whom he thought of as family. We miss and love you, Steve, forever.

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Raise cigarette tax for prevention

I enjoyed the article "Majority of Kentucky voters favor 75-cent cigarette tax." I agree with the reported 60 percent of voters polled, who support a 75-cent increase in the excise tax on cigarettes.

I was glad to see KHIK, a coalition dedicated to reducing youth smoking in Kentucky. I agree with the KHIK members' recommendation of a portion of the tax revenue being dedicated to tobacco prevention efforts and Medicaid services. I would like to see education receive a portion of the tax revenue.

Nikita Thornsberry
Allen Central High School student
Martin

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director Bill Forsyth. "They're probably as small as you can make them. I don't think they can cut the size of them any more and still be effective."

Lawmakers in states and in Congress, Republicans and Democrats alike, vowed to block the proposed cut.

"It's always the programs that serve the most rural parts of the country that get the ax first," said Rep. John Peterson, R-Pa., who chairs the Congressional Rural Caucus in the House. "I certainly will not support it, and

I will fight to maintain at least the status they've had."

Virginia Gov. Mark Warner, a Democrat who serves as the chairman of the 13 states that sit on the ARC, said: "The people of Appalachia have been hardest hit by the country's current economic downturn. ... It would be a mistake to cut ARC funds, which have proven so successful in meeting the economic and community development needs of the people of Appalachia."

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shuttle Columbia astronauts killed Saturday.

The president wished McConnell well and said he looked forward to having McConnell back in the Senate soon, the senator's office said.

McConnell underwent the bypass surgery after learning he had arterial blockages on Friday after undergoing a cardiac catheterization.

McConnell was elected to a fourth term in November.

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College	Record	Pts	Pv
1. Florida (50)	18-2	1,764	4
2. Arizona (13)	16-2	1,567	1
3. Texas (5)	14-3	1,557	3
4. Pittsburgh	15-2	1,536	2
5. Louisville (4)	16-1	1,511	6
6. Kentucky	16-3	1,448	7
7. Oklahoma	15-3	1,430	6
8. Maryland	14-4	1,229	10
9. Duke	14-3	1,211	5
10. Notre Dame	18-3	1,159	11
11. Oklahoma St.	17-2	1,067	9
12. Kansas	15-5	1,060	12
13. Creighton	19-2	844	16
14. Wake Forest	15-2	814	17
15. Marquette	15-3	776	18
16. Illinois	15-4	673	13
17. Georgia	13-5	663	15
18. Connecticut	13-4	410	14
19. Syracuse	14-3	370	24
20. Xavier	15-4	280	—
21. Missouri	13-4	272	25
22. Alabama	13-5	262	23
23. Mississippi St.	13-5	232	21
24. Purdue	14-4	211	—
25. Stanford	16-5	205	—

Others receiving votes: Oregon 105, Indiana 103, Dayton 99, California 92.

COMMENTARY

Better to be 'stuck' with Tubby than spoiled fans

by BILLY REED
TIMES COLUMNIST

A recent radio caller identified himself as a University of Kentucky basketball fan, then uttered a breathtakingly ridiculous statement: "I hope Tubby Smith doesn't win the national championship this season because, if he does, then we'll be stuck with him for a few more years."



Stuck with him? Stuck with a coach who has never failed to win at least 20 games, who owns one NCAA championship and four

trips in five years to the tournament's Sweet Sixteen? Who has won more than 70 percent of his games against difficult schedules?

Stuck with him? North Carolina and UCLA would love to be stuck with Tubby Smith. So would any program where the fans aren't so impossibly spoiled or unrealistic.

The main knock against Smith, whose current team took a 16-3 record into last night's home game against highly regarded Florida, is that the fans don't seem to like "Tubby Ball."

This is the derisive name applied to Smith's beliefs in a strong defense and an offense that's more structured and less frenetic than the one employed by his predecessor, Rick Pitino.

Ah, there's the rub for the Tub No UK coach, including Joe B. Hall,

(See REED, page two)

RADIO

Fans, family can listen to All 'A' Classic

If the local radio station in your area does not carry live coverage of the 2003 Touchtone Energy All "A" Classic, if you have family or friends out of state, or if you have to work, then you still have a chance to listen to your favorite team's games.

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photo by Jamie Howell
South Floyd senior Michael Hall (middle, seated) signed Monday to play his college basketball at nearby Pikeville College.

Michael Hall signs with Pikeville College

by JAMIE HOWELL
SPORTS WRITER

HI HAT - Perhaps the most celebrated basketball player to play in the 15th region in the last decade has signed with Pikeville College. South Floyd senior

Michael Hall signed to play for the Bears in a ceremony Monday afternoon at the school.

The sharpshooting guard has scored more than 2,300 points, more than 500

(See HALL, page two)

photo by Jamie Howell

Paintsville's Peyton Conley (22) put up a shot over Betsy Layne's Brandon Hall. Despite the championship game loss, the tournament served as a breakout performance of sorts for Hall. He was one of the tournament's top players. Betsy Layne was back playing at home last night against Magoffin County. Results were unavailable at press time.



H.S. BASKETBALL

Bobcats get revenge on Rebels

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PIKEVILLE - Keeping with its trend of playing much better on both ends of the floor, the Betsy Layne High boys' basketball team, just days after losing to Allen Central in a key 58th District game, rebounded to beat the Runnin' Rebels 83-74 in the semifinals of the 15th Region All "A" Classic Friday night.

Betsy layne made 22-of-31 free throws in the game.

(See REBELS, page two)



photo by Jamie Howell
Allen Central forward Mike Stone defended Betsy Layne guard Bobo Hamilton.

TIGERS CAPTURE 'A' CLASSIC

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PIKEVILLE - Betsy Layne pulled off a pair of upsets - a win over Pikeville in the first round and a win over Allen Central in the semifinals - to make it into the championship game of the 15th Region All "A" Classic. It's reward? A game with Paintsville.

(See TIGERS, page two)



Brent Newsome

SCOREBOARD

PAINTSVILLE (60) - Rice 5, Rutledge 12, Collins 12, Simpkins 13, Conley 5, Jarrell 10, Hammonds 1, Patrick 2.

BETSY LAYNE (47) - Newsome 4, Hall 19, Simon 7, J. Kidd 6, Hamilton 5, B. Kidd 2, Howell 2, Cochran 2.
Records-Paintsville 11-2, Betsy Layne 6-11.

Meeting focuses on rescheduling games

ALLEN - A meeting of Floyd County grade school boys' basketball coaches held Monday afternoon at Allen Elementary focussed on the rescheduling of make-up games.

As a result of the meeting, nearly every school is playing almost

(See MEETING, page two)



Members of the East Kentucky Thunder baseball team will return to the diamond this spring. Current team members hall from Johnson, Floyd and Pike counties.

BASEBALL

Thunder team ready to roll

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PAINTSVILLE - It's February, but some area baseball players are ready to begin playing America's Pastime.

East Kentucky Thunder is a 13-and-under traveling baseball team. Thunder is now beginning its 2003 season.

(See THUNDER, page two)



James Sturgill (3) looked to pass to teammate Wil Allen in recent Junior League play. Also pictured defending is Erica Meade of the Warriors.

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Reed

has ever had a tougher act to follow.

When Hall succeeded Adolph Rupp, the Baron was 70 and in poor health. When Smith succeeded Pitino, Rick was easing into middle age as the hottest coach in college basketball.

If the Cat fans couldn't have Pitino, they wanted a clone such as Florida's Billy Donovan. Smith, like Donovan a former Pitino assistant, was more his own man. And much of the public has never forgiven him for it.

A narrow statistical comparison doesn't take in the important fact that, while Pitino inherited an Eddie Sutton program that had been left for roadkill, Smith inherited the makes of a national championship team from Pitino.

Still, it's interesting to note that at this point in their UK careers, Smith has a 148-46 record to Pitino's 138-41. Pitino's teams averaged about 10 points a game more than Smith's teams, but also gave up an average of six or seven more points a game.

Differences? Certainly. But not as much as the Tubby thumpers might want to believe. It boils down to the fact that a high-scoring offense is more fun to watch than a stingy defense, even if the results are more or less the same.

Both Smith and Pitino, who's reprising his UK miracle at Louisville, should be candidates for national coach of the year, along with Donovan, Michigan's Tommy Ammacker, Oklahoma State's Sutton, and

Pittsburgh's Ben Howland.

Yet Smith continues to go under-appreciated by that part of the Big Blue world that will never get over being jilted by Pitino, which is exactly what Herald-Leader columnist Merlene Davis feared in 1997 when she advised Smith to not take the UK job.

She warned Tubby that he wouldn't be evaluated simply as a coach, but as a BLACK coach. Sadly, she was prophetic. As we observe Black History Month in our state, it's fair to ask if we still judge people differently because of their skin color. This isn't playing the race card; it's simply bringing into the open a subject that many will discuss only in the company of close friends or the privacy of their own homes.

Whether Tubby wins the national championship or not, his detractors may not have to worry about being stuck with him after this season. A job in the NBA will await Smith, and the feeling here is that he's so tired of trying to placate the implacable that he'll take it.

Every coach wants to work in an environment where he feels wanted and needed instead of just tolerated. Ask Guy Morriss. Support by the administration

and the fan base provides peace of mind.

Tubby's too proud to complain, but he's also smart enough to know that no job is more important than personal happiness.

Unfortunately, whatever

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Tubby does with his future, the UK program still will be stuck with a lot of fans who know as little about basketball as they do about judging character.

To contact Billy Reed send e-mails to BRreed1@aol.com

South Floyd senior among McDonald's All-American nominees

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

HI HAT — The newest Pikeville College men's basketball player has been nominated for the 2003 McDonald's High School All-American Game.

Michael Hall, a standout and strong contributor on the South Floyd High School boys' varsity basketball team since eighth-grade, is among such Kentucky high school basketball players as Michael Bush of Male and Ross Neltner of Highlands, who are also on the list.

Past area players nominated

for the game include South Floyd's Rusty Tackett (2002) and Magoffin County's Tim Summa (2000). Both are now members of the Pikeville College men's basketball team along with Hall.

A list of other Kentucky boys' basketball nominees for the McDonald's All-American Game follows.

Lartavious Banks, Hopkinsville; Maurice Blakey, PRP; Sean Booker, Ballard; Russ Bramlage, Dixie Heights; Rontreal Braxton, Hopkinsville; Michael Brock, Simon Kenton; Keenan Burton, Manual;

Michael Bush, Male; Trey Cape, Butler; Anthony Chism, Fairdale;

David Cornwell, Eastern; Marques Dawson, Rose Hill; Justin Doellman, Ryle; Matt Endy, KCD; Gerrard Garrett, Doss; Russ Gibson, Henderson County; Jerome Givens, Woodford County;

Zack Grace, Monroe County; Radford Graves, Monroe County;

Peterson Grimes, Western; Michael Hall, South Floyd; Johnny Hammons, Corbin; Buddy Hinton, Owensboro;

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Rebels

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The Bobcats led after each quarter and held a 40-20 advantage at halftime. The 20-point lead was the biggest advantage of the game for the Bobcats.

Allen Central was able to cut the lead within a basket in the second half, before Betsy Layne woke back up and pulled away.

Brandon Hall scored 28 points and pulled down 16 rebounds for the Bobcats, while senior teammate Bobo Hamilton added 16 points.

Forward Neil Allen led Allen Central in scoring with 25 points.

Mike Slone followed with 20 for the Runnin' Rebels.

Allen Central, after getting a bye in the first round of the tournament, was eliminated. The win gave Betsy Layne a ticket to the championship game.

ALLEN CENTRAL (74) — Allen 25, Slone 20, Pack 3, Francis 2, Samons 7, Webb 9, Paige 2, Kilgore 6.

BETSY LAYNE (83) — Newsome 6, Hall 28, Simon 10, Kidd 8, Hamilton 16, Kidd 11, Cochran 4.

Thunder

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The team was formed last fall from 12-and-under baseball players in the counties of Johnson, Floyd and Pike. In October and November of last year, Thunder played 18 games against teams from Pittsburgh, Penn., Charleston, W.Va., and Greenup and Versailles.

Current players pictured in the back row of the team photo from left to right are Cole Cline (Pike County), Scottie Little (Floyd County), Chase Richardson (Johnson County), Tyler Hamilton (Floyd County), Josh Rodebaugh (Floyd).

Players pictured in the front row from left to right are Jake Cyrus (Johnson County), Mark Minix (Johnson County), Corey Adams (Johnson County), Cole Cline (Pike County), and Brennan Case (Floyd County). Not pictured is J.D. Vanhoose

(Johnson County).

Thunder may be contacted at its www.eteamz.com/eastkentuckythunder. The team is always looking for donations and new players.

The Thunder manager is Mark Minix, Sr. The coaches are Keith Adams and Jack Richardson.

Tigers

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Betsy Layne hosted Paintsville in its third game of the season and fell to the Tigers, 76-59. Saturday night's championship game of the All "A" Classic would also go the way of the Tigers, but not without a stern challenge from the Bobcats.

Betsy Layne kept itself in the game with Paintsville until the contest's final two minutes. Junior guard Shane Simpkins led the Tigers with 13 points. Adam Collins and Stuart Rutledge scored 12 apiece and Ryan Jarrell, who started again in place of a still hampered Rutledge, tossed in 10.

Paintsville starters Peyton

Conley and Adam Rice finished with five points each.

Brandon Hall led Betsy Layne in points scored with 19. Preston Simon finished with seven points for the Bobcats and Jordan Kidd checked in with six.

The championship is Paintsville's sixth regional All "A" title, and its second in as many years. This year's championship game was Betsy Layne's first appearance in the finals of the tournament.

Paintsville now travels to the state tournament in Richmond where on Thursday night at 8 p.m. it'll play Rose Hill in McBrayer Arena.

Hall

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assists and is closing in on 500 rebounds for his storied career. This season, Hall is averaging 26 points and 5 assists per game for the Raiders, who currently stand 12-6 on the season.

Pikeville coach Randy McCoy is pleased to have a player with Hall's talent on his team.

"Certainly anytime you have a player with the abilities of Michael Hall in your area, a player you have watched and are familiar with you need to get him on board" stated McCoy.

Hall is pleased to be heading to Pikeville College to play at the next level.

"I liked Pikeville and wanted to be close to home, they are a great team and are in the top 15 in the NAIA," said Hall. "I know they are a winning team and wanted to be part of a winning tradition."

Hall joins former South Floyd teammate Rusty Tackett on the Bears roster. Tackett is a redshirt this season and will be a freshman next year. The thought of playing again with Tackett excited Hall.

"Rusty and I have played

together since we were little kids and I am excited about having the chance to do it again. It is like we know what each other are going to do on the floor before we ever do it."

During his career at South Floyd, Hall has helped lead the Raiders to a 15th region title, a 15th region All "A" classic championship and three 58th district titles. As for his goals at Pikeville College, Hall has yet to set his sites on the college level.

"I really haven't taken time yet," stated Hall "I am still focusing on the goals I have set for my high school team and want to accomplish those first, but I will set some goals after my high school career is over."

Pikeville College is 20-4 on the season and 2-0 in the Mid-South Conference. The Bears are in a three-way tie atop the MSC and were ranked 15th in the nation in last weeks NAIA top 25 ratings. The Raiders are looking to rebound from the loss of Tyler Hall to injury in time to make a run at another 15th region title in Michael Hall's high school career.

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The top photograph is of a female beagle-mix puppy, very quiet and sweet. The bottom picture is one of two mixed-breed puppies of about five months. Both are females, and are very friendly.

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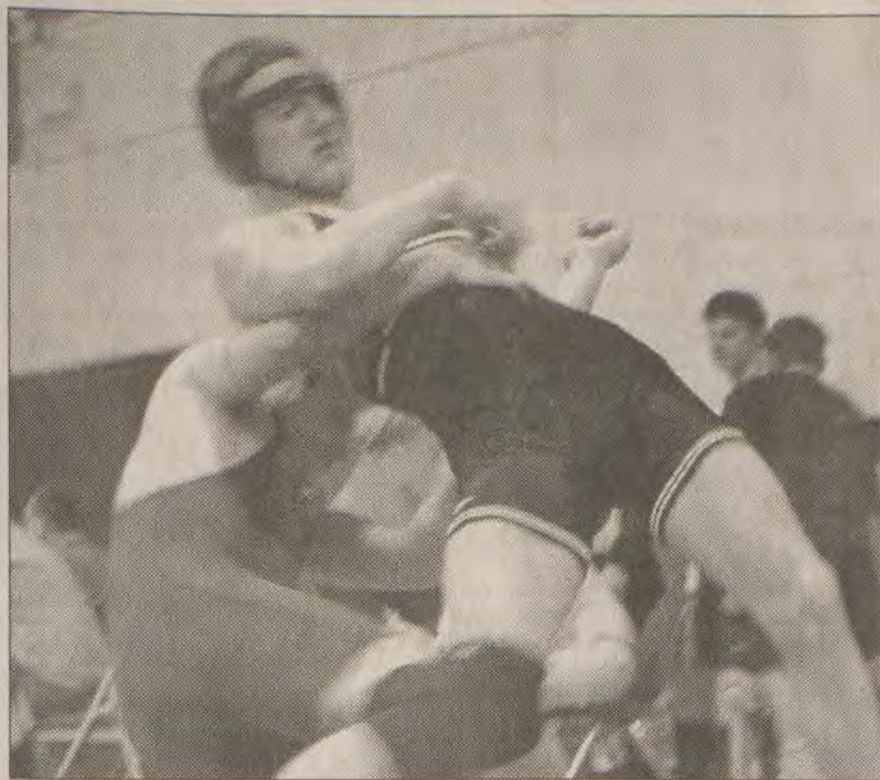
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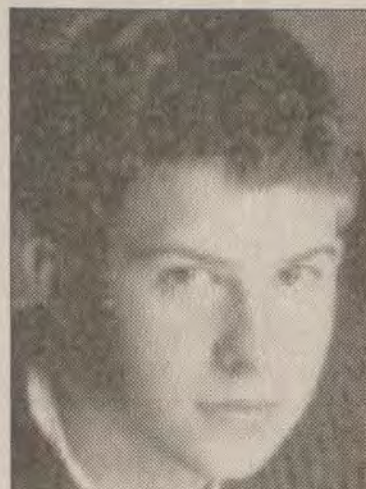
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Prestonsburg wrestler Steven Thompson tried to escape an opponent's hold. Regional wrestling tournaments for area high school grapplers will take place around the state next week. A list of tournament sites will appear in Friday's edition.



Heath Chaffin



Nick Chaffin



Steven Thompson

Prestonsburg Wrestling Club finishes 10th in Athens

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

ATHENS, Ohio — A trip north over the weekend turned into a first and second-place showing for two Prestonsburg Wrestling Club grapplers.

Prestonsburg wrestler Nick Chaffin finished first in the 119 division and his brother, Heath Chaffin, finished second in the 125 group. Both are high school seniors. Two other Prestonsburg Wrestling Club wrestlers competed in the tournament.

Steven Thompson finished with a 3-1 record in the 145 class, while Zach Lafferty went 2-2 in the heavyweight division. The John Deno Classic Wrestling Tournament is named after Ohio University professor John Deno. This year's tournament was the 21st installment. Deno started the tournament. He is a former wrestling coach at Athens High School.

Dynamite Fights coming to Hazard

Ibn Ali to headline card in Main Event

TIMES STAFF REPORT

HAZARD — Dynamite Fights Boxing Contest comes to Hazard and Perry County Central High School Friday (Feb. 7) and Saturday (Feb. 8). What makes this weekend's card unique is the fact that it will include both a toughman contest as well as some highly anticipated pro bouts.

The winner in each of the toughman divisions will receive \$1,000, a championship jacket, a trophy, and title of "Baddest Man in Town. Weight classes for the men's division include Up to 160 pounds, 161 to 185, and 186 to 400. The women have two classes. Up to 150 pounds, and 151-400.

Preliminaries will be held Friday night with the championships set for Saturday.

For more information, or to sign up, call 1-888-GO FIGHT.

Young upstart heavyweight boxer Ibn Ali will be in the Main Event. Ibn Ali is the nephew of Muhammad Ali, the former legendary heavyweight champion of the world. Standing 6-foot-5 and weighing in at 220 pounds, Ali, 22, holds a record of 6 wins opposed to just 1 loss.

Former undisputed World Champion Jimmy Ellis will be on hand to sign autographs as a special guest. Ellis was the undisputed

World Champion from 1968-1970 and is currently working hard outside and inside of the ring in the corner of young Ibn Ali.

Other pro fighters scheduled to appear on the card include Lexington's Shawn "The Cannon" Kirk with a 2-0 pro record, and Emir Salcinovic, a pro boxer coming from Bowling Green with a 1-0 pro record at this point in his career. Salcinovic is originally from Bosnia.

In addition to the toughman contest and pro bouts, young ladies can vie to become Reno's Ring Girls. First-place in the ring girls competition is \$500, a trophy, a champ jacket and a T-shirt. Second-place is \$200, a trophy and a T-shirt. Third-place pays \$100, a trophy and a T-shirt.

The winner of the ring girls competition will be decided on crowd applause.

Doors open each night at 6:30 p.m. Fights start at 8 p.m. The card is sponsored by the Kentucky Athletic Commission and TNT Promotions.

Locally in the area, tickets are available at Video Warehouse in Hazard (606/436-5696); Perry County Central High School (606/439-5888); in Jackson at T.K. Music (606/666-3835); in Prestonsburg at Reno's (606/886-0085); in Whitesburg at Hometown Music (606/633-8177); in Pikeville at Ultimate Fitness Center & Tanning (606/639-2919).

VIP seating is \$25. Ringside is \$20. General admission is \$15. Advanced general admission tickets are \$12.

Senior

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Cameron Jackson, West Jessamine; Matt Jacobson, Oldham County; Brett Johnson, West Jessamine; Tyler Jones, Grant County; Brad King, Madison Southern; Mark King, Rose Hill; Torey Meagher, St. Xavier; Bryan Miles, DeSales; Isaiah Mills, Corbin; Ross Neltner, Highlands; Guy Ngnarndi, Western; Derrick Parrott, Mayfield; Andrew

Preston, George Rogers Clark; Tyler Ray, Bowling Green; Chad Robinson, Elizabethtown; Brian Smith, Lexington Catholic; Chad Stivers, Bullitt Central; Armund Taylor, Owensboro; Chris Taylor, Elizabethtown; Josh Taylor, Elizabethtown; Joe White, Mercer County; Tewayne Willis, Perry County Central; Chris Wilson, Everts; Leroy Wilson, Warren Central; Andre Woodson,

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Girls' All 'A' begins today; Boys' starts tomorrow

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

RICHMOND — The Touchstone Energy All "A" Classic tips off this morning in Eastern Kentucky University's McBrayer Arena.

Betsy Layne returns as the 15th Region girls' representative after winning the region last season and falling to Jackson County in the first round of the state tourney.

A rundown of games and tip-times for the girls' tournament follows.

Today: 9 a.m. - West Carter vs. Whitesburg; 10:30 a.m. - Washington County vs. Newport Central Catholic; Noon - Louisville Christian vs. Betsy Layne; 1:30 p.m. - Jackson County vs. Whitesville Trinity; 5 p.m. - Mayfield vs. Lexington Christian; 6:30 p.m. - Somerset vs. Louisville Holy Cross; 8 p.m. - 3 Clinton County vs. Dawson Springs; 9:30 p.m. - Owen County vs. Bishop Brossart.

Thursday: 9 a.m. - Frankfort vs. Louisville Christian; 10:30 a.m. - Owen County vs. Bishop Brossart; Noon - Whitesville Trinity vs. St. Henry; 1:30 p.m. - Mayfield vs. Hazard; 5 p.m. - Somerset vs. Lyon County; 6:30 p.m. - Bethlehem vs. Corbin; 8 p.m. - Rose Hill vs. Paintsville; 9:30 p.m. - Louisville Holy Cross vs. Monroe County. Friday: 5 p.m. - Quarterfinals; 6:30 p.m. - Quarterfinals; 8 p.m. - Quarterfinals; 9:30 p.m. - Quarterfinals Saturday: 3 p.m. - Semifinals; 4:30 p.m. - Semifinals. Sunday: 3 p.m. - Championship game.

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Friday: 9 a.m. - Quarterfinals; 10:30 a.m. - Quarterfinals; Noon - Quarterfinals; 1:30 p.m. - Quarterfinals; Saturday: 10 a.m. - Semifinals; 11:30 a.m. - Semifinals; Sunday: 1 p.m. - Championship game.

Thursday is the first day of the boys Touchstone Energy All "A" Classic. Times and matchups of games follow.

Spurlock captures first regional title as head coach

BOYS'

Host Hazard dethroned defending champion Whitesburg Saturday night in an 80-70 win Friday night to give first-year head coach Kevin Spurlock his first 14th Region All "A" title. Spurlock, a Floyd County native, who cut his coaching teeth under current Allen Central head coach Johnnie Martin, head into this week's All "A" Classic at Eastern Kentucky University's McBrayer Arena for a game Thursday at 1:30 p.m. against Mayfield.

In the championship game win over Whitesburg, Robert Lyttle led the Dawgs with 17 points. Hazard beat a much inspired Wolfe County team one night earlier to earn its spot in the championship game.

Johnson Central 71, Magoffin Co. 60

The Johnson Central High boys' basketball team has had the number of most opponents on its 2002-03 schedule. Friday night, Johnson Central traveled to Magoffin County and outscored the Hornets in the game's final three quarters for a 71-60 win. The visiting Golden Eagles trailed 18-15 at the end of the first quarter.

Magoffin County was outscored 21-16 in the contest's final period.

Brandon Wheeler led Johnson Central in scoring with 27 points. Chris Hurt scored 12 and Mike Walters tossed in 12. Justin Woods finished with 10 for the Golden Eagles.

Jason Arnett led Magoffin County with 21 points.

GIRLS' (Monday night's games)

Johnson Central 51, Ashland 50

Senior guard Ashley Wireman helped Johnson Central to the win over Ashland with a pair of free throws with

2.4 seconds remaining to lift the Lady Eagles to a 51-50 come-from-behind victory.

Wireman finished with 22 points to help Johnson Central to its 18th win of the season, opposed to just one loss.

Wireman was four-of-six from beyond the arc and hit all eight of her free throw attempts.

Junior forward Tasha Henry led Ashland (12-4) with 24 points.

Shelby Valley 53, Paintsville 51

Ashley Hall scored 26 for Paintsville, but it wasn't enough to lift the Lady Tigers to a win over Shelby Valley.

Shelby Valley, which trailed by one point after three quarters, had two players score in double figures. The win upped Shelby Valley's season mark to 12-7. Paintsville fell to 5-12.

Pikeville 70, Phelps 49

Lawren McCoy scored 16 and Shawna Howard added 15 to lead the Lady Panthers to a blowout win over Phelps.

Phelps led Pikeville 4-9 through one quarter, but fell apart shortly after the intermission.

After trailing 25-23 at half-time, Pikeville (11-9) outscored Phelps 21-9 in the third period and 26-15 in the final quarter to score the win.

Hope Wolford led Phelps (6-8) with 14 points.



photo by Jamie Howell

Justin Hall looked to work his way up the floor in South Floyd's loss to Paintsville.

Tigers dash South Floyd All 'A' hopes

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PIKEVILLE — Just two nights after a first round rout of Phelps, South Floyd squared off with Paintsville in the semifinals of the 15th Region All "A" Classic Friday night in the second game of the night. Betsy Layne awaited the winner for the championship game, and Paintsville would end any hopes of a South Floyd county basketball fans had of a Betsy Layne-South Floyd championship game. After three very close quarters of play, Paintsville outscored South Floyd 19-6 in a tumultuous fourth quarter. The Tiger defense held South Floyd to single digits in two of the four quarters. The Raiders managed just nine points in the second period. Paintsville led 25-22 at halftime. The Tigers led 15-13 at the end of the first quarter and 38-37 at the end of three quarters.

Paintsville got balanced scoring in the game with three players in double figures. Senior point guard Adam Rice led Paintsville in scoring with 14.

Stuart Rutledge and Adam Collins, also seniors, netted 12 points apiece.

Senior Michael Hall led South Floyd with a game-high 28 points. Heath Hall added six.

RAIDER NOTES

Senior Michael Hall has signed with local NAIA power Pikeville College.

Tyler Hall is expected to go back to the doctor on Monday, Feb. 10 at which time he is expected to learn more on the possibility of returning to the hardwood this season.

The South Floyd junior varsity basketball team remains undefeated on the season with wins over Hazard and Paintsville, among other squads.

PAINTSVILLE (57) - Rice 14, Jarrell 6, Rutledge 12, Collins 12, Simpkins 7, Conley 6.

SOUTH FLOYD (43) - Hall 28, Ray 3, Tackett 1, H. Hall 6, J. Hall 3, Meade 2.

RECORDS - Paintsville 10-2, South Floyd 12-6.

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In just its second year in the 15th Region All "A" Classic, Betsy Layne came away with a runner-up finish, falling to Paintsville in the championship game.



photo by Jamie Howell

Paintsville pulled off a repeat performance with a win over Betsy Layne. The Tigers now have the opportunity to face one of the state's top teams - Rose Hill.

Lady Rebs slip past Belfry

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

BELFRY - Who better to take a girls' basketball team into Belfry High School and play the host Lady Pirates than one of their own.

Third-year Allen Central Coach Cindy Halbert, a former Lady Pirate, took her new team into Belfry Monday night and came away with a 63-61 win. The win was Allen Central's 10th of the season.

After trailing at the end of the first quarter, and at halftime, Allen Central outscored Belfry 19-16 in the third period and 21-16 in the final quarter en route to the victory.

Sophomore Becky Thomas scored 19 points to lead Allen Central in the win. Megan Harris chipped in 14 and Terri Mullins added 11. Jessica Isaac was another double figures scorer for Allen Central with 10 points.

Vicki Hall led Belfry in scoring with 21 points. Anna Bevins added 11.

NOTE:

Allen Central girls' basketball coach Cindy Halbert confirmed Monday of this week that her team would play district rival Betsy Layne twice next week, once on Monday, and again on Saturday, Feb. 15.

ALLEN CENTRAL (63) - Scott 6, Turner 3, Mullins 11, Harris 14, Thomas 19, Isaac 10.

BELFRY (61) - Hall 21, Bevins 11, Smith 8, Hensley 8, Johnson 7, Mahon 3, Combs 3.

RECORDS - Allen Central 10-7, Belfry 7-12.

The Floyd County Times

wants to encourage and acknowledge excellence in the Floyd County Area. The Floyd County Times is conducting its annual ballot of readers so they can let us know whom they consider to be best in the county. Winners receive a certificate suitable for framing and will be featured in a **SPECIAL SECTION** in March titles...

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- Area Attraction _____
- Church _____
- Civic Club/Organization _____
- College _____
- Community Festival Event _____
- Dining Atmosphere _____
- Elderly Care Facility _____
- Elementary School _____
- Entertainment _____
- High School _____
- Hospital/Medical Facility _____
- Local Band _____
- Middle School _____
- Place to camp out _____
- Place to lose weight _____
- Place to meet friends _____
- Place to spend Saturday night _____
- Place to take out of town guests _____
- Place to work _____

BEST FOOD

- Barbecue _____
- Biscuits _____
- Brand of Soft Drink _____
- Burgers _____
- Catering _____
- Chicken _____
- Chili _____
- Chinese Food _____
- Decorated Cake _____
- Desserts _____
- Donuts _____
- Fish and Seafood _____
- French Fries _____
- Fresh Meat for Grilling _____
- Home Cookin' _____
- Hot Dogs _____
- Ice Cream _____
- Kid's Meal _____
- Mexican Food _____
- Onion Rings _____
- Pizza _____
- Roast Beef Sandwich _____
- Salad Bar _____
- Sandwiches _____
- Shakes/Malts _____
- Steaks _____

BEST PEOPLE

- Accountant _____
- Attorney _____
- Bank Teller _____
- Employed at _____

- Barber _____
- Employed at _____
- Boss _____
- Employed at _____
- Building Contractor _____
- Bus Driver _____
- Car Salesperson _____
- Employed at _____
- Chiropractor _____
- City Employee _____
- Club President _____
- Coach _____
- Employed at _____
- Dental Hygiene _____
- Employed at _____
- Dentist _____
- Electrician _____
- Employed at _____
- EMT/Paramedic _____
- Firefighter _____
- Funeral Home Attendant _____
- Employed at _____
- Furniture Sales Person _____
- Employed at _____
- General Physician _____
- Hairstylist _____
- Employed at _____
- Heating/Air Service Room _____
- Employed at _____
- Insurance Agent _____
- Employed at _____
- Jeweler _____
- Law Enforcement Officer _____
- Loan Officer _____
- Mechanic _____
- Employed at _____
- Nurse _____
- Employed at _____
- Optometrist _____
- Employed at _____
- Painter _____
- Paper Carrier _____
- Employed at _____
- Pastor/Priest _____
- Pastor of _____
- Pharmacist _____
- Photographer _____
- Physical Therapist _____
- Employed at _____
- Plumber _____
- Employed at _____
- Politician _____
- Principal _____
- Employed at _____
- Radio Announcer _____
- Employed at _____
- Real Estate Agent _____
- Employed at _____
- School Teacher _____
- Teaches at _____

- Secretary _____
- Employed at _____
- Store Cashier _____
- Employed at _____
- Sunday School Teacher _____
- Teaches at _____
- Surgeon _____
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- Surgeon _____
- Employed at _____
- Waitress/Waiter _____
- Employed at _____
- Veterinarian _____
- Employed at _____

BEST PLACE TO PURCHASE

- Athletic Shoes _____
- Auto-Body Repairs _____
- Bath Towels _____
- Bed Linens _____
- Cabinets _____
- Carpet _____
- Dairy Items _____
- Dress Shoes _____
- Film Developing _____
- Frozen Foods _____
- Health & Beauty Aids _____
- Home Health Care Needs _____
- Home Mortgage Loan _____
- Kids Clothing _____
- Men's Clothing _____
- Perm _____
- Pet Supplies _____
- Produce _____
- School Supplies _____
- Seafood items _____
- Shoe Repair _____
- Snack Food _____
- Stereo _____
- TV-VCR Repair _____
- Used Automobiles _____
- Vinyl _____
- Women's Clothing _____

BEST BUSINESS

- Antiques/Collectibles _____
- Appliances _____
- Artwork/Framing _____
- Athletic Supply _____
- Auto Parts _____
- Bait/Tackle _____
- Beauty Salon _____
- Bookkeeping/Tax _____
- Building Supplies _____
- Car Dealership _____
- Car Wash _____
- Commercial Printer _____
- Concrete _____
- Construction/Remodeling _____
- Convenience Store _____
- Crafts _____
- Daycare Center _____
- Deli _____
- Dry Cleaners _____
- Electrical Supplies _____
- Electronics _____
- Eyewear _____
- Exterminating _____
- Farm/Agriculture _____
- Financial Institutions _____
- Financing _____
- Floor Coverings _____
- Florist _____
- Funeral Home _____
- Furniture _____
- Garage _____
- Gas Station _____
- Gifts _____
- Grocery Store _____
- Guns/Ammo _____
- Hearing Aids _____
- Home Decorating _____
- Insurance Agency _____
- Janitorial Service _____
- Jewelry _____
- Landscaping _____
- Laundromat _____
- Manufacturing _____
- Mine Supply _____
- Mining Company _____
- Mobile Home _____
- Motel/Hotel _____
- Motorcycles/ATV _____
- Music Store _____
- Newspaper _____
- Office Supplies _____
- Oil Changes _____
- Pawn Shop _____
- Pharmacy _____
- Plumbing _____
- Real Estate Agency _____
- Rental Items _____
- Restaurant _____
- Retail Store _____
- Security _____
- Sewing/Alterations _____
- Tanning Salon _____
- Tire Store _____
- Tools & Supplies _____
- Truck Dealership _____
- Upholstery _____
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2. Businesses nominated have to be in the Floyd County area and individuals nominated have to live and work in Floyd County.

3. Entries may be mailed to The Floyd County Times, P.O. Box 390, Prestonsburg, KY 41653 (Please allow 7 days for mail delivery) or drop off at our office at 263 South Central Avenue.
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YOUR VOTE COUNTS!!!

Schools, Churches, Clubs... anyone... do all you can do, see that your favorite people and places win! It's part of the fun! Remember, vote as many times as you wish using an original ballot. No copies of this ballot will be accepted. **Winners to be in the Wednesday, February 26, edition of the Floyd County Times.**

MCA tops Adams

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

MARTIN - After leading 49-31 heading into the fourth quarter, Mountain Christian Academy held on to win 58-47 over Adams Middle School Monday night. MCA led 17-11 through one quarter and 36-24 at halftime.

Lincoln Slone led MCA in scoring with 19 points. Landon Slone finished with nine and Josh Ousley and Taylor Clark added eight points each. Mike Bednarz scored four and Jeremy Pack and Aaron Bartley chipped in three each. Steven Slone and Michael Burchett each had two points.

Logan Grindstaff and Mike Crum led Adams in scoring with nine points each. Dustin Rowe and Carmen Maines each had

NFHS adopts rally scoring format for volleyball; KHSAA could follow

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON - Following discussion that has lasted more than five years, the National Federation of High School Associations (NFHS) Volleyball Rules Committee approved rally scoring for high school volleyball the NFHS has announced. Responsibility to decide on implementation rests with individual state associations (states may use rally scoring beginning in the 2003-04 school year), but must apply the rally scoring format no later than the 2004-05 school year.

In rally scoring, points are awarded on each play, regardless which team serves, as opposed to the traditional sideout scoring system.

The adopted rally scoring system dictates that games be the best three-of-five format; played to 25 points with no cap with the fifth and deciding game played to 15 points; and "net" serves be allowed provided contact with the net is between the two antennas.

KHSAA Commissioner Brigid DeVries stated that the Association has yet to determine whether it would implement rally scoring for the upcoming 2003-04 school year or implement it for the 2004-05 school year. Collegiate volleyball has been using the rally scoring format for two years.

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POISON OAK

Look for a purple breastbone

Looks like Mr. Groundhog had plenty of sunshine to work with last Sunday, so no matter where in eastern Kentucky he stuck out his furry little head, he was bound to cast a shadow. Folklorists (who are those people, anyway?) say that means we can expect six more weeks of winter

weather. Had he not seen his shadow, however, we would only have had winter weather until around the middle of March.

Guess it's kind of like taking medicine when you have a bad cold. If you do, you'll be over it within a week, if you don't, you'll have it for seven days.

Years before Tony Cavalier and the Weather Channel, our ancestors—many of whom were farmers, or had other outside jobs—depended nearly 100 percent on nature to tell them what the weather was going to be.

For instance, if an old farmer saw his pigs gathering leaves and straw, he knew a big storm was on the way. Pigs weren't the only predictors, however. A dog eating grass, birds all lined up on a telephone wire, and

(See OAK, page four)

Youth show "No Fear" in Christian worship

The Youth group from the First Baptist Church attended the "No Fear Teen Celebration" held in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee, December 29-31. The teen celebration is a ministry of Phil Waldrep, Southern Baptist evangelist. Held in the Country Tonight Theater, the teens, who numbered approximately 3,000, were led in praise and worship by the John Sherrill band of Dallas, Texas. Speakers included Ken Davis, humorist; Dana Scott, the sister of Racheal Scott, a victim of the Columbine High shooting; Mark Cahill, former Auburn University basketball player; and Ryan Dobson, the son of Dr. James Dobson, "Focus on Family." The teens were challenged to show "no fear" in their Christian commitment, moral convictions, and personal witnessing. The evening sessions were concluded with

(See YOUTH, page three)



Theresa M. Scott
COUNTY EXTENSION
AGENT FOR FAMILY &
CONSUMER SERVICES

CO-OP NEWS: 'Stress Busters'

Sometimes life is stressful. We can't change that. And not all stress is bad. In confronting stress we learn about ourselves, and we grow in strength and wisdom.

But a lot of stress is harmful and unnecessary. It doesn't have to be a part of your life. With prac-

tice you can learn to head off much of the needless tension and worry that comes your way. You can say no to unwanted stress.

The key is to catch negative stress before it gets the best of you. Learn to tune into signals of stress as early as possible. Then

calm yourself in a way that works for you, such as breathing deeply, taking a break, praying, thinking positive thoughts, talking it over, or doing something physical.

Saying no to negative stress is a skill. The more you practice, the more skillful you become. Work

with the following "skill builders." Then use your creativity to come up with additional ones designed just for you. Write your new skill builders on a sheet of paper. And put them into action!

(See CO-OP, page three)

- PART 1 IN A CONTINUING SERIES -



Kory Caudill, one of Floyd County's most talented youth, has been developing a love of music since toddlerhood. Kory first performed on stage at the tender age of four, and now performs regularly with the Kentucky Opry Jr. Pro's and as a member of the Kentucky Opry Band.

FLOYD COUNTY'S TALENTED YOUTH

by KIM LITTLE FRASURE

KORY CAUDILL:

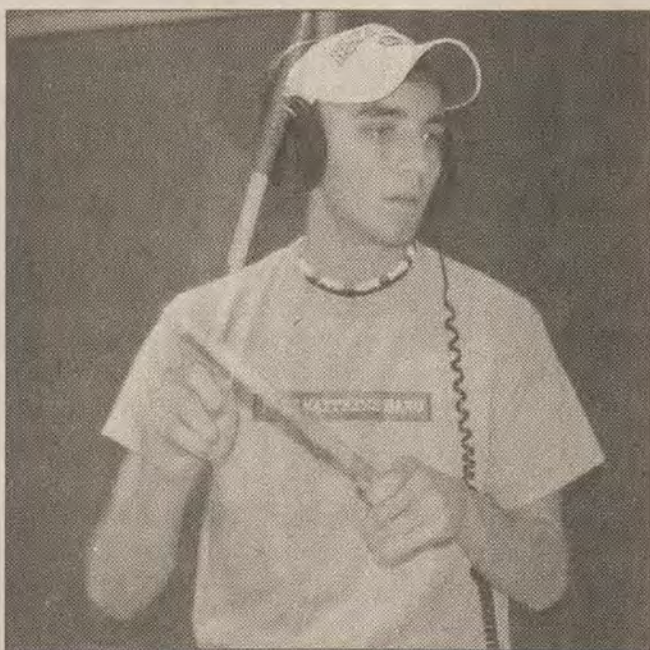
Our first in a series of Floyd County's "Talented Youth", we are proud to feature one of our areas most talented, Kory Caudill.

Kory, a sixteen-year-old junior from Prestonsburg High School, is the son of Keith and Kathi Caudill, of Prestonsburg. Kory's parents, who both have pursued careers in the musical field, his father serving as operations director for the Mountain Arts Center and his mother as co-director of the Prestonsburg High School music program, have been aware of their son's love for music since his formative years.

"My parents had me banging on the piano by the time I was three, so my love for music has been there all my life", he said.

Most have witnessed this exceptionally talented youth perform with the Kentucky Opry, of which he has been a member for the past eight years. Kory's very first stage performance took place at the tender age of four and by the time he was eleven years old, he had become a mem-

(See CAUDILL, page four)



Kory is a versatile and multi-talented young musician being skilled in the execution of a variety of instruments as well as a wide variety of musical styles.

CRITTER CORNER



"Gizmo." Gizmo is a two year old miniature poodle owned by Leigh Ann Thornberry, of Richmond, who says that Gizmo is "six pounds of pure energy." "Just the sight of her lifts my spirit, brightens my days and brings me happiness," she says.

What my dog has taught me

by DR. CAROL COMBS-MORRIS, DVM

AUTHOR'S NOTE:

I need to apologize in advance for recycling previously used material. It may not feel like it outside, but spring is on the way, and the crazy season for vets has officially started. My time to write is more limited than usual, but I will do my best if the readers will bear with me.

This story came to me from John Faulkner via our Kennel Club newsletter. Once again, my thanks to the unknown author.

Life is divided into two important sections—Mealtime and Everything Else.

MEALTIME:

Just because there does not seem to be anything visible around to eat certainly does not mean there is nothing around to eat. The act of staring at the underside of a table or chair on which someone else is eating sets in motion a chain of events that eventually results in food.

It goes without saying that you should carefully check the lower third of any space for edibles. Mouth-sized things, which cannot be identified by sight or smell, are considered gum.

(See CRITTER, page four)

Kim's Korner: Life's little mishaps



Kim Little Frasure

Finding humor in others mishap's can sometimes be a dangerous situation. Our oldest daughter for example totally loses all composure when she sees someone fall. With everything in her she wants to make sure the person's ok, but to save her soul she can't quit laughing long enough to ask them.

A few days ago, when we

got our little covering of ice I was walking up our driveway to get the mail. It wasn't an easy task for I was slippin', and slidin' tremendously. It hadn't dawned on me until I shut the door on the mailbox, that I had to get back down that extremely slick driveway.

I stood for what seemed like at least fifteen minutes pondering the safest way to go.

Then I took a deep breath and decided I could do this. I did it alright, took one step forward and the left foot went flyin', then the right foot went flyin' I was sideways, crossways, and up side down. Why I saw parts of me I hadn't seen in years and don't won't to see again.

Part of me wanted to laugh, most of me wanted to cry. I just knew there wasn't a bone

in this body that still functioned. I just knew I had broken, crushed, smashed, and cracked everything that used to work. Once I landed approximately two measly inches from the rear end of my car, the motion seemed to come to a halt. I didn't dare move a muscle.

(See KORNER, page four)

School Happenings

ADAMS MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH SERVICES CENTER

Center distributes school activity calendars and newsletters on the last day of each month to all students. Parents please be advised to be watching for these informational materials as a way of staying informed with your school's happenings.

Health Records Update: Parents who have health records to bring in to the school may bring them to the Youth Services Center any weekday between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Homework Hotline - 886-9314 - Homework information available from 4 p.m. to 7 a.m. Updated each day after 4:00 p.m.

Center is open each day from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. or later by appointment. For more information about the center or any listed activities, call 886-9812. Center coordinator, Michelle Keathley. Assistant coordinator, Sheila Allen. Center offers services to students regardless of income. Center telephone: 886-9812.

School is collecting Food City receipts. Receipts may be given to any AMS student or staff member, or dropped off at the Youth Services Center.**

ALLEN CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH SERVICE CENTER

Each Monday, 8:30-9:25 a.m., "Respect Class," for 7th grade girls.

Collect Food City receipts and turn them in to home room teachers.**

ALLEN ELEMENTARY AND FAMILY RESOURCE YOUTH SERVICE CENTER

Call Allen Elementary Youth Service Center at 874-0621 to schedule your child's 6th grade entry physical, Hepatitis B vaccination, immunizations, and WIC appointment.

G.E.D. classes offered-FREE-each Friday, beginning 8:30 a.m. and lasting through 11:30 a.m. Instructor: Linda Bailey

BETSY LAYNE ELEMENTARY

The Family Resource Youth Service Center provides services and referral services to all families regardless of income. The center is located in the middle building of the Betsy Layne Elementary School. Office hours are Mon. - Fri., 8 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Open enrollment for After

School Child Care is available through the Family Resource Center. Service hours are 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Contact the center at 478-5550. Contact persons are Brian Akers and Charlotte Rogers.

CLARK ELEMENTARY

A nurse from the Floyd County Health Dept. is in the center weekly. Please call to schedule an appointment. The center is currently scheduling Hep B immunizations and physicals for students who will enter the 6th grade in the upcoming school year, kindergarten entrance exams and TD boosters for sophomores. Also scheduling appointments for WIC services. These nursing services are available to anyone in the community.

The Clark Elementary Family Resource Center provides services for all families regardless of income. We are located in the Clark Elementary School building and can be reached by calling 886-0815.

DUFF ELEMENTARY

School is collecting Food City receipts that will be used toward receiving free computers and other educational items. Please send your receipts to

school with your child or drop them off at the Family Resource Center, or the school's front office. Any help with this valuable school project is very appreciated.

MAY VALLEY ELEMENTARY

Feb. 10 - May Valley FRC Advisory Council meeting, 4 p.m., school library. All are invited to attend.

Feb. 11 - Community blood drive, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., in school gym.

Feb. 13 - "Time Out for Parents," 1-2:30 p.m. Parents, please check in at front office to request a visitor's pass.

Feb. 17 - Lexington Children's Theater, school wide assembly, 9 a.m.

Feb. 18 - "Dollars & Sense" program, 5th grade, Jenny Wiley Convention Center.

Feb. 20, 21 - Dental programs for Headstart thru 3rd grade.

Lending Library available for use of students, parents and teachers. Videos on a variety of topics are available.

Floyd Co. Health Dept. is at the school each Wednesday. Services include 6th grade physicals and immunizations; WIC; well-child

Kindergarten and Head Start physicals; blood pressure checks; and more. Must call the FRC at 285-0321 for an appointment. Donna Samons-Bartrum, FRC Director.

MCDOWELL ELEMENTARY AND FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

School is collecting Food City receipts. Have your students turn receipts in to their home-room teachers. Community members may also turn receipts in to school office. Help McDowell Elementary receive computers, audio visual equipment, etc. through the "Apples for Students" program.

SBDM Council meets on the 3rd Tuesday of every month.

FRC Advisory Council meets first Thursday of each month in FRC office at 5:30 p.m.

GED classes are held in FRC each Monday and Wednesday from 8-11:30 a.m. Classes are FREE. Please bring paper and pencil. Instructor, Teresa Allen, David School.

Parents of fifth-graders should call now to have their child scheduled for school physicals and immunizations. A series of three HEP B vaccines are required for entry into sixth grade

next fall. Students should begin the series now in order to be ready by next fall. Call 377-2678 for appointment.

Floyd County Health Department Nurse Joy Moore, is at the center each Monday to administer immunizations, T.B. skin tests, well-child exams, WIC, prenatal and post-partum services, and school physicals. Call 377-2678 for an appointment.

OSBORNE ELEMENTARY - RAINBOW JUNCTION FRC

Feb. 5 - Basketball Coaches meeting. Basketball practice and games begin in FEBRUARY.

Feb. 10 - Bloodmobile.

Feb. 11 - "Time Out for Parents" - OLV

Feb. 18 - "Romeo and Juliet" - MAC - 6th grade

Feb. 18 - "Dollars and Sense" - Jenny Wiley Convention Center - 5th grade

Feb. 27 - "Self Esteem" character program - Gary Boothe

PRESTONSBURG ELEMENTARY AND FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

Feb. 3 - SBDM Council

(See SCHOOL, page three)

YESTERDAYS

(Items taken from
The Floyd County
Times,
10, 20, 30, 40, 50 and
60 years ago.)

Ten Years Ago

(Feb. 10 and Feb. 12, 1993)

Floyd County native Harry E. Hale, 46, waived extradition to Cobb County, Georgia, Monday morning, at a hearing in Miami, Florida, where he was arrested, Friday evening. Hale is wanted on a forgery charge in Cobb County, and also for questioning in last year's disappearance of Christoph Zahn, 21, of Switzerland. Hale is also wanted in three other states, including Kentucky, for questioning in reports of sexual assaults against young men. Friday afternoon, Floyd County Deputy Sheriff Homer Neeley obtained Hale's Miami address from a confidential source and forwarded that information to Georgia authorities. Georgia officials had previously believed that Hale was in Jacksonville, Florida. The Floyd County Sheriff's Department, and the Prestonsburg City Police, are investigating two cases to see if there are any connections to Hale. Floyd County Sheriff Paul Hunt Thompson, and the department, is looking for a connection between Hale and the March 1990, disappearance of 39-year-old Mitchell Manns of Martin. Manns was last seen in the Martin vicinity en route to McDowell Appalachian Hospital on March 16, 1990. He disappeared around 3 p.m., and has never been seen again...A Floyd County Grand Jury will hear evidence, next week, in the case of a Floyd County man who is accused of shooting and killing his estranged wife and her companion, January 31, at the entrance to Betsy Layne High School. A preliminary hearing for Phillip Hunter, charged with two counts of capital murder, was held, Tuesday, in Floyd County District Court. At Tuesday's hearing, Kentucky State Police detective Joel Newsome testified that five eyewitnesses to the murders told police that Phillip Hunter shot and killed his wife, Ella Frances Hunter, and 45-year-old Darrell Blackburn...A state highway official was arrested for driving under the influence, Friday, his third arrest for DUI in just over a month. Bill "Crush" Dingus, 59, of Martin, was arrested by Kentucky State Police trooper Dave Maynard, about 12:30 a.m., on Town Branch in Prestonsburg. Maynard said Dingus was driving on the wrong side of the road, and nearly hit his cruiser head-on. Dingus was also charged with driving with improper license plates. Police said the license tag on Dingus' vehicle was registered to Martin City Councilman E.P. Grigsby Sr...Although rumors that an Allen Central High School student waved a handgun, and threatened principal Jody Sword's life, Monday, go

unconfirmed, Floyd County Board of Education Superintendent Stephen Towler said, Tuesday, that a student had indeed been suspended for carrying a weapon to school. "I don't know that (the student) was threatening anyone..." Towler said Tuesday, "but the principal related to me that the boy was a little uncertain, a little unclear, as to the reason he had brought the weapon (to school)."...A former Floyd County man killed his stepdaughter and her boyfriend before killing himself, Wednesday night, in Pike County. Police say that Raymond Lewis, 53, formerly of Daniels Creek, shot his stepdaughter, Christine Lewis, 43, at the time in the abdomen, and David Chapman, 28, in the lower chest area with a 12-gauge shotgun. Raymond Lewis then shot himself in the chest, Pike County Sheriff Charles "Fuzzy" Keesee said Thursday. Pike County Coroner Charles Morris said, Tuesday, that Christine Lewis had been shot first, and her body was found near a couch inside the trailer. Chapman's body was inside his truck near the trailer. Raymond Lewis' body was found in the yard. Morris said there were no signs of a struggle inside the trailer. Raymond Lewis, who lived in a trailer with Christine Lewis at Sidney in Pike County, was apparently jealous of Chapman, Keesee said. Chapman was visiting the residence at the time of the shooting, Keesee added. "We understand that the two had been arguing back and forth for some time," Keesee said. "We understand that possibly there had been some bad feelings there, and we think the fellow that did the shooting was jealous of Chapman."...A Floyd County man was stabbed, Tuesday evening, when a friendly altercation turned suddenly violent. According to a report filed by Trooper Earl Gorrell of the Pikeville Post of the Kentucky State Police, two passengers in a vehicle southbound on Kentucky 201 at Sitka, were engaged in an argument, when one stabbed the other with a knife. Neal Ward, 39, of Martin, was transported to Humana Hospital at Louisa, where he was treated and released. Kentucky State Police Sergeant Jeff Blanton said, Thursday, that the names of the other two vehicle occupants have not been released, because no charges have been filed to date...There died: Gwendolyn Harris Schmidt, 78, of Rush, Friday, at her home; Ruth Dingus McDavid, 71, of Martin, Friday, at her residence; Hazel Napier, 80, of Wabash, Indiana, native of Garrett, Monday, at the home of her daughter; Edith Collins Napier, 77, of Martin, Monday, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; Gertrude Preston Hager, 83, of Prestonsburg, Monday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; King Pharaoh (Buddy) Bryant, 93, of Wheelwright,

Saturday, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Gregory S. Hall, 34, of Huntington, Indiana, formerly of Prestonsburg, Wednesday, at his residence; Velva Sue Preston Fitch, 88, native of Martin, February 6, at Doctors Hospital West, in Columbus, Ohio; Elder George A. Rice, 66, of Banner, Tuesday, at his residence; Emmitt Paige, 80, of Teaberry, Thursday, at his residence; Willie Donald Bradley, 51, of Martin, Tuesday, at his residence; Billie R. Little, 71, of Prestonsburg, Thursday, in Our Lady of Bellefonte Hospital; Susan Hurd Shepherd, 79, of Prestonsburg, formerly of Jacksonville, Michigan, Monday.

Twenty Years Ago

(February 9, 1983)

Three holdups—two in this county and a third in Pike—last Thursday and Friday, netted robbers approximately \$30,000 in cash and materials, and as of Monday noon, none of the robbers had been apprehended...A state police team which had been in this county for some weeks, investigating reported violations in the issuance of beer and whiskey licenses, appealed this week for public assistance in the probe...Surgery performed by two physicians on a young Auxier woman at Highlands Regional Medical Center, last February, was unnecessary, was done negligently, and caused her death, the woman's husband and mother, claim in a suit filed in circuit court last week...Unnie Hall, 21, has charged in a suit filed in circuit court here and in U.S. District Court in Pikeville, that negligence on the part of the RFH Coal Company, at Craynor, caused the death of her husband in the explosion that rocked the firm's No. 1 mine on Mink Branch, last January...There died: Virgil Caudill, 47, of Weeksbury, Monday at his home; William Lee Robert, 78, of Prestonsburg, Monday, at Riverview Manor Nursing Home; James Earl Rice, 44, of Melvin, Monday, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; James Henry Hatcher, 62, of Prestonsburg, last Wednesday, at Riverview Manor Nursing Home; John Burchett, 77, of Ivel, Tuesday, January 25, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital.

Thirty Years Ago

(February 14, 1973)

Two small children, James Anthony Martin, 5, and his two-year-old sister, Carol Faye, died Saturday morning, in a fire which destroyed one mobile home and damaged two others in the Goble-Roberts Addition...Members of the fiscal

court voted, Saturday, to restrict the weight limit to ten tons that may be carried on the Sugar Loaf and Corn Fork Roads...Two Floyd deputy sheriffs, Willie Hall and Henry Younce, were wounded, Saturday night, on Mud Creek by shotgun fire which smashed a window of Hall's car...Circuit Judge Hollie Conley said here, last week, that he thinks Kentucky's new shock probation law is unconstitutional...Miss Leatha Carolyn Freas, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. George W. Freas, became the bride of William Spears Kendrick, son of Mrs. Mae Spears Kendrick and W.R. Kendrick of Prestonsburg, Saturday, January 6, at the Franklin Presbyterian Church...Kentucky Power Company's construction budget for 1973, is more than \$12 million, but apparently no major work is planned in Floyd County...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Owens, a son, James Walter on February 5...There died: William Albert Payne, 83, of Betsy Layne, Wednesday, in a nursing home at Paintsville; Ashland P. Bradley, 61, of Russell's Point, Ohio, formerly of Dock, Friday; Willie Tackett, 49, at his home at Beaver, Monday; Mrs. Sadie S. Smith, 54, of Printer, Monday, in a Huntington hospital; Mrs. Myrtle B. Branham, 87, of Martin, Sunday, at a hospital, there; Lint Tackett, 81, of Weeksbury, at the McDowell Hospital; Mrs. Marguerite Kernan, 76, of Grethel, Monday, at a Pikeville hospital; Bob Prater, 82, of Silver Lake, Ind., formerly of this county, Friday; Willie Goble, 85, of Albion, Mich., formerly of Cow Creek, Friday, in Albion; John Hall, 89, retired Harold merchant, Feb. 4, at a Pikeville nursing home; Helen Slone, 61, of Garrett, Sunday, in Leesburg, Fla.; Maul Samons, 85, Tuesday, at her home in Martin; Willie B. Parker, 62, Feb. 7, at his home in Prestonsburg; Ricky Tackett, five-year-old son of Jobie and Brenda Tackett, of Harold, Sunday, at home; Mrs. Bessie H. Nelson, 86, Feb. 6, at Paintsville; Mrs. Billie F. Johnson, 47, of Wayland, Tuesday, at a Pikeville hospital; Ronald Gene Hall, 29, of Grethel, Tuesday, at a hospital, here; Mrs. Lulu M. Epling, 81, of LaGrande, Oregon, formerly of this county, Jan. 27.

Forty Years Ago

(February 14, 1963)

A rash of breaks into school buildings, with attendant heavy property damage and loss of materials, has caused the Floyd County Board of Education to raise from \$50 to \$100 its standing reward offer... "We don't have a rural road in the county that is in good condition, and as

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School

meeting, 6 p.m., school auditorium.

■ *PES is collecting Food City receipts. Have your child turn in receipts to their home-room teachers. Community members may also turn in

receipts to the school office or Family Resource Center.*

■ MCCC services available at the center. Call for additional information.

■ Center is open weekdays 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

■ After School Child Care, 3-6 p.m., school days.

■ Call 886-7088 for additional information regarding the Prestonsburg Elementary Family Resource Center or its programs.

SOUTH FLOYD YOUTH SERVICES CENTER

■ Jan. 31 - Drugs and Addiction Prevention & Awareness classroom presentations.

■ Walking track open to public (except during special event).

■ Center has a one-stop career station satellite station that is available to the community, as well as students.

■ Anyone interested in Adult Ed may contact the center for information.

■ All new students and visitors, stop by the Center, located on the South Floyd campus, Room 232, and see Mable Hall.

■ The center is located on the South Floyd campus in room 232. For more information call 452-9600 or 9607 and ask for Mable Hall, ext. 243, or Keith Smallwood, ext. 242, or Donna Johnson, ext. 153.

STUMBO ELEMENTARY/MUD CREEK FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

■ The Bridges Project is located in the school each day, Monday thru Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. If you have any questions about the Bridges Project, call 587-2644.

■ Resource Center hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Parents and community members are

welcome to visit. For questions, call 587-2233 - ask for Tristian Parsons, Center Coordinator, or Anita Tackett, Assistant.

THE DAVID SCHOOL

■ Adult Education Class Schedule - Fall 2001:

*Monday

-McDowell Family Resource Center, 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. Call 377-2628. Instructor: Theresa.

-Betsy Layne Youth Service Center, 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. Call 478-3389. Instructor: Chrissy.

-MSU Prestonsburg Campus, 12:30-3:30 p.m. Call 886-2405. Instructor: Chrissy.

*Tuesday

-Allen Elementary Family Resource Center, 12:30-3:30 p.m. Call 874-0621. Instructor: Chrissy.

-St. James Episcopal Church, 5-8 p.m. Instructor: Chrissy.

-Auxier Family Learning Center, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Instructors: CAP.

*Wednesday

-McDowell Family Resource Center, 8:30-11:30 a.m. Call 377-2628. Instructor: Theresa.

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-Allen Elementary Family Resource Center, 12:30-3:30 p.m. Call 874-0621.

Instructor: Chrissy.

-St. James Episcopal Church, 5-8 p.m. Instructor: Chrissy.

-Auxier Family Learning Center, 1-4:30 p.m. Instructors: CAP.

W.D. OSBORNE RAINBOW JUNCTION FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

■ TBA- Recycling program, all grades.

■ "Lost and Found" located in the Center. Parents need to pick up their children's items within two weeks. Any items not claimed within two weeks, becomes the property of the FRC.

■ Rainbow Junction Family

Resource Center is located in the W. D. Osborne Elementary School. Hours of operation - 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, or later by appointment. Call 452-4553 and ask for Cissy or Karen, Parents/community members free to visit any time.

WESLEY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

■ School is participating in Food City "Apples for Students" program. Please send your register receipts to school with your student, or drop them off or mail them in to school office at: P.O. Box 454, 103 Methodist Lane, Allen, KY 41601.

Anniversary



Binghams celebrate 50th in Honolulu

Tom and Mary Nell Vaughn Bingham, formerly of Prestonsburg, now living in Cape Coral, Florida, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on December 25, 2002, in Honolulu, Hawaii. They held a combined celebration of their anniversary, Thanksgiving, and Christmas at the Winchester home of their granddaughter and her husband, Jessica and Denny Hart, on Thanksgiving Day, 2002. Those attending the Kentucky celebration were: their daughter, Deborah Lou McKinney, mother of Jessica and Erika; their granddaughter, Erika, and her husband, Steve Jones, and the couple's three sons, Taylor, Dylan, and Blake; and Alan McKinney, Jessica and Erika's father.

Yesterdays

long as the weather remains as it is, there isn't much we can do about them," County Judge Henry Stumbo said here, Tuesday...Named Friday as chairman and co-chairman of the Edward T. (Ned) Breathitt campaign in Floyd County were Dr. Joe T. Hyden, of Martin, Jailer Lawrence Hale and H.B. Ranier, both of Prestonsburg...Organizers of the Citizens Development Corporation of Harold, Betsy Layne and Stanville Inc., met at the Harold schoolhouse, Monday evening, and elected the following officers: Paul Gearheart, president; Walter Hall, vice-president; and Millard Roberts, secretary-treasurer...Public assistance payments in Kentucky reached an all-time high in 1962 of \$64,249,583, according to Commissioner Earle V. Powell, Department of Economic Security...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Harold J. Stumbo, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital, Wednesday, their fourth child, third daughter...There died: Marion J. Taylor, 69, of Prestonsburg, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital, Monday; J. B. Adams, 86, of Cliff, Friday, at the home of a daughter at Martin; Mrs. Martha Hughes Burchett, 79, of Prestonsburg, Friday, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital; Ed Blackburn, 84, at the home of his daughter at East Point, Friday; William B. Adams, of Pikeville, native of this county, at his home, Saturday; Homer Nelson, 58, of Brainard, Saturday, at the McDowell Hospital.

Fifty Years Ago

(February 12, 1953)

A germanium deposit, believed to be the richest ever found in the United States, has been discovered in the Prestonsburg area...Sheriffs in Kentucky have no right to charge arrest fees against persons swearing out misdemeanor warrants, Assistant Attorney General M.B. Hollifield writes this week in reply to an inquiry from this county...The Floyd Fiscal Court, this week, advertised for bids on the 23-classroom county high school building to be constructed here...Lancer citizens, moving toward annexation of the community to the corporate limits of Prestonsburg, met opposition at last week's City Council meeting when their petition was faced with another petition opposing annexation...Conservation officers, Raymond Copley, of this county, and Dewey Murphy, of Martin County, were investigating, this week, the poisoning of 10 foxhounds in Martin County recently, the dogs valued at \$75 to \$100 each...Mrs. Gilva Spurlin, Prestonsburg, has been named 1953 Heart Fund chairman for Floyd County...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. James Estep, of Allen, a son, Jack, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin; to Mr. and Mrs. Sam Ed King, of Martin, a daughter, at the Paintsville Hospital; to Mr. and Mrs. L.R. Johnson, of Prestonsburg, a daughter, Linda Charlene, Feb. 10, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital; to Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Goble, a son, Lon Martin, Jan. 18, in Dayton, Ohio...There died: Lola Neeley Shepherd, 42, Feb. 4, at her home at David; John D. Thomas, 67, former Prestonsburg attorney, at his home in Arlington, Va., Tuesday; Reuben Slone, 87, at his home at Goodloe, Feb. 3; Joseph P. Moore, 46-year-old Floyd County native, at his home in Lexington; James S. Click, 59, at his home at Langley; Dollie Catherine Henson Blair, 19, formerly of Mud Creek, in Detroit, Feb. 9; W.L. Langley, 86, of Mare Creek, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital, Feb. 6; Edward Lonzo Horn, 74, of Bayes Branch, Feb. 8; Mrs. Sylvania Miller, 88, at her home at Royalton, Feb. 3; Mrs. James H. Harmon, 64, former Floyd Countian, at her home in Otway, O., Jan. 31.

Sixty Years Ago

(February 11, 1943)

Dependency draft deferment—even for men with children—will be wiped out, when a new order issued, Tuesday, by the War Manpower Commission, ruling that only essential workers are draft exempt, goes into effect April 1...The Court of Appeals, Friday, upheld the right of County Judge E.P. Hill Jr., to fix the hours during which Floyd County roadhouses outside municipal limits may operate...Public sale of canned fruits and vegetables throughout the nation will stop at midnight, February 20, and resume, on a tightly rationed basis, March 3...The 30-day period beginning, December 31, and extending into 1943, local War Production Shop officials here announced this week, marked the turnout of 70 trainees from the shop into war plants...Harry R. Benner, Wheelwright man serving with the Navy, has been reported as missing, while two other Floyd County servicemen, Pvt. Fred Wallace, of Garrett, and Pvt. Glenn Pinks of Royalton—who were previously reported missing, have been located...Superintendent Town Hall was authorized by the Floyd County Board of Education, Tuesday, to issue continuing contracts to all eligible teachers under the 1942 teacher tenure act...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. John Allen, of Prestonsburg, a daughter, Mary Alice, January 30, at the Martin General Hospital; to Mr. and Mrs. Norman Allen, of Prestonsburg, a daughter, Sharon, January 28, at the Martin General Hospital...There died: Vladimir Vidanovich, 50, native of Serbia, at his home at Wheelwright, Friday; G.B. (Greenbury) Hall, 77, at the home of a daughter on Frazier's Creek, Sunday; Mrs. Millie Lafferty, 47, at her home at Garrett, Monday; Mrs. Elizabeth Hale Howard, 39, of Gunlock, at a Martin hospital, Thursday; Felix Standovich, 80, of Wayland, one-time cavalry lieutenant for the Czar of Russia, last Friday.

Seventy Years Ago

(February 10, 1933)

A group of religious fanatics, near Tomahawk, Martin County, Tuesday morning, look the life of Mrs. Lucinda Mills, 75-years-old, as a human sacrifice before God. She was strangled by her sons who believed that their mother would arise from the grave after three days...Walter Wallen, 42, of Emma, died, Tuesday night, in the Beaver Valley Hospital, Martin, of injuries sustained when the get-away car driven by Leffie Hobson, minutes after Hobson had robbed the Floyd County Bank at Allen, struck Wallen who was riding a horse along the Mayo Trail...Enrollment for the spring semester for Prestonsburg and Floyd County high schools reached a new peak—270 pupils...Roland Adkins, 40, was fatally burned Wednesday, Feb. 1, on Mare Creek, as the result of a crude oil explosion...Powers' Cut-Rate Drug Store will be opened in the Fitzpatrick building here Saturday, it was announced by O.P. Powers, owner and manager...Here are a few choice items taken from ads appearing this week in The Floyd County Times of 50 years ago: Extra hose for auto pump—20¢; new Chevrolet Coupe, \$445; (with rumble seat \$475); coffee—2 lbs. 24¢; men's suits, \$4...Also in 1933 at the Unique Theatre were "Cabin in the Cotton" starring Richard Barthelme and Bette Davis; "Man Against Woman" with Jack Holt and Lillian Miles; "Hot Pepper" with Victor McLaglen and Lupe Velez...There died: Isaac Goble, 87, at the home of his son at Emma, January 31.

New Arrivals

HRMC New Arrivals

Jan. 13, 2003
A son, Michael Lee Crager, to Lisa and Michael Crager

Jan. 17, 2003
A son, Zachary James Marsillett, to Rhonda and Timothy Marsillett

Jan. 17, 2003
A daughter, Jolene Adaryl Boyd, to Beth and Simon Boyd

Jan. 17, 2003
A daughter, Felicia Rose Allen, to Beth and Jackie Allen

Jan. 17, 2003
A daughter, Emily Brooke Cole, to Kris and Gary Cole

Jan. 18, 2003
A son, Joshua Joe Trenton Click, to Denice and Joe Click

Jan. 18, 2003
A daughter, Haley Madison Sky Newsome, to Tasia and Nathaniel Newsome

Co-op

Skill Builders

■ Remind yourself: "I'm in charge. While I can't always control what happens, I can control how I think about it, and how I respond."

■ Catch negative stress as early as possible, before it gets out of hand.

■ Enjoy life more by keeping things simple.

Do less better. Learn when to say no.

■ Laugh often. It's one of the best stress dissolvers ever created.

■ Frequently, slowly, say to yourself three times: "I am calm, I am peaceful."

Concentrate on your words; believe them. Feel what you are saying.

■ Don't be overly demanding on yourself or others. Keep your expectations realistic.

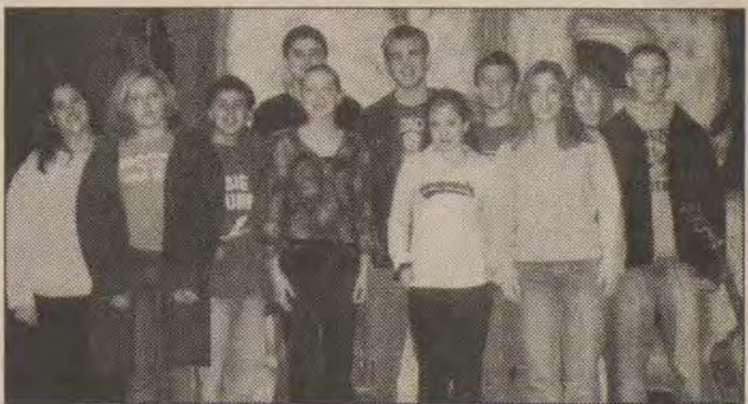
■ Exercise regularly, eat nutritiously, and get plenty of rest.

■ Share your struggles with a friend you trust and respect.

■ Keep things in perspective by remembering Dr. Eliot's Stress Management Rules.

Rule #1: Don't sweat the small stuff.

Rule #2: It's all small stuff.



Local youths who traveled to Tennessee for a Christian youth group celebration included: Front row, left to right - Jessica Bryant, Jessica Arnett, Rob Allen, Myranda Elliott, Courtney Gullet, Courtney Callis, and Chayse Martin. Back row, left to right - Blake Combs, Josh Carter, Josh Ousley, and Maggie Callis.

Youth

concerts from contemporary Christian artists such as Nicole Mullen and Plus One. The First Baptist teens also were treated to visits to several Gatlinburg attractions including a snowboarding and skiing excursion at Ober, Gatlinburg. The First

Baptist teens invite everyone, grades 7-12, to come be a part of their group. The group meets each Sunday evening from 6-7 p.m., at the Irene Cole First Baptist Church, located on South Front Street, Prestonsburg.

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Caudill

ber of the Kentucky Opry Jr. Pro's. By age 14, he was a full-fledged member of the esteemed Kentucky Opry Band.

"With each passing day I find myself becoming much more involved with music, taking advantage of every opportunity that comes along to try and learn something new, and to develop as a musician", Caudill said. "So, I think my desire to be around music has grown dramatically from when I was a younger child."

When it comes to music, Kory Caudill likes it all! "There is such a large amount of musical styles out there that each demand a different type of musician. I have respect for every type of music out there, and it is important for me to be open minded to all styles if I expect to be considered a versatile player," he shared. Versatile, for Kory, is an understatement. Caudill can tickle the ivories with the best of them. He not

only plays for family entertainment audiences but also has a rock band where he reaches out to a more energetic crowd with a more energetic (and "loud") style of music.

When asked about his musical favorites, Kory quickly replied, "Being Keith Caudill's son, I have been raised among some of the top musicians around, I really admire the musicians in the Kentucky Opry band, such as James Whited, Ray Salyer, and Dave Kazee. These are guys that have all been there and done that, and I have tried to learn as much as I can from playing with them". Bruce Hornsby is another musical influence that has made a major impact in Caudill's musical style. "I believe listening to his music has helped me develop a distinct style that makes me different from other keyboard players," Kory said.

To name one favorite musician was extremely hard for Caudill to do. However, there is one "most" influential musician in his life and this he shares with us: "My dad has helped me to grow more than anyone. He has kept an eye out for me, and done anything he could do to help me become a better musician. One thing I love about him is that anything he does, he does to the absolute best of his ability. When he realized music is something I loved, he became very involved in getting me exposure to good musicians, technology, and many other things that have made me the player I am."

If you haven't had the opportunity to witness this "Father and Son" duo on the piano during a Kentucky Opry performance,

you are missing one great happening! The pair have received several standing ovations during performances and it's truly pure enjoyment to see and hear them perform together.

Kory Caudill was brought up with his musical talent using the Nashville Numbers System, which does not require the formal "reading of music." Caudill contributes the system with allowing him the ability to develop into a good rock, country, pop, blues, and gospel player. As he continues to become proficient in the system, Caudill has this to say about it, "It becomes much harder to make myself read music. I enjoy not being constricted to what's on paper, and being capable of expressing my feelings at the time, but there are so many good things that can be learned from reading music, it has been an inspiration for me to work harder at learning to read music."

In ending our interview, we asked Kory to explain the importance to him of having music in our schools. He replied, "I really can't believe it's something we have to justify its legitimacy in order to try and get programs up and running again. It's

astounding that music is usually the first thing to go in our schools when we have budget problems, because there is nothing about music that is not core content. Numerous studies have shown that kids who have been around music perform much better in school, and do well on state mandated tests. I constantly hear how students need to work towards doing well in statewide tests, and here is Floyd County, with many of its schools lacking band and other music programs that would truly help kids do well. Another thing is that when kids are not being offered a music program, who knows what is going unrecognized. Where would people such as Rebecca Lynn Howard be had there not been a chance for kids to get involved with music in the schools? A child that truly loves music and wants to learn should have the opportunity, especially in Eastern Kentucky, which is a breeding ground for musical talent. Such programs would also give kids a chance to stay off the streets and have something positive to be involved with, which is why I feel that music in our schools is something we cannot do without."

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Absher named AP Scholar

John Absher, the son of Jack and Nora Absher, of Prestonsburg, has been named as an Advanced Placement Scholar by the College Board in recognition of his exceptional achievement on the college-level Advanced Placement (AP) Examination. Absher attends the Sayre School in Lexington.



Five Generations

Five generations are represented in this family photograph that traveled all the way from Trenton, Ohio to the Times office. Both the great-great grandmother, Geneva Huston, and the great-grandmother, Carolyn Huston Martin, are former residents of the Wayland community. Shown in the photograph from left to right are: Carolyn Huston Martin, great-grandmother, Geneva Huston, great-great grandmother, holding new baby Emily Grace Vincent, Jenny Martin Menzer, grandmother, of Chattanooga, TN, and Sheryl Menzer Vincent, mother of new baby, Roanoke Rapids, NC.

Blackburn projects good 'Image' at LA Convention



Candra Blackburn, the 14-year old daughter of Ramona Blackburn, of Prestonsburg, received honorable mentions in Team Fashion and Commercial Print categories at the annual International and Modeling Association's "IMTA's Hooray for Hollywood" event, held at the Westin Bonaventure Hotel in Los Angeles.

The event, which attracts the attention of more than 400 fashion and talent agents and casting directors and industry professionals who gather to participate as judges and scouts in the

week long international event. People from throughout the United States, Mexico, Finland, Ireland and Canada attend the event as contestants in Runway, Fashion Print, Cold Reads, Sitcoms, TV Commercials, Monologues, and Singing and Dancing categories. Attendees also take part in educational workshops and seminars attended by industry experts.

The week of excitement culminates with the "Jazz It Up" Awards, when competition winners are awarded trophies and cash prizes. The final "Awards Night Celebration" took place in the Grand Ballroom where scholarships for outstanding performances were awarded from many agents/agencies.

Candra, in addition to her honorable mentions in the Team Fashion and Commercial Print categories, was also a winner in Team Dance. She received agency interest from New York, London, England, Los Angeles, and Milan, Italy.

Candra is a student at the Images Model & Talent Agency, East Reynolds Road, Lexington. You may contact the school by calling 859-273-2301. You may also gather information at the school's website: www.imagesmodelagency.com.

Oak

flies gathering heavily on the screen door, indicated a storm was imminent.

Of course, everybody knows about the stripes on the wooly worm forecasting winter weather, but folks would often use the Thanksgiving turkey for that purpose. A cold winter lay ahead if the turkey's breastbone was purple.

Then there was the familiar ditty, "If spiders build their webs by noon, beautiful weather is coming soon." Another simple little saying that helped in long-range planning was "Warm Christmas—cold Easter."

One of our readers sent along

an interesting recipe to help predict the weather, and if we do say so, it's as accurate as anything the professional meteorologists have come up with. Here's how it works: Find a smooth rock weighing at least a pound and wide enough to be seen from your living room window to your lawn, where the rock is placed flat on the ground. Check it out every morning. If the rock is dry, the weather is changing. If it's wet, it's raining. If it's white, it's snowing. If it's gone...tomado!

Enjoy the next six weeks... and stay warm.

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Jenny Wiley Theatre one of 15 agencies to receive START Grant

Jenny Wiley Theatre was recently awarded a one-year \$5,000 grant from the Kentucky Arts Council, through it's special START Building Participation grant for Kentucky non-profit arts organizations. START Building Participation grants are the result of the Arts Council's work with the Wallace-Reader's Digest Funds' START Initiative to elicit broader public participation in the arts over the next several years.

The Wallace-Reader's Digest Funds launched the State Arts Partnership for Cultural Participation (START) initiative in 2001 to help state arts agencies establish audience-centered funding standards, practices and program strategies to broaden, deepen and diversify cultural participation. Cultural groups broaden participation by attracting more of the same groups of people as currently served; deepen participation by increasing current participants' level or frequency of involvement, and diversify participation by attracting and serving a different group of participants than those currently served.

Jenny Wiley Theatre seeks to increase participation in its activities from the local and regional community, specifically among retirees/seniors, minority populations, families with school age children, and young adults. The START funds will help JWT target outreach efforts specifically to retirees/seniors, minority populations and families to address the barriers that may exist and prevent these groups from participating in and enjoying live theatre right here in eastern Kentucky.

The Kentucky Arts Council developed a competitive process for awarding these funds. Organizations who were identified by the KAC as potential recipients were required to attend a two-day training, and then had to submit applications with only fifteen agencies across the state receiving funding this first year.

Other recipients include:

- Appalachian Cultural Heritage Education Initiative
- Behringer-Crawford Museum
- Berea Arts Council, Inc.
- Bowling Green Chamber Orchestra, Inc.
- Cadiz Community Arts Center dba Janice Mason Art Museum
- Covington Community Center
- Horse Cave Theatre
- J. B. Speed Art Museum
- Juneteenth Legacy Theatre
- Lexington Arts and Cultural Council
- Lexington Philharmonic Orchestra
- Louisville Visual Art Association
- Montgomery County Council for the Arts
- Paducah Symphony Orchestra

Critter

When you actually receive a meal, submerge your head into it as you would a shower. Never, never look up again for a minimum of fifteen minutes after the obvious food is gone. This is important. Just because your dish is empty doesn't mean that it is time to stop eating.

Remember that all food is potentially yours up until the time that it is actually swallowed by another. The lengthy path a piece of food will take from a plate to a mouth via a hand is as good a time as any to stake your claim to it.

When it comes to selecting an appropriate beverage, location and packaging mean nothing. There are absolutely no exceptions to this rule.

If you see something you really want and all your other attempts at getting it have failed, it is only right to grovel shamelessly. As a second tactic, stare intently at the object of your desire, allowing long, gelatinous drools to leak like icicles from your lower lip.

MCCC offers volunteer medical training

The staff of Mountain Comprehensive Care Center's Victim Services Program is currently planning their annual free Volunteer Medical Advocate training. This training is an extensive 40-hour program which will prepare its participants to become volunteers who respond to victims of sexual assault or domestic violence in

any of the six Big Sandy area hospital emergency rooms. The training will be held on each Saturday in March from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. An application packet can be mailed to you at your request. If you are interested in this training or would like to have more information about the training, call MCCC's Volunteer Coordinator at 886-4323.

Weddings



Goodman-Prater plan Valentine wedding

Mr. Ronnie Goodman and Ms. Edith Prater, both of Prestonsburg, are happy to announce their engagement and forthcoming marriage. Mr. Goodman is the son of Ruth Goodman, of Prestonsburg, and the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Goodman, of Lancer. Ms. Prater is the daughter of Mike and Kathy Prater, of David, and Curt and Teresa Fannin, of Prestonsburg. She is the paternal granddaughter of Alice Prater, of David, and the late Earnest Prater. Her maternal grandparents are Edith Stumbo, of Prestonsburg, and the late Loran Stumbo. She is employed by the Floyd County School System, J.D. Adams Middle School. Her prospective groom is employed by Blackburn Contracting. The couple will wed in a ceremony that will be performed on Valentine's Day, February 14, 2003, in the Smokey Mountains, Tennessee.

Korner

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I laid there dead center of the driveway behind my vehicle, wondering if I was ever going to move again.

Next thing I know our German Shepherd thinks she's gonna kiss everything and make it all better. "Oh, please, Casey, go get Spouse," I asked our dog. Oh, she looked at me with those big puppy dog brown eyes, as if she felt so sorry for me. "Come on, Casey," my shaken, cracked voice pleaded, "go get Spouse." Well, this very best friend to mankind and me decides she's not leavin' me, she's gonna join me. And what does she do but lay down just as close as she could possibly get. Yep, are you picturing this? Now I am sandwiched in between a German Shepherd and a Toyota with thoughts of a

full body cast waiting. That is if Spouse misses me and comes to find me. Lord, how do I get myself in these predicaments? Well, what seemed like days passed, and when the cold was just getting to unbearable I decided it was time to try and move, cause Spouse was no where in earshot nor eyesight. I started with an arm, ok it works, the other arm, it worked, patted the dog, and said, "Get up," she did, then I tried a foot, ah, it moved, and so did the rest of me. I hadn't broken, cracked, or crushed a thing. Wow, that's pretty cool, and then it dawned on me. I must have too much padding! That thought hurt worse than the tumble! And boy am I glad our daughter didn't see it. Til next week, God Bless.

EVERYTHING ELSE:

There are really only two important facial expressions to bother with: complete and overwhelming joy or nothing at all.

Anytime that is not "Mealtime" is potentially "NapTime." The best time to take a nap is when you hear your name being called repeatedly. The best location for a nap is dead center of any street or driveway. The most relaxing position is on your side, all four limbs parallel.

The most practical way to get dry is to shake violently near a fully clothed person. A second effective method is to roll on a light-colored piece of furniture.

At the first hint of any irregular noise, run from room to room yelling loudly. If someone actually comes into the house, rush over to them whether you know them or not. Then kiss them so violently that they lose their balance or have to force you away physically.

The greatest unacknowledged threat to life as we have come to know it, is SQUIR-

RELS. No matter what you do, you must make sure there are none in your yard.

There are two equally amusing sets of rules for playing ball that you will want to know: The Common Form, in which you receive a thrown ball and return it, and The Preferred Form, in which you receive a ball and eat it.

As you know, any open car door is an invitation to get in. Once inside, your goal is to try to get out.

In the event of a trip to the doctor, always be on your guard. If you are vaccinated, urinate on the physician.

I've been saving the following tidbits of wisdom, with no place else to use them:

■ No matter how hard you try, you can't baptize cats.

■ You can't trust dogs to watch your food.

■ Puppies still have bad breath, even after eating a Tic-Tac.

■ Never hold a Dust Buster and a cat at the same time.

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Hall named Director of Obstetrics at HRMC



Terri Hall, RN, MSN, CDE, has been named Director of Obstetrics for the Birth Place at Highlands. Hall, a resident of Johnson County, brings 20 years of nursing experience to the position.

ator and is committed to our Strategic Improvement System. We are pleased Terri accepted the position of Director of OB Services."

Following her appointment, Hall had this to say, "I am very excited to be a part of the OB unit again. I believe we have a well trained, organized staff and some of the most highly skilled physicians in the area. The role of director will give me the opportunity to work with the staff and physicians to explore new ways to improve patient care. I feel comfortable in saying that our goal will be to make 'Highlands Birth Place' the OB service in the Big Sandy."

Hall began her career as a registered nurse at Highlands in May 1983. She worked as a staff nurse on the 2nd Floor from 1983-88; as a staff nurse and a charge nurse in OB from 1988-90; as House Director in 1991; an ER staff nurse in 1992; and as a QA Case Manager in 1993. During this time she continued her education, receiving her BSN from Marshall University in 1991 and her MSN from the University of Kentucky in 1994.

She has also served as the Diabetes Educator at Highlands since 1994 and is Certified by the National Certification Board of Diabetes Educators. During 1994, Terri began working with Highlands (CME) Continuing Medical Education program and was instrumental in having the program receive accreditation

from the Kentucky Medical Association. Hall and Dr. John Furcolow will continue to oversee Highlands CME program. Recruitment is underway to replace the position of Diabetes Educator. Until such time the position is filled, Hall will continue her services with the diabetes program.

Terri Hall, RN, MSN, CDE, has been named Director of Obstetrics at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Her appointment became effective January 8, 2003. Jean Yates, Vice-President of Patient Care Services, announced the appointment saying, "Terri has all the professional leadership qualities we look for in managers. She is an experienced nurse edu-

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Century 21 American Way Realty is proud to announce its office's Top Producers for 2002. Congratulations go to Ellen Harris for \$4.2 million in sales, Stephanie McDonald "Rookie of the Year" for \$2.2 million in sales, and Vicki Rice for \$1 mil-

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Chamber Notes Chamber welcomes Dr. Ryan Maynard



■ Dr. Ryan Maynard

By Regina Becknell,
Executive Director, Floyd
County Chamber of
Commerce

The Floyd County Chamber of Commerce welcomes Dr. Ryan Maynard, chiropractor, to Chamber membership as well as a new practice in Floyd County. Dr. Maynard's new office will be located at 781 South Lake Drive, beside Music-Carter, in Prestonsburg.

Dr. Maynard came to Floyd County nine months ago from the Palmer College of Chiropractic Medicine in Davenport, Iowa, where he had continued his education after graduating from Marshall University, Huntington. He is certified by the National and Kentucky Board of Chiropractic Examiners. Having a personal interest in athletics, Dr. Maynard has extended chiropractic experience in sports medicine, industrial injury and other specialized technique programs.

Originally from Wayne County, W.Va, Dr. Maynard has settled in Prestonsburg with his wife, Jessica, and infant son, Tommy. He is excited about practicing chiropractic medicine and building roots in Floyd County. Dr. Maynard is now accepting new patients, call for an appointment at 606-886-3737.

The Floyd County Chamber of Commerce encourages everyone to extend a warm welcome to Dr. Maynard and his family, and to visit with him at our next Chamber event, to be held Thursday, February 20, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Allen Central High School when the Allen Central High School Leadership Tag and Career Options Class will be hosting a Chamber "Business After Hours".

"Business After Hours" is only one of the many Chamber functions designed to offer Chamber members business-networking opportunities. Make plans to stop by Allen Central High School to tour the school and to meet business teacher, Ms. Rita Osborne, and her students. Verbal marketing is the strongest and most economical form of promotion for any business.

CHAMBER CALENDAR:

Feb. 25 — Fourth Annual Big Sandy Women's Business Symposium, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Jenny Wiley State Resort Park Wilkinson-Stumbo Convention Center. Mrs. Jill Fraley Hammond, emcee, featuring Sue McMillin motivational speaker on "Building Order Out Of Chaos" and Dr. Mary Fox, retired physician, back by popular demand, helping women to deal with stress.

Feb. 27 — Introduction to Excel Spreadsheets, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the MSU Prestonsburg location. Limited seating (20), so reserve your space now. A \$15 cost will be incurred for which lunch is included.

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U.S. GOVERNMENT FORECLOSURE SALE

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2003 AT 11:00 A.M.
AT THE SITE OF THE BELOW DESCRIBED PROPERTY
HOUSE AND LOT LOCATED AT
80 SCHOOL HOUSE HOLLOW - DAVID
IN FLOYD COUNTY, KENTUCKY



This is a two bedroom vinyl siding home on public water and public sewer. It is well located in a quiet neighborhood. It consists of a living room, kitchen, 2 bedrooms, and 1.5 baths. This property is considered unsuitable for the Rural Development Program. This would be an excellent buy for an investor interested in rental property or for resale after repairs.

The minimum acceptable bid for this property is \$14,070.00.

Payment of the current year's property taxes are the responsibility of the purchaser.

LEGAL NOTICE

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A certain tract or parcel of land lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, which is more particularly described as follows:

Being Lot No. 20 of the David Community Development Corporation, and more particularly described on Plat #1-102, records of the Floyd County Court Clerk's Office.

Being the same property conveyed by Deed dated January 18, 2001, recorded in Deed Book 455, Page 281, in Floyd County Clerk's Office.

TERMS OF SALE: Ten percent (10%) of the bid price (in the form of a Certified Check made payable to the U. S. Marshal) on the day of sale with good and sufficient bond for the balance, bearing interest at the rate of 1.51% per annum until paid, due and payable in thirty (30) days following the date of sale. Upon a default by the Purchaser, the deposit shall be forfeited and retained by the U. S. Marshal as a part of the proceeds of the sale, and the property shall again be offered for sale subject to confirmation by the Court.

This sale shall be in bar and foreclosure of all right, title, interest, estate claim, demand or equity of redemption of the defendant(s) and of all persons claiming by, through, under or against them, provided the purchase price is equal to two-thirds of the appraised value. If the purchase price is not equal to two-thirds of the appraised value, the Deed shall contain lien in favor of the defendant(s) reflecting the right of the defendant(s) to redeem during the period provided by law (KRS 426.530). Under Law, the purchaser is deemed to be on notice of all matters affecting the property of record in the local County Clerk's Office.

Inquiries should be directed to: THOMAS W. KEETH, Community Development Manager
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Prestonsburg, Kentucky
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U.S. GOVERNMENT FORECLOSURE SALE

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2003 AT 1:00 P.M.
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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE PURSUANT TO APPLICATION NO. 836-5368, RENEWAL

1) In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that FCDC Coal, Inc., 750 Town Mountain Road, Pikeville, Ky 41501, has applied for renewal of a permit for an underground coal mining and reclamation operation. This operation includes 4.24 acres of surface disturbance, and underlies an additional 118.0 acres, for a total permit acreage of 122.24 acres, located 1.5 mile north of Drift, in Floyd County.

2) The operation is approximately 1.5 mile north of KY Hwy 122's junction with Stonecoal Branch Road, and is located 1.0 mile east of Left Fork of Beaver Creek. The latitude is 37 degrees, 29 minutes 30 seconds. The longitude is 82 degrees 44 minutes, 46 seconds.

3) The operation is located on the McDowell and Harold USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps.

The operation uses the underground method of mining. The surface area is owned by Alma Land Company. The area underlies land owned by Alma Land Company, Hargis and Ruth Hall, and Zella Martin heirs. The operation will affect an area within 100 feet of a public road, Stonecoal Branch Road. The operation will not involve relocation of the public road.

4) The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections or requests for a permit conference, must be filed with the Director of the Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Ky 40601.

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U.S. BANK, NA (SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO FIRST STAR BANK, NA, F/K/A STAR BANK, NA) PLAINTIFF VS. ANGELA D. LITTLE AND GLEN KEITH LITTLE DEFENDANTS

NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

BY VIRTUE OF Default Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 27th day of December, 2002, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$30,545.45, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, 3rd Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center) to the highest bidder, at public auction, on Thursday, the 6th day of February, 2003, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., the following described real estate, located at 1409 Prater Fork, Hueysville, Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:
Beginning at an iron stake on creek bank running across bottom 74 ft. to a stake at road side; thence turning left and running by road side 151 ft. to a stake at a small hollow, then turning left and running with small hollow 75 ft. to a stake at edge of creek, then turning left and running with creek 151 ft. to a stake at beginning.
There is 14 ft. road way excepted out of this property on upper end at small hollow for the purpose of traveling to near by property when needed by other members of family.
Being the same property conveyed by deed recorded in Volume 283, Page 559, of the Floyd County, Kentucky Records.
TERMS OF SALE:
(a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or 10% of purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days, and required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase

price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum from the date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a Judgment.
(b) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office, and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America, and/or the record owners thereof.
(c) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all Floyd County, Kentucky, real property taxes for the year 2002, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd County, Kentucky, real estate taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds.
(d) In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above described property for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid, and no bond shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner, and any real estate taxes assessed against the real estate.
Any announcements made on date of sale take precedence over printed matter contained herein.
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Owensboro, Kentucky 42301
WILLIAM S. KENDRICK
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COMMON-WEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. II C.A. NO. 02-CI-00954
VANDERBILT MORTGAGE & FINANCE, INC. PLAINTIFF VS. TIM WALKER AND SHANNON WALKER DEFENDANTS
NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE
BY VIRTUE OF Default Judgment

and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 27 day of December, 2002, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$35,522.12, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, 3rd Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center) to the highest bidder, at public auction, on Thursday, the 6th day of February, 2003, at the hour of 9:15 a.m., the following described real estate located, in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:
Said real estate is situated in Floyd County, Kentucky, and bounded as follows: On Big Sandy River, being Lot 2, 3 in the Prospect addition to Dwale. Lot 2 starts 60 feet from the Prospect addition to the Big Sandy River containing, 2 Lot acres more or less. As shown by plat filed in the Floyd County Court Clerk's Office for a more perfect description.
Being the same property conveyed to Tim Walker and Shannon Walker, by deed dated February 1, 1998, of record in Deed Book 418, Page 353, in the Office of the County Court Clerk of Floyd County, Kentucky.
AND to be included in sale is a 2001 Clayton 16'x80' mobile home, Serial No. CWP009579TN
TERMS OF SALE:
(a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or 10% of purchase price, with the balance on credit for sixty (60) days, and required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum from the date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a Judgment.
(b) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof.
(c) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all Floyd County, Kentucky, real property taxes for the year 2003, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable.

Any and all delinquent Floyd County, Kentucky, real estate taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds.
(d) In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above described property for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid and no bond shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner and any real estate taxes assessed against the real estate.
Any announcements made on date of sale takes precedence over printed matter contained herein.
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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE PURSUANT TO APPLICATION NUMBER 836-5428, RENEWAL
(1) In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that FCDC Coal, Inc., 750 Town Mountain Road, Pikeville, KY 41501 has applied for renewal of a permit for an underground coal mining operations located 1.0 mile Southwest of Blue Moon in Floyd County. The operation disturbs 8.07 surface acres and underlies 1,113.81 acres and the total area within the permit boundary is 1121.88 acres.
(2) The operation is approximately 1.1 mile Southwest of Little Mud Creek Road's junction with the Morgan Fork Road and located adjacent to and 0.50 miles North of Morgan Fork. The Latitude is 37 degrees 29 minutes 28 seconds, The Longitude is 82 degrees 42 minutes 33 seconds.
(3) The proposed operation is located on the McDowell and Harold USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The surface area disturbed is owned by the Elk Horn Coal Corporation, Reevis Hamilton, Leon Greer, Charles McKinney, Vernedith Meade, William and Dorothy Martin, Roy Spurlock, Estill Mullins, David Meade, Ella Martin, Clay-borne Bailey, Ida Mae Newsome, Et Al, Sola Williams, Vannie Kidd, Charlie Elliot, Caner Hunter, John Hunter, Willie Lawson, Earl Watson, Roger Lee and Pataca Hunter, Earl Lee and Katherine Hall, and Ted Meade. The operation will affect an area mthin 100 feet of Morgan Fork Road. The operation will not involve relocation of the public road.
(4) The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite #6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director of Division of Permits, Hudson Hollow Complex, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.
INVITATION TO BID
The Carl D. Perkins Job Corps Center, Prestonsburg, KY, is now accepting bids on purchase and installation of a natural gas heating and air conditioning unit for a 3100 sq.ft. area. Contractors are required to visit the Center during normal business hours and view the area prior to bidding. For more information, please contact Dennis Conley at (606) 886-1037, or Teresa Carroll at (606) 886-0077, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Bids will be received by mail, fax, or in person, until Thursday, Feb. 13, 2003, at 4:30 p.m. No late bids will be accepted. The Carl D. Perkins Job Corps Center reserves the right to reject any or all bids received.
COMMON-WEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. II C.A. NO. 02-CI-00213
MID-STATE TRUST, VIII PLAINTIFF VS. JODY L. HALL AND ANITA G. HALL AND FLOYD COUNTY, KENTUCKY

DEFENDANTS
NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE
BY VIRTUE OF Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court entered on the 30th day of January, 2003 in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$77,411.74, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, 3rd Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center) to the highest bidder, at public auction on Thursday, the 20th day of February, 2003, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., the following described real estate located in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:
A certain tract or parcel of land lying on the waters of Tanyard Branch, a tributary of Little Mud Creek in the Community of Harold, Floyd County, Kentucky, and being a portion of the same tract of land conveyed to Clarence E. Kidd, et al, by deed dated October, 1986 and recorded in Deed Book 325, Page 370, records of the Floyd County Clerk's Office and more particularly described as follows:
Beginning on a set iron pin and cap, a corner common to (now or formerly) Christa Hall (DB 894, Pg 409), said pin being located approximately 0.50 miles northeast of the intersection of Tanyard Hollow Road and Ky. Hwy. 1426, thence with a line common to said Hall S 47-30-16 E 168.25 feet to a set iron pin and cap, thence leaving line common to said Hall and with 4 new division line severing the parent tract N 47-31-33 E 194.81 feet to a set iron pin and cap near a large beech, thence N 50-19-11 W 247.59 feet to a set iron pin and cap on the southeastern edge of a drain, thence down drain S 29-29-43 W 186.71 feet to a set iron pin and cap on the southeastern edge of said drain, thence leaving edge of said drain S 47-34-49 E 19.96 feet to the point of beginning, containing 0.94 acres by survey conducted on May 20, 1999 by Richard A. Reece, PLS#3358 with H & R Surveying, Rt. 1, Box 240, Gray, KY 40734.
Also conveyed herein is a 12' right of way for the purpose of ingress and egress from Tanyard Hollow Road and described along the centerline as follows: Beginning on a point in the southwestern boundary of the above described tract of land, said point being located S 47-34-49 E 12, 26 feet from the southwest corner of the above described tract, thence along the centerline S 50-58-16 W 65.47 feet, thence S 35-29-19 W 58.57 feet, thence S 21-09-40 W 53.05 feet, thence S 41-42-16 W 25.71 feet, thence S 51-52-35 W 36.91 feet to a point in the eastern edge of Tanyard Hollow Road.
It is also understood that the Grantors retain a 12' easement across the above described tract of land for the purpose of ingress and egress to the remainder of their property, said easement will run along the northwestern boundary of the above described tract of land and on the east side of the drain.
Unless stated otherwise any monument referred to herein as a "set iron pin and cap" is a set 1/2" by 18" iron pin with a red plastic cap stamped H & R PLS#3358. All bearings given herein are referenced to the magnetic meridian as observed in the field on May 20, 1999 by taking random sight and turning angles therefrom.
Being a portion of the property conveyed to Jody L. Hall and Anita Gaye Kidd Hall (husband and wife) by Clarence E. Kidd and Christine Kidd (husband and wife), Andrew Hall and Sharon Kaye Kidd Hall (husband and

subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd County, Kentucky, real estate taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds.
(d) In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above described property for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid and no bond shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner and any real estate taxes assessed against the real estate.
Any announcements made on date of sale takes precedence over printed matter contained herein.
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
A public hearing will be held on February 18, 2003 at 9:00 a.m., Eastern Daylight Time, at the office of the Kentucky Public Service Commission, 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, KY for the purpose of cross-examination of witnesses in the Examination of the Application of the Fuel Adjustment Clause of American Electric Power Company from November 1, 2000 to October 31, 2002.
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KID SCOOP AMERICAN LEGENDS

JOHN HENRY

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Growing Up Fast

Some say that on the day John Henry was born, all the creatures came to get a look. Before you could say "oooh" and "aaah," baby John jumped out of his mother's arms and started to grow. He grew and he grew and he grew until his head busted through the porch roof!

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension; recognize sequence of events in a text.

How many train engines can you find hidden on this page?

Standards Link: Visual discrimination.

A Man, a Machine and a Mountain

When John left home, he went to work for the railroad. With his mighty _____ he pounded away at the mountains, tunneling a path for the tracks that connected people around the U.S.

One day the boss of the railroad crew brought a machine called a steam drill. "This _____ can do the work better than men," the boss said.

John Henry replied, "Let's have a _____ . Me and my hammers against your steam drill."

The Big Race

The boss told John Henry to start digging on the other side of the mountain. "I'll use the _____ on this side. Whoever gets to the middle first wins," the boss said.

John Henry and the steam drill went at it all day and all night. Early the next morning, John Henry's _____ met the one dug by the steam drill. The boss' jaw dropped in wonder. John Henry had cut through 15 feet of solid _____; the machine had only cut through nine!



John Henry's hammering has shaken a few words out of his story. Replace each blank line in the story with one of the words above so that the story makes sense.

Those who tell the tale say that John Henry worked so hard he broke his heart. When the contest was done, he laid down his hammer and died. Some say that to this day, when the _____ sing, you can hear John Henry's hammer ring.

Standards Link: History: Recognize similarities and differences of earlier generations in such areas as work, drawing from folklore. Narrative Analysis: Comprehend the basic plot of folk tales.

Hammer Math

They say John Henry hammered his way through the mountain with a 20-pound hammer in each hand. Circle the numbers on each hammer that add up to exactly 20.

Standards Link: Number Sense: Compute sums to 20.

Extra! Extra!

FIND 100

Look through the newspaper and circle numbers that add up to exactly 100.

Standards Link: Number Sense: Compute sums to 100.

Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle, then in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

- LEGENDS
- HAMMERS
- MOUNTAINS
- MACHINE
- TUNNEL
- STEAM
- DRILL
- CONTEST
- GREW
- TRAIN
- JOHN
- HENRY
- RAILROAD
- HAND
- BUSTED

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Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognizing identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

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Man and Machine

Look through the newspaper for pictures of machines that do jobs once done by people. Make a list of the advantages and disadvantages of doing each job with a machine and with people.

Standards Link: History: Compare and contrast everyday life in different times and recognize that some things change over time.

What did the tree say to the ax?
 ANSWER: I'm stumped!

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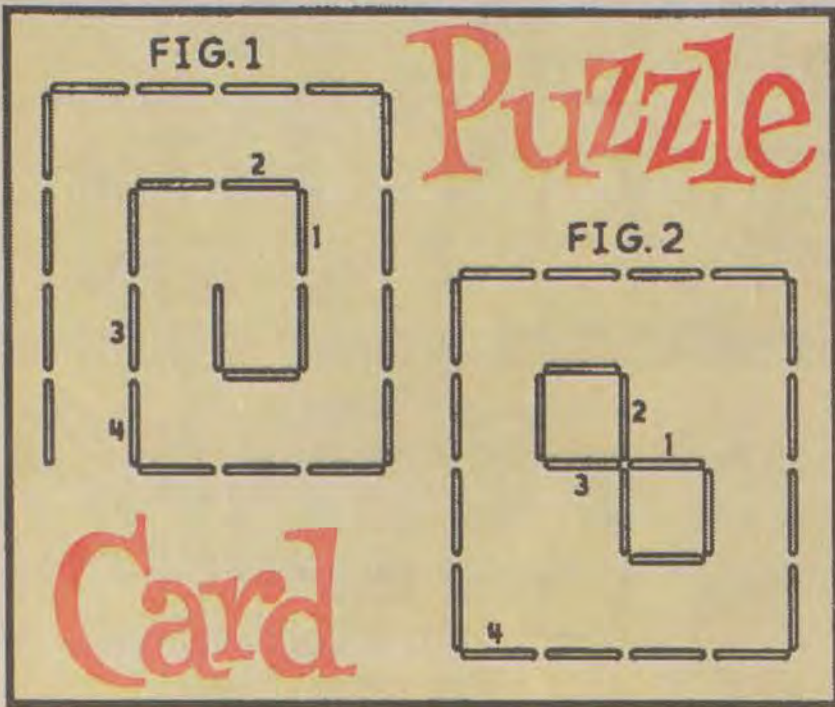
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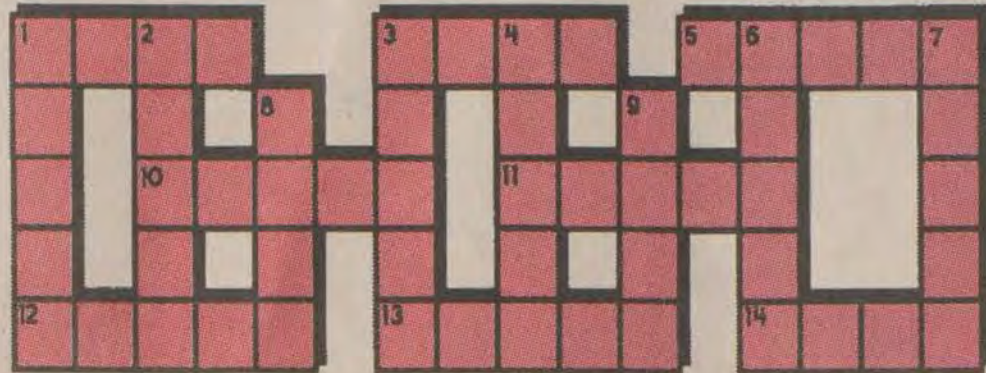
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A BOYS' NAMES PUZZLE



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LAY OUT 24 ICE-CREAM STICKS as shown in fig 1. Then, bet your friends that they can't form three squares by moving four of the sticks to new positions. The answer is shown in fig. 2

Below are 16 boys' names you'll need to complete the puzzle grid above. Use the trial-and-error method.

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|-------|-------|-------|
| CARL | NEIL | OTTO |
| CONAN | NIGEL | ROYAL |
| EBEN | NOLAN | SETON |
| EDSEL | ORSON | SILAS |
| EVERS | OTIS | YATES |
| NALDO | | |

TOPSY-TURVY! Below we have three cups mouth up and three cups mouth down. In three moves, turning over any two adjacent cups at a time, change the order of these cups to mouth up, down, up, down, up, down.



Answer: First move, turn 2 and 3. Second move, turn 3 and 4. Third move, turn 4 and 5

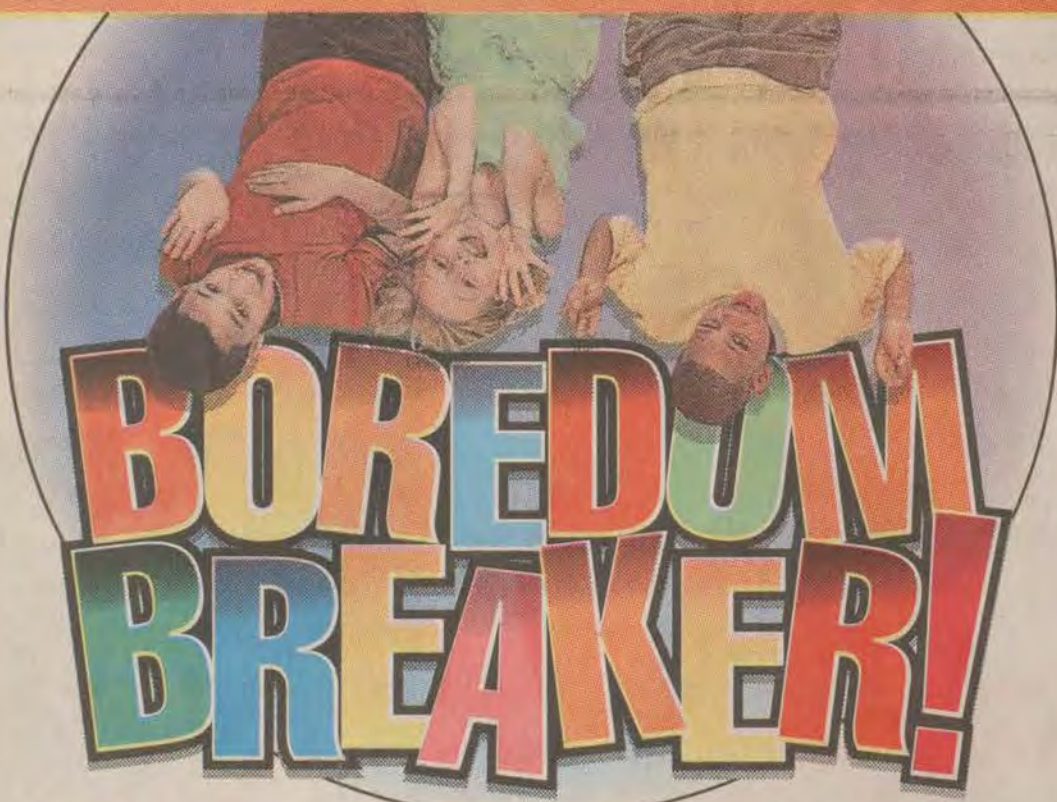
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		21	5
20	6		
	23		
			22

Our answer: First row: 12, 15, 21, 5. Second row: 20, 6, 11, 16. Third row: 7, 23, 13, 10. Fourth row: 14, 9, 8, 22.

Answers: (Across) 1. Eben, 3. Carl, 5. Nolan, 10. Seton, 11. Yates, 12. Silas, 13. Naldo, 14. Neil, (Down) 1. Evers, 2. Edsel, 3. Conan, 4. Royal, 6. Orson, 7. Nigel, 8. Otis, 9. Otto.

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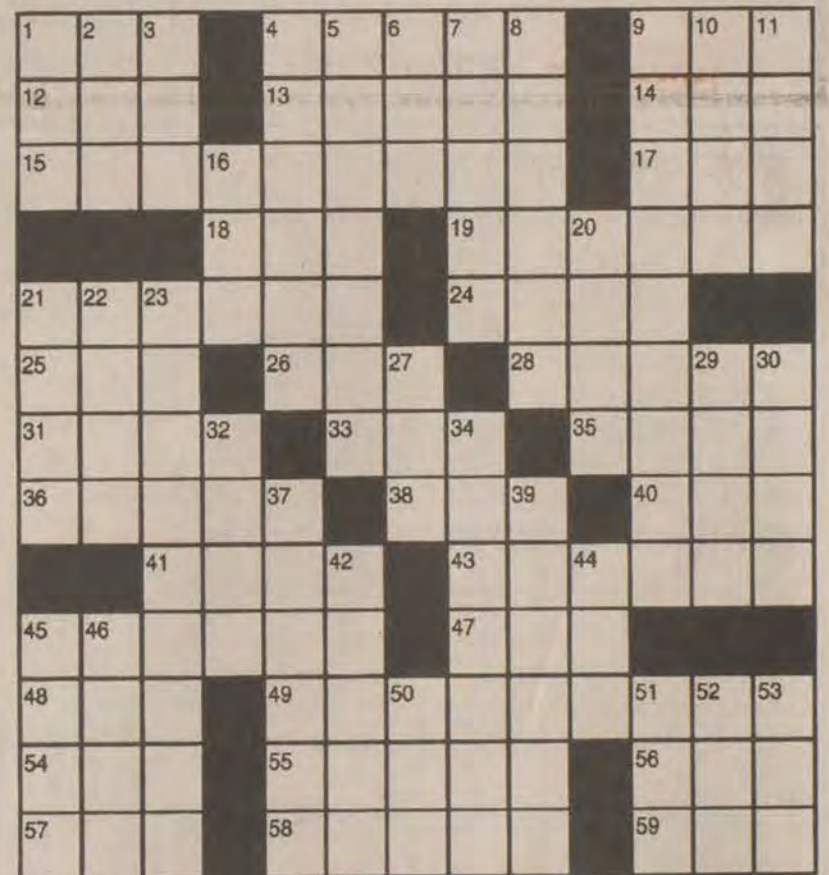
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- 4 Alkali neutralizers
- 9 Household member
- 12 Night bird
- 13 Attack on all sides
- 14 Past
- 15 WWW business-person
- 17 Box-office sign
- 18 "- to Joy"
- 19 Mate of a strutter?
- 21 Make blue
- 24 Big rig
- 25 Lawyers' org.
- 26 Pigs' digs
- 28 "Loves me (not)" determinant
- 31 React in horror
- 33 Our uncle
- 35 Long story
- 36 Lucy's pal
- 38 Standard
- 40 Highland tyke
- 41 Family biz abbr.
- 43 "No kidding?"
- 45 Quantity
- 47 Little demon
- 48 Feathery accessory
- 49 Printout format
- 54 Screw up



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| 55 Small ante-lope | 6 Doctrine | locale |
| 56 "Once in Love With -" | 7 Ocean floor | 34 Xylophone's cousin |
| 57 Started | 8 "Out of Africa" star | 37 "A Tale of Two Cities" city |
| 58 Katmandu's land | 9 "Phooey!" | 39 Send again |
| 59 La -, Bolivia | 10 Shrek, for instance | 42 Mall unit |
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| | 20 Iowa city | 46 Oliver Twist's request |
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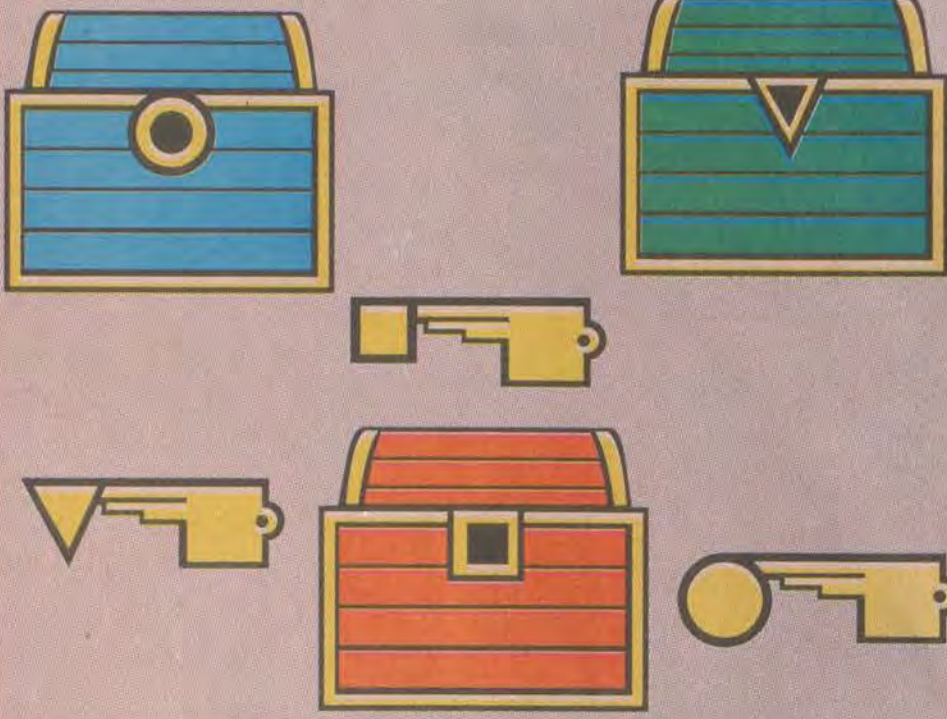
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My name: _____

Learning Buddies: Spell your child's first name, using the lines to write large letters. Use an uppercase letter for the first letter in the name and lowercase letters to spell the rest. Have your child trace the letters with a finger, crayon or pencil.

Can you open the treasure chests?

Find the key that matches each lock.



My Letters

K is for Key
k is for key



Learning Buddies: Read the two phrases aloud. Have your child read with you. Trace the uppercase and lowercase letter K. Say the letter as you trace it.

How many words or pictures can you find on this page that have the sound that the letter K makes in the word key?

My Numbers

How many ?



How many ?

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And when she's wound, she walks along
As stately as can be.

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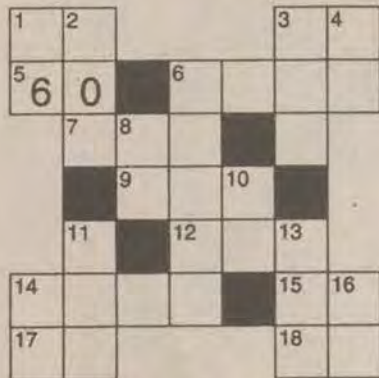


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Rational Numbers

by Linda Thistle

Using the clues, simple arithmetic, and a little logic, place a single digit (0 to 9) in each empty box in the diagram. To help you get started, the answer for clue 5-Across has been entered in the diagram.



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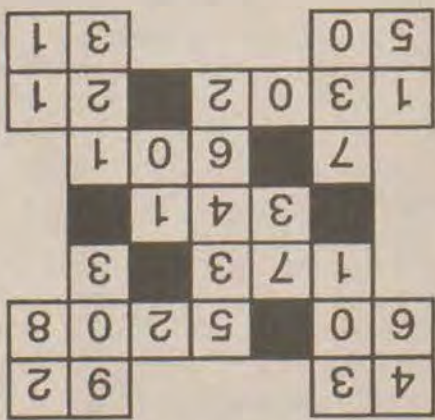
- 4-Down plus 14-Down
- Two times 1-Down
- Six times 10-Down
- Four times 14-Across
- 17-Across plus 13-Down
- 18-Across times 16-Down
- Three hundred more than 2-Down
- Consecutive digits rearranged
- 10-Down plus 16-Down
- Four more than 1-Down
- The first digit is three times the last digit

- One-third of 3-Down
- 7-Across plus 11-Down
- The last digit is four times the first digit
- Consecutive digits rearranged
- Thirty more than 1-Across
- Five less than 14-Down
- 8-Down times 10-Down
- 3-Across plus 18-Across
- Sum of the digits of 6-Across
- Same digit repeated

DOWN

- 18-Across plus 14-Down

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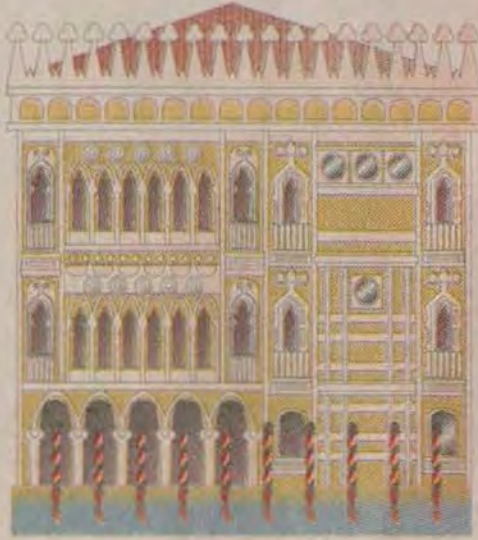
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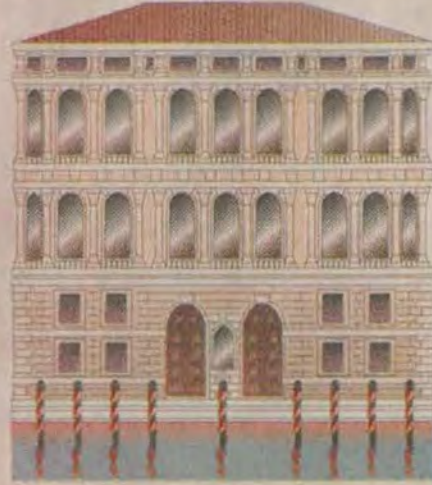
Foscari Palace was constructed during the 1400s. It now is home to the administrative offices of the university.

Along the Grand Canal

The heart of Venice is divided by a 1.8-mile-long waterway known as the Grand Canal. Along the banks of this spectacular thoroughfare are the **palazzi**, or palaces, that were built by wealthy merchants and their families. Palazzi line the Grand Canal and most of them were built between the 12th and 18th centuries. Many architectural styles are represented by their facades, and their owners decorated them as a dazzling display of their power and wealth.



Ca' d'Oro Palace was built between 1420 and 1440. The most famous of the palazzi, its gothic-style facade is decorated with gold.



Pesaro Palace was built around the end of the 17th century. It houses the Gallery of Modern Art.

The most beautiful city in the world

Venice, Italy, is one of the most unusual places on Earth. The famous city, called **La Serenissima** — "the most serene" — is built over 117 low, swampy islands in the lagoon of Venice. The islands are protected from the Adriatic Sea by a long sandbar called the **Lido de Venezia**, although the sea sometimes does flood the lagoon and the buildings. The people of Venice use boats instead of cars to travel through the town, because there are more waterways than walkways. A system of over 120 canals takes the place of streets. Docks and bridges connect the canals to the land. Homes are built by first driving wooden poles, called **pilings**, deep into the firm clay of the lagoon. Then, timbers are attached to the pilings, and buildings are constructed over them.

Merchants of Venice

In 1260, two merchant brothers, Niccolo and Matteo Polo, began to travel east from Europe. In 1266, they arrived at the capital of the **Great Khan's Mongol Empire**. In 1269, the brothers returned to Europe with the Khan's request for a hundred Catholic missionaries.

When they returned to Venice, Nicolo's wife was dead, survived by a 15-year-old son, Marco.

In 1271, the brothers and Marco again traveled east and in 1275 revisited the Great Khan. He requested Marco's service for the Empire. Marco became an ambassador and the governor of the city of **Yangchow**. With the Khan's permission, the Polos later left the empire in 1292 to deliver a princess to a king for marriage. They left with 14 boats and 600 passengers en route to Persia. They sailed from Southern China, through Indonesia to Sri Lanka, India and to the Strait of Hormuz. Only 18 survivors made it to Persia.

The three Polos returned to Venice and Marco joined the army to fight against Genoa. He was captured in 1298. While in prison, he dictated an account of his travels to a fellow prisoner. The book was widely published and translated. Printing had not yet been invented in Europe, so scholars copied Polo's book by hand. Some scholars believe he never made it to China. Nonetheless, his account provides an important geographical reference of the Asian provinces — divided into chapters covering specific regions and their politics, religion and economics.



MARCO POLO

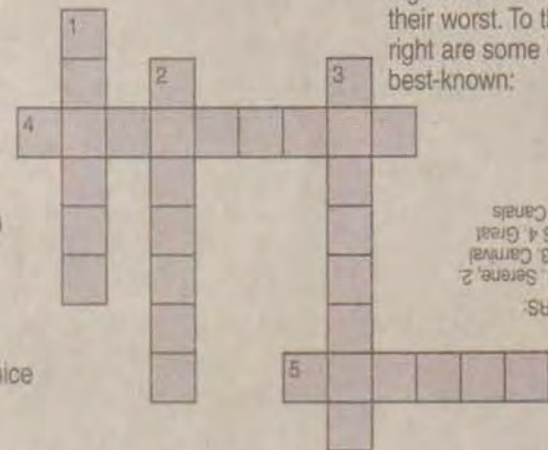
Puzzler

DOWN

1. Venice nickname "Serenissima"
2. Palaces
3. Street celebration during Lent

ACROSS

4. Mongol leader
5. Waterways in Venice



ANSWERS:
DOWN 1. Serene, 2. Palazzi, 3. Carnival
ACROSS 4. Genghis Khan, 5. Canals

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The **gondola** is one of the main forms of water transportation in Venice. Lovers often dine while cruising along the sights of the Grand Canal.

Venice

Queen of the Adriatic



The **Regatta storica**, or historical regatta, is a rowing race along the Grand Canal. Dating from the 13th century, its origins are the rowing races among expert oarsmen. Held every year on the first Sunday of September, it is preceded by a cortege of historical boats and crewmen dressed in traditional costume.

Carnival

Venetians have an old custom (often banned throughout history) of celebration during the 10 days before **Lent**, a period of somber fasting and prayer in the Catholic religion. During **Carnival**, Venice becomes a riotous street party, complete with dancing, singing, eating and gambling. Elaborate masks and costumes hide the identity of the revelers, who often adapt the costume style of characters from the **commedia dell'arte**. This form of theatrical comedy was popular in the 16th and 17th centuries, with some of the characters personifying human beings at their worst. To the right are some of the best-known:



Pierrot is a trusted servant. He is always white-faced and wears a black skullcap.

Isabella is a kind and virtuous woman who is also very beautiful. She is often in love with one of the other characters.

Scapino is a scoundrel, thief and liar.

SOURCES: World Book; "Venice, Birth of a City," by Piero Ventura; www.veniceword.com

A Venetian timeline

- A.D. 452 Roman refugees flee Attila the Hun and his barbarian hordes and leave the coastal areas of Northern Italy. Some begin to settle in the marshy lagoon.
- 466 Council formed by the leaders of 12 lagoon communities.
- 584 After the fall of the Roman Empire, the lagoon communities swear allegiance to the Byzantine Empire.
- 697 Venice is proclaimed a Republic.
- 726 The first ruler, or doge, is elected.
- 814 Construction begins on the Doge's Palace, Palazzo Ducale (now part of St. Mark's Square).
- 834 St. Mark's Basilica is begun.
- 997 Doge Pietro Orseolo II (the 26th doge) begins a series of conquests to establish trade outposts beyond Venetian shores.
- 1000 The Venetian fleet defeats the pirates of the Adriatic sea.
- 1096 The Crusades begin. Venice joins other European nations in Holy Wars in the Middle East to regain Christian holy sites and economic advantage for European nobles.
- 1143 Venice forms a Great Council, composed of male nobles over the age of 20, responsible for electing the doge.
- 1204 In the Fourth Crusade, Venice agrees to provide transport to the Holy Land for more than 30,000 crusaders and their provisions. The Doge, Enrico Dandolo, persuades the crusaders to attack and sack Constantinople.
- 1255 Venice declares war on Genoa. Four wars are fought between 1255 and 1381 in an attempt to dominate sea trade routes between the East and West. Eventually, Venice claimed victory and supremacy on the seas.
- 1271 Marco Polo begins his journey to China. He returns in 1295.
- 1297 Membership in the Great Council was reduced and made hereditary. This action prevented many Venetians from having any political rights.
- 1310 The Council of Ten, chosen from the Great Council, is formed. Election of the doge became their responsibility and they became the most feared power in the republic.
- 1348 Black Death, a plague, kills half of Venice's population.
- 1381 Wars with Genoa end.
- 1408 In control of the sea, the Venetian Empire begins to spread North into the mainland cities. Several routes to Germany and Istria are seized by Venetian traders, and goods moving into and out of Northern Europe fall under Venetian control.
- 1489 Cyprus is conquered by Venice.
- 1492 Christopher Columbus of Genoa discovers America while in service of Spain.
- 1498 Vasco De Gama, a Portuguese sailor, finds a route to the East by traveling around the southern tip of Africa. This, and the discovery of America, break the Venetian trade monopoly with the East.
- 1508 The League of Cambrai is formed. European leaders, with the cooperation of the Pope, join to prevent further expansion of Venice.
- 1630 A second plague strikes Venice. Despite this, widespread decadence sweeps through the city. Many palazzi are built around this time.
- 1790 Napoleon Bonaparte attacks Venice. The nobility, weakened and poor, surrender.
- 1797 Venice is passed to the Hapsburg Empire. A series of wars begins as Venetians fight for freedom.
- 1866 Italy becomes a united kingdom. Venice is ceded to Italy after the defeat of Austria by the Prussians.
- 1902 St. Mark's square bell tower collapses. It was rebuilt in 1912.
- 1966 Floodwaters reach a level of 2 meters (6.5 feet), damaging many buildings and works of art. Many churches and palaces place signs marking the high water level.
- 1996 The theater, Teatro La Fenice, was totally destroyed by fire.

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The seven STS-107 crew members aboard the Space Shuttle Columbia were all killed in Saturday's explosion over eastern Texas. Seated in front are astronauts Rick D. Husband (left), mission commander; Kalpana Chawla, mission specialist; and William C. McCool, pilot. Standing are (from the left) astronauts David M. Brown, Laurel B. Clark, and Michael P. Anderson, all mission specialists; and Ilan Ramon, payload specialist representing the Israeli Space Agency.

THE LAST MISSION

“At first you are inquisitive ... You want to know what happened, and then when realize what it is, you are kinda in awe ... and then it hits you, and you say to yourself, ‘this can’t be happening.’”

by TOM EMBREY
AND ANGIE ALVARADO
CNHI NEWS SERVICE

EAST TEXAS - For Oakwood resident Leslie Bunch, watching the flight of the space shuttle re-entering the earth's atmosphere was a usual event from his home, which is a mile off the Trinity River, but Saturday morning, he saw something different when he witnessed NASA's space shuttle Columbia fly through the sky.

“We always go out and watch when the shuttle comes in so I was anticipating it,” Bunch said. “I stepped outside at 8 in the morning and it was beautiful coming in.”

But then the view changed. “All of a sudden it started to smoke and by that time it was going due east and more vapor trails were coming off,” Bunch explained. “Right before it got out on my site it started to sparkle, I knew there was something wrong. When it left my sight I heard an horrific boom.”

“It was very intense. My dog tried to run into the house and every animal in the area started bawling.”

By late afternoon, Anderson County authorities had confirmed the finding of 55 pieces of debris from the shuttle. None was believed to be human remains. More than two dozen people, some who touched the materials, were scrubbed down and checked for conta-

mination at Palestine Regional Medical Center. None showed symptoms of illness.

Bunch estimated from the time he first saw the shuttle to the time he heard the explosion was about two minutes.

Bunch was one of the many East Texas residents who gathered outside on warm day under a brilliant blue sky to watch the space shuttle Columbia pass over east Texas on its way to Cape Canaveral in Florida to conclude its mission that began on Jan. 16.

But what Bunch and many others experienced at about 8 a.m. Saturday — when the shuttle broke apart — was unexpected.

“I walked outside this morning when my house started to shake,” said Bob Multer of Palestine.

Multer said he first thought the shaking, which he described as feeling like “being in a tornado,” was a train derailment. Then he glanced skyward and saw a “giant plume that spiraled and then zig-zagged right over my head,” Multer said. “It was then that I knew there was a problem.”

NASA declared an emergency shortly after 8 a.m. CST after losing communication with Columbia as the ship soared across Texas at an altitude of about 200,000 feet while traveling at six times the speed of sound.

Anderson County Sheriff John Hobson said officials had tracked a debris field from northwest Anderson

County to southeast Anderson County. Officials have been working in coordination with a command post in Nacogdoches.

Residents were warned not to touch or go near the debris for fear of contamination with toxic shuttle fuels. “Nobody has been hurt, but there have been reports of people touching the debris,” Hobson said.

A 3-foot square piece of debris in the median of Texas 155 between Palestine and Frankston attracted onlookers.

Angela Beif, who lives nearby, said she came outside in response to a series of loud noises. “It sounded like a sledge hammer,” Beif said. “There were three loud booms and the dogs and horses outside started going crazy.”

Another resident of the Pert community had feared for her safety. “I thought the roof was going to cave in,” Tiffany Waller said. “It was so loud and lasted so long, I simply couldn't understand what it was.”

Some residents said the noises lasted 15 to 20 seconds.

Ron Strominger and his family knew the shuttle was to pass over the area and had planned to try to get a view. “When I found out last night the shuttle would be over Palestine at about 8:15 this morning, I made up my mind to be ready to possibly see it,” Strominger

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East Texas residents report seeing sparkling trail, hearing explosions, finding debris

Mourning the loss of two native sons

by MICHAEL WRIGHT
CNHI News Service

BORGER, Texas — News of the loss of Columbia and its crew hit hard in the Texas Panhandle as Amarillo residents mourned in particular the death of shuttle Cmdr. Rick Husband, a native son, and the city of Lubbock remembered native William McCool, pilot of the doomed flight.

In all, six American astronauts and the first Israeli astronaut died in the explosion as the shuttle headed toward a landing in Florida.

Husband, whose mother still lives in Amarillo, was a 1975 graduate of Amarillo High School. He was commanding the STS-107 mission. He was 45 years old. His first trip into space was in 1999. At that time he was the pilot of the shuttle.

Amarillo Mayor Trent Sisemore recalled Husband's good humor and his Christian faith. "We in Amarillo and the Texas Panhandle are proud of Cmdr. Rick Husband," he said. Every time he saw Husband he was always happy and smiling from ear to ear, the mayor said. "He loved the Lord and shared his testimony at the Franklin Graham crusade in Amarillo," said Sisemore.

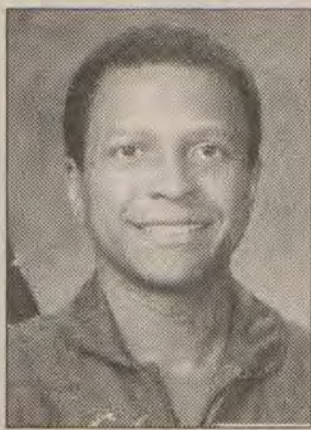
Sisemore said Husband had lived in Houston since joining the NASA program but he had spoken with Husband's wife, Evelyn, two to three times during the past week. "She was so proud of him."

The mayor was invited to the launch of Columbia by Husband and said he was more than happy to accept the invitation. "I watched with enthusiasm with his family and friends. He and the rest of the crew were in our prayers the whole time."

He said it "broke my heart" when he heard the news. "My wife told me as I was working out this morning."

Lubbock Mayor Marc McDougal issued a statement expressing condo-

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Astronaut
Michael P. Anderson,
Payload Commander



Astronaut
David M. Brown,
Mission Specialist



Astronaut
Kalpana Chawla,
Mission Specialist



Astronaut
Laurel B. Clark,
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Astronaut
Rick D. Husband,
Mission Commander



Astronaut
William C. McCool,
Pilot

Photos courtesy NASA



The Space Shuttle Columbia touches down on lakebed runway 23 at Edwards Air Force Base, Calif., to conclude the first orbital shuttle mission, April 14, 1981.

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Ilan Ramon (Colonel,
Israel Air Force),
Payload Specialist
representing the Israel
Space Agency

Shuttle

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said. "I had my binoculars ready to capture whatever."

Shortly after 8 a.m. he heard "the sonic boom".

"Dang it," he said to himself. "It came too soon and I missed it."

Darting outside with his binoculars in hand, he glanced skyward.

"I saw two vapor trails crossing each other," he said. "That's really strange," he thought. "It's strangely wide and, had a funny color."

The sheriff's office was "inundated with calls," according to Hobson. Confirmed debris from the destroyed shuttle was scattered across East Texas, including Palestine, Rusk, Nacogdoches, Athens and Lufkin.

Robert Gore, who lives on Anderson County Road 435, saw a large piece of debris on Texas 155 near his home at 11:40 a.m.

"It looked like a round, cylinder,"

Gore said. "Like it was a section of a tank or something... It was about 4 feet long and about 5 feet wide ... It had a squared off edge and a jagged edge like it had been ripped loose."

Gore further described the debris as "gunmetal steel blue" that was "burnt as if it had been under tremendous heat."

Gore said the large piece of debris was located in the median of Texas 155, closer to the southbound lane of the state highway "about 50 feet from the intersection with Anderson County Road 436."

Helen Hooper was out for her morning walk when she noticed a "frightening sight" that she first thought was a balloon from the National Scientific Balloon Facility near Palestine.

"It was like little sparks ... like little pieces scattering everywhere,"

said Hooper of the scene she saw about 8:10 a.m. Saturday on Palmer Street near Gillespie.

Jim Austin, fixed base operator at the Palestine Municipal Airport located off of U.S. 287 North, said "the whole terminal building vibrated. It sounded like an airliner exploded."

Patricia Hernandez was in her vehicle on Interstate 21 between Madisonville and Crockett, traveling back to Palestine from a funeral in Houston when she noticed a "fire in the sky, ... like the sky was falling."

"It sounded like someone running on the roof," said Brian Coon, an employee of the Palestine Herald-Press. He and co-worker Marilyn Bailey were at the newspaper office when shortly after 8 a.m., a loud roaring sound startled them.

"Marilyn thought it was the press

running," Coon added, trying to describe the booming sound.

Soon after, the newspaper office was inundated with calls from area residents wanting to know what the sound was.

As of noon, the newspaper office had received close to 100 calls concerning the noise. Many of the callers anxiously described what they saw and or heard as pieces of debris rained over Anderson County.

Multer, who had watched the space shuttle Challenger disaster and the Sept. 11 attacks on television, said seeing this morning incident was surreal.

"At first you are inquisitive ... You want to know what happened, and then when realize what it is, you are kinda in awe ... and then it hits you, and you say to yourself, 'this can't be happening.'"

Eyewitness Account

Witness recounts Columbia's last moments

by MILDRED BROWN
and ANGIE ALVARADO
CNHI News Service

HEMPHILL — Retired construction engineer Ralph Pelt has lived along the Toledo Bend Reservoir for the past eight years. Saturday morning began like many others when he and a friend were trying their luck with the fish on Jessie Low Bay.

"It was going to be a beautiful day,"

Pelt recalled Sunday afternoon. "We were sitting off the west bank fishing.

"I looked upward and saw a trail of white smoke. It was about 8 o'clock." He thought it was just another plane as he cast his fishing line into the water again.

Pelt then glanced back toward the sky and "saw a bright orange glow. I thought it was the sun reflecting off the aluminum (of a plane)," he recounted. "Then I saw sparks leaping off the

metal."

Pelt said he and his friend stopped fishing and just sat in his boat watching the sight in the western sky above them.

"When it reached this position," he said pointing to an imaginary 12 o'clock position, "I realized it was coming apart."

What the two men were witnessing were the remains of the space shuttle Columbia breaking apart and falling to earth.

The two continued to watch in awe as the object broke into pieces.

Pelt said he thought it was a meteor. "When it was about there," Pelt said once again pointing toward the sky, "three big pieces fell off."

The men watched the spectacle unfolding before them for about two to three minutes as pieces of debris broke apart, burned, then disappeared behind the tree line.

They ended their fishing trip early at

about 8:45 a.m. and headed home.

Pelt's nephew soon called him to ask if he'd heard about the disappearance of the space shuttle.

Pelt told his nephew that he had not heard, but related his "meteor" story. Immediately after hanging up the telephone, Pelt called 9-1-1 to report what he had witnessed. He said it was at that instant that he realized he had witnessed the last moments of the space shuttle Columbia.



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Herald-Press

Flags fly at half staff over the Anderson County Courthouse in Palestine, Texas, Feb. 2, 2003 in remembrance of the space shuttle Columbia. Flags will remain flying at half staff until sundown Wednesday.

Columbia's thunderous explosions rattled east Texas residents

by CHERIL VERNON, LOYD COOK
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CNHI News Service

EAST TEXAS - Residents throughout east Texas likened the sounds of the explosions that felled the space shuttle Columbia to thunder, a tree falling, a stampede of horses and other frightening sounds. Below is a compilation of some of their experiences.

Peggy Wyatt of Montalba said she had never experienced a boom so ferocious it sent her refrigerator magnets flying to the floor and the cows in her pasture running in terror. But that's what happened

Saturday morning shortly after 8 a.m. when a loud rattling shook her windows and awoke her from sleep. "It sounded like thunder or an earthquake but it lasted 30 seconds. I felt the house shaking and in my mind the first thing I thought of was that they bombed Houston. I looked out my windows and didn't see anything but I saw the cows in our pasture in full flight. They were terrified running as fast as they could."

Many local residents didn't need a news report to let them know what happened. A pristine, sunny Saturday morning

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"It sounded like it was midway over our house and the house started shaking," Lawson said. "We wondered what it was so we went outside and saw a trail of smoke going by. About the same time you could see a secondary cloud of smoke that was going vertical. I guess that could have been shooting debris."

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Cutler, Palestine (Tex.)
Herald Press

A crowd of people and media gather at a location on TX 155 north of Palestine, Tex., Feb. 1, 2002, where a piece of debris from the Space Shuttle Columbia was found near the roadway.



Residents

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was split with loud noise and contrails in the sky, letting them know something unusual was going on.

Palestine resident Bonnie Chambers said, "I thought a tree fell on my house it was so loud. What I heard was like thunder."

Laura Lindsey, a resident of Slocum, said she had already begun her Saturday morning routine when she heard the commotion. "It was a tremendous rumble and boom," she said. "I was up and heard it, but didn't see it ... although my neighbors were outside to watch the shuttle fly over."

Many media outlets had been informing area residents of the shuttle's flight path and that it would be visible on an anticipated clear first day of February.

Tim Wortham of Palestine had taken his daughter to Saturday classes at her school and returned home. "It was weird," he said. "I had just gotten home ... when my truck started shaking and it sounded like an explosion, like a sonic boom."

Cindy Smalley, who lives on South Magnolia Street in Palestine, was laying in her bed when she heard a loud bang. "I first thought it was thunder but then I remembered that it was supposed to be nice today. Everything in my house shook. My jewelry box on my dresser was shaking like crazy," she added. Meanwhile her husband Roy, and son, R.J., 8, were in their car in front of the Unique Barbershop in downtown Palestine. R.J., a second grader at Southside Primary School, saw the debris falling from the sky. "It looked like fireworks — I saw red, white and blue falling from the sky," the youngster said.

Brent Lawson, 23, of Montalba was watching television with his family when he said he heard "trembling sounds like a stampede of horses" Saturday morning.

"It sounded like it was midway over our house and the house started shaking," Lawson said. "We wondered what it was so we went outside and saw a trail of smoke going by. About the same time you could see a secondary cloud of smoke that was going vertical. I guess that could have been shooting debris."

Renee Bruener of Frankston felt her house shake as she was in her kitchen when she heard the commotion. "A couple of days before, a military helicopter had flown over so I thought that was what it was," she said. Later when she was heading out shopping on Texas 155 mid-morning, Bruener said she drove by large piece of debris that had been roped off with tape. "There were sheriff's office personnel everywhere," Bruener said.

Blackfoot community resident Herman Parker said he heard a loud, booming noise above his mobile home just about 8 a.m. That was followed by a rumble and the rattle of window panes at his home. A veteran of the 82nd Airborne, Parker said it sounded like the "tumble" of a plane in trouble, "like it was rolling or something."

"I heard a loud boom that sounded like an airplane crash followed by a long rumble," said Lucile Stinson of Elkhart. She said the windows of her house rattled and she thought a tree might have fallen on the roof. "Then I thought perhaps we were having an earthquake."

Residents of Navarro County also recounted being frightened by the morning's events. "I was at my mother's house and we thought someone ran into her house," Chuck Williams said.

Corsicana Fire Marshal James Palos, who was at home, likewise expected a catastrophe when he heard the boom and felt the rumbling. "It sounded like somebody's house blew up," Palos said. "I looked out the door and saw the vapor cloud."

Navarro County apparently received only minor debris, but it was spread from northwest of Rice to the southeast corner of the county through Kerens. At least four county residents went through a decontamination process and some 30 to 50 pieces of possibly biohazardous ceramic tiles were collected from various points throughout the county. The amount of debris increased toward the east and southeast of the debris pattern, which started about Rice and went southeast through Palestine, Jacksonville, Nacogdoches and into Louisiana.

"From talking with the state, the major part of the debris fell in the Lufkin/Nacogdoches area," said Eric Myers Jr., Navarro County's emergency management coordinator. "What we're seeing here are the smaller, lighter pieces of debris that weren't able to carry farther" through the atmosphere.

Myers said almost all of the pieces were 6-inch-by-6-inch tiles, though a larger piece was recovered in Kerens.

All of the pieces of debris were being secured and marked by Global Positioning System (GPS) means so the FBI and Department of Defense can locate them as the investigation continues.

Reports of debris found in Anderson County

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CNHI NEWS SERVICE

On the first day after the space shuttle Columbia broke apart in thousands of pieces early Saturday over Texas, Louisiana and Arkansas, people in Anderson County continued to search for and report more debris sites Sunday.

As of 2 p.m. Sunday there were 266 confirmed pieces of debris on the ground in Anderson County, according to Texas Department of Public Safety officials.

One of the biggest pieces of shuttle debris in Anderson County was found Saturday on King Ranch, a 650-acre spread in Elmwood.

"We went out to the ranch and found about six or seven pieces of debris in a 100-mile radius," said Kenneth Woods, whose grandmother owns the property. "We called NASA and an investigator came out to check it out."

The biggest debris, which was discovered around 9 a.m. Saturday, was about five feet long. Investigator Rick Trevino informed Woods that it was the largest piece of debris found on someone's property Saturday.

"The investigator said it looked like a part to the (shuttle's) air conditioner or the tank," Woods told the Herald-Press Sunday afternoon.

Woods said that the pieces of debris on his grandmother's property could be seen from a far distance.

"The debris sparkled in the sun so you could see it from (the length of) two or three football fields," said Woods, who helped investigators by



U.S. Rep. Max Sandlin speaks during a press conference in Nacogdoches, Texas, Saturday, Feb. 1, 2003. Several pieces of debris from the space shuttle Columbia landed in the area around Nacogdoches after the shuttle broke apart in flames, killing all seven astronauts just minutes before they were to land in Florida.

photographing the debris for NASA.

"We just wanted to assist NASA, so we went out and when we found there was no radiation, we took pictures and sent them to NASA," Woods explained.

Reports of Anderson County residents finding shuttle debris continued to flow in most of the day Sunday.

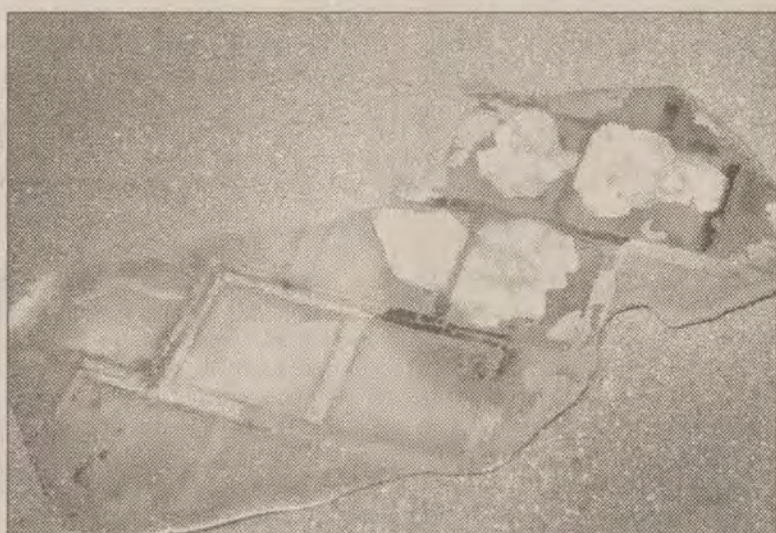
James and Kathy Tinsley live in Elmtown, 12 miles outside of Palestine on CR 441 off of FM 315.

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CNHI News Service photo by Christina Cutler/Palestine Herald

A piece of debris, supposedly ceramic tile, from NASA's Space Shuttle Columbia lies eight miles north of Palestine, February 1, 2002.



CNHI News Service Photo by Mark Zimmerman/The Edmond (Okla.) Sun. A piece of debris from the space shuttle Columbia is seen on Highway 21 about 6 miles west of Nacogdoches, Texas, Feb. 1, 2003. The shuttle broke apart in flames over Texas on Saturday, killing all seven astronauts just minutes before they were to land in Florida.

Debris recovery will take time, officials say

by WAYNE STEWART
CNHI NEWS SERVICE

NACOGDOCHES, Texas — With more than 1,000 pieces of debris from NASA's space shuttle Columbia on the ground in Nacogdoches County, investigators said inspecting all of the pieces from the shuttle could take days.

"We're calling upon all of the resources we can," Nacogdoches County Sheriff Thomas Keress said Saturday evening. "Right now, we're

approaching this (inspection) with a minimum 72-hour objective."

Emergency personnel are guarding most of the debris sites in the county and the sheriff said they will be manning their posts through the night.

According to sheriff department records, NASA sent astronauts Mark Kelly and Greg Johnson to the county to inspect the fragments.

Texas Department of Transportation Spokesperson Kathi White said once the state emergency

operation center got on top of the case, the agency was able to join the massive effort to secure debris sites.

White said many pieces of debris from the shuttle that remained undiscovered Saturday, would be found in the next few days.

"If people find debris on the road or right of way, they are still urged to make the call to their local emergency management response team," White said. "We also want to urge people not to travel in this area unless it is necessary."

U.S. Rep. Max Sandlin, D-Marshall, said there was no timeline on when the retrieval process would begin.

"Our first response priority now is identifying (debris) locations and securing them," Sandlin said. "Once they are secured then we can move forward with the reconstructing of the accident."

One obstacle Sandlin noted was the terrain in which the debris fell.

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lences. "Lubbock has been deeply touched by the tragic loss of the seven brave astronauts on the Space Shuttle Columbia," McDougal said. "Shuttle Commander Rick Husband was a Texas Tech University graduate and pilot Willie McCool was a graduate of Lubbock Coronado High. They left footprints in Lubbock, and have

friends and family here."

Borger Chamber of Commerce's Mickey Blackmon called the playing out of the news on Saturday morning as unreal and said the fact that two shuttle officers were from west Texas "brings this tragedy even closer to home."

Borger resident H.H. Barrett said

the television coverage brought back memories from the Challenger crash of 1986. "I wonder why it happened the way it did," he said. "Things like this usually happen at takeoff."

It has been just over 17 years since the U.S. space program was devastated by the loss of space shuttle Challenger and 36 years since the

launch pad fire aboard Apollo 1.

Carla Florer, an employee of the Borger's JC Penney, said her heart went out to the astronauts' families. "The best thing we can do is just pray for them. I think it is great what they've done for space and our country. They will be remembered for that. They were in the prime of their lives."

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Suddenly all else becomes remote

All our thoughts of possible war with Iraq, the worrisome economy, North Korea's nukes - it all moves to the back of our minds as we try to comprehend a tragedy like Saturday's Columbia disaster. It's a different emotion than we felt on that Sept. 11, as we watched the towers of the World Trade Center fall. Then, we

felt so much anger toward the terrorists and it mixed strongly with all other emotions - our sorrow, disbelief and confusion - that it left us numb. Perhaps the numbness was our grief and disbelief masked by the strong anger.

But today we have no terrorists to blame for the tragedy that left shuttle debris lying on our

highways, in our yards, our piney woods and the fields we farm for food. We may never know exactly what happened Saturday - how it came to be those seven astronauts, space travelers so close to home after a long journey, lost their lives. And if we do, it will bring no solace.

With the World Trade Center

attack, we were at least able to gain some satisfaction, some small sense of closure as we watched our bombs fall on and around those in Afghanistan we are comfortably sure were at least in some sense responsible. We were able to wipe away the tears as our military went about its work.

For Saturday's Columbia tragedy, there will be no closure. There will be nothing but time to slowly erase what we've seen and what we feel today, the loss of life and the terrible blow to our pride for a space program this country has excelled in since it beat the Russians to the moon in the late 1960s.

And today, the tears run along the same path so recently cleared. Only this time, there will be no anger to help brush away the tears.

This time, they will have to dry with time.

— Jacksonville Daily Progress

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They began searching for debris on their 20 acres Sunday around 1:30 p.m. by riding on their four-wheelers. By 3:30 p.m., they had already located five pieces of debris without venturing too far out on their property — and had just reported their findings to local law enforcement.

One piece of debris was about three feet long and appeared to be some kind of burnt fuel line or metal tubing. Another piece was a flat, bent 6 to 7 inch-long strip of sheet metal that was about 3/4 inches wide. Three pieces of scorched ceramic tile about 5 1/2 inches each were found scattered in various locations on their property.

The Tinsleys marked the areas where the debris rested and awaited officials' arrival.

"Maybe there's more (debris) in denser areas or in the trees," said Tinsley, who plans to search for more debris on his property.

Tinsley is retired with 20 years of service with the U.S. Air Force and as part of his job served on a military crash team.

"I've seen a lot of this," he reflected. "I've detached seats with pilots still strapped in them."

After finding the debris, Tinsley said his wife was noticeably upset.

"She kept thinking about the people who died. She said 'my heart hurts.' I asked her why and she said 'because of all of the people.'"

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Photo by Christina
Cutler/Palestine Herald
Press

A flagged piece of debris believed to be from NASA's Space Shuttle Columbia lies in a field north of Palestine, Texas, February 1, 2002. On the piece of debris are markings that resemble numbers and a date of 10-6-77.



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"This could be a long and difficult process (in reconstructing the scene)," Sandlin noted. "The area around here is very hilly and there is a great deal of foliage. It will be a difficult search."

To help with the process, Dr. James Kröll with the Stephen F. Austin Forest Research Institute has been tracking the particles on the Global Mapping System.

The patterns have continually shown a diagonal path from the northwest to the southeast across East Texas.

Experts say tragedy shows need for NASA funding, developments

by AARON COOPER
CNHI NEWS SERVICE

The space shuttle accident tragically highlights the need for increased funding for the space program and the need for development of an alternative space launch vehicle, local experts say.

"Spacecraft fail all the time; generally it's not catastrophic," said Donna Shirley, a professor of aerospace engineering at Oklahoma University and the former manager of the Mars Exploration Program. "The thing is, something like this is almost inevitable."

The Space Shuttle Columbia broke up about 8 a.m. Saturday over Texas as the craft made its way to Cape Canaveral, Fla., to conclude a mission that

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photo by JAMIE HOWELL

Kinzer Drilling's flag billowed at half-mast Monday to honor and mourn the seven astronauts who lose their lives aboard the Space Shuttle Columbia Saturday morning.

Photo courtesy NASA

The Shuttle Columbia crew members pose for an informal crew portrait near a T-38 trainer jet at Ellington Field near Johnson Space Center outside Houston, Texas. From the left are astronauts Rick D. Husband, mission commander; William C. McCool, pilot; David M. Brown, Laurel B. Clark, both mission specialists; payload specialist Ilan Ramon; astronauts Michael P. Anderson and Kalpana Chawla, both mission specialists. Ramon represents the Israeli Space Agency.



Fallen astronauts remembered during Sunday church services

"Pray for their families,"

— Rev. Jay Abernathy

by ANGIE ALVARADO
CNHI NEWS SERVICE

PALESTINE, Texas — "For whom the bell tolls, it tolls for thee.

"Rick W. Husband, Michael P. Anderson, William C. McCool, David Brown, Laurel Clark, Kalpana Chawla, Ilan Ramon," articulated the Rev. Jay Abernathy just minutes before the start of Sunday morning worship services at First Baptist Church in Palestine.

Worshippers took time to remember the fallen astronauts and their families by standing silently as the names of the seven were read and a solemn bell tolled once after each name.

As the eloquent sound of the seventh bell slowly faded, Abernathy urged his congregation to remember and honor the brave seven who fell from the sky Saturday morning when what was once the space

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Former Columbia astronaut can't believe it's gone

by JENNIFER STONE
CNHI NEWS SERVICE

ATHENS, Texas — The last thing Byron Lichtenberg expected to hear Saturday was that the shuttle on which he spent 10 of the most memorable days of his life is gone.

The Athens resident served as a payload specialist on NASA's ninth space shuttle mission in 1983 on board Columbia, earning his place in space history as the first non-NASA employee on a shuttle mission. He served a second mission in 1992 on space shuttle Atlantis.

"There's 10 days of memories in there," Lichtenberg said of his time aboard Columbia. He is now a pilot for Southwest Airlines. "Those experiences, sights and sounds are all still there."

Lichtenberg was in the air Saturday morning, flying from Columbus, Ohio, to Tampa, Fla. When he landed, he heard the news of Columbia's end. He feels grief not only for Columbia itself, but for those who were on board.

"It's hit home kind of hard," said Lichtenberg, a break in his voice.

"I was flying up from Houston and looking over the Crockett and

Palestine areas today. And I couldn't help but think about what they were seeing as they came over that horizon ... Oh Lord, this is awful. This is absolutely tragic."

Those who go into space realize it's a risk, he said.

"Everything is dangerous. And it may sound trite, but they were doing something they wanted to do more than anything else," he said of the lost crew.

Of all the orbiters, or manned shuttles, NASA flies, he expected Columbia to be the last to fall victim to disaster. Columbia — built in 1981 — was the first of its kind, he said, and was designed differently than later models.

"If any one of them could have held together, it would have been Columbia," said Lichtenberg. "It was heavier and built with more material and NASA realized later some of that stuff was not necessary."

Those in the space program expect trouble at the beginning of the flight — when the shuttle is carrying thousands of pounds of fuel — not during the landing. When looking at the profile of the shuttle flight, he added, the launch is the risky part. The landing, he said, is considered to be relatively simple.

Even before he was aware of NASA's theory that the thermal tiles malfunctioned, Lichtenberg had thought of that as a possibility.

"It sounds like it had a major problem with the heat shield tiles," he theorized. "It's possible it could have caused something this bad."

If the tiles on the upper parts of the shuttle came loose, he said, the shuttle would have made it through the mission. But if the tiles on certain other areas, such as the front or the bottom, came loose, the searing 2,600-degree temperatures would have caused havoc.

Lichtenberg predicted that to find out exactly what went wrong, it will take months of sifting through debris, looking for clues, as well as exhaustive analysis of video footage.

"It's going to be tough to piece it together."

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shuttle Columbia broke apart over East Texas.

"Pray for their families," Abernathy asked of the congregation.

"We are reminded (by the tragedy) of the brevity of life and the eternal life God offers us," the pastor stated before saying a special prayer for the astronauts. He asked God to "lift those who lost loved ones" Saturday, and to "be with their families and military personnel as they do their work."

He reminded church members and visitors to be thankful that no one on the ground was hurt as the debris fell from the sky.

Worshippers, who almost filled the church sanctuary, stood and sang the popular Baptist hymnal "Redeemed," which ends with "His child and forever I am."

The pastor tried to put the nation's tragedy into perspective for the youngsters in attendance by calling them to the front of the sanctuary and explaining to them why there was a television camera from an NBS affiliate in San Antonio at the church.

The media is in town, Abernathy told the children, "because the astronauts on the space shuttle were killed yesterday." He told the children that the astronauts go into space and from there they can see how beautiful the Earth is.

Using a red Lego block and explaining how the tiny blocks fit together, Abernathy told the children that "God made all the world and He knows how everything fits together. He knows everything."

"The son of God, Jesus, died," Abernathy continued. "Remember if we believe in Him, we will have everlasting life."

The pastor described seeing a "large piece" of shuttle debris resting alongside Texas 155 Saturday, and said several church members found pieces of debris.

The tragedy was "a terrible thing that has impacted us all," Abernathy continued. "God works in ways we don't see and in ways we do see."

"We need to be able to see the signs," he advised.

During his sermon, Abernathy spoke of Luke 21:7-11 and Luke 21:25-28. "There will be signs from Heaven in the sun, the moon and the stars... and when the son of man comes in a cloud with power and great glory, stand up, raise your head, your redemption is near."

Concluding the service, the young pastor reiterated that the demise of Columbia and its crew was a profoundly effecting incident.

"Everyone is impacted with these events," he stated.

"There are two kinds of people (in this world)," Abernathy said. There are those who believe the event that unfolded before us on Saturday morning was simply a terrible reaction or just bad luck, the pastor explained.

"Then there are those with faith in God through Jesus Christ. They know that God was in control. God still delivers. God still provides. They know that everything that happens is by God because He is in control."

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began Jan. 16, Debris from the craft is spread over east Texas.

Shirley, who has more than 40 years experience in aerospace engineering and worked at the Jet Propulsion Lab in California, said the fleet of space shuttles is more than 20 years old and the vehicles' original designs didn't call for it to be used this long.

"If you have an old car, you do your best to maintain it," Shirley said. "But after 300,000 or 400,000 miles, something could go wrong."

Shirley said military aircraft are stripped bare and practically rebuilt from the ground up about every five years, but Columbia had never experienced such repair.

"To maintain the shuttle is a major undertaking," Shirley said. "They've (NASA) never been able to afford to take them apart and rebuild them. They're expected to do more and more launches with less money."

Shirley said the Mars program experienced such funding shortfalls and members of that project became overworked and stressed, which led to two failed missions in 1999.

"That kind of thing can happen all the time," she said. "These are hardworking, intelligent people. But you can make mistakes."

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CNHI News Service Photo by Christina Cutler/The Palestine Herald Press
Palestine Fire Department firefighters work to decontaminate people who came into contact with debris from the space shuttle Columbia. The decontamination area was set up outside Palestine Regional Medical Center in Palestine, Texas, February 1, 2002. By evening, 25 people, some who had touched debris, had gone through the scrubbing, which included triple washing with soap and water. No one reported symptoms of illness but all were checked with a Geiger counter in addition to the washing.

What happened?

NASA's 'best and brightest' minds didn't think the thermal tiles were reason for worry

"These thermal analyses indicate possible localized structural damage but no burn-through and no safety-of-flight issue,"

— THE REPORT CONCLUDED

Associated Press

SPACE CENTER, Houston — While Columbia was still in orbit, NASA's "best and brightest" minds analyzed the potential damage done to its thermal tiles by a piece of debris during liftoff and concluded that the flight was in no danger, agency officials said Monday.

High-level officials at NASA concurred with the engineering report, which was issued on Day 12 of the doomed 16-day flight, the officials said.

On Monday, 48 hours after the disaster, NASA's top spaceflight official, William Ready, said the damage done by the broken-off piece of fuel-tank insulation is now being looked at very carefully as a possible cause of the tragedy.

"Although that may, in fact, wind up being the cause — it may certainly be the leading candidate right now — we have to go through all the evidence and then rule things out very

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Associated Press

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Shuttle aftermath...

25 people decontaminated after touching debris, officials say

by WAYNE STEWART
CNHI NEWS SERVICE

PALESTINE, Texas — Health officials were urging anyone who had been within 200 feet of a piece of suspected debris from the shuttle Columbia to come to the hospital for decontamination.

About 25 people, some who had touched the materials, had gone through the triple-washing process by early evening. None showed symptoms of illness, said Dr. Dan Gidon, acting CEO at Palestine Regional Medical Center.

There were approximately 55 confirmed findings of shuttle debris in the area. None was believed to be human remains, authorities said.

Emergency crews from the Fire Department set up a decontamination station behind the hospital. The scrubbing was in response to fears primarily centered on toxins in three chemicals in shuttle fuels.

People also were checked over for radiation contamination with a Geiger counter.

PRMC Director of Marketing Lynn Scribner said emergency medical technicians were posted at every driveway entrance to the hospital, directing people to the cleanup station, which was expected to be in operation until at least Sunday morning.

Sheriff's officials said NASA would be in the area to collect the debris.

"We are advising anyone who has touched debris to go to the hospital for observation, as a precaution," Anderson County Judge Cary McKinney said.

Palestine Fire Department Emergency Management Coordinator Randall Shoulders said firefighters were scrubbing people down in a makeshift station and then bagging their clothes.

After the anthrax scare of 2001, Shoulders said Palestine personnel had to go through decontamination training.

"We're fortunate to have the resources that we do. This is something you train for but never expect in a town like Palestine," Shoulders added.



CNHI Photo by Christina Cutler, Palestine Herald Press
A National Guard hazardous materials crew along with the Environmental Protection Agency and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality remove debris from the grounds of Neches High School in Neches, Texas. The group was dispatched in an effort to ready the school for classes on Monday morning.

Police stress safety during debris recovery

by WAYNE STEWART
CNHI NEWS SERVICE

PALESTINE, Texas — Federal, state and local law enforcement agencies have been incorporated into the search for debris from the space shuttle Columbia officials revealed Sunday morning at a press conference at the Anderson County Courthouse in Palestine.

State Sen. Todd Staples, R-

Palestine, said the state has set up an emergency operations center in Austin and a mobile command post in Lufkin, from which the search for debris is being coordinated.

"Each county (containing debris from the shuttle) will have FBI, federal marshals and NASA astronauts and SWAT team members which will report on the ground locally," Staples said in the meeting.

The senator emphasized the 200-

mile debris field was most heavily concentrated in Anderson, Cherokee, Nacogdoches, Sabine and San Augustine counties.

NASA, according to Staples, is the lead agency in the cleanup and retrieval effort, working under a presidential emergency declaration that was put in place Saturday night.

The most difficult part of the

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Some remains of Columbia crew found, NASA says, but forensics experts say some questions may go unanswered

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"Identification can be made with hair and bone, too," said University of Texas physicist Manfred Fink. "Unless the body was very badly burned, there is no reason why there shouldn't be remains and it should not hinder the work."

DNA isn't the only tool available. Despite the extreme nature of the accident, simpler identification methods, such as fingerprints, can be used if the corresponding body parts survived re-entry through the atmosphere.

Dental records and X-rays

from astronauts' medical files can provide matching information, making the discovery of the skull and the leg particularly valuable, they said.

But forensic experts were less certain whether laboratory methods could compensate for remains that were contaminated by the toxic fuel and chemicals used throughout the space shuttle.

"Those would be new contaminants that we haven't dealt with before," Whitcomb said.

Despite the hundreds and hundreds of debris sightings

swamping law enforcement officials in Texas, recognizable portions of the crew's capsule had not yet been found.

"If the bodies had been removed from the safeguard of the cabin, they would have totally burned up and very little could be recovered," Fink said. If the bodies were shielded by portions of the cabin until impact with the ground, he said, identification would be easier.

Disasters such as the World Trade Center attack pushed the science of identification technologies to use new methods,

chemicals and analytical software to identify remains that had been burned or pulverized. Researchers said they can work not only with much smaller biological samples, but smaller fragments of the genetic code itself that every human cell contains.

In the 1986 Challenger explosion, an external fuel tank explosion ripped apart the spacecraft 73 seconds after liftoff from the Florida coast. Questions about the demise of the Challenger crew persisted during the investigation that followed.

Challenger's nose section,

with the crew cabin inside, was blown free from the explosion and plummeted 8.7 miles from the sky. NASA learned from flight deck intercom recordings and the apparent use of some emergency oxygen packs that at least some of the astronauts were alive during Challenger's final plunge. The capsule shattered after hitting the ocean at 207 mph.

Two years after the disaster, NASA officials said forensic analysis did not specifically reveal conclusive evidence about either the cause or time of the

astronauts' death.

On Saturday, Columbia's crew had no chance of surviving after the shuttle broke up at 207,135 feet above Earth. The spacecraft was exposed to re-entry temperatures of 3,000 degrees while traveling at 12,500 mph, or 18 times the speed of sound.

After the 1996 crash of TWA flight 800 off Long Island, scientists were able to identify all 230 victims from tissue fragments collected from the ocean. An identification rate of 100 percent was almost unheard of at the time.

NASA

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methodically in order to arrive at the cause," he said.

The shuttle broke up 39 miles over Texas and fell to Earth just as it was experiencing maximum re-entry heat of 3,000 degrees. All seven astronauts aboard perished.

Columbia was covered with more than 20,000 thermal tiles to protect it from burning up while re-entering Earth's atmosphere. During liftoff Jan. 16, a hard piece of foam insulation hit the spacecraft's left wing 80 seconds after launch.

That led NASA engineers to conduct thermal analyses and a frame-by-frame examination of the launch footage.

Ron Dittmore, the shuttle program manager, said Monday that photos showed the piece of insulation was about 16-by-6-by-20 inches in size and weighed about 2.67 pounds, and could have smashed into the thermal tiles on the underside of the left wing area.

Analyses were performed for different scenarios, including different weights for the debris and the possibility of tile damage over an area of about 7 inches by 32 inches, NASA said.

The engineering report cited by Readdy indicated "the potential for a large damage area to the tile." But it went on to note that the damage should be limited to the coating on the tiles and have no effect on the mission.

"These thermal analyses indicate possible localized structural damage but no burn-through and no safety-of-flight issue," the report concluded.

"We were in complete concurrence," Michael Kostelnik, a NASA spaceflight office deputy, said at a news conference Monday with Readdy.

Readdy said he also was part of the discussions held throughout the flight on the matter.

"The best and brightest engineers we have who helped design and build this system looked carefully at all the analysis and the information we had at this time, and made a determination this was not a safety-of-flight issue," Kostelnik said.

Columbia broke up just 16 minutes from its scheduled landing in Cape Canaveral, Fla. NASA said temperature data showed that the left side — the same side hit by the debris — heated up sharply just before the shuttle disintegrated.

The rust-colored foam that covers the shuttle's 154-foot external fuel tank is hard enough to damage the shuttle when the spaceship is hurtling into space at high speed, NASA has said.

Experts

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Bob Triplett, chairman of the Oklahoma Space Industry Development Authority, echoed Shirley's comments on the need for more funding for the space program.

"This is a sad day, not only for the U.S. space program, but for the international aerospace community, as well," Triplett said. "Columbia, being the first shuttle in the fleet of four, functioned on 30-year-old technology and this is the time for us to be examining new opportunities in space travel technology."

Shirley, an OSIDA board member, said the open market might yield the best results.

"NASA is working on new launch vehicles, the Air Force is working on new launch vehicles, they've been trying to get a new launch vehicle for 20 years," Shirley said. "What the U.S. needs to do is to get behind some of the private companies that are trying to develop new launch capabilities."

"When aviation first started, it was all barnstorming. It wasn't until the government gave them mail contracts that they were able to develop. The way the system is currently set-up, there's no way to compete!"



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From left, Anderson County Sheriff John Hobson, Anderson County Judge Carey McKinney and State Sen. Todd Staples, R-Palestine, speak about confirmed debris sites in Anderson County at a press conference held in Palestine, Tex., Feb. 1, 2002.

Commentary

Schools and students find their own way to comprehend, grieve over shuttle disaster

Associated Press

From high schools to preschools, teachers and students began the school week with a tough assignment — how to talk about the space shuttle Columbia disaster and the deaths of its seven astronauts.

A moment of silence started the day in schools in New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia and elsewhere. Flags were lowered in Florida, Michigan and Wisconsin. Taps were played at Horlick High School in Racine, Wis., where astronaut Laurel Clark graduated.

Other schools let each teacher

decide the best way to acknowledge the tragedy.

At suburban Maryland elementary schools, televisions were shut off though questions would be asked and answered, superintendent Jacqueline Haas said.

"You always have to tell them the

truth and tell them what they need to know, but be cautious," said Haas, in Harford County. The images, over and over again, were too much, she said. "Kids get satiated with it."

At St. John the Baptist Catholic Pre-

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Photos by Ulys S. Harper/ special to The Palestine Herald

A piece of debris that resembles the remains of a backpack was marked off by law enforcement officials Saturday in the town of Oakland in Nacogdoches County, Texas, about six miles west of Rusk on U.S. 84.

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search is now beginning, Staples intimated.

"There will be (search) teams going into uncharted portions of counties," Staples said.

Anderson County Sheriff John Hobson said there are approximately 250 law enforcement, emergency workers, volunteers and support personnel working in Anderson County as of Sunday morning.

Texas Ranger Rudy Flores said approximately 35 Texas Department of Public Safety troopers have been assigned to the area to help with the efforts on the ground.

State and federal agencies assisting in the search process are Texas Parks & Wildlife Department, Texas Forest Service, Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms, Texas Department of Transportation, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Environmental Protection Agency, DPS, Texas Alcohol Beverage Commission and the Texas National Guard.

Hobson said his deputies are working 12- to 14-hour shifts, manning and inspecting possible debris sites.

Sunday afternoon, Anderson County Judge Carey McKinney said a hazardous materials crew from the EPA was sent to the high school and elementary school in Neches to clean up the school grounds in an effort to get them ready for school Monday morning. The crew arrived in Neches around 2:15 Sunday afternoon.

"The EPA strike team is in there to get it

cleaned up," McKinney said. "In the meantime, we contacted all of our (school) superintendents in the county so they could get their people out and do a ground survey and check out their buildings to see if they had any problems."

McKinney indicated there were no other school districts in the county with any debris problems.

During the meeting, Hobson said 40 people underwent decontamination procedures at Palestine Regional Medical Center Saturday. The Palestine Fire Department conducted the decontamination procedures at the hospital.

"It (decontamination center) is not set up today (Sunday), but it can get up and going in a hurry if it's needed," Hobson explained.

Before becoming sheriff of Anderson County, Hobson served as a detective in the Houston Police Department, but noting he ever experienced in Houston, was like what law enforcement officials are going through now.

"I've never seen anything like this," Hobson said. "I don't think anything in the U.S. has ever seen anything like this before."

Area residents are still urged not to handle or take any debris from the shuttle. The sheriff said it is punishable by 10 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine.

As of 2 p.m. Sunday, there were 266 confirmed pieces of debris on the ground in Anderson County, according to DPS officials.

Commentary

Could NASA have pulled an 'Armageddon'-style space rescue?

Dittmore saying spacewalk could have done more harm than good

Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — If liftoff damage to Columbia's thermal tiles caused the disaster, was the crew doomed from the very start?

Or could NASA have saved all or some of the seven astronauts by trying some Hollywood-style heroics — a potentially suicidal spacewalk, perhaps, or a rescue mission by another shuttle?

Some of the ideas that have been suggested would have been highly impractical, dangerous and perhaps futile.

The shuttle does not carry

spare tiles, and NASA insists there was nothing on board that the crew could have used to repair or replace missing or broken ones. In any case, the space agency believed at the time that the tile damage was nothing to worry about and thus nothing worth risking a life over.

Still, as James Oberg, a former shuttle flight controller and author who has been bombarded by "Armageddon"-type rescue ideas via e-mail, said Sunday: "They may be implausible, but not by much." He added: "There's always the question of miracles."

NASA knew from Day Two of Columbia's 16-day research mission that a piece of the insulating foam on the external fuel tank peeled off just after liftoff and struck the left wing, possibly ripping off

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Columbia's grieving families comfort each other, say 'the bold exploration of space must go on'

Associated Press

The families of Columbia's crew urged the nation Monday to go beyond their grief and pursue "the bold exploration of space" to improve life on Earth for future generations.

The families had a private meeting Sunday, a day after Columbia disintegrated as it prepared to land following a 16-day science mission.

"They are doing remarkably well," Evelyn Husband, wife of Cmdr. Rick Husband, told NBC's "Today" show Monday. "We've gotten strength from each other, and it was great to see them yesterday. We just cried and laughed and hugged each other, and it was very helpful."

She read a statement from the families.

"On January 16th we saw our

loved ones launch into a brilliant, cloud-free sky. Their hearts were full of enthusiasm, pride in country, faith in their God and a willingness to accept risk in the pursuit of knowledge — knowledge that might improve the quality of life for all mankind.

"Although we grieve deeply, as do the families of Apollo 1 and Challenger before us, the bold exploration of space must

go on. Once the root cause of this tragedy is found and corrected, the legacy of Columbia must carry on for the benefit of our children and yours."

Appearing on CBS' "Early Show," the mother of payload commander Michael Anderson recalled his enthusiasm for the space program.

"He told me some years ago the word 'can't' should be taken out of the dictionary because

there wasn't nothing that can't be done," Barbara Anderson said.

In Spokane, Wash., on Sunday, Anderson was mourned at the small Baptist church where he worshipped as a child and where his parents still attend.

"He was a young man who would always think deep," the Rev. Freeman Simmons said of the man who would later

become one of only a handful of black astronauts. "He never said much. ... He would listen to what I said, especially scientific things."

In her final days on Columbia, Laurel Clark of Racine, Wis., looked at the Earth and told friends and family in an e-mail that the planet is magnificent and her perspective

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U.S. Rep. committed to space despite sadness

by ANGELA WEAVER
CNHI NEWS SERVICE

U.S. Rep. Nick Lampson, D-Beaumont and member of the Space and Aeronautical Sub-Committee of the Committee on Science, said he expects America's shuttle program to resume operations after a thorough investigation into Saturday's Columbia disaster.

Lampson said he's certain the remaining three space shuttles will remain grounded until the cause of the accident is determined, but doesn't expect the lengthy delay in continuing the space program that occurred when the space shuttle Challenger exploded on take-off in 1986.

"It was three years after Challenger before NASA got started again. We have people in space today (on the International Space Station). It's necessary that we go up to change crews and send supplies," Lampson said.

He believes in the integrity of the shuttles, he added. "There has not been a greater piece of equipment made by NASA," Lampson said, adding that the fleet is expected to still be flying 10 to 15 years from now even though NASA is currently working on a new generation of shuttles.

With the U.S. shuttles grounded, Lampson said Russian Soyuz vehicles, a space vehicle able to carry three people, will be able to maintain operations at the space station until NASA resumes its space flights.

"In the meantime, we will find out what happened with Columbia," he said, adding that it's "way too early" to determine a cause for the accident, although he said NASA officials are investigating debris that was noticed on take-off that may have damaged tiles on the shuttle.

Confident in NASA's safety record, Lampson noted that few accidents resulting in death have occurred in the quest for space, but "science is risky," and those involved in the space program know they are risking their lives for its progress.

"The flights may happen regularly, but they are not routine for those making it happen," he said. "Those who dream the dream of space exploration know the risks they are taking and they continue to move ahead."

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School in New Freedom, Pa., teachers wrestled with how to tell their 3- and 4-year-old students about the tragedy. The students had sent tomato seeds aboard the craft as part of a science experiment.

"They're very young to handle this," said teacher Kathy Rohr.

Lessons learned from Sept. 11 guided some teachers and administrators. Elementary school teachers in Ridgeway, Pa., relied on a book illustrated by children — "September 12 We Knew Everything Would Be All Right."

A formal memorial observance was planned for Tuesday at the New Hampshire high school where astronaut Christa McAuliffe taught before she was killed in the space shuttle Challenger explosion 17 years ago.

Many students across the country had poured time and passion into science projects that traveled on the shuttle, including four students from a Syracuse, N.Y., high school who had waited more than three years for their experiment to fly into space.

They watched excitedly, and nervously, as the Columbia shuttle lifted off from the Kennedy Space Center last month with their project on board. The students even had a

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— CHALLENGER CENTER REACTION —



Whitley County Middle School assistant principal Lee Hensley discusses the Columbia tragedy with a student at the Hazard Challenger Learning Center. Hensley wore her recreation of a NASA jumpsuit in honor of the astronauts.

photo by TRACY REYNOLDS

Community reacts to Columbia tragedy

by TRACY REYNOLDS
STAFF WRITER

Members of the Hazard and Perry County community reacted with grief, disbelief, and hope for the future Monday as the area observed the first workday after the February 1st crash of Space Shuttle Columbia over Dallas.

The crash, which occurred at approximately 9:20 A.M. Saturday morning, was described by many residents as a true "Where were you?" moment similar to September 11 or the assassination of President Kennedy in 1963. CNN, MSNBC,

and many other media outlets offered continuous television coverage this past weekend as millions of people around the globe learned about the loss of the shuttle and its crew; according to various news sources, the shuttle broke into several pieces shortly after reentering Earth's atmosphere.

Debris was also said to have been found in many Texas counties and within the surrounding states.

In response to the tragedy, businesses, government offices, and even homes in every corner of Perry county stationed the American flag at half mast to remember the lives

of the seven men and women who lost their lives: Mission Commander Rick D. Husband, Mission Specialist Klpana Chawla, Pilot William C. McCool, Astronauts David M. Brown, Laurel B. Clark, Michael P. Anderson, and Israeli Space Payload Specialist Ilan Ramon.

At Hazard's Challenger Learning Center of Kentucky (CLCKY), an educational facility dedicated to the memory of the 1986 Challenger Space Shuttle disaster, Monday's mid morning hours were especially

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Shuttle's loss adds to Bush's burden with budget battle and possible war

Associated Press

BETHESDA, Md. — President Bush, honoring Columbia's fallen crew, promised Monday to return American astronauts to space, in part to solve mysteries of science "that elude us here on Earth."

Two days after the shuttle's loss, Bush spoke of the crew's commitment to science while promoting his \$6 billion plan to help scientists create vaccines and treatments against bioterrorism. "The seven brave men and women from the Columbia will be remembered for their achievements, their heroism and their sense of wonder," Bush said at the National Institutes of Health.

"Our prayers are with their families and their loved ones," said the president, who plans to attend a memorial service Tuesday at the Johnson Space Center near Houston. "Their 16-day mission held the promise of answering scientific problems that elude us here on Earth."

Bush noted that the shuttle carried

classroom experiments for some American school children.

Earlier, the president summoned NASA Administrator Sean O'Keefe to the Oval Office for a morale-boosting session. "You make us proud," the president told Sean O'Keefe.

Bush and the NASA chief discussed the readiness of astronauts to return to space as soon as possible, a White House spokesman said.

The loss of the space shuttle adds a new element to Bush's already bulging portfolio of issues, including a red-ink budget that forces tough decisions on national spending priorities. Bush juggled his schedule to make time for the meeting with O'Keefe and will fly to a memorial service in Houston for the seven-member Columbia crew.

The White House has given a top priority to finding the cause of the accident Saturday, but is not pushing for a presidential commission to study shuttle's demise and the loss of its crew.

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some of the tiles that keep the ship from burning up when it re-enters Earth's atmosphere.

A frame-by-frame analysis of launch video and film clearly showed a clump of something streaking away from Columbia 80 seconds into the flight.

Engineers spent days analyzing the situation and concluded that there was no reason for concern. The flight director in charge of Columbia's Jan. 16 launch and Saturday's descent from orbit, Leroy Cain, assured reporters as much on Friday.

But hours after the disaster, shuttle program manager Ron Dittmore acknowledged that NASA might have been wrong and that wing damage on launch day might have contributed to or even caused Columbia to disintegrate on re-entry.

"It's one of the areas we're looking at first, early, to make sure that the investigative team is concentrating on that theory or that set of facts as we are starting to unfold," NASA Administrator Sean O'Keefe said Sunday.

Dittmore himself said: "My thoughts are on what we missed, what I missed, to allow this to happen."

SOME FACTS REMAIN:

■ NASA did not attempt to examine Columbia's left wing with high-powered telescopes on the ground, 180 miles below, or with spy satellites. The last time NASA tried that, to check Discovery's drag-chute compartment during John Glenn's shuttle flight in 1998, the pictures were of little use, Dittmore said. Besides, he said, "there was zero we could have done about it."

■ Similarly, NASA did not ask the crew of international space station to use its cameras to examine the wing when the two ships passed within a few hundred miles of each other several times over the past two weeks.

■ NASA did not consider a space-walk by the crew to inspect the left wing. The astronauts are not trained or equipped to repair tile damage anywhere on the shuttle, least of all on a relatively inaccessible area like the underside of a wing, Dittmore said.

Could NASA have sent another shuttle to rescue Columbia's five men and two women?

In theory, yes. Normally, it takes four months to prepare a shuttle for launch. But in a crisis, shuttle managers say they might be able to put together a launch in less than a week if all testing were thrown out the window and a shuttle were already on the pad.

Columbia had enough fuel and supplies to remain in orbit until Wednesday, and the astronauts could have scurried to stay up another few days beyond that. With shuttle Atlantis ready to be moved to its pad, it theoretically could have been rushed into service, and Columbia's astronauts could have climbed aboard in a series of spacewalks. If Atlantis flew with the minimum crew of two, it could have accommodated seven more astronauts.

Could Columbia's astronauts have abandoned ship and climbed aboard the international space station?

Because Columbia was in an entirely different orbit than the space station, it did not have enough fuel to fly to the orbiting outpost. Even if the shuttle could have limped there, it could not have docked. Columbia was not equipped with a docking ring since it was never meant to go there. So the shuttle astronauts would have had to float over in spacesuits to get there.

Could Columbia's astronauts have gone out on a spacewalk to inspect and perhaps repair their own ship?

That assumes, first of all, that the astronauts could have rigged up something, "Apollo 13"-style, to replace the missing tiles. But there was nothing on board, according to Dittmore and others. Back in the

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early shuttle days, NASA considered a tile-patching kit that was essentially a caulking gun, but the gunk undermined the performance of the tiles and never flew.

Two of Columbia's astronauts, Michael Anderson and David Brown, were trained to do a spacewalk, and they had the suits to do it. But neither was trained to do anything more than a relatively simple emergency repair, like freeing a stuck radio antenna or fixing a jammed latch that could cause the ship to burn up during re-entry.

Moreover, a spacewalk to reach the underside of the wings could have been suicidal, because there is nothing to hold on to, and the astronauts did not have mini-jetpacks to propel themselves. The astronauts could have floated off and never gotten back to the shuttle.

Anderson theorized just last summer on how he would go about reaching a trapdoor on the belly of the shuttle that was stuck open, in order to close it. He would have had to rig a 60-foot tether to a weighted bag, lasso it over one of the wings, and then crawl along the line hand over hand to reach the jammed trapdoor.

The chance of all this working, within the eight-to-nine-hour limit of a spacewalk, is practically zilch. The spacewalkers probably would not have had enough oxygen to make it back inside.

And Dittmore said Sunday they could easily have worsened the situation anyway. "Just the nature of them trying to position themselves in space underneath the vehicle could cause more damage than what we were trying to fix," he said.

In theory, NASA could have had the shuttle descend through the atmosphere at a much shallower angle of entry in hopes of relieving the heat on the ship. But that could have life-threatening dangers, too. That kind of a flight profile almost certainly would have had the shuttle coming in too fast to make a safe landing.

If it was determined that there was no way Columbia and crew could survive an re-entry, and another spacecraft could not reach them in time, they would have been stuck in orbit for a couple of months before being dragged down through the atmosphere in a fireball.

"It would be visible at dawn and dusk and that would be pretty creepy," Oberg said. "But on the other hand, that would be also a memorial. It would be a Viking funeral."

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Fleischer said Bush believes the independent panel and a NASA group investigating the shuttle disaster should be sufficient.

Bush spokesman Ari Fleischer said O'Keefe told Bush "all causes will be evaluated. All causes." He said O'Keefe and Bush also expressed amazement that no people were hurt by falling debris. Fleischer called that a piece of good news amid tragedy.

He said it is too soon to say how quickly the shuttle program will continue, or whether a new generation of space vehicles is needed.

At the NIH, the president promoted "Project Bioshield" — a \$6 billion, 10-year plan to produce vaccines and treatments against biological weapons, such as anthrax and the plague. He is asking Congress for unprecedented authority to research, buy and distribute vaccines and antidotes against bioterrorism pathogens.

A cornerstone of the proposal would give federal health officials the power to stockpile whatever new treatment they deems necessary without first getting permission from Congress.

The hope is that by essentially guaranteeing a market to drug firms, the companies would get a long-sought financial incentive to spend the hundreds of millions of research dollars it takes to produce next-generation vaccines and drugs.

Bush said the United States has the ability to produce such drugs, "yet we have had little reason to do so up until now because the natural occurrence of these diseases in our country are so rare. But the world changed on Sept. 11, 2001, and we have to respond to that change."

Also Monday, the White House released the administration's tax and spending request for the 2004 fiscal year that begins next Oct. 1.

Bush's new spending plan would propose increasing the space agency's funding by about 3 percent to nearly \$15.5 billion next year. The shuttle program would increase from \$3.2 billion this year to \$3.9 billion next year.

On Tuesday, he resumes a role he learned after the Sept. 11 terror attacks — that of mourner in chief.

The president and first lady Laura Bush are to fly to the Johnson Space Center near Houston for a memorial service for the seven astronauts killed Saturday.



Mary Lou Blanton, Paintsville. "It wasn't many days past the anniversary of the Challenger explosion. They need to find out what caused it."



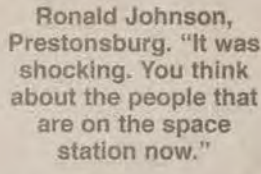
Charles Collins, Wheelwright. "They should have done it better than that. Those people got killed for nothing."



Pauline Owens, Prestonsburg. "It was a tragedy, a terrible thing. I feel sorry for the families."



Anita Thornsby, Prestonsburg. "It was a devastating blow to the NASA program and the American people."



Ronald Johnson, Prestonsburg. "It was shocking. You think about the people that are on the space station now."

Searching for explanations

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

Since Saturday morning, the country's attention has been diverted from terrorists and war. There has been far less talk of Bush's latest attempts to promote peace and far few comments about anything not related to the Space Shuttle Columbia.

The Columbia, which had flown over 100 space missions, descended for the final time into earth's atmosphere Saturday morning killing all seven astronauts on board in the process.

Immediately the nation's eye turned to NASA and 1986, our last shuttle tragedy. Quick comparison's were made between the Challenger's Christa McAuliffe — who would have been the first teacher to fly a space mission — and the Columbia's Ilan Ramon — the first Israeli to board a NASA shuttle.

One of the key differences between the two fatal missions was that with the Columbia, concern was expressed for those coming in contact with fallen debris from the wreckage.

Officials have said that approximately 25 people have already been through the decontamination process as a result of handling debris scattered today across east Texas. Reports indicate that some of the contaminants falling to earth Saturday from the shuttle actually contain cancer causing agents, a fact that sets red flags off for area officials busying themselves with the task of protecting curious residents, unable even to stop and contemplate the horror of what has happened.

Experts have already sharpened their pencils and began examining ways in which this disaster could point to a need for increased funding for NASA developments, while still others have started the long and difficult task of assigning blame.

One theory suggests that problems could have been brewing with the shuttle even before take-off, but one NASA associate administrator says he's not so quick to point the proverbial finger in that direction.

Instead, reports have been given that on the 12th day of Columbia's 16 day mission, reports were sent back in regards to the thermal-tile damage noted during takeoff. Those reports, according to NASA indicated that the problem was not prominent enough to constitute a "safety-of-flight issue".

Still, at this early stage, NASA contends that the thermal-tile damage may be the leading theory as to what caused the shuttle disaster.

For the families involved, no explanation can bring their loved ones home.

For future astronauts, an explanation means peace of mind.

For a nation stunned by yet another national tragedy, explanations seems to be the dish of the day.

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poignant. The day marked the first simulated space missions "flown" since Saturday's events, with students and teachers from Williamsburg's Whitley County Middle School being the first guests.

"Columbia was the first thing that many of the kids wanted to talk about when they got here," said Center Director Tom Cravens. "They didn't seem apprehensive about the mission they were going on, because they knew that it was a simulation. But they asked questions like, 'Were you sad that Columbia went down?' and 'Did they really find badges and helmets in the debris?'"

"But, we wanted to show these kids, and everyone else, that this center is living proof that something positive can come out of a tragedy," Cravens added.

The strong, sometimes eerie parallels between the Columbia and Challenger tragedies were not lost on the staff or the Whitley County students, all of whom reported a sense of sorrow for the crew's families.

"I was watching TV, and kept thinking about, 'What if that were me or part of my family?'" said Whitley County 7th grader Derek Brown. "I had mixed feelings about today—I was happy that we

were coming, but I was nervous, too."

Others expressed hope that the NASA dream will continue despite the painful events. Whitley County Assistant Principal Lee Hensley, dressed for the day in a black jumpsuit similar to those worn by NASA astronauts, said that the spirit of the crew's families and friends would assure that the space program would continue to grow in the future.

"When you have a loss, you have to ask: do you sit down and be crushed by it, or do you pick up and move on?", Hensley said. "It's a sophisticated kind of risk that those in the space program take, and it's important to remember that as Americans, we've been given the freedoms to take those risks."

Following their "Rendezvous with a Comet" mission, the Whitley County children signed several cards and wrote letters that will be forwarded the families of the Columbia Crew by CLCKY staff. Cravens also stated that others in the community who wish to send their condolences to the families can drop off their cards and letters at the Center, located on the main campus of Hazard Community College.

For more information on how you can send mail to the families, please contact Tom Cravens at 436-5721.

by TRACY REYNOLDS
Staff Writer

The American and U.S. Postal Service flags fly at half-mast Saturday afternoon. President Bush requested that all flags be flown at half-mast until Wednesday.



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"truly awe-inspiring."

The Rev. Tony Larsen, wearing a tie decorated with the planets, read the e-mail to the congregation at Clark's hometown church, Olympia Brown Unitarian Universalist.

"She was my big sister," said her brother, Dan Salton, who wore a space shuttle pin and quietly wept during the service. "Heroes to me are something other, something big. All of them are heroes. They were serving humanity."

In Oro Valley, Ariz., her mother recalled Clark's love of nature.

"She loved to take hikes be outdoors," Marge Brown told CBS's "Early Show." "Her favorite thing to do at home was taking care of her

flowers. She worried about them not getting watered when she was away."

Col. Husband graduated from Texas Tech in Lubbock, and never lost his fondness for the school.

"If you just wanted an all-American boy, that was Rick," said James Lawrence, an engineering professor who taught Husband.

"He was just a wonderful guy," added Dr. Thomas Burton, director of the engineering department. "He was famous around here, regarded as a hero, but he never let it affect him. He was always low-key and unassuming."

Cmdr. Willie McCool also lived in Lubbock, moving to the west Texas city when he was in junior high. He

became known as "Cool Willie" at Lubbock Coronado High School.

"He was my committee of one," Ed Jarman, 81, McCool's former science teacher at Coronado, told the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal. "Anytime there was anything that needed doing, Willie was there to do it."

McCool's father, Barry, was a naval aviator and his mother, Audrey, was in the reserves for several years. Despite that military experience, where one deals with death, "there's nothing that can prepare you for the loss of a son or a daughter," Barry McCool told ABC's "Good Morning America."

The astronaut's mother recalled

his upbeat personality.

"He had a great smile; he had a great personality to go with that smile. He was outgoing, upbeat, always positive," Audrey McCool told ABC.

The wife of Israeli astronaut Ilan Ramon said her husband was such an optimist that he didn't even write a will.

"He thought it was unnecessary," Rona Ramon told Israeli reporters in Houston late Sunday.

She said that at the liftoff, while everyone was celebrating, their 5-year-old daughter said, "I lost my Daddy."

"Apparently she knew," Rona Ramon said.

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mascot: a big, stuffed ant they named "Anty EM."

"We knew that risks are present all the time. But we thought we were home free," said Abby Golash, 17. She and the other four students have asked their principal to keep any mention of the shuttle accident "low-key" at school.

A moment of silence, she and the others decided, would be the most appropriate way to pay their respects.

"It's very tough. We had such a personal investment in this," Golash said. "But we want to keep the focus on the astronauts, as a tribute to them."

In Israel, the mood was also somber at the Ort technical high school in a suburb of the port city of Haifa. Students had sent their own experiment with Columbia and had been cheering on their countryman Ilan Ramon, the first Israeli astronaut.

Students covered desks with black table cloths and photo collages showing Ramon and the students' work on the project.

The shuttle disaster also destroyed the silkworm experiment of three students from South Central Los Angeles's Dorsey High School, in a poor, violence-plagued area. The stu-

dents said Sunday they want to continue pursuing careers in science despite the tragedy.

"I told my sister, I want to go to space," said Atiabet Ijan Amabel, 16. "No matter what happens, I know people (can) die but you just tell me to go tomorrow, I'm going."

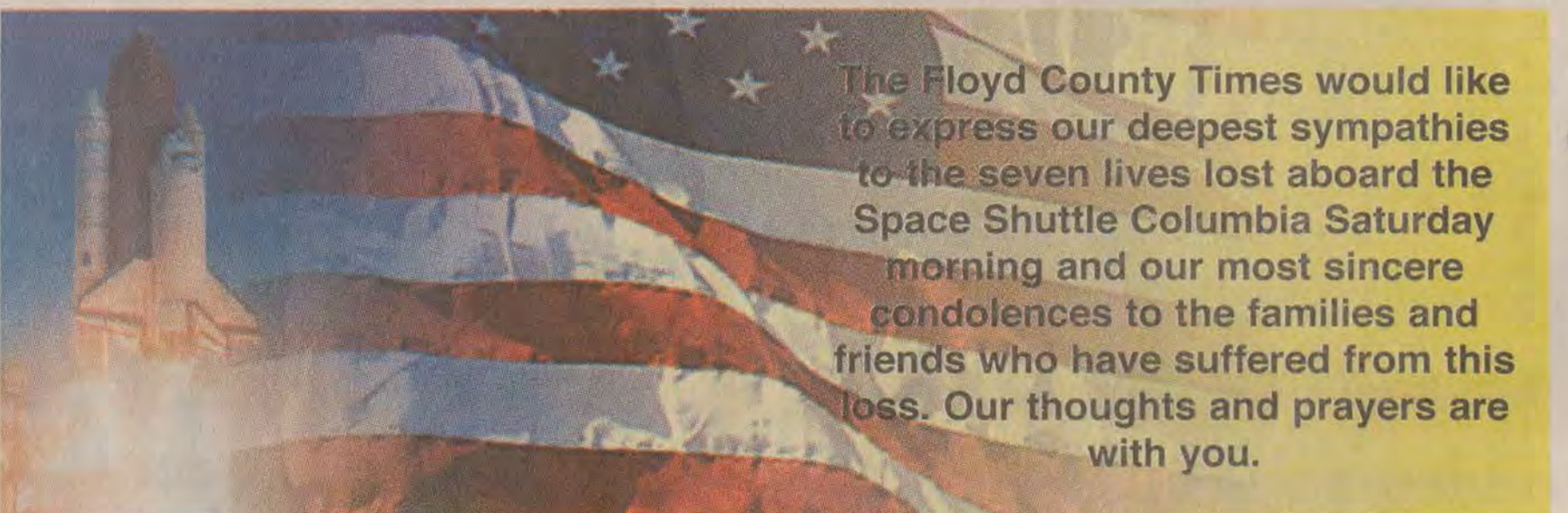
In Texas, Gov. Rick Perry warned school administrators in 93 counties to check roofs and school grounds for debris before letting children come to school Monday. At least two school districts were closed Monday.

The loss of the shuttle and its crew did not hit nearly as close to home for

most students across the country. Some teachers said they and their classes were not even aware that the shuttle was in space until the accident.

However closely their students watched many teachers saw material for a lesson.

"My theme today is price tags. ... There is a price to pay for freedom and those intangible things that you don't always think about," said Pennsylvania science teacher Glenn Weber, whose middle school students had two projects on the Columbia. "My point is that those seven lives weren't lost in vain."



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